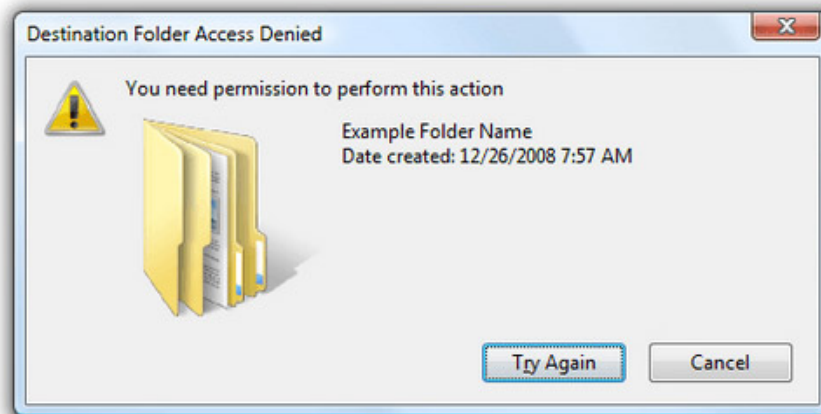


# Fix error 'you need permission to perform this action' in Windows 10, 8.1 and 7

During the process of using Windows users often encounter errors 'you need permission to perform this action'.

In Windows 8 as in any other version of Windows, over a period of time you will notice that you do not always have access to all the files in your device. This may happen because you do not have the appropriate permissions or because there is a conflict between multiple files in your system.

In the process of using Windows users often encounter errors 'You need permission to perform this action' so if you want to know how to fix this, at the same time want the system to grant me the full rights to work with file, please refer to this article.



## Error How does File Access Denied (request file access denied) fix?

Receiving error messages like **File Access Denied** or **You need permission to perform this action** will probably be quite annoying, especially when you want to watch a movie or play a game that can't be just for a reason ' Indiscriminate 'unspecified. In addition, the same warnings can be displayed when you try to install or delete files or programs from your Windows computer, so getting full permissions with the file on the device is one thing. importance.

**File Access Denied** is a relatively common error that any Windows user has ever encountered, below are the common **Access Denied** errors and how to fix them:

1. **Windows 10 Access Denied administrator:** Sometimes you can get this message even if you are the administrator of the system. To fix the problem, simply change ownership to the problem file and check if

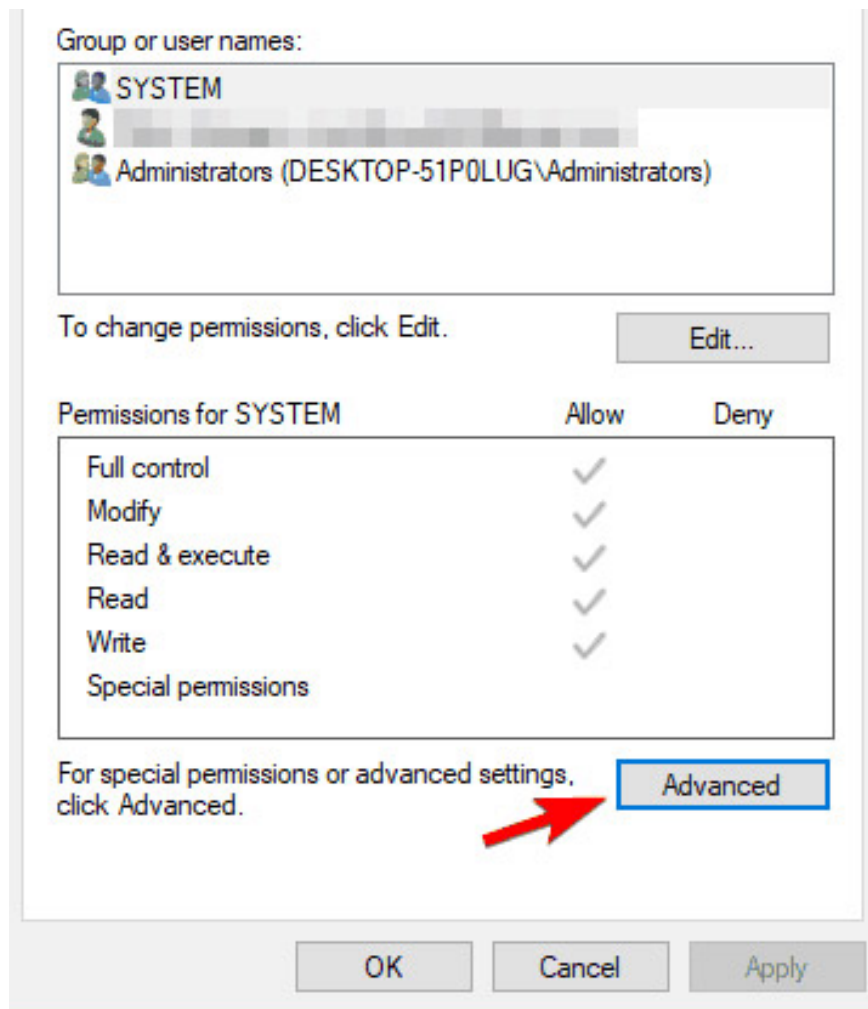
the problem is resolved.

