

Re: Problems Logging On

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>From MVP Rick Rogers:

Did you run a spyware removal program lately? The userinit value may have been corrupted by the removal of blazefind. It adds wsaupdater.exe to the logon value in the system registry, sometimes appending it, sometimes replacing it. Running Adaware or other cleaners detects and removes wsaupdater.exe, but doesn't correct the registry damage. If this is the case, then you may need to load the registry hive from another installation and change it. This is the key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon

Userinit string value should be:

C:\WINDOWS\system32\userinit.exe,

On the damaged installations it's one of these:

C:\WINDOWS\system32\wsaupdater.exe,

C:\WINDOWS\system32\userinit.exe,C:\WINDOWS\system32\wsaupdater.exe,

Another "quickie" method of resolution is to load the Recovery Console (see below), copy userinit.exe as wsaupdater.exe from the command prompt, then restart normally. Once in, go and change the registry value back to what it's supposed to be and delete the copied file.

HOW TO: Install and Use the Recovery Console in Windows XP [Q307654]

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=307654>

This can also be done by using the 6 disk boot floppy set mentioned in the above article, as it loads enough of the Recovery Console so that you can copy the file. This is particularly useful if you have an OEM installation that includes only a Restore CD, or no disk at all.

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"Mike" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:0d7001c4a64b\$6561e910\$a401280a@phx.gbl...

- > Windows XP loads, and then when I click on a user it
- > starts to load my preferences, but then automatically logs
- > me out. I can't even log on using Safe Mode.
- > Any solutions?