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Hi,

This seems a similar problem to that noted by Bea below: as yet unanswered. (Is something going around?)

Old Dell laptop, XPHome.

On logging out of one profile and logging back on in my normal (administrator) one, 'userenv' in event log says a 'temporary' profile was substituted, and it would disappear on logging out. Not a bit of it!

Now all I get after log on is the blue basic dell screen and a handful of standard desktop icons.

Windows explorer shows that my folders and files are still there, but I cannot find any way to reassociate them with my user id, which now seems to be permanently referenced to this unwanted empty new one.

There are still NTUser.dat and NTUser.dat.log files in the 'real me' folder, and the former is still a good 6meg full of data. The first lines of these two files seem to share a similar structure and relationship to those on my pc profiles, yet they seem to be being ignored in the log on process, even though I am still getting in with the same userid and password!

The 4 userenv messages went like this:

Unable to load registry: the process cannot access the file because it is being used by another process for..... \ntuser.dat

Windows cannot load the locally stored profile. Possible causes of this

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error include insufficient security rights or a corrupt local profile.  
Detail – The process cannot access the file because it is being used by another process.

Windows has backed up this user's profile [WHERE?] Windows will automatically try to use the backed up profile the next time the user logs on.

Windows cannot find the local profile and is logging you on with a temporary profile. Changes you make to this profile will be lost when you log off.

Well thanks a bunch!

I don't know my way round Home very well, and can't see how to bring up dialogues that would enable me to take ownership of my own folders again. There seems to be no 'use simple file sharing' tick box to untick and get a security tab detailing the permissions and inheritance situation/ownership etc. And when I try to change attributes on my real files from read only – which they all seem to have been rebranded – back to normal, the change does not stick (though they can be deleted).

Userpasswords and userpasswords2 via run both show 'only one' me, and still as an administrator, but I cannot see how to get it to stop using the 'new profile' and go back to the proper one!

Even more confusingly, there is another user, who just has a limited account, but still signs in with a user name and password via ctrl alt del. Yet he does not get a mention on user accounts at all, in either control panel or userpasswords! He also used to show up on the welcome screen but not now! Where is his account?

A final odd thing is that when I went to tried a system restore, I found this had been turned off, though I have no recollection of having done this – and would consider it madness to do so! When I turned it on, the event log duly registered it, but, looking right back through the log, there is no entry to say it was ever turned off!

Digging a little deeper, and right clicking for the properties sheet of 'the new me's' 'my documents', I find my whole new package is in a Temp folder c:\documents and settings\temp.

If I just empty this, will my logon revert to the proper files?

Even then, I still would not know where the limited account user's details are and why they don't register in UA or userpasswords!

How can I go about getting my proper files reassociated with my user id, and having all of the users on the machine properly represented in the dialogues.

This one really does have me confused I am afraid. Any light that can be

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thrown on this would be very helpful, thank you.

Much obliged,

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Right,

More digging and tinkering, I see that if I replace the NTUser.dat, and NTUser.dat.log in the new Temp identity, with copies of those from the old one, I then get my old screen picture, but only a few of the icons and folders normally on it. 'MyDocuments' is still the temp one...

In order to take ownership of folders in a system running XP Home Edition you have to boot the computer into Safe Mode. Restart your laptop and keep hitting the F8 key until the Windows Advanced Options Menu is displayed. Use the up arrow to select Safe Mode. Hit Enter and log on with an account that is a member of the Administrators group. The built in Administrator account will do the job. You should now have access to the Security tab on the properties sheet of your old folders. From there you can take ownership and give your account Full Control permissions.

How to take ownership of a file or folder in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:308421>

"Access is Denied" Error Message When You Try to Open a Folder

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/810881>

As for your other issues, you may find that copying the ntuser.dat and ntuser.dat.log files leads to your experiencing the same problem with your new account. There's always the possibility that they were the source of your original problem.

Good luck

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