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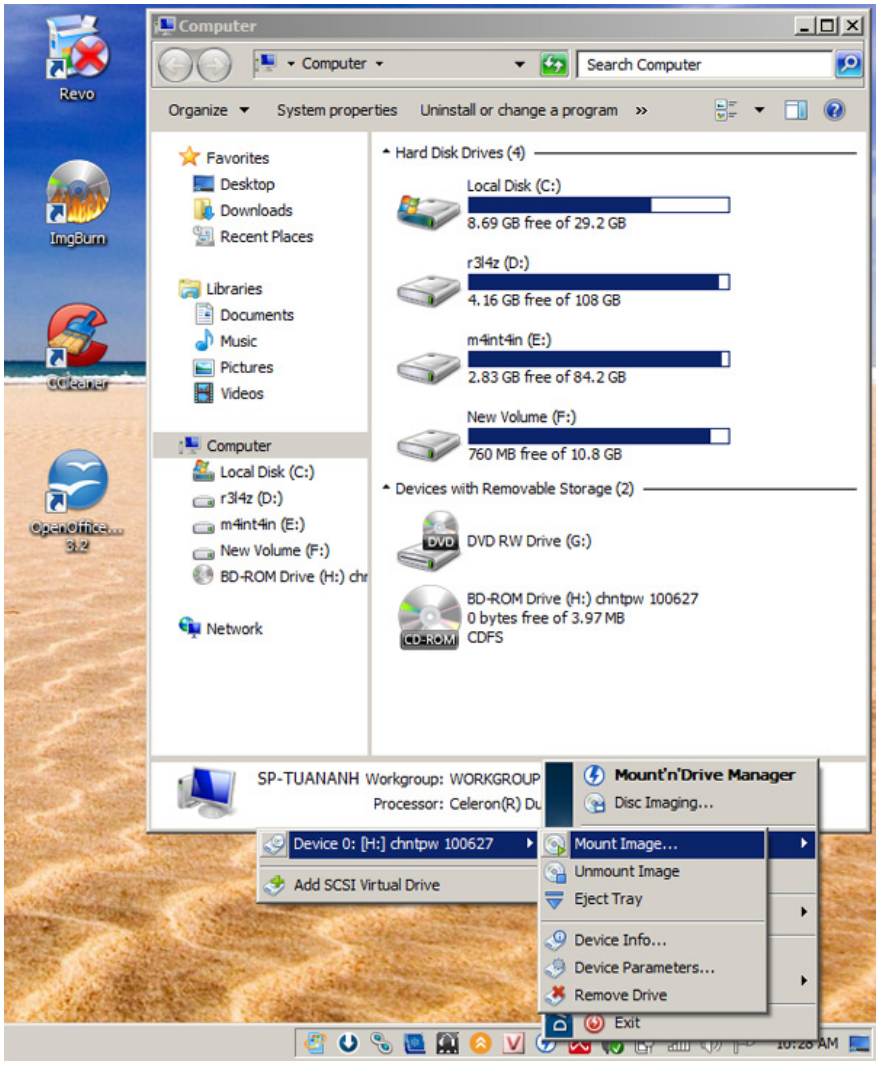
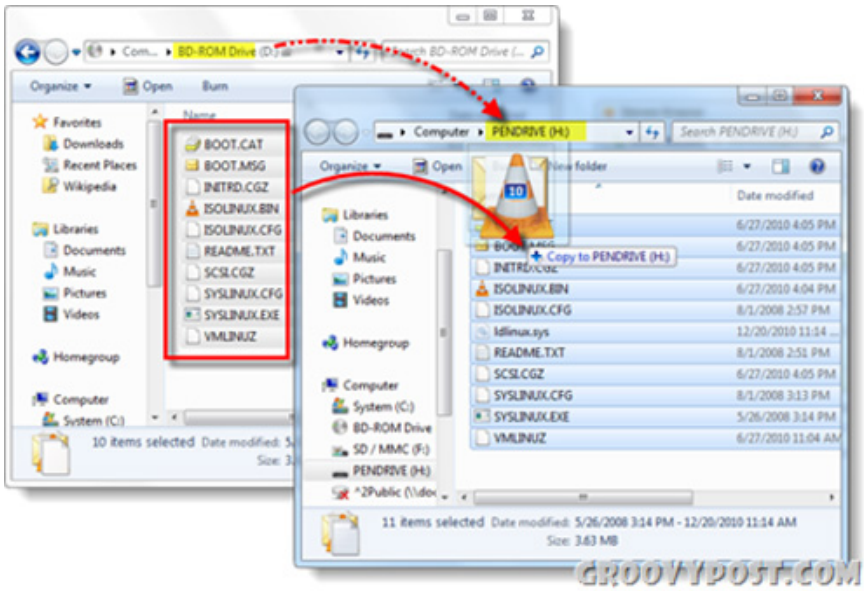
First, you need to download Offline tool NT Password & Registry Editor here or here. After extracting this file, we will have a single * .iso file: *cd100627.iso* . Next, use a software to create and store virtual drives like Magic ISO or DAEMON Tools Lite to assign that * .iso file to the system:

