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Subject: Re: File\_Delete Question

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"David Fanning" <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote in message  
news:MPG.1b2a80bc9c082c0598977d@news.frii.com...

> Any Windows gurus out there? Peter?

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> I have an IDL program that creates a file in one  
> part of the program. Later, another part of the  
> program reads the file and deletes it. However,  
> I find that FILE\_DELETE by itself doesn't delete  
> the file. Instead, it gives a really unhelpful  
> message that it "had a problem deleting the file".  
> Really!?

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> To actually delete the file, I have to use FILE\_CHMOD  
> first, with the A\_WRITE keyword set (!?). \*Then\* I can  
> use FILE\_DELETE and get it to work.

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> Any ideas why this might be the case? I'm running the  
> program as the Administrator.

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Doing what you describe works fine (no chmod required) here (win2000, idl 6.0).  
Care to post a code snippet?

-bob

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