2. **The Folder Access Denied You need to allow to perform this action:** This error may occur if you do not have the necessary permissions to access the file. To fix this problem, you only need to grant full control to the account you want to access the file.
3. **Can't delete file Access Denied :** This error message may prevent you from deleting certain files. However, you will be able to fix this problem by using one of the solutions that will be further explained below.
4. **File Access Denied copy paste, rename :** Some users encounter this error message when they proceed to copy or rename their file. However, you can easily fix it by changing your security settings.
5. **File Access Denied external hard drive, USB :** This problem is relatively common for **external hard drives and USB** devices, and if you encounter this problem, try some solutions below.
6. **File Access Denied Cannot take ownership:** Some users have indicated that they cannot take ownership of the file they have selected. If you have this problem, you can try changing ownership with Command Prompt.
7. **File Access Denied steam\_api.dll, Google Chrome:** Sometimes this error may appear while you try to run certain applications like Steam or Chrome. If you have this problem, reinstall the affected applications and check if any other errors arise.

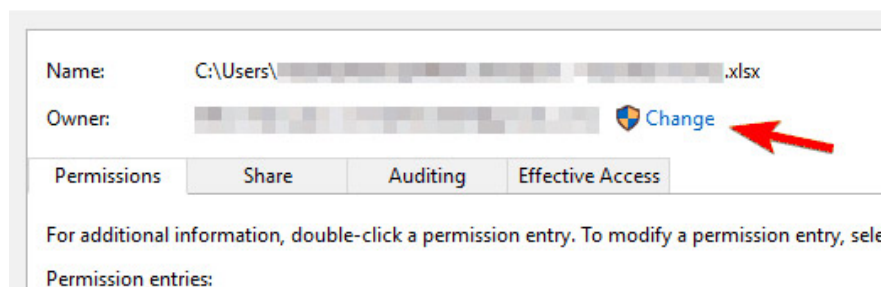
## Remedies

### Measure 1 - Change the owner of the folder

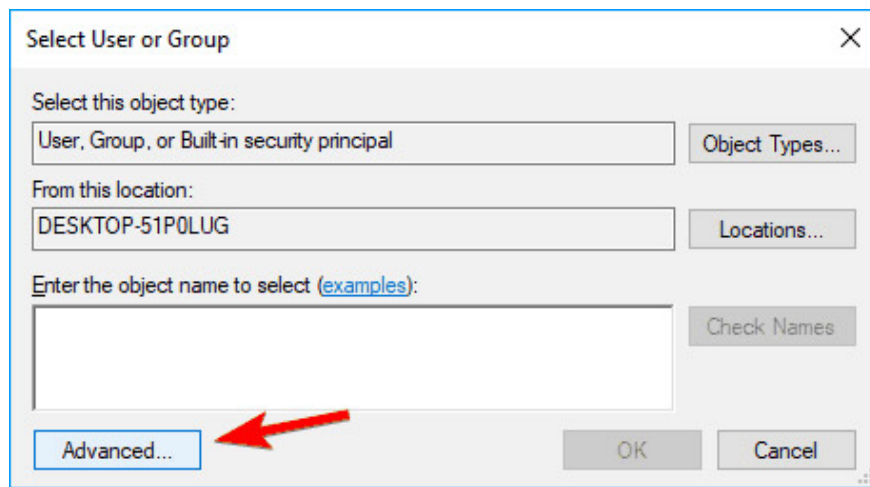
1. First of all, find the file that cannot be accessed. Right-click on the file and select **Properties** .
2. Select the **Security** tab and in the **Group and user names section** click on **Administrator** .
3. Click the **Advanced** button at the bottom.



