

## Re: User -> administrator ?

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Gaëtan wrote:

> HI. I have this friend who got a pc from a friend with nothing else on  
> it than Win XP pro ( no sp1, or sp2 ! )no other programs.  
> His friend account was the administrator one but forgot to give him  
> his old password. After few tentatives with passwords my friend gave  
> him, XP finally asked him to change his password. So he created his  
> own. He finally got into the OS. So he decided to create a new  
> account in his own name and password. He did so and it worked fine.  
> But he deleted his friends administrator account at the same time. So  
> now he's only a normal user and his pc doesn't have any administrator  
> account! He can't add, delete or do anything in the pc, not even get  
> to reedit, or to the " modify your account " window since he's not  
> an administrator !!! Is there an easy way to transfer is " user  
> account " into an " administrator account ". I think he doesn't have  
> the Win XP CD !!! Thanks for your help.  
> Gaëtan.

You can't delete the built-in administrator account. At the Welcome Screen, press Ctl-Alt-Del twice. This should bring up a log-in box. Use "administrator" for the user name (without the quotes). It is possible that if XP was pre-installed that the password for The Administrator is blank.

HTH

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