

Re: use login password or not?

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Thanks, Flamer. I am aware of that—not sure I want it to look like win98 :) as I came here from 2K pro, but your point is well taken. I'll nose around there and see if there's anything else I can change.

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flamer die.spam@xxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

epack wrote:

Yes, I did eventually find it by running "control userpasswords2" which gave me the user account dialogs I'm more familiar with. I also saw it when I looked in the Manage My Computer dialogs. I knew it was there :) just wasn't seeing it. The machine runs XP Pro, but a lot of it is set up in a "home-ish" sort of way, and I wasn't seeing the normal screens I do at work, which was a bit confusing.

I know I don't HAVE to use a logon, but I also don't want to leave myself open for problems, either. This came up, btw, when i was trying to schedule a .bat to run my Acronis TrueImage backups, and it failed because it said it needed the login credentials. Well duh, there aren't any :) If I DO set up a special account with a password, just for this task, will this mean that I will have to set a password for the others as well? Or maybe i should just go ahead and do that, but set mine to be the autologin one? I guess i can always just logoff If I need to get to another one, right?

While I think of it, is there anyway to get the stupid "home-ish" user account dialog (and others) to always look like the one I got by running the command above? Tthis flavor of XP Pro just doesn't look a lot like the flavor of XP Pro I have at work—that one is far less "cartoonish", ya know? and I'm not sure why. Both machines are Dell's and about the same age (coupla months).

Thanks!

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Rick Rogers wrote:

Hi,

You don't *have* to use a logon, it's optional and totally up to you. By the way, the default administrator account uses the hidden attribute, so unless you change your folder view options accordingly you will not be able to see it in the folder structure (but trust me, it still exists).

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Best of Luck,

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Got a brand new XP machine at home, and currently do not have any login passwords set on my usual user account. I'm not using Administrator, but I set up another one that is an admin. The machine automatically logs in with my user account, and all I see in the CP is that one and guest. Actually I don't see Administrator anywhere, which I don't quite understand--do I have to do something to enable that? I get no welcome screen, either, even tho that is checked in the user account dialog. Is this because there's only one user account?

I only have the one machine, which is not networked, and don't have any kids at home, anything like that, although I am on DSL, but very well protected with ZoneAlarm Security Suite etc etc. Question is, do I really need to set a login password on my user account? Or on Administrator for that matter? I'm not against doing it, I'm just wondering if I need to with my particular setup.

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TIA

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you can set xp to look more similar to win98 (gray start menu, normal sized icons) by going to the performance tab under system/control panel and select 'adjust for best performance'.

Flamer.