

## Re: Locking Computer

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Dan wrote:

> *I have a similar problem with a teenage son. I put a  
> bootup password to limit usage. He discovered a way  
> around that. Now he's upped the ante in our battle of  
> wits by putting on his own boot password.*  
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> *The good news is he's not creative in choosing his  
> passwords. The bad news is that when I got into setup, it  
> told me that only the system administrator could change  
> the password! I am stumped as to how he did that.*

The old Sys Admin trick. ;)

Remove the CMOS battery for about 10 min. But before you do that copy down all BIOS settings as they will be reset as well. There might also be a reset BIOS jumper on your motherboard that will reset the BIOS quicker.

A bit low tech but a lock on the case will be necessary because he will know the BIOS reset trick.

> *Of course, removing the power cord and/or grounding him  
> from the PC are always last resort solutions, but I want  
> to have the last laugh, so to speak, using technology, not  
> force.*  
>  
> *Thank you!*

Find out all Web sites he needs to visit and install a HOSTS file that disables those sites and turn on hidden and read only attributes.

<http://www.smartin-designs.com/>

>> -----Original Message-----  
>> *I have windows 98 and want to set it up so that a password  
>> is required at startup. We are trying to keep the  
>> babysitter from playing on the computer instead of  
>> watching our children. Please E-mail me with instructions*

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>> *on how to do this. I have used the login password, but if*  
>> *you hit cancel it just bypasses that and starts right up.*  
>>  
>> *Thanks,*  
>>  
>> *Glenn*