

## Re: Bad XP problem

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If the hdd is put in another working xp/2k system, as others have suggested, the files should be accessible <except> if encryption has been applied to them.

In that case, the password for the administrator must be reset, there a number of linux boot disks that will do this ( assuming syskey is not enabled in the registry), when the administrator password is reset ( I usually reset to blank ).

Then log in as the administrator, right click on the folder with encrypted files, slect the advanced button and clear the tick box "encrypt contents to secure data". After the administrator account has been hacked, reinstalling XP is then in order. The forgoing assumes that a user other than administrator has encrypted the files and that computer has been a member of a workgroup.

HTH

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"William R. Walsh" <newsgroups1@idontwantjunqueemail.walshcomptech.com> wrote in message news:y5PWc.83757\$TII.50737@attbi\_s52...

> *Hi!*

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> *Unless I missed something in your post (which is quite possible) why don't*

> *you just set the drive as a slave and pop it into a working PC.*

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> *You might have to forcibly redefine some disk and folder permissions if the*

> *files are in a "private" folder as you say. I don't think XP still has the*

> *ability to do this, but Windows NT and 2000 do. If you right click a*

> *folder,*

> *choose Properties and then choose the "Permissions" tab you can "force" your*

> *way into the files. I do believe you must be an administrator or a member of*

> *the administrators group.*

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> *This may not be the best way, but I've had to do it before to back up*

drives

> *where the contents were in danger because of viruses or other big problems.*

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> *If and when you get the box up and running, it might pay to find a more*

> *competent OS of your choosing. Personally I use Windows 2000 Pro because*

> *there is just too much I don't care for in XP.*

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> *William*

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