

# Re: Secure or Password protect a folder

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- From: "Bob S" <BobS@xxxxxxxxxx>
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See below for comments.

"Malke" <notreally@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
<news:%23KvD7HiCGHA.3812@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

> MichaelHensley wrote:

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>> "Bob S" wrote:

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>>> 3. Is there a way to password protect a folder?

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>> Right-click on the folder, and select "Properties". Next, on the

>> "General" tab click on the "Advanced" button. Finally, click on

>> "Encrypt contents to secure data". (See

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> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us:308989&sd=tech>).

>> SAVE A COPY OF YOUR CERTIFICATE (see

>> <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/223316/EN-US/>).

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>> Whenever you walk away from your computer, hold down the "Windows" key

>> and type "L" to lock it.

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>> Have fun!

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> Do *\*not\** use MS EFS encryption unless you are *\*very\* \*very\** sure you

> know what you are doing. Many techs (including myself) call EFS "the

> delayed Recycle Bin". Instead, here is information about permissions

> and folder protection:

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> XP does not use passwords to protect resources. It uses permissions

> instead. Here is information to help you with that:

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> How to disable Simple Sharing and set permissions on a shared folder in

> Windows XP (Pro only)

> <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=307874>

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> HOW TO: Set, View, Change, or Remove File and Folder Permissions in

> Windows XP

> <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=308418>

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- > By default in XP Home, you can only make files and folders under My
- > Documents "private". Otherwise, to see the security tab in WinXP Home,
- > restart in Safe mode and log on with an account that has administrator
- > privileges. To get into Safe Mode, repeatedly tap the F8 key as the
- > computer is starting up. This will get you to the menu where you can
- > choose Safe Mode.
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- > Note that the file system must be NTFS, not FAT32.
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- > Passwording of folders is not supported unless you zip them. When you do
- > (right click a folder, then "send to > compressed folder") and then open
- > the zip file, you will find an option under file>"add a password".
- > Otherwise, use third-party software. Google "password protect folders".
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- > Malke
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- > MS-MVP Windows User/Shell
- > Elephant Boy Computers
- > www.elephantboycomputers.com
- > "Don't Panic"

Thanks Malke.

I tried this and got a message saying that it could not create output file.  
bob

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• ***Follow-Ups:***

- ◆ ***Re: Secure or Password protect a folder***  
◇ *From: Malke*

• ***References:***

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◇ *From: Bob S*
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