

## Re: Need to delete non existing folders

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- *From:* nesredepegrob <Long. -31,48.21 Lat. 115,47.40>
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On Fri, 24 Jun 2005 09:42:12 -0400, "Galen" <galennews@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

>In [news:vksnb11jn05c7t80c6cofehft503pbmj5p@xxxxxxxx](mailto:news:vksnb11jn05c7t80c6cofehft503pbmj5p@xxxxxxxx),  
>nesredepegrob <Long. -31,48.21 Lat. 115,47.40> had this to say:  
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> My reply is at the bottom of your sent message:  
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>> I need to xcopy a whole partition to another disk. Trouble is that  
>> McAfee has placed folders on the partition named McAfee and also  
>> McAfee Virus Scan Professional. Both of these folders are empty. They  
>> are on show in the explorer but when I need to delete them the  
>> program reports that they are not there.  
>> I have tried to right click /Properties but they are not protected in  
>> any way. I have also gone to safe mode but they still will not delete.  
>> In command mode they also will not delete and give the message that  
>> the program cannot find the files to delete. Refresh does not take  
>> them off view either. What you might call ghost folders  
>>  
>> When clicked on they promptly display an empty space but the address  
>> bar shows Program Files\McAfee. How can I delete folders that are  
>> claimed not to be there.  
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>> The trouble is that the xcopy stops with an error message saying that  
>> it cannot create the folders on the destination disk.  
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>> The error message is Cannot delete, (or Rename), cannot Read from the  
>> source file or disk.  
>>  
>> Borge  
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>Try it in DOS... If you're using NTFS see this:

AS a computer user and programmer from way back to '82, this was my first try –  
no it does not work either. Dos says it cannot see the folder.

The desperate thing is that windows also say something similar, yet I can click  
on McAfee and the Explorer goes to an empty folder. The address in the bar does

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indicate that I am at D:\Program Files\McAfee – so there must be a folder there except it is not seen by delete, rename and xcopy.

I shall try to xcopy again and give the order to ignore empty folders, that might just make it work. The /C continue if errors /H for hidden might also be of use/

Borge

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>NTFS4DOS:

><http://www.datapol-technologies.com/dpe/recovery/ntfs/index.html>

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>Galen

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◇ From: nesredep egrob

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