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When you uninstall an item of software, there are generally a number of redundant files left behind to clutter up your hard drive.

Over the course of a year or two they can be using valuable hard drive space that would be better reserved for more important things.

These files are backups that are generated when software is installed, the reason is not important. All that we need to know is that when the software is un-installed they are no longer required.

To remove them and free up drive space is a simple procedure.

If you are using Windows 98 – ME – or 2000.

Click on Start>Search>For files or folders.

Enter your search criteria in this case it is .bak (don't forget the dot before bak)

Click on the 'Find now' button.

When the search is finished you should see a number of .bak files in the results window.

Look carefully for any files marked as 'Config.bak' or 'System.bak' It is not advisable to erase these files unless you know what you are doing.

It is now safe to erase the remaining files using your right mouse button and 'Delete'.

If you are using Windows XP.

Click start>search.

Click 'Documents'

Enter 'bak' in the search field.

Click 'search'.

When the matches appear in the results window, as above look out for 'Config.bak' and 'System.bak' files. The remainder may be safely deleted.

Don't be scared of your computer. You are in charge.

All the best. Bob...

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Large files can be stored either in their original format or in a compressed format to save space. Different types of file compression are used for different types of files, such as text, graphics, and audio. You usually can reduce a large file by at least 50%, depending on the type of file and the type of compression.

In case of audio files, for example, the MP3 (Mpeg audio layer 3) format can be used to reduce audio files by as much as 90% to 93%. Bigger is never better when you are trying to move a large file across the Net.

Other ways to fill a 13 Gb hard drive include storing video files. These files require even more long term memory than do audio files. Currently, few people collect video files from the Internet because they are so memory intensive. Long-term memory requirements for video and audio files are driving consumer demand for larger hard drives on personal computers. As the cost of a hard drive continues to drop, users can be counted on to find new ways to use all of the long term memory on their computers.

In a culture in which you can never be too rich or too thin, you also can never have too much computer memory.

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