

Re: Old My folder problem

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I've managed to do exactly the same thing on my system and now cannot get back *a lot* of work.

I've spent the past two days chasing my arse around the delights of the help system and have been grappling with the marvels of mmc and designated recovery agents etc.

The help file does seem to suggest that a recovery agent can decrypt files even if the private key has been lost...

QUOTE:

Recovering encrypted data

Data recovery refers to the process of decrypting a file without having the private key of the user who encrypted the file.

You might need to recover data with a recovery agent if:

A user leaves the company.

A user loses the private key.

A law enforcement agency makes a request.

To recover a file, the recovery agent:

Backs up the encrypted files.

Moves the backup copies to a secure system.

Imports their recovery certificate and private key on that system.

Restores the backup files.

Decrypts the files, using Windows Explorer or the EFS cipher command.

ENDQUOTE

Are you seriously telling me that even as a designated recovery agent I cannot decrypt these files?

>-----Original Message-----
>Did you actually encrypt the files?
>If you did and you did not back-up the encryption key or
Recovery
>Agent and are not on a domain, the files are as good as
gone.
>EFS is good at what it does and there is no back door.
>Read and understand this article before using EFS:
>[http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/techinfo/administr
ation/recovery/default.asp](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/techinfo/administration/recovery/default.asp)
>However if you are improperly using the
terminology "Encrypted" and
>just kept the folders private, take Ownership to regain
access:
>[http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB:EN-
US;Q308421&](http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB:EN-US;Q308421&)
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>Jupiter Jones
>Please respond to newsgroup only.
>Everyone can benefit from the message.
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>"Doze" <doze_80@hotmail.com> wrote in message
>news:20f7001c298a9\$9dc9d3a0\$89f82ecf@TK2MSFTNGXA01...
>> I installed my winXp to drive d:, then i made
MyDocuments
>> private and Encrypted it. After while Xp sterted to
crash
>> so i reinstalled it to C: but forgot completly about
>> MyDocuments in drive d:... so now when i try to open
>> MyDocuments (d:) it says "Access is denited"... How
can i
>> access this folder?
>> Thanks! :)
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