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On 6 Nov, 23:57, "VanguardLH" <Vanguar...@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

The default behavior of Windows is to include the username of the last logged in user and leave the password field blank.

If you want both the username and password to be blank (so as not to reduce your secure login by half of its value), set the policy.

- Run gpedit.msc.
- Computer Configuration -> Windows Settings -> Security Settings.
- Local policies.
- Security options.
- Enable "Interactive Login: Do not display last user name".

That will leave both the username and password fields as blank for login. There is no setting for making the password field blank because that is the way it always is supposed to be. If the password field is not blank then you have installed some software, like TweakUI, that prefills in the field.

I have never operated a version of Windows where the username and password were not required for logging in to establish a Windows session. If you run "control.exe userpasswords2", there is an option "users must enter a user anme and password to use this computer". I always have this enabled. Perhaps when disabled then you get the behavior that you noted. Unless something like TweakUI is running to prefill in the login fields or you follow <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/315231>, I haven't see the password field pre-filled in the login screen.

I've also not bothered using the Home version of WinXP. Too many features lacking and the method to get admin privs and login sucks. I believe when a new account is defined under WinXP home that a password is not specified nor required and that the account has to be changed (or the global option via registry policy enabled) to require a password. Give http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/win_xp_passwords.htma read.

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Very many thanks. Extremely useful, and told me exactly what I needed to know.

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