

Windows XP Cleaning Procedures

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Basic Cleaning Process

1. Make Backup of your important data. 5, 101
2. Create a System Restore point 105
3. Turn OFF your Internet Connection when not in use.
4. Connect to the internet.
5. Update your Antivirus, Anti-Spyware and Windows software.
6. Disconnect from the internet.
7. Open IE / Tools / Internet Options... / General tab
Delete Cookies; Delete File & Offline Content; Clear History
8. Remove unnecessary icons from your desktop. Place in folders
9. Empty Recycle Bin.
10. Run Spyware programs one at a time. Scan All Files.
11. Run Antivirus program. Scan All Files.
12. Run "Chkdsk" 113
13. Empty Recycle Bin.
14. Run "Defrag" 119
15. Reboot
16. Create another System Restore point after cleaning. 105

Additional Cleaning Procedures

1. BIOS Configuration 108
Enable “Rapid BIOS Boot” or “Fast/Quick Boot”
Turn off Auto Detection of IDE devices & Floppy Drive
Set System & Video BIOS Cacheable to OFF
Set Video RAM Cacheable to OFF [Legacy OS DOS settings]
Disable Floppy Drive 124
2. Update your Video drivers 103
3. Update Hardware drivers – Belarc can help identify 103
4. Reduce SP’s Screen Effects
My Computer/Properties/Advanced tab/Performance Settings
select “Adjust for best performance”
5. Make sure your Hard Drive and CD/DVD-ROM drive is not connected to the same IDE port. Use Device Manager, tip 30, and check Primary & Secondary Channels.
6. Set IDE devices to DMA not PIO 30, 35, 63
7. Remove unused Fonts 36
8. Disable unnecessary Startup Programs (MSCONFIG) 91,25, 67, 98
9. Disable unnecessary Services 20, 26, 70, 71, 93
10. Run EasyCleaner or/and CCleaner
11. Virtual Memory (Paging file) 110, 112 (89, 111)
1.5X if RAM<512MB 1.0X if RAM>512MB
Min for Windows XP 384MB Optimal 512MB

******* Popular theory holds that this was determined by the combined number of dates the decision makers have had in the preceding 24 months *******