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How To Speedup Disk Cleanup

The secret to speeding up Disk Cleanup in Windows XP and Windows 2000 is to turn off this utility's lengthy disk scanning feature for calculating how much space can be freed by compressing old archive files. To do this, you must tweak the registry settings directly by using regedit.exe:

[1]Run REGEDIT (*Start > Run > Open = regedit*) and go to the following key:

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HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\VolumeCa
ches\Compress old files
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In the right pane, double-click the (Default) REG_SZ value to edit it.
(The value is: B50F5260-0C2111D2-AB56-00A0C9082678)

Delete value and click OK.

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[1] If you don't understand these instructions, you probably shouldn't use this computer modification. Manually editing the Registry may render Windows operating system inoperable.