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what do you recommend, under options for compressing files, for the number of days before doing so?

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"warwick4" wrote:

sorry, i actually have nearly a million kilobytes!

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"Shenan Stanley" wrote:

warwick4 wrote:

when i run this i have nearly 1 million bytes showing. how can i access these files to see if any can be deleted to free up space?

You have nearly 1MB of compressed files and you are concerned? (That's less than a floppy diskette of files.)

If you are comfortable with the stability of your system, you can delete the uninstall files for the patches that Windows XP has installed...

<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar/spack.htm>

You can run Disk Cleanup – built into Windows XP – to erase all but your latest restore point and cleanup even more "loose files"..

How to use Disk Cleanup

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/310312>

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You can turn off hibernation if it is on and you don't use it..

When you hibernate your computer, Windows saves the contents of the system's memory to the hiberfil.sys file. As a result, the size of the hiberfil.sys file will always equal the amount of physical memory in your system. If you don't use the hibernate feature and want to recapture the space that Windows uses for the hiberfil.sys file, perform the following steps:

- Start the Control Panel Power Options applet (go to Start, Settings, Control Panel, and click Power Options).
- Select the Hibernate tab, clear the "Enable hibernation" check box, then click OK; although you might think otherwise, selecting Never under the "System hibernates" option on the Power Schemes tab doesn't delete the hiberfil.sys file.
- Windows will remove the "System hibernates" option from the Power Schemes tab and delete the hiberfil.sys file.

You can control how much space your System Restore can use...

1. Click Start, right-click My Computer, and then click Properties.
2. Click the System Restore tab.
3. Highlight one of your drives (or C: if you only have one) and click on the "Settings" button.
4. Change the percentage of disk space you wish to allow.. I suggest moving the slider until you have just about 1GB (1024MB or close to that...)
5. Click OK.. Then Click OK again.

You can control how much space your Temporary Internet Files can utilize...

Empty your Temporary Internet Files and shrink the size it stores to a size between 64MB and 128MB..

- Open ONE copy of Internet Explorer.
- Select TOOLS -> Internet Options.
- Under the General tab in the "Temporary Internet Files" section, do the following:
 - Click on "Delete Cookies" (click OK)
 - Click on "Settings" and change the "Amount of disk space to use:" to something between 64MB and 128MB. (It may be MUCH larger right now.)
 - Click OK.
 - Click on "Delete Files" and select to "Delete all offline contents" (the checkbox) and click OK. (If you had a LOT, this could take 2–10 minutes or more.)
 - Once it is done, click OK, close Internet Explorer, re-open Internet Explorer.

You can use an application that scans your system for log files and temporary files and use that to get rid of those:

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Ccleaner (Free!)

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

Other ways to free up space..

SequoiaView

<http://www.win.tue.nl/sequoiaview/>

DX Hog Hunt

<http://www.dvxp.com/en/Downloads.aspx>

JDiskReport

<http://www.jgoodies.com/freeware/jdiskreport/index.html>

Those can help you visually discover where all the space is being used.

If you are concerned over less than 5GB of space total at any given time being freed up on your hard disk drive – then something is wrong and you would be better off spending a little and putting in a drive that is likely 3–8 times as large as what you have not and not concerning yourself over such a small amount of space OR you seriously need to consider what you really need on the system and what should be archived.

Basic housekeeping 101... – in an actual home, if your storage area gets full – you either have to decide what you really should have in the storage area and what could go or you have to find a new place to store stuff that will accommodate everything you need. You don't walk into a warehouse of cars, look at the filing cabinet in the corner where you keep all the records for the cars and decide that if you move it out of the warehouse – you will have more room for cars. ;-)

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