

## RE: XP Home Password Prompted but None Set

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Thanks for the reply, Jesper. I agree, it seems really weird. I checked several times to make sure that no passwords were set. If I don't type anything at the password prompt on the blue screen, it gives me the "did you forget your password?" prompt and doesn't let me in. If I power down I can get right in after the restart — the password prompt doesn't hit unless I switch users or logoff without powering down or the computer hibernates due to inactivity.

Any idea where these passwords are stored in the system folders? Is there some sort of a script that can wipe out the passwords? I'm at my wits' end — I really don't want to reboot Windows... Any suggestions you can give me are appreciated. Thanks again!

JSL

"Jesper" wrote:

Something seems really broken here. When you resume from hibernate you get the blue start screen that lists all the accounts? If you click on them it asks for a password even though you don't have one set? Never heard of that happening before. That screen tests if there is a password and won't prompt if there is none. If you don't fill anything into the dialog but just click the arrow to continue, what happens?

The only thing I can think of is that some third-party software is interfering here. By itself Windows has never acted this way.

"JSL" wrote:

Please help me; I read through previous posts but I didn't see the answer I needed. I have XP Home and I never set a password for any of my accounts (administrator or otherwise). Yesterday my system hibernated and all of a sudden the system is asking me for a user-specific password!! Nothing I typed in worked. When I restart the computer I can get into any of the accounts after the initial power-up but if my system hibernates or if I log-off or quick-switch to another user the password prompt comes up again

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and I am locked out.

I went into the control panel/user accounts and verified that no account has a password set. For a laugh I then performed a test where I set passwords for each account. When I powered up the computer it accepted my new password.

However, if I switch users or if the system hibernates all of a sudden the system does not accept my new password and I'm back to square one (I am locked out).

My wife doesn't fiddle around with the system files and I don't do much fiddling, either, but I must have done something screwy. Please help me — I can't keep restarting my computer to get access into our profiles!! Thanks.

JSL