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How to Reset Windows 10 Local Admin Password Using Command Prompt

As we know, Command Prompt is another powerful way besides Windows password recovery tool that can effectively reset Windows password. So in this post, we will talk about how we can [use command prompt to reset Windows 10 local admin password](#) no matter the Windows 10 computer is accessible or locked.

Case 1: When windows 10 computer is accessible

When Windows 10 is accessible with administrative privileges, command prompt can be run easily and reset Windows 10 local admin password.

1. Press **Win + X** and select **Command Prompt (Admin)** in menu.
2. Click Yes on pop-up UAC dialog to [run command prompt as administrator in Windows 10](#).
3. Enter command in Command Prompt window to reset local admin password.

```
net user <username> <password>
```

Or create new admin account with command below.

```
net user <username> /add  
net localgroup administrators <username> /add
```

Case 2: When windows 10 computer is locked

However, if you forgot Windows 10 password and lost access to computer, how can you do? Actually you can still **reset Windows 10 forgotten local admin password using command prompt**. Just need the help of Windows installation disc, sometimes called setup disk or system recovery disk.



Steps to reset Windows 10 local admin password using command prompt:

Step 1: Prepare Windows 10 installation disc or installation USB.

If there is no available Windows 10 installation disk in hand, you can instantly [create one with media creation tool](#) on another accessible computer.

More ways to create password disk, please see [4 Ways to Create Windows 10 Password Reset disk when forget password](#)

Step 2: Start locked Windows 10 computer from installation disk.

Connect installation disk to Windows 10 computer where you want to reset forgotten local admin password. And [make computer boot from the disk](#).



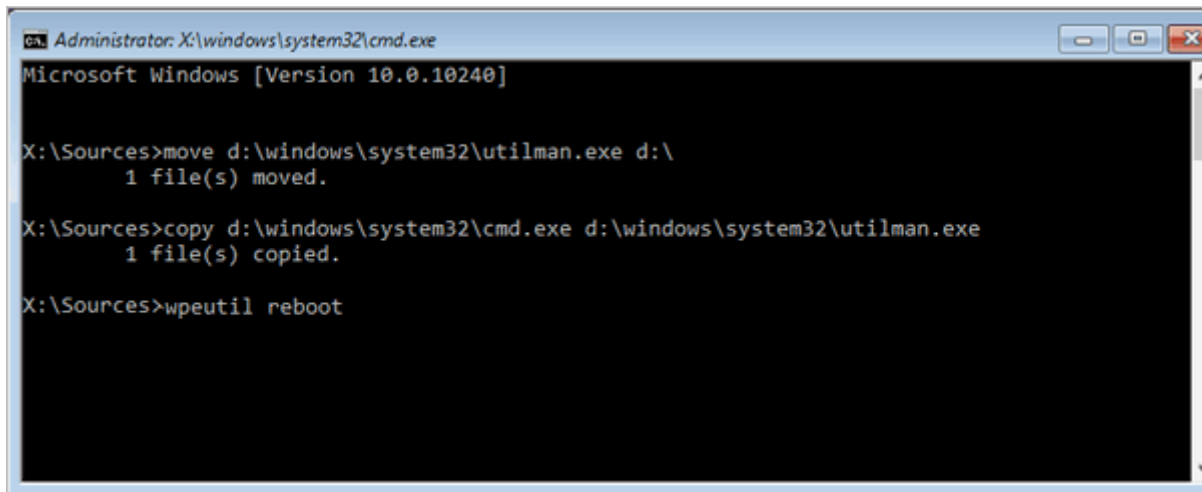
Step 3: Replace Utility Manager with Command Prompt.

1. After computer successfully boots from installation disk, press **Shift + F10** to bring up command prompt.

2. Then execute command below to replace utility manager with command prompt. Remember to press Enter after each command line. (d:\ is the system drive)

```
move d:\windows\system32\utilman.exe d:\  
copy d:\windows\system32\cmd.exe d:\windows\system32\utilman.exe
```

