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dby wrote:

Just bought a used dell from a prof. (he used at school), it boots up then asks for user name and password. The prof gave that to me but it doesn't work. If this is the wrong place for this question please redirect me. If someone can help, please let me know what other info I need to supply for some answer to this problem... The school is 1500mi form me and the prof did not give me discs. Windows xp pro.

With second-hand computers, especially if acquired from strangers but perhaps even if acquired from a family member or friend, your wisest course of action would probably be to format the hard drives and start fresh. You don't want to get in trouble because the original owner may have filled the hard drive with kiddie porn, or have problems because the original owner downloaded/installed viruses or other malware.

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Bruce Chambers

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They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.
-Benjamin Franklin

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