

Re: Can't logon to windows2000

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Steve:

It did not work.

I was able to access my "locked" PC's C Drive by using the "\\computername\c\$".

Important points I want feedback on:

1) My working PC originally ran on Win 98 and was upgraded to Win 2000. It was not a clean install. I was an upgrade. Also my 2nd PC runs on a PII 233. My locked PC is a 800mh celeron.

2) What if I added a 3rd PC running on a clean install of Win2000 to my network and added it to my workgroup. Then I could copy it's "secedit.sdb" to it. Would that help?

3) When I copy/pasted the "secedit.sdb" to the locked PC, I did not delete the now name changed "seceditold.sdb". I pasted my 2nd PC's copied secedit.sdb next to it in the database folder. So, in the end, the database folder on my locked PC had the new/copied "secedit.sdb" file and the name changed "seceditold.sdb" file still for the fix it boot up. (Did that cause a problem?)

4) I noticed on JSI FAQ #3361 that it says to rename the "secedit.sdb" file to "secedit.old_sdb". That is different from your suggestion. You said to rename the file "seceditold.sdb". Does that make a difference?

5) Looking at JSI FAQ #3361 that it says the cause was "Local Security Policy has been set to deny logon right to everyone." I do not recall "setting a deny" at all. I did delete some "user groups" that I didn't think I needed. My guess is that the problem is a missing group not a deny to everyone. I recall setting a lot of the security settings to allow for everyone. i do not recall

one time where I set security to deny everyone.

6) Over my many attempts to boot up the locked PC, I tried Safe Mode. I watched the as the black screen scrolled through all of the driver names. Eventually the scrolling ends and the PC sits for quite a while. Could it be stuck trying to load a bad driver? Can I try the "return to the last good configuration" route?

Once I was able to move throughout my locked PC's file structure using "\\computername\c\$", I feel pretty optimistic that this can now be fixed through the network somehow.

At very worst, I can at least copy everything off of the PC to a 3rd PC and save it there or burn a CD. Unfortunately, my existing 2nd PC has only a 4 gig harddrive so it won't work. It is far too small. Plus it only had about 225 meg left. It is far too small to attempt a move.

I assume it would be possible to add a third (& larger HD) PC to my 4 port router and move the files there. At least I now access to my Outlook email contact files and email .pst files with info I badly need.

Also, I had copied installation CD's directly to my locked PC's HD for save keeping in case something happened to the CD's themselves. At least now I can move these files to a 3rd PC.

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

>Thanks, Steve. You've been a life saver.

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>JWC062604

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

>>The link I showed shows exactly how to do that. Here are
>the basic steps.

>>Substitute your actual computer name for the locked out
>computer where I

>>show "computername". If you don't know the computers
>actual name, you should

>>see it in My Network Places on the good computer.

>Hopefully your working

>>computer is a Windows 2000 Pro computer or this will not
>work and stop after

>>verifyng or not that you can access the C\$ folder on
the

>locked out

>>computer as described in the second sentence below. If

>you can at least
>>access the c\$ folder there may be another option but I
>need to know the
>>operating system of your good computer. If you can not
>access the c\$ drive
>>you will need to try to take it to someone who can slave
>the drive in
>>another computer running Windows 2000 or XP to try and
>repair it or
>>reinstall the operating system which can be done without
>destroying your
>>data but will require that you reinstall all of your
>applications, service
>>pack, and critical updates. Note that if you have any
EFS
>encrypted files,
>>that a reinstall that is not an "upgrade" install will
>prevent you from ever
>>accessing them again unless you backed up your EFS
>privaye keys.
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>><http://www.jsiinc.com/SUBG/TIP3300/rh3361.htm>
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>>First logon to your other computer with a logon name and
>password that
>>exists on the locked out computer that is an
>administrator on that computer.
>>Create the account on your "good" computer if need be.
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>>In the run box type \\computername\c\$ and then enter. If
>it brings up the
>>administrative share on the other computer which should
>show the whole drive
>>you are in. I am assumming c drive is where your
>operating system is at and
>>if it is not use the correct drive letter.
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>>Go to the \winnt\security\database folder. First open
the
>winnt folder and
>>then the others in the order shown. Folders are in
>alphabetical order within
>>a folder.This is called the "path". You should see a
file
>called secedit.sdb
>>in the window to the right. Right click that file and
>select rename. Rename
>>it seceditold.sdb and hit enter.
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>>Minimize the Explorer Window by selecting the minimize
>icon in the top right

>>hand corner. Now on your "good" computer go to the same
>folder path and find
>>the copy of secedit.sdb on it. Right click that file and
>select copy. Now
>>maximize the Explorer Window on your locked out computer
>and put your
>>pointer in the window to the right where you now have a
>file called
>>seceditold.sdb. Right click your mouse and select paste
>and you should now
>>see a copy of secedit.sdb from the other computer that
>you just copied.
>>Close your Explorer Windows and reboot the locked out
>computer to see if it
>>helps and let me know. --- Steve
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>>"JWC062604" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote
>in message
>>news:2212e01c45bc1\$8bc86b80\$a001280a@phx.gbl...
>>> Steve:
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>>> I actually do have another PC on my (2 PC) network.
This
>>> is how I am communicating now. My purpose for the
>network
>>> was so both PC's could share the cable modem to the
net.
>>> That's the only reason that I have the network.
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>>> Are there other instructions possible with a PC on the
>>> network? Or how might a professional repair this
>problem?
>>> I would take the machine to a firm that only dealt with
>>> larger, corporate clients.
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>>> Please respond.
>>> JWC062604
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>>> >-----Original Message-----
>>> >See the tips in the link below. If you do not have a
>>> another computer on the network
>>> >you are going to need to try and replace the
>secedit.sdb
>>> file on your computer some
>>> >other way such as by putting your hard drive in
another
>>> computer as a slave/secondary
>>> >drive or doing a parallel install of the operating
>system
>>> [best done into another
>>> >partition] in order to do the repair being very

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