

Re: EFS for the entire user profile

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Thanks, Steve.

Mike Ober.

"Steven L Umbach" <n9rou@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:e7tmlJwnGHA.1444@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

It is not possible because the user profile contains the EFS private key in the application data\Microsoft\crypto folder. You can however encrypt other folders that have data that you want to secure such as my documents folder.

FYI Windows 2000 does not have a very secure version of EFS because all an attacker has to do is to use a password reset disk to reset the built in administrator account password that is by default the RA and then can

access

any EFS file on the computer. XP Pro fixed that vulnerability. You can export/delete the EFS private key for your user account and RA account but that gets to be real tedious because you need to import them again to

access

EFS files. --- Steve

"Michael D. Ober" <obermd.@.alum.mit.edu.nospam> wrote in message news:uJwgg1qnGHA.780@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Is it possible/advisable to encrypt the entire user profile for a logged in user? The machine is a laptop.

Thanks
Mike Ober.