

Re: windows xp pro password

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Dwayne Bowen wrote:

I just bought a used HP from Ebay for my son and it requires a password to log onto Windows which I do not know and it wasn't included with the computer. The seller doesn't have it either. What is the easiest way to solve this problem? Thanks.

If the person from whom you "acquired" the computer cannot give you the passwords, (and the installation CDs for the OS and any other software installed), you'd be wise to immediately check with the appropriate law enforcement agencies to ensure that you haven't inadvertently purchased stolen property.

Anyway, it's a moot point. With second-hand computers, perhaps even if acquired from a family member or friend, but especially if acquired from a stranger, your wisest course of action would definitely be to format the hard drives and start fresh. You don't want to get in trouble because the original owner may have filled the hard drive with kiddie porn, or have problems because the original owner downloaded/installed viruses or other malware.

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Bruce Chambers

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They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.
~Benjamin Franklin

Many people would rather die than think; in fact, most do. ~Bertrand Russell

The philosopher has never killed any priests, whereas the priest has killed a great many philosophers.
~ Denis Diderot

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