

Re: Unable to restore backup files

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Ditchboy wrote:

> *This is follow up with my previous postings!!!!*
>
> *I turned "encrypt to secure data" on on couple of*
> *personal folders on my laptop. Great, I backup my folders*
> *to another PC with win/XP's systems tools to second PC on*
> *LAN.*
>
> *After rebuilding my PC with same OS, same signon userid*
> *and pwd. I restored all folders back to my laptop*
>
> *Problem: I could not open those files anymore. Jpeg pic –*
> *got black screen.. Word doc – "user does not has access*
> *previlege..."*
>
> *I played with changing ownership.. At folder level, they*
> *will let you unchecked the encrypt box, but NOT at the*
> *file level.*
>
> *I created a new file after rebuilt, turned on Encrypt to*
> *comapred with the before rebuild file.*
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> *Steps to do that are:*
> *1. Left click a file and click Properties*
> *2. Click Advance*
> *3. Click detail(make sure it is an encrypted file, if*
> *not, turn one on and Apply to try it out)*
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>
> *I compared the username of the file created before*
> *rebuilt and after rebuilt:*
> *BEFORE:*
>
> *John Doe(John Doe@415Laptop)*
>
> *After:*
> *John Doe(John Doe@GatewayF1FBC28..)*

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> *My question is: where can I change GatewayFIFBC... to*
> *match 415Laptop???*
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> *When I setup my home network, I used 415Laptop during*
> *rebuilt.*
>
> *Also I checked Computername, it is also 415Laptop. I do*
> *not know where GatewayFIFbc,, come from??*
>
> *Expert, help!!!*

If the your encryption certificates and keys were not backed up before the user deletion/creation caused by the reinstallation, and the workstation isn't part of a domain, I'm afraid that those files are gone, for all practical purposes. Encryption works well and there is no "back door" or hack to access the files. (Wouldn't be much point to EFS if it were vulnerable.)

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both at once. - RAH