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DISK CLEANUP PROGRAMS COMPARED

This compares three competing products which claim to remove unused and temporary files from your system allowing Windows to run faster, more efficiently and giving you more hard disk space.

The three products are:

- *Disk Cleanup* which comes as a part of Windows XP.
- *CCleaner* (Click [here](#) to download.)
- *ATF Cleaner* (Click [here](#) to download.)

I ran two tests. For the first test, I ran the programs in the order they are listed above. In the second test, I ran Disk Cleanup, CCleaner and then AFT Cleaner.

The results show that Windows XP's Disk Cleanup is a woefully inadequate cleanup program. The second test *may* show that if one runs AFT Cleaner, one does not need CCleaner. However, that would require more testing.

TEST 1 — JUNE 6, 1007		
PRODUCT	TIME REQUIRED	RECOVERED
<i>Disk Cleanup</i>	2 minutes, 52 seconds	1.03 Mb
<i>CCleaner</i>	2 seconds	3.95 Mb
<i>ATF Cleaner</i>	6 seconds	7.7 Mb

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TEST 2 — JUNE 16, 2007		
<i>PRODUCT</i>	<i>TIME REQUIRED</i>	<i>RECOVERED</i>
<i>Disk Cleanup</i>	2 minutes, 48 seconds	6,668 Kb
<i>AFT Cleaner</i>	6 seconds	10.992 Mb
<i>CCleaner</i>	3 seconds	0.98 Mb