3. Remove disk and restart Windows 10 with command "wpeutil reboot".



```
Administrator: X:\windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.10240]

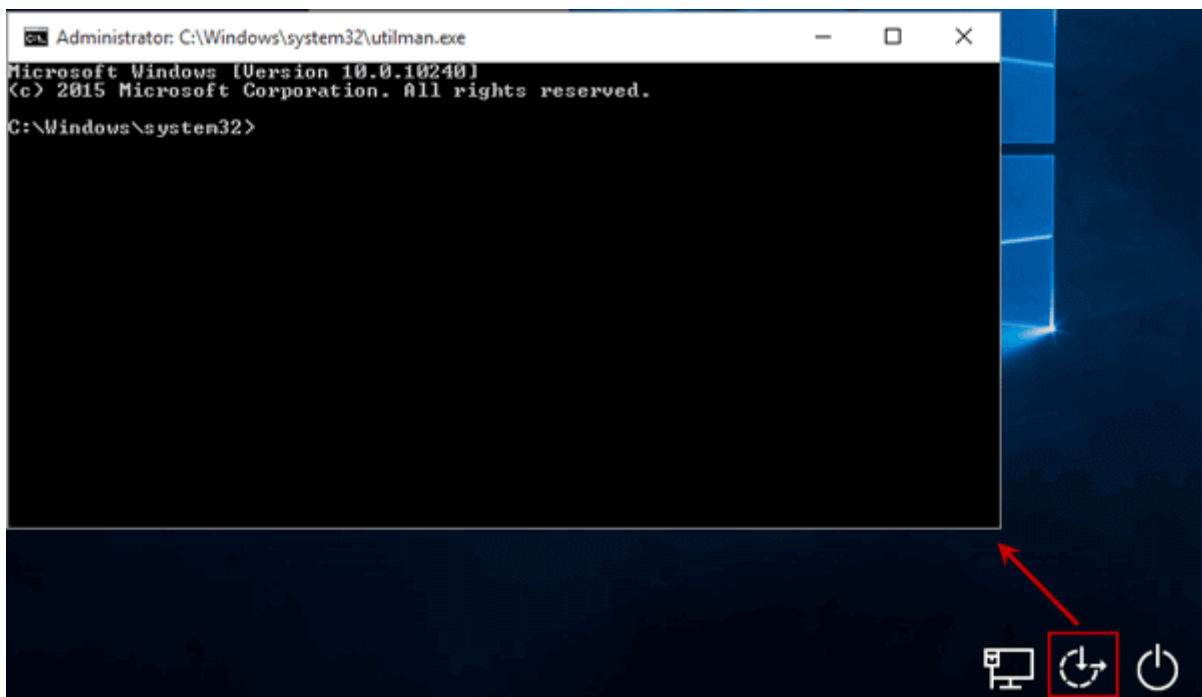
X:\Sources>move d:\windows\system32\utilman.exe d:\
1 file(s) moved.

X:\Sources>copy d:\windows\system32\cmd.exe d:\windows\system32\utilman.exe
1 file(s) copied.

X:\Sources>wpeutil reboot
```

Step 4: Reset Windows 10 local admin password with command prompt.

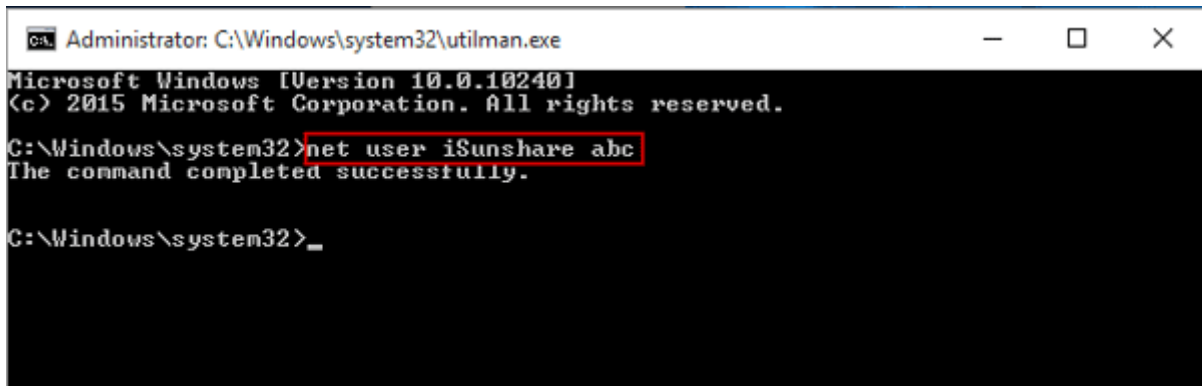
Once Windows 10 goes to sign-in screen, please click the **Utility Manager** at the right-bottom side and **Command Prompt** will be open instead.



