Macintosh: Troubleshooting a File that Won't Go Away

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TOPIC ---

I have been trying to delete a mysteriously named file ("tmp.aaa0034") that
appeared on my Desktop after a system crash a few weeks back. I have been
able to trash the document but it always reappears eventually. I have
tried holding down the option key while trashing also, in case it could be
locked, but again it reappears.

DISCUSSION --

If you trash the file, use the Empty Trash command, and the file still
reappears, you have an application program that isn't cleaning up after
itself very well. We're not familiar with that particular file name
format, so we're not sure what application is causing the problem. We
suggest reinstalling those applications you use most often, in the hopes of
finally getting rid of whatever corruption there may be.

If the above doesn't work, try rebuilding the Desktop file by holding down
the Command and Option keys at startup. If that doesn't help, you will
probably have to reformat your hard drive.
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