

# Re: Cannot Delete File

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Linda wrote:

I have a file (called "00000012." with no extension) with a creation date of seven years ago – before this computer was manufactured – and my guess is that it is a remnant of a program that was installed and later removed.

When viewed in windows explorer the file appears to be 57 MB. The file

properties, however, report that its size is zero bytes. The folder properties, report that there is one file of 57 MB contained. When I try to delete the file, I get error "Cannot delete file: Cannot read from the

source file or disk." When I try to delete the folder, I get error "Cannot delete 00000012: Cannot find the specified file."

I cannot delete either the file or the folder using windows explorer.

I also cannot delete the file or remove the directory using the command

prompt. I error checked the disk with both MS and Norton utilities.

I tried a Norton "Wipe Info" utility, but received error message "Access

Denied." Nothing works.

Undeletable Files:

<http://aumha.org/a/stubborn.php>

[http://www.petri.co.il/delete\\_undeletable\\_files.htm](http://www.petri.co.il/delete_undeletable_files.htm)

[http://www.dougknox.com/xp/tips/xp\\_undeletable\\_file.htm](http://www.dougknox.com/xp/tips/xp_undeletable_file.htm) – Pocket KillBox

<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/files/killbox.php>

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