

## Re: Write-protected files in XP Pro

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You do not have a problem. Quit wasting your time.

Read-only means *\*nothing\** for folders. Only a *\*file\** can be Read-only.

The Read-only check box for folders is there for convenience, it allows you to change the Read-only attribute of all the *\*files\** contained in that folder.

[[The Read-only check box for folders is not available because it does not apply to the folder. You can use this check box to set the Read-only attribute for files in the folder.]]

The HELP question mark (?) explains it this way.

[[Specifies whether the files in this folder are read-only, which means that they cannot be changed or accidentally deleted.

For multiple folders, if you select this check box all of the files in the folders will be read-only. If you clear the check box, none of the files in the selected folders will be read-only.]]

[[Read only on a folder does NOT mean read only. It means parse the desktop.ini file. ]]

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[[There is no such attribute called read only on a folder, only Parse the desktop.ini. ]]

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[[It DOES NOT mean read only when applied to a folder, it means parse the desktop.ini (as does the system attribute). ]]

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

In news:6358605C-3E29-42BF-BBF6-1467138FE922@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx,  
Macdian <Macdian@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

Hi,

All of a sudden, within the last 3 days, ALL folders on my HD have gone into "read only" for all users – all users are Computer Administrators.

I've read the "how to take ownership" – and am wondering if I should try this, and how would I accomplish it for all files?

I am currently running my McAfee virus scan to determine if there is anything that I've been infected with.

Could it also have something to do with the amount of spybots that were removed from my computer on Wednesday?

Thanks!