

# password

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There are alot of things you can do.

If you search google for administrator password boot disk change, words liek that you should easily find a program that will rewrite the passwords for you.

Here is a free utility to change all NT core based passwords.

here's a link to the page:

<<http://home.eunet.no/%7Epnordahl/ntpasswd/>>

And a link directly to the bootdisk Image:

<<http://home.eunet.no/%7Epnordahl/ntpasswd/bd040116.zip>>

The app itself is very technical, don't get confused, just press [Enter] alot and wait until it asks you for a new admin password.

Enter the new admin pass, press "!" , then "q", confirm all the write actions, and reboot for changes.

\*\*\*WARNING\*\*\* – This program should only be used on your own computer and is by no means suggested for use on a computer that you do not own.

\*\*\*WARNING\*\*\* – These programs can sometimes mess up domains due to the presence of local and network password differences.

Second, you could delete the SAM file. this will delete all user accounts, including the administrator, so you

may want to back up your my documents folders on the accts before doing it. You would do this from the recovery console.

In order to bypass the administrator password for the computer in recovery console, this is what you would have to do.

Boot to the Windows XP\_CD  
At the first screen, press Enter to set up Windows XP now.  
Press F8 to agree to the EULA (End User License Agreement)  
At the next screen press ESC to continue installing a fresh copy of Windows XP without repairing.  
Do not delete any partitions. Have the customer use the arrow key to highlight the C: Partition (NTFS) and press ENTER.  
Press C to continue setup using this partition.  
On the next screen, highlight the option to leave the current File System intact which is the default.  
On the next screen, Press ESC to choose a different folder  
On the next screen, have the customer make the directory say: WINDOWS1.  
(The default is: \WINDOWS Change it to: \WINDOWS1)  
It will begin to copy files. At 22% and not more than 25% turn the system off. Boot again to the Windows XP\_CD  
At the first screen press the R key for the Recovery Console. Ensure that the numlock key is turned on, then when asked to select the Windows installation that you want to log on to, select the second one  
("Windows1" (2) Enter) then continue with the needed testing/repair as you would normal

then go into the recovery console on the second installation of windows and change over to the original after logging in and manually change to c:\windows\system32\config and delete the SAM file.

Another thing you can try is Use winternals ERD commander to blank or change the admin password. [www.winternals.com](http://www.winternals.com)