



## KB4002: Important Information to be aware of when using the Real-time File & Directory Monitor

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*This document outlines important information to be aware of when using the functionality of the File & Directory Monitor (called Monitor Files).*

The File Monitor will handle and report on the following changes to files and directories when the following actions are performed;

- The **deletion of a file**, or a number of files through Windows Explorer or third party applications like MapInfo Professional ( *Table >> Maintenance >> Delete Table* ).
- **Rename a file** through Windows Explorer or third party applications like MapInfo Professional ( *Table >> Maintenance >> Rename Table* ), from within the same directory or to another already established directory.
- **Move a file** or a number of files from one directory to another.
- **Rename a directory** through Windows Explorer.
- **Delete an entire directory** and its contents using Windows Explorer.

It will also capture when a file is created in the directory.

BUT it will **NOT** handle the following;

- **Move a whole directory** by selecting a directory folder to another directory location.

Microsoft treats this as a deletion, and if this is done then the records will be deleted from the catalog.

Work around action: do the following if you need to move an entire directory from one location to another location;

1. Create the new directory at the location you want,
2. Open the existing directory, select the files and drag them to the new location.
3. Then delete the old directory so it doesn't exist. If you have selected to monitor catalogs and you move a whole directory, it thinks the files are deleted and will remove the entries the catalogs.