

Re: Help! No Domain Drop Down after changing to HomePC Domain

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I did exactly what you said, I changed it from a domain to a workgroup thinking it would connect to my home network that way (XP Desktop).

I have windows 2000 on my laptop. I don't know what the local administrator password to my laptop is, I'm going to have to go the password reset route because I don't have access to that info.

Thanks for your help, and I will post when I get this corrected.

BTW I am intrested in being able to log into both compters to share files, printers, etc..that's what started all this trouble! LOL I should have slept in!
<sigh>

Janet

>-----Original Message-----

>*I'm wondering if maybe you changed your laptop from a domain to logging in*

>*locally e.g. changed it from a domain to a workgroup.*

If you selected your

>*computer's name in the "domain" dropdown, then this is the case.*

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>*XP is not a domain or a domain controller. To have a domain at home, you*

>*would need a windows 2000, 2003 or NT server set up as a domain controller.*

>*Otherwise, you have to log in using local accounts on each computer and*

>*manually set up and synchronize identical login IDs and passwords yourself*

>*on other computers if you want to do file sharing*

between multiple computers

>at home [and configure the computers to be in a workgroup instead of a

>domain].

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>No matter what the problem is, I would think that knowing what the local

>Administrator ID and password is and using them to log in locally should

>help. When you're logging into a domain, these accounts are often never

>used, so it could be that you may never have known or used these. Whoever

>installed Windows on your laptop should know what the local admin ID and

>password is. Often the account name is Administrator.

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>If you need to be able to rejoin the computer to your work domain, you need

>to take the computer back to your work where the domain is available, and

>have someone who is a domain administrator re-join the computer [e.g. your

>helpdesk or network administrator at work].

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>If the person that installed Windows [e.g. your helpdesk at work] doesn't

>know, and you are never taking your computer back to your work domain to log

>in, then there are password reset disks that can help.

There are some

>issues with using these on XP. See here:

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><http://securityadmin.info/faq.htm#password>

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>I hope this helps.

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>"Janet in Atlanta" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message

>news:07ae01c3a5f7\$5eeecf80\$a501280a@phx.gbl...

>> Please help what terrible thing I did!

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>> Trying to connect my work laptop to my new home network

>> (XP) I Changed the domain on my laptop to my new home

>> network domain thinking I could switch between the two.

>> It told me it could not remove my old domain and asked me

>> to reboot. Now when I reboot, I can not get my domain

>> drop down box. When I try to log in using my old user

>> name and password it will not let me in. I tried a

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>> *thousand differnt things to get logged in including
using
>> the old domain name\user id, new doman\ user id and
>> password, NOTHING WORKS! Help!
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>> The sad part is now I realize I didn't have to do that
at
>> all because my home desktop can see my laptop...I just
>> can't get into the laptop to change my settings back to
>> the original, I'm in huge trouble if I don't
>> get this fixed pronto!
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>> Thanks in advance for your advice!
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>> Janet <sigh>
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