

Re: Rename users, retain settings/functionality/etc.

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Malke Wrote:

Don wrote:

I have 3 logon accounts named User1, User2 and User3. I have different personalized settings and different 3rd party programs installed for each of these 3 users. I would like to change the logon names from User1, User2 and User3 to Moe, Larry, Curly. I don't want to lose any of the settings and program functionality. Can someone provide instructions that will work on XP Pro and XP Home? I have to do some renaming on both machines. Thank you very much.

You don't want to just rename the user accounts since that will not change any of the files/folders. What you want to do is create new user accounts with the names you want and then copy the old user accounts' data and settings. You will need to log into the new accounts once before you can copy anything to them. You must import your e-mail messages and addresses to the new user profile before you delete the old profile.

Copy a User Account –
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?kbid=811151>
Lockergnome article about copying user account –
<http://tinyurl.com/74atm>

Malke

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Hi Malke,

I have a little doubt on this topic, hope you will clear it.

What happens to the installed programs in the old user account? If we try to copy all data and settings to newly created user account, does it work fine as if in the state of old users?

Does this below mentioned setting cause any harm?

Go to start— settings —control panel—user account, take the option change user name and change the name for each user one by one.

Hope you will clear my doubts

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