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08-18-2008, 05:09 PM #1

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Invalid Backup Folder Path

I have been trying to set up my scheduled backups and when I get to the step where I select the path for the backups to be saved all I get is an invalid file path.


I have tried using the default "filewin:/C:/Program Files/FileMaker/FileMaker Server/Data/Backups/" and other paths of my own devising but nothing seems to work.

Any suggestions?

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08-18-2008, 05:27 PM #2

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What Server OS? MacOS or Windows?

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08-18-2008, 05:36 PM #3


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Re: Invalid Backup Folder Path

I am using Windows Server 2003 with FMServer 2009. Both fully patched.

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08-18-2008, 06:05 PM #4

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And FmServer really is at this path?:

C:/Program Files/FileMaker/FileMaker Server/

Hmm...clueless here, sorry.

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08-19-2008, 04:06 PM #5

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Re: Invalid Backup Folder Path


Well this is an important issue. Anyone else have an idea or had something similar happen?

Oh and to add another twist to it I just tried uploading a new database and it would not allow me due to not enough space(which I have plenty of) or an invalid file path. It looks like FileMaker Server is forgetting its settings. Under the databases section nothing is showing up even though I am hosting 7 database(which show up on the main page as I have 7 files hosted), which I can still connect to.

So what should I do? I thought of just stopping the server via the console and then restarting the entire system and see if that clears things up. An advice is much appreciated.

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08-19-2008, 05:27 PM #6

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Hi Nice,

Have you verified (as Alan suggested) that this path does exist: C:/Program Files/FileMaker/FileMaker Server/Data/Backups?

Can you physically find the Backups folder in this location?

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08-19-2008, 05:34 PM #7

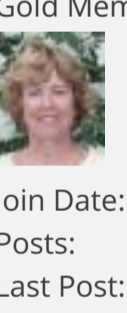
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Yeah the folder does exist and does have backups from previous scheduled tasks.

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08-19-2008, 07:43 PM #8

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Re: Invalid Backup Folder Path

Originally Posted by Mr. Nice Guy
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Backups from previously scheduled tasks. Have the permissions changed on the backup or FM server folder? Perhaps FMAdmin does not have access?

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08-20-2008, 11:30 AM #9

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Well I did take a look at the permissions on the folders and everything looks good there.

I ended up doing a manual stop service because the FM Server console was not allowing me to. After restarting the server it looks like everything fixed itself. This is a bit worrisome to me. FM Server has been very stable and this is the first problem I have had but is a pretty major one imo.

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07-01-2009, 11:32 AM #10

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Re: Invalid Backup Folder Path

Same problem here - except running on WIN XP Pro OS. Seems random in it's "approval" in verifying known existing paths. In addition I want to schedule an hourly redundant backup to an external drive. Needless to say FMP Server cannot verify this path either.

Hugely important as I have 50 plus users actively using this database and cannot have unknowns in the world of backups.

Thanks!

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12-23-2009, 01:06 PM #11

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Re: Invalid Backup Folder Path

I'm having a similar problem. I set up a share drive (Z and FileMaker Server 10 Advanced doesn't like this: filewin:/Z/Backups/

(even a drive and folder are there, but FileMaker Server doesn't like it. I have tried several other variations (given the shortcut) but none work. The shortcut was accepted, but the backup folder that was created went to the desktop, not the target.

I'm running Windows Server 2003.

Has anyone been able to direct backups to s share drive?

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12-24-2009, 12:03 PM #12

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We have only been able to save to a local disc. It's pretty lame. You can set up a shell script to copy the files off to a networked drive after the backup runs.

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