

Re: Password protecting

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Cosmo wrote:

I am going on holiday and am having my house sat.
I trust the person sitting my house and she will use my PC.
However, I would like to password protect a few folders with banking info.
How can I do this?
I have Vista Premium.
Thanks all

Cos

Like WinNT, Win2K, and WinXP before it, Vista's file security paradigm doesn't rely on, or allow, the crude and 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.

As a crude work-around, you can place the file in a compressed 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.

For your situation, the simplest course of action would be to create a limited user account for your house-sitter's use, and configure it so it doesn't have permissions to access your personal files.

Bruce Chambers

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They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.
~Benjamin Franklin

Many people would rather die than think; in fact, most do. ~Bertrand Russell

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The philosopher has never killed any priests, whereas the priest has killed a great many philosophers.
~ Denis Diderot

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