**Offline NT Password Reset Procedure**

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**Preamble:**

This procedure was procured from <http://pogostick.net/~pnh/ntpasswd> . This procedure has been tested by myself on an XP machine and seems reliable. There is an associated Disc, which I have in my possession. It is labeled “Offline NT Password Reset” and is dated 2010-08-19.

The following is the instructions from the website on running the procedure. In my test, I only used the default values, and only reset the Administrator password. I believe that this should be the only process which should need to be performed. From the administrator account, you will be able to reset all local passwords.

***Overview***

*1. Get the machine to boot from CD (or floppy)*

*3. Load drivers (usually automatic, but possible to run manual select)*

*4. Disk select: tell which disk contains the Windows system. Optionally…load drivers.*

*5. PATH select, where on the disk is the system?*

*6. File select, which parts of registry to load, based on what you want to do.*

*7. Password reset or other registry edit.*

*8. Write back to disk (you will be asked)*

*DON'T PANIC!! - Most questions can usually be answered with the default answer which is given in [brackets]. Just press enter/return to accept the default answer.*

*The walkthrough and instructions is now on its own page!*

*What can go wrong?*

*Lots of things can go wrong, but most faults won't damage your system.*

*The most critical moment is when writing back the registry files to NTFS.*

*The most common problem is that the computer was not cleanly shut down, and my disk won't write correctly back. (it says: read only filesystem). If so, boot into Windows Safe Mode (F8 before windows logo appears) and shut down from the login window. You may have to do that twice in a row.*

*Also, see the FAQ for help with other common problems.*