

# Re: EFS Certificate Needed

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One may generate and EFS recovery agent .pfx by use of the cipher utility with the /r option. See cipher /? After being installed, that recovery agent will only have decrypt capabilities on files EFS-touched afterwards.

If you believe you already have a recovery agent set up and it is unable to decrypt EFS files, then you probably need to use the efsinfo utility to examine the thumbprint of the files that may not be decrypted, verify that the account from which you attempt actually has the recovery agent private key installed within it, etc.

Why is it that you say

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?? What is it that you are seeing and how? How are you attempting to use this (these?) ?

"HonoredWriter" <honoredwriter@xxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:29109205-2BD1-4FB3-9465-1F84B2DAD118@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

How do I obtain a Recovery Agent certificate to recover/restore/decrypt some previously encrypted files? The certificates I have are not worthy to be Recovery Agent certificates even though their intended purposes are clearly stated. ( Shucks, I'm thinking this computer has intuitive intelligence.)

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HonoredWriter