

Re: password help

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

Windows Home XP

1. As windows is loading up press F8 repeatedly until the Windows advanced screen comes up.
2. Select safe mode (the version of windows you want to use click XP wait until it loads the welcome screen.
3. Select Administrator and it will log you on as administrator without a password (provided a password was not created in this hidden account during setup).
4. Go to Start – Control Panel – User Accounts.
5. Select your name and click change the password.

Then you should be able to change the password, shut down the computer and restart in normal mode and use the new password you just created.

If you have XP Pro on your computer:–

1. At the log in screen $\hat{\text{€}}$ ctrl–alt–delete $\hat{\text{€}}$ twice.
2. In the User Account, type Administrator
3. Leave the password blank and press enter.
(Most likely a password wasn $\hat{\text{€}}$ TMt created in this hidden account during setup).
4. Go to Start – Control Panel – User Accounts.
5. Select your name and click change the password.

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If you decide to set a password it is recommended that you create a Password Reset Disk by clicking on "Prevent a Forgotten Password" link in the left pane. The Wizard will guide you through.

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:EN-US:321305>

How to Log On to Windows XP If You Forget Your Password or Your Password Expires

<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar/lostpass.htm>

lists a few more options

sammie wrote:

- > *kids got a new computer, one of them set a user password on the main*
- > *account, and now can't rememeber what it is, HELP!! we cannot get*
- > *past the welcome page now. is there a way to get around it?*