

## Re: Windows XP Sign on

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Hi Daniel,

Run a spyware cleaner 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. To do this, use these commands:

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C:\Windows>CD\windows\system32
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C:\Windows\System32>copy userinit.exe wsaupdater.exe
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Then you can exit once completed.

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

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that includes only a Restore CD, or no disk at all.

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Best of Luck,

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[www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/expertzone](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/expertzone)

Windows help - [www.rickrogers.org](http://www.rickrogers.org)

"Daniel" <gboyz4@insightbb.com> wrote in message

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> My computer starts up and asks for my password on the XP  
> sign on blue screen, I type in my password and it starts  
> to load then immediately goes into a log off mode and  
> saves my settings and I am right back where I started.

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> I can't even sign on in safe mode, the same thing  
> happens. This just started this morning. What happened  
> and what can I do?

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> I need help!

> Daniel