

Re: Partitions Revisited

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Thank you very Gerry. You answered all my questions. I was surprised to to hear from someone across the pond. My heritage is Welsh and we had a most delightful visit to the land of my fathers two years ago but also visited the midlands before returning home via Heathrow. Nice of you to help me. Thanks again.

Robert Pritchard (son of Richard)

"Gerry Cornell" wrote:

Robert

Where and when did you first vit the subject of partitions as none would wish to go over old ground? I cannot locate a recent previous post on this subject!

It is likely that an allocation of 12% has been made to System Restore on your C partition which is over generous. I would reduce it to 700 mb. Right click your My Computer icon on the Desktop and select System Restore. Place the cursor on your C drive select Settings but this time find the slider and drag it to the left until it reads 700 mb and exit. When you get to the Settings screen click on Apply and OK and exit.

Another default setting which could be wasteful is that for temporary internet files especially if you do not store offline copies on disk. The default allocation is 3% of drive. Depending on your attitude to offline copies you could reduce this to 1% or 2%. In Internet Explorer select Tools, Internet Options, General, Temporary Internet Files, Settings to make the change. At the same time look at the number of days history is held.

The default allocation for the Recycle Bin is 10 % of drive. Change to 5%, which should be sufficient. In Windows Explorer place the cursor on your Recycle Bin, right click and select Properties, Global and move the slider from 10% to 5%. However, try to avoid letting it get too full as if it is full and you delete a file by mistake it will bypass the Recycle Bin and be gone for ever.

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You can also increase free disk space on your C partition can be achieved by relocation of folders.

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>

My Documents is one of a number of system created Special Folders including My Pictures and My Music. These can more easily be relocated using Tweak Ui. Download TweakUI, one of the MS powertoys, from here:
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/downloads/powertoys.asp>

In TweakUi select My Computer, Special Folders. You can scroll down to see the full list of Special Folders to the left of the Change Location button.

You may also need to change Default File locations in the Microsoft Office programmes you choose to move the My Documents folder. 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.

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Hope this helps.

Gerry

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Stourport, England

Enquire, plan and execute

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Robert wrote:

My hard drive is partitioned into C: and D: partitions. When I purchased it (Sony Vaio desktop) The start-up and all the preinstalled programs were and still are on the "C:" partition with less than 15 GBs of memory. I have access to the "D:" partition and have a lot of stuff backed up but have used less than 20 GBs of the memory. The "C:" partition is about maxed out. Can someone tell me how to reverse the partitions or move some of the memory from the "D:" partition to the "C:" partition?
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