

# Re: Cannot create "sys" folder anywhere

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I've just encountered this problem as well, however I'm running Windows XP professional... There is nothing named "sys" in the directory where I'm creating it. I cannot create a "sys" folder on and local drive or removable media (i.e. flash drive)... I tried creating a CD with a sys folder, and now I can't read it's contents... Similar error... I've searched google, performed virus scans etc and turned up nothing. Windows scandisk aborts right at the end of the second phase with an error, even when scheduled for reboot... The time that Clinton discovered this error as well would indicate to me that this is some sort of new net bound virus???

Any thoughts????

Clinton Frankland wrote:

Permissions are fine. I'm using a power user account, but I've also tried with the administrator account.

There are no entries in the event log when this happens.

"NickvW" wrote:

Clinton Frankland wrote:

I cannot create a folder named "sys" anywhere on my Windows 2003 server. When trying to create in a command prompt I receive "The system cannot find the file specified.", and in explorer I receive "Cannot rename New Folder: Cannot find the specified file.". I tried disabling McAfee in case that was doing something, and also tried logging in as Administrator. No luck. Has anyone ever seen this before?

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There doesn't seem to be anything special about the folder name sys. I can create and delete folders called sys on my Server 2003 box as an unprivileged user provided I have permission to do so.

Check the permissions of the folder where you are trying to create the sys folder.

Also check the system and application event logs for errors or warnings.

BTW there are a few names you cannot use for folders; try creating a folder called con, com1, lpt1 etc.

The OS won't allow you to create folders named after local devices, but sys shouldn't be a problem.

HTH

Nick