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Jimmy

An allocation of 12 % to System Restore on your C partition is over generous. I would reduce it to 6%.

On the basis that your C partition contains your Windows operating system you can turn off System Restore on your D, E, and F partitions.

<http://bertk.mvps.org/html/adjustdihealthy.html>

In the Windows Directory of your C partition you will have some Uninstall folders in your Windows folder typically:
\$NtServicePackUninstall\$ and \$NtUninstallKB282010\$

These files may be compressed or not compressed. If compressed the text of the folder name appears in blue characters. If not compressed you can compress them. Right click on folder and select Properties, General, Advanced and check the box before Compress contents to save Disk Space. On the General Tab you can see the amount gained by deducting the size on disk from the size. Folder compression is only an option on a NTFS formatted drive / partition.

Try Disk CleanUp for each User Profile to remove Temporary Internet Files.

Do you have files / folders that might be moved to the other partitions?

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To move programmes use Add / Remove Programs in Start, Control Panel, Add / Remove Programs to uninstall programmes. Create a Programs Directory on your other partition and reinstall there.

Some other notes you may find useful.

Create a My Documents folder in another partition and copy (not move) the contents of My Documents to your new folder. Then delete the files in your My Documents folder (if you encounter problems deleting use Shift + Delete to bypass the Recycle Bin). You will also need to change Default File locations in the Microsoft Office programmes you use. For Word go to Tools, Options, File Locations, highlight Documents, click on Modify and change file path. For Excel go to Tools, Options, General and change default file path.

For Temporary Internet Files select Start, Control Panel, Internet Options, Temporary Internet Files. Settings, Move Folder.

To move the Outlook Express Store Folder select in Outlook Express Tools, Options, Maintenance, Store Folder, Change.

<http://www.tomsterdam.com/insideoe/files/store.htm>

What tool did you use to create the partitions?

FileSize -a useful tool for use with Windows Explorer when investigating how disk space is being used.

<http://markd.mvps.org/>

The download link is not obvious. Click the here in the two sentences of the web page accessed through the link above.

"I can't count the number of times someone has asked for this. So here is a module you can install that shows a Folder Size column in Explorer."

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Gerry

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suggested solution worked for you.

<http://dts-1.org/goodpost.htm>

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"JimmyP" <JimmyP@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
<news:056293E0-F238-4394-BF75-DD00D2A587F7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I have one physical drive with 4 partitions.

The C: drive is formatted as NTFS and is 12GB with 206MB of free  
space.

All drives are monitored in System Restore and info is as follows:

C 12% (1485MB)  
D 12% (4236MB)  
E 12% (8582MB)  
F 12% (8588MB)

I've cleared all but the latest System Restore Points and that's  
created an  
extra 67MB of space! Thanks!

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I'll run the Disk Defragmenter at the end of the day and check the results in the morning.

No - I don't use either of those Norton products.

Thanks very much for the help Gerry.

"Gerry Cornell" wrote:

Jimmy

Is your hard drive partitioned or do you have more than one hard drive?

To investigate how you are using hard disk space you need to make sure that you can see all files. Go to Start, Control Panel, Folder Options, View, Advanced Settings and verify that the box before "Show hidden files and folders" is checked and "Hide protected operating system files" is unchecked. You may need to scroll down to see the second item. You should also make certain that the box before "Hide extensions for known file types" is not checked. Next in Windows Explorer make sure View, Details is selected and then select View, Choose Details and check before Name, Type, Total Size, and Free Space.

What is the capacity, used space and free space of your C drive In Windows Explorer right click on the drive and post the details? Is the drive formatted as FAT32 or NTFS?

Next right click your My Computer icon on the Desktop and select System Restore. Which drives are shown as Monitored and which as Turned Off? Click on each drive shown as Monitored and then Settings. Post

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details  
of disk usage -percentage and mb.

To increase you free space select Start, All Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Disk CleanUp, More Options, System Restore and remove all but the latest restore points? Restore points can be quite large Mine are currently 41 mb, although all except the latest are compressed to 20 mb on disk. By the way System Restore Points are hidden files which you will not see even after you have taken the measures to show hidden files detailed above.

You should also use Disk CleanUp regularly to Empty your Recycle Bin and Remove Temporary Internet Files. Whenever you remove redundant files you should always run Disk Defragmenter by selecting Start, All Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Disk Defragmenter.

Do you use Norton Utilities and Norton Protected Storage?  
<http://snipurl.com/i8q4>

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<news:210713F5-D368-477B-8336-BB9042FB78B8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
> My C: drive is running with only approx 200Mb of free space so I
> need
> to
> create some more. Are there any files or folders within the WINNT
> directory
> that I can delete or does anyone know a way of relocating the
> Outlook
> .OST
> file.
> I'm running XP Pro SP2 and the machine is on a Server 2003 network.