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Microsoft Diagnostics and Recovery Toolset – MS DaRT 10 – has now been released for Windows 10.

MS DaRT was formerly known as the ERD (Emergency Recovery Disk) Commander.

ERD Commander 2015 / MS DaRT 10 is a most useful suite of tools, that can help you troubleshoot and recover a non-booting Windows 10 installation.

*See also ERD Commander for Vista and Windows 7.

*See also Free ERD Commander Download for Windows XP.

*See also Create an ERD Commander Bootable USB Flash Drive(not suitable for MSDaRT 10 – use Rufus – see below)

*See also Free Download Windows 7 ISO – Create a Windows 7 Installation DVD or USB Flash Drive.

*See also Free Download Hirens Boot CD ISO – Create a Bootable USB Flash Drive.

*See alsoUsing ERD Commander Locksmith to Change Account PasswordsThe MS DaRT 10 / ERD Commander 2015 Toolset.

*The ERD Registry Editor utility on the DaRT 10 Tools menu provides information about the registry that can help you repair a system.

*The Locksmith wizard can be used to list the local user accounts and change passwords.

*The Crash Analyzer can be used to diagnose the cause of a system crash and identify the driver that caused the failure.

*The Disk Commander can be used to salvage or repair partitions, or volumes.

*The File Restore utility can be used to find and restore deleted files from any supported Windows-based file system.

*The Disk Wipe utility can be used to erase disks or volumes.

*The Explorer utility allows you to browse folders and files that are stored on various drives.

*The Computer Management utility provides recovery tools to help you:

*Disable problematic drivers or services.

*View event logs.

*Partition and format hard disk drives.

*Get information about Autoruns.

*Get information about the computer.

*The TCP/IP Config utility helps you to display and set a TCP/IP configuration.

*The Hotfix Uninstall can be used to remove Windows hotfixes or service packs from a system that cannot be started.

*The SFC Scan utility helps you check system files and repair any that are corrupt or missing.

*The Search utility allows you to restrict the scope of your search by specifying part of the name, search location, estimated size of the file, or the time when the file was modified.

Normally this toolkit is only available to Enterprise customers through the Software Assurance Programme.

DaRT 10 is an important part of the Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack (MDOP), a dynamic solution available to Software Assurance customers that helps reduce software installation costs, enables delivery of applications as services, and helps manage and control enterprise desktop environments.

More details here.

*MSDaRT10 for Windows 10 is available to download here as an ISO fileCreating a DaRT 10 USB Boot Disk.

*Create A Bootable MSDaRT 10 CD or USB Flash Drive using Rufusfollowing the instructions here.

Note – the DaRT 10 iso does not seem to like being added to a Yumi USB Multiboot environment, but I had success creating a bootable USB disk with RufusBooting from a DaRT boot disk.

When Booting, using a DaRT 10 USB Boot Disk it follows a familiar sequence to the booting of ERD Commander.

Choose keyboard layout.

Choose the Troubleshoot Option.

Select Windows 10 – attaches to the existing Windows 10 installation.

And Select Microsoft Diagnostics and Recovery Toolset.

This opens the MS DaRT 10 / ERD Commander Console.

Rescue boot CDs are plentiful. Numerous ISO images populate the Internet. From Hiren'sBootCD to a BartPE disk, numerous options exist for rescuing failed systems quickly. Not all are legal, and some are outright flaky.

If you work within a larger enterprise you'd be well served to take a look at Winternals Software's ERD Commander 2005. A core component of Winternals' $1,439 Administrator's Pak, ERD Commander 2005 isn't cheap. But with the investment comes a collection of powerful utilities you can use with confidence to repair failed systems. Best of all, it's completely legal.Booting.

Figure AThe Winternals' ERD Commander 2005 boot process appears similar to that used by Windows XP.

Place the ERD Commander 2005 boot CD in an accessible drive, bypass the existing or inoperative operating system by booting from the CD, and the utility will create a miniature Windows XP environment. Though limited in scope, the interface enables troubleshooting a variety of Windows operating systems, including Windows NT 4.0 (Service Pack 4 or later required), Windows 2000, Windows XP and Windows Server 2003.

Figure BERD Commander 2005 is capable of identifying numerous installed Windows installations; when booting using the ERD Commander 2005 CD, simply select the Windows installation you wish to repair.

Once running, ERD Commander 2005 presents a Windows XP-like interface providing access to numerous troubleshooting tools in a graphical environment, including:

*Administrative Tools – Autoruns, Disk Management, Event Log, Reg Edit, Service and Driver Manager and System Information.

