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Thread: [\[Tut\]How to delete Locked/Undeleteable files/folders in Windows Vista/7](#)

J4mmy - January 15, 2011, 6:11 pm

Hello,

I will present you a powerful method to remove locked/undeleteable files from your computer that have given you headache and made you frustrated as nothing have worked.

Requirements[Unlocker 1.9.0](#)

Command Prompt

Administrative rights

The Process of Deletion

Install Unlocker 1.9.0 (If you have not already installed it). Now right-click the locked/undeleteable file/folder and click on Unlocker. Now the file should be unlocked (or if it does not contain locks, you will be represent with ability to choose what action you would like to perform with the file.) and now we want to bring up Command Prompt with Administrative Rights.

For this part i will be showing what to do with each, files and folders. Okay so first up is files, click Start, click All Programs, click Accessories, right-click Command Prompt, and then click Run as Administrator.

Type the following command and press ENTER:

Code TAKEOWN /F <filename>(Replace the text <filename> with the full path of the actual file.)

If the operation was successful, you should see the following message:

Code "SUCCESS: The file (or folder): "filename" now owned by user "Computer Name\User name"."Then to assign the Administrators group Full Control Permissions for the file, you may use the ICACLS command. Use this syntax:

Code ICACLS <filename> /grant administrators:F

Now you are able to delete the file that has been giving you headaches and frustration :)

Okay, next up folders. Again open up Command Prompt with administrative rights. Then use the following syntax:

Code takeown /f <foldername> /r /d yThen to assign the Administrators group Full Control Permissions for the folder, use this syntax:

Code icacls <foldername> /grant administrators:F /TThe /T parameter is added so that the operation is carried out through all the sub-directories and files within that folder.

Code Command-line help: To know more information about the above commands, run these

commands from a Command Prompt window.

takeown /?

icacls /?

Now you should be able to delete the folder that was before locked/undeletable.

Source for the explanation of the commands:

<http://www.winhelponline.com/blog/take-ownership-of-file-or-folder-windows-7-vista/>

I hope this helped you out with deleting the files that was not before able to of being deleted! All kind of feedback is appreciated.

Cheers,
J4mmy

L.J.Gibbs - January 15, 2011, 8:45 pm

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J4mmy - January 19, 2011, 11:38 am

(Jan 15, 2011 09:45 PM)RIPLEY11 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) sweet TUT man...now i can delete SYS32 with ease!

Thank you for the feedback, but i think the sentence after "... " was unnecessary.

Ankush - January 26, 2011, 2:47 am

Nice tutorial bro..its very helpful

Le Jeu Avant Tout - January 26, 2011, 8:58 am

Thanks helpful tut bro :)

J4mmy - January 26, 2011, 12:17 pm

Thanks for the positive feedback :) If you find out something is missing/something should be added, just post it.

~J4mmy

kh3ir0n - February 8, 2011, 8:38 pm

Thanks a lot I will try it! Normally what I do is to insert any live cd that I have around, and delete the file from outside of windows but this is very nice since I don't have to restart twice. Great TUT.

J4mmy - February 14, 2011, 4:58 am

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GI?ryallowed - February 14, 2011, 2:36 pm

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J4mmy - February 14, 2011, 2:39 pm

(Feb 14, 2011 03:36 PM)DarkXLord Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great tutorial, but there are tools like FileAssassin (From Malwarebytes) that can do it easily too :3

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J4mmy - February 14, 2011, 3:29 pm

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God damnit ??? Well better luck for me next time ?

kalick77 - February 14, 2011, 4:19 pm

great tut bro keep up the good work. =)

J4mmy - February 20, 2011, 3:42 am

Thanks for the positive feedback kalick77, it's always appreciated!

danidm - February 20, 2011, 6:48 am

Nice tutorial brooo....

helpful

J4mmy - February 20, 2011, 12:57 pm

Does anyone have any suggestions which might/should be added into this tutorial?

mistermaker - February 21, 2011, 9:51 am

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J4mmy - March 23, 2011, 9:46 am

(Feb 21, 2011 10:51 AM)mistermaker Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I've had this problem before. This is really useful. Thanks.

No problems fellow member. Good to know that it is useful.

Banana_ - April 6, 2011, 1:40 pm

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J4mmy - April 6, 2011, 4:55 pm

(Apr 6, 2011 01:40 PM)FuzzyBanana92 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This did not help me with my problem at all. ???

What does it say after you have used this methodology? I can TeamView you to see if i can help you out!

ComputerNerd - April 7, 2011, 12:09 am

OR you can just enable the hidden Super Administrator account,

Code net user Administrator \active:yes

-mothered- - April 7, 2011, 1:49 am

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Thanks.

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Thanks.

With this methodology i was able to delete undeletable Windows.old folders (There was quite a few of them) when assisting a friend of mine (Who is also from here), so i thought i'd make a guide on how to do it.

I hope that this will help out many users with their problem regarding deleting files that they have not been able to delete before.