
Subject: FILE_DELETE on Mac OS ignores write permissions
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I discovered a few days ago that in IDL 7.1.1, FILE_DELETE on OS X 10.6 ignores file permissions and deletes files that have write permission turned off.

As expected, I cannot delete it from the command line without confirming that I want to override permissions.

```
stretch> touch test.txt  
stretch> chmod u-w test.txt  
stretch> ll test*
```

```
stretch> rm test.txt
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```
stretch> ll test*
```

If I go to IDL and issue this command

```
IDL> file_delete, 'test.txt', /verbose  
% FILE_DELETE: Removed file: test.txt.
```

The file is deleted despite the lack of write permission.

```
stretch> ll test*  
ls: No match.
```

I have filed a bug report with ITTVIS.

Ken