Then you can take net user command to reset Windows 10 local admin password or add new admin account just like on accessible Windows 10.

1. Reset Windows 10 local admin password with net user command



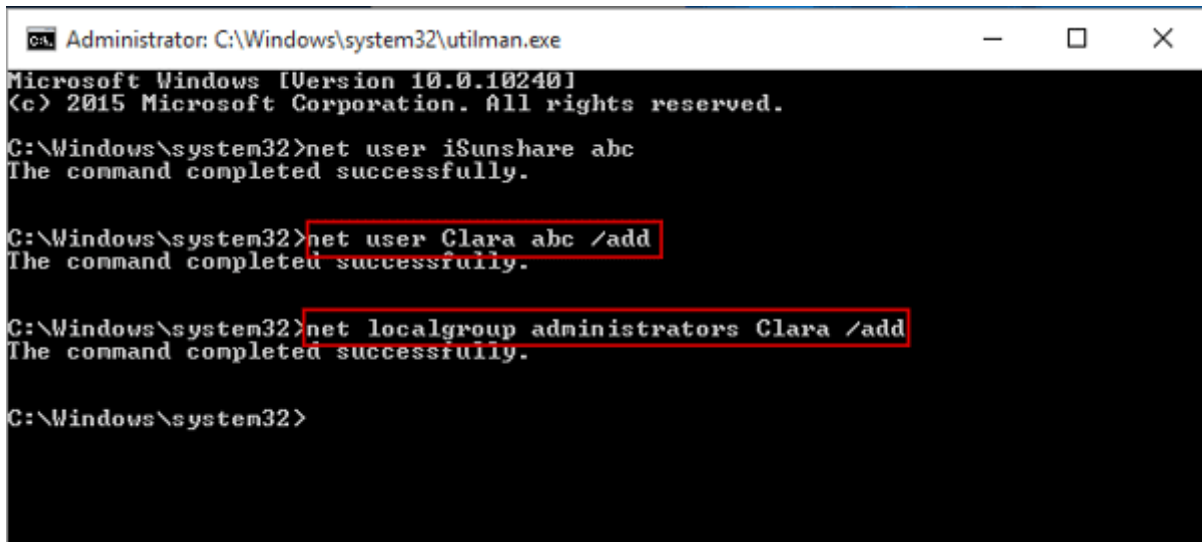


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C:\Windows\system32\utilman.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.10240]
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C:\Windows\system32>net user iSunshare abc
The command completed successfully.

C:\Windows\system32>_
```

2. Add new admin account to Windows 10 with net user command



```
C:\Windows\system32\utilman.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.10240]
(c) 2015 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Windows\system32>net user iSunshare abc
The command completed successfully.

C:\Windows\system32>net user Clara abc /add
The command completed successfully.

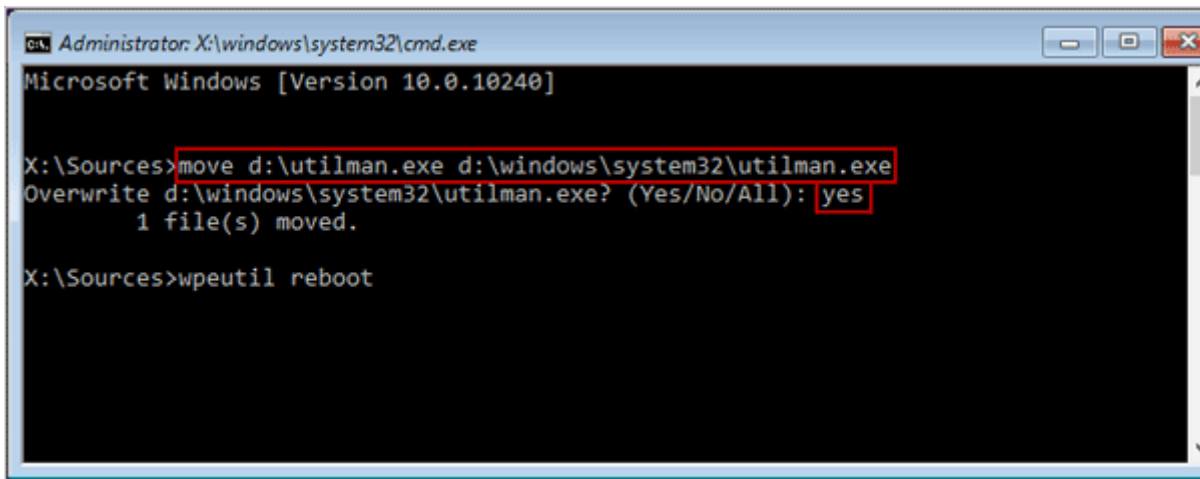
C:\Windows\system32>net localgroup administrators Clara /add
The command completed successfully.

