

## RE: Data Encryption

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Your subject line says "Data Encryption", but you say your using XP Home?

"The Encrypting File System (EFS), found in Windows XP Professional but not Windows XP Home Edition, ..."

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/whichxp.asp>

If you used EFS to encrypt your folders/files, but didn't make a backup of your private key to open them, then I fear you have lost your files.

"Best Practices for the Encrypting File System"

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:223316>

and

"5-Minute Security Advisor – Recovering Encrypted Data Using EFS"

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/community/columns/5min/5min-401.mspx>

----- Graham wrote: -----

I have Windows XP Home Edition, i set myself a user account with a password. A few days ago i booted up my computer and it was about to load the "welcome" screen and the an error box popped up with "Delayed Write Failed" as the header and it says the data is lost. (lots of these keep popping up)

I click ok to these boxes and eventually the windows logon page is displayed, i enter my password and it verifies and starts to log me on but then the errors come up again and then windows goes to the "blue screen"

I need my data stored in my documents so i took the drive out and put it in another computer. All the data is still present on the drive and i did a virus scan on it which it

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passed. I then wanted to copy my document to the hard drive of the computer i booted up on. I went into "documents and settings" and located my folder but when i hover the mouse over the folder it says the folder