

## Re: Mysterious user profiles

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Hi Jeff,

You did a reinstall of WinXP "over the top", didn't you? Not a good idea, as this is the sort of mess it creates. You may need to start/run "control userpasswords2" and delete unused accounts from the advanced tab/advanced button/users folder. You want to be careful that you are deleting the accounts from the old installation and not the new one. It is highly likely that the profiles appended with .windows or .laptop are the \*current\* user folders.

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Best of Luck,  
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Windows isn't rocket science! That's my other hobby!  
<http://mvp.support.microsoft.com/>  
Associate Expert - WinXP - Expert Zone  
[www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/expertzone](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/expertzone)  
Win98 Help - [www.rickrogers.org](http://www.rickrogers.org)  
> "Jeff" <jeffxg@hotmail.com> wrote in message  
> news:eQthN49HEHA.2924@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...  
>> I've installed xp pro over a xp home version. I had a little trouble and  
>> tried a few times. What I'm left with is this. I keep finding a profile  
>> which is for example administrator.laptop (laptop is the computer name)  
>> under 'documents and settings'. This is in addition to the  
>> 'Administrator'  
>> folder. When I delete the 'Administrator.computer-name' folder (while  
>> logged on as a different admin account), and log back in as  
>> administrator,  
>> Windows tells me that it can not find the profile and creates the  
>> administrator.computer-name folders all over again. How can I  
>> re-associate  
>> the Administrator account with the Administrator folders? I also have  
>> another mysterious folder called all users.windows as well as all users  
>> under documents and settings. I also can not delete the All  
>> Users.WINDOWS  
>> folder as well. I get a message saying that it's a windows system  
>> folder.  
>> Any one else seen this?  
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