

# Re: Resetting BIOS to factory default when you don't have access t

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if someone has physical access to the pc, just about any security can be bypassed.

forgetting admin password is an easy one to get past, I work on friends and members of a local users pc group, and finally bought a piece of software to get past the admins password, sure saves loads of worry, and as a word of caution, I do not use it for personal advancement, just to help others when they can't remember their passwords, or mess up their accounts.

"Jose" wrote:

On Aug 26, 2:26 pm, dareys <[dareys@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:dareys@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Jose,

Truthfully, I hacked a number of PCs when I was in college, in the early eighties, in order to learn about them, and for fun, with a number of other fellow students and friends at NYU's computer labs.

However, we never disrupted people's work, or lives for more than a minute and in the end we included them in the joke and all shared had a good laugh. It was harmless.

Now, the sort of hacking that you are hinting at is unethical, and frankly, since those days, I have moved on to other types of computer work, putting me at the same kind of disadvantage my fellow non CS students were back in the 80s.

... Now I believe that I have been the victim of hacking of some kind or other for a while now, and the only reason I am trying to protect the machine is so my personal information, my work or proprietary employer information, are not public or stolen.

So, believe me, no, I am not a hacker. These issues have made me learn a lot, but I have also forgone a great deal of income and opportunities, because of them. Just lost productivity and lack of communication...

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I would never put this information to bad use. I have my life to live and have no interest in harming other people this way, no matter how I may feel about them. Like the Beatles said, "Live and let live". I have better things to do with my time.

Like living the American Dream? Wherever that may be. All people are the same.

Regards,

Jean-Pierre

"Jose" wrote:

On Aug 25, 6:57 pm, dareys  
<dar...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Greetings,

In an attempt to minimize hacking on my box, I configured security and password protected the BIOS of the machine.

In spite of having the passwords simple initially and oh my, written them down. Yep. My BIOS is now inaccessible. Hacking? Any ideas on how I could reset it. BTW, the computer still boots in Windows mode.

My last resort would be to restore from a backup make as soon as I opened the machine, but I doubt that this will reset BIOS.

Thank you for your help.

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Regards,

Jean-Pierre

How do we know you are not a hacker trying to break into a machine that is not yours?

it would be unethical to help you defeat security imposed on a computer that is not yours.

Oh – too late!

Find the manual, find the jumper, pull it, put it back. No need to wait 5 minutes.

Restoring from a backup will not change your BIOS.

I got it. It's just sometimes creepy when people seek guidance recovering their user password or their administrator password or their product ID, moved the HDD and now can't access folders, etc. and so much help is offered to circumvent security. It is not just "here", the info can be found many places.

Probably legit most of the time, but maybe somebody stole the laptop and is trying to get in posing here as a helpless victim of poor memory, or maybe it is some kid trying to break into mommy's PC. Sure! I'll tell you how to reset your password!

I don't recall ever posting a method to get around security blocks, but that could just be me.