

RE: Notepad low mem error message

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You texted "upgraded again today" to xp, upgraded from which OS.... Either way, an "upgrade" isn't a very good choice. Simply install xp cd, boot to xp cd, select install xp, new copy, delete the partition(s), create one, then xp formats & performs a clean install. If upgrading from an older windows OS, you're upgrading in FAT32, xp runs on NTFS file system, + an upgrade stores a lot of the old OS, xp doesn't need. Also, 256mb of ram is at the min. of amount xp needs, 512mb is somewhat ok, and your best bet is to set virtual memory to "let system manage" ..

"tedoniman" wrote:

21:45 23-Apr-07 start / To: Win XP Gen

Got me another problem.... this time w/ Notepad.

3-yr old (?) clone desktop; Celeron 2.7 GHz, 256 MB RAM, Win XP Pro SP2 recently re-installed.

Problem: Whenever open medium-size text file in Notepad, get error:

Not enough mem available to complete this op'n. Quit 1 or more apps to increase available mem and then try again.

File has increased in size gradually since 1 April 07. It is now 42 KB. Problem started few days ago, after re-install XP. If knock it down to ~28 KB, works ok and also auto-enters the time/date again.

This is all reminiscent of the old version Notepad in Win 98, which used to conk out for me at around 30KB, w/ similar message. Never did find out if this was normal.

I temporarily doubled RAM to ~ 256 MB, which dramatically increased performance but didn't solve Notepad problem. Let system manage virtual mem now. Did a defrag too. No change.

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Checked tons of related problems via google. Very enlightening, memory leaks and all and something about "ctrl+n" – but no real solutions. Searched all forums here as well w/ many keywords, etc. No luck.

I posted other queries on recent problems w/ this puter to here & others. It had a blown MBR but recognized as Slave. Was able to fix via the Win XP re–install. Screwed up & didn't save my 'Files and Settings' – tho' I tried (finally did it right at another puter, tho').

There are v. few programs loaded now and not much in Start Menu. Yet it kept getting slower & slower. It got impossible when I accidentally allowed WinZip 11 to install the Google functions, subsequently removed. It suddenly went back to normal when temp–doubled the RAM.

No bugs; caches clean; disk cleaner run, et. al. Office not re–installed yet.

(The old 'Program Files' folder is choking w/ aps but of course none are in the Registry any more and don't work, 'caus didn't save the Settings; yet previous performance was fair before the crash and also right after the re–install).

So I'm wondering what's going on. The simplest assumption is that somehow:

- 1) I got me an old or corrupt Notepad version in here and
- 2) the 1st mem card is going bad (re the slow performance).

Clutching at straws. The odd part in this case is that when click "OK" on the pop up message, the file comes up in Notepad anyway and editing/augmenting it is no problem. Just that annoying beep message.

At moment be happy just to get Notepad working right. Use it a lot. Probably should try re–installing it first.

10:03 24–Apr–07 – Not sure on how re–install Notepad standalone. Did a Win XP "upgrade" this morn in hopes of seeing something about "repair your current win installation" or something like that. No luck. Maybe this has to be done via "Setup" choice at Control Panel somewhere – but not sure yet where.

The upgrade didn't fix a thing (far as I know) but just gave me another headache. The installation called for:

"The VIAAP1.SYS on VIAAGP Filter Driver Disk". Wouldn't have a clue!

BTW, our service provider here was down this morn again so couldn't let the installer go on the net to look for some kind of updates, as it had earlier (before the message) requested. This may or may not have solved the problem. But I'm not keen to repeat an entire

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upgrade again just to check this theory. Didn't get that error on the initial install.

And going on the Net looking for drivers is like looking for a needle in a haystack. In most cases of this nature, can't get thru to a manufacturer (specially video card drivers) and just get tons of these websites trying to download their corruptive programs and later tell you they'll sell you the driver – which you can't make heads or tails of the model because they often give you a dozen choices, none of which often look right.

In the process they apparently upload all YOUR drivers for free and then re-sell them. Or they might inadvertently (or purposely even) corrupt a driver (which seems to have occurred in my case). In one case I got only 2 drivers listed as requiring updates; in another I got 10 from another website scanner.

I tried checking Kellys-Korner – which is looking real good these days – but not found anything yet on this Notepad thing; tho' I'd like to thank Kelly profusely for the '.vbs' Reg patch which instantly fixed my disappearing open windows on DeskTop when tried minimize to Taskbar.

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Thank you Kelly, wherever you are, for your kind and selfless contributions to this never-ending battle. Your site has got to be Nr. Uno by now! It's so marvellously well organized. Must have taken a great deal of very meticulous work and determination – just for that part alone.
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Anyone have any suggestions on all this?

Appreciate any and all.

Lonesome Ted...