

Win 7 recovery of corrupted built-in administrator account

Start up the PC from a win 7 repair and recovery DVD

Select language

Click option to repair with command prompt

At the command prompt:

cd c:\

regedit

select HKLM

click File

select Load HIVE

find and open SAM in c:\windows\system32\config

when asked for keyname type REM_SAM (or something else if you prefer)

In regedit, find HKLM\REM_SAM\SAM\Domain\Accounts\Users\000001F4

double click on F

change from 11 to 10 the first binary value in the line beginning 11 02 00 . . .

check this line now reads 10 02 00 . . .

Close regedit

restart the PC

logon to the new built-in admin account and create a new one for the user