

## Re: help! administrator password bared to all

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Yikes, A complete wipe and load of the machine and restoration of all data from a last known good backup is highly recommended after any root-level compromise. I wouldn't bring it back onto the net (including your intranet) until you've done so. His advice about logging on as admin to do admin things, and doing everything else as a limited user is good advice. Lots of work, but what he's indirectly taught you is that when you're logged on as an admin, any piece of executable code you run has the potential to cost you hours or days of work in recovering from a serious breach of security, whereas if you're logged on as a limited user, all you need to do is delete that user profile.

–Bryce

"annalee" <[anna@anna.com](mailto:anna@anna.com)> wrote in message  
news:93fb01c209c2\$a40a7790\$9ee62ecf@tkmsftngxa05...  
> *A big problem here! i emailed my workplace computer a  
> calendar via my email; the next day the other secretary  
> and i opened the email to pick out 1 of my calendars.  
> When checking our company's mail we always right-click  
> the email header and view "message source". Especially  
> since we were receiving 5 to 8 emails per day "ala Klez!"  
> (message source sender for Klez was "net.magic"; Yea,  
> right – we've seen this magic before and hex is the  
> better word). We received 24 total before linked  
> businesses cleared up. Thankfully we were unscathed  
> (norton deleted all), but when i checked email sent by me  
> on "message source", ---THERE WAS MY COMPUTER'S PASSWORD,  
> id #, data, etc. I read the article "why you should not  
> run your computer as administrator" in Microsoft help but  
> still unsure EXACTLY what to do. Can i just add "new  
> user" in outlook? Thanks ahead for help! Am afraid to use  
> my own computer! – miss novice annalee*