

# Re: decrypt help...

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kerry:

thanks. i'm certain i don't have an image or backup of the system prior to the 64-bit preview install. foolishly, i jumped right into the deep end of the pool --- didn't even partition the hard drive for a dual boot. anyway, sounds from what you've posted that i just need to get out of the pool. will do. thankfully, i didn't encrypt a lot of files, and those that i did encrypt can be restored from the earlier dates and worked from there. hey, i'm a writer --- if nothing else, this gives me an excuse to edit myself.

again, thanks for help (to all),  
kevin

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>> honestly, ron, i don't know at this point. i have an old backup of the  
>> files, copied to cd before i encrypted them (what a brilliant idea the  
>> latter has turned out to be --- argh!). i think those older versions are  
>> what i'll have to default to. i'm running into brick wall after brick  
>> wall re decryption, even though i'm almost certain the cert/key combo  
>> i've recovered is the correct version for the files. in fact, it has to  
>> be; they are the only files i've ever encrypted on this machine.

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>> i've tried re-establishing a user account with the same name as when i  
>> encrypted the files, then importing the cert/key combo into that account  
>> (with full admin privileges). that doesn't work any better than importing  
>> the cert/key combo into my current user account (with a different name)  
>> or even a direct admin account approach. that said, is there a private or  
>> public key (or some other security block) set up unique to each account,  
>> such that even though i've recovered the cert/key combo from my previous  
>> account i still can't use it for anything?

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>> man, these bricks are hard.

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> You would need a backup of the user profile and machine system state as  
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