

# Can Blancco File Eraser be used to erase files on tape drive?

If a windows system can access the tape drive with read and write access, Blancco File Eraser can also access and erase files stored in the tape drive.

Note that tape drives are not as safe as normal drives and there is a theoretical possibility that traces of old information remain on the tape. An overwrite will create good protection and especially if the tape drives are being reused in the same organization. For decommissioning of tapes with sensitive information, we recommend using degaussing.

For more information, read [this article](#).