

Re: How do I make w2k secure for logon?

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CTRL+ALT+DEL is a good precaution.

Set a password in the BIOS. (Watch the first boot screen for how to enter Setup. Often it is to repeatedly tap the DEL key.)

That's two passwords just to boot the computer.

Changing the default login user from Administrator to a less powerful user is highly recommended by MSFT. Avoid logging in as the Administrator, especially on a network.

While you are in the BIOS, set it to only allow boot from the hard drive. That will prevent booting with a CD or diskette. You'd be amazed what you can do with a boot diskette, especially if you soup it up a little.

You can set passwords for folders as well (for example, to protect your porn :). Misleading, boring folder names with encryption and compression are also good.

Shielding the screen from outside eyeballs while you are working is also necessary.

Search the bookstores and the newsgroups for "PC security" "restrict PC access" etc. Read and heed.

The final touch is a locked, bolted-down safe in a restricted access room with the computer inside and five or six forms of biometric entry needed to access it all. :)

But nothing will protect it from a serious cracker, and most campuses have plenty of them. :-(

In other words, you can take computer security as far as you want, but you'll never make it secure if it is accessible.