

CLEANUP BAT plus

I use your clean9x.bat but slightly modified to find Temporary Internet Files in other locations. For example:

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C:\WINDOWS\Temporary Internet Files
C:\WINDOWS\Profiles\[name]\Temporary Internet Files
C:\WINDOWS\Profiles\[name]\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files
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While looking space I could free up today I came across a folder which had 152 megs of files
C:\WINDOWS\Internet Logs

It contained files with names like
ZALog2003.07.02.txt and xDBE335.TMP but the big one was tvDebug.log (24 megs).

Using Google I found an explanation at
<http://forums.techguy.org/t128272/s4752770a473af3b76974a60050857fd8.html>

"The folder Internet Logs is created by ZoneAlarm..."

BTW From Explorer, go to Tools > Folder Options > View tab and ensure that you have "Show All Files" selected, and UNselect "Hide File Extensions for Known File Types".

Now, under that folder you will normally find a LDB file, named after your computer name, and a lamdb.rdb file. These are the ZA main files. You may also find a Backup.rdb file, tvdebug.log and ZALog.txt file.

The latter is logging all ZA alerts, if you have this selected and can be removed if not needed. TvDebug.log file can be deleted. If you don't do this periodically, this file will continually grow larger.

I have also found that over time, the RDB and LDB files also grow over time. So, periodically I restart to DOS/Safe mode, rename the files and reboot. ZA then rebuilds these files. After a couple of days, ensuring that all is well, I delete the 2 renamed files."

It struck me that the .tmp would lend themselves to being deleted periodically by using a modified clean9x.bat.

Any thoughts on this... Cheers, Paul

One of the nice things about the free CleanXX files (http://www.langa.com/cleanup_bat.htm) is that you can make

them do *anything* you want, cleaning any folder you designate--- including the "Internet Logs" folder.

The information in the folder actually could be useful in the event of a hack attack; the data there might help you trace an attack to the source. But as you found, the files can get quite large. (Although ZAP does allow you to set max sizes.)

I try for a good compromise between having lots of data so I can trace an attack if I need to, but not so much as to bog down my hard drive. To do this, I added 2 lines to my CleanupXP.Bat file:

```
cd "C:\WINDOWS\Internet Logs"  
del ZALog*.*
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The above wipes out the main logs when I run the CleanupXP file, typically every day. Until I run the cleanup, I have full logs available, if I need 'em. But once I run cleanup, they're totally gone, for good, and the folder starts over clean.

If you wanted to clean all logs from that folder, you could use

```
del *.log
```

or, if you wanted to totally clean out the folder of all files, you could use

```
del *.*
```

The permutations are endless, but the core idea is simple. Once you've found something that requires periodic attention on your PC, look for a way to automate the process. That's not being lazy--- it's being smart! <g> (See also #1 in this issue for more on this topic.)