

Re: XP Home Recovery Console Password Problem

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I have seen this error happen a number of times. Several things can do it. I would see if I could access the change password dialog to change the administrator password to something, restart using it, then change to none again, and restart.

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"Don Cohen" <doncohen@lens-cap.nc.prestige.net> wrote in message news:uYLYA\$FgCHA.2460@tkmsftngp0

> Thanks for the reply, Mark.

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> > "Mark L. Ferguson" <marfer_mvp@yahoo.com> wrote in message

> news:#r4GK6FgCHA.1688@tkmsftngp09...

> > You must have admin rights to change the .net passport for someone else.

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> I'm a bit confused, then. The *only* User on the system is Administrator

> (me), and I'm apparently logged onto that automatically each time I boot,

> with no need to enter a password. My original problem is that I can't get

> into the Recovery Console because XP is asking for a password, and it's

> apparently blank (or a carriage return, conceivably, per your original

> guess), won't accept a blank password, and doesn't accept what if I used if

> I had set one up when I purchased and first ran the system.

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> So I'm not wanting to change anything for someone else, since I'm the only

> User, apparently logged in as Administrator. See the original posts below

> for the details, since I imagine you're replying to quite a few different

> threads.

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> So if I'm the only User, logged in as Administrator, does this still need to

> be done in Safe Mode?

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> Sorry to prolong this, but I genuinely want to understand how this works so

> I fix it right the first time, and can deal with similar problems down the

> road on my own.

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> "Don Cohen" <doncohen@lens-cap.nc.prestige.net> wrote in message
> news:eVfUsREgCHA.3964@tkmsftngp08...
> > A follow-up question, Mark:
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> > I've done a little reading on this command, and nobody else mentions
> > running
> > it from Safe Mode. "Kelly's XP Korner" even includes a registry change to
> > add "control userpasswords2" to the Control Panel.
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> > Is there some reason this particular change needs to be run within Safe
> > Mode? I'm not challenging, just wanting to better understand this before
> > I
> > do something I'm not too knowledgeable about.
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> > Thanks.
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> > "Mark L. Ferguson" <marfer\_mvp@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:#p2wa85fCHA.3596@tkmsftngp08...
> > Boot to Safe Mode.
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> > go to start/run, and type
> > 'control userpasswords2'
> >
> > Uncheck "Users must enter a User name and password"
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> > Fill out the dialog for Administrator with a blank password.
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> > I am guessing you actually put a carriage return in as the password.
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> > "Don Cohen" <doncohen@lens-cap.nc.prestige.net> wrote in message
> > news:OFUyUL5fCHA.1744@tkmsftngp11...
> > > I have a Gateway 700XL running XPHome. I need to be able to access the
> > > Recovery Console via booting from the XP CD (I've run into occasional
> > > hard
> > > drive issues when using Partition Magic which need to be repaired this
> > > way
> > > when I can't boot from the hard drive).
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> > > When accessing the Recovery Console (R) option during a boot from the XP
> > > CD:
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> > > 1. I'm not always asked for the Administrator Password, which seems odd,
> > but
> > > I have gotten in previously without entering one.
> > > 2. When I am asked for it, I can't get in:
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> > > If I just hit enter as if there isn't a password (since I don't recall
> > > setting up a password when I purchased and setup the system earlier this
> > > year), it still asks for one.
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> > > If I enter the password I undoubtedly would have used if I had, it
> doesn't
> > > accept it.
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> > > Further information:
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> > > 1. When I access the Users applet via Control Panel, and go to
> > > Administrator (which is the only User set up on this system), I see an
> > > option to "Create" a password, but none to change it. This lead me to
> > > conclude that there is no password set up.
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> > > 2. During a normal boot from the hard drive into XP, I am never asked
> for
> > > any password (and I'm not running TweakUI on this system to
> automatically
> > > enter it). Again, this leads me to think no password is present.
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> > > So:
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> > > 1. How do I determine for sure if an Administrator Password is present,
> > and
> > > if it is, how do I find out what it is?
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> > > 2. If there is no Administrator Password, how do I get Recovery Console
> to
> > > let me in?
> > >
> > > 3. If I end up needing to create an Administrator Password, am I going
> to
> > > have to enter it with each boot (or get TweakUI to do it)?
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> > > Bottom line is I don't want to change the system's current boot
> scenario,
> > > where I don't have to enter anything, but I do need to be able to access
> > the
> > > Recovery Console when booting from the XP CD.
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> > > Any help greatly appreciated.
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> > > [One last matter. I've read through the following MS document, but am
> not
> > > sure this directly pertains to my situation, since I'm not needing to or
> > > wanting to access the Recovery Console from the hard drive, and don't
> > really
> > > need/want it installed there:]
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> > > <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB;EN-US;Q308402>
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