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When i was trying to recursively delete a directory:

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Directory.Delete(mydirectory,true);
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It threw the following exception for a lot of files:

System.IO.IOException: The process cannot access the file "abc.xml" because it is being used by another process.

Upon further examination, it is found that these files are all zero-byte empty files.

Someone suggested that it might be caused by aggressive AV programs, so i disabled AV on the box and retried, but still got the same errors.

Any clue on what might be the problem? It is running .NET 1.1 on Windows 2003 standard edition.

Thanks!

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