

## Re: Unable to delete .avi file

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The file is probably still locked into the program you used to download it.

IE: KaZaa, Warez P2P, whatever it is.

These are programs you shouldn't have installed to begin with unless you like adware, viruses, worm's and the likes.

Uninstall the program and you will be able to delete the file.

If it wasn't a P2P download then try rebooting and deleting immediately after reboot.

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If I can help you I will.

If you can help me thanks.

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TO Email: Remove "SPAM" without the quotes

Useful Links

AdAware:

[www.lavasoftusa.com/software/adaware/](http://www.lavasoftusa.com/software/adaware/)

Spybot S & D:

[www.safer-networking.org/](http://www.safer-networking.org/)

Check for Parasites/Worms:

[www.gemal.dk/browserspy/parasites.html](http://www.gemal.dk/browserspy/parasites.html)

Blaster Security Patch:

<http://www.microsoft.com/security/incident/blast.asp>

TweakUI and other PowerToys:

[www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/downloads/powertoys.asp](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/downloads/powertoys.asp)

"Simon" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message

news:B116B56C-0956-418D-BC35-5F1931536C51@microsoft.com...

>I partially downloaded an .avi file last week. Although the icon

>representing this folder is a Windows Media Player icon, WMP cannot open it

>because the file is "corrupt" (ie, assumed it was only partially

>downloaded). When I open this file in DivX Codec, it plays the file to the

>extent to which it was downloaded (about 20 minutes of a 30-minute video

>file).

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> I want to delete this file, but everytime I try to delete or drag it into

> the recycle bin, I get a message saying Windows XP cannot perform the

> action because the "file is in use by another program." I get this message

> even when all other applications are closed. I even used the Task Manager

> to confirm that no other applications were running that I was unaware of.

> I can change the file properties off and on from "hidden," "read only," or

> "archive" but not change the name.

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> Anybody know of a way that I can delete this file?