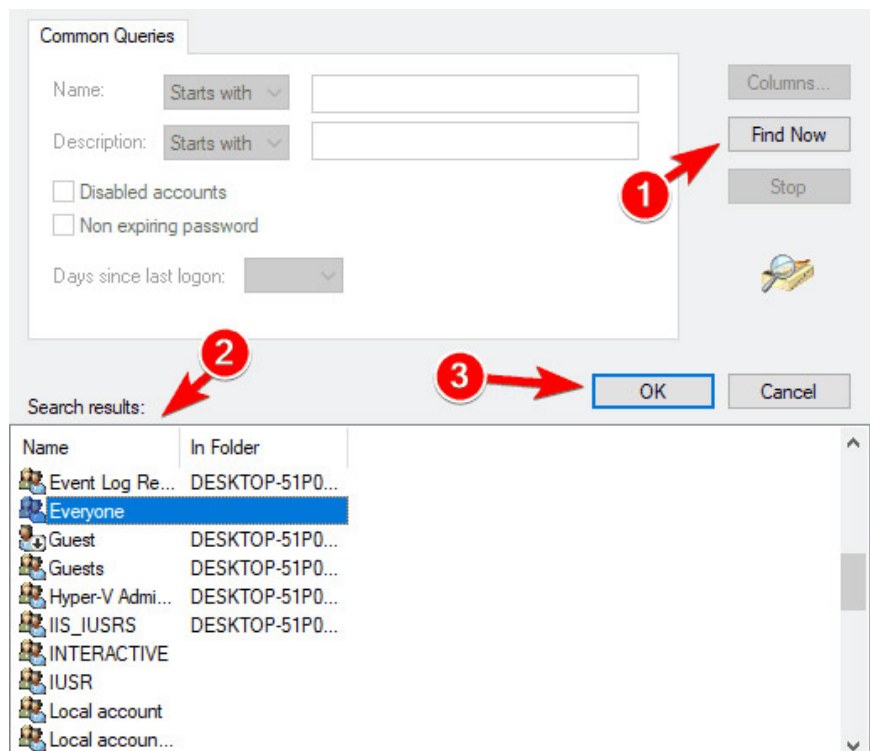
4. Click **Change** in the **Owner** section.



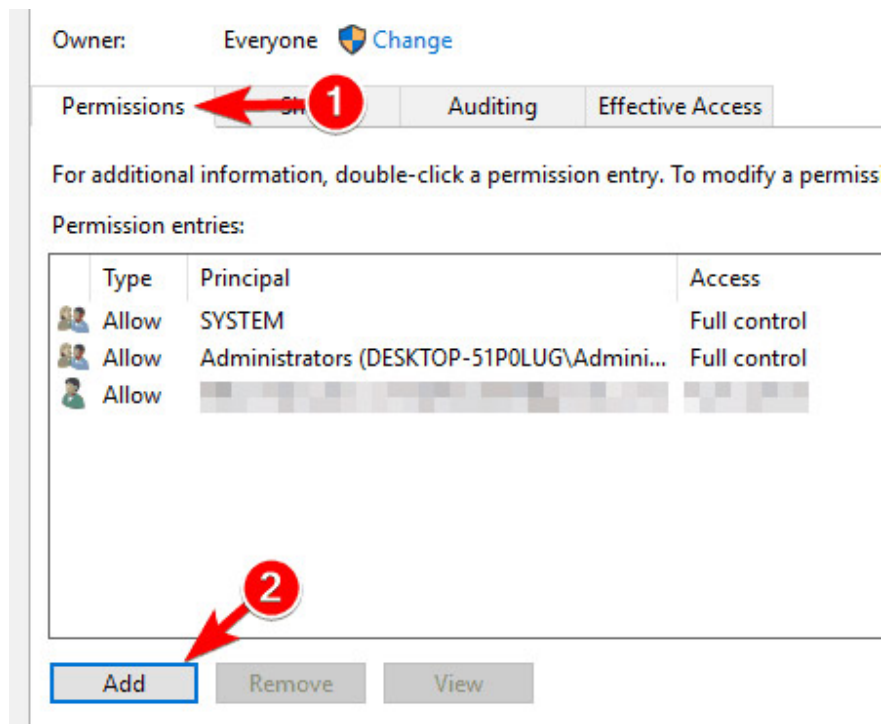
5. In the **Select user or group** window, click the **Advanced** button



