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A scenario: Machine A has a horrid virus and we want to salvage the data from the disk.

We take the NTFS drive out of A and mount it (eg external USB housing or adapter) on another machine B, hoping to get access to the data without running any of the malware that would start if the disk was being used to boot.

However, NTFS file permissions prevent access to the disk when mounted in machine B. Any way round this?

I'd guess that if A and B are in the same domain then a user of A could log on to B and access the disk "legally" but in most cases the machines will be unrelated. Is there any way to get to the data? Maybe one answer is to create another partition (if there's space) using BootitNG or Partition Magic, install a second copy of Windows and boot from that as Administrator. Comments welcome.

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Apologies for the duplicate posting - I "missed" my intended newsgroup!