

# Re: booting query

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I just had SP3 installed over SP1 on my Windows XP Home computer. In the past, when I booted the computer, I'd just turn it on and leave—and come back to my desktop. Now, as it comes up, Windows wants me to click on my name before it "welcomes" me. Can I do anything to set things up the old way? I'm the only person who uses this computer.

Jo-Anne

Keeping in mind that configuring your computer to logon a user account automatically significantly reduces the system's security, here are two options.

1. Download and install TweakUI from Microsoft. TweakUI is available here.

Microsoft PowerToys for Windows XP

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/downloads/powertoys/xppowertoys.msp>

Direct Download of TweakUI

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/f/c/a/fca6767b-9ed9-45a6-b352-839afb2a2679/TweakUiPowertoySetup.exe>

Once the program is installed, go to Start -> All Programs -> Powertoys for Windows XP -> TweakUI.

Click the + sign next to Logon in the left hand column.

Click on Autologon.

In the right hand pane, put a check mark in the box next to "Logon automatically at system startup".

Enter the name of your user account in the User Name box.

Hit the Set Password button and enter your password twice.

Note: You should skip this step if your account has a blank password.

Click OK to close TweakUI.

Restart your computer to see if you get the desired results.

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2. Go to Start -> Run.

Copy and paste the following into the Open box:

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control userpasswords2
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Click OK.

In the "Users for this computer" box, click on the account you want to have logged on automatically.

Uncheck "Users must enter a user name and password to use this computer".

Click OK.

In the box that pops up, make sure the account you clicked on earlier is entered next to User Name.

Enter your password twice.

Note: You can leave the password box blank if the account does not have a password.

Click OK.

Reboot to see if you get the desired results.

For more info take a look here,

Courtesy of Ramesh Srinivasan, MS-MVP  
Configure Windows XP to Automatically Login  
<http://windowsxp.mvps.org/Autologon.htm>

Good luck

Nepatsfan

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