

## Re: unencrypting files that somehow got encrypted

**Source:**

[http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Win2000/microsoft.public.win2000.file\\_system/2004-08/0317.html](http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Win2000/microsoft.public.win2000.file_system/2004-08/0317.html)

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> *As the domain administrator and recovery agent I have tried unencrypting  
> the file without success. I have exported his certificate and then  
> imported into my certificate store, but still no success in unencrypting.*

If his key does not work, it's most likely because of a reinstall (or fiddling with the certificates). If so, you need the backup from before that.

If you do have it and it still doesn't work, it's because he most likely encrypted the files with the 128bit update installed and the update is no longer installed. This will cause the key not to work because of algorithm differences. Install the 128bit upgrade on his system.

If you don't have the key with which the files were encrypted, the files are lost.

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