

## Re: Admisitrator account

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Using Windows XP Home ?

First, using the default "Administrator" account is discouraged for day to day use.

When you create a new user, the new profile is created from a Template. Any customizations in a pre-existing profile aren't included. Within a profile those types of changes & user specific data are stored in the profile as a Registry hive called "Hkey\_Current\_User" and equates to a file NtUser.Dat found in the root of the profile at C:\Documents and Settings\YourLogin'. This NtUser.Dat holds information related to XP customizations and all the specific profile things such as email profiles,etc. This file is what is loaded when you see the login box "Loading Your Settings".

Once you create a User profile, the Administrator account becomes hidden. It's still there, but doesn't appear in the Welcome Screen. To get access to Administrator, you have to boot Safe Mode and press the Control-Alt-Delete sequence twice so that Administrator can be used in the Username box.

Perhaps your best solution, is a System Restore back to a point prior to adding/changing Accounts.

If you recover, consider Imaging your system to protect your personal data and XP setup. The hardest part of servicing PC's is having to tell users that all of their data is irretrievably gone.

"Ross LaBarbera" <ross@red-phoenix.com> wrote in message news:e170Ou61EHA.3596@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

>I got some advice from someone on the board last night, followed it, and  
>now I'm stuck. Hopefully someone can help me get back to where I was...

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> To fix a different problem that I was having, it was suggested that I  
> create a new User Account with Administrator privileges. I was operating  
> under the "Administrator" account and had everything set up under it. When

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- > *I created a new user, I could no longer see the "Administrator"*
- > *account...only the new User account that I had created. The problem is*
- > *that I don't see any of the vital information that I had set up*
- > *previously. My emails are gone, IE is back at default setting, same with*
- > *Word, etc. It is like I am starting from scratch on the PC.*
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- > *How do I get my "Adminsitrator" account back? I can't delete the User*
- > *account I created because you can't delete your last account with*
- > *Administrator privliges. I tried to do a User Profile Copy To from*
- > *Administrator to my new Account (Ross). That appeared to work, but nothing*
- > *changed on my computer. I still have no access to any previous information*
- > *or files!*
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- > *I'm running XP SP2. Can anyone help?*
- > *Thanks in advance.*
- > *Ross*
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