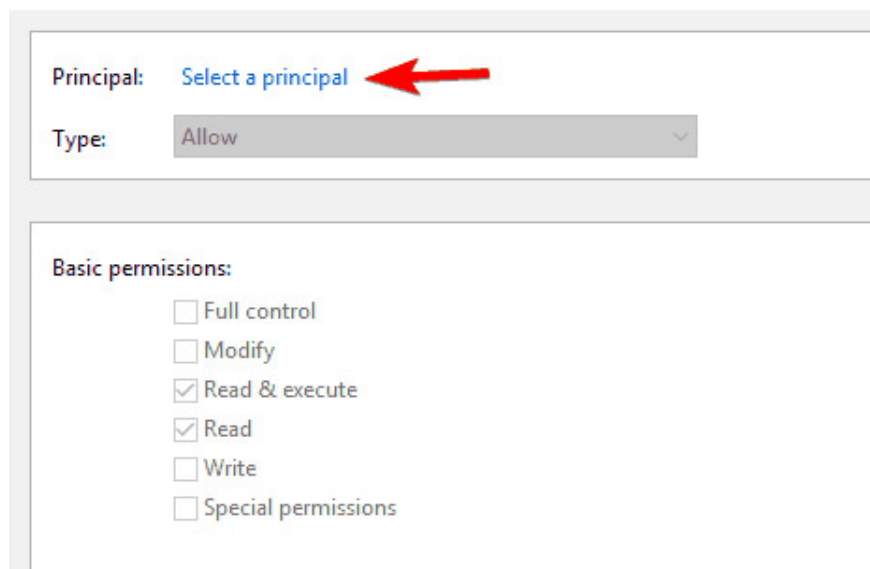
6. Then, from the **Advanced Settings** , click the **Find now** button and choose which group of users will have full access to your computer. After selecting, click **OK** to close this window.



7. Next, navigate to the **Permissions** tab and click the **Add** button.

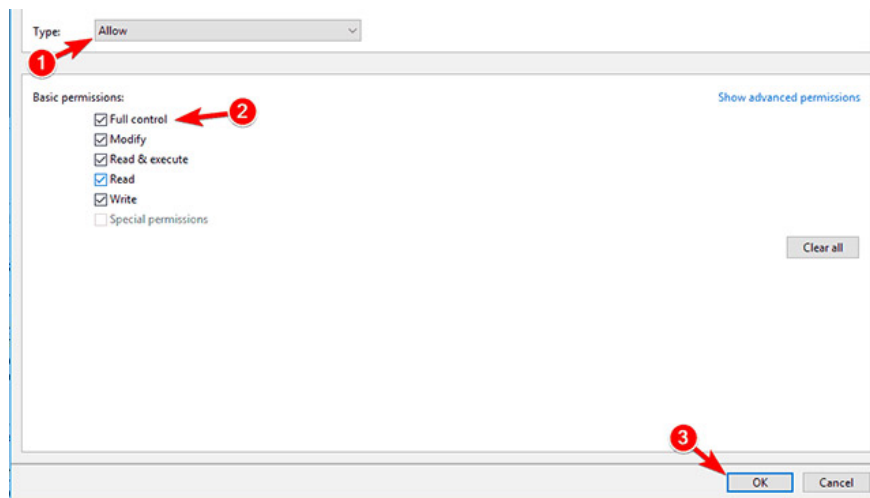


8. Click **Select a principal**.



9. Repeat **steps 5** and **6** to select the user or group you want to use.

10. Set the **Type** to **Allow** and select the **Full control** option . Then click **OK** to save the changes.



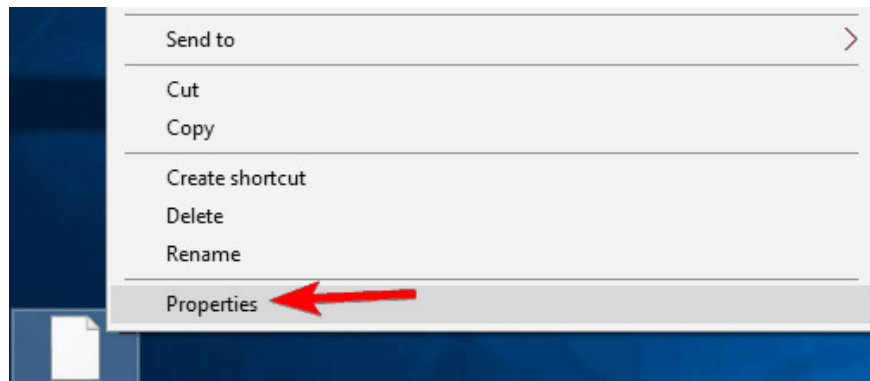
After performing these steps, you will have sufficient ownership of the selected file and you will be able to edit the file without any restrictions.