*Networking Tools – File Sharing, Map Network Drive and TCP/IP Config.

*System Tools – Crash Analyzer, Disk Commander, Disk Wipe, File Restore, Hotfix Uninstall, Locksmith, System Compare, System File Repair and System Restore.

*Menu Tools – Console, Explorer, Internet Browser (Mozilla Firefox version 1.0), Notepad, Search, Solution Wizard, Help and Run (command line).

Figure CERD Commander 2005 creates a Windows XP-like graphical user environment for troubleshooting systems that won't boot.Administrative tools.

Selecting any of the Administrative Tools, which are accessed by clicking the ERD Commander 2005 Start button and clicking Administrative Tools, opens a Windows 2000 Computer Management-like console. Administrators can leverage the console to perform Disk Management functions just as if the technician had booted into Windows and selected Disk Management within the Computer Management console. In addition to formatting partitions, Disk Management can set partitions active and change drive letters, among other tasks.

Accessing Winternals' Event Log, meanwhile, provides the ability to review Application, Security and System logs as if the technician had booted into Windows and selected Event Viewer from within the Computer Management console. Information found within these event logs can prove critical in identifying and eliminating the issues that are preventing a system from booting or operating properly.

Figure DEvent Viewer logs, accessible within ERD Communicator 2005, can prove invaluable in tracing the cause of system failures.

RegEdit provides the standard registry editing utility for correcting problematic registry entries, while System Information reports on critical system specifications. RegEdit can prove a lifesaver in reversing a registry setting that's prohibiting Windows from booting. System Information, meanwhile, reveals the computer's name, OS kernel version, OS product type (such as Windows XP Home versus Professional), current service pack, applied hotfixes and more. Such data helps identify or eliminate potential causes for failure and ensures an administrator can collect as much information as possible about a failed, non-booting system.

Wayward services and errant drivers can also prevent systems from starting properly. ERD Commander 2005's Service and Driver Manager offers support professionals a simple interface for resurrecting desktops and servers that are failing due to problematic services and drivers. Using the Service and Driver Manager, technicians can view services and drivers that load by default. Using simple right-click actions, services can be disabled, set to manual, configured to run at boot or set for automatic startup. Drivers can be reviewed and reconfigured, too, as well as updated.

Autoruns provides another powerful graphic-based tool. The utility lists programs that run automatically when Windows starts, including those that aren't always listed in Windows default Startup folder. Within the ERD Commander 2005 boot environment, administrators can then make any adjustments as needed, thereby enabling the removal of programs or files whose automatic execution is prompting Windows to fail.Networking tools.

The ERD Commander 2005 Networking Tools are accessed by clicking Start, selecting Networking Tools and clicking the desired utility.Erd Commander 2002 Download.

Selecting the File Sharing option opens the Start Network File Sharing dialog box, which enables securely sharing a troubled system's files on the network. Using File Sharing, an administrator can recover a failed system's data over a network. Security comes into play by virtue of the technician's ability to require a username and password, set by the administrator, to access the troubled system's data.Sysinternals Erd Commander Download.

The Map Network Drive feature supports mapping network drives within the ERD Commander 2005 environment. Mapping network drives proves helpful when opening supported console sessions requiring access to files on a network drive and when using the default My Computer and Explorer applications to access network shares holding recovery software, drivers, service packs or antivirus signatures.

TCP/IP settings also can be configured when using ERD Commander 2005. Select TCP/IP Configuration to open an applet enabling IP, DNS, subnet mask, and default gateway addressing information.Erd Commander Download For Windows Xp.

Figure EERD Commander 2005 supports configuring or changing TCP/IP information, which can make the difference between having to reinstall Windows or connecting a failed system to the network where additional troubleshooting tools can be accessed to recover the existing installation. System tools.

A host of system tools are available, too, many with wizards that walk technicians through troubleshooting inoperative PCs and servers.

Crash Analyzer works with Microsoft's Debugging Tools for Windows (which must be downloaded from Microsoft's Web site) to analyze system crash dumps. The resulting information helps isolate the cause of crashes, thereby guiding administrator's recovery efforts.

Disk Commander helps recover files that have been lost as a result of everything from file system errors to inadvertent partitioning and formatting. File Restore is similar, except it works to recover files that were deleted and emptied from the Recycle Bin. Incidentally, Disk Commander, too, can be used to recover files that have been inadvertently deleted. In larger organizations, where users often discard important documents and empty the Windows Recycle Bin, such file recovery tools are a necessity.

