

Re: Windows 2003 Server local login username and password are greyed o

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If you have a machine that is set to autologon then the only way to logon as another user is to hold the shift key just prior to the CAD box appearing. An autologon requires that the password cannot be blank. If the password for the autologon account is changed then this greyed out effect is what you might see.

What you're describing is something else. Does Event Viewer log anything when this happens?

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Regards,

Dave Patrick ...Please no email replies - reply in newsgroup.

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<http://www.microsoft.com/protect>

"Paul Lemonidis" wrote:

| Hi Dave

| I have seen this a number of times and am totally stumped by it. I know
| of at least 7 others that are too. I am not totally clear about what to
| do here. I will have a 2003 server up for days or even weeks then all of
| a sudden after several perfectly normal logons at the console I get
| this. On every occasion a reboot through terminal services, yes i can
| logon there, restores normality. Where does holding the shift key enter
| in? Do you mean hold it down before and during alt-ctrl-del? Holding it
| down just before the machine comes back up from a reboot won't stop the
| need to reboot in the first place and secondly rebooting always clears
| the problem anyway?? Does holding the shift key down after the reboot
| reset something?

| Is there any chance you could explain this a bit further please as I am
| confused. Sorry if I am missing something obvious here. I would really
| like to understand what is going on when this occurs.

| Regards,

| Paul Lemonidis.