

## Advanced EFS Data Recovery restores EFS encrypted files from Windows XP Pro

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I think [Advanced EFS Data Recovery](#) is an excellent piece of software. I'm an experienced software engineer who is currently working for a Microsoft Gold Partner on bespoke software solutions. I am not in a position to offer to be a reseller (as I'm a coder and not in sales), so would not be of interest as a reseller. I will however, ensure that I recommend your EFS Data Recovery to anyone that may be in need of it; and if anyone asks me about password recovery in general (SQL is most likely) I'll tell them to have a look at your products.

The situation I was in that made me find your Advanced EFS Data Recovery is as follows:

My pc recently got infected with a virus; I'm pretty sure the same IE exploit that Google were complaining to China about - keylogger/screen grabber/Trojan + disable the firewall - despite having Anti-virus installed.

When I was alerted that the firewall I was disabled I investigated, did a netstat -ano, noticed I was dialed out to an IP in Russia (always a bit worrying.). I Googled the IP, then managed to identify and eradicate the Trojan + keylogger + screengrabber that was installed (after first killing Trojan + keylogger + the locks on the files with Sysinternals' Process Explorer). After this, Windows XP Pro refused me access to my EFS encrypted files - despite the fact that I'd managed to export the EFS certificate (including the private key) and knew the username / password (and was running as that username). Obviously the system needs to be reformatted after this, but I needed to get my data off first. EFS data recovery managed to allow me to recover my files with ease - this has saved me the expense of having to restore my most recent backup and redo any missing work.

I'd like to thank ElcomSoft's developers for an excellent product – I will be recommending it if I ever encounter anyone that could benefit from it.

*Regards,  
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