Most everyone's familiar, now, with horror stories of discarded PCs and servers leaking confidential information. Remembering to properly delete sensitive data before discarding used equipment can be tough, but ERD Commander 2005's Disk Wipe makes easy work of actually wiping hard disks. Administrators can elect to complete a simple pass overwrite or opt for a four-pass deletion that meets US Department of Defense 5220.22-M security requirements.

Other features ERD Commander 2005 offers include a console for command line administration, the ability to uninstall hotfixes selectively, a Locksmith feature enabling Administrator passwords to be reset (helpful when users forget their system passwords or an administrator leaves without divulging passwords to his or her replacement), File System Repair (for automatically discovering and repairing corrupted Windows system files) and System Restore, which provides access to the Restore Point Wizard.Windows Erd Commander Download.

ERD Commander 2005 includes Mozilla Firefox (version 1.0) for Internet browsing from within the limited Winternals operating environment (which comes in handy when needing to search the Web for specific drivers or updates), along with Notepad, Search and a Solution Wizard designed to help guide support professionals through a myriad number of solutions that can be used to recover a failed system.Winternals Erd Commander Windows 7.

Creating the ERD Commander Boot CD itself is a relatively simple proposition. Using the Winternals Administrator's Pak, select the ERD Commander 2005 Boot CD Wizard (accessed by clicking Start | Programs | Winternals Administrator's Pak on the system where the Administrator's Pak is installed). The wizard walks technicians through the process of creating the CD image. Technicians must specify the location of any required mass storage drivers to be included. They must also note which tools should be included on the CD image the wizard creates.

In addition, whichever staff member builds the CD must specify whether the CD should support Remote Recover, which enables accessing an ERD Commander 2005 CD-equipped system over a network for remote troubleshooting and repair. When using Remote Recover, ensure firewalls are set to pass port 18002 traffic, as this is the default UDP port ERD Commander 2005 uses to communicate over a network.

Figure FWinternals' ERD Commander 2005 also supports accessing the tool's recovery utilities remotely. When the Winternals environment boots, select Run Remote Recover Client on the target system to provide an administrator with access to the ERD Commander 2005 toolset over a network. Here the default setting is selected enabling a technician or support professional to interact with a system locally.

Once the wizard completes it creates an ISO image in the location the technician specifies. The wizard can burn the ISO image to a CD, or you can elect to burn the CD yourself using your own preferred CD creation software.Erd Commander Download Free.

In the event a server or PC encounters trouble before you have an opportunity to create a bootable CD for it, you can also use the Administrator's Pak OEM CD to boot ERD Commander 2005. Note that, should you do so, you may not have access to mass storage drivers required to access a system's hard drives.

Creating the DaRT 8.0 Recovery Image.

After installing Microsoft Diagnostics and Recovery Toolset (DaRT) 8.0, you create a DaRT 8.0 recovery image. The recovery image starts Windows RE, from which you can then start the DaRT tools. You can generate International Organization for Standardization (ISO) files and Windows Imaging Format (WIM) images. In addition, you can use PowerShell to generate scripts that use the settings you select in the DaRT Recovery Image wizard. You can use the script later to rebuild recovery images by using the same settings. The recovery image provides a variety of recovery tools. For a description of the tools, see Overview of the Tools in DaRT 8.0.

After you boot the computer into DaRT, you can run the different DaRT tools to try to diagnose and repair the computer. This section walks you through the process of creating the DaRT recovery image and lets you select the tools and features that you want to include as part of the image.

You can create the DaRT recovery image by using either of two methods:

Use the DaRT Recovery Image wizard, which runs in a Windows environment.

Modify an example PowerShell script with the values you want. For more information, see How to Use a PowerShell Script to Create the Recovery Image.

You can write the ISO to a recordable CD or DVD, save it to a USB flash drive, or save it in a format that you can use to boot into DaRT from a remote partition or from a recovery partition.

Once you have created the ISO image, you can burn it onto a blank CD or DVD (if your computer has a CD or DVD drive). If your computer does not have a drive for this purpose, you can use most generic programs that are used to burn CDs or DVDs.

Select the image architecture and specify the path.

On the Windows 8 Media page, you select whether to create a 32-bit or 64-bit DaRT recovery image. Use the 32-bit Windows to build 32-bit DaRT recovery images, and 64-bit Windows to build 64-bit DaRT recovery images. You can use a single computer to create recovery images for both architecture types, but you cannot create one image that works on both 32-bit and 64-bit architectures. You also indicate the path of the Windows 8 installation media. Choose the architecture that matches the one of the recovery image that you are creating.

