Subject: Re: File_Delete Question
Posted by R.G. Stockwell on Fri, 04 Jun 2004 20:32:54 GMT

"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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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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Posted by David Fanning on Fri, 04 Jun 2004 21:22:48 GMT

R.G. Stockwell writes:

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Oh, I knew it. :-(

I can't get FILE_DELETE to fail in simple examples, either.
Unfortunately, I'm in the "get the damn thing to run" mode
at the moment, with no time to sort it out properly. Maybe
I'll find some time this weekend.

Cheers,

David

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