

# Miscellaneous: delete .ds\_store from Windows

## Delete .ds\_store from Windows

Recently we observed an issue related with creation of .ds\_store file on Windows Machines.

On a LAN, where users using Macintosh (MAC) systems, save the files on the Windows Server, a file named ".ds\_store" is created in the folders accessed by MAC. This file is similar to "thumbs.db" that is created in Windows.

A 3rd party utility called DOTDelete is available for download. It is a freeware, which provides a very easy interface to just drag and drop the folder/drive which contains ".ds\_store" files, once detected, these files can easily be removed from the Windows machine.

### According to the Author of this utility :

The problem is that when a folder is accessed on a Macintosh it creates a bunch of little "DOT Files" that all start with ".\_", it also scatters ".DS\_Store" files all over the place. It's very annoying to have to delete these files by hand on the windows computer, so this program will scan a folder and delete all these files for you. Quick and Easy.

**NOTE: THIS PROGRAM PERMANENTLY DELETES FILES. IT WORKS FINE FOR ME BUT YOU USE IT AT YOUR OWN RISK. I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IF IT DELETES YOUR TERM PAPER OR BANKING DATA, FOR EXAMPLE. LOOK AT EVERY FILE IN THE FILE LIST TO MAKE SURE IT'S SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DELETE BEFORE HITTING THE "DELETE ALL" BUTTON.**

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