To select the image architecture and specify the path.

On the Windows 8 Media page, select one of the following:

If you are creating a recovery image for 64-bit computers, select Create x64 (64-bit) DaRT image .

If you are creating a recovery image for 32-bit computers, select Create x86 (32-bit) DaRT image .

In the Specify the root path of the Windows 8 <64-bit or 32-bit> install media box, type the path of the Windows 8 installation files. Use a path that matches the architecture of the recovery image that you are creating.

Click Next .

Select the tools to include on the recovery image.

On the Tools page, you can select numerous tools to include on the recovery image. These tools will be available to end users when they boot into the DaRT image. However, if you enable remote connectivity when creating the DaRT image, all of the tools will be available when a help desk worker connects to the end user's computer, regardless of which tools you chose to include on the image.

To restrict end-user access to these tools, but still retain full access to the tools through the Remote Connection Viewer, do not select those tools on the Tools page. End users will be able to use only Remote Connection and will be able to see, but not access, any tools that you exclude from the recovery image.

To select the tools to include on the recovery image.

On the Tools page, select the check box beside each tool that you want to include on the image.

Click Next .

Choose whether to allow remote connectivity by a help desk.

On the Remote Connection page, you can choose to enable a help desk worker to remotely connect to and run the DaRT tools on an end user's computer. The remote connectivity option is then shown as an available option in the Diagnostics and Recovery Toolset window. After help desk workers establish a remote connection, they can run the DaRT tools on the end-user computer from a remote location.

To choose whether to allow remote connectivity by help desk workers.

On the Remote Connection page, select the Allow remote connections check box to allow remote connections, or clear the check box to prevent remote connections.

If you cleared the Allow remote connections check box, click Next . Otherwise, go to the next step to continue configuring remote connectivity.

Select one of the following:

Let Windows choose an open port number.

Specify the port number. If you select this option, enter a port number between 1 and 65535 in the field beneath the option. This port number will be used when establishing a remote connection. We recommend that the port number be 1024 or higher to minimize the possibility of a conflict.

(Optional) in the Remote connection welcome message box, create a customized message that end users receive when they establish a remote connection. The message can be a maximum of 2048 characters.

Click Next .

For more information about running the DaRT tools remotely, see How to Recover Remote Computers by Using the DaRT Recovery Image.

Add drivers to the recovery image.

On the Drivers tab of the Advanced Options page, you can add additional device drivers that you may need when repairing a computer. These may typically include storage or network controllers that Windows 8 does not provide. Drivers are installed when the image is created.

Important When you select drivers to include, be aware that wireless connectivity (such as Bluetooth or 802.11a/b/g/n) is not supported in DaRT.

To add drivers to the recovery image.

On the Advanced Options page, click the Drivers tab.

Click Add .

Browse to the file to be added for the driver, and then click Open .

Note The driver file is provided by the manufacturer of the storage or network controller.

Repeat Steps 2 and 3 for every driver that you want to include.

Click Next .

Add WinPE optional packages to the recovery image.

On the WinPE tab of the Advanced Options page, you can add WinPE optional packages to the DaRT image. These packages are part of the Windows ADK, which is an installation prerequisite for the DaRT Recovery Image wizard. The tools that you can select are all optional. Any required packages are added automatically, based on the tools you selected on the Tools page.

You can also specify the size of the scratch space. Scratch space is the amount of RAM disk space that is set aside for DaRT to run. The scratch space is useful in case the end user's hard disk is not available. If you are running additional tools and drivers, you may want to increase the scratch space.

To add WinPE optional packages to the recovery image.

On the Advanced Options page, click the WinPE tab.

Select the check box beside each package that you want to include on the image, or click the Name check box to select all of the packages.

In the Scratch Space field, select the amount of RAM disk space to allocate for running DaRT in case the end user's hard disk is not available.

Click Next .

Add the debugging tools for Crash Analyzer.

If you include the Crash Analyzer tool in the ISO image, you must also include the Debugging Tools for Windows. On the Crash Analyzer tab of

the Advanced Options page, you enter the path of the Windows 8 Debugging Tools, which Crash Analyzer uses to analyze memory dump files. You can use the tools that are on the computer where you are running the DaRT Recovery Image wizard, or you can use the tools that are on the end-user computer. If you decide to use the tools on the end-user computer, remember that every computer that you diagnose must have the Debugging Tools installed.

