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Just slipstream your original i386 with the SP2 content. Then just change the Registry key for ServicePackFiles to reflect the i386. There's no reason to maintain both. You can also regain 500 Meg per machine by either redirecting DllCache or simply using SFC with the qualifier /Purgecache. It's not always necessary to keep the DllCache fully populated.

"MikeLinPA" <MikeLinPA@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:613C16C6-ECE3-47C6-A8E5-6128F0F8053A@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

> Hi Everybody,

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> I hope this is in the correct forum. There does seem to be some topic
> overlap. Please excuse me if I am not posting in the correct one.

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> I am trying to get a little more life out of a fleet of older PC's running
> Win'XP SP2. They mostly have 6.4 GB Hard drives and they are really
> hurting

> for space. I have already done many of the suggestions posted in
> previous

> threads. I have the original (Win'XP SP0) i386 folder on a network server
> instead of on the c drive. I have deleted the contents of

> "*\SoftwareDistribution\Downloads", the uninstall files in the Windows
> folder, and a few other things. I have now stumbled onto the

> "C:\Windows\ServicePackFiles\i386" and I was wondering a few things.

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> For when the system asks for the Windows CD: Does it matter if I use the
> original i386 folder (which is what they have now,) from the original XP
> SP0

> CD, or should I always replace them with the i386 folder from a Win'XP SP2
> CD?

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> Also, since I see there is the "C:\Windows\ServicePackFiles\i386" that SP2
> left behind, could I simply point the registry to that i386 folder for all

> install needs? (in other words, do I need both?) Pointing the Registry
> to a

> network server for system files is slower than a local copy, especially
> for

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> the remote sites.
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> Since there are some differences in size, I imagine there are differences
> in
> the files themselves. If I do need both, could they be combined, with the
> newer files replacing the older versions with the same name? (One pasted
> over the other?) All unique files from either would be contained in the
> new
> hybrid. Would that suffice?
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> Any other ideas on the same line of thinking will also be greatly
> appreciated. Thanks in advance.
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