

## Re: Administrator(s)

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After you have used the tool to zap a new, known password on the Administrator account, if you are unable to extract it from the child (which would be safer for your system), then log in as the admin start run a cmd window and at its prompt enter net localgroup administrators That is the complete list of admin accounts. Now, change each and every one of them to strong passwords.

Strong passwords are long, contain digits, special characters, even alt characters, do not contain word, and can be remembered without being written down. How long ? Well definitely more than 8 characters, but XP can use passwords that are longer than 200 – you choose. 10 or 12 ?

Next, locate any account that he has and disable it. Next, list out the limited accounts net localgroups users and see how many you do not recognize. There may be some that you need but do not recognize, but others you should be able to say which is used by what family member. Disable any that you believe this child has knowledge of.

The point of all this is to let the child experience your exerting control over your property/computer and perhaps some withdrawal from not being allowed to use it.

As a part of this you need to make sure there are no back door programs now installed. Scan for things that may have been installed and remove any dangerous junk like Kazaa, etc.. that you do not use.

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Turn on the firewall, get the machine up to date on critical updates, and scan it for spyware/trojans (not just antivirus). etc.

Finally, wait a couple weeks and see if anything changes (in your machine or your child).

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"Curtis" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:e8fb01c3f0b6\$c558c870\$a401280a@phx.gbl...

> I have been the "administrator" since I installed XP  
> months ago. Now my son has changed the "administrator" to  
> himself and won't give me his password to change it back.  
> Besides threatening him, what can I do to regain  
> administrator capabilities.