

# Re: Need help Uncompressing "Disk Cleanup" damage

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I manually compress files by right clicking on the containing folder in Windows Explorer and selecting Properties, Advanced. and check the box before "Compress contents to save Disk space" , then clicking on Apply and OK. It is really only worth the effort with Archives, Windows Update Uninstall folders and System Restore points if you hold a lot. Files / folders need to be large, rarely accessed and capable of significant compression.

You do the reverse to decompress. i.e. uncheck the box before "Compress contents to save Disk space" , click on Apply and OK. Do folders one at a time as if you decompressed your Windows folder it would take a long time and leave you wondering whether it was working. Please note that compressed files are displayed in Windows Explorer in a blue font and uncompressed file in a grey / black font.

You only need to decompress files regularly accessed.

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Hope this helps.

Gerry

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Enquire, plan and execute

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Need Help wrote:

Hi all. I accidentally check the compress old files in windows native Disk Cleanup software. Now I have a 20% reduction in my system's performance. Is there anyway to uncompress my system32 files & gain

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back my system's performance without having to format my entire hard drive? Because that is what the IT guy at my job recommended. Some of the system files in use will not accept any uncompression commands from the "Run" window prompt. spent a week trying to undo this. GUYS I NEED HELP!!!!!!