## Measure 2 - Change security rights without changing ownership

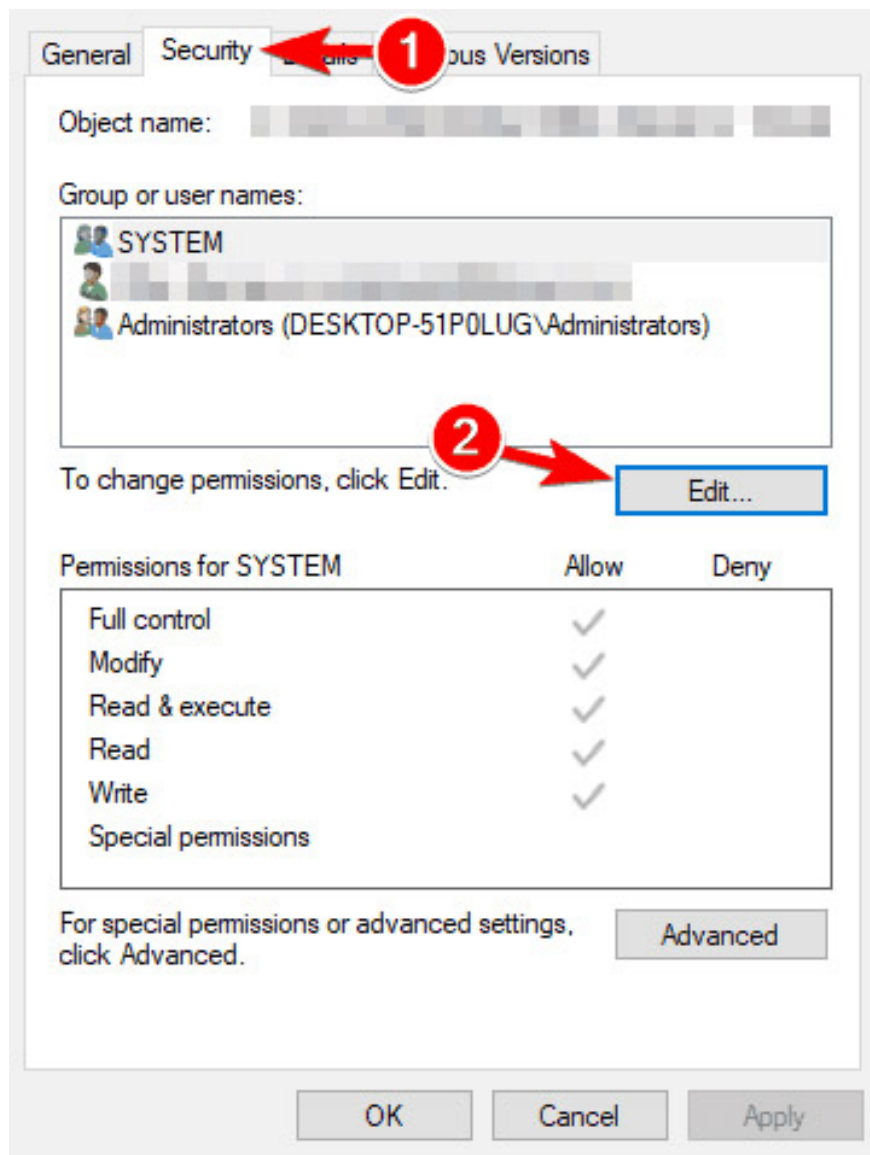
Sometimes to access a certain file, you don't need to have ownership of the file, you just need to have a few appropriate permissions. Changing ownership of sensitive files may give rise to some more complex issues, so it is better to change security permissions only.

