

## Re: How do I remove files after Warez on FTP?

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In article <02cc01c29d65\$140ba380\$d3f82ecf@TK2MSFTNGXA10>, "Dan Elam" <[dan.elam@evisoryconsulting.com](mailto:dan.elam@evisoryconsulting.com)> wrote:

>Hi. We left an anonymous FTP connection on by accident  
>and got hit with a FTP tag. This is one is a little  
>different in that it was able to use spaces for all of  
>the directory name. That means that I can't use the  
>traditional "dir /x" to see what is in it. Any ideas on  
>a shareware recursing directory tool? I don't have  
>deltree.

Are they really spaces, or do they simply `_look_` like spaces?

The character 255 can look like a space, and you can use it to name a file – but only if you use quotes. So, for instance, in a command window, you can do:

```
copy con "^^.txt"
```

(where, each time you see a '^', you hold down the alt key, type 255 on the numeric keypad, then lift up the alt key)

and a directory listing will show:

```
12/06/2002 03:08 PM <DIR> .  
12/06/2002 03:08 PM <DIR> ..  
12/06/2002 03:08 PM 5   .txt
```

Try copy con ^^.txt, and you'll get a listing that has a file ".txt" (no preliminary space-like characters).

Try entering `rd` (short for `rmdir`), then a space, the options `/s/q`, then another space, an open quote (double quotes, not single!), and hit the TAB key for file-name completion. It'll cycle through all the names and eventually (or quickly) hit the one you want to remove. It'll even close the quotes for you. That should help you remove the file.

I'm getting tempted to write a program that'll allow you to browse a directory

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structure, and delete files no matter what their name, but I've got other things to do with my time – like selling a little software to make a crust :-).

Alun.

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