

Re: Low Disk space on C drive

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Carolyn

More suggestions.

A 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.

If your drive is formatted as NTFS another potential gain arises with your operating system on your C drive. In the Windows Directory of your C partition you will have some Uninstall folders in your Windows folder typically: \$NtServicePackUninstall\$ and \$NtUninstallKB282010\$ etc. 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 each 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.

Select Start, All Programs, Accessories, System Tools, System Information, Tools, Dr Watson and verify that the box before "Append to existing log" is NOT checked. This means the next time the log is written it will overwrite rather than add to the existing file.

The default maximum size setting for Event Viewer logs is too large. Reset the maximum for each log from 512 kb to 128 kb and set it to

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overwrite.

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/308427/en-us>

You can generate more space in the system partition 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>

How to Change the Default Location of the My Documents Folder:

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=310147>

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.

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.

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Hope this helps.

Gerry

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Stourport, England

Enquire, plan and execute

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carolyn wrote:

Yup, that's Sony for you. :(Do you know if the BootIT program requires the original XP Disc? As you are probably aware Sony doesn't include this when you buy the computer. Thanks for all your help. CB

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"Daave" wrote:

You have only one physical drive split up into two partitions. Your primary partition (C:), which contains the operating system, is way too small. Follow Ron's advice (use BootIt Next Generation or a similar program) and you won't need to be worry about being low on disk space!

"carolyn" <carolyn@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:CC05274C-F1BA-471A-BAFA-71D6B1CFD99F@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

It says C is the primary partition and D is the extended partition--

"Daave" wrote:

"carolyn"
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wrote in message
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I'm not sure about the
partition part - All I know is
I have C
drive 13GB and D drive
130GB- how would find
out if it is
just a partition of a single
drive?

Right-click My Computer and select
Manage. Under Storage, Click
Disk Management. What do you see?