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Thanks Steve,

This looks like a very good possibility for his problem. Hopefully all of this will help save me a 2 or 3 day out of town with about 12 total hours of driving and most of the rest of the time sitting on my butt in a tiny town in a tiny CPA office doing things that are not my forte in the first place.

Thanks again!

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"Steven L Umbach" <n9rou@nosspam-comcast.net> wrote in message news:uWMkDOaJFHA.2576@TK2MSFTNGP15. See the link below on a free utility that can be used to reset the local administrator account on a computer. Note that another option is to place the hard drive of that computer into another computer as a secondary/slave drive to access data from another operating system. You may need to take ownership of the folders/files if you can not access them in another computer. If the computer was Windows 2000 or XP Pro you may run into problems if the user encrypted the files with EFS though there "may" be workarounds. A reinstall of the operating system could make EFS encrypted files permanently unavailable. --- Steve

http://www.petri.co.il/forgot_administrator_password.htm

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;308421> --- how to take ownership for Windows 2000 and XP.

"R. Choate" <rchoatecpa@NoSpam.com> wrote in message news:Op7b\$\$ZJFHA.2648@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl...

> I'm trying to help a former client of mine who is somewhat elderly but
> still runs a small public accounting firm. He has fired his
> longtime trusted assistant after, you guessed it, she embezzled funds. She
> knew much more about computers than him and she was the
> network (small network) administrator. I think he has most problems under
> control but she placed a PW on her PC and it has important
> company files on it (in addition to evidence). I've heard of something
> called "Dream Pack" that is open source and cheap, and which
> will allow him to get into the PC and just change the password to whatever
> he wants and gain access to it. I do not have time to
> travel to his little office but I really want to help this old guy. He is
> like a grandfather type guy and I just want to point him
> in the direction of something that will open that computer and perhaps I
> can walk him through the steps over the phone. Has anybody
> heard of this software and can anybody give me any leads on this?

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> I'm an Excel/Access/Word programmer but I don't know operating system or
> security stuff. Thanks for any help.
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