

# Re: Want to log bug against windows xp

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Now a days normal user also have good system knowledge so all are aware of these things.  
May i know the decision.

"Pegasus (MVP)" wrote:

See below.

"Karthikeyan S" <[KarthikeyanS@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:KarthikeyanS@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:653FF900-0423-4BCF-B0A3-FCB3A049AA3E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:653FF900-0423-4BCF-B0A3-FCB3A049AA3E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Thats fine.

If you delete the drive with shared folder through Computer Management, system would not ask any question about the shared folder it simply delete the drive.

Deleting a partition is a maintenance function, not a user function. People experienced in maintaining a system can be expected to know about shares that point to the partition that is about to be deleted.

OS should not behave like this because if i have created 1000 folders and shared using script.

... and you should not delete a partition when you are fully aware that Windows has 1000 shares pointing to it.

Now i don't want the files which are all present in the 1000 folders and i don't want to share these folder in future but i want the same 1000 folders with the same name, so i just deleted the drive and recreated the 1000 folder

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using script as soon as i create the 1000 folder the OS automatically share these folders but actually i don't want to share now what to do?

I have to manually remove the share or i have to write one more script to unshare all these folders.

You can delete them in the registry  
(hklm/system/currentcontrolset/services/lanmanserver/shares)  
or you can list them with this command:  
net share  
then delete them with your script.

As per users perspective its a bug. OS should not share automatically.

Here is the Wikipedia definition of a bug:  
"A software bug is an error, flaw, mistake, failure, or fault in a computer program that prevents it from behaving as intended (e.g., producing an incorrect result). Most bugs arise from mistakes and errors made by people in either a program's source code or its design, and a few are caused by compilers producing incorrect code."

What you report is clearly not a bug but a design decision by the makers of Windows.

Regards,  
Karthikeyan S

"Shenan Stanley" wrote:

Karthikeyan S wrote:

I am Karthikeyan S, as a Tester.

I want to log a bug against windows XP. It would be great if any one provide a link where i can report and discuss about my issues in Microsoft.com

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Pegasus (MVP) wrote:

Since the vast majority of problems perceived as "bugs" are based on misunderstandings or insufficient knowledge, it would be best if you presented your findings in this forum for discussion before submitting them to Microsoft as a bug report.

Karthikeyan S wrote:

Thanks a lot for reply back.

I have couple of questions which i have mentioned below.

What will happen if delete an existing data drive(other than System drive) through Manage computer?

Is there any place the OS will store all the files and folders information which were presented in the deleted data drive?

Pegasus (MVP) wrote:

If you delete a data drive (e.g. by deleting the partition) then all files on that partition will be lost. This is by design.

Karthikeyan S wrote:

Thanks a lot again.

Its not happening in XP Professional.

Please go thorough below mentioned scenario.

Machine Configuration is:  
Win XP Pro EN 32-bit  
Hard disk: 40G

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I installed XP Professional on C: drive the size is 10GB, In the unallocated space in the hard drive i have created two 15GB data drive like D: and E:.

In D:\ i have created a shared folder name called 'VMWares' in which i have kept some VMWares, due to the space constrain i want to have entire 30GB as a single drive so i have deleted the drives D: and E:.

From Manage computer i have created a single 30GB drive called D:.  
Then i open My Computer and open D: drive and created a folder called 'VMWares' the same shared folder name which i had before creating the new single Drive.

As soon as i created this new VMWares folder the OS automatically shared this folder.

Observation:

Even though you have formatted and created a new drive it happens.

OS automatically shared the new folders with the same shared folder name which we had before deleting and formatting the drive.

So as per my use case its a bug.

Please let me know if you have any concerns.

Did you remove the share before removing the partitions and creating the new partition?

What I see happening here is that you had created a partition and a shared

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(assuming network) folder on that partition. You then –  
without removing  
the share – blew away the entire partition the shared folder  
pointed to.  
Essentially – the shared folder still existed – but anyone  
attempting to  
get  
to it at this point – well – would have failed.

You then created a new partition that happened to have the  
same drive  
letter  
as the original. You then created a folder in that new  
partition that  
had  
the same name as the original shared folder. The share you  
had before  
was  
Drive\_Letter:\Shared\_Folder\ and you never deleted said  
share. You  
created  
the exact same path for the share to point to –  
Drive\_Letter:\Shared\_Folder\.

Now if you are saying you went in and properly removed the  
shared folder  
first, then deleted the partitions, then created a new partition  
and  
folder  
and Windows XP magically created a share pointing to that  
new partition  
folder – that's weird.

I think you are confusing a 'share' with the actual data it  
\*points\* to.  
While it is true that if you had gone in before deleting the  
partition  
and  
recreating it and simplete deleted the directory the share  
points to, it  
would have warned you that you it was going to delete the  
share as well –  
you by-passed that and literally just pulled the rug out from  
under it.

What I would more simply equate what you did to would be  
this:

You purchase an external hard disk drive and plug it into  
your system.  
It

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comes up as drive E:\. You create a folder on that drive called "My Stuff on Drive E" and create a shortcut to that folder on your desktop – which by default would be called "Shortcut to My Stuff on Drive E". You do one of the following things:

- 1) Open up my computer and delete the folder on drive E called, "My Stuff on Drive E".
- 2) You unplug the drive from the computer (or turn it off in some fashion.)
- 3) You format Drive E.

The shortcut on your desktop is unaffected. It has \*no idea\* what you have done to drive E until you try to use it. If you were to (1 or 3) recreate the folder – the shortcut would work again. If you were to (2) reconnect/power on the drive – the shortcut would function again.

Now – that is over-simplified, as there is a bit more connectivity and error checking involved in the shared folders – but I don't believe it checks to see if you are going to yank the partition table out from under it... (Nor would I think it should.) It does check when you simply delete the folder and will give you the message, "You are sharing D:\vmwares as vmwares. Others may be using files in this folder. If you delete the folder, it will no longer be shared. Are you sure you want to delete it?" However – again – you are not simply deleting the folder – you have decided to go in

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at a lower level and kill off the partition information – so the share information is still stored and will be left wondering where the share went.

Your case is only unique because you created the same drive letter/shared folder name.

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Shenan Stanley  
MS-MVP

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