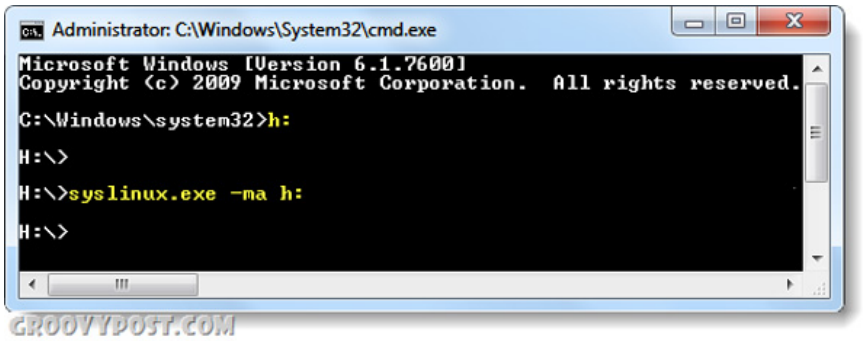


Copy the entire file inside the virtual drive to USB:

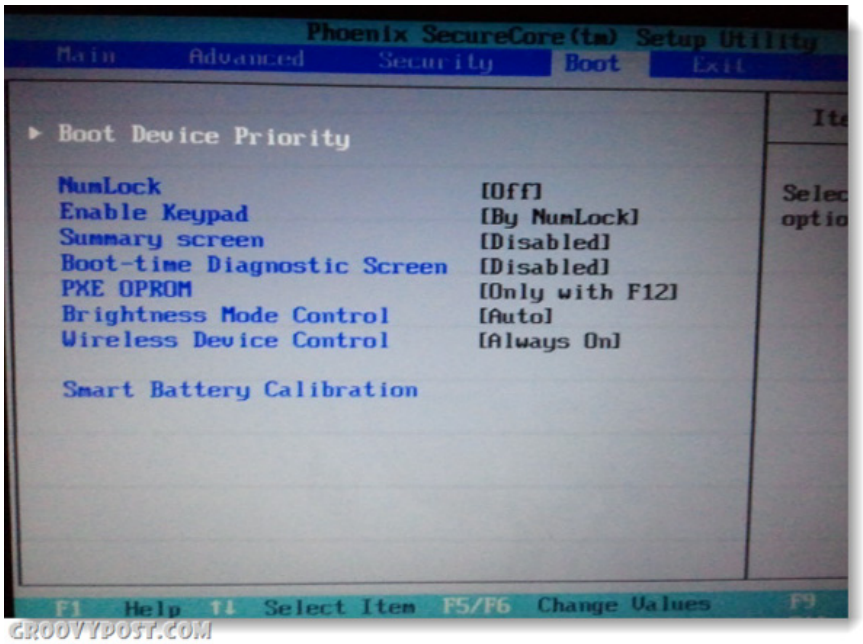


Then, use *Command Prompt (Start Menu> Run> cmd and Enter)* , move to the USB drive (here is the H drive) and type the following command:

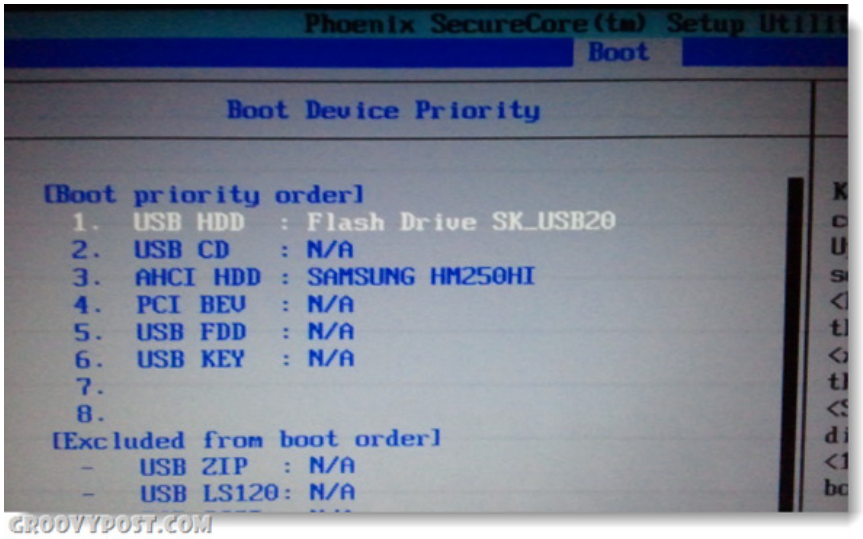
syslinux.exe -ma h:



