

## Re: filename is too long or contains illegal characters

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David,

Thanks!

I have tried both variations of the URL (plus many others) but I get the same error. When I ADD NETWORK LOCATION (within COMPUTER), I get "folder does not appear valid"; When I PUBLISH TO WEB (withing PUBLISHER) I get "the filename you have entered is too long or contains illegal characters".

Does Microsoft have any support site that I could use to get help?

"DavidF" wrote:

One thought...how exactly did your write the path? Did you use a forward slash at the end, such as this? <http://www.yourdomain.com/>

Where is your root directory? Do you upload to a particular folder on your server? If so, try incorporating it into the path to the root. example: <http://www.yourdomain.com/publicfolder/>

Just thought it worth suggesting that you double check that you wrote the paths correctly...

DavidF

"Ted" <Ted@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:584F3AE3-9A4D-42D1-8AA0-B31E9D5D8FCD@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

David,

Per you suggestion, I tried to Add a Network Location in "Computer", but I get an error window saying " "The folder you entered does not appear to be valid. Please choose another" Why is it complaining about a folder? I did not enter a folder. I entered an internet address. I tried entereing many

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variations of the address and got the same error.

On my XP computer, I use the same URL and the same shared internet connection and everything works OK. The only difference is Vista. Do you know if anyone else has been able to publish to the web using Publisher 2007 on Vista?

Can you suggest anything else or anywhere else that I might be able to get help on this problem. I am getting desperate!

"DavidF" wrote:

Ted,

I don't have Vista installed so can't test this myself, but here are some instructions posted some time ago by Brelade. He is talking about ftp, but the same is true for http:

"To Publish to Web with Vista

You need to Add a network location by Open Computer first before you try and save.

1. Open Computer from start menu.
2. Right-click an empty spot main window pane. Choose "Add a Network Location".
4. Follow on screen prompts
5. Specify the location of your website ensure you input correct format (<ftp://yoursite.co.uk>)
6. Specify a user Name & Password if required. Uncheck log on anonymously & input you logon details (ensure it is the correct logon details supplied from web host)
7. Wizard will give you new shortcut a name. (You can change this if you prefer)
8. The Wizard will create a shortcut to your account in

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Computer,

9. Your sever folder will open in a list on the left small paine / large

icons in the main right paine.

10. Close Computer file.

11. Open Publisher & create & save in normal way.

12. Select Publish to web icon in top left menu bar or file Publish to

web.

13. Vista will open computer listing all your normal folders.

14. Scroll down to find your shortcut address to your site.

15. Right click choose login as.

16. Small window will apeare asking you to input User name / Password

(check

save password for furture login's).

17. your web folders will appear in main window.

18. In bottom menu bar you will see file name: / Save as type.

19. File name: index

20. Save as type: Web Page, Filtered.(If not there use drop down menu

arrow

to select).

21. index.htm already exists. Do you want to replace it.

("YES").

22. Working "Publishing HTML Files" will appear on your web page. (Do not

select anything on the page be patient or programe wil freeze and fail to

respond.)

23. After a while, depending how long to upload. (still remain patient.)

24. Saving as: <ftp://yoursite.co.uk> will appear.

25. Once this disappers your upload is complete.

For future saves follow steps 11. to 25.

Happy Vista uploads with MS Publisher.

Cheers.

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brelade"

You will of course want to use <http://yoursite.com> instead of the ftp

site.

Here is a link to some more information about mapping a network drive:

<http://compnetworking.about.com/od/windowsxpnetworking/ht/mapnetworkdrive.htm>

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And

<http://www.vista4beginners.com/Map-Network-Drive>

If you find one procedure better than another, please post back for the benefit of others.

DavidF

"Ted" <Ted@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

<news:35E9B956-35C8-4210-9F7B-A9F635018089@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

David, thanks for your reply! In my XP computer, the shortcut to my web server is in My Network Places and when I select it and click save, I do get the logon screen for my web server. In my Vista computer, there are no shortcuts in Computer or anywhere else that I can find. How can I set up the shortcut?

"DavidF" wrote:

Ted,

Uploading has changed a bit with Vista and IE7. Both FTP and HTTP uploading protocol has changed.

As per the article you quoted: Prepare, publish, and maintain your Publisher

Web site:

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/publisher/HA100947601033.aspx>

There is a section about how you Publish changes to your site, and give two

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sets of directions at the  
bottom of the article:

In Windows Vista:  
On the File menu, click  
Publish to the Web.  
In the Publish to the Web  
dialog box, in the navigation  
pane, click  
COMPUTER.  
In the file list, double-click  
the shortcut to the folder on  
the Web  
server  
or network server where you  
published your Web site.  
Double-click the folder  
where you want to save the  
file.  
In the File name box, type  
the name of the file you are  
updating, and  
then  
click Save.

In Windows XP:  
On the File menu, click  
Publish to the Web.  
In the Publish to the Web  
dialog box, click My  
NETWORK PLACES.  
Double-click the shortcut to  
the folder on the Web server  
or network  
server  
where you published your  
Web site.  
Double-click the folder  
where you want to save the  
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the name of the file you are  
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click Save.

Note the difference in  
XP...Click "Computer" vs  
"My Network Places".

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Try  
the  
different approach and see if  
that helps.

DavidF

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wrote in message

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When I try  
to Publish  
to the web  
using  
Publisher  
2007 on  
Vista, , I  
get  
the  
message  
saying: "the  
filename  
you have  
entered is  
too long or  
contains  
illegal  
characters...".  
The URL I  
use is  
["http://confluencelions.org](http://confluencelions.org)  
(I  
also tried  
["http://www.confluencelions.org"](http://www.confluencelions.org)  
which is the  
format that  
is  
shown  
in the  
Publisher  
help text for  
"Prepare,  
publish, and  
maintain  
your  
publisher  
Web site").  
I use

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exactly the  
same URL  
in Publisher  
2007 on my  
older  
computer  
with XP  
and  
everything  
works fine.  
Is there a  
problem  
with  
Publisher  
on Vista?

I use  
Frontpage  
extensions  
on my web  
host and I  
made sure  
my dial-up  
network  
connection  
is working  
fine.