

Take Ownership Issue ...



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Sep 27, 2006 I run Beta 1 of 2.0. After editing the .vmx file in TextEdit I get an "in use" error. The "Take Ownership" button does not help.

Opening the same vm in the 1 release presents the same dialog, but resolves it by clicking the "Take Ownership" button.



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Oct 15, 2006 **1. Re: Take Ownership Issue** Jul 23, 2008 8:03 AM

You're not editing the .vmx file while Fusion is running, are you? That would be bad, don't do that.



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Sep 27, 2006 **2. Re: Take Ownership Issue** Jul 23, 2008 8:07 AM


 in response to: [etung](#) No I didn't, of course! The issues happened to me with two VM's

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Oct 15, 2006 **3. Re: Take Ownership Issue** Jul 23, 2008 8:10 AM

 in response to: [Michael Renner](#) Huh, strange. The obvious question is why these files are in use (which may lead to figuring out why Take Ownership fails). Since Fusion isn't running, presumably it's not related to us. I don't recall ever seeing this message before (even unrelated to Fusion), so I'm not sure what it means.



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Sep 27, 2006 **4. Re: Take Ownership Issue** Jul 23, 2008 8:24 AM

 in response to: [etung](#) Well, I still have the issue with one VM. 2.0 shows the lock and isn't capable to take ownership...

I opened the VM on the server from my Mac via afp and usign Fusion 1.x, which cleared the lock on the 2nd vm.

let me attache the file, then.

Michael **Attachments:**


-  [Picture 1.png](#) (248.7 K)



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Oct 15, 2006 **5. Re: Take Ownership Issue** Jul 23, 2008 11:52 AM

 in response to: [Michael Renner](#) Oh, I see - I thought you mean TextEdit was the one putting up the Take Ownership dialog. Fusion putting it up (especially if it's on a network share) makes a lot more sense. This might happen if you were using the virtual machine from a second computer, or if either the client or the server crashed. It shouldn't happen all the time. If Fusion isn't running, are there any .lck files in "/Volumes/Data/VM's/WinServ2003SP2 1.3.3.vmwarevm"?



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Sep 27, 2006 **6. Re: Take Ownership Issue** Jul 24, 2008 8:12 AM

 in response to: [etung](#) Hi etung

Well, I have the issue on a MacPro with local Fusion/VM etc. I made a change to the vmx file in two VMs. One of them is fixed by opening the VM from remote as described. This first VM is now running happily on the MacPro.


The 2nd one is still in the state I sent the screen shot from in my former response. I expect to be able to fix it the same way I did the first. I didn't do it in case you want to investigate the case, as definitely Fusion 1.x does something which the 2.0 b1 isn't capable to.

Michael



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Oct 15, 2006 **7. Re: Take Ownership Issue** Jul 24, 2008 3:54 PM

 in response to: [Michael Renner](#) So to review, you have a Mac Pro. On it are two virtual machines whose .vmx files you've edited. When you tried to open them, Fusion complains and gives you the Take Ownership option. Attempting to take ownership from the Mac Pro failed.

Then you connected (via AFP) from another Mac and attempted to Take Ownership. This succeeded on one virtual machine, but you've refrained from doing it to the second one in case it has useful information.

Sound good so far?

If I recall correctly, the Take Ownership dialog appears when there are lock files present in the virtual machine that don't match what Fusion expects to see. As I asked before, can you check if there are lock files in the virtual machine?



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Sep 27, 2006 **8. Re: Take Ownership Issue** Jul 24, 2008 10:33 PM

 in response to: [etung](#) Hi etung

Yes, your recap is to the point!

The issue then is: Fusion 2.0b1 cannot delete the .lck folder and it's contained files (in my case there was one of them).

Workaround:

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delete the files manually. I did and I can't show/reproduce the situation anymore; but I am sure, that VMWare team is able to, if they want 🤔

Michael

P.S.

I had another workaround before that and just wanted to draw your attention to the issue.



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Sep 5, 2008 9. **Re: Take Ownership Issue** Sep 5, 2008 1:27 AM

👤 in response to: [Michael Renner](#)

Hi, I have the same issue. Beta 2 has been crashing my computer like mad and this last time when my computer woke from sleep while the VM was running, the computer rebooted and then I couldn't get back into my VM (the exact "Take Ownership" problem discussed here).

What files should I delete now?

In related news, I had absolutely no trouble, at all, ever, with Fusion 1, from beta through release. I wish I had never been so seduced by easy printing in 2. It's just not very solid.



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Oct 15, 2006 10. **Re: Take Ownership Issue** Sep 5, 2008 3:24 PM

👤 in response to: [kklein](#) In 2.0rc1, we fixed a bug where the Mac would reboot after waking from sleep ([Fusion 2b1 causing spontaneous reboots \(no kernel panic\) on Mac Pro \(& other\) systems!](#)). Please try RC1 and see if it fixes your problem.