

Re: User account password corrupted (by kids)

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EFS, Credentials, and Private Keys from Certificates Are Unavailable After a Password Is Reset
<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=290260>

Windows Home XP

1. As windows is loading up press F8 repeatedly until the Windows advanced screen comes up.
 2. Select safe mode (the version of windows you want to use click XP wait until it loads the welcome screen.
 3. Select Administrator and it will log you on as administrator without a password (provided a password was not created in this hidden account during setup).
 4. Go to Start - Control Panel - User Accounts.
 5. Select your name and click change the password.
- Then you should be able to change the password, shut down the computer and restart in normal mode and use the new password you just created.

If you have XP Pro on your computer:-

1. At the log in screen ctrl-alt-delete twice.
 2. In the User Account, type Administrator
 3. Leave the password blank and press enter.
(Most likely a password wasn't created in this hidden account during setup).
 4. Go to Start - Control Panel - User Accounts.
 5. Select your name and click change the password.
- Then you should be able to change the password, shut down the computer and restart in normal mode and use the new password you just created.

If you decide to set a password it is recommended that you create a Password Reset Disk by clicking on "Prevent a Forgotten Password" link in the left pane. The Wizard will guide you through.

How to Log On to Windows XP If You Forget Your Password or Your Password Expires
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;321305>

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lists a few more options

<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar/lostpass.htm>

Useful tools - Nir Soft at www.nirsoft.net

http://www.nirsoft.net/utills/index.html#password_utils

Forgot your NT admin password?

<http://home.eunet.no/~pnordahl/ntpasswd/>

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"Steve63" <Steve63@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:AD27C8F6-D4EB-412F-81EA-482F93959948@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

A friend of my daughter thought it would be funny to change the password on her computer at the time her 9 yr old brother walked past and slammed his hand on the keyboard. So now there is an unknown password on her computer.

There is only one user account on her computer and the password is unknown?

Unfortunately we didn't make a password recovery disc (didn't even know they existed till today)

Can anyone help ??

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