

# Re: Forgotten xp pro admin password

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lost wrote:

I need help I am locked out of my computer it has been about a year since i used it and i have completely forgotten I even had a password can any one tell me how to get around this as there is no other users on the computer thanks cheers

Simply log in using the built-in Administrator account (which cannot be deleted) and modify the desired account(s) and use Start > Run > "control userpasswords2" to modify 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 Log On to Windows XP If You Forget Your Password or Your Password Expires  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:Q321305>

Failing that, Linux-based password cracking utilities abound on the Internet, freely available to anyone who can use Google.

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Bruce Chambers

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<http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

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

Many people would rather die than think; in fact, most do. -Bertrand Russell

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