

Re: The Extent OF PC Anti Virus Scanscan

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Using XP/PRO ,Zone Alm-Adaware+ AVG anti virus
installed. I've
completed a Complete Scan of my PC . Took over 1 hour.To
reduce this in
future, What are the Essential Areas to Scan please.I'll do a
Complete
scan Again in the future (IE 6 Months time.) jim

You'll find that you can dramatically reduce scan times by clearing the
Temporary Internet Files and Temporary Files (temp) folders before the scan,
and emptying the recycle bin.

It's very easy to get thousands and thousands of small files in the TIF folders,
and regardless of size, each one has to be opened, examined, and closed to be
scanned. And these are probably the most critical areas to scan; they are a
primary route for malware infections. You should *not* exclude these
folders.

The built-in Disk Cleanup tools are a good place to start, but the free utility
"ccleaner" (www.ccleaner.com) can be much more effective. All of these
have to be run for each user account that's been used.

HTH
-pk

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Thanks Heaps for your Detailed & Informative reply Patrick.Saved. What

doe's 'TIF' Stand for please; + Where to locate same {ie if its not too complicated to explain.Regards& Thanks again. jim

Patrick; Would where the Tick is Cover those TIF files you referred to. Regards. jim

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