

RE: Can't copy from newly added workstation – " path is to deep"

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Hi

This information is on the error mentioned by you but encountered while deleting or renaming. It may be of help

SYMPTOMS

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When you attempt to open, delete, or rename a folder using Windows NT Explorer or File Manager, you may receive one of the following error messages:-

Cannot delete folder – path too Deep
Can't access this folder.

Path is too long

Some third-party anti-virus and tape backup programs may be unable to access files or folders with paths that are too long.

CAUSE

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This problem can occur if the path to the file or folder is longer than the file system can accommodate. For example, this problem may occur if you connect a drive to a share and then create a path over 255 characters to the share.

RESOLUTION

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To work around this issue, you can use the SUBST command to associate a drive letter with the long path to access the file or folder. To do so, follow these steps:

1. At a command prompt, change to the parent folder containing the file or folder you are attempting use.
2. To assign a drive letter to the location, type the following command "subst <drive>: ." (without the quotation marks) where <drive> is an available drive letter and "." is a period, indicating the current folder.
3. Type "exit" (without the quotation marks), and then press ENTER.

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NOTE: You can remove the virtual drive letter by typing "subst <drive>:/d" (without the quotation marks) at a command prompt.

You can also work around this issue by connecting recursively to the share on the server and using a drive letter to point to the share.

MORE INFORMATION

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The hard disk's file system determines the maximum number of characters in the path to a file or folder from the Win32 API variable MAX_PATH. The File Allocation Table (FAT) for MS-DOS, Protected-Mode FAT (VFAT) for Windows 95, and NT File System (NTFS) file systems are usually limited to 255 characters in a path.

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