

Re: forgotten password problem

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There are free utilities that can be used to reset the built in administrator account to users that have full physical access to a computer. Otherwise simply put the hard drive in another computer as a secondary/slave hard drive to copy the files. That will not work however if any files are encrypted via EFS which will require the use of the user which encrypted the files on an XP Pro computer. For a W2K computer, EFS files probably would be available to whoever can logon as the built in administrator account. The other problem you may run into if you put the drive in another computer is that you may have to logon as an administrator to "take ownership" of the files so that you can give yourself NTFS permissions to access the files. The links below may help. --- Steve

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

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:308421> --- work the same in Windows 2000

"Lisa Simpson" <noone@nowhere.com> wrote in message
news:OzvR1%23AHFHA.588@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl...

>I have to get some work files off an old computer; problem is when it boots
> up it asks for a password that no-one remembers; is there any way to get
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> to get the files off the harddrive?
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