

Re: MISSING PAGEFILE.SYS FILE

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Hello, George...

Thanks for riding along.

Agree that there's a permissions problem. Have gone into properties for the c:\ root and killed all permission groups except Everyone Group and System. Am still not getting apagefile.sys file created. I can make changes all day long in the GUI or registry, and they'll save, but no file is created. No pagefile.sys exists, although boot.ini does reside in the c:\ root.

All permission options are checked for both Everyone and System.

BTW, have uninstalled and reinstalled Norton AV 2005. Am having a problem there with Liveupdatehandling properly.

Am beginning to wonder if I have a partial SP-2 installation problem. I'm running out of things to do to allow Windows to write the pagefile.sys.

Blake

"George Hester" wrote:

The issue is a NTFS Permissions problem. You still should have a 25MB pagefile.sys somewhere most likely in C:\Windows but it should be on the root C:.

You had said this, "[I] Believe all permissions are properly set for both the Administrator and my own user account..." There should be nothing more or less than the Everyone Group having Full NTFS permssions on the root C: And you must set those permissions using the Admin account. Is your boot.ini also on the root C:?

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George Hester

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"Blake" <blaketexas(no_spam)@aol.com> wrote in message
news:2D173F79-B9ED-43D3-A817-D7EFEE56F63F@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

"Everyone" is set for full permission. All settings are continuing to register (I can see them on the virtual memory page accessed by using

control

sysdm.cpl or going to the Registry and viewing the setting under "Memory Management") But no pagefile.sys is apparently being created.

I can't believe I'm the only person who has followed all the directions

and

not been able to get pagefile to work <G!>.

I started to install SP2 and believe I stopped it before it actually installed (got cold feet about the quality of my backup at the time).

Could

this be a part of the problem? Seems likely not.

Interestingly, I also cannot rollback and use any previous restore

point --

that was one of my earlier attempts at solving the problem. The system

says

it can't be done and that no changes have been made.

"George Hester" wrote:

The article says this at the end:

However, the Everyone group includes the System account.
Removing the
Everyone group without adding the System account as an
individual

account

renders the paging file unusable

You need to make sure that Everyone has FULL permissions
on the Root of

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the

drive where pagefile.sys resides. Everyone does not mean everyone in

the

world. What it means is Everyone that has permissions to log into the system. Set the NTFS permissions on the Root to have FULL permissions and

do

not reset the permissions to propagate to all subfolders subobjects.

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George Hester

"Blake" <blaketexas(no_spam)@aol.com> wrote in message news:6F29B2DD-1396-4A7E-B753-5842628E7A1F@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Have read a number of posts about pagefile.sys problems, and been

through

<much, most?> of the excellent aumha.org content, the Microsoft

Knowledge

Base and this user group, and am still baffled.

I can reset the min./max. size of the pagefile in either the GUI panel

or

in

the registry. In either case, it shows the changes as having been

accepted,

but I continue to get the missing pagefile error message when

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restarting

XP.>>> Believe all permissions are properly set for both
the

Administrator and my

own user account, following instructions in
the XP KB file (315270).
I have tried to make the change in both the
Administrator and user

account

One other rub — I cannot find pagefile.sys
in the C:\ (root)

directory,

even though that's where the system says the
pagefile is located. I

have

set folder options to show hidden
files/folders and to not hide

protected

files.

I believe the fact I can't see a pagefile.sys is
a critical part of

the

story. Am running under SP-1, Symantec is
disabled (for now).

Any thoughts?

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