

Re: User Accounts

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you need a firewall do not install any file sharing software keep you antivirus software up to date. By that if you have a high speed connection then you set the Antivirus software to update whenever the computer is turned on (startup). If you have dialup then usually on logon with a few minute delay to allow you to connect. I cannot emphasize how important it is to keep your definitions updated. If you do it once a week then for 6 days every week any new virus has 6 days to infect your system. There is an option to rename the administrator account since having its name gives a hacker 1/2 of the information they need to get into your system. Use strong passwords. I know they can be a pain but they are not really that hard do not use any common substitutions such as \$ for s or 4 in place of for. a good password would be Wal-><ays) .

Change the name of the account. It doesn't need to be cryptic like a password; it just needs to be something other than "Administrator," the name that every hacker already knows and expects to find. To change the name, follow these steps:

- 1.. At a command prompt, type secpol.msc to open Local Security Settings. (Alternatively, you can double-click the Local Security Policy shortcut in Control Panel's Administrative Tools folder.)
- 2.. Open Local Policies\Security Options.
- 3.. In the details pane, double-click Accounts: Rename Administrator Account.
- 4.. Type the new name for the Administrator account.

Your password is the key to your computer — a key much sought-after by hackers as a means of getting a foothold into your system. A weak password may give a hacker access not only to your computer, but to the entire network to which your computer is connected. Treat your password like the key to your home. Would you leave your home or office unlocked in a high crime area?

Experiences described in Case 1 and Case 2 demonstrate the importance of passwords and how hackers learn them and exploit them.

Too many passwords are easily guessed, especially if the intruder knows something about their target's background. It's not unusual, for example, for office workers to use the word "password" to enter their office

networks. Other commonly used passwords are the computer user's first, last or child's name, Secret, names of sports teams or sports terms, and repeated characters such as AAAAAA or bbbbbb.

Your computer password is the foundation of your computer security, and it needs to stand up against the tools that hackers have for cracking it. <

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M<G5C=&EO;B!3970`(?Z81DE,12!)1$5.5$E460T*0W)E871E9"!O<B!M;V1I
M9FEE9"!B>0T*4W5S86X@4F5E9 T**"D-"@T*#0I#<F5A=&5D(&)Y($%L8VAE
M;7D@36EN9'=O<FMS)PT*1TE&($-O;G-T<G5C=&EO;B!3970@4')O9F5S<VEO
M;F%L#0IH='1P.B(O=W=W+FUI;F1W;W)K<VAO<"YC;VT`(?\+1TE&0T].=&(Q
M+C "!`.0`&`$`~~~~~!`X!`8`@`~~~~~$`#@$`!@`#
>`~~~~~0`.0`&`0`~~~~~!`~[
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