

## How to hide a user account from the Windows XP Welcome Screen (Logon Screen)

### When to use this document

You have configured the shared family PC, or a shared friend's PC, with a number of users so that each user has his/her own area, desktop, menus, My Documents, etc... You have also configured the PC to use the Windows XP Welcome Screen where each user simply clicks on his/her name to login. Lastly, you have also configured an administrator account, in addition to the default **Administrator** account, so that any time you need to perform tasks that require the PC to be logged in with an administrative account, you can do so without tampering with the main *Administrator* account. For the purpose of this document let's call this other administrative account *Super-Tech*.

Problem : every time the PC boots up to the Welcome Screen, *Super-Tech* shows up on the Welcome Screen along with the names of the other users of the PC, which is annoying as you are the only one to use that account and you do that very rarely, so having *Super-Tech* up there with the rest of the other users is just clutter you would rather not have.

This is where you need a method to hide the user account(s) which are never used on a daily basis.

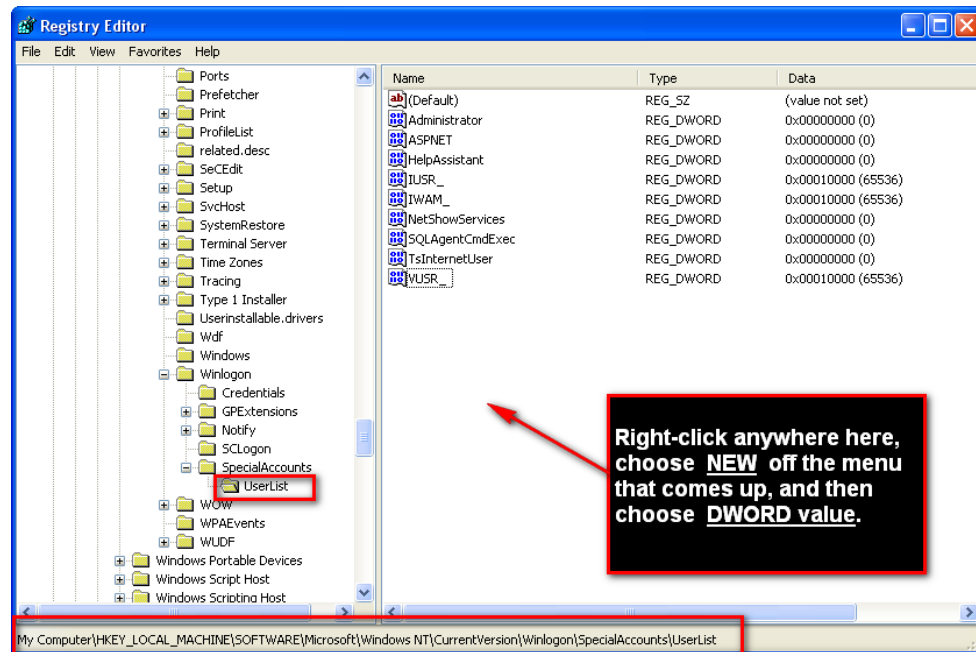
### How to hide a user account from the Welcome Screen

- Login to the PC with *Super-Tech* or any user account which has administrative privileges (Administrator privileges).
- Start the Windows Registry Editor. You can do that by clicking on **Start \ Run** and entering **REGEDIT** (and then clicking OK).

- In the left pane navigate to the following key :

**HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\Current Version\WinLogon\SpecialAccounts\UserList**

exactly as shown below :



- As shown in the above screenshot, right-click in a blank space in the right pane, choose **NEW**, and then choose **DWORD value**.

- Give that new key the exact same name as the User Account that you want to remove from the XP Welcome Screen (XP Logon Screen), Super-Tech in our case :

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
Administrator	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
ASPNET	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
HelpAssistant	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
IUSR_	REG_DWORD	0x00010000 (65536)
IWAM_	REG_DWORD	0x00010000 (65536)
NetShowServices	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
SQLAgentCmdExec	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
TsInternetUser	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
WUSR_	REG_DWORD	0x00010000 (65536)
Super-Tech	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)

- Double-click on the key you have just created (*Super-Tech* in our example) and give it a value of **0 (zero)**.  
( **0** → **Do not show this user account on the Windows XP Welcome Screen**)  
( **1** → **Show this user account on the Windows XP Welcome Screen**)
  
- Close the Registry Editor.
  
- Reboot the PC.
  
- You're done !** On the reboot you should see that *Super-Tech* (substitute "*Super-Tech*" with the user account you do not want to see) does not appear on the Logon Screen. Goodbye clutter !

**How to login as a user that is not showing on the Welcome Screen**

One day you will want to login as the user you have just removed from the Welcome Screen.

Fear not – simply press **Ctrl+Alt+Delete** twice while on the Welcome Screen and the screen will switch to a *Username & Password* dialog box where you can login as the hidden user (or as *Administrator* for that matter).

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