

Encrypted file holocaust

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I can no longer any files that had been encrypted using Windows XP professional, even though the username has not changed. It is a shared machine to which four users have administrative access. At least one of these users is a moron.

It could well be me. In fact, I did not even know the files were being encrypted, until I noticed that files older than a certain date in specific folders would no longer open, and that these filenames were in green text.

The date nearly corresponds with a system reinstall -- but not exactly. In the folders I use most, nothing after the reinstall date was encrypted at all. But in the few folders that my wife and I share under the same username, the files are encrypted, even after the reinstall date, and they can no longer be accessed. The drive was not reformatted for the reinstall.

So: has some all-important key or certificate been deleted? If so, where would I look for it?

Please help.