

RE: Recovery agent for EFS, how can i get it done PLEASE HELP

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On 2000, this can be accomplished:

- A. Login as Local Administrator (not Domain)
- B. Run mmc
- C. Add the snap-in certificates
- D. Go to personal; find cert for EFS
if not there, then close mmc, encrypt a file then decrypt file, then repeat steps A-D)
- E. Right click cert and export to floppy. DON'T Export key
- F. Login with user credentials; run mmc; add snap-in certificates; go to Personal
- G. Right click right pane(in the white area or go to actions) and choose import certificate

On 2003

- A. Administrators automatically have decryption rights or follow above steps

You can also check out:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/techinfo/planning/security/efssteps.asp>

"XP_2600" wrote:

- > Guys i need your help, i have a windows 2003 server entprise (upgraded from
- > Windows 2000 advanced server sometime ago) i noticed that an employee
- > encrypted some files and that wasnt allowed (i didnt moved the allow
- > encrypting files from the GP :() anyway i logged with the administrator
- > which suppose to be able to recover the encrypted files but its didnt do it,
- > anyway i decrypt the files using the user account, but now i wanna add a
- > reliable recovery agent, everytime i choose an account to be a recover agent
- > (an account from domain administrators) i get this error "Add Recovery Agent
- > -----
- > The selected user has no certificates suitable for Encrypted File System
- > Recovery and cannot be added as a recovery agent.
- > Select another user.
- > -----
- > OK
- > -----"

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- > i tried to install CA and then i tried to request certificate but i get this
- > error "-----
- > Certificate Request Wizard
- > -----
- > The certificate cannot be installed because of one or more of the following
- > conditions:
- > – There is a problem with your cryptographic hardware.
- > – The cryptographic service provider (CSP) that created the request is
- > malfunctioning.
- > The error was: Keyset does not exist
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