

Re: Scheduled tasks don't end

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The confusion arose in that your original post showed:

```
Line5 1>>c:\test.log 2>>&1
```

as opposed to those two parameters being a part of line 4. I had stripped off the "Line x" notation knowing that wasn't valid for bat files, but when the bat file failed I put them back in thinking that perhaps there'd been some sort of syntax change made since I last had an occasion to use bat files.

Anyway, it's 11pm in California, USA so I'll try the corrected bat file in the morning.

Check back tomorrow.

BTW, where are you? You're 19 hours ahead of us here in the US. Australia is 17 hours, so I assume you're somewhere in the orient?

Thanks,
Bill

"Pegasus (MVP)" <I.can@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:Op9AysbDHHA.4728@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Sorry, I can see no test log. Furthermore it seems you ran an invalid batch file. I added the line headers "Line1" etc. to show you where each line starts. You must, of course, remove these line headers! I attach a copy of the batch file so that you can see what it looks like. You may have to instruct your news reader not to suppress the attachment.

"Bill" <stanton@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
[news:n4I8h.1778\\$tM1.1578@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](news:n4I8h.1778$tM1.1578@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

As you can see from the "test log", I couldn't get the bat file to run directly.

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```
ShortTestJob.bat: =====  
Line1 @echo off  
Line2 echo %date% %time% Start of task > c:\test.log  
Line3 echo User=%UserName%, Path=%path% >> c:\test.log  
Line4 "c:\Program Files\WINZIP\WINZIP32.EXE /autorunjobfile"  
"C:\BackUpJobs-WinZip\ShortTestJob.wjf"  
Line5 1>>c:\test.log 2>>&1  
Line6 echo ErrorLevel of winzip=%ErrorLevel% >> c:\test.log  
Line7 echo %date% %time% End of task >> c:\test.log  
=====
```

```
Resulting test.log: =====  
'Line5' is not recognized as an internal or external command,  
operable program or batch file.  
=====
```

If I run it from "scheduled", I just get a DOS prompt from the directory c:\Windows\system32> where the scheduled job was:

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe "c:\ShortTestJob.bat"  
(fails with or without the quotes)
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"Pegasus (MVP)" <I.can@xxxxxxx> wrote in message news:OIRdfUSDHHA.3212@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Fine. Now instead of invoking this command directly, invoke the following batch file under the Task Scheduler:

```
Line1 @echo off  
Line2 echo %date% %time% Start of task > c:\test.log  
Line3 echo User=%UserName%, Path=%path% >>  
c:\test.log  
Line4 "c:\Program Files\WINZIP\WINZIP32.EXE  
/autorunjobfile"  
"C:\BackUpJobs-WinZip\Apps-1-Mon.wjf"  
Line5 1>>c:\test.log 2>>&1  
Line6 echo ErrorLevel of winzip=%ErrorLevel% >>  
c:\test.log  
Line7 echo %date% %time% End of task >> c:\test.log
```

Schedule the job, then examine c:\test.log. I suspect that Winzip starts but never ends because it is waiting for some user input.

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etc., I "Run"
the task.
The MS XP
Home SP2
system
shows the
task
"running",
but it never
ends. The
Winzip log
shows no
irregularities
when run
directly, so
there must
be
something
amiss
with the
task
scheduler.
All of the
Norton
tasks seem
to
run okay,
but like I
said, the
Winzip jobs
don't end.

Prior to
using
Winzip for
backups, I
using
Stomp's
BackUpMyPC
on the same
offending
system with
the
same
results, i.e.,
the job
simply
never ends.

Any ideas
what might

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be causing
all of
this???

Thanks,
Bill

You write "there must be something amiss with the task scheduler". This is extremely unlikely. It is far more likely that there is something wrong with your job, and this is what you should concentrate on.

As a first step, please post the exact command line you're running with the Task Scheduler. Without this line we can only guess where the problem lies.