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Hi Kev,

No, from the Recovery Console, go into the C:\Windows\system32 folder and copy userinit.exe as wsaupdater.exe

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C:\Windows>CD\Windows\system32
C:\Windows\system32>copy userinit.exe wsaupdater.exe
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Then restart normally. This should get you past the login, and you can correct the registry entry that caused this in the first place.

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Best of Luck,
Rick Rogers, aka "Nutcase" - Microsoft MVP
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Windows help - www.rickrogers.org
"subseauk" <none@this_time.com> wrote in message
news:RPzld.437$kc1.145@newsfe3-gui.ntli.net...
> Hi Rick
>
> It was your thread i had seen earlier with the same advice, i follwed this
> but was not sure if i had done it correctly !!
> When you say copy the userinit.exe file do you mean the userinit.ex_ from
> the installation cd?
> Also after copying and renaming it as ws..... do i have to remove the
> existing userinit.exe file?
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> Rgds
> Kev
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> "Rick "Nutcase" Rogers" <rick@mvps.org> wrote in message
> news:e%230PB0kmEHA.2772@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...
>> Hi Kev,
>>
>> Run a spyware cleanup application recently? 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
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>> 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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>> Best of Luck,  
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>> Windows help - [www.rickrogers.org](http://www.rickrogers.org)  
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>> "subseauk" <none@this\_time.com> wrote in message  
>> news:Jxwld.306\$2h1.241@newsfel-gui.ntli.net...  
>> > Hi  
>> > I turned on my PC as normal last night and everything was fine until  
>> > the  
>> > log  
>> > on page. i clicked on my user icon as normal and it said loading  
> personal  
>> > preferences etc then it flashed and came up with the login out screen  
>> > ready to shut down!!!  
>> > As far as i know nothing has been changed in settings etc prior to  
>> > this,  
>> > no  
>> > one else has access to the PC and now i can't get on the machine!!  
>> > I have several items for sale on ebay, plus ongoing business email  
>> > that  
> i  
>> > desperately need to get access to.  
>> > Is there anything anyone can suggest to help with this problem please.

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>> > Kev  
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