

General Maintenance

Lots of problems can be caused by NOT performing regular maintenance on your PC, by regular maintenance i simply mean running a few tools that we all have, two(2) that come with windows are 'Disk Cleanup' and 'Disk Defragmenter'. Both of these can be found by clicking on the 'Start' button and go to 'All Programs' then 'Accessories' then 'System Tools' and you will see both of these in the list that pops out. Run the 'Disk Cleanup' program first. It will have a look through the system for rubbish, after it has searched it will then present you with a list of the rubbish it's found, make sure you tick every box so you can remove all the rubbish from your system, then click 'OK' and click 'OK' again when it asks are you sure.

After 'Disk Cleanup' has finished run 'Disk Defragmenter'. This is like tidying up your computer's hard drive, and is as simple as clicking the 'defragment' button when 'Disk Defragmenter' starts. I just defrag my machine every week, i don't bother analyzing it. If you run these two tools once every month it can prevent your PC slowing down over time and becoming unstable. Also if you run these tools regularly, they don't take more than about 5 to 10 minutes each to do their job. If anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to contact me, either by email or phone, contact details are on my web site

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Until next time, happy computing.