If you receive a **File Access Denied** error message, you can change your rights without affecting ownership by doing the following:

1. Find the file or folder that you cannot access, right-click the file or folder and select **Properties** .

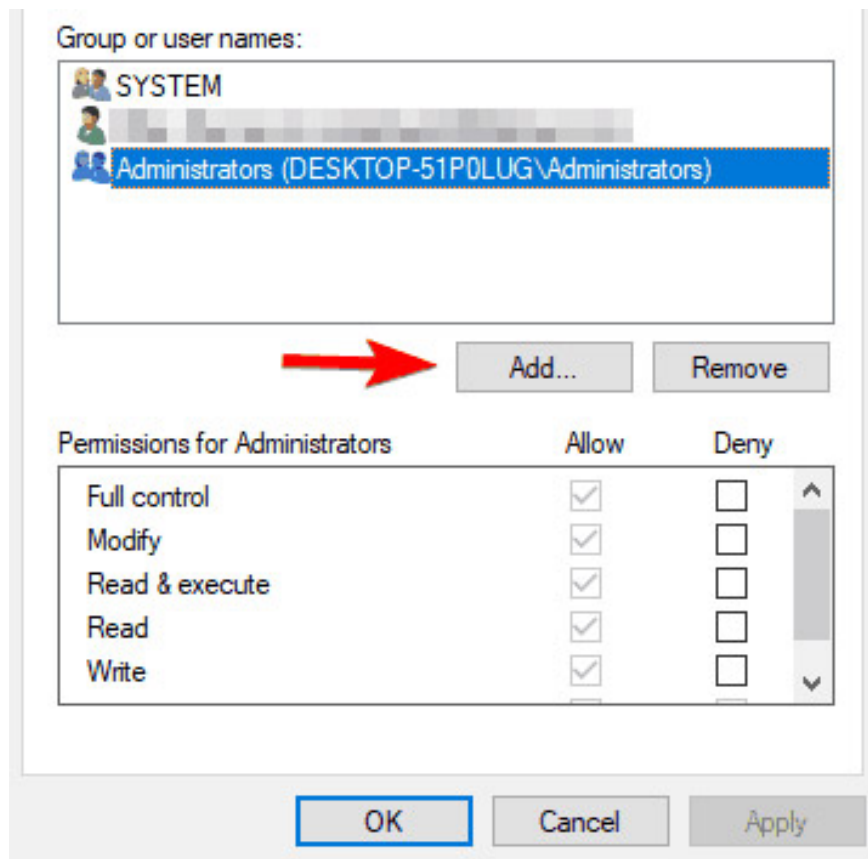


2. When the **Properties** window opens, navigate to the **Security** tab. Check the list of available users and groups and click the **Edit** button.

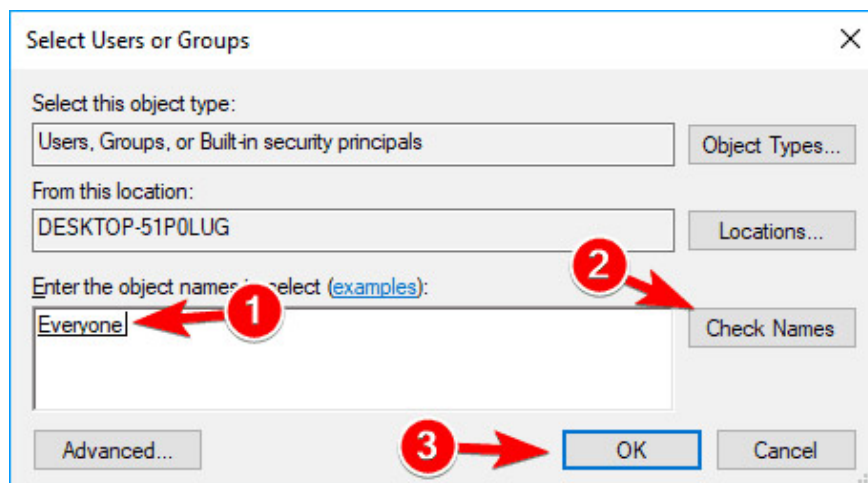


3. Check if the account you want to change permissions is in the list. If not, go to the next step. If the account is already in the list, go to **step 7**.

