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- *From:* Darren <Darren@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Thu, 9 Aug 2007 05:10:03 -0700
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Hi Doug,

I had a theory that I tried out a a spare PC off mine, here goes, my friends PC was second hand, what a think the preivous owner did was to delete all of their accounts, through Administrator Tools to leave the default admin account, my friend then used this account because it wasn't password protect and appeared on boot up, straight into Windows, when I added her kids account that then became the only account visible, hiding the default admin account. Now, what I was thinking is if I delete the kids account through Administrator Tools, that would leave the default admin account and would boot into that. That's my theory, it seemed to work on my spare PC, what do you think? Is this a viable explanation and cure. Your advice is most welcome. By the way, I've visited your website and added it to my favourites.

Cheers Darren

"Doug Knox - [MS-MVP]" wrote:

Log off the kids' account. Then with no users logged on, pressing CTRL-ALT-DEL twice at the Welcome Screen will get you the older Windows logon dialog. Enter Administrator and any password for that account. That will log you on. Or, if the kids account has administrator level access, you can use either of the methods described earlier in this thread to enable the Administrator account on the Welcome Screen. You can also do this from the Administrator account once you've logged in with that account.

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"Darren" <Darren@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:476DB23D-4DFD-40C5-971B-9FAB979D0C7C@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hi Doug, I can't log of their account because their's is the only account visible, is there a way of recovering the hidden account from the documents saved in "Documents and Setting, Administrator Documents"

"Doug Knox - [MS-MVP]" wrote:

Log of of their account, do not reboot. Then try CTRL-ALT-DEL twice at the Welcome Screen. Additionally, if you're not going to create another administrator level account for your day to day use, see the rest of the message about enabling the Administrator account on the Welcome Screen.

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"Darren" <Darren@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:C3339131-AA07-40E9-BD6B-1A089AB96A18@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hi Doug,
I've tried the ctrl alt del method and got nothing, it just booted straight to the kids account, any other ideas?

"Doug Knox - [MS-MVP]" wrote:

By default, the Administrator account is automatically hidden when you

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create another user account. Additionally, its a bad idea to use the built-in Administrator account for day to day use, as that may be your only way to get into a system that develops serious problems.

For XP Pro: Press CTRL-ALT-DEL twice at the Welcome Screen, with no other users logged on. You'll get the older logon dialog. Enter Administrator and any password that you have set for that account.

To enable the Administrator account on the new Windows XP logon screen in Windows XP Pro, visit my web site, www.dougknox.com and go to the Windows XP Utilities section. Follow the link for Enable Administrator Account
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This small VB application will make the registry change necessary for the Administrator account to be available on the Welcome Screen. If you prefer to do it manually, click Start, Run and enter REGEDIT Navigate to:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon\SpecialAccounts\UserList\

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Note: There is a space between Windows and NT in the above Key.

Add the Administrator account if necessary and/or change the Administrator value to 1

For XP Home, you can only log into the built in Administrator account in Safe Mode, so the fixes above will be of little use.

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"Darren"

<Darren@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

<news:CF70327B-B395-4E75-BD32-4341DDAB1FC1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello, I was setting up a user account on a friends PC, one account for

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her
and one for
her
children,
both would
have amdin
access,
while going
through
the account
process I
clicked on
hide
folders(or
something
to that
effect)
for her
account,
completed
the process
and
rebooted.
When
Windows
reloaded
her account
wasn't
visible but
her
childrens
was. I've
found all of
her
documents
in
"Administrators
Documents"
but I need
to access
her
emails.
I've
tried system
restore to no
effect, is
there a way
to access
this
hidden
user

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account.
The
operating
system is
Windows
Media
Center
Edition.
Any
help
or
advise
would be
great.