

Re: Win XP File Excrption – corrupt user account

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NMjSQLLLC wrote:

I have a workstaiton that was setup to use file encryption for a users My Documents directory. The user account associated with the encryption certificate is no longer a valid user on the machine, nor is the administrator's account that was the file recovery account. I have the certificates available but they don't do me any good because I can't log into the system as either of those accounts. When I recreate the accounts new certificates were generated.

So my question is, is there a way to reassign an account to use a different certificate, with when creating the account or by changing an existing account.

They end user has a lot of old and valuable documents inaccessible as the result of this problem. I've tried everything I could think of but being new to certificates

I can't answer your question directly but the following links may help.

The Encrypting File System

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/topics/cryptographyetc/efs.mspx>

Best practices for the Encrypting File System

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/223316/en-us>

How to back up the recovery agent Encrypting File System (EFS) private key in Windows Server 2003, in Windows 2000, and in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/241201>

How To Encrypt a Folder in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=308989>

How To Remove File Encryption in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=308993>

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How To Encrypt a File in Windows XP
<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=307877>