

# Re: Passwords and Internet Connection on Network

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In article <40C755DA-9DAF-428D-9425-AFBAB259B6CE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Brent" <[Brent@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Brent@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

>Hi all. I've set up a home network and am directly connected to a HomePortal  
>router via ethernet cable. I'm running XP SP2 (firewall disabled). I  
>connect to the web via DSL. The internet connection is shared with my  
>landlord, so we are both on the same network but with different PCs. Here's  
>my problem:

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>Logged on as the administrator on my PC (I'm the only user for this PC), I  
>can connect to the web as long as there's no password on the administrator  
>account. If I add a password to the administrator account, I cannot connect  
>to the web. All of the network connections look fine (no errors).

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>My questions are: Is there a work around for this? If not, how vulnerable  
>is my PC to someone else being able to look at my files, etc.? My sensitive  
>stuff (banking, etc.) is password protected at the program level. I'm just  
>kind of worried about what's visible/available if there's no password on the  
>administrator account.

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>Thank you for your time and help.

>Brent

Having or not having a password on the Administrator account should have no effect on Internet access.

How are you trying to connect to the web when there's a password? What exactly happens when you do it? If there's an error message, what does it say?

What is the result of each of these lines typed in a command prompt window (Start | Run | Cmd)?

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ping 216.239.39.99
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ping google.com
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Best Wishes,

Steve Winograd, MS-MVP (Windows Networking)

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Please post any reply as a follow-up message in the news group for everyone to see. I'm sorry, but I don't answer questions addressed directly to me in E-mail or news groups.

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- **References:**

- ◆ ***Passwords and Internet Connection on Network***

- ◇ *From:* Brent

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