

# Changing NT/2000 accounts password from the command line

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I thought that changing passwords in NT/2000 was a privileged operation only available for administrators or account operators from trusted computers.

Bring up the change password dialog from the secured screen that appears pressing CTRL+ALT+DEL in any NT/2000 computer, by default, from this dialog you can change the password of any account on any pingable domain or computer that has netbios active. This could allow for guessing accounts names and brute force attacks, since it will report detailed information on the error if an invalid request is made, "user not found", "invalid password" and so on.

A demonstration command line utility is also available from <http://www.quimeras.com/free/chpasswd.exe>

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