

Re: Slow boot

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Don

Don Williams wrote:

This is a partial response, more later-

Never thought of that, I used to be pretty handy with Dr. Watson but had forgotten that it even existed. I think I'll just delete it and then reset to not append.

I would be patient and make the change I suggested.

I have a great many installation logs, and also many files which seem to be some sort of process recording logs, they just have some numbers and then .txt for their names. There are also some interesting ones, similar to SystemLogxxxxxxxx.txt where xxxxxxxxxxx is a date and they are located in a hidden folder, C:\iSitelogs.

Googling on \iSitelogs led me to some odd sites. I would delete it.

Another point to note with System Restore is that it should only be set to monitor your C (Windows) partition.

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I never knew that, but sounds like a winner.

It is.

Everything in this system is compressed. Even some old data and programs in the Unix system are zipped.

File compression is not the same as compressing a drive or zipping. You only compress files ,which you may never but could need at a future time.

How To Use File Compression in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/307987>

Open Disk Defragmenter and click on Analyse. Select View Report and click on Save As and Save. Now find VolumeC.txt in your My Documents Folder and post a copy. Do this before running Disk Defragmenter as it is more informative.

It's attached.

Adobe Acrobat Reader has a large footprint. Are you just using it to read and print pdf documents or are you editing pdf documents? Unless you are editing you could find Foxit a better option.

Foxit Reader (freeware) a more satisfactory programme:

http://www.foxitsoftware.com/pdf/rd_intro.php

You should have a pagefile on C even if it is only a nominal. Quote:"an initial size of 2MB with a Maximum of 50 is suitable"

<http://aumha.org/win5/a/xpvm.htm>

The Master File Table is badly fragmented. I cannot recollect seeing so many fragments. It is normally 2 or 3.

Are you using Windows Live OneCare?

Download and install cCleaner

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<http://www.ccleaner.com/ccdownload.asp>

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With any cleaner you need to proceed with caution. To be safe you should create a restore point before using cCleaner. cCleaner also offers backup before removal.

When using cCleaner think twice before checking Autocomplete Form History under Internet Explorer. You do get a warning but this one has irritating consequences. You may need to restore your system's recollection of passwords after use so keep a record off computer so that they can easily be re-entered.

Leave the Scan for Issues option alone.

Then run Disk Defragmenter and another report after you have completed these tasks.

I haven't looked at it yet but should have done that long ago. When you see it on the screen, the paths are so long that you can't really tell which files have 100 fragments.

The values I sent were with none of those large programs running.

Noted.

What are your anti-virus and anti-spyware arrangements? An automatic anti-virus scan occurring when you boot will affect performance. You may be able to retime this to occur when you do not want to use the computer.

You did not respond to this paragraph.

Have you tried this approach?
How to configure Windows XP to start in a "clean boot" state

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<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/310353/en-us>

In the distant past.

Your complaint is about a slow boot!

Also look for Error Reports in the System log in Event Viewer. Please post copies of all Error and Warning Reports appearing in the System and Application logs in Event Viewer for the last boot. No Information Reports or Duplicates please. Indicate which also appear in a previous boot.

Next post—

These might highlight a reason for the slow boot.

You can access Event Viewer by selecting Start, Control Panel, Administrative Tools, and Event Viewer. When researching the meaning of the error, information regarding Event ID, Source and Description are important.

A tip for posting copies of Error Reports! Run Event Viewer and double click on the error you want to copy. In the window, which appears is a button resembling two pages. Click the button and close Event Viewer. Now start your message (email) and do a paste into the body of the message. Make sure this is the first paste after exiting from Event Viewer.

The only issue there is that there is no driver for my Sony SCSI DAT tape but that's handled by backup software in Windows and of course Unix has several tape programs built in and there are other programs for Unix tape handling. I forgot the error code but it's the one for not having a driver but it doesn't affect anything.

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Hope this helps.

Gerry

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Enquire, plan and execute

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