

password recovery

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I'm trying to find the easiest way to walk someone who's not super technical through restoring their XP password. Here's the issue. My dad called last night, said he ran Microsoft's Antispyware which removed a bunch of things on his laptop. He then rebooted and was faced with a login screen, with a domain box (he's running XP Home, I didn't think you could even join a domain with Home without some hacking anyway).

I then walked him through both the creating a CD and boot floppy method detailed here:

<http://home.eunet.no/~pnordahl/ntpasswd/>

The CD didn't boot and the floppy started to load a Linux kernel then almost immediately errored out. I had him create it on another floppy just in case the first one was bad.

Is there anything we can do with the recovery console or is there another fairly straightforward tool I can walk him through?

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