

## Re: Lost info, need to bypass the password!

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"Beth" <[LuvAlwayzAngel@hotmail.com](mailto:LuvAlwayzAngel@hotmail.com)> wrote in message  
news:339201c26043\$23032840\$36ef2ecf@tkmsftngxa12...

> *HELP!!! I need to know if there is any way of bypassing*  
> *any windows password system... School computer has*  
> *rebooted and lost all info. The only way of finding the*  
> *lost info is by going to the back-up computer and*  
> *retrieving the files, its old and we have no idea what*  
> *type of sys it uses (we think it might have windows)*  
> *thus "Huston we have a problem"...*  
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> *\*Unknown operating sys.*  
> *\*No password.*  
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> *We have tryed all old passwords and its just no good...*  
> *Nothing works...*  
> *Help is very much appreciated! Thanx in advance!*

Beth – this may not be the answer you wanted to hear, but I think this is the sort of program that could best be solved by getting a consultant on site who can help with this sort of thing. There's a wealth of information needed to make much headway with this kind of problem which it's just not easy to do via newsgroups.

Having said all that...

If you have someone on site who is happy with the mechanical aspects of working with computers, is it possible for them to transfer the hard disk from the backup computer to another computer. Depending on the operating system in use on each computer it might, just might, be possible to read the files on it this way.

In order to identify the operating system at least, most operating systems tell you what they are during the start up sequence. If you've been given a way of safely shutting down this backup computer and restarting it, perhaps you can do that to gather more information about what kind of operating system we're dealing with here. If you notice anything about SCSI or IDE as well during the start up sequence, jotting down that if you have time may

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prove helpful too.

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