

## Re: Idiot Needs Help

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DenBowan wrote:

> *Thats me.*

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> *I have installed a new version of XP over my existing one. I  
> now have new directories for my personal files. On my  
> hard-drive I now have my old directory called 'Dennis' which  
> I cannot get access to...*

> *(D:\documents and settings\Dennis is not accessible.*

> *Access is denied)*

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> *...and a new directory called 'Dennis.REBORN' which I can  
> get access to but has none of my saved files in it.*

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> *I know I have been stupid but is there any way I can access  
> the old directory.*

You need to take ownership of the files. Take a look here for the procedure:

How to take ownership of a file or folder in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:308421&sd=tech>

"Access is Denied" Error Message When You Try to Open a Folder

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:810881>

Good luck

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