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smith wrote:

I am not using LAN, and I am the single user of PC. Is it secure that I leave the password of user blank when I login the Windows XP?

If you really want to be safer, add a router to sit between you and the dsl modem. Consumer-level routers (Linksys, Netgear, Buffalo, etc.) are inexpensive now.

Then if you want a little extra protection add a strong password to the built-in Administrator account and also to your own user account. If you have XP Home, you can only access the built-in Administrator account by going into Safe Mode. For convenience, you can set your computer to log in automatically to your user account after you set the password.

Get into Safe Mode by repeatedly tapping the F8 key as the computer is starting up. This will get you to the right menu. Use your arrow keys to navigate since the mouse won't work here. Log into the Administrator account so you can assign a good password. Write it down somewhere you won't lose it!

Configure Windows to Automatically Login (MVP Ramesh) – <http://windowsxp.mvps.org/Autologon.htm>

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