

# Re: Help Please: XP Recovery Console Administrator Password Problem

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I also forgot to ask about your second portion: "If you can boot to the Windows you can also enable Auto-Logon for the Recovery Console with Group Policy, it's in the Local Security Policy. For XP Home Edition edit the registry: <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/312149>

I am using Windows XP Pro and I can still boot to windows ... I need to enter a string of grub commands to get into Windows, but I can still get there. If I enable the policy in XP Pro (assuming it's the same as for XP Home), how does that work? I'll just boot straight to the recovery console? Thanks again, Rich

On Mar 20, 10:27 am, John John <[audetw...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:audetw...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

The password to enter is the one for the local administrator account; the built-in administrator account, not your administrator account. Perhaps it's just blank, try leaving the field blank and just press enter.

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John

Rich wrote:

Hello, I hope someone can help... I have a broken Linux install dual booting system and I want to restore my normal windows XP boot process. I inserted my Win XP disc and booted from the CD. I want to "R"epair my windows installation on "1. C:\Windows" and the system asks me for my Administrator password. Here's my problem. I enter my Administrator password, but, it's not accepted ... it says it's wrong. I even aborted the process and logged in as the "Administrator" to verify that I know the password. Note, I never renamed the Administrator account ... it's still "Administrator"

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So I tried the recovery again and still no good ... says I am using the wrong password. Then, I logged in as the Administrator again and changed my password to be empty/null. Even this is rejected during the repair process.

Has anyone ever seen this before? How can I recover without formatting my hard drive? UGGGGH! Thanks kindly, Rich (please don't reply via e-mail ... dead account for spam prevention)– Hide quoted text –

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