If you installed the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) or the Microsoft Windows Development Kit (WDK), the Windows 8 Debugging Tools are added to the recovery image by default, and the path to the Debugging Tools is automatically filled in. You can change the path of the Windows 8 Debugging Tools if the files are located somewhere other than the location indicated by the default file path. A link in the wizard lets you download and install debugging tools for Windows if they are not already installed.

To download the Windows Debugging Tools, see Debugging Tools for Windows. Install the Debugging Tools to the default location.

Note The DaRT wizard checks for the tools in the HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows Kits\Installed Roots\WindowsDebuggersRoot registry key. If the registry value is not there, the wizard looks in one of the following locations, depending on your system architecture:

To add the debugging tools for Crash Analyzer.

On the Advanced Options page, click the Crash Analyzer tab.

(Optional) Click Download the Debugging Tools to download the Debugging Tools for Windows.

Select one of the following options:

Include the Windows 8 <64-bit or 32-bit> Debugging Tools . If you select this option, browse to and select the location of the tools if the path is not already displaying.

Use the Debugging Tools from the system that is being debugged . If you select this option, the Crash Analyzer will not work if the Debugging Tools for Windows are not found on the problem computer.

Click Next .

Add definitions for the Defender tool.

On the Defender tab of the Advanced Options page, you add definitions, which are used by the Defender tool to determine whether software that is trying to install, run, or change settings on a computer is unwanted or malicious software.

To add definitions for the Defender tool.

On the Advanced Options page, click the Defender tab.

Select one of the following options:

Download the latest definitions (Recommended) – The definition update starts automatically, and the definitions are added to the DaRT recovery image. This option is recommended to help you avoid cases where the definitions might not be available. You must be connected to the Internet to download the definitions.

Download the definitions later – Definitions will not be included in the DaRT recovery image, and you will need to download the definitions from the computer that is running DaRT.

If you decide not to include the latest definitions on the recovery image, or if the definitions included on the recovery image are no longer current by the time that you are ready to use Defender, obtain the latest definitions before you begin a scan by following the instructions that are provided in Defender.

Important You cannot scan if there are no definitions.

Click Next .

Select the types of recovery image files to create.

On the Create Image page, you choose an output folder for the recovery image, enter an image name, and select the types of DaRT recovery image files to create. During the recovery image creation process, Windows source files are unpacked, DaRT files are copied to it, and the image is then "re-packed" into the file formats that you select on this page.

The available image file types are:

Windows Imaging File (WIM) - used to deploy DaRT to a preboot execution environment (PXE) or local partition).

ISO image file – used to deploy to CD or DVD, or for use in virtual machines (VM)s. The wizard requires that the ISO image have an .iso file name extension because most programs that burn a CD or DVD require that extension. If you do not specify a different location, the ISO image is created on your desktop with the name DaRT8.ISO.

PowerShell script – creates a DaRT recovery image with commands that provide essentially the same options that you can select by using the DaRT Recovery Image wizard. The script also enables you to add or changes files in the DaRT recovery image.

If you select the Edit Image check box on this page, you can customize the recovery image during the image creation process. For example, you can change the "winpeshl.ini" file to create a custom startup order or to add third-party tools.

To select the types of recovery image files to create.

On the Create Image page, click Browse to choose the output folder for the image file.

Note The size of the image will vary, depending on the tools that you select and the files that you add in the wizard.

In the Image name box, enter a name for the DaRT recovery image, or accept the default name, which is DaRT8.

The wizard creates a subfolder in the output path by this name.

Select the types of image files that you want to create.

Choose one of the following:

To change the files in the recovery image before you create the image files, select the Edit Image check box, and then click Prepare .

To create the recovery image without changing the files, click Create .

Click Next .

Edit the recovery image files.

You can edit the recovery image only if you selected the Edit Image check box on the Create Image page. After the recovery image has been prepared for editing, you can add and modify the recovery image files before creating the bootable media. For example, you can create a custom order for startup, add various third-party tools, and so on.

To edit the recovery image files.

On the Edit Image page, click Open in Windows Explorer.

Create a subfolder in the folder that is listed in the dialog box.

Copy the files that you want to the new subfolder, or remove files that you don't want.

Click Create to start creating the recovery image.

Generate the recovery image files.

On the Generate Files page, the DaRT recovery image is generated for the file types that you selected on the Create Image page.

To generate the recovery image files.

On the Generate Files page, click Next to generate the recovery image files.

