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How to Bypass BIOS Passwords

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BIOS passwords can be add extra layer of security for desktop and laptop computers, and are used to either prevent a user from changing the BIOS settings or to prevent the PC from booting without a password. BIOS passwords can also be a liability if a user forgot their passwords, or if a malicious user changes the password. Sending the unit back to the manufacturer to have the BIOS reset can be expensive and is usually not covered in an a typical warranty. However, there are a few known backdoors and other tricks of the trade that can be used to bypass or reset the BIOS password on most

systems.

To enter the BIOS Setup try these keystrokes:

- AMI BIOS: Del key during the POST
- DTK BIOS: Esc key during the POST
- Award BIOS: Ctrl-Alt-Esc
- misc BIOS: Ctrl-Esc
- Phoenix BIOS: Ctrl-Alt-Esc or Ctrl-Alt-S
- IBM PS/2 BIOS: Ctrl-Alt-Ins after Ctrl-Alt-Del

Backdoor Passwords

Many BIOS manufacturers have provided backdoor passwords that can be used to access the BIOS setup in the event you have lost your password. These passwords are case sensitive, so you may wish to try a variety of combinations.

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WARNING: Some BIOS configurations will lock you out of the system completely if you type in an incorrect password more than 3 times. Read your manufacturers documentation for the BIOS setting before you begin typing in passwords.

Award BIOS backdoor passwords:

ALFAROME	BIOSTAR	KDD	ZAAADA
ALLy	CONCAT	Lkwpeter	ZBAAACA
aLLy	CONDO	LKWPETER	ZJAAADC
aLLY	Condo	PINT	01322222
ALLY	d8on	pint	589589
aPAf	djonet	SER	589721
_award	HLT	SKY_FOX	595595
AWARD_SW	J64	SYXZ	598598
AWARD?SW	J256	syxz	
AWARD SW	J262	shift + syxz	
AWARD PW	j332	TTPTHA	
AWKWARD	j322		
awkward			

AMI BIOS Backdoor Passwords:

	AMI AMI?SW	BIOS AMI_SW	PASSWORD LKWPETER	HEWITT RAND CONDO		
Phoenix BIOS Backdoor Passwords:						
	phoeni	x PHOEN	IIX CMOS	BIOS		
Misc. Common Passwords						
	ALFAROME	BIOSTAR	k biostar	biosstar		
	CMOS	cmos	LKWPETER	lkwpeter		
	setup	SETUP	Syxz	Wodj		

Other BIOS Passwords by Manufacturer

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Manufacturer	Password	
VOBIS & IBM	merlin	
Dell	Dell	
Biostar	Biostar	
Compaq	Compaq	
Enox	xo11nE	
Epox	central	
Freetech	Posterie	
IWill	iwill	
Jetway	spooml	
Packard Bell	bell9	
QDI	QDI	
Siemens	SKY_FOX	
TMC	BIGO	
Toshiba	Toshiba	

Toshiba BIOS

Most Toshiba laptops and some desktop systems will bypass the BIOS password if the left shift key is held down during boot

IBM Aptiva BIOS

Press both mouse buttons repeatedly during the boot