

# Re: DOS program works in Admin account but not in a User account

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Michael Bednarek wrote:

On Sat, 03 Jun 2006 07:32:33 +0100, Robert M Jones wrote in microsoft.public.win2000.cmdprompt.admin:

Newbie to WinXP-Home but otherwise fairly competent. I have a legacy DOS program (Bible software) that runs fine in my XP Home Admin account which is the one I installed it in (simply by copying across the folder from an old win98HDD into the new C drive) but when I run the shortcut or the exe file in my user account it just opens the initial menu screen – if I click on one of the choices the screen flashes off and that's it – finished = the problem is associated with the underlying \*.exe file – if I click that it just flashes on and off.

I've adjusted the underlying exe file as well as the bat file that the shortcut runs, to be compatible as for Win98.

Can anyone give me any pointers to why this would happen in a user account when the program works fine in an Admin account, and what can I do about it? Is it associated with the fact that I just copied the folder rather than running the full install from the floppies?

I've tried making the relevant folder and sub folders shared for all users and also tried dragging it into the Shared documents folder (which produces failures because of dud path entries in the various bat files) but that doesn't improve things.

I assume it has something to do with access rights.

Open a command line window (Run... cmd), and navigate to the directory where your program is; let's assume that directory is C:\Bible, then:  
CD /D C:\Bible

Then run this command to show the access rights:  
cacls .

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and  
cacls \*.exe

Then post the output of these commands – you can cut and paste from the command line window by: Alt+Space Edit Mark Shift+Arrow keys to highlight, Enter to Copy, switch to your News Reader, Ctrl+V to paste.

Alternatively, you can inspect the access rights through the Graphical User Interface in Explorer: navigate to the directory, highlight the directory itself, right click (or press Shift+F10), select Properties, Security. Give full access to Users.

Many thanks for your response.

I did the above in my User account where the program doesn't work, for the exe file that flashes on and off quickly –

file = bmaster.exe  
directory = c:\bmaster\

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C:\BMASTER>cacls .  
C:\BMASTER Everyone:(OI)(CI)R  
BUILTIN\Administrators:(OI)(CI)F  
NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM:(OI)(CI)F  
MANSEOFFICE\Robert Admin:F  
CREATOR OWNER:(OI)(CI)(IO)F  
BUILTIN\Users:(OI)(CI)R  
BUILTIN\Users:(CI)(special access:)  
FILE_APPEND_DATA  
  
BUILTIN\Users:(CI)(special access:)  
FILE_WRITE_DATA
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C:\BMASTER>cacls bmaster.exe  
C:\BMASTER\bmaster.exe Everyone:R  
BUILTIN\Administrators:F  
NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM:F  
MANSEOFFICE\Robert Admin:F  
BUILTIN\Users:R
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