

## Re: Bad XP problem

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"JURB6006" <jurb6006@aol.com> wrote in message  
news:20040823215549.20025.00001576@mb-m25.aol.com...  
> *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  
> 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*

You might try this:

<http://home.eunet.no/~pnordahl/ntpasswd/>