

## Re: Copying Files / Created Date

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"Michael Harris (MVP)" <mikhar at mvps dot org> wrote in message  
news:OehrnzLCFHA.2180@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> *This has been discussed before in the scripting NGs...*

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> *That's Windows at work ;-)... The process of updating an existing file by  
> deleting it then creating a new file (or renaming some temp file) with the  
> same name as the original is very common among apps that edit documents.*

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> *If that sequence occurs within 15 seconds, Windows treats it as an update  
of*

> *an existing file. To defeat that behavior, you have to introduce at least  
a*

> *15 second delay between the delete of the old file and the creation of the  
> new file of the same name.*

Thanks Michael, that's very helpful.

Funnily enough, I did think a delay might help but didn't think to go as  
high as 15 seconds. I'll give that a go.

Thanks again,

Tom