

# Re: Cannot rename or delete folders in Windows XP

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Hi

Windows won't let you rename various folders as they are managed by the System. Renaming – those folders can result in an usable version of Windows. I think you will find that the 'unrenamable' folders are there 'by design' – so doubt if they will be 'fixed' in SP2.

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"Dan" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:437c01c3fece\$54cfabc0\$a301280a@phx.gbl...

>I have been fighting this problem for the last year or so  
> now. It is so retarded that Windows XP doesn't allow you  
> to rename or delete folders. It always "thinks" it is  
> being used and it is always wrong. I have to reboot in  
> order to be able to rename or delete anything. It is a  
> hit or miss on which file or folder is protected by  
> Windows XP, regardless of what hard drive or partitions  
> they are on, and not allowed to be renamed or deleted. I  
> have tried "everything" over the last year including a  
> clean install of XP, but it just came right back. I am  
> convinced this is a problem unresolved by Microsoft and  
> needs to be fixed in SP2. I've tried upgrading hardware  
> as well in the process and the new hardware has the same  
> issue. I just wish there was a way to notify them of it  
> without having to pay \$35 I do not have in my budget. Any  
> suggestions how to resolve this issue? Although XP  
> remains a solid and stable O/S, it has annoying issues  
> like this which have never been resolved by Microsoft.  
> Thanks in advance.

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Dan

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