

Re: File compatibility issues with LAN drive

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Nobody wrote:

On Thu, 29 Nov 2007 21:21:42 +0000, Joerg wrote:

When calling the file from within an application everything is fine. When clicking the files it errors, the local PC fails to launch the application registered for that file extension.

I seem to recall an issue with samba interoperation with linux. Windows did not have a file "executable" flag, whereas linux does. So samba would default to setting the flag when writing a file to disc, making all files "executable". Now this would normally not make any difference from the point of view of windows. But perhaps windows has smartened up and is now interpreting this flag somehow?

Making all files executable? Somehow that doesn't strike me as a particularly smart move ... But yeah, this could indeed be the problem

I doubt it. The executable bit only affects what happens if you try to execute the file on the Unix system on which the Samba server is running. It isn't visible to a Windows system.

because Windows always wants to start them as executables.

Are you sure?

Earlier, you wrote:

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That isn't the same thing as treating it as an executable.

Also, try examining the Security tab in the file's Properties dialog. You might need to disable the "Simple File Sharing" option in the Explorer preferences to get that tab to appear. It may be that the LAN drive is trying to provide NTFS-style ACLs and getting it wrong.

Where is that security tab? In properties all it said is open with a spreadsheet program. The XP system barfs on that, the Win2K system opens it properly.

ISTR that permission to "execute" a file (i.e. double-clicking on it icon in explorer) can be restricted separately from trying to read a file (e.g. File->Open within in the application).

Maybe. But it sure doesn't make any sense to me. What good does that do if you can circumvent it by simply opening from within the app?

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Regards, Joerg

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