

# Re: How to set password on Shared Documents folder?

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Bruce Chambers ?8A0;(0):

polychrom@xxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

How to set password on Shared Documents folder (win XP home), to ask password before accessing via LAN?

Like WinNT and Win2K before it, WinXP's file security paradigm doesn't rely on, or allow, the cumbersome method of password protection for individual applications, files, or folders. Instead, it uses the superior method of explicitly assigning file/folder permissions to individual users and/or groups.

HOW TO Create and Configure User Accounts in Windows XP  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:279783>

HOW TO Set, View, Change, or Remove File and Folder Permissions  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:q308418>

HOW TO Set, View, Change, or Remove Special Permissions for Files and Folders  
[http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:\[LN\]:Q308419](http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:[LN]:Q308419)

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HOW TO Set the My Documents Folder as Private in Windows XP  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:298399>

Of course, if you have WinXP Pro, you can encrypt the desired files/folders.

Best Practices for Encrypting File System  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:223316>

As a crude work-around, you can place the file in a compressed folder, and set a password to uncompress the folder to view/access its contents. Also, some applications allow the user to password-protect their specific data files. Read the specific application's Help files for further information on this capability.

Bruce Chambers

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<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. –Benjamin Franklin

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Well, to be more specific: I want set password for SharedDocuments folder only, since other folders is not accessible via LAN(by default). I am not sure I need to reconfigure User Accounts in Windows XP, since each PC have full Admin permissions, no other users(and NOT necessary).