

Custom Legal Software  
Financial Affidavit Program  
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Error Message when starting program – Program fails when first run.

Repair Instructions  
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### **Possible Message:**

**"There has been an error in trying to display the opening screen."**

This message may then be followed by a message telling you that the program is "not finding certain necessary program files."

### **Possible cause of problem:**

The program keeps track of where its data file is stored. If the name of that location gets changed, the program may not be able to find the new location.

### **What to do to fix:**

**Example 1 -- you may have moved your "Documents" folder to a drive other than Drive C: or from one network drive to another.** If the original location of your "Documents" folder (when you last used the program successfully) was x:\documents and settings\username\My Documents, and then **you moved your "Documents" folder to a drive other than Drive X:**, the program may not be able to find your new documents folder location. It is still looking for that folder on Drive X: (where X is the letter of the drive or the name of the original location of your "Documents" folder)

The situation in Example 1 is usually caused by relocating your "Documents" folder away from Drive C: **or by** relocating it from one network drive to another after you have installed and used the Affidavit program.

The Affidavit program uses a text file named ***aff2006.ini*** to keep track of critical data and configuration files. To fix the problem, you will need to edit this file.

To open the file named *aff2006.ini*, use Explore (not Internet Explorer) to locate the file.

For Windows Vista look for *aff2006.ini* in  
Documents\Affidavit User Files\Aff 2006 Config Files

Once *aff2006.ini* has been found, you need to open *aff2006.ini* to see where the Affidavit program has been saving its client data file. Double click on the

icon for *aff2006.ini* and it will open in either Wordpad or Notepad.

The 5th line down in *aff2006.ini* specifies the location to which the program is looking for its data.

For Vista: **Change the 5th line down** to read

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"X:\users\username\documents\affidavit user files\aff 2006 Data files  
\affdata2006.mdb"
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(where the letter *X* is the letter of the drive or the name of the actual location to which you moved your "Documents" folder and where *username* is your user name.)

You should just have to change the first letter or the first few characters, no more.

**Example 2 -- you are using a new computer but you have copied Affidavit program files over from your old computer.** When you copy program files from one computer to another, the new computer "inherits" the settings from the old computer. It is always best to install a program to a new computer rather than just "bringing it over" from the old. Otherwise the program on your new computer may still be still looking for the "Documents" folder where the old computer thought it was located. It could be located in the same place, but it might not be, particularly if you made other changes at the same time.

The Affidavit program uses a text file named *aff2006.ini* to keep track of where its client files are located. To fix the problem, you will need to edit this file.

Because you are now using a **new** computer, but you were able to use the program on an old computer, you need to open *aff2006.ini* on the **old** computer to see where the program on the **old** computer **was** looking for (and trying to save) its client data files. The 5th line down in *aff2006.ini* specifies the location to which the old program **was** looking for and trying to save its data.

For Windows Vista on the old computer *aff2006.ini* will be in  
Documents\Affidavit User Files\Aff 2006 Config Files

Once *aff2006.ini* has been found found on the **old** computer, and you have written down the content of the 5th line down from this old computer file, you need to open *aff2006.ini* on the new computer to edit and change the 5th line down to match.

For XP on new computer: Change the 5th line down to read  
C:\Program Files\affidavit\affdata2006.mdb

For Vista: Change the 5th line down to read

"X:\users\username\documents\affidavit user files\aff 2006 data files  
\affdata2006.mdb"

(where the letter *X* is the letter of the drive or the name of the actual location on your old computer to which your old computer was saving its data file and where *username* is your user name.)

You should just have to change the first letter or the first few characters, no more.

**Example 3 -- you are using the same computer, but you are using it as a stand alone computer rather than as one that used to be connected to a network.**

Chances are that your "Documents" folder was previously relocated to a network location which is no longer available to your now disconnected stand alone computer. You need to relocate your "Documents" folder back to your own Drive C:

This can be easily accomplished with Windows XP by right clicking the "My Documents" folder, then left clicking "Properties". Change the "Target" so that it refers to "c:\documents and settings\username\my documents" (where *username* is your user name).

For Windows Vista, right click the "Documents" folder, then left clicking "Properties". Change the "Target" so that it refers to "c:\users\username\documents" (where *username* is your user name).

**Other variations of problem:** There are a few other possible similar variations of the Examples detailed above. But if you read through these Examples you should be able to get the drift of what you need to do to fix a problem.

**Get Data file** from old location to new location: If you are setting up a new computer and want to continue using a data file (*affdata2006.mdb*) that was being saved on your your old computer, the next step is to locate the data file on the old computer and copy it over to the new computer. The best way to do this is to copy the old data file to a USB memory device and then import the data file using the Import data features of the Affidavit program itself (can be found on the File Menu). Transfer of the data file can be done manually if you know what you are doing. There is a separate PDF file that more completely addresses this topic.

**Delete and Reinstall option:** If the procedures described in the Example above do not work for you, delete the program entirely from the new computer. Vista users must be sure to delete the folder "Documents\Affidavit User Files" Then reinstall the program using the Setup file which is available from the

customer support page of the web site. If you are wanting to preserve old data files, then use the program's Import feature (from the File Menu) to import the old database from the old computer. (First be sure that the old database from the old computer is available on a USB memory device that can be plugged into the new computer.)