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Jdogzilla wrote:

Hello, recently my Win XP Pro crashed with the following message:  
Windows XP could not start because the following file is missing or corrupt:  
\\WINDOWS\\SYSTEM32\\CONFIG\\SYSTEM

I followed my search to Microsofts website – Article ID 307545  
Based on the document, I completed "Part One" of replacing the files from the  
windows\system32\config directory with the ones from windows\restore

On rebooting my machine and going into Safe mode, I was asked to enter an Administrator password. I had never setup an "Administrator" account on my machine, only user accounts. Pressing the enter key to send a "blank" password did not work, nor did any of my user passwords. Now I am locked out from my machine. I hope not to have to re-install windows as I will lose all my settings. Is there any way for me to recover from this? What is the default Administrator password for XP Pro?

If it's XP Home the Administrator password is blank unless you set one. For XP Pro there is no default. It's whatever was assigned when the OS was installed.

See this for help:

<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar/lostpass.htm>

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Rock  
MS MVP Windows – Shell/User

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