

# Re: Unlocking computer

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lbmiller wrote:

I have Windows XP Pro. I was setting up personal user accounts for my family; and somehow locked myself out. I was the only one with a system admin. account.

Log in using the normally hidden built-in Administrator account. At the Welcome Screen, do Ctrl-Alt-Del twice to get the classic Windows logon box. Type in "Administrator" and whatever password you assigned when you set up Windows.

If you reset the built-in Administrator account's password in Home or have Pro and don't remember the password, use NTpasswd to change the built-in Administrator account's password to a blank.

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

Then go to the User Accounts applet in Control Panel and set passwords that you will remember and make other desired changes.

If you somehow disabled the built-in Administrator account, booting into Safe Mode will enable it for that one session. Log in and fix your errors.

Malke

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