Subject: Good Thing To Compress?
Posted by Renerage on Sun, 22 Jul 2007 22:22:54 GMT
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Im in the middle of Compresing files on my computer.
"Compress Files to Save Disk Space" []

This will take 10 hours,
And I was wondering if it's a good thing, or bad thign.
I dont want to slow down my computer.

Subject: Re: Good Thing To Compress?
Posted by Chuck Norris on Sun, 22 Jul 2007 22:41:14 GMT
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Uncompressed stuff takes more resources, but it is faster. Compressed stuff takes less resources (in this case, less disk space), but is slower. Yes, it can slow your computer down. If something is compressed, your computer has to uncompress it for use. If everything on your HDD is compressed, it might be noticeable.

Subject: Re: Good Thing To Compress?
Posted by Renerage on Sun, 22 Jul 2007 22:43:09 GMT
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Before I said it was going to take 10 hours,
Well, I did it for alittle bit, about half an hour, and before I even did it, I had 45gb of free space.
After 30 minutes of compressing, I have 51 Gb.
I wonder what the other 10 hours would have done to my HDD

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Posted by Chuck Norris on Sun, 22 Jul 2007 22:47:47 GMT
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Probably one of two things.

1. It would have compressed everything on the HDD instead of just the little it did before you stopped it. If it was compressing everything and it finished, the next happens.

2. It would have compresssed them more than it did now, and things would be slower, becuase a heavily compressed file takes more to uncompress and use than a lightly compresssed file.