

Re: cannot delete folders or files with empty security users

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Hi Alan. When you disabled the Inheritance from the parent you should have been given two options, one to copy the existing permissions and the other to remove the current permissions. If 'remove inherited permissions' was chosen, no permissions are applied to the file/folder and only the original owner can add the permissions to the folder. If you are the owner of the folder you can add the permissions Full Control to both the System and the user account and you will then be able to delete the folder.

If you do not have access to the account who is the owner of the folder you will have to logon to the server using an account with Administrative privileges and 'Take Ownership' of the folder.

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Hth,
Stuart Mackie
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"Alan" <Alan@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:7042C694-03CA-485B-890E-C27FB0852939@microsoft.com...
> Hi,
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> I am working on a standalone Windows Server 2003. In one folder, I
> disabled
> the "Allow Inheritance from parent" in the advanced security setting (in
> the
> security tab of the properties windows). Then, the Security tab of the
> properties window of that folder is empty and contains no groups or users.
> When I tried to delete that folder, the windows pop up some error message:
> "Cannot delete XXXX. Access is denied. Make sure the disk is not full or
> write-protected and that the file is not currently in use".
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> My question is: how can I delete a folder and all its files if the
> security
> tab of the properties window of the folder contains no group or users?
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> Thank you in advance,
>
> Alan Wu
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