

Re: System Administrator Not Available

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Thanks, Wes. I got it! Had to continuously hit F8 until it went into safe mode. Added another s.a., then restarted and was able to access all user accounts. Turns out, one needs to have two s.a.'s to make it all work. Go figure!

Rose

Wesley Vogel wrote:

Rose,

This should work for any version of XP to get into Safe Mode.

To start the computer in safe mode

http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/boot_failsafe.msp

If for some reason the F8 method does not work, and this can happen, see this for the System Configuration Tool Method.

Using the System Configuration Tool Method

<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/forums/index.php?showtutorial=61#winxo>

Some machines use the F8 key to get into the BIOS and the F8 method does not work to get into Safe Mode. There other reasons also, but that doesn't matter now.

1. Click Start, click Turn Off Computer, and then click Restart.
2. After the computer completes the Power On Self Test (POST), press F8, and then click Safe mode

NOTE: If you have difficulty getting to the Safe mode menu command, press F8 repeatedly after you turn on the computer.

NOTE: If F8 does not work, use the System Configuration Tool Method to access Safe Mode.

3. Log on as an Administrator, or with another account that has

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[[On a Windows XP Professional-based computer that is a member of a workgroup, you have the option of using the friendly logon interface as opposed to the classic Windows logon interface. If you add a second user that has administrative privileges, the built-in Administrator account does not appear during the friendly logon method.

RESOLUTION

To resolve this problem so that you can access the original Administrator account:

1. Press the CTRL+ALT+DELETE key combination twice during the friendly logon interface to use the conventional Windows 2000 logon interface.
2. Restart the computer in Safe mode, or log on remotely by using Remote Desktop and the Autologon feature of the Remote Desktop Client.]]

from...
Original Administrator Account Does Not Appear During Friendly Logon
Method <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/281992>

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

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Rosebud <Rosebud@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
hunted and pecked:

I recently added a user account, made it a system administrator, changed the original administrator account to a "limited" user acct., then restarted the computer. The new user acct. does not show up on the user acct screen, and now, since the other acct was chgd to a limited user, I cannot even get into any place where changes or help menus can be accessed. Help! It seems I am "dead in the water" here.

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