

Re: Users Are Gone, Can't Login

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x-no-archive: yes

On Fri, 2 Dec 2005 14:46:51 -0600, mikesg

<mikesg.1zfk4a@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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>It should not matter if it is XP Pro or Home, because it sounds like the
>users have either been disabled in the SYSTEM settings, or they have
>been deleted, or possibly the SAM file was changed by a virus or a
>user.
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>as Dixonian69 began stating, try this:
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>Shut the computer down,
>Start it up again, and hit the F8 key repeatedly, right when the power
>comes on... press it once every second or so until the black screen
>comes up with the options. Using your arrow keys, select "Safe Mode"
>first in this attempt, and then when it boots it may pass the user
>login screen, or it may ask for Administrator's Password. Try doing
>this without any password (Unless you specified an Administrator
>password at some point) and see if it lets you in. You should be able
>to repair or restore the computer to an earlier time, but this will get
>you in. If the administrator account does have a password (If your
>blank password fails) you will need a tool to blank the admin
>password.***sounds like this is your case Stan, because you are not
>entering the correct password Try a blank password (no characters)
>first***
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>You can use a boot disk like ERD commander, or a program called
>ASTRUMI..(you will need to burn either ISO to a disk which is a linux
>disk that will allow you to "BLANK" the admin password and then try to
>login with no password again in safe mode.
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>If all else fails, you can use a sam file from another XP home/pro
>system with similar user accounts installed on it. (I have not tried
>this but others have had somewhat successful attempts).
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>If you DO get in by the admin attempt, try to enable the user accounts
>again, or simply create a new one not the same as any of the last

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>users.

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>Navigate to the C:\Documents and Settings\ and see if your usernames

>are still on their folders. You should be able to enable the accounts

>again, or create NEW accounts with the SAME IDENTICAL usernames IF the

>folders are still there. (I have not tried this either)

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>In any case, getting to a desktop is your main objective. If you still

>fail then I would suggest either 1. Using another XP machine, plug your

>hard disk in as secondary (use the jumper on the drive to set as either

>"Slave" or "CS"(Cable Select) and from there you will more than likely

>be able to recover all your important files.

In this last regard, with jumpering your hard drive to another machine using XP, I just got a cable that changes the IDE drive to a USB drive, and it also comes with the power supply. All you get/ all you need is the IDE – usb adapter and the power jumper.

As I recall, the documentation that came with my adapter cable was incorrect. You need to set the jumper on the HDD as "CS."

As opposed to, if you are jumpering for a CD Burner, you set the burner's jumper to "Slave."

Again, if all else fails, this step will allow you to get your data files off CHEAPLY. I paid less than \$20 for my IDE – USB cable adapter.

Good luck!

Talahassee

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◇ *From:* Steve N.

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