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Many thanks, DL.

I've used TreeSize Free to identify the files /folders causing the problem. Up until very recently I've always had more than 15% free to use defrag etc. It suddenly dipped way below that figure. So I'm still at a loss to understand what the installer folder is doing to my system!

chrisK

"DL" wrote:

Are you sure these are all MS installer files, seems far to many/large to me.
Install something like TreeSize Pro to determine exactly what is consuming your space

There is something not quite right if your win installation is consuming 16gb

You say you have a 32gb disk & win is consuming 16gb and that you are then left with some 200mb free space; By implication your Apps & data are using 15gb – Your disk is too small for your usage, install a slave disk, or external, and move data to that.

If you have less than 15% free space (32gb with 4.8gb free) you can suffer all manner of problems, not least Disk Cleanup won't run

"chrisK" <chrisK@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:390F378E-0728-45CB-8D8E-2C290FE35A06@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I submitted the following query to Microsoft several days ago – as yet no response even though it said I'd get a reply within 24 hours – I have an

HP

Pavilion PC (nearly 3 years old) with a 32 Mb hard disk. A couple of

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weeks

ago I noticed that I was running out of space. It's now occupying 16Gb of mainly .msi files (It took a while to track down where this 'disappeared' space was located since it's a hidden directory. I've found only one

other

posting on the same/similar problem i.e. 10/13/2005 from Bill43. The

replies

indicate that there's not much I can do about this, and I just don't

believe

that I'm forced into buying a bigger disk just to accommodate Microsoft updates that have been automatically loaded into the system! 16Gb is far bigger than the original XP operating system, isn't it?

It seems to me that maybe other users are having the same problem –

perhaps

unbeknownst to them. Unless there's a way of reducing this space, it's a sort of mechanism for built-in obsolescence of my XP-based machine!!

The machine crashed last week and it took more than three days to do a system recover and total disk space after loading Microsoft security

updates

and SP2 reducing usable disk space to just 200Mb at one point (even after jettisoning strictly non-essential personal data and applications and MS

disk

cleaner etc etc).

I've tried running the installer cleaner, but this shows four or five installed software items which appear mainstream.

I'd be /very/ grateful for some concrete suggestions – the machine was bought with preinstalled XP, and I don't have the disk – so I can't scrap

the

current system by reinstallation (and besides, I can't face reinstalling

all

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the broadband connection stuff and Word!

Thanks!