

## Re: administrators password

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Greetings ---

Microsoft has absolutely nothing to do with this situation. Only you, your father-in-law, or someone else to whom you've given free physical access to the PC could have set the Administrator's password.

Whenever WinXP is installed on a computer, two user accounts are automatically created – Administrator and Guest. By default, the Guest account is disabled, and isn't pertinent now, in any case. During the installation, WinXP Pro will ask the installer to designate the Administrator's password, but WinXP Home will not do so. By default, the Administrator's password is left blank until the PC owner sets it.

Once any additional user accounts have been created, the Administrator account will no longer be displayed on the Welcome Screen. This is a default security feature that may, or may not, be needed in your specific situation. By design, the only way to log into the Administrator account of WinXP Home is to reboot into Safe Mode. For WinXP Pro, pressing CTRL+ALT+DEL twice at the Welcome Screen will produce the standard login dialog box.

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"cecil searcy" <csearcy@qosi.net> wrote in message  
news:05a601c34836\$34f76c10\$a401280a@phx.gbl...

> both my father law and I bought windows xp home upgrade  
> and were never given an administrators password and cannot  
> get into the repair section of setup without the password-  
> How can we be expected to work on our systems without the  
> admisistrators password-this seems to be something that  
> microsoft keeps secret from user-Microsoft should allow  
> us to have our password-is it possible to figure out what

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> password they used or is it a forever secret?