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Hi Frank – The following is from my Blog, Defending Your Machine, addy below in my Signature. You can try any or all and see what works for you, but I suspect tha Delete Invalid File is what you need:

"Sometimes the tools below will find files which they are unable to delete because they are in use.

A program called Copylock, here, <http://noeld.com/programs.asp?cat=misc> can aid in the process of "replacing, moving, renaming or deleting one or many files which are currently in use (e.g. system files like comctl32.dll, or virus/trojan files.)"

Another is Killbox by Option Explicit, Beta version available here: <http://www.killbox.net/downloads/beta/KillBox.exe> Overview directions are available here: <http://www.killbox.net/help.html#Top> Read carefully – this tool is quite powerful.

A third which is a bit different but often very useful is Delete Invalid File, here: <http://www.purgeie.com/delinv.htm> which handles invalid/UNC file/folder name deleting, rather than the in use problem.

A fourth useful program is Unlocker, here: <http://ccollomb.free.fr/unlocker/> " Simply right click the folder or file and select Unlocker. If the folder or file is locked, a window listing of lockers will appear. Simply select the lockers and click Unlock and you are done!" Works as advertised and is particularly helpful in identifying malware components which are 'protecting' each other.

A fifth is FileASSASSIN, here: <http://www.malwarebytes.org/fileassassin.php> "FileASSASSIN can delete locked malware files on your system. It uses advanced techniques to unload modules, close remote handles, and terminate processes to allow the removal of the file."

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Regards, Jim Byrd, MVP, DTS, ASVOP

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<http://defendingyourmachine.blogspot.com/>

In [news:%23aN%239IZOHHA.488@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:%23aN%239IZOHHA.488@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx),

Frank Martin <fm@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> typed:

|| I have a file that will not be deleted, moved  
|| or renamed. When I try I get the error  
|| message:

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|| "Cannot delete File: Cannot read from the  
|| source file or disk."

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|| Is there some way around this problem?

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|| Please help.

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