

## Re: administrator login winxp

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Greetings --

"Troy Piggins" <troy@piggo.com> wrote in message  
news:bD2Gc.78735\$sj4.40278@news-server.bigpond.net.au...  
> 2 questions about winxp (hopefully the right group - first timer) :

- > 1. upon install you provide a password for 'administrator', but how do
- > you login as administrator? if you logoff, you can only login as users.
- > i have set a user that is a member of admin group, but that is not
- > what i want.

The built-in Administrator account really isn't intended to be used for day-to-day normal use. The standard security practice is to set a strong password on it and use it only to create another account for regular use, reserving the Administrator account as a "back door" in case something corrupts your regular account(s).

As you've learned, once any additional user accounts have been created, the Administrator account will no longer be displayed on the Welcome Screen. This is a default security feature. By design, the only way to log into the Administrator account of WinXP Home is to reboot into Safe Mode. For WinXP Pro, pressing CTRL+ALT+DEL twice at the Welcome Screen will produce the standard login dialog box.

- > 2. i think it is connected with the above, but how do you get access to
- > c:\system volume information\ directory? i have 2 machines with spyware
- > and viruses on them, and infected files are in that directory but i
- > can't get in there to clean them.
- > thanks in advance.

The System Volume Information is the hidden, protected operating system folder in which WinXP's System Restore feature stores information used to recover from errors. It's really not a good idea

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for you, or an antivirus application, to directly access the contents of that folder, unless you expect to have no future use for the restore points, in which case it would be simpler just to turn off the System Restore feature.

To clear viruses from the "System Volume Information," simply turn off the System Restore feature (Start > All Programs > Accessories > System Tools > System Restore, System Restore Settings), reboot, then re-enable System Restore, and reboot one last time. This will delete all of your Restore Points, including the corrupted one(s), and allow you start with a clean slate.

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