

## Cannot Delete File

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Yes, since there is no critical data on the drive, I thought this might be a quick solution to the problem.

Anyway, thanks for the information below. It is definitely helpful.

"WinGuy" <no\_spam@nomail.bot> wrote in message  
news:84RKc.24051\$112.14372@newssvr27.news.prodigy.com...  
> *Ok, RayM. So you took the sledge hammer approach already.*  
>  
> *The system itself has rights that supercede that of an administrator. For  
> example, some system files can not be deleted even by an administrator, a  
> file in use can not be deleted by an administrator, etc. A file can have  
> security properties that forbid an administrator from using it, in which  
> case the administrator first has to take ownership of the file and then  
set  
> the needed permissions for administrator access to the file.*  
> <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=308421>  
> *Here is a method some virus use to try to thwart file repair efforts:*  
> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb%3ben-us%3b120716>  
>  
> *Best wishes.*  
>  
>  
> "RayM" <RayM@nospam.com> wrote in message  
> news:40fbd408\$1\_1@news.tm.net.my...  
>> *Hi WinGuy,*  
>>  
>> *I have administrator's privilege and I'm pretty it has nothing to do  
with  
>> the file or folder properties. Since, the hard drive has been  
reformatted  
> I  
>> guess we would just have to forget about it. May be this is just another  
>> shortcoming of the Windows OS which is just inexplicable.*  
>>  
>> "WinGuy" <no\_spam@nomail.bot> wrote in message  
>>> news:xTyJc.20541\$Oz.15190@newssvr27.news.prodigy.com...  
>>> *Hi, Ray. Right-click that bothersome item and note all its Properties.*

> > *Tell*  
> > > *us what all the properties are set to for it, and be detailed. Also,*  
> *since*  
> > > *you have Pro, make sure your account has sufficient privileges for*  
*that*  
> > > *particular folder (which is just a file, check it's Security tab under*  
> *its*  
> > > *Properties – you can do this from Windows Explorer, too, but make sure*  
> > > *Explorer is configured to show ALL files, including hidden and system*  
> > *ones,*  
> > > *and hide them again when you're done).*  
> > >  
> > > *"RayM" <RayM@nospam.com> wrote in message*  
> > > *news:40f69153\$1\_1@news.tm.net.my...*  
> > > > *Have tried numerous methods and utilities by to no avail. This leave*  
> *me*  
> > > *with*  
> > > > *no choice but to reformat the hard drive.*  
> > > >  
> > > > *"RayM" <RayM@nospam.com> wrote in message*  
> > > > *news:407c9654\$1\_1@news.tm.net.my...*  
> > > > > *Hi Roger,*  
> > > > >  
> > > > > *Thanks for the advice but it doesn't work. The error says "The*  
> *system*  
> > > > *cannot*  
> > > > > *find the specified file."*  
> > > > >  
> > > > > *"roger" <sergiorogerdon'tspam@yahoo.com> wrote in message*  
> > > > > *news:p85o70lj6o7s15mv2mrqhcm949oa2o6kph@4ax.com...*  
> > > > > > *Hi Ray,*  
> > > > > >  
> > > > > > *On Tue, 13 Apr 2004 23:18:54 +0800, "RayM" <RayM@nospam.com>*  
> *wrote:*  
> > > > > >  
> > > > > > > *I have a folder in "Start Menu\Programs\" which I am not able*  
*to*  
> > > > > > *delete.*  
> > > > > > *The*  
> > > > > > > *error says "Cannot delete file: Cannot read from the source*  
*file*  
> *or*  
> > > > > > *disk".*  
> > > > > > > *Is there any other ways that I can get rid of the folder? I am*  
> > > *running*  
> > > > > > *Windows XP Pro SP1.*  
> > > > > > *Any advice will be very much appreciated.*  
> > > > > >  
> > > > > > *Try to boot in safe mode (F8) and delete it from there.*  
> > > > > >  
> > > > > > *Or open a command prompt (Start > Run > cmd) change directories*

