

Re: deleting undeletable files

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Try going outside of windows to delete it, as described below.

If your hard drive is FAT32, a plain DOS boot disk should be enough. You might have to use the ATTRIB command, before the ERASE command.

If the hard drive is NTFS, then the first option would be the XP recovery console, run from the XP CDROM or from the downloadable floppy set, free from Microsoft. However, as I recall, the recovery console only works within C:\windows, unless you pre-set some registry entry to let you do otherwise, then use the SET command in the recovery console to allow all paths. Links about the recovery console:

http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/win_xp_rec.htm

http://www.wown.com/j_helmig/wxprcons.htm

<http://www.xxcopy.com/xxcopy33.htm>

Info on SET, see Microsoft article 235364.

Non-Microsoft solutions include (1) Bart's PE builder, which helps you make a bootable CD that runs a form of XP, but without most of the security features, like passwords and file ownership. (2) KNOPPIX, a LINUX variant that runs from CD. You will need to use "captive NTFS" to read/write on NTFS drives. (3) Other rescue CDs, mostly LINUX based and with varying levels of support for NTFS. Just type "rescue CD" in a web search.

"Chris" <Chris@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:824255F6-E028-4CE6-BF6D-4A8DBB5F984F@microsoft.com...
> *Okay okay, this might have been posted before, but I searched and came up*
> *blank.*
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> *There is a program running on my computer, I know exactly where it is,*
> *what's it's called and all that. It runs in my process list of my Task*
> *Manager, but when I try to stop it, I get some sort of critical system*
> *error*
> *message. I tried to delete it with safe mode, cmd prompt, closing*

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- > *explorer.exe and then trying it then reloading it, and nothing worked. It*
- > *isn't being picked up by any of my virus scanners/spyware apps so I am not*
- > *sure what to do. It eats up my computers usage then my computer is very*
- > *very*
- > *slow. it runs when I start up my desktop. I tried to disable it through*
- > *msconfig, but it just comes back. I tried to delete the registry entrys,*
- > *but*
- > *they came back. Anyone know of a way of deleting it? I remember a while*
- > *back*
- > *reading something about being able to use the cmd prompt to delete a file,*
- > *but I forgot what had to be inputted in order for it to work. Some sort of*
- > *string that bypassed the settings and the recycling bin and all that, but*
- > *like I said I do not remember. ANY AND ALL HELP IS APPRECIATED THANK*
- > *YOU!!!*