

## Re: Tweak UI – Password encryption and autologon

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TweakUI does store the password in the Registry, un-encrypted.

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon

DefaultPassword

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"Larry Williams" <[LarryWilliams@discussions.microsoft.com](mailto:LarryWilliams@discussions.microsoft.com)> wrote in message news:2B5A2991-888F-42

> Okay. Thanks.

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> I was hoping the Tweak stored your password in the registry but I wasn't  
> able to find it.

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> I read chapter 15 of the MS XP Registry Guide and plan on setting this up  
> just before the restart and including an entry for the "AutoLogonCount" of 1  
> so the information is automatically removed after the restart.

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> "Doug Knox MS-MVP" wrote:

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>> You can't. The autologon feature expects to see a plaintext password. You're only option w

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>> "Larry Williams" <LarryWilliams@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:84365F2D-EEF9
>> > I'm writing a program that will accept a userid and password to do an
>> > autologon after a restart using the following registry entries:
>> >
>> > HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon
>> >
>> > DefaultUserName "your_username"
>> > DefaultPassword "your_password"
>> > AutoAdminLogon "1"
>> >
>> > However, if for some reason my program doesn't run properly and remove the
>> > userid/password when it's finished then I want to ensure that the password
>> > can't just be read from the registry. Therefore I need to know how to do the
>> > same thing that Tweak UI does and store an encrypted version of the password.
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>> > Any ideas?
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