Copy Files and Ignore Cyclic Redundancy Check Errors on Windows

By Roger Keays, 11 October 2010

Today I had the unfortunate pleasure of copying some data on a Windows machine. Windows File Explorer (or File Manager or Explorer or whatever they call it these days) has a hissy fit if any of the files cannot be read or has a CRC Cyclic Redundancy Check Error. It then helpfully bails out on the entire process.

Fortunately I discovered you can still use the **xcopy** command line utility with the ***/c*** switch to ignore errors in Windows. I solved my problem with the follow command.

```
xcopy /c /s d:\*.* e:\incoming
```

The /s is for recursion, and don't forget it's *.* in Windows, not just *

About Roger Keays



Roger Keays is an artist, an engineer, and a student of life. He has no fixed addressand has leftfootprints on 40-something different countries around the world. Roger is addicted to surfing. His other interests are music, psychology, languages, the proper use of semicolons, and finding good food.