

Re: Switched OS and Hard disk and lost access to old files

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If the problem is just the permissions on the file, log in with administrator privileges and right-click the folder, properties, security, Owner to take ownership of the files and all subdirectories. Then, click OK, OK, and go back in to grant yourself permissions.

Administrator can always take ownership of any files on the system and then grant herself permission to access the files.

If the problem is that you used EFS encryption, you may be out of luck, unless you have a floppy disk that has a backup of your encryption keys. I think XP makes this floppy for you when you install it, but I'm not sure you can use this floppy if you aren't running XP any more.

Giving the full blue screen error message would help us troubleshoot the XP boot problem [or better yet, search www.microsoft.com/support and/or www.google.com/advanced_group_search for the error message]. It could be a failing hard drive or a hardware failure somewhere.

"Roger Allen" <dunebarcode@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:127401c28214\$0ccec730\$39ef2ecf@TKMSFTNGXA08...

> *I was running XP on my system and downloading a file*
> *from Limewire, when all of a sudden my beloved machine*
> *gets the horrid blue screen of death. I restart only to*
> *find out that my boot volume is missing. go figure! I try*
> *to reboot a few more times. I even removed cacheing and*
> *goasting just as i was told bto by the blue screen.*
> *needless to say nothing worked. I removed the hard drive*
> *that contained XP and all of my wonderful (very important)*
> *files. I loaded in another drive and installed 2000 on it.*
> *I am now trying to remove the "My Documents" folder from*
> *my old account. being the security freek that I think I*
> *am, all of my files are marked private on the XP drive,*
> *and therefore, I have no access to them from the 2000*
> *drive. Finally my question, Is there a way to reverse the*
> *security settings on the XP drive from the 2000 drive? OR,*

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- > *is there a way to fix the XP boot volume problem? I don't*
- > *care what I have to do as long as I don't lose the files*
- > *on the XP drive. Any help at all would be greatly*
- > *appreciated.*