

## Re: XP says "Kaye's Documents" but Win98 says "My Documents"

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Jack wrote:

> *Whoa -- that is scary!*

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Too damn right; and here's something else about 8.3 aliases that is just as worrying....

If you need to restore your files from a backup (you know, the sfac copies you create religiously ;-)) \*there is no guarantee\* that the 8.3 short-name aliases of the restored files is the same as those of the original files!

That, and the command line/batch file problem is the reason I originally disabled 8.3 alias creation – until I installed NAV2002.

Regards,

Parish

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> "Parish" <me@privacy.net> wrote in message

> news:c0tu89\$1bb0he\$1@ID-206197.news.uni-berlin.de...

>> Sharon F wrote:

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>>> On Tue, 17 Feb 2004 14:44:56 -0500, Jack wrote:

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>>>> Yes, of course -- but since when can't Win 98 read more than 12 characters

>>>> in a folder name? I mean it's strange that such is the case in this

>>>> particular situation.

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>>>> Long file names can be a strange beast. It wouldn't even crop up if

>>>> networking wasn't involved. When setting up my home LAN, I got the

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>> > *impression that the limitation was actually on the WinXP side of things*  
>> > *(vague memory of computer name being limited to 8 characters anyhow).*  
> Was  
>> > *suprised to read that the notification you saw referred to Win98.*  
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>>  
>> *No, it's 98 and, believe it or not, NT that is limited to 12 chars.*  
>>  
>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;q237791>  
>>  
>> *The above doesn't mention NT but the bottom of this page does:*  
>> <http://www.winxpsolution.com/UnderstandSharedfolderXPPro.aspx>  
>>  
>> *Just a thought; 8.3 filenames are 11 chars + the dot – maybe that's*  
>> *something to do with it?*  
>>  
>> *I do hope that in Longhorn MS will finally drop support for 8.3*  
>> *filenames and all the hassles it brings.*  
>>  
>> *You can stop XP (and W2K) creating the 8.3 aliases by setting*  
>> *NtfsDisable8dot3NameCreation to 1 in*  
>> *HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\FileSystem but even*  
>> *some modern programs, such as Norton AV (at least NAV 2002) won't*  
>> *install properly if you do.*  
>>  
>> *It can also be dangerous on the command line, especially in batch files:*  
>>  
>> *C:\usr\radan\msg>dir \*1.std*  
>> *Volume in drive C has no label.*  
>> *Volume Serial Number is A00E-8176*  
>>  
>> *Directory of C:\usr\radan\msg*  
>>  
>> *26/07/2002 11:34 3,311 ageneral0.STD*  
>> *26/07/2002 11:29 30,777 bgeneral0.STD*  
>> *26/07/2002 11:29 8,733 dgeneral0.STD*  
>> *26/07/2002 11:29 5,649 edithelp0.STD*  
>> *26/07/2002 11:30 10,667 igeneral0.STD*  
>> *26/07/2002 11:30 83,116 pgeneral0.STD*  
>> *24/10/2001 11:08 2,851 plisthelp0.STD*  
>> *26/07/2002 11:30 14,731 p\_mdrhelp0.STD*  
>> *26/07/2002 11:30 4,885 p\_ptnhelp0.STD*  
>> *26/07/2002 11:30 3,117 p\_winhelp0.STD*  
>> *10 File(s) 167,837 bytes*  
>> *0 Dir(s) 49,012,477,952 bytes free*  
>>  
>> *So where are any files there that match '\*1.std'???*  
>>  
>> *If we now try:*  
>>  
>> *C:\usr\radan\msg>dir /x \*1.std*

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>>  
>> *Oh, look, the short names all end in '~1'. Good job that was 'DIR' not*  
>> *'DEL'!!! And yes, I have been bitten by that one (using DEL), that's how*  
>> *I know about it, but it took bloody ages to find out why!*  
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>> *Regards,*  
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>> *Parish*  
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