

## **XP Administrative Account**

**Note: If you have put in a ‘powerup’ password, you will need to put that password in to power up before continuing.**

Q. I tried to make some changes in my msconfig Startup and I get the message that I do not have the necessary administrative permission to make changes. I am the owner and sole user of this computer.

**A. When the computer was setup it would have created a User account named Owner, Administrator. IF no other user account was created for that computer then you should be signing on as Owner, administrator.**

**If you have set up a new User account for yourself without assigning administrative rights, then when you sign on using this ‘limited rights’ account, you would not have the administrative rights to make changes.**

**As a ‘limited’ user, you cannot change your account to an administrator account. Only a user account that has administrative rights can do that. But there is a work around, since you are the Owner/user.**

1. Restart the computer and as soon as the black screen appears beginning tapping the F8 key to bring up the boot options.
2. Select to open in SAFE MODE.
3. You should get a sign in screen. Whatever is written there, highlight and type in Administrator in the Username. No password, just click OK.
4. Click START...Run and type in “control userpasswords2” (without the quotes). Click Ok
5. This brings up the User Accounts list. Click to select the ‘limited’ user account that you logged in with that did not allow you to make changes.
6. Click Properties.
7. In the properties window, click Group Membership and select Others and select the group ‘Administrators’. This will make the limited user account in step 5 above a member of the Administrators and give it all the rights of Administrator.

Note: Now, restart in Normal mode. Click Start...control panel...user accounts. You will see the ‘limited’ account of step 5 above is now listed as Administrator.

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