

Re: problem with a batch file wkgrp parameter

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Just wanted to say Thank you! I learned so much! It's nice to have someone who really knows there stuff. Just want you to know I appreciate your time and efforts!!

Pat

Granny Spitz wrote:

I have posted several times trying to get help with attaching a database to a mdw file.

Hon, you should have posted your question in the Microsoft Access newsgroups, not the private Access forums you find on the web. The majority of Access experts answer questions in the newsgroups, not those private web forums. Most questions are answered here correctly within a few hours of posting, so you could've saved yourself a week of wild goose chases if you'd come here first.

What's wrong?

The short answer is you're using the wrong syntax in your batch file. You did an excellent job on the code. It just needs two lines fixed, and then it should work perfectly for you (unless you have to deal with Macro Security, but that's a whole 'nuther barrel of monkeys).

The "START /MAX" command in the batch file tells the operating system, "Use the default action, no matter what it is, on the file that follows the executable." So the operating system finds that D:\Program Files\PC\PCtrlA.mdb follows, and then checks the Registry, which happens to have C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\OFFICE11\MSACCESS.exe registered to open this type of file. The default action for this executable on your operating system (and almost everyone else's) is to open the file without any command line arguments. Since you're currently joined to a workgroup information file that isn't the secured workgroup information file used to secure the database, the file is being opened with the default Admin user, who doesn't have permission to open this secured database.

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The good news is that if you can't open the database with the default Admin user, it was probably secured properly (which isn't all that common of an occurrence).

You need to remove the "START /MAX" command, but even then it won't work correctly, because the LOCDIR variable contains double quotation marks and this variable is being concatenated with a backslash and another variable containing the file name to get the full path and file name with %LOCDIR%\%PGRM%. Like this:

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"D:\Program Files\PC"\PCtrlA.mdb
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And you can't remove those double quotes, because that won't work correctly, either. (Access will complain that Access doesn't recognize the command line option, and it can't find D:\Program.mdb would be my guess, because a space in the list of command line arguments means "the next string of characters is going to be the next parameter.")

Does that mean you can't use a batch file for this task? No. It just means you have to do extra work, hon, because you're stuck with a bad directory name. To fix this batch file, create a new variable and assign the full path and file name to it, like this:

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SET LOCFIL="D:\Program Files\PC\PCtrlA.mdb"
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And then change this line:

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START /MAX %MSACC% %LOCDIR%\%PGRM% %WKGRP%
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To this:

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%MSACC% %LOCFIL% %WKGRP%
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Save it and run your batch file.