

Re: large files in C:/docs–settings/myname/nethood

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I was going to suggest Shift+Delete in Windows Explorer to delete the file but what is in your other leads me to hold back on that suggestion.

How large is your hard disk and how much free disk space? In Windows Explorer right click on your C drive and select Properties. Is it formatted as FAT32 or NTFS?

To increase you free space on your C select Start, All Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Disk CleanUp, More Options, System Restore and remove all but the latest System Restore points? Restore points can be quite large.

You should 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.

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.

If your hard 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.

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Another default setting on a large drive 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. On your drive 5% 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%.

Hope this helps.

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Enquire, plan and execute

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"bbolander" <bbolander@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:FBBED034-7992-4628-94CF-98310D67C319@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

My Sony hard drive came partitioned in a c and d drive. the c drive is very full, too full to defragment. there are several folders with large picture and video files in the c:/documents and settings/myname/nethood directory. they appear to have been generated when I copied from one computer to another on my home network a long time ago. can i delete these files manually to gain about 1 GB of c drive space without any problems occurring?

what is nethood? how do i keep this folder cleaned up to save drive space?

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