



Tech Info Library

A/UX 3.0: setfile Command Problem (3/93)

Revised: 3/11/93
Security: Everyone

A/UX 3.0: setfile Command Problem (3/93)

=====
Article Created: 9 March 1993

TOPIC -----

I am running A/UX 3.0 and would like to know how to stop A/UX changing the file creator and type of a file that I have modified with vi. I would also like to know how to modify the file type and file creator -- I have tried using the A/UX setfile command, and get messages such as "can't unlock <filename>" or "can't change file info". When I try SetFile in MPW, it tells me these files are locked, and that I don't have sufficient privileges to change them.

DISCUSSION -----

We have seen this with the setfile command under A/UX 3.0. There is a problem with the setfile command handling error messages and with the working of the command options. For example, the "setfile -aL junk" command, complains with "setfile: Can't lock junk", but if you use ResEdit and Get File Folder Info, you'll see the File Locked box is checked! Then if you do "setfile -al junk" (try to unlock the file), it also complains with "setfile: Can't unlock junk", but it DOES unlock the file after viewing with ResEdit.

We have checked for reported bugs, and there was a problem report on the setfile command stating that it doesn't set type or creator on some Apple Single Files, the "setfile ... command complained ...: Error 0", but it DOES set the file type and creator! This bug still exists in A/UX 3.0.

As a workaround until the setfile bug is fixed, use ResEdit instead of the setfile command to set file attributes .

Copyright 1993, Apple Computer, Inc.

Tech Info Library Article Number:11750