

Re: User Management Question

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>I have a "User" management question that I cannot find the answer to:

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> I have one user login whose name is "Admin" - and another user login
> whose name is "Bob".

> Currently, both users have Administration Rights - and when I view their
> profiles in the <My Computer\Manage\Local Users and Groups\Users> page -
> both the "Name" and "Full Name" fields display "Admin" and "Bob"
> respectively.

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> So it looks like this:

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> Name | Full Name | Description

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> Admin Admin

> Bob Bob

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> For the past year, and for reasons that are too complicated to describe
> here, I have primarily used the "Admin" login for my general computing -
> and my "Bob" account for administration purposes. My goal is to
> flip-flop these user names. Now, I want my general computing login to be
> "Bob" and my administration login to be "Admin" - but I have spent so
> much time customizing the software, documents and settings in my "Admin"
> account that I need to retain all those settings after I change the name
> to "Bob". The same goes for the current "Bob" account; I want all the
> software, documents and settings to remain intact after I change the
> name to "Admin".

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> So, I basically want to rename "Admin" to "Bob" --- and "Bob" to
> "Admin". I have gone into the User Control Panel and used the name
> change feature and this is what I have found:

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> 1. It does change the login name - but it only changes the "Full Name"
> field in the <My Computer\Manage\Local Users and Groups\Users> page --
> not the "Name" field.

> 2. Surprisingly, it does not affect the names of the "Admin" or "Bob"
> folders in the <C:\Documents and Settings> folder. I would have thought
> that the account name and the <Documents and Settings> folder had to
> match so that they could be linked together. I don't understand how
> these folders are linked and why the names don't change when you change
> the user name.

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> You could imagine that this would become very complicated. My account
> names and <C:\Documents and Settings> folders would never match.

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> So, the question is: How do I change "Admin" to "Bob" and "Bob" to
> "Admin" -- and have the "Admin" and "Bob" folder names in the
> <C:\Documents and Settings> folder change accordingly so that I don't
> drive myself crazy trying to remember which folder is linked to which
> user. I'm just not sure I can just rename those folders without doing
> irreparable harm to Sharing and Security Permission settings - as well
> as however they are linked to the User Account names.

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> Also, here is an unrelated question:

> When you establish a XP User Account, you are asked if you want your
> files to remain private. Assuming you have selected this option when you
> setup the account - how do you make them Un-Private at a later time?

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> Thanks very much for your feedback.

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