

## Re: Password Protect Folders

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Whoa! EFS is not password protection, but it is dangerous. Also – EFS is not just an XP (Pro only) feature, but Win2k and Server 2003. Please, anyone reading this post, before you play with EFS, read about it ( and export your certificate and private key and keep them somewhere safe). Not understanding EFS but still using it is an easy way to lose valuable data.

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"ms" <[anonymous@l0-01.com](mailto:anonymous@l0-01.com)> wrote in message

news:euXljcs6DHA.1716@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> With XP you can use Encryption to put a password on the folder.

> Only the person with the proper security credentials will be able

> to make heads or tails of the folder at that point. The only thing

> I can think of for Win2k is to create an administrative account

> and set the permissions for the folder to allow ONLY the

> newly created administrative account to use the folder. Make

> sure the permissions are propagated to subfolders. If it's only

> data stored in the folder, this should work, and it's quick and

> easy but it's not 100% effective against everyone. But it's

> good to keep very young kids out of things you don't want

> them to mess with. Teenagers though, might be able to figure

> out the methods to get to your administrative passwords

> though.

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> The level of security you need and use will be determined by

> what lengths you'll go to invoke it and what you need.

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> Jim Carlock

> <http://www.microcosmotalk.com/>

> Post replies to the newsgroup.

> "Trish" <[anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com](mailto:anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com)> wrote in message

> news:9aed01c3eac4\$87bb6240\$a501280a@phx.gbl...

> Thanks, I find this really odd that there's no way to

> password the folder itself, when working at Microsoft

> using Win2k I was able to password protect certain folders

> and can't remember how to do it...senility sucks at

> times..grins. Thanks for the info, I know how to protect

> the folder if I zip them but don't want to zip it, just

> keep it passworded.

> Trish

> >-----Original Message-----

> >No password-protecting; only security descriptors.

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> >Well, there are password-protected zip files (pkzip or

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> winzip - take your
> >pick)., but they're not built-in to the OS.
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> >
> >"Trish" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in
> >message
> >news:9c6701c3eac0$95b567a0$a401280a@phx.gbl...
> >> Hi, anyone know how to password protect a folder in
> >> Win2000k? I know how to do the share/unshare stuff but
> >> want to password protect it totally all the time. Thanks
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