

# How to Reset Windows Server 2003 Password

## What is Windows Server 2003?

Windows Server 2003 is a server operating system, and it runs on a computer that provides services to other computers on a network or over the Internet. What's more, it has the ability to share files and printers, act as an application server, and host message queues, provide email services, authenticate users, act as an X.509 certificate server, provide LDAP directory services, serve streaming media, and to perform other server-oriented functions.

## About Windows Server 2003 Password

For security on a server computer, it is required to create a strong password.

The default password filter (Passfilt.dll) included with Windows Server 2003 requires that a password:

1. Is not based on the user's account name.
2. Contains at least six characters.
3. Contains characters from three of the following four categories:
  - a. Uppercase alphabet characters (A–Z)
  - b. Lowercase alphabet characters (a–z)
  - c. Arabic numerals (0–9)
  - d. Non-alphanumeric characters (for example, !\$#,%)

As stated above, this policy is enabled by default.

## How to Reset Windows Server 2003 Password if forgot

It is very common for many users to forget Windows 2003 password for these or those reasons. You may have noticed that the process of **resetting Windows Server 2003 password** is not the same as it is on other Windows Operating System. It is somehow difficult for computer novice to do it. Don't panic. Windows Server 2003 password is by far the most easy-to-use utility I tested. It can recover not only local user password but also domain administrator password. Learning this tutorial can help you become a more adept user for **Windows 2003 password recovery**.

Step 1: Insert your target device onto another computer which can access to Windows. Download & setup & run [Windows 2003 Password recovery](#).

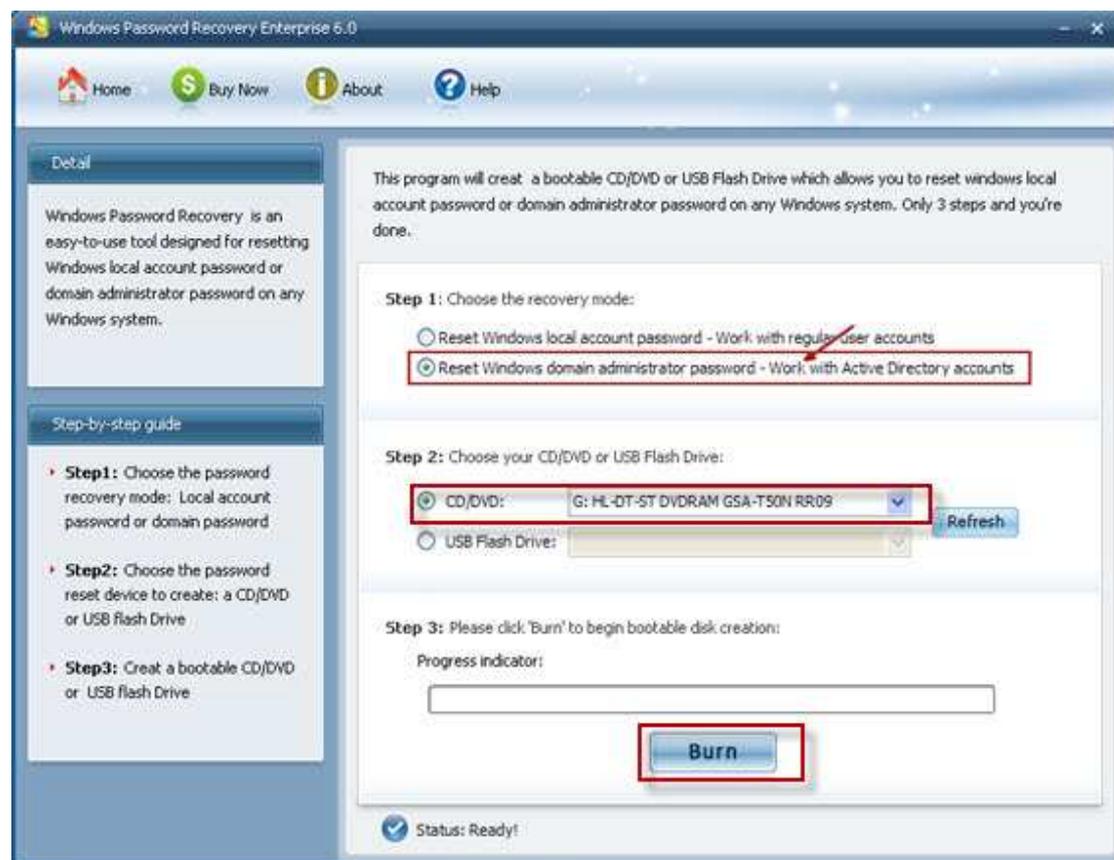
Tips: For device, it supports CD/DVD or USB Flash Drive.

Step 2: To reset local account user password, choose "Reset Windows local account password".

To reset domain administrator password, choose “Reset Windows Domain administrator password”.

Step 3: Choose the target device you have inserted in Step 1.

Step 4: Click on “Burn” to start bootable disk/USB creation.



Step 5: Boot the locked computer from this bootable CD/USB, and that means you need to insert CD/USB in advance and set BIOS to boot it from CD/USB.

Step 6: Choose the Windows installation on your PC.

Step 7: If you choose to reset local account user password in previous step, here you need to choose one account you want to reset password for.

If you choose to reset domain administrator password in previous step, you just need to type your new password directly.

Step 8: Click “Reset”, and then click “Yes” &”OK” in the next two text boxes. And then restart your computer by simply clicking “Reboot”.



This utility also supports Windows Server 2000, 2008. More info on how to [reset Windows 2000 password](#) is waiting for you to explore.

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