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ladygilmore wrote:

okay Gordon, when I go to your link it is all about NT! I do not have NT I have Windows XP Just like Manny wrote...your advice would screw me it looks like? you need to be more specific when responding to a question that we need answers to if you want to help. It is appreciated but mis-guided.

Gordon gave you excellent advice; it is you who does not understand it. Windows XP is based on the NT kernel, as is Windows NT, Windows 2000, and Windows Vista. A kernel is the heart of an operating system. Windows XP is your operating system.

NTpasswd is a Linux utility that will enable you to change a password on an NT-based system. One usually changes the built-in administrator password. Linux is an operating system. NTpasswd alone will not damage your Windows installation and/or your computer; any damage that is there will have already been caused by the end user (you).

If you can't get into Windows because of password issues, NTpasswd works extremely well and takes approximately 2 minutes to do, not counting downloading the very small program and burning it (as an image, not as data!) to CD-R. And if you're considering going into a screed about how this shows the insecurity of Windows, please don't bother. That would only show your ignorance about security in general. Any computer running any operating system can be gotten into by someone with a) physical access; b) the appropriate tools; c) a little time. I'm not saying you **were** planning this sort of thing in your response but I thought I'd anticipate and save everyone some time.

If you still can't figure out how to use NTpasswd by reading the information at the NTpasswd website, then take the machine to a local computer professional (not someone at a BigComputerStore/GeekSquad place). As I said, it will take under 5 minutes total to change the administrator password and get into your computer.

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