

Re: Brand new partition has 'Used' space

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Terry

I don't think your post about your boot.ini has any bearing to the original question you raised about used space in your H partition.

I have read the copy of your boot.ini file and to me it looks wrong if I understand what you are trying to achieve. I take it you want the default to be to boot to your C drive but to have a 5 second opportunity to choose to boot to your backup operating system. However, I would have expected it to look more like a dual boot ini than it does. I am unsure about the references to the recovery console having never noticed such appendages in a boot.ini file.

Unfortunately my knowledge on more complicated boot.ini files is limited and I am watching the other conversation to see what advice works.

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Hope this helps.

Gerry

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suggested solution worked for you.

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"Terry Pinnell" <terrypinDELETE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:tmi6n1997eph3iv2skpqrbcap431qrq9fi@xxxxxxxxxxx>

Ron Martell <ron.martell@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

Terry Pinnell <terrypinDELETE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I made a new partition H on my third HD, large enough to contain a copy of my XP OS from C. But when I came to use Drive Image to make the copy, it said destination was too small. On inspection, I found that although it was apparently EMPTY, it had a 'Used' figure of 122MB - just enough to take it fractionally below the size of C.

Why would a brand new partition have *any* used space? The only content I can see is a RECYCLER folder, but that's '35 bytes', and I can't seem to remove it anyway.

Is this an NTFS partition?

Try opening a DOS command window and entering

CHKDSK H:

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Space used for the MFT on an NTFS drive will be reported as "nnnn KB in use by the system".

Good luck

Ron Martell Duncan B.C. Canada

Thanks Ron. I'll remember that tip for future use. Meanwhile I made various changes, including by-passing the problem by enlarging the destination partition (tedious!) and generally getting in a fair old mess. But I'll post separately under a new subject.

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Terry, West Sussex, UK