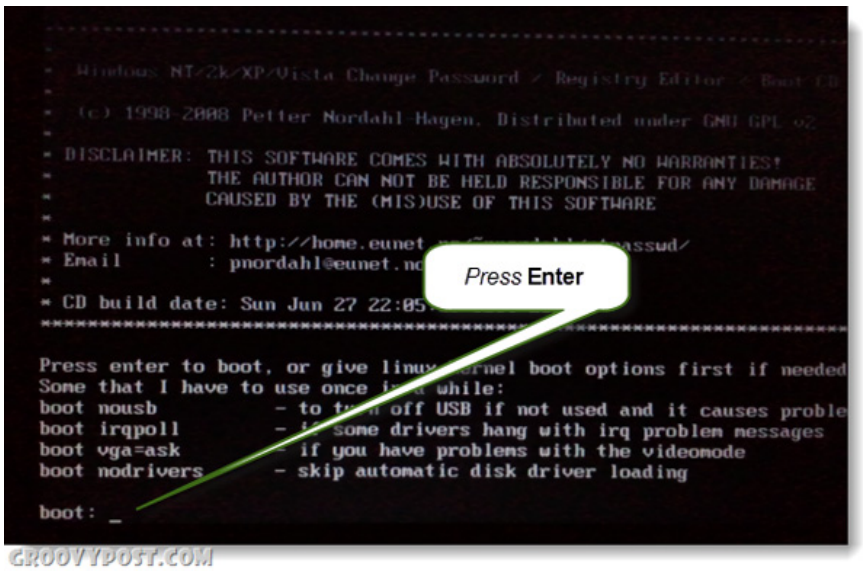
Then unplug the USB and plug in the computer to retrieve the account. First, we need to change the boot order of the boot device to the USB, boot the computer and press F2, F8 or Delete to access the BIOS, go to the *Boot Order*, *Boot Device Priority card* or equivalent (depending on different mainboard lines) and change as follows:



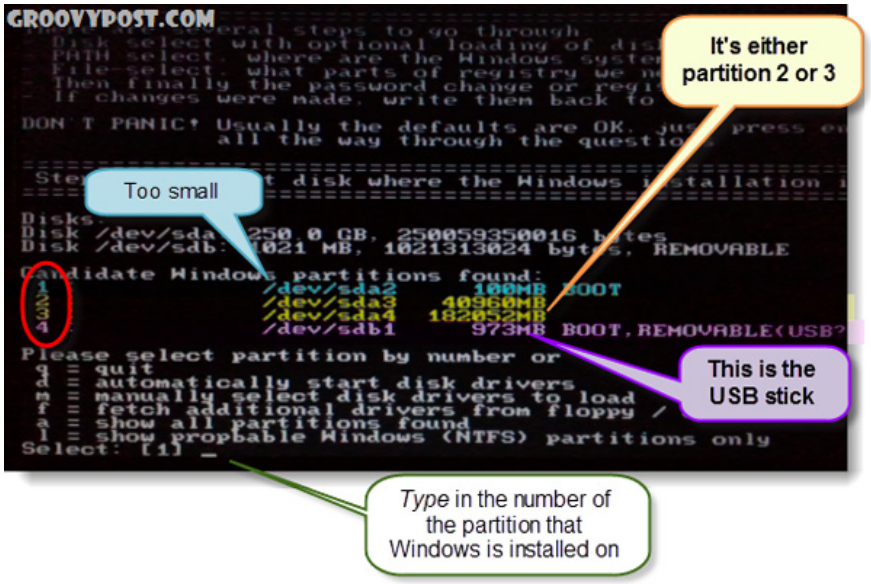
Under the boot device order, set the USB to the first position, then press F10 to save the changes and Enter to restart the computer:



When the system boots from USB, you will see the main interface as follows:



At the current location of the cursor, press Enter. The program will detect the entire hard drive to find the Windows installation partition. In this test, there are 4 partitions, you need to pay attention to the letter corresponding to the drive that installs the operating system, then press Enter:



However, do not worry too much, because if you choose the wrong partition, the program will not work and return to the main screen. If you select the correct partition, the system will display the following information:

