

# Re: C:\Documents and Settings in XP Home

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Hi

I am logged in as Owner.

As far as I can tell all my programmes etc work as normal. Although some of the folders and files in Owner.Eric are different could they exist elsewhere in "Owner"?

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"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

Who are you logging on as now?

Start | Run | Type: %userprofile% | Click OK

%userprofile% will open to C:\Documents and Settings\who ever is logged on

If there is something that need or want in Owner or Owner.Eric whichever you are not logging on as, you can access that and move it to the other account.

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

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Hi Wes

Yes, my Computer name is Eric and yes the PC was built for me by a system builder which accounts for the User Name "Owner" and which I use.

And yes, if I show hidden and system files I have those you mentioned plus

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the Owner.Eric created on the date I used the System Restore.

I take it that I should leave these as they are and assume that because the folders and files in the new Owner.Eric are different to the others they are required to enable me to continue with my "proper" desktop/user settings.

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"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

Owner was created by whoever you bought your machine from. Normally when creating an account one uses their own name. When a PC builder creates an account on a machine for sale, they do not know the user's name, so they create an account named Owner.

Owner.Eric was probably created when you had a problem.

If you lose Full Control permissions to your profile folder, in the %SystemDrive%\Documents and Settings folder, Windows 2000 and Windows XP will create a new one the next time you log on. The new profile is named:

UserName – if the older profile was deleted.

UserName.ComputerName – if the old profile exists.

UserName.ComputerName = Owner.Eric

Is your Computer Name Eric?

To see the Computer Name, right-click My Computer and then click Properties. The System Properties dialog box appears. Click the Computer Name tab, the name is listed under; Full computer name.

Default Local Disk Folders.

Folder Name: Documents and Settings  
Contents: Account information for each user who is granted access on the computer. Each user account is represented by a subfolder

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assigned the user name. Folders under each user account folder include My Documents, Desktop, and Start Menu.

These include:

Documents and Settings\Administrator  
Documents and Settings\All Users  
Documents and Settings\Default User  
Documents and Settings\LocalService  
Documents and Settings\NetworkService  
Documents and Settings\You

Some of the above are Hidden folders.  
These are System folders and shouldn't be deleted.

Administrator is for the Administrator account.

All Users is used for many things. Your Desktop and Start Menu, for example, display what is in All Users \*and\* what is in your Desktop and Start Menu folders.

Default User is used when creating new accounts.

The LocalService and NetworkService accounts perform things like synchronize the time, etc.

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Microsoft Windows XP includes the following three built-in local accounts used as the logon accounts for various system services:

The Local System account is a predefined local account that can start a service and provide the security context for that service. The actual name of the account is NT AUTHORITY\System.

The Local Service account is a special built-in account that has reduced privileges similar to an authenticated local user account. The actual name of the account is NT AUTHORITY\LocalService.

The Network Service account is a special built-in account that has reduced privileges similar to an authenticated user account.

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The actual  
name of the account is NT AUTHORITY\NetworkService.  
<quote>  
from...  
The Services and Service Accounts Security Planning Guide

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/topics/serversecurity/serviceaccount/default.mspx>

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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hunted and pecked:

Hi Wes

Thanks for the link but my situation doesn't  
really fit that scenario.

Even with me as sole user I would expect  
there to be at least three  
folders in Documents and Settings –  
Administrator, All Users and  
Owner(me) although I am both  
Administrator and Owner with a single  
Log-in/Password.

It is this fourth one that appeared after the  
System restore that  
puzzles me – it contains stuff that isn't in  
any of the other three  
either.

Perhaps it is best left alone?

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"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

Duplicate profile folders  
exist under the "Documents  
and Settings"

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folder

<http://windowsxp.mvps.org/restprofile.htm>

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Hi

My PC used  
to show  
three  
folders in  
C:>Documents  
and Settings

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Administrator,  
All Users  
and Owner.  
Recently, I  
installed  
and used a  
trial  
programme  
that caused  
my Desktop  
settings to  
completely  
change.

The easiest  
solution to  
rectify the  
problem  
was to use  
the System  
Restore  
facility in  
Windows  
XP Home  
Edition,

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which I did,  
and which  
successfully  
restored my  
PC to its  
previous  
state. After  
doing so,  
however, I  
noticed that  
an  
additional  
folder  
appeared in  
C:\Documents  
and Settings  
called  
Owner.ERIC  
containing a  
number of  
folders. I  
did  
change my  
Logon from  
"Eric" and  
old  
password to  
"Owner"  
and a new  
password.

Can anyone  
explain  
what this  
additional  
folder is and  
is this  
normal  
when  
System  
Restore is  
used?

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