

Re: Bad XP problem

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Why don't you just stick this drive as a slave drive in another machine and then just copy the files that you want?

"JURB6006" <jurb6006@aol.com> wrote in message

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> *This has to do with a lost admin password in XP. The PC won't boot, it locks*

> *before even running GUI. There are alot of important files in a private folder,*

> *stuff the guy would pay money to recover. Without the admin PW we can't repair*

> *the OS with the XP CD, and we were the ones who put it in. It's possible that*

> *the SAM files are corrupt.*

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> *I wasn't that confident that anything would work, but I've tried installing a*

> *fresh boot HD and loading it fresh with XP, cloning the drive and then letting*

> *XP install over itself, but loading from either it won't give me access to the*

> *protected files for the owner's account. We know the PW for that account, but*

> *the admin, when you go into safe mode, well I PW protected that as well. (few*

> *people know you can do that)*

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> *I've read that the NTFS doesn't help either, and when I go to access that*

> *directory it gives a MB beep. Doesn't sound promising.*

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> *Could I possible copy the SAM files to the clone, which boots ? Then I could*

> *maybe use the original login. Another possiblility would be a registry merge.*

> *Do you think any of this might work, or am I just fucked ?*

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> *FYI, the PC is : P4 2600HT on an Asus MB with 512MB and 2 80GB Maxtors, a*

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- > *Plextor DVD burner and a region/authentication free DVDROM, authentic ATI*
- > *Radeon 7500 (64MB) w/TV tuner and vid and SVID outputs. The Asus has onboard*
- > *netcard and Ali sound. Once it's up and running I'm adding a Firewire card,*
- > *which is one of the few things other than RAID which this MB lacks. Even so,*
- > *there's about \$1000 tied up in this box, about a year ago. It might be worth*
- > *saving. :)*
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- > *Thanks in advance for any help.*
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- > *JURB*