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Anthony wrote:

> Hi, after formatting my hard drive after a huge problem with it, I  
> went into my old disk structure file to retrieve data such as music  
> and pictures and files, ive changed the permissions for my documents  
> but it wont let me access the my pictures file or other files im up in  
> shits about this as its my uni coursework....HELPS!!

It is really unclear from your post what you've done. Did you already take ownership of the files?

Take Ownership of a File or Folder in Windows XP [Q308421] –  
<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=308421>

Were the files password-protected? Encrypted? If the files were password-protected (or made private), the easiest thing to do would be to boot with Knoppix and copy the data from there. Here is information on using Knoppix:

An easy way to retrieve Windows files is to boot with Knoppix, a Linux distro on a live cd. You will need a computer with two cd drives, one of which is a cd/dvd-rw OR a usb thumb drive with enough capacity to hold your data. To get Knoppix, you need a computer with a fast Internet connection and third-party burning software. Download the Knoppix .iso from [www.knoppix.net](http://www.knoppix.net) and create your bootable cd. Then boot with it and it will be able to see the Windows files. If you are using the usb thumb drive, right-click on its icon (on the Desktop) to get its properties and uncheck the box that says "Read Only". Then click on it to open it. Note that the default mouse action in the window manager used by Knoppix (KDE) is a single click to open instead of the traditional MS Windows' double-click. Otherwise, use the K3b burning program to burn the files to cd/dvd-r's.

If the files were encrypted with EFS and you didn't back up your encryption keys, you are SOL.

If you want more specific help, reply to this thread with a clearer post

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about what you did originally, whether you have XP Pro or Home, and what you've already done to troubleshoot. Please be precise. I understand that you are upset, but remember that none of us can see your computer from here.

Malke

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