

## Re: Encrypted files

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Why did you use the word "encrypted" in then subject ?  
IOW, are you sure it is an EFS issue rather than just an  
NTFS permissions issue that is curable by taking ownership?

If it truly is an EFS issue, then you will need to decide how  
valuable the encrypted data is to you. Since you do have the  
old system (its intact image at least) you may be able to get  
to the files either through hours of effort or a pile of money.  
The biggest problem from what you have said is that you do  
not recall the password of the old encrypting account.  
Your alternatives, assuming the forgotten password can be  
resolved, are 1) to call MS for paid support or use one of the  
third party providers, or, 2) take a full backup of the old system  
and then try to do a repair/upgrade install of it (this will get  
the drivers all realigned to the new hardware) followed by  
complete update of service releases to the same level as the  
old system had been, or 3) try adapting a recovery based on  
<http://www.beginningtoseethelight.org/efsrecovery/index.php>

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"Michael" <amsi@warpdriveonline.com> wrote in message  
news:25ddd01c38e05\$e8323110\$a601280a@phx.gbl...

> I built a new system. I put in a new HD and installed XP  
> Pro. I put my old HD in as my second HD so I would have  
> access to old data, files, photos, etc.  
> I cannot remember the password and login I used and so  
> cannot access many of my "protected files". And, being  
> an entirely new system with all new MB, Video, etc. I  
> cannot boot to the old drive. Of course, I already sold  
> my old system.  
> Any hope?  
> Please help.