

RE: SBS 2003 C: drive creeping disk space consumption

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Hello Steve,

Thank you for posting to the SBS 2K3 Server.

I am sorry for the delayed response due to the weekend. Please understand that the newsgroups are staffed weekdays by Microsoft Support professionals to answer your systems and applications questions. Your understanding is greatly appreciated!

I understand that on the SBS 2K3 SP1 Server, you notice the C drive is losing space 2MB everyday. If I have misunderstood your concern, please let me know.

Please take your time to read through my reply:

Actually, this is a normal behavior.

On the SBS Server, there are many log files are being recorded everyday and being stored on the C drive. For example, Backup Log, Windows Update log, Event Logs, Exchange database file etc.

To free up C drive, we can move some data folders to another drive. In your post, you mentioned "I've moved the Client Apps folder, several Exchange Server files, and the paging file to other drives on the machine". May I know whether you strictly followed our White Paper and KB articles to move the Data Folders?

Please see:

Moving Data Folders for Windows Small Business Server 2003
http://download.microsoft.com/download/1/1/6/11671e4d-fb21-489c-870f-db36fd21a7d2/SBS_MoveDataFolders.DOC

[NOTE]: Before attempting to move the database files, please make a full backup of your system.

You can also move the users and company shared folders to the new drive.

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This KB article also applies to SBS 2003:

329640 How to Move Small Business Server 2000 Company and Users Shared Folders

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=329640>

You can also run the disk cleanup tool to clean up the system volume. The KB310312 also can be applies to SBS 2003:

310312 Description of the Disk Cleanup Tool in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=310312>

In addition, you may consider the following suggestions to free your disk space:

301471 How to Delete the Web Cache on Internet Security and Acceleration Server

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=301471>

123747 Moving the Windows Default Paging and Spool File

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=123747>

814594 How to Locate and Correct Disk Space Problems on NTFS Volumes

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=814594>

Hope it helps! If you have any further questions or concerns on this issue, please feel free to let me know. I am looking forward to hearing from you!

Best regards,

Brandy Nee

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This newsgroup only focuses on SBS technical issues. If you have issues regarding other Microsoft products, you'd better post in the corresponding newsgroups so that they can be resolved in an efficient and timely manner. You can locate the newsgroup here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/communities/newsgroups/en-us/default.aspx>

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Microsoft engineers can only focus on one issue per thread. Although we provide other information for your reference, we recommend you post different incidents in different threads to keep the thread clean. In doing

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so, it will ensure your issues are resolved in a timely manner.

For urgent issues, you may want to contact Microsoft CSS directly. Please check <http://support.microsoft.com> for regional support phone numbers.

Any input or comments in this thread are highly appreciated.

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X-Tomcat-NG: microsoft.public.windows.server.sbs

I have a client that is using SBS 2003 with SP1. The OS came

pre-installed

from Dell with only 12 GB on the C: drive. To gain some room on the C: drive, I've moved the Client Apps folder, several Exchange Server files,

and

the paging file to other drives on the machine. In the daily server reports, I'm noticing that the C: drive is slowing losing free space at

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rate of about 2 MB per day. I'm suspicious that a component of the OS is writing to a log file or something like that. The C: drive was losing

free

space before the relocation of the files mentioned before, so the act of relocating them probably isn't the cause.

Does anyone have an idea about what might be the cause of the slow

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consumption of free space and what to do to halt it?

Thanks...Steve