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"Gerry" <[gerry@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:gerry@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
<news:eZ9sLQXRIHA.1184@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Don

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 xxxxxxxxxx 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.

Are you really comfortable about deleting that folder?

On another subject, after I did considerable cleanup I ended up with less space on drive C than before. I've never been able to do a decent defrag on drive C:

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

I have an NPROTECT folder with hundreds of very old files in it. They all look old but I have no idea what they are for. Some are in compressed form (blue in my case) and others are black. To the maximum extent possible I long ago set the files and folders I can manage to be in compressed form. In this NPROTECT folder, the uncompressed (black letter name) files are protected and can't be set to compressed form. I'm talking about some 900+

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files here.

Also, under NPROTECT\Recycler, some folders that are all very old, except for one that I apparently just now created when I made a restore point. I think they are write protected but if I can remove all but the one made just now should I do so?

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>

This is how the Windows system is set up. I only zip documents, programs I write in Unix and have to email to clients, but not any system or active files.

Compressed files are shown in blue, are they not?

I have, by the way, zip and unzip programs in Unix that are 100% compatible with the same functions in Windows. In Unix, however, if you zip a file, the original remains unless you delete it. I think this may not be true in Windows.

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.

I just removed and reinstalled Acrobat yesterday. In prior installs I could

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put it on any drive, but this time I didn't have a choice of drives, it went on to C, whole.

Foxit Reader (freeware) a more satisfactory programme:  
[http://www.foxitsoftware.com/pdf/rd\\_intro.php](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.

It's always been terribly bad, at least on this one machine.

Are you using Windows Live OneCare?

Yup

Download and install cCleaner  
<http://www.ccleaner.com/ccdownload.asp>  
<http://www.ccleaner.com/>

Isn't that equivalent to the cleaner in windows under drive properties?

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.

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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.

I only use OneCare and it never finds any viruses because Cox seems to have a pretty good filter in their system.

Before OneCare I had Windows Defender and before that I had the Symantec systems installed. I have, from time to time, used the on-line scan on the Symantec site but it no longer finds anything to report.

I think OneCare is doing a good job for me.

Have you tried this approach?  
How to configure Windows XP to start in a "clean boot"  
state  
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/310353/en-us>

In the distant past.

Your complaint is about a slow boot!

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I think the reason for the slow boot, the reason I made the first post here, is that drive C is so fragmented it takes a long time for the drive head to go to various tracks to pick up each file that is loaded on boot. That's why I want to get more room on that drive, and also find a way to get a good defrag on it.

Also look for Error Reports in the System log in Event Viewer.

Event Viewer lists hundreds of events, errors, warnings, etc. What a collection!

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.

Too many to do much with.

Hope this helps.

Gerry

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FCA

Stourport, England

Enquire, plan and execute

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Thanks,

I think I'm just taking up too much time and space on this forum. I'll go back through the messages that you have sent and work through them again one at a time, as long as they are available. If I have time, I'll save them as files on this system before they are deleted from the server.

DAW

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