

Re: Password Protection

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You need to lock your computer when you leave it. I believe there are keyboards that you can do that by pressing a couple keys or create a shortcut on your desktop so all you have do is click an icon and it locks. I can't imagine too may situations where that would not be adequate other then maybe life threatening situations. It is crazy to walk away from your computer without locking it or logging off. If you could password protect folders then someone else could access your logged on computer and password protect folders as you and lock you out of your own data or an attacker could put a keyboard logger on your computer to capture your passwords anyway or delete your files or copy your data to crack the passwords at his leisure to access that data like they can now for password protected Zip files or Office files. We all get interrupted all the time and have to deal with it. --- Steve

"Frank88" <Frank88@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:D9264698-96A2-4484-9472-3BB0E022DA2E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> All that is fine, but only when not logged in, whether as given user, or
> possibly even as admin, though I'm not certain about the latter. I notice
> that logged in as admin allows me to view anything of any user's, but
> perhaps
> rights can somehow be granted only to a specific user, excluding
> admin--seems
> doubtful. I have to look into that. Otherwise, if I remain logged in--to
> my
> own computer--then all files (not otherwise password protected) are
> visible
> to anyone who sits down here. So long as I'm careful to log out, none of
> it
> matters, but should I be interrupted suddenly, before logging out, then
> all
> is visible to anyone who happens by. I'm simply suggesting that MS offer a
> means via WK2 or XP, or any other Windows platform, to password protect
> any
> folder one one user likes, such that the folder is ONLY available when
> that
> folder is OPEN, and not otherwise. I'm simply suggesting an added security
> measure. Certainly, there's nothing more "cumbersome" about my idea than

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> scrolling through lists assigning different rights to different users,
> even
> if that did solve the problem, which it doesn't, because it doesn't
> address a
> scenario such as the one I've just described. Thanks for your input.
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> Frank
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> "Bruce Chambers" wrote:
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>> Frank88 wrote:
>>> Does anyone know a way to password-protect an entire folder in
>>> Explorer, as
>>> opposed to single files in Word or other programs? I'd suggest that if
>>> there
>>> is no way, there should be a way, and I'd hope MS might consider
>>> programming
>>> in the ability. But maybe there is way, if anyone knows. Thanks,
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>>> (Running XP Pro here.)
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>> Like Win2K, WinXP's file security paradigm doesn't rely on, or
>> allow, the cumbersome method of password protection for individual
>> applications, files, or folders. Instead, it uses the superior method
>> of explicitly assigning file/folder permissions to individual users
>> and/or groups.
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>> HOW TO Create and Configure User Accounts in Windows XP
>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:279783>
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>> HOW TO Set, View, Change, or Remove File and Folder Permissions
>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:q308418>
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>> HOW TO Set, View, Change, or Remove Special Permissions for Files and
>> Folders
>> [http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:\[LN\]:Q308419](http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:[LN]:Q308419)
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>> HOW TO Set the My Documents Folder as Private in Windows XP
>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:298399>
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>> Of course, if you have WinXP Pro, you can encrypt the desired
>> files/folders.
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>> Best Practices for Encrypting File System
>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:223316>
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>> As a crude work-around, you can place the file in a compressed

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>> folder, and set a password to uncompress the folder to view/access its
>> contents. Also, some applications allow the user to password-protect
>> their specific data files. Read the specific application's Help files
>> for further information on this capability.
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>> Bruce Chambers
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>> Help us help you:
>> <http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>
>> <http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>
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>> You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on having
>> both at once. – RAH
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