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I don't think your tests were all that helpful. They showed that I could get a directory of those folders (I knew that) and could create new files. The problem is reading existing files.

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Pegasus (MVP) wrote:

The data you posted tells me two things:

- You are a member of the Administrators group.
- The permission structure for the Collection folder defines the access rights for a number of users. All of them have full and unrestricted access, without exception.

The above tells me that you should be able to do anything you like with the Collection folder, yet you report otherwise.

Would you care to run this test?

- Click Start / Run / cmd {OK}

- Type the following commands:

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dir "d:\images\Collection" > c:\test.txt 2>&1 {Enter}
md "d:\images\Collection\Test" 1>>c:\test.txt 2>>&1 {Enter}
copy c:\test.txt "d:\images\Collection\Test" 1>>c:\test.txt 2>>&1 {Enter}
dir "d:\images\Collection\Test" >> c:\test.txt 2>>&1 {Enter}
notepad c:\test.txt{Enter}
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"Will Pittenger" <see.my.sig@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:eGVBg\\$6wIHA.4952@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:eGVBg$6wIHA.4952@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

See attached. The reinstall happened because I was experimenting with a program that emulated Vista on XP. However, it was crashing constantly, including during installation. I tried to uninstall it, but it crashed again. Next time I rebooted, a critical system file was missing. I was told to boot my system disk and use the repair option. However, I couldn't get far enough along to use the repair option because my XP install disk is SP1 and I had partitions extending past 137 GB. That disk wouldn't boot. I was able to use G4L to back up my partitons, so I

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could finally get that disk booting, but for some reason thought that I needed to backup the boot partition too. That failed. A partition with 32GB was supposedly stored in just 52 megs. I didn't notice until I was attempting to restore.

I did ensure that I own the folder.

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Pegasus (MVP) wrote:

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I needed to lock users out of a select folder due to privacy concerns. I know not to deny to all users and then attempt to allow in just select users. So I locked out just the users I needed to stay out. Then I found myself forced to reinstall Windows.

In the new installation, I tried something slightly different with that folder. I create a group containing just the members that had to stay out. I then denied to that group rather than to individual members. Trouble was, somehow, it acted like I was part of that group. (I could see the files, which others weren't supposed to be able to do, but that was it.) I never was. I verified that I wasn't by going to the window where it lists the effective rights for a user. I supposedly had all rights.

Eventually, I deleted all entries and reset it by inheriting from the parent folder. That provides full access to everyone. This, from the point of view of what I, as user, could do, changed nothing. I still can't open the files.

What is going on?

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- Why were you forced to re–install Windows?
- Did you ever try to seize ownership of the problem folder?
- What is the current permission structure of the problem folder?

To post the current permissions, do this:

- Click Start / Run / cmd {OK}
- Type these commands:
cacls "d:\My Folder\My Subfolder" > c:\perms.txt{Enter}
net user "%UserName%" >> c:\perms.txt{Enter}
notepad c:\perms.txt{Enter}
- Copy & paste this text into your reply.

d:\images\Collection BUILTIN\Administrators:(OI)(CI)F
BUILTIN\Backup Operators:(OI)(CI)F
CREATOR OWNER:(OI)(CI)(IO)F
Everyone:(OI)(CI)F
BUILTIN\Power Users:(OI)(CI)F
BUILTIN\Users:(OI)(CI)F
LUCY\Will Pittenger:(OI)(CI)F

User name Will Pittenger
Full Name
Comment
User's comment
Country code 000 (System Default)
Account active Yes
Account expires Never

Password last set 4–27–2008 6:0 am
Password expires Never
Password changeable 4–27–2008 6:0 am
Password required Yes
User may change password Yes

Workstations allowed All
Logon script
User profile
Home directory

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Last logon 5-31-2008 10:16 pm

Logon hours allowed All

Local Group Memberships *Administrators

Global Group memberships *None

The command completed successfully.