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well, i would set them both to "disable", at least for a couple of days.

having a third party indexing service may be adding some grief to your system.

i'm not really sure when indexing kicks in automatically or manually. however, in some cases windows performance greatly improves with the indexing disabled.

here is some more info on the subject:

<http://search.microsoft.com/results.aspx?mkt=en-US&form=MSHOME&setlang=en-US&q=indexing+service>

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"dave xnet" wrote:

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<[databaseben.public.newsgroup.microsoft.com](mailto:databaseben.public.newsgroup.microsoft.com)> wrote:

the proper way is  
to turn it off via

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admin tools, services.

in regards to the indexes, i wouldn't delete them but if you did, they would be rebuilt when the indexing service was turned back on.

keep in mind, that windows indexing may not be the only thing installed on your pc that is indexing as well.

however, turning off the windows version is a good start to figuring out what has gained your interest.

Thanks for the info.

I've got a dual boot, two installs of XP PRO SP2, on one system the service was set to "auto", while on the other one it was "manual"

On the system where it was manual, I'm not aware of it running recently, although I can't swear on it. I did a check on <http://www.ss64.com/ntsyntax/services.html> which mentioned the default status was manual. If that's the case, what actions cause it to kick off ?

I don't use the Windows search tool, instead I use Agent Ransack, perhaps that's a factor.