

Re: Outlook Express Profile Password disappears after installing update

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Try using this script to force Outlook Express to always ask for an identity (and password) on startup.

<http://insideoe.tomsterdam.com/tips/forceid.htm>

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Jim Pickering, MVP-Outlook Express

Please reply only to newsgroup.

"Eternal" <eternal2010@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:ecNT6mJhEHA.3992@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...

> In an attempt to resolve this problem I copied OE files from an outdated
> PC. This didn't help. And this update you recommend so strongly is
> precisely what is causing my problem. If I uninstall the update the
> problem goes away.

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> The require password option remains ticked after update, but I'm not
> prompted for it. The only way I'm prompted for a password is if I manually
> log out of the Identity. But I need it to log me out automatically if I
> shutdown the PC which it doesn't. If I shutdown the PC while OE is open I
> could come back a month later and it will just go straight back in without
> a password.

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> I removed the Use this identity option: nothing. Whether it the main
> identity or not, single identity or multiple identities makes no
> difference. Which ever identity it was in when the PC was shutdown it goes
> right back in even if all identities have passwords.

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> As I said before I've tested this on many different PCs and they all have
> the same result so I know it's not specific to my PC. Simply put the
> problem exist only when the update, or SP2 (which includes the update) is
> installed. Without the update OE works exactly as I want it to!

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> Grayson.

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> "PA Bear" <PABear@mvps.org> wrote in message
> news:udQLQuIhEHA.704@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...

>> Are you posting from the problem machine (from your headers: Microsoft
>> Outlook Express 6.00.2800.1106)? That machine is very out-of-date and
>> running much less-secure versions of OE, IE and Windows. Check in at
>> Windows Update ASAP.

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>> What are the other settings at File>Identities>Manage identities? Have
>> you tried unchecking the 'Use this identity...' option?

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>> After installing updates, have you checked to see that 'Require a
>> password' is still enabled for the identity?
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>> Is the identity-in-question the default 'Main Identity' or a user-created
>> Named Identity?
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>> ~Robear Dyer (PA Bear)
>> MS MVP-Windows (IE/OE), AH-VSOP
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>> Are You Ready for WinXP SP2?
>> http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?pr=windowsxpsp2
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>> What You Should Know About Spyware
>> http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/spyware/deviuoussoftware.mspx
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>> AumHa Forums
>> http://forum.aumha.org
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>> Eternal wrote:
>>> Hi,
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>>> I'm running Outlook Express 6 on Windows XP. I configured my Outlook
>>> Express profile with a password so I'd be prompted to enter it whenever
>>> I
>>> open the program. This prevented anyone from accessing my email without
>>> the password. If OE is closed and then reopened without shutting down
>>> the
>>> PC it goes right back in, however once the PC is restarted the password
>>> must be entered to get back into OE.
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>>> Once the latest security update for OE is installed, or SP2, this
>>> completely changes. If I log into OE and then restart the PC it goes
>>> straight back in without prompting for password after the restart. If
>>> the
>>> update is uninstalled OE goes back to its normal behavior. I've tested
>>> this on several different PCs of different brands within my company that
>>> run Windows XP and the result is always the same. The user is no longer
>>> prompted for the password after the update.
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>>> Previously I was content with just installing all updates except the OE
>>> update to prevent this problem, but now with the release of SP2 there
>>> seems to be no way around this. In order to have a more secure system I
>>> seem to be forced to have less secure email that is open to anyone that
>>> sits at my desk (other people sometimes have to use my PC). The only
>>> alternative is to not install SP2 and not benefit from the "security
>>> improvements". Amazing how security can make you less secure.
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>>> I hope someone at Microsoft can address this, and if their not aware of
>>> this drawback in their security update (couldn't find any reference to
>>> this problem on their support site) I hope someone can bring it to their
>>> attention.
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>>> Thanx.
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>>> Grayson.
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