Copy the recovery image to a CD, DVD, or USB.

On the Create Bootable Media page, you can optionally copy the image file to a CD, DVD, or USB flash drive (UFD). You can also create additional bootable media from this page by restarting the wizard.

Note The Preboot execution environment (PXE) and local image deployment are not supported natively by this tool since they require additional enterprise tools, such as System Center Configuration Manager server and Microsoft Development Toolkit.

To copy the recovery image to a CD, DVD, or USB.

On the Create Bootable Media page, select the iso file that you want to copy.

Insert a CD, DVD, or USB, and then select the drive.

Note If a drive is not recognized and you install a new drive, you can click Refresh to force the wizard to update the list of available drives.

Click the Create Bootable Media button.

To create another recovery image, click Restart, or click Close if you have finished creating all of the media that you want.

Kurt Shintaku's Blog.

DOWNLOAD: Microsoft Diagnostics and Recovery Toolset (30-day eval)

Looks like we finally got around to releasing the 30 day eval version of the Diagnostics & Recovery Toolset.

The Microsoft Diagnostics & Recovery Toolset (DART) is a powerful set of tools that we acquired from our acquisition of Winternals a.k.a. Mark Russonovich & company. It allows administrators to recover PCs that have become unusable, and easily identify root causes of system issues.

It enables Windows desktop & server admins to:

Recover an installation of the Windows OS, instead of "reinstalling" when safe mode won't work. Undelete files that have been removed. Recover local passwords Manage services, boot time software, drivers, etc. Monitor Active Directory queries to debug authentication issues between a client and a domain controller.

Here is a list of actual tools in the DART:

Windows Shell Command Line Regedit Unzip ERD Commander ERD Help LockSmith Chkdsk Crash Analyzer File Explorer File Search Notepad File Restore System File Scan System Restore Disk Commander Computer Management Map Network Drive Hotfix Uninstall DiskWipe.

OVERVIEW & DEMONSTRATION: A complete overview of the Diagnostics & Recovery Toolset is available here (XPS Viewer required) A demonstration & presentation in a demonstration video is available here.

LICENSING: DART is only available to our volume-licensed customers . You must be either a corporate customer with an Enterprise Agreement (site license) or a customer who's purchased the Windows Desktop OS for their workstations under Software Assurance (a multiyear contractual agreement) in order to license DART.

Alternative to DART locksmith for Windows 10?

My company purchases computers with windows client software included, meaning no software assurance and no access to tools such as DART locksmith. For others out there in the same situation, is there a good password reset/locksmith tool out there, ideally one that doesn't report home to a Black Hat somewhere?

The help desk software for IT. Free.

Track users' IT needs, easily, and with only the features you need.

12 Replies.

If they are domain joined machines, you reset passwords in AD, if you are talking about standalone clients, if they register with a passport account (email address), their password gets reset using password reset links from Microsoft, if they create local accounts (or you do for them) and they forget their passwords, there are tools like NTPass that will blank the password out, but this is a per user/machine reset, not bulk.

This is for local accounts, AD or Azure AD accounts have supported methods and passport accounts can usually be recovered. Does NTPass work for Windows 10?

I haven't had a reason to use it yet, but assuming it's a local account I don't see why not as it resets the account directly via the SAM file and/or registry.

I've never had any issues with previous OSes.

You could look into LAPS. I am not sure of all your requirements, but it is designed to handle local passwords.

Where can I get MSDaRT?

I recently had some critical systems go down and I had to rebuild the registries from Linux because I couldn't even boot to the Recovery Console, but that's a different story. I have been reading about MSDaRT and that could have saved me a ton of time. I would like to add it to my arsenal of recovery tools, but I cant seem to find it anywhere. One of the beta links I found on MS's website seems to be taken down and I cant find that much info on it.

Brand Representative for Microsoft.

You can only get the Diagnostics and Recovery Toolkit (DaRT) through the Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack (MDOP) which is only available to customers with Software Assurance for Windows Client OS.

8 Replies.

If you are using Windows 7 then msdart is part of the "Systems Recovery Disk" that you can create through Backup and Restore.

what about WindowsXP?

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Beating me up with SA again, Chris? lol.

I cant even get a beta copy?

Heres the old beta link, but I guess it was taken down?

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HA.. well I do my best to pitch it, as its something I believe in. ;)

You can get demo video's of it, but if you're an MSDN/TechNet you can download and evaluate DaRT as part of MDOP.

If you have a technet subscription, you can get it from there:

Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack 2011 R2.

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