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What the script did was to set the permissions correctly on your invisible Temporary Items folder. And would have done the same for any files within it, but there weren't any (which is fine).

So that proves that the people wondering if the "problem" (personally I can't see any problem) was faulty permissions guessed wrong. That's all.

THERE'S NO PROBLEM. I see the same thing in my own Trash. Big deal. That's where they should be, it seems. Word puts them there when quitting. They're useless files you don't need, so the trash is the right place for them. Just Empty the trash, like Philip said.

And STOP removing and reinstalling Office That's not going to do anything.

I wouldn't be totally surprised if the difference between seeing these files and not seeing them had something to do with the difference between choosing Yes (either explicitly or by the preference that does it for you automatically) to "Do you want to save Normal?" and choosing No. Or not.

Just forget about it.

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Paul:

Thanks for the advice and the script. Unfortunately, it doesn't seem to be doing the trick. I did as you said, and ran the script from the Script Editor; I didn't get the error you were speaking of, and I followed the script's progress in the event log, where it seemed to be making some changes. Here is a transcript of the log:

```
tell current application
path to temporary items as Unicode text
"Macintosh HD:private:var:tmp:folders.501:TemporaryItems:"
end tell
tell application "Finder"
get folder "Macintosh HD:private:var:tmp:folders.501:TemporaryItems:"
folder "TemporaryItems" of folder "folders.501" of folder "tmp" of
folder "var" of item "private" of startup disk
set owner privileges of folder "TemporaryItems" of folder "folders.501"
of folder "tmp" of folder "var" of item "private" of startup disk to read
write
read write
set group privileges of folder "TemporaryItems" of folder "folders.501"
of folder "tmp" of folder "var" of item "private" of startup disk to read
only
read only
set everyones privileges of folder "TemporaryItems" of folder
"folders.501" of folder "tmp" of folder "var" of item "private" of startup
disk to read only
read only
get entire contents of folder "TemporaryItems" of folder "folders.501"
of folder "tmp" of folder "var" of item "private" of startup disk
{}
end tell
```

Maybe you are a little better at reading these things than I am, but it didn't throw any errors at me so I assume everything went as you intended it to. I guess my question at this point is whether I ran it at the right time or in the right way, etc. After reading your post, I shut down my newsgroup reader, launched Script Editor, compiled the script, and ran it, with no other applications running and without having used Word during this session. Then, I launched Word, wrote some stuff, quit, and restarted to see what was going on. Lo and behold, the "Recovered Files" folder with a "Word Work File x_x" was back in the trash. Sigh.

I don't know if I was supposed to run the script AFTER using Word, or if you intended this to be something that I would have to do before or after each time I used Word. My assumption was that this was a one-time shot, and that

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running it once was supposed to fix the problem for good.

By the way, I'm the only user of my Mac and I have (obviously) administrator privileges. Thanks for the effort, and if you see something I'm missing please let me know.

Best, Mark

On 11/18/06 10:46 AM, in article C18494F4.1919F%berkowitz@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "Paul Berkowitz" <berkowitz@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On 11/16/06 7:30 PM, in article C1826C7D.326A%markpedretti@xxxxxxxxxxxx, "Mark Pedretti" <markpedretti@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

So this leaves me/us with a couple of options:

–(1) figure out how to repair the permissions on an invisible folder (Temporary Items). I made some initial forays into investigating this by using an app that showed all invisible items, but I couldn't change the permissions in the Get Info window for anything that looked like it might be the responsible folder.

Run this script in Script Editor:

```
set tempFolderPath to path to temporary items as Unicode text
tell application "Finder"
set tempFolder to folder tempFolderPath
tell tempFolder to set {owner privileges, group privileges, everyones
privileges} to {read write, read only, read only}
set allTempFiles to entire contents of tempFolder
repeat with i from 1 to (count allTempFiles)
set tempFile to item i of my allTempFiles
tell tempFile
set {owner privileges, group privileges, everyones privileges}
to {read write, read only, read only}
end tell
end repeat
end tell
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(If you get an error saying this is not allowed, it would mean that you are not the owner of your own temp folder, which is pretty well impossible. But

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if you do, report back.)

–(2) screwing around at the root user level. This might include seeing if I can change the permissions at this level, or even performing an install of Office from here. I must admit that this idea strikes fear into my heart, if only because I'm new to this file system and worry that I might make things even worse. But then again, most of my major breakthroughs on the Mac have come from taking such risks.

Don't!