

Error-messages

The file specified is not a virtual disk

VMware displays or popsup an error messages like this

Error : The filespecified is not a virtual disk

Platform : ESX , Workstation , Fusion

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I guess you have already seen this error message ...

sometimes the cause for this is banal - sometimes you are lost.

Recently I saw some cases I have not seen before so here is an updated checklist for next time

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Listed from from easy - to - impossible to fix

- simple syntax error in external descriptor-file
 - referenced file has been moved
 - wiped out external descriptor-file
 - simple syntax error in embedded descriptor
 - wiped blank embedded descriptor
 - wiped header of sparse vmdk
 - wiped header of data slice of a twoGbMaxExtendFlat vmdk
 - wiped header of data slice of a twoGbMaxExtendSparse vmdk
 - referenced file is missing completely
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Cure

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