

Re: how to speed up a slow computer

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How much RAM memory?

Try Ctrl+Alt+Delete to select Task Manager and click the Performance Tab. Under Commit Charge what is the Total, the Limit and the Peak?

What is your CPU processor speed?

Do you leave your computer on 24/7?

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.

Hope this helps.

Gerry

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Enquire, plan and execute

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computer dummy wrote:

I have tried to remove any virus malware etc. the multiple scans i have ran didn't pick up a virus. It is slower offline than online. It seemed to start being slow out of the blue. My son uses myspace, could this be a cause of a slow down? After virus scans how do i tell if i have a virus if the scans don't pick them up?

"Leonard Grey" wrote:

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Are you trying to increase your speed to and from the internet? That is determined by your ISP.

Are you trying to increase the responsiveness of your computer when performing tasks not related to the internet? Slow response has essentially four causes:

- 1- Viruses and other malicious software. (Remove them.)
- 2- Not enough memory for all the programs you are trying to run at the same time. (Close programs, buy more RAM.)
- 3- Hardware problems (e.g., defective RAM, hard disks in PIO mode) or ancient hardware not up to the requirements of your software.
- 4- Configuration errors (such as are caused by registry cleaners, other cleaner-type programs)

If you are truly "not very computer literate" you'd be making a wise investment to show your computer to a professional technician.

Everyone has a different opinion about what is "slow" on a computer. It may be that your computer is operating as quickly as it can.

Leonard Grey
Errare humanum est

computer dummy wrote:

i currently have road runner and have for 2 years. I have tried to defrag and disc clean up but it didn't seem to help much. Is there anything else i can try? I have run virus and spyware scans but it didn't pick up anything. I am running defender pro virus protection. I am not very computer literate. Nay help would be appreciated. simple please