

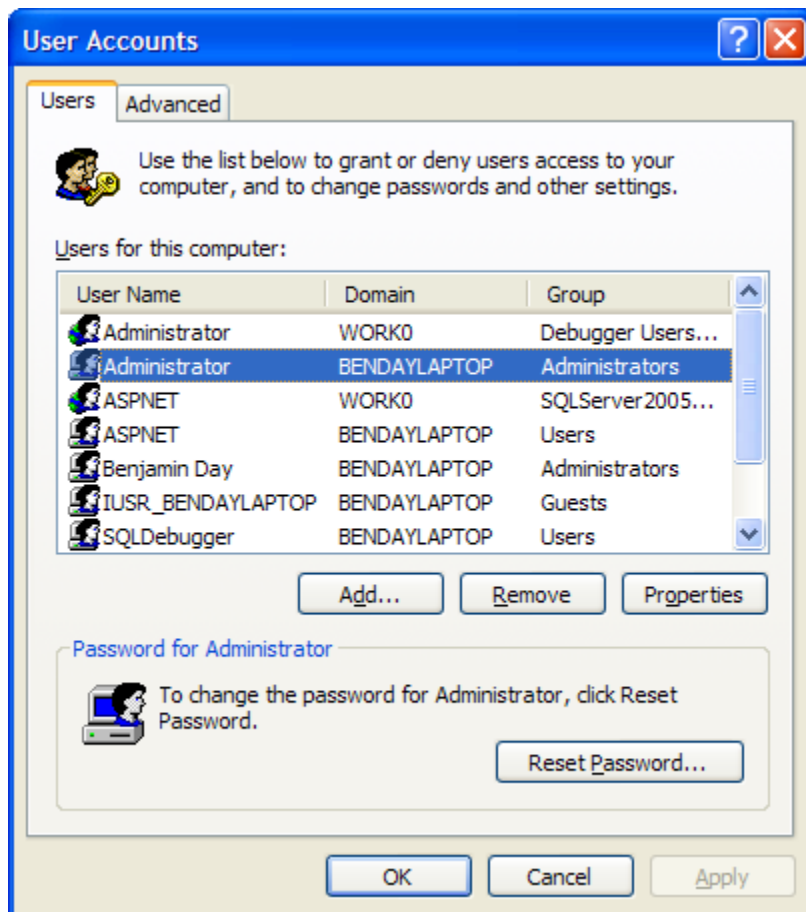
Configure Windows XP to log in to TFS automatically

When you run your Team Foundation Server outside of a Windows domain, this is known as “workgroup mode authentication”. In workgroup mode, chances are good that your username and password on your local machine will not be the same as those on TFS. That means that you’ll be continually prompted to log into TFS, Reporting Services, and the SharePoint portal.

Windows XP has a feature that lets you store a username and password that you can use to access network resources. Whenever Windows detects that you’re trying to log into one of these resources, it transparently sends the stored username and password to the server.

- Goto: Windows Start menu | Control Panel | User Accounts

You should see the User Accounts dialog. (What you see for values will not be the same as the screenshot below.)



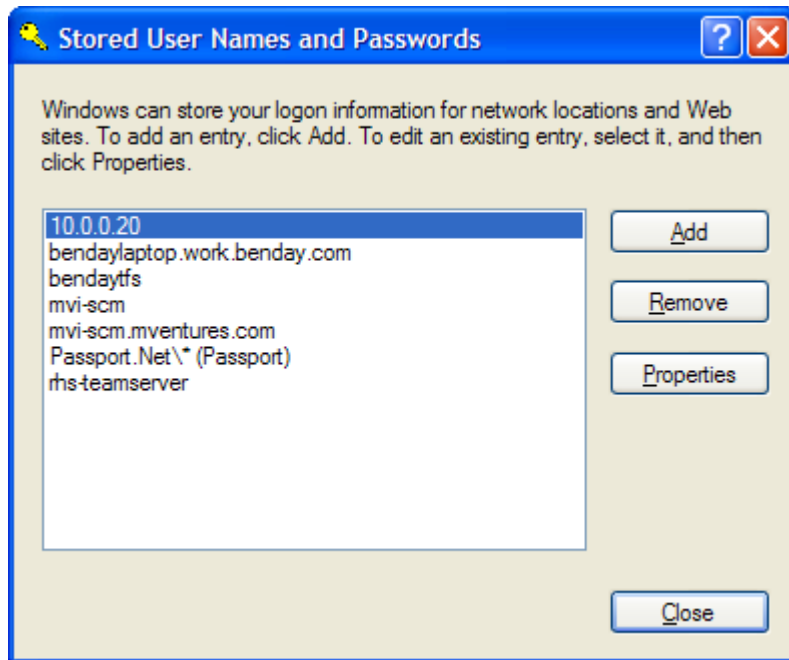
- Click: Advanced tab

You should see the following screen.



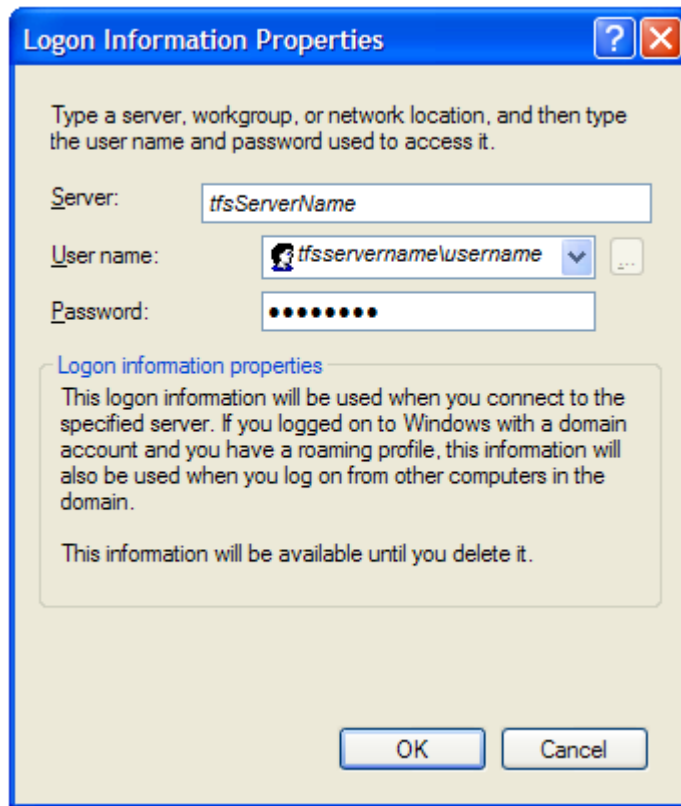
- Click: Manage Passwords

You should see the Stored User Names and Passwords dialog. (What you see in this list will be different from the screen capture below.)



- Click: Add

This brings you to the Logon Information Properties dialog.



- Server: *TFS_Server_Name*
- User name: *TFS_Server_Name\Administrator*
- Password: Pa\$\$word
- Click: OK
- On the Stored User Names and Passwords dialog, click: Close
- On the User Accounts dialog, click: OK

You've now set up the stored user name and password. Let's verify that it works.

- Close: Visual Studio 2005
- Run: Visual Studio 2005

If Team Explorer comes up without prompting you to log in, you've successfully rid yourself of the login box.