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I suspect someone may have gone on to my computer in my user name while I was not at home. (They knew my password, which I have now changed). Is there a log within xp sp2 with details of who has logged in and when?

If you're running Windows XP Home Edition go to Start -> Control Panel -> Administrative Tools and open up the Event Viewer. In the left hand column, click on Security. In the right hand pane, click on the User column. Scroll down to your user name and look for successful Logon/Logoff events.

If you're running XP Professional, you'll have to enable auditing of logon events. You can do that through the local security policy. Once this is done you'll be able to view future logon events in Event Viewer using the procedure outlined above.

Go to Start -> Control Panel -> Administrative Tools and double click on Local Security Policy.
In the Local Security Policy editor, navigate to this policy.

Security Settings\Local Policies\Audit Policy

In the right hand pane, right click on Audit logon events.
Select Properties from the menu.
Put a check mark in the box next to both Success and Failure.
Click OK.

Keep in mind that if you're running XP Professional, enabling auditing of logon events at this time will not allow you to view any unauthorized activity that happened in the past. It will start recording future logon events.

For more info, take a look at these articles.

Audit Policy Settings

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<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/prodtech/windowsxp/secwinxp/xpsgch03.msp#ETE>

How To Enable Security Auditing in Windows XP Pro

<http://netsecurity.about.com/cs/tutorials/ht/ht040503.htm>

Good luck

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