

Re: File names size limit?

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Hi, I posted this question some time ago with no luck, so I would like to give a try again in case there are new info about this. I would like to

know

the file name size limit in windows vista (or windows server 2003 if better). For NTFS the limit is 256 characters and this includes the whole path like c:\folder1\folder2\folder3....\folderN.
I know Microsoft was working in a new file system and was planning to include it with Vista but later they removed the proyect from Vista, this file system was SQL-based and I suppose the limit for the file names would be greatly increased...but now I dont know.
Any info?
Thanks!
Alejandro.

This is not correct. AFAIK, NTFS will support path lengths of some 32,000 characters. However, most (but not all!) Windows applications have a limit of 256 chars. Some applications, e.g. ntbackup.exe, can go much further.

If you have Vista, find out for yourself! You could run the following commands from a Command Prompt:

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cd \  
for /L %a in (1,1,30) do (md 1234567890 & cd 1234567890)
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If successful the command will create a path of some 300 chars.