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st.daniel wrote:

Bootit NG is Effective/freeware for repartitioning. Here:

<http://www.terabyteunlimited.com/>

It is not Freeware. It is a fully functional 30-day free trial.

Steve N.

"Dapper Dan" wrote:

Just a short note to advise others who plan on doing what I had intended, and that is, that I did a reinstall of an OEM 'puter but did not achieve either of my objectives, ie reduce bloatware and repartition a very large C drive.

I did a complete recovery, including a format of the drive. I did not have an option to refuse the reinstallation of any of the programs/utilities. I have subsequently uninstalled all that I wasn't interested in that were located in Add/Remove. However what's the best way to rid myself of other programs/utilities that were not included in Add/Remove but which are located in my Program

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files (ie AOL/ Internet Signups/HP Extentended Service Plans etc). Is it simply deleting any given folder or is there a better approach?

And of course Carey was right with respect to partitioning. Again, I did not get the option of setting any partition; I was forced to use whatever way it was originally setup. Thus I will have to accomplish that objective with the purchase of a partitioning utility.

In any event, I wanted to provide this feedback for anyone contemplating a similar intention.