

Connect the Micro-PC to a Domain

To connect the mini PC to a domain

1. Open the Control Panel
2. Open the System applet
3. Switch to the Computer Name tab
4. Click Network ID
5. Follow the wizard
6. Close the System applet
7. You will probably need to reboot
8. Open the Users applet
9. Create a new user for the domain
10. Close the Users applet
11. Open the Windows Fire Wall applet
12. Make sure that the Fire Wall is turned off.
13. Close the Fire Wall applet

To enable an automatic user logon

Important! This section, method, or task contains steps that tell you how to modify the registry. However, serious problems might occur if you modify the registry incorrectly. Therefore, make sure that you follow these steps carefully.

For added protection, back up the registry before you modify it. Then, you can restore the registry if a problem occurs.

For more information about how to back up and restore the registry, click the following article number to view the article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base: [How to back up and restore the registry in Windows](#)

If you set a computer for automatic logon, anyone who can physically gain access to the computer can also gain access to everything that is on the computer, including any network or networks that the computer is connected to. Additionally, if you turn on automatic logon, the password is stored in the registry in plain text. The specific registry key that stores this value is remotely readable by the Authenticated Users group. Therefore, only use this setting if the computer is physically secured and if you make sure that users who you do not trust cannot remotely see the registry.

Using the registry editor

You can use registry editor to add your log on information. To do this, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, click **Run**, type **regedit**, and then click **OK**.
2. Locate the following registry key: **HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon**
3. Using your account name and password, double-click the **DefaultUserName** entry, type your user name, and then click **OK**.
4. Double-click the **DefaultPassword** entry, type your password under the value data box, and then click **OK**.

If there is no **DefaultPassword** value, create the value. To do this, follow these steps:

- a. In the registry editor, click **Edit**, click **New**, and then click **String Value**.
- b. Type **DefaultPassword** as the value name, and then press **Enter**.

c. Double-click the newly created key, and then type your password in the **Value Data** box.

If no DefaultPassword string is specified, Windows XP automatically changes the value of the AutoAdminLogon registry key from 1 (true) to 0 (false) to turn off the AutoAdminLogon feature.

5. Double-click the **AutoAdminLogon** entry, type **1** in the **Value Data** box, and then click **OK**.

If there is no AutoAdminLogon entry, create the entry. To do this, follow these steps:

- a. In Registry Editor, click **Edit**, click **New**, and then click **String Value**.
- b. Type **AutoAdminLogon** as the value name, and then press **Enter**.
- c. Double-click the newly created key, and then type **1** in the **Value Data** box.

6. Quit the registry editor.
7. Click **Start**, click **Restart**, and then click **OK**.

After your computer restarts and Windows XP starts, you can log on automatically.

Bypass automatic logon, logon as a different User

If you want to bypass the automatic logon to log on as a different user, hold down the **SHIFT** key after you log off or after Windows XP restarts. **Note: This procedure applies only to the first logon.** To enforce this setting for future logoffs, the administrator must set the following registry key:

**HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows
NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon**

Value: **ForceAutoLogon**

Type: **REG_SZ**

Data: **1**

Turn on automatic logon without editing the registry

You can also use turn on automatic logon without editing the registry in Microsoft Windows XP Home Edition and in Microsoft Windows XP Professional on a computer that is not joined to a domain. To do this, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, and then click **Run**.
2. In the **Open** box, type **control userpasswords2**, and then click **OK**.

Note: When users try to display help information in the User Accounts window in Windows XP Home Edition, the help information is not displayed. Additionally, users receive the following error message:

Cannot find the Drive:\Windows\System32\users.hlp Help file. Check to see that the file exists on your hard disk drive. If it does not exist, you must reinstall it.

3. Clear the "**Users must enter a user name and password to use this computer**" check box, and then click **Apply**.
4. In the **Automatically Log On** window, type the password in the **Password** box, and then retype the password in the **Confirm Password** box.
5. Click **OK** to close the Automatically Log On window, and then click **OK** to close the User Accounts window.