

Re: Windows XP swapfile. On or off?

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If you are really that paranoid then you must realize that it doesn't matter what you use to encrypt your files they can be recovered given enough time.

"Bob" <xxx@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:2oul12lrj9pfhb0qe64v44uu686c5ogtar@xxxxxxxxxxx>

Yes, I'm aware of that parameter.

1) It doesn't do a secure wipe of the pagefile. Certain forensic type procedures could still read the data. Yes, the chance of a thief having that kind of access is slim, but why take it? It's the difference between calling your credit card companies and cancelling your accounts to not having any worries at all.

2) If I have a big swapfile, how does that speed things up in my PC? It takes a lot longer to shutdown.

No, when I did use a swapfile, I used Cryptoswap:
<http://geocities.com/phosphor2013/list.htm>

I had no problems with it, but since I've upgraded my memory, it's just as secure to disable the pagefile. Even better, when using Cryptoswap, you don't need to both clearing your pagefile at shutdown.

So I guess no one reading thus far is going to answer my original question? Don't believe everything Microsoft tells you. If you indeed have enough memory, XP runs fine without a swapfile, except of course, as well all know, the occasional Photoshop user.

-Bob

On Fri, 17 Mar 2006 09:53:00 -0800, "Gary" <Gary@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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wrote:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINESYSTEMCurrentControlSetControlSessionManagerMemory
Management

Select ClearPageFileAtShutdown from the list on the right.
Right click on it and select Modify.
Change the value to 1 to enable.
Reboot your computer.

"Bob" <xxx@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
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On Fri, 17 Mar 2006 16:54:14 GMT, "Doug Kanter"
<ancientangler@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Why would you want to? Running out of
disk space?

No, for security. If my laptop were to be stolen, I don't want
my
unencrypted information being in the pagefile. Besides, I've
not had
any problems, and my perception is it's faster when
multitasking.

I use TrueCrypt to create a encrypted drive for the purposes
of
storing all my sensitive data. I have no fear now that any
perpetrator would have access my Quicken data (although I'd
still be
pissed at losing my laptop!)

-Bob