

Re: "Read-only" Folders

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Yup. "Dos attrib command" – that's why. A surprising number of anti-Windows folks tell me that Windows (the current stuff – XP/2003) is based on DOS. I try to stamp that myth out every time I get the chance.

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I'd be a lot less frustrated if people were convinced that it's really VMS under the hood. But that's other history, I suppose.

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"Roger Abell [MVP]" <mvpNoSpam@asu.edu> wrote in message

news:%23Ef6kX56DHA.2416@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> Hi Drew,

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> Yes, I realize cmd.exe or the prior NT command.exe or for that matter

> even the WoW (16) thunker, is not DOS.

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> Was the comment because I referred to the "DOS attrib command"

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> I guess I should just drop the historic reference as it is also a

> command within the cmd.exe environments, ey ?

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> Roger

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> "Drew Cooper [MSFT]" <dcoop@online.microsoft.com> wrote in message

> news:%23lTh2846DHA.2996@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

> > Oh – sorry about that. It's sometimes hard for me to tell when my words

> > will seem like jargon and when they'll seem condescending. I'll

> un-geek-ify

> > things a bit . . .

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> > By "tri-state with checkbox" I meant that the checkbox actually has 3

> > different states instead of the 2 you would normally expect: 1)checked

and

> > gray, 2)unchecked, and 3)checked. It's not very intuitive. The link

that

> > Roger posted probably explains this better than I could.

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> > By "'attrib' in the cmdline" I meant:

> > - Click on "Start".

> > - Go to "Run" and click on it.

> > - In the textbox next to "Open:" type "cmd" and hit <Enter>.

> > That new window that just opened is what I meant by "cmdline". You can

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> list
> > files and subdirectories using the "dir" command, navigate throughout
your
> > directory structure with the "cd" command, and using the "attrib"
command
> > you can view and set the attributes on files and directories. For
almost
> > all commands you would want to use, " /?" will show you what parameters
> the
> > tool takes, syntax, etc. The "attrib" command will always tell you what
> > attributes are set on a file and doesn't try to do any of that confusing
> (to
> > me) tri-state stuff.
> > (In case Roger reads this: cmd.exe is not DOS. It's only DOS-flavored.
> > There's a common myth that Windows XP has DOS somewhere under the
covers.
> > Not true.)
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> > Want to see what process has an open handle to the directory? You might
> > want to download Process Explorer from sysinternals.com. It's a free UI
> > tool that, among other things, shows you which processes have which
files
> > open. It's kinda like Task Manager on steroids.
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> > "John" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
> > news:a38701c3eb8c$3e9aff80$a001280a@phx.gbl...
> > > Hi Drew,
> > >
> > > Thanks for responding to my inquiry in the MS Community
> > > Newsgroup. I have to admit that I'm not as "computer
> > > literate" as you are. Not sure I understand what you
> > > mean by "show a tri-state with the checkbox", or how to
> > > confirm "attrib" in the cmdline. I tried re-booting and
> > > importing the OE files without opening Windows Explorer
> > > (in case Explorer was somehow "grabbing" the folder), and
> > > still get the error: "The mail folder could not be
> > > opened. If another application is using the file, please
> > > close it and try again." The directory containing the
> > > mail files is located in the Shared Documents directory.
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> > > I am also confused as to why EVERY folder in Windows
> > > Explorer has the Read-only attribute set (even new
> > > folders I create) and I cannot seem to un-set that
> > > attribute. It hasn't seemed to affect anything else,
> > > although I've only had this new PC up and running for a
> > > few days.
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> > > Any other help/explanation you have to offer would be
> > > welcome.
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> > > Thanks,
> > > John
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> > > >-----Original Message-----
> > > >It's not really read-only. The UI is trying to show a
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> > > tri-state with the
> > > >checkbox. And the UI never actually sets the r/o bit on
> > > a directory anyway.
> > > >("attrib" on the cmdline can confirm this.)
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> > > >I don't know what's using the directory that OE wants to
> > > use, but if you
> > > >have it open on your desktop, explorer is one culprit.
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> > > >"John" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in
> > > >message
> > > >>news:9c7701c3eac2\$c9b6a0d0\$a401280a@phx.gbl...
> > > >> I am moving my Outlook folders (.dbx) from my old
> > > >> Windows98 PC to my new XP Home Edition PC. All the
> > > >> files
> > > >> are successfully moved, but when I try to Import them
> > > >> into Outlook, I get the message that the folder with
> > > >> the
> > > >> OE files cannot be opened because it may be in use by
> > > >> another application. When I checked the properties of
> > > >> the folder, the attributes say the folder is Read-only.
> > > >> None of the files in the folder are Read-only. When I
> > > >> try to un-set the Read-only attribute, it appears to
> > > >> let
> > > >> me do it, but whe I check it again, it's still read
> > > >> only.
> > > >> In poking around, it appears that ALL the folders are
> > > >> Read-only. The user account I'm using is "Computer
> > > >> Administrator". Why are all the folders Read-only and
> > > >> why
> > > >> can't I change or even create a folder that is not? I
> > > >> also tried dragging the folder into the Shared
> > > >> Documents
> > > >> folder, but no luck.
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