

## Automate Logon

When setting up Windows 8 and Windows 10, Microsoft encourages creating and signing into a Microsoft account.

- However, by doing so, you have relegated yourself providing a password every time your computer starts up or restarts.
  - If you WANT to require a password, for privacy protection, then you are fine.
  - However, if you want the BENEFITS of being signed in, but want to avoid providing the password each time, Windows provides a relatively easy tweak.
1. Open a "Run" box. Hold down the Windows logo key (the 4-rectangles between the CTRL and ALT keys on the left).
  2. In the "Open" box, type (or copy from here and paste) into the **control userpasswords2** (space only between control and userpasswords2) and press the ENTER key (or click OK).
  3. Now the User Accounts window opens.
  4. Click on the user you wish to open each time
  5. Now remove the check from the check box toward the top "Users must enter a username and password to use this computer." and then click on Apply.
  6. Another window opens "Automatically sign in". It will have the user name showing.
  7. Insert your password, and then confirm that password on the next line, and press OK.
  8. It returns to the User Accounts window. Press OK again.

Now you should no longer need to provide your password each time the computer starts or restarts.

- However, understand if you "sign out", or "Log off" (not shut down or restart you will still be asked for the password. If so, simply choose to restart, and the password won't be required.
  - Depending on the configuration, you may also need to provide the password when awakening from Sleep or Hibernation.
  - If this is not desirable, change the setting under Power Options (control panel).
    - Open Control Panel and choose Power Options.
    - Click on "Choose what the power buttons do" from the left hand list.
    - Now click the link "Change settings that are currently unavailable".
    - Under the section: Password protection on wakeup, change from **Require a password** to **Don't require a password**.
- Should you wish to restore requiring a password, simply follow the above numbered steps 1-5 and replace the check in "Users must enter a username and password to use this computer." Click Apply and OK, and now you will need the password again.