

# RE: forgotten admin password

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Hey mate,

Not so long ago, my supervisor had to reinstall his laptop OS with a backup image (i.e. XP Pro). So once the installation was completed, he tried to login with his regular credentials but the system kept denying the attempt. He tried guess the password many times but eventually raised the white flag and admitted that he forgotten his password.

He brought this CD which had a software burned on it called ULTIMATE BOOT CD <http://www.ultimatebootcd.com/> and within minutes, he managed to reset his account password. The tool he used was Offline NT Password & Registry Editor. But note that if used on users that have EFS encrypted file, and the system is XP or Vista, all encrypted files will be unreadable.

Good Luck

-----Original Message-----

From: listbounce@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx [<mailto:listbounce@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>] On Behalf Of cesar montano  
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2007 6:40 AM  
To: pen-test@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Subject: forgotten admin password

mates,  
need your inputs badly. we have w2k3 server with a newly installed application ... unfortunately, the system staff who's in-charge for that server has forgotten the admin password he inputted in the last few weeks. any idea on how to recover it or other way to login on that server?

advance thanks to everyone.

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