

Re: locking XP from the little brats

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Thanks Nepatsfan.
the built-in admin is password protected and BIOS has a password.
Thank you for telling me about the steady state. looking at the features makes it sound like a useful program.

Ike

"Nepatsfan" <nepatsfan@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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In news:e1Antid2HHA.3760@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
Ike <lkjl@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

I help an elementary school K-5 with the computer lab they have which has
32
XP Home computers that are part of workgroup.

They do not have enough money for full time administrator or
administrative
software or even central domain administration. so I have to work with
whatever free time I have to help.

some kid(s) keep rotating the screen, change the wallpaper, install
programs, and change settings.

I added a guest account, the only way they can login is thru the guest
account, administrator accounts are locked with password changed
frequently.

I disabled right click. locked the control panel, and no display
settings.
the little creeps still managed to get around it.

my question is does anyone know how could they do that.

second question is there anyway I can prevent them from changing anything
on

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the computer or reset any changes after logging off.

Thanks

Ike

First off, whoever made the decision to order computers with XP Home Edition didn't do you any favors. They may have saved the school some money but in the end they've severely limited what can be done in terms of security.

As for how the "little creeps" are making changes, two things come to mind. First, have you password protected the built-in Administrator account? In XP Home Edition, that account is only available if you boot into Safe Mode. Second, is the BIOS password protected? If they can enter the BIOS setup program it's possible they've configured the computers to boot from a CD and using any one of a number of programs are changing administrative passwords.

You might want to consider using this program available from Microsoft.

Windows SteadyState

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/winfamily/sharedaccess/default.mspx>

Good luck

Nepatsfan