

Re: Unable to get Administrator in regular mode

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On Sat, 03 Jun 2006 04:46:19 GMT, David Bahr wrote:

Hopefully Sharon F will answer this one.

I have tried your suggestions re surfing as a limited user. That's OK. But the Administrator is in the Safe Mode along with any new programs I downloaded through it. As I need to use those programs, it would appear the Administrator must be coaxed out of the Safe Mode. Once it is in the Regular Mode there I should have *no problems* downloading new programs using the Administrator and they would (I think) be available for all users.

I don't understand what you're saying about safe mode.

With XP Home or Pro, there is built in account named Administrator (unless renamed) that is a member of the administrator group. And new accounts within the Administrator group can be added.

In XP Home the built in account never sees the "light of day." It is always available from Safe Mode only.

In XP Pro, the built in account will appear on the welcome screen until another account *within the administrator group* is created. At that point it drops off of the welcome screen.

The newly created account will appear on the welcome screen and be available when operating in "normal mode."

For the "invisible" built in admin account there is no need to start in Safe Mode to access this account again. Instead, at the welcome screen press Ctrl+Alt+Del twice. This will bring up the classic logon screen. Type in the name of the built in account and the password (if password is used). Again, the name of this built in account is "Administrator" unless it's been renamed.

Best practice is to keep the built in account "in reserve." Use a separate account in the administrator group for everyday stuff.

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Some folks using XP Pro will inadvertently use the built in account as their everyday account. When/if it disappears, they get a little worried. At this point they can:

Create a new admin account that will appear on the welcome screen without any extra steps and transfer their files and settings over to it. (preferred solution but more work)

Or

Force the builtin account to appear on the welcome screen. (less desirable solution but also less work)

So anyhow, the above is why I'm confused about your concern of the Admin account being in safe mode. If using Home, you should already have an account within the administrator group that is available from the welcome screen. If using Pro, the built in account may have disappeared from the welcome screen but it is still available for use with "normal mode."

I haven't switched to IE7 for XP yet (tried it once and it messed up access with one of my POP3 accounts that I use regularly so uninstalled it; will wait for it to come out of "preview" status before I try it again). If there are some restrictions placed on an account in the administrator group by security features in the new browser version, I haven't had to contend with them yet. Also, this would then be an IE question and better presented in one of the Internet Explorer newsgroups.

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