

# RE: Folder Permissions

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Dunno if this will help you or not, but Windows won't let Limited User Accounts access certain files. As the other folks have said, you'll have to start changing permissions on the files/directories that are locked.

Now, doing this enables the Limited User to have access to files/directories that are normally reserved only for Administrators. This can cause problems, especially with technically oriented users who want to mess around in these directories.

Most well-behaved programs will allow the user to save things to areas that are pre-defined by the software developer. I'd suggest you talk to the software manufacturer for a solution.

"N" wrote:

- > Hello,
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- > I'm using XP SP2 home edition with the NTFS filesystem. I've only started
- > using Windows a week ago, so I'm sure this is very basic, but... this is the
- > "basics" group, right? I have three users set up, one administrator and two
- > normal ones. When I tried to install an application as the normal user,
- > Windows refused and said I needed to do it as the administrator. So I did
- > that. The problem is that now, when the normal users run the application,
- > they can't save their settings because all of the application-specific
- > folders installed by the administrator account are read-only.
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- > When I right-click on the folder and bring up the Properties I see a
- > checkbox for "Read Only" so I uncheck that and click Apply. A second dialog
- > box then comes up asking if I want to apply the change "unset readonly" to
- > just the folder or to the folders and all subfolders and files. I choose all
- > subfolders and files, click OK, OK on the main dialog box, and everything
- > appears to succeed. There are no error messages, anyway.
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- > But the normal users still can't save their settings. What's worse, when I
- > go back to the same folder(s) and look at their properties, the "read only"
- > checkbox is checked again! What's the solution to this? Ideally what I want
- > is to keep most of the application read-only but allow write access to the
- > folders that contain per-user settings information.

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> I looked around at the support documents, but they're either obsolete or  
> ignore the separation between "home edition" and "professional," so they talk  
> about assigning permissions to specific users and groups, which I can't do  
> with Home Edition. If upgrading is the only solution, I'll do that, but would  
> rather save my pennies for other things.  
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> Thanks!  
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> Tim  
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> PS Can anyone recommend a good book? I write kernel code for embedded  
> systems, so I don't need the touch-feely "Wow! This is a window!" sort of  
> thing. I need to know how to make XP a usable tool, and do the kind of stuff  
> here that I could accomplish with a few keystrokes in any other OS. Any  
> suggestions would be very helpful.

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- **References:**

- ◆ **Folder Permissions**

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