C:\Windows\system32>
```

Step 5: Restore Utility Manager.

1. Close Command Prompt and insert installation disk into Windows 10 computer again.
2. Click the Power icon and select "Restart" at the right-bottom side on login screen.
3. While Windows 10 successfully boots from installation disk and you see **Windows Setup** window, press **Shift + F10** to open Command Prompt.
4. Type command "copy d:\utilman.exe d:\windows\system32\utilman.exe", press Enter, and then type "Yes" to restore Utility Manager.





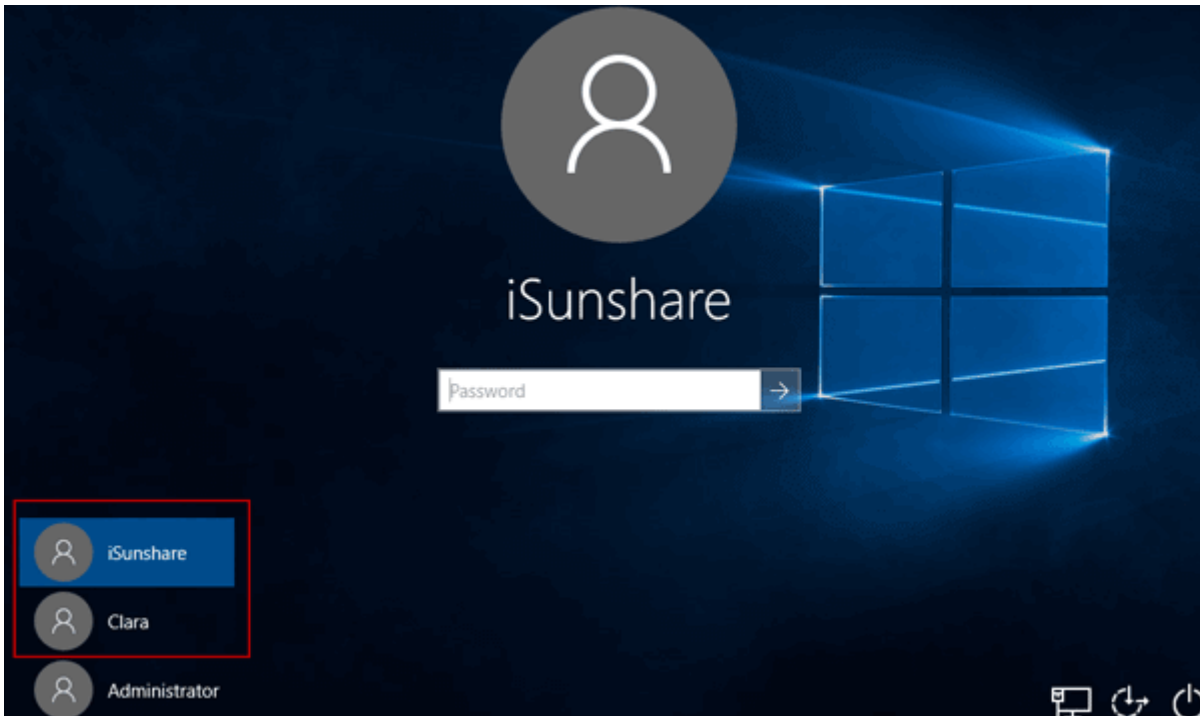
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Administrator: X:\windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.10240]

X:\Sources>move d:\utilman.exe d:\windows\system32\utilman.exe
Overwrite d:\windows\system32\utilman.exe? (Yes/No/All): yes
1 file(s) moved.

X:\Sources>wpeutil reboot
```

Step 6: Log into Windows 10 with local admin account.

Exit command prompt and installation disk now to reboot Windows 10 normally. While you go to login screen, please select the admin account you have reset password or the new admin account, and you could sign in Windows 10 with them successfully.



Tips:

Besides command prompt you use above, other easiser methods are also worth recommending for you to reset Windows 10 local admin password on locked computer, such as [iSunshare Windows 10 Password Genius](#) and Windows 10 password reset disk.

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