

# Re: Microsoft Net Framework and Windows XP Home Logon

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THANK YOU!

I did the TeakUI option and it seemed to work fine.

You obviously have a very clear understanding of this whole thing as you were able to not only reconstruct what happened to me, but come up with a simple fix.

Many many thanks.

"Nepatsfan" wrote:

In [news:2CBCD6A3-3262-40A6-AAF9-51CD744611AD@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:2CBCD6A3-3262-40A6-AAF9-51CD744611AD@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx), AndrewA <[AndrewA@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:AndrewA@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

I recently added the Microsoft Control Color Applet to my system.

This apparently required MS Net Framework 1.1 which ended up being installed on my system.

After this, the auto logon to WinXP I had enjoyed was replaced with a logon screen requesting user/password—I understand this is a consequence of the Net Framework User Account created—aspnet, etc.

I sought out a way to bypass the login and found a solution at Mark Salloway's Win XP Resource Center. Among several solutions was going to Run and typing control userpasswords2 then unchecking the box "Users must enter a user name and password to use this computer".

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After doing this, the logon screen came up anyway but this time when I tried to continue the logon process, I received an error saying the account was restricted. There was no option to bypass this and my only option was to shutdown!

I ended up going into safe mode and trying to recheck that box in the User Account window. I did that but I was still not able to logon the windows.

Eventually, I did a system restore to yesterday and I am back to normal with the logon window allowing me to enter WinXP.

Questions:

1. Does this make any sense? It seemed very reasonable but obviously did not work in the way it was described.
2. I have tried Windows Update but there is no option for a service pack for Net framework 1.1 (although I understand one exists). I have read that the service pack fixes the logon issue. Is this true? and is this the way to go or should I update to a more recent version of Net Framework (see question 3)?
3. I do see an option for Net Framework 3—does this "fix" the logon issue so one can automatically load windows without user/passwords.

I am leary to try anything after what happened. Should I simply leave well enough alone or is there a SAFE fix rather than the one I tried?

Any suggestions/clarifications from the experts on this whole issue would be greatly appreciated.

First off, if you did a System Restore, check in Control Panel -> Add or Remove Programs to see if .NET Framework 1.1 is still installed on your computer. If it's still installed, you can download the update directly from this site.

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Microsoft .NET Framework 1.1 Service Pack 1

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=A8F5654F-088E-40B2-BBDB-A83353618B33>

Don't be surprised if installing this update doesn't fix your problem.

As for installing .NET Framework 3.0, the applet you installed requires version 1.1. It may not work properly if 3.0 is the only version installed.

As for your logon problem, what happened is that when you ran control userpasswords2 you setup autologon for the built in Administrator account. The Administrator account is only available in Windows XP Home Edition when you boot into Safe Mode. If you try to logon to this account in Normal Mode, an error message will be displayed, "Unable to log you on because of an account restriction". If you hit the OK button, you should see the Welcome Screen where you can click on your icon to logon. If you're not using the Welcome Screen, you should have been able to change the entry next to User Name in the Logon to Windows dialog from Administrator to your account.

There are two ways to fix this problem. Considering what happened on your earlier attempt, I'd suggest you try option 1.

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/TweakUiPowertoy>

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.

2. Go to Start -> Run.

Copy and paste the following into the Open box:

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control userpasswords2

Click OK.

On the Users page, click on "Users must enter a user name and password to use this computer" so that a check mark appears in the box.

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

Next, go back and 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. Do not leave it set to Administrator, that's where you went wrong earlier.

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.

Good luck

Nepatsfan