Subject: How do I get control of the permissions on my Intel Mac Pro?
Posted by smac0031 on Tue, 12 Mar 2019 09:07:10 GMT

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I bought a 2006 Intel Mac Pro that sort of works.

The fun started when I tried to use the Migration Manager to transfer my
old files from my G5 to the Intel.
I got an error telling me that I needed to upgrade the G5 to a newer
operating system in order to that to
work. The G5 is already maxed out so that wasn't possible. I got around
this by connecting the boot drive
from the G5 in the Intel machine. Migration manager recognized it then but
most of the files from the G5
were not useable on the Intel because the permissions were screwed up plus
my ancient HL-1440 would
not work and the Intel would not recognize newer drivers for it.

The only user available on the Intel is the system administrator, but it
won't let me change any permissions
for the other dimmed users or any non administrator files. This is
territory I am not confident screwing with.
I tried working around this by getting another Sata drive and installing
10.6.3. This worked in recognizing
the HL-1440 but none of the files from 10.6.3 work with the main boot drive
and none of the files from
the boot drive will work with 10.6.3 because because of the permissions.

I've tried messing with the terminal, but I really don't know what I'm
doing. It would be nice to change all
the permissions so the system administrator could have access to all the
files on this computer and I
don't have to deal with this multiple personality disorder. Getting the
thing down to schizophrenia would
be an improvement.

I'm pretty sure the Intel is running El Capitan. This allows it to
communicate with my iPhone 8+. I think
something may have been patched the person who sold it. For instance when I
try to pull up "About
this Mac" nothing comes up.

I had to get this thing because my Digital Audio G4 blew up. Then my G5
blew up, so this is my 3rd
computer in a year.

Any ideas would help.

Thanks.

Mark M

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You received this message because you are a member of G-Group, a group for those using G3, G4, and G5 desktop Macs - with a particular focus on Power Macs.
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Subject: Re: How do I get control of the permissions on my Intel Mac Pro?
Posted by Bruce Johnson on Tue, 12 Mar 2019 17:05:25 GMT
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On Mar 12, 2019, at 2:07 AM, smac0031
<m.smurph001@gmail.com<mailto:m.smurph001@gmail.com>> wrote:

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this Mac" nothing comes up.

This is the first problem. If you're starting with a messed up system, you're not going to make it better by trying to patch in stuff from an older one.

Start Terminal. Don't worry this one is easy!

type : sw_vers at the prompt and hit enter, it should tell you the version of software you have:

from mine:

dbdev2:~ johnson$ sw_vers
ProductName: Mac OS X
ProductVersion: 10.13.6
BuildVersion: 17G5019

Now, go to Apple's website, click on Support, (and presuming you are correct that it has El Capitan) enter 10.11 combo update (or the actual ProductVersion that you get from the above command, just the 10.nn part) which should take you to a page that lists a bunch of updtes. Find the highest numbered one for your version, download it and install it.

An example: https://support.apple.com/kb/index?page=search&type=orga nic&src=support_searchbox_main&locale=en_US&q=10 .11+combo+update

With luck this will fix the problems like 'it was customized' that you're seeing.

If it does not, then you'll need to find the full installer, nuke and pave the Intel Mac and then migrate the files over again.

It's a fair bit of work but you might find that this fixes all the issues you're having. If it doesn't come back and we'll try something else.

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