

Re: to partition or not to partition...

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I will give this comment, exactly right.

I just had a crash on my wife's Windows 98se computer that was not recoverable, tried everything I could think of for an hour or so. But since I had planned ahead, all the data and downloaded program files were on separate partitions. I also had the Windows Security Update CD on hand. So I used the HP restore CD that came with the computer and formatted and reinstalled all the files to C:.

Then I used add/remove to remove as much of the junk I did not want on the computer, such as Disney Blast and the old version 3 McAfee Virus Scan.

I then ran my Windows 98 se update CD. Installed TweakUI 1.33 from the other partition and made what changes I wanted to My Documents.

Installed updates from the other partition for the system and installed the firewall (ZA).

Then I connected to the Internet and had only 3 fairly small critical updates to do which took less than 1/2 an hour on dial-up.

Then I reinstalled OFFICE 97.

Then I recreated the user accounts,

Then reinstalled the email accounts and imported the email and addressbook from the other partition.

There are still a few tweaks to do. But she lost no time or data.

It is also nice because you can defrag a 10 GB C: a lot faster than a 250 GB C:

Ideally, all computers would have multiple hard drives, say 5 just to pick a number. One could have the OS and some other application files. The other four would be RAID 10, striped and mirrored for data. And we'd all have off-site broadband back-up to network storage and a DVD burner and flash drives too.

And, I plan to win the lottery tonight.

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The people think the Constitution protects their rights;
But government sees it as an obstacle to be overcome.
"Bruce Chambers" <bchambers@nospamcableone.net> wrote in
message news:u3TKHF5WEHA.3284@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

| Greetings --

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| Placing data files on a partition or physical hard
drive separate
| from the operating system and applications can greatly
simplify system
| repairs/recoveries and data back-up. I'd use a slower
drive only for
| data storage.

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| There's very little point, however, in having a
separate partition
| for just applications and/or games. Should you have to
reinstall the
| OS, you'll also have to reinstall each and every
application and game
| anyway, in order to recreate the hundreds (possibly
thousands) of
| registry entries and to replace the dozens (possibly
hundreds) of
| essential system files back into the appropriate Windows
folders and
| sub-folders.

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| Bruce Chambers

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| <http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

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| You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever
count on

| having both at once. - RAH

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| "Jedd de Lucia" <JedddeLucia@discussions.microsoft.com>
wrote in

| message

news:DF901997-BBF1-421F-A80E-EF5B018FD9E9@microsoft.com...

| > Is partitioning a drive a good Idea or a waste of time
with the ntfs

| file system?

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| > Is it better to have files or programs on a drive that
is physically

| separate from the OS?

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| > If the second physical drive is an older slower drive is
it still a

| good idea to use it for files or programmes or should i
just use it for

| like storing photos or music or video?

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| > what configuration will I get the best results with

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using a new
| Seagate 160g and an old maxtor 6g.
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| > I was thinking this? please coment-
| >
| > Segate 160 gig-
| > C: 15g Windows XP
| > E: 15g Programs
| > F: 130g Files
| >
| > Maxtor 6gig-
| > D: storage of MP3s or JPEGs
| >
| > Is it better not to partition. Sometimes I like to clean
out
| windows, re-format and start fresh. I was thinking if i
partition this
| way I wouldn't need to loose my files.
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| > P4 2.4 800fsb
| > Abit IS7
| > 1024mb pc 2100
| > Seagate 40 gig
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