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Thread: [Can't change the icon of a .exe file. Seems to be protected?](#)

deedee - January 13, 2015, 3:53 pm

I'm trying to change the icon of a .exe file, normally a simple task but this .exe file is a installer and for some reason when after I change the icon, the exe shrinks in size from 300 mb to 12 kb and crashes when it runs.

I've tried using resource hacker to either replace the icon or remove it but when I try to save it, the result ends up as a tiny file which crashes when it runs. I also tried using IconChanger 3.8 and the same thing happened.

Is there some kind of protection against changing icons that I don't know about? What can I do in this situation?

G???????f????s? - January 13, 2015, 3:54 pm

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deedee - January 13, 2015, 4:03 pm

(Jan 13, 2015 04:54 PM)GrandTheftHorse Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) LMAO You've been here for a year and you only have nine posts. I find that funny.

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I was running as admin,

No dice, unfortunately...

Demoralise - January 13, 2015, 5:08 pm

Send me the exe file. I might be able to do this.

fenrir - January 14, 2015, 5:28 am

My guess is the file is way too big for the icon changer to handle.