

Re: Still Read-only

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Thank you Roger.

After reading your last post and playing a bit, I see and understand what's going on now. Thanks for your help and patience in explaining it!

>-----Original Message-----

>You did nothing wrong, and nothing you do during
>or after an install of XP or W2k3 will make things
>turn out any differently.

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>That is how XP and W2k3 are.

>Having this checkbox behave that way does not
>imply anything other than that the system is behaving
>as it was designed to behave.

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>The checkbox in the properties of XP and W2k3
>folders that says Read-Only does not control the
>read-only attribute of the folder. It is a switch
>that can be used to set or unset the attribute on the
>files contained within the folder.

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>The NT family of operating systems does not use
>the Read-only attribute for much, but it does
>obey its meaning. In the NT family most access
>is controlled by use of permissions within the
>NTFS filesystem. File attributes, like read-only,
>are inherited from earlier DOS based systems.
>NT family mostly only uses attributes for marking
>system and hidden system files. File attributes
>and file permissions are different things. If you
>have security concerns it is the permissions that
>you should be dealing with.

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>If you want to get at the read-only attribute of
>folder objects, you must use the old attrib command
>in a cmd prompt.

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>*"Thrasyl" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message*

>*news:05b301c3985b\$90079dd0\$a601280a@phx.gbl...*

>> *"That is how it is" really doesn't help me understand how*

>> *it got that way, how to change it, or what else that*

>> *having the system in this condition might imply.*

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>> *I am obviously concerned about the system's security and*

>> *understanding what change in permissions or policy*

>> *settings could possibly cause this type of behavior would*

>> *further shed light on the security implications related*

>> *to this behavior.*

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>> *Since my original post, I have had discussions with*

>> *several people who, in the process of taking interest in*

>> *my post, discovered similar behavior on their own*

>> *installations. Yet, none of these people could give any*

>> *reason that this behavior exists or should exist. They*

>> *merely noted that it didn't seem to cause them*

>> *problems.*

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>> *Of all of my concerns, the most interesting to me right*

>> *now is how have these settings survived multiple*

>> *reformatings and reinstallation, even on separate*

>> *partitions.*

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>> *I do not recall there being any option in the XP Pro*

>> *installation that would allow me to come even close to*

>> *creating this kind of thing.*

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