

Re: WinXP Pro – Lost admin pwd

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Laurent,

As you state that you can log in as an admin user, a tool such as L0pht Crack or John the ripper can crack the password for you so that you can retrieve it.

A more preferable method would be to reset it to something you know, and if Michael's guess that your password is blank is incorrect, why not just reset

it by going to:

Control Panel -->Administrative Tools --> Computer management
Under Local Users and Groups, go to users and pick the Administrator account from the list and reset the password.

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"Michael S." <user@notme.com> wrote in message
news:0lxq69XoCHA.2360@TK2MSFTNGP09...

> *If you have XP Pro on your computer, at the log in screen type*

> *ctrl-alt-delete*

> *twice. In the user account type administrator, leave the password blank and*

> *press enter. You likely didn't create a password for this hidden account*

> *during setup and if the computer was purchased with XP pre-installed it*

> *doesn't likely have one either,*

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> *Then go to Control Panel, user accounts, select the*

> *specific user and select change password. Once you've changed the password*

> *it would be advisable to create a Password Reset Disk by clicking "Prevent*

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> *Forgotten Password" link in the left pane.*

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> *Michael Solomon MS-MVP*

- > *Windows Shell/User*
- > *Microsoft MVP Program:*
- > *<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=fh;EN-US;mvpawardintro>*
- > *Associate Expert*
- > *Expert Zone – www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/expertzone*
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- > *"Laurent" <redoctober@bitsmart.com> wrote in message*
- > *news:3df7e75d\$0\$15344\$afc38c87@news.optusnet.com.au...*
- > > *Does anyone know of a way to recover the administrator password on a*
- > *Windows*
- > > *XP Pro box?*
- > > *Can log on as a admin user, but do not have the administrator pwd. can*
- > > *Lophtrcrack or some other such utility retrieve the password hash on*
- > *WinXP?*
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- > > *Any suggestions welcome.*
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