

Re: How do I recover encrypted files

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Use efsinfo support tool to find out what users and Recovery Agents [if any] show as having access to the EFS files and the corresponding certificate thumbprints. If you use a RA then that may be the best approach to recover the files. The EFS files would either need to be backed up and restored to the computer that contains the RA certificate/private key or the RA would need to logon to the computer where the EFS files are located and import his RA certificate/private key from a password protected .pfx file into his user account to decrypt the files. The links below may be helpful. If there is no EFS private key available from user/RA then those EFS files will not be recoverable. The user's/RA EFS private key lives in the user's profile, can be exported for backup, and may be restored if you use PKI that archives user's private keys for EFS certificates. --- Steve

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:EN-US:223316>
<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxpro/support/dataprot.msp>

"mark olczyk" <molczyk@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:OB4mc5FRGHA.1096@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

One of my users have encrypt all of his data (1 year ago) that was stored in the folder on one of our 2003 Servers, now for some reason he can not access his files (access denied) I try to take over the ownership of the folder with my administrator account to no avail, please help.

How do I recover the files, I need to have an access to it, what is the best or quickest method, are they any articles in knowledge base that will give me step by step direction,

Thanks

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