

# Re: Hard Drive Crash, Restoring to Original Registered User

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My hard drive crashed and the repair people were able to save my data and programs. They reinstalled Windows XP using their own disc and registered to: is now User where before it was registered to me ie. Sally Jo. All programs work except a database I use which is locked, I think because the computer does not recognize User as having authorization to access the data base.

Is there a way I can restore the original Registered to or a way I can open my data base?

Probably doesn't matter what name is used for your Windows account. Everytime a new user account is created, and new SID (security identifier) is assigned to it. So even if you were to rename your Windows account the SID would still be different for the new account with the old name. The "registered to" isn't used by your database.

The "Administrator" account under all NT-based versions of Windows always has the same SID. This allows hard drives to be read under different instances of Windows for file recovery or changing permissions. So login under the Administrator account and see if you can get into your database to change the user setup. Don't know what database you use since you didn't mention it (but then this isn't the newsgroup for database configuration questions).