

the contents of that file will have to be extracted.

3. I assume you know how to do this by merely right-clicking on the ZIP file, click on Extract All, Next, Next, Finish.
4. A folder will be created on your Desktop titled "cd080802".
5. Inside that folder will be the cd080802.iso file. It's this .iso file that allows you to create a bootable CD from that .iso image.
6. Hopefully, you have a CD-burning program, e.g., Nero, Roxio, etc., that allows you to merely double-click on the .iso file and the program will open and create a bootable CD from that .iso image. If you don't have such a program perhaps you have a friend or acquaintance who does and he or she can help you with creating the bootable CD. There are other programs available on the net that allow you to do this as well – one popular program is the freely-available ISO Recorder program – see...

<http://isorecorder.alexfeinman.com/isorecorder.htm>

Now that you've created the bootable CD that's designed to reset your password, insert the CD in your optical drive and boot to it.

The following are step-by-step instructions for using the program. The example involved is a single-partitioned HDD, but the basic steps are the same for any size HDD, except where the drive is multi-partitioned. If the latter is the case the steps will be slightly different but they will not be unduly complicated or substantially different under those circumstances.

As you progress through the screens the information provided and steps involved may look more complicated than they really are. In virtually every step during the process the user will simply be pressing the Enter key or some other simple keystroke. So don't be intimidated by what appears to be a lengthy & complicated process. It really isn't.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Case is important when responding to the prompts so ensure you enter the correct lower or upper case.

1. Hopefully your PC is set up so that it will boot to a bootable CD. If it's not, change the motherboard's BIOS boot priority setting so that the CD-ROM (optical drive) is first in boot priority.
2. Boot to the password reset CD. At the first screen you will see the "boot:" prompt. Press Enter.
3. "Step ONE" is to select the drive on which the Windows OS is installed. If the drive has been multi-partitioned all the partitions will be listed. The prompt ("Step ONE") will be "Select: [1]". Press Enter assuming [1] is the boot partition. Otherwise enter the correct number of the partition containing boot system.
4. The next prompt ("Step TWO") will be "What is the path to the registry directory? (relative to windows disk) [WINDOWS/system32/config]:". Once again, press Enter.
5. The next prompt will list a number of options of which [1] is "Password

reset...".

Press Enter.

6. The next prompt at "Step THREE: Password or registry edit" will list three options. The default prompt "[1]" will reflect the first option, "Edit user data and passwords". Again, press Enter.

The next prompt will ask for the username listing the default [Administrator]. Enter your dad's username (ensuring that you enter the proper case, e.g., DAD), and press Enter.

The "User Edit Menu" will display listing various options. The first option is to "Clear (blank) user password" so enter "1" at the prompt. The confirmation "Password cleared!" message should appear.

7. At the next prompt enter "!" (exclamation mark) to quit the "User Edit Menu".

Press Enter.

8. At the next prompt enter "q" to quit the process.

9. At "Step FOUR" enter "y" to write changes. Press Enter.

10. At the "EDIT COMPLETE" message, press Enter to confirm ending the process.

11. The "#" prompt will appear indicating termination of the process. Remove the CD and reboot.

Hopefully your dad's Administrator's password has now been reset to a blank password and you should gain access to the system.

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