

Re: EFS – Private Key – External storage

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Hi,

EFS keys must be stored in hard drive where they are stored (encrypted) in user's profile. If you use hard to guess passwords (pass-phrases that consist of more then 14 characters) your keys would be secure...

On Windows XP if e.g. administrator was to force change your password to gain access to your profile and your private key; he/she would still not have access to your encrypted files...

EFS:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxpro/deploy/cryptfs.mspx>

Feel free to post back if you have any additional questions.

Mike

"Thomas Weigel" <entwicklung_nospam__at__octagon_minus_gmbh_dot_de> wrote in message news:O85wXGYvEHA.3728@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

> Hello,

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> *is it possible to place the decryption key for EFS on an external media*

> *like*

> *USB-Stick or floppy or CD to use it from there for decryption? Or has it*

> *to*

> *be stored on hard disk?*

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> *If it could be stored external this would solve many security problems and*

> *reduce cost of security.*

> *If it doesn't work, who has experience about other directory / file*

> *encryption software working transparent.*

> *I would like to secure e-mail addresses, mails and some more stuff which is*

> *kept in few direcories.*

> *I am not a specialist in security questions, just searching for a solution*

> *for some stand alone laptops.*

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> *Who knows and can tell me?*

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> *Thanks a lot ahead*
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> *Thomas Weigel*
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