

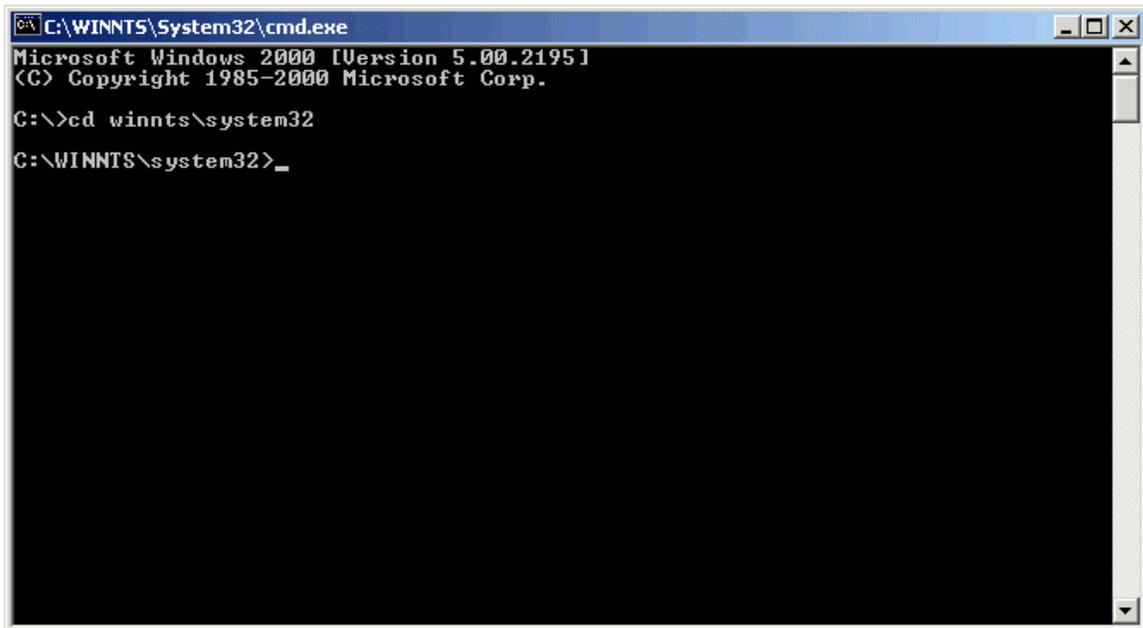
Changing the Recovery Console Administrator Password on a Domain Controller

When you promote a Windows 2000 Server-based computer to a domain controller, you are prompted to type a Directory Service Restore Mode Administrator password. This password is also used by Recovery Console, and is separate from the Administrator password that is stored in Active Directory after a completed promotion.

If Windows 2000 Service Pack 2 or later is installed on your computer, you can use the Setpwd.exe utility to change the SAM-based Administrator password.

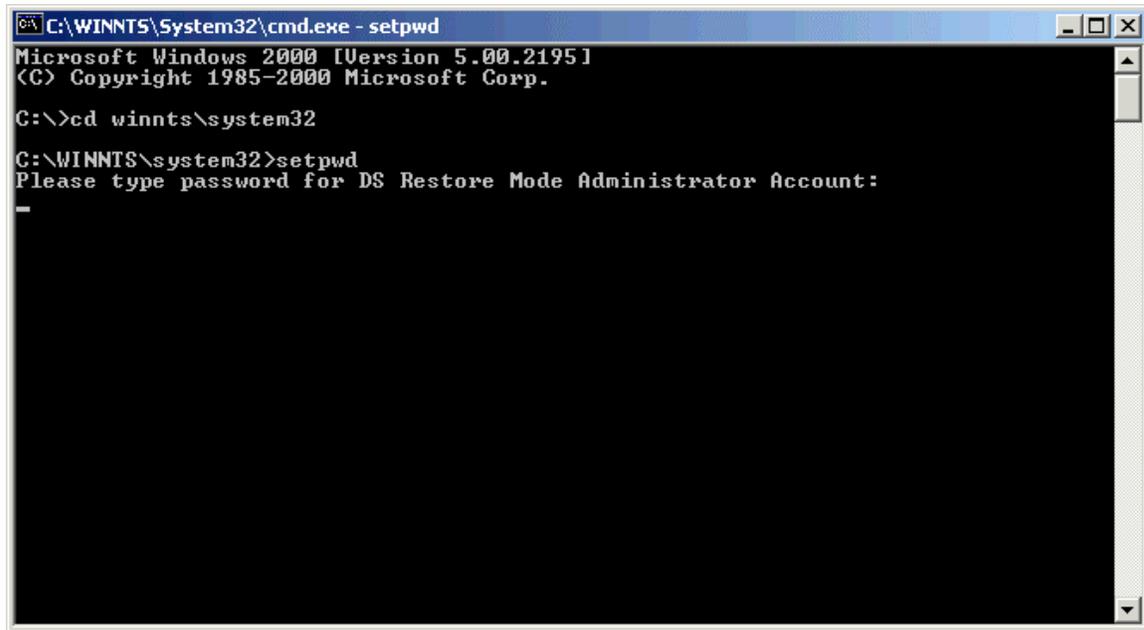
To do this, follow these steps:

1. Log on to the computer as the administrator or a user who is a member of the Administrators group.
2. At a command prompt, change to the %SystemRoot%\System32 folder.



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C:\WINNTS\System32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows 2000 [Version 5.00.2195]
(C) Copyright 1985-2000 Microsoft Corp.
C:\>cd winnts\system32
C:\WINNTS\system32>_
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3. To change the local SAM-based Administrator password, type setpwd, and then press ENTER.



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C:\WINNTS\System32\cmd.exe - setpwd
Microsoft Windows 2000 [Version 5.00.2195]
(C) Copyright 1985-2000 Microsoft Corp.
C:\>cd winnts\system32
C:\WINNTS\system32>setpwd
Please type password for DS Restore Mode Administrator Account:
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Note: To change the SAM-based Administrator password on a remote domain controller, type the following command at a command prompt, and then press ENTER

setpwd /s:servername

where servername is the name of the remote domain controller.

4. When you are prompted to type the password for the Directory Service Restore Mode Administrator account, type the new password that you want to use.

NOTE: If you make a mistake, repeat these steps to run setpwd again.