

Re: Installing Extra RAM

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- *From:* "SG" <nomail@xxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Wed, 5 Dec 2007 22:43:51 -0500
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Good Golly Mrs. Molly what a thread...
OK guys someone here is going to pay. After loading all these
thread/replies, my Swap file/Page File and my Memory is SHOT, so pay up now
:>)

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All the best,
SG
How to Write a Newsgroup Post:
<http://www.elephantboycomputers.com/page2.html#Usenet>

"Daave" <dcwashNOSPAM@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:elFbjWONIHA.3852@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Agreed. I felt your frustration! And I agree it's time to put this one to
rest, too.

"David B." <mail@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:%23zckdvzNIHA.4808@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Good job deciphering Daave, all I originally wanted to do was get people
to realize WHAT the default page file setting was, and it snowballed. I
think it's time to put this one to rest.

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Crosspost, do not multipost http://www.blakjak.demon.co.uk/mul_crss.htm
How to ask a question <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/555375>
How to Post <http://www.dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>

"Daave" <dcwashNOSPAM@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:e6Ivy6uNIHA.4712@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

LOL

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Now it looks like I'm adding to the confusion.

I'll correct my previous post... I left something out...

(see below)

Daave wrote:

I've been following this thread from the beginning and not only does it all make sense to me, I can see why there's some confusion.

Hudster, David B., Leonard, and you are talking about different, yet related things.

Hudster asked his initial question, wanting to know if XP will recognize the extra RAM he planned on installing.

You correctly responded yes:

"No manual adjustments required. If the system recognizes the new RAM it is automatic."

David B. added:

"Except for the swapfile, it will be set for the pre upgrade amount of RAM"

What he clearly meant was (here's my paraphrase):

"Yes, the system will automatically recognize the new RAM. However, if Virtual Memory hadn't been changed to System Managed (which is often recommended by many techs, especially for people who like to "set it and forget it") and instead has its original default settings, then it's possible that those settings may eventually lead to error messages. True, a lot of the time, it won't matter, but it can and has happened. Granted, it's more likely if

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someone is upgrading from 128 MB, which is quite rare these days. Still, it can and has happened."

Gerry, you really latched on to David's statement. His "it" is not referencing your "it." Your "it" is the system. His "it" is the pagefile. It seems like you perceived he was disagreeing with you. He wasn't. He was adding information.

Then later, Leonard challenged him. Leonard said that:

"The correct setting for the page file is almost always 'system managed size' and that's where you should have it."

My mistake.

For some reason, when I pasted the above, I had the following on the brain (also said by Leonard):

"XP by default is set to system managed size."

That would have been the challenge. But Leonard hadn't said it yet! (But by the time he did, *that* is what the debate was really about. At least that's what I noticed more than anything else. Leonard was wrong. And David B. wanted to point out the mistake.)

So going back, what Leonard said was more like a non sequitur. After David B. made his remark that sometimes Virtual Memory settings need to be changed after the installation of memory (in instances when Let System Manage had *not* been chosen), Leonard said:

"The correct setting for the page file is almost always 'system managed size' and that's where you should have it."

This was a non sequitur and also happened to be something

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David B.
agreed with! Perhaps David B. used a tone. But perhaps he
didn't. And in
Usenet, it's easy to assume there was a tone when there
wasn't. So maybe
you (and maybe Leonard) thought David B. was being
snarky when he
replied:

"Umm, that's what I said, XP by default is set to a fixed
size."

And then the thread devolved into its current mess!

Distilled:

Both Leonard and David B. think it's good to let the system
manage VM.

Leonard mistakenly said that by default XP lets the system
manage VM.

That was the point that David B. disagreed with (correctly).

Leonard was under the impression that they both believed the
same thing:
that it is *good* to let the system manage VM. While that
may be true,
he didn't realize he had made a wrong statement and just saw
the
disagreement as one over semantics. But it really wasn't. But
it's easy
to get lost and think that it's a pointless debate anyway.

Okay, I'm done now. Good night!

This is incorrect. David B. pointed that out.
Leonard never admitted
he was in error and wanted to agree to
disagree.

But David B. was correct. Leonard was
wrong. And David B. correctly
pointed out that Leonard was:

"posting incorrect information."

Then you chimed in, answering Lil' Dave's
post, stating that David B.

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and Leonard were having a pointless debate. And in most situations, I would agree (that is, even though David B. was correct about XP's default settings for Virtual Memory, the end result is normally the same).

Example: I have 256 MB of RAM in my PC. Max Virtual Memory is 768 MB. If I were to double my RAM, even though Windows won't change the max for VM, there wouldn't be a problem because (as pointed out in Alex's article) 700 to 800 MB as a maximum is good for **any** amount of RAM (but he did suggest a higher value is also fine, provided that there's enough disk space)

So that's that. Stop picking on him! :-)