

Re: Personal Computer

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PC help asap!!! wrote:

I got on my personal computer and to create a users. I created two and the information that was on my computer prior to creating two new users is gone. I had pictures and stuff that I thought would be on one of the user accounts I created. Cant find any of my old stuff. I tried looking under my computer and when I did I found a administrators file that I can not open and the other account cant open either. HELP!!!!!! Will I ever find my old stuff???

You would get better help if you provided more information, starting with what version of XP you're running. However, I'm going to guess that you have XP Pro and you were using the built-in Administrator account for your daily work (not recommended).

If this guess is correct, then the behavior is by design. When you create a second user account with administrative privileges, Windows will hide the built-in Administrator account since it is supposed to be used for emergencies and not daily work anyway. If you want to continue to use the built-in Administrator account, do Ctrl-Alt-Del twice at the Welcome Screen to get the classic logon box. Enter "Administrator" (without the quotes) as the user account and whatever password you were using. You can put the Administrator account back on the Welcome Screen; see MVP Doug Knox's solution here:

Enable Administrator account on Welcome Screen –
http://www.dougknox.com/xp/scripts_desc/xp_admin_ok.htm

A better solution would be to create a new daily user account for yourself and copy the data and settings from the built-in Administrator account to it. You will need to log into the new account once before you can copy anything to it.

Copy a User Account – <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?kbid=811151>

After all that, if I guessed incorrectly and this isn't your issue, please do post back **after** looking at these links to see what you need to include in your next post:

<http://www.elephantboycomputers.com/page2.html#Usenet>
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx/kb/555375> – How to Ask a Question

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