

# Re: Lost Administrators Password

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kevinodonnell wrote:

I forgot my administrators password. I didn't set up a security question or make a reset password disk. OK, so sometimes I'm an idiot. I really need to have access to my files...oh, about an hour ago. Is there anything I can do to log in to my own computer?

Simply log in using the built-in Administrator account (which cannot be deleted) and reset the password of the desired account(s). 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.

HOW TO Create and Configure User Accounts in Windows XP  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:279783>

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Bruce Chambers

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They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.  
-Benjamin Franklin

Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? .... I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death! -Patrick Henry

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