

Administrator password during WinXP installation?

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How come the Administrator account did not ask for a password when WinXP Professional boots up to the WinXP desktop for the first time after installation?

I have to create a user account and assign a password to protect my computer.

What is the point in typing a password during WinXP Professional installation for the Administrator account when the Administrator account is not being use to ask for a password before I can access WinXP desktop?

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Posted: 08 May 2003 23:54 Post subject: Administrator password during WinXP installation?

When I was installing WinXP Professional, the setup program asked me to type in a password for Administrator.

When I boot my computer for the first time, there was no password dialogue box asking I to type the password.

I had to create a user account, so the computer will ask for a password when my computer boots.

I like to know what happens to the password I type for Administrator during WinXP installation.

I think it went to the Twilight Zone because I do not know where it went or how to access it.

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Is it necessary to even type a password for Administrator during WinXP Professional installation?

The user account I created feels second rate or feels has less rights than the Administrator that I created during WinXP Professional installation.

How do I invoke Administrator using the password I type in during WinXP Professional installation?

I feel some of the software bugs that I experience is because I am not configuring the OS using Administrator.

WinXP Professional I know is design for use in client computer (workstation), not server. I still do not know who is the Administrator if my computer is not suppose to be the Adminsitator because a client computer, not a server computer.

My computer is a personal computer, not part or belongs to a network.

Computer configuration:

350MHz Intel Pentium 3
Intel SE440BX-2 motherboard
Windows XP Professional upgrade

Note: Computer crash and is out of commission. It keeps looping to select safe mode or other choices then reboots to start the process again.

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X-bit Guru

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Posts: 1691
Location: Kansas City, MO
Posted: 09 May 2003 01:40 Post subject:

You don't really use the Administrator account. You can use it when you boot to safe mode, and there is an option to enable it on the welcome screen (i think in the users control panel, or maybe just in TweakUI), but you don't really need to use the administrator account. All the

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accounts you create in XP have Administrator privileges by default anyway.

And you don't have to type in a password for Admin during installation, if you leave it blank things will go just fine.

Wow, a P2-350 on WinXP...you should really go back to Win2k!

I hope you have a lot of RAM!

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Posted: 09 May 2003 08:16 Post subject:

Halo wrote:

All the accounts you create in XP have Administrator privileges by default anyway.

That seems like an unnecessary security risk. If I were you, I should definitely provide a password for the Administrator account and use it for installations etc. (in which case YOU are the administrator asking11220) and downgrade the privileges on your user account(s). That was always the way things worked by default in the past, but I suppose Microsoft must be trying to ease the transition from Win9x, at the expense of a potential security hole.

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Posted: 09 May 2003 23:39 Post subject:

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>From your reply: I assume if I type the password for Administrator during WinXP installation, when the computer boots up for the first time, the Administrator account should ask for the password before I can access WinXP desktop.

Or are you inferring you know how to access the Administrator account from any user account you created, type the password, and from the Administrator account install all your software.

I really like to know because the Administrator account is a mystery to I.

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It doesn't. The first time you reboot XP after installation it asks you for your name and other names for the user profiles, then gives them all the same rights as the Administrator account.

You really don't need to use the Administrator account with XP unless you purposely go in and change the rights of the sub accounts. With XP Administrator isn't as important anymore, however if you were in a corporate environment where they wanted to lock user accounts down, the Administrator account would be used to install new software, change settings, etc.

But in a home environment all accounts have administrative privileges by default. Your account that is not called Administrator is not any slower, is not second rate, is not more buggy, and it has the same rights as the Administrator.

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I want "to lock user accounts down." How do I use the Administrator account "to install new software, change settings, etc."

I plan to upgrade to Pentium 4 next month once Intel Springdale motherboard becomes available.

I like to know more about the Administrator account, so I can protect my computer from unauthorized uses.

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