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Resetting a Forgotten Password

NOTES

- The built-in Administrator account is found on the Welcome screen only if there are no other accounts available, other than Guest, or when the computer is booted into Safe Mode.
- To get Admin account on the "Welcome Screen" make sure that there are no accounts logged in.
- The built-in Administrator account can create and change passwords for all users, but cannot restore a forgotten one.
- When a password is changed, that account will lose all encrypted files, personal certificates and stored Internet Explorer passwords or network resources.
- Press "CTRL-ALT-DEL" twice to get the classic Windows logon box. Type: Administrator. If this account has a password, enter it. Otherwise, leave the it blank.
- Recovering a password is much more difficult. Using a cracking program can take weeks!

RESET A PASSWORD USING THE ADMINISTRATOR ACCOUNT

1. Boot into Safe Mode.
2. Log on using the built-in Administrator account.
3. Open: Control Panel -> User Accounts.
4. On the Users tab, select a user name, the password to change and click Reset Password.

RESET A PASSWORD USING MICROSOFT'S ERD COMMANDER

1. Download a 30 day trial from here:

Microsoft Diagnostics and Recovery Toolset 5.0 \$65 64 MB

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<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=5D600369-0554-4595-8AB4-C34B2860E087&display>

2. Install it, run it and burn the image to a CD.
3. Boot the CD and run the Locksmith Wizard, found under Start -> System Tools.
4. The Locksmith Wizard very easy to use, just select an account and input a new password. Too easy!

RESET A PASSWORD USING OFFLINE NT PASSWORD & REGISTRY EDITOR

Bootable CD (Freeware):

<http://home.eunet.no/pnordahl/ntpsswd/bootdisk.html>

- This disc can set, reset or unlock the password of any user account.
- You do not need to know the old password to set a new one.
- Works with Windows NT/2k/XP/Vista.

RECOVER A PASSWORD USING THE LOGIN RECOVERY WEB SERVICE

Login Recovery is a service to recover passwords for Windows NT, 2000, XP, 2003 and Vista (Fast = \$30, 3-day wait = Free):

<http://www.loginrecovery.com/index.php>

LINKS

How to reset the Administrator's password:

http://www.petri.co.il/forgot_administrator_password.htm

EFS, Credentials, and Private Keys from Certificates Are Unavailable After a Password Is Reset:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:EN-US:q290260>

Administrator and User Passwords in Windows XP:

http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/win_xp_passwords.htm

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Basically, Someone that works for me downloaded that scam virus. The xp2008 antivirus. I understand how to get rid of it, by logging in to safe mode. So I went and changed the settings to always log into safemode, then I restarted to get into safemode, but we forgot the password and the user name for the computer. The computer is on a server so normal log in is into the

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server, but that user name and password does not work for logging into safe mode. Now, since I changed the setting, it always goes into safe mode and I get stuck at the stupid log in screen. Desperatly need help.
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