

Re: accessing an HDD

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Hi Mark,

You might try accessing the files or folders while in "safe mode". This worked for me in a similar situation. It might allow you to take ownership of the files.

Here is the path that worked for me:

for the files or folders in question, right click | choose Properties | click Security tab | security dialog box, click yes | advanced button | click Owner tab | select desired owner | check replace owner on subcontainers and objects | click Apply | security dialog box, click yes | OK out | OK out.

I could only accomplish this in "safe mode". No guarantees, but it might work for you.

Regards,
Sam

"marko" <marko@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:89A9A034-B6F5-4BB4-95A5-5E1FA5E3A7ED@microsoft.com...
> *i recently bought a new pc. I removed the HDD from my old PC and installed*
> *it*
> *in the new one. however i cant access the files in "my documents" on the*
> *old*
> *HDD because the files were protected. The instance of windows XP on the*
> *old*
> *HDD is so messed up that i cant even start it. the system doesnt prompt me*
> *for*
> *a password or anything. I am logged in as system administrator. how can i*
> *get*
> *around this.*
> *thanks,*
> *mark*
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