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

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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 .
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