4. Click the **Add** button.

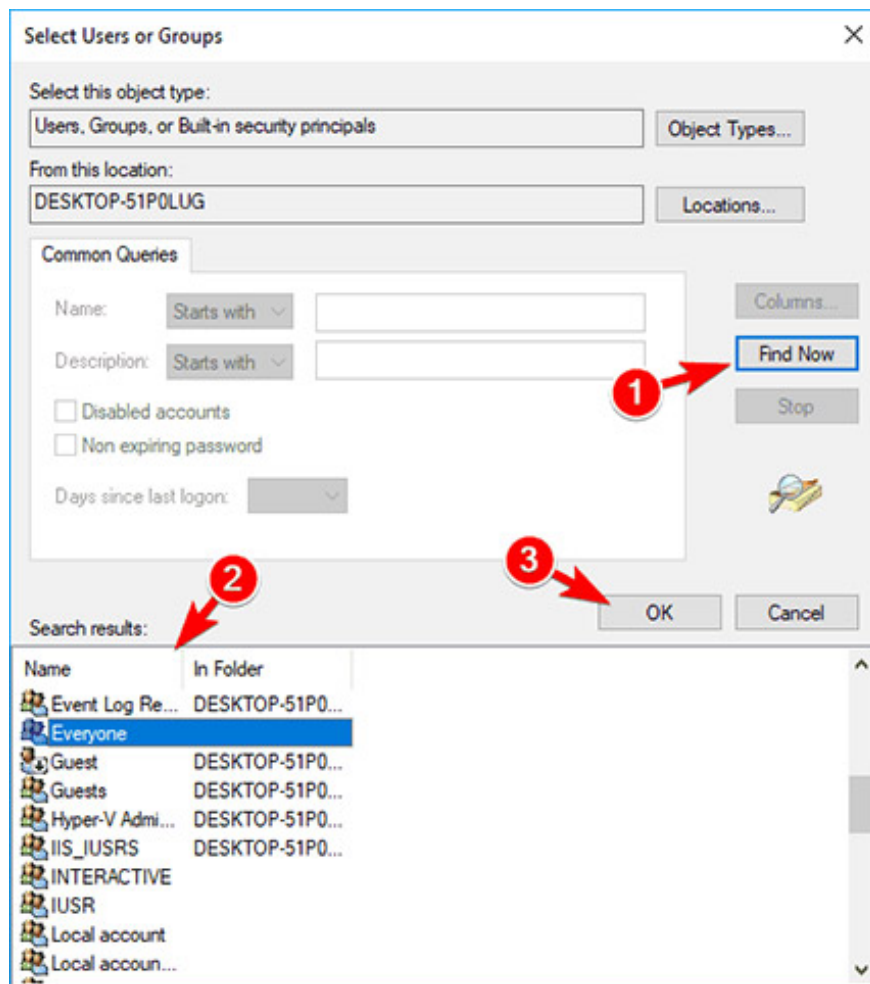


5. The **Select Users or Groups** window will appear. If you know the exact name of the user or the name of the group, you can simply enter the name in the **Enter the object names to select** section and then click the **Check Names** button and then click **OK** .



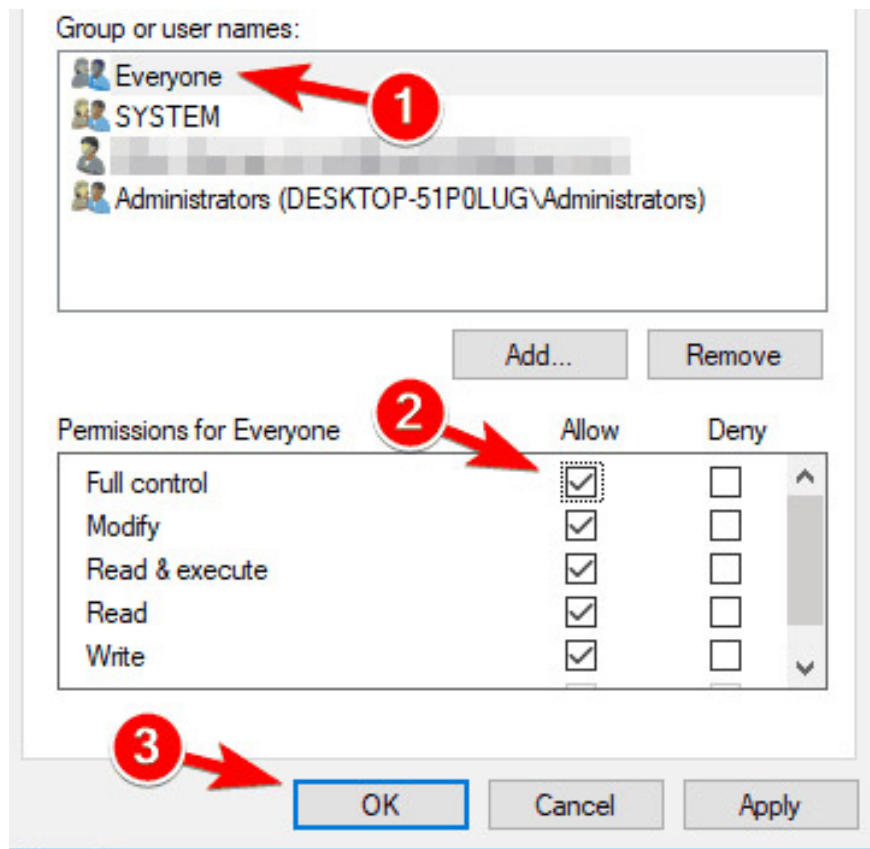
If you do not know the correct name, click **Advanced** .

