

Re: Unable to rename folders

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Pegasus.

Thanks for that I will do, tho' I am not sure if I can get it to boot into safe mode! One more of it's problems<s>

If I can't start in safe mode I will do it in normal boot.
Incidentally the folders where I most frequently operate and so find the most problems is not under Docs and Settings. But maybe you just used that as an example.

Thanks again

Nigel

"Pegasus (MVP)" <I.can@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
[news:OFgyh\\$pcHHA.4984@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](news:OFgyh$pcHHA.4984@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Try this:

- Close all applications.
- Click Start / Run / cmd {OK}
- Type these commands:
cd /d "c:\Documents and Settings\Nigel\My Documents" {Enter}
(type the actual path to the parent of the problem folder)
- ren abc xyz {Enter}
(type actual folder names)
- Report what you see. Verbatim, please, none of this "etc." stuff!
- Try the above test while in Safe Mode.

"Nigel Andrews" <nandrews2@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
[news:nI_Oh.19933\\$711.897@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](news:nI_Oh.19933$711.897@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Rock,

Thanks for that info. Then that is not the cause of the main problem.
Can you offer any suggestions why the Rename fails? There error says that the folder maybe write protected etc. So it also shows when I try to Move such a folder or delete it.

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Thanks again

Nigel

"Rock" <Rock@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:%23P0ujWkcHHA.4516@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

"Nigel Andrews" <nandrews2@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote

I am finding often when I have changed a filename within a folder I am then unable to rename the folder that contains it. It even seems if I merely Copy the filename text, to past it elsewhere, then the folder containing that file cannot be renamed. Only if I then reboot can I rename that folder.

I note that all my folders have a Read Only attribute, but as my other PC's do aswell I assume this is normal.

The read only setting for folders is ignored by windows. Folders are always open for reading. Actually it's not set to read only. There are three states for it. It's actually in an indeterminate state. You can see the three states for clicking on the box and seeing how it cycles.

See this article for more info:
You Cannot View or Change the Read-Only or System Attribute of Folders
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/326549/en-us>

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Rock [MS-MVP User/Shell]

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