

Re: EFS recovery problem

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Hi Peter,

I must have missed the post to which you refer, as this is the first I recall where change of group is the main implicated action.

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Roger

"Peter Clark" <clark@hushmail.com> wrote in message news:037301c31038\$061e06f0\$a101280a@phx.gbl..
> weird - remember a few weeks ago somebody posted a similar
> story? i can't remember how it was resolved. changing
> groups *should* _not_ effect efs.
>
> yeah - check with efsinfo and check in your profile
> folder\application data\microsoft\systemcertificates\ for a
> matching filename. also check with certs in mmc.
>
> if your still stuck give us a yell.
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> >-----Original Message-----
> >I am not sure at which point your EFS access was broken,
> >but here are some observations.
> >
> >A recovery agent will only be of use if it was set up before
> >the files were encrypted or last touched. Doing this after
> >the fact will not assist in your current dilemma. You use
> >the commandline cipher utility to generate the needed
> >cert/key for the recovery agent. It is all in here
> >
> ><http://microsoft.com/WINDOWSXP/pro/techinfo/administration/recovery>
> >
> >Since your account is now set with the same password as
> >before,
> >and since changing the group memberships of an account should
> >have not impact on the operation of EFS, we need to figure
> >out
> >what has happened to your account.
> >There is a tool, efsinfo.exe, that you can use to see what
> >thumbprint
> >is associated with the encrypted files, and the account's
> >current
> >certificate. You can get this by installing the Support

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> Tools from
> >the similarly named directory of the Windows XP CD.
> >You should also use the Certificates mmc console to look
> at the
> >private certificates for EFS of the account in question -
> particularly
> >checking to see if there is more than one.
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> >Roger
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> ><thiessendg@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:eddfcb6f.0305010521.2cb4751d@posting.google.com...
> >> All,
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> >> Please note that I have read the FAQ...
> >>
> >> Here is my problem, I have a Power User Account. I
> changed that
> >> account to an Administrator. When I logged in, it
> forced me to change
> >> the password. I simply changed it to its current
> password. I did my
> >> thing, logged off, logged in to default admin, changed
> account back to
> >> PU acct. Log out of Admin, log in to PU acct. and now I
> cannot access
> >> EFS files.
> >>
> >> After reading/research, I log on to account and use
> control panel to
> >> change my password, change it to the password. Still no
> access to EFS
> >> files.
> >>
> >> Hmmm. Log on to admin, restore files from backup, still
> no access.
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> >> Hmmm. Use MMC and try to make sure that default admin
> is recovery
> >> agent and he is not, no one is. So i try to add Admin
> acct as
> >> Recovery agent, but, there is no *.cer file on local
> machine.
> >>
> >> Any suggestions?
> >>
> >> My understnading was, since the password changed, that
> is what screwed
> >> up the EFS. But, according the KB article, logging in
> as user and
> >> changeing password with control panel, I should have
> access to my EFS
> >> files back.
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> >> I have a sinking feeling, but appreciate any suggestions...
> >>
> >> Dave
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