6. Click **Find Now** . You should now see a list of all users and groups available on your PC. Select the desired group or user from the search results field and click **OK** to save the changes.



Now click on the **OK** button again. The account you want to select will now be added to the list and you will be able to change the security rights of that account.

7. Select the desired account in the **Group or user names section** . Now in the **Permissions** section at the bottom, select the **Full control** option in the **Allow** column. Click **Apply** and then **OK** to proceed to save changes.



After granting complete control to the selected user or group, you will be able to access the problematic file or folder without any problems.

### Measure 3 - Use Command Prompt to change security and ownership rights.

If you have problems with **File Access Denied** error messages, in addition to the above 2 ways, you can resolve the problem using the Command Prompt. The above solutions are effective, but they have many steps, so it will take more time, while Command Prompt allows you to change security and ownership very quickly with just two commands. To fix this problem with the Command Prompt, you only need to do the following:

1. Press **Windows Key + X** to open the **Win + X** menu and select the **Command Prompt (Admin)** item from the menu list. If the Command Prompt is not available, you can use **PowerShell (Admin)** instead.

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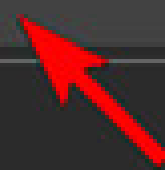
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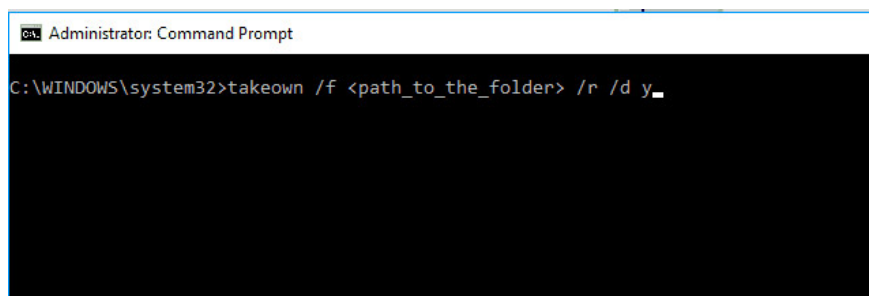
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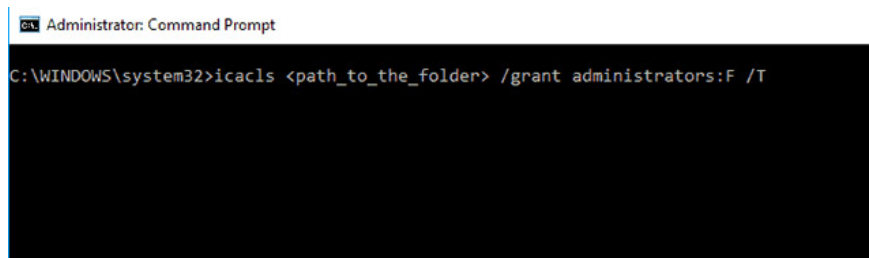


2. When the Command Prompt is opened, you need to enter the command **takeown / f / r / dy** and press **Enter**. By running this command, you will be granted ownership to the folder or file you have selected.



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Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\WINDOWS\system32>takeown /f <path_to_the_folder> /r /d y_
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3. Now enter the command **/ grant administrators: F / T** and press **Enter** to run it. After the command is executed, you will be given full control of the directory for the administrator group. If you want to grant complete control to any other user or group of users, enter the name of the user or group.



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Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\WINDOWS\system32>icacls <path_to_the_folder> /grant administrators:F /T
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After running these two commands, you will own and be given full control for the selected user or group. In order for this command to work, you need to replace it with the exact location of the file or directory that shows you the **File Access Denied** error message.

As you can see, use the Command Prompt to change ownership and security rights, taking only a few minutes, much faster than the first two measures. However, this is a slightly advanced measure, and in order to use it, you need to enter the commands correctly.

Above are all methods of fixing errors that refuse to grant access in Windows, hopefully this article may help you. They are successful!

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