

# Re: How to change passwords in Windows Vista

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BTW – I found these answers and copied and pasted them. I never really used them myself. So I can't vouch for them.

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Until recently I have been getting assistance with my Windows Vista Ultimate through an IM connection, with a file sharing port open between us. I would now like to change the passwords and close all access ports to my machine. How do I go about doing that?

Petter Nordahl-Hagen's Offline NT Password & Registry Editor

This is absolutely one of the best free tools to reset the administrator password and gain access that I have ever used. It modifies the encrypted password in the registry's SAM file allowing you access to the account in Windows NT/2000/XP/2003/Vista systems.

There is an image file to create a bootable floppy disk or bootable CD to modify the admin password and access NTFS partitions. You do not need to know the old password to set a new one. It will also offer to unlock disabled or locked user accounts (a very helpful feature). The program was just updated on April 9, 2007 to include Vista support.

Please visit the site by clicking on the link below to download a CD image or floppy image of this great program.

<http://home.eunet.no/pnordahl/ntpasswd/>

LoginRecovery.com

Another option is to decrypt the password and show you the actual administrator password. A

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great site for doing this is [loginrecovery.com](http://loginrecovery.com). Basically, you download a small program to extract the password from the computer, then you submit the encrypted password file to their site and they will recover the lost password. Of course, you need a computer with Internet access to upload the file and find the password.

With this option, the administrator password is not changed so you wont lose access to EFS encrypted files. Visit their site by clicking below

<http://www.loginrecovery.com>

Although there are probably other options to recover an administrator password, I find the two option shown above to be the quickest and easiest ways to either change or discover the password and allow you access to the user profile and data stored on the hard drive.