

## Re: file become unaccessible after moving

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When you ran the steps to take ownership, did you just do the sub-folder or did you start at the My Documents level and include the option to make the change for all sub-folders as well. If you did it only at the level of the subfolder, I would start at a higher level of the folder hierarchy, My Documents, instead of simply at the level of the subfolder. It's possible the master folder's rights are superseding the rights of the subfolder, at least for these files.

Another possibility would be if the sub-folder is encrypted. If this is an encrypted folder, that might be the issue.

If the first paragraph doesn't work and the second paragraph doesn't apply, you might try taking this question to the windowsxp.security\_admin newsgroup as they might be able to figure out what's wrong and how to deal with it.

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DTS-L.Org: http://www.dts-l.org/
<anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:1b8701c48c85$254c1a60$a301280a@phx.gbl...
> I'm am moving from one sub directory in my document to
> another in my documents.
>
> They are in "my document/bids" and i moved them to "my
> document/udot" I have tried to move them back but they
> are still not accessible
>
> Steve
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>>-----Original Message-----
>>I'm not sure what else could cause this type of issue.
> If you are moving
>>these files to CD-R disks, it would make sense. Then,
> it would just be a
>>case of needing to copy such a file back to the hard
> drive in order to
>>access that version of the file. However, if you are
> moving the file from
>>one location to another on your hard drive, I'm not sure
> what else might
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>>cause such an issue.
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> message
>>news:191801c48c7e$9c95afc0$a601280a@phx.gbl...
>>> Thanks Mike
>>>
>>> I just tried that and it still gives me the error
>>> message 'can not access read-only
>>> document "libraryxx.xls"'
>>>
>>> I then click "OK" and the next error message displayed
>>> is 'can not access "libraryxx.xls"'
>>>
>>> Any other ideas?
>>>
>>> Steve
>>>
>>>>-----Original Message-----
>>>>This sounds like a file ownership issue related to
>>>> NTFS. Note, file
>>>>ownership and permissions supersede administrator
>>>> rights. How you resolve
>>>>it depends upon which version of XP you are running.
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>>>>XP-Home
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>>>>Unfortunately, XP Home using NTFS is essentially hard
>>>> wired for "Simple File
>>>>Sharing" at system level.
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>>>>However, you can set XP Home permissions in Safe Mode.
>>>> Reboot, and start
>>>>hitting F8, a menu should eventually appear and one of
>>>> the
>>>>options is Safe Mode. Select it. Note, it will ask
>>>> for
>>>> the administrator's
>>>>password. This is not your administrator account,
>>>> rather it is the
>>>>machine's administrator account for which users are
>>>> asked to create a
>>>>password during setup.
>>>>
>>>>If you created no such password, when requested, leave
>>>> blank and press
>>>>enter.
>>>>
>>>>Open Explorer, go to Tools and Folder Options, on the
>>>> view tab, scroll to
>>>>the bottom of the list, if it shows "Enable Simple File
>>>> Sharing" deselect it
>>>>and click apply and ok. If it shows nothing or won't
>>>> let you make a change,
>>>>move on to the next step.
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>>>>Navigate to the files, right click, select properties,
>>> go to the Security
>>>>tab, click advanced, go to the Owner tab and select the
>>> user that was logged
>>>>on when you were refused permission to access the
>>> files. Click apply and
>>>>ok. Close the properties box, reopen it, click add and
>>> type in the name of
>>>>the user you just enabled. If you wish to set
> ownership
>>> for everything in
>>>>the folder, at the bottom of the Owner tab is the
>>> following selection:
>>>>"Replace owner on subcontainers and objects," select it
>>> as well.
>>>>
>>>>Once complete, you should be able to do what you wish
>>> with these files when
>>>>you log back on as that user.
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>>>>XP-Pro
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>>>>If you have XP Pro, temporarily change the limited
>>> account to
>>>>administrative. First, go to Windows Explorer, go to
>>> Tools, select Folder
>>>>Options, go to the View tab and be sure "Use Simple
> File
>>> Sharing" is not
>>>>selected. If it is, deselect it and click apply and
> ok.
>>>>
>>>>If you wish everything in a specific folder to be
>>> accessible to a user,
>>>>right click the folder, select properties, go to the
>>> Security tab, click
>>>>Advanced, go to the Owner tab,
>>>>select the user you wish to have access, at the bottom
>>> of the box, you
>>>>should see a check box for "Replace owner on
>>> subcontainers and objects,"
>>>>place a check in the box and click apply and ok.
>>>>
>>>>The user should now be able to perform necessary
>>> functions on files in the
>>>>folder even as a limited account. If not, make it an
>>> admin account again,
>>>>right click the folder, select Properties, go to the
>>> Security tab and be
>>>>sure the user is listed in the user list. If not,
> click
>>> add and type the
>>>>user name in the appropriate box, be sure the user has
>>> all the necessary
>>>>permissions checked in the permission list below the
>>> user list, click apply
>>>>and ok.
>>>>
>>>>That should do it and allow whatever access you desire
>>> for that folder even
>>>>in a limited account.
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>>>>"Steve" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in
>>> message
>>>>news:011f01c48ad8$84c664e0$a601280a@phx.gbl...
>>>> After moving a file (doc, xls qpd, wpd) with windows
>>>> explorer the file becomes unaccessible. When I try
> to
>>>>> open the file I get the error message "can not access
>>>>> read only file" This file was not a read only file
> to
>>>>> start with. I check the properties and it is not
>>> listed
>>>>> as a read only file. I click the yes button to open
> as
>>>>> read only then I get a second popup that says "access
>>>>> denied". The file is now not accessible by any
>>> program.
>>>>>
>>>>> How can I gain access to these 60 some odd files and
>>> what
>>>>> do I need to do to stop it from happening again?
>>>>>
>>>>> Thanks
>>>>> Steve
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