DEBUG path: Windows found as Windows

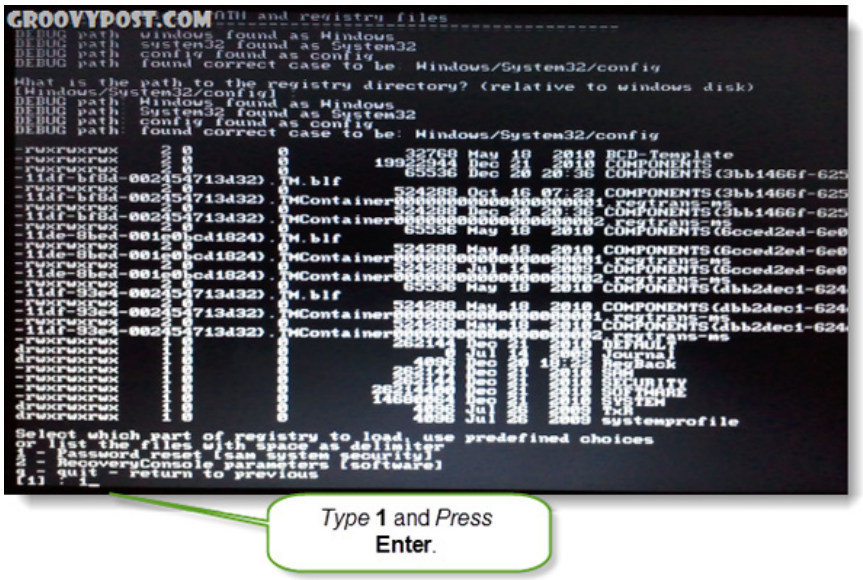
DEBUG path: system32 found as system32

DEBUG path: config found as config

DEBUG path: found correct case to be: Windows / System / 32 / config

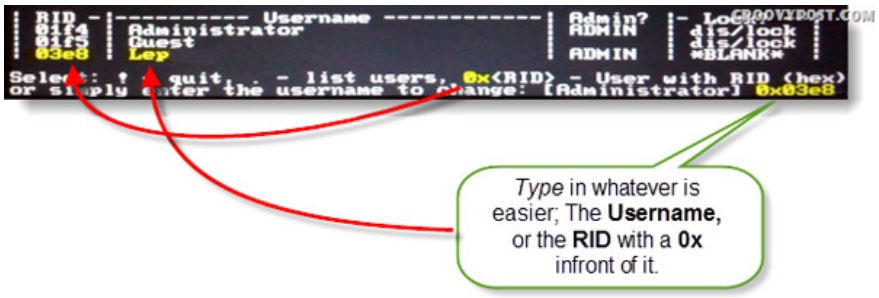
And press Enter to finish this process. If you choose wrong, press Enter and q to return to the previous screen.

After selecting the right partition and pressing Enter as described above, go to this step and select 1 - *Select Password reset [sam system security]* and *Enter* :



Select item 1 - *Edit user data and passwords* and *Enter* :

Next, you will see the corresponding *RID* and *Username* lines. Depending on which elements are simpler, we will do it that way. For example, if you select *RID* , you must add *0x* in front of the number, for this is *0x03e8* for *RID 03e8.* In this test, we choose *Username Lep:*

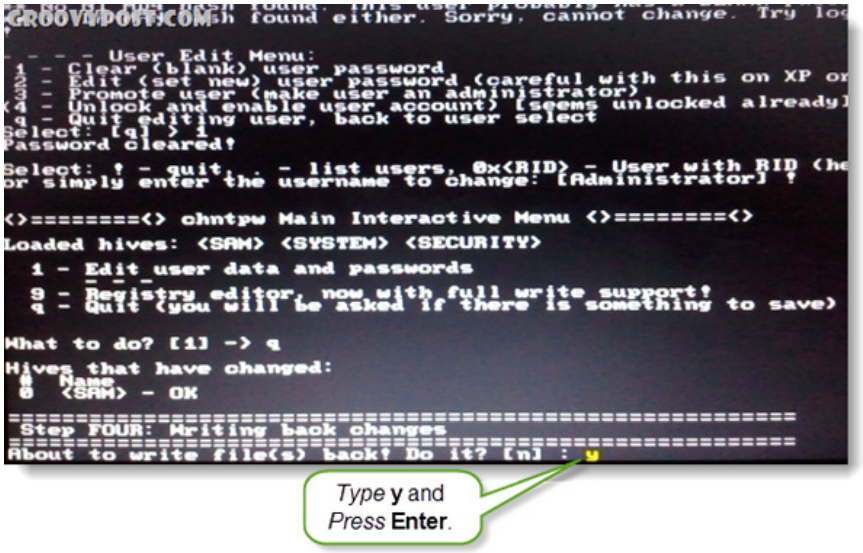


Select item 1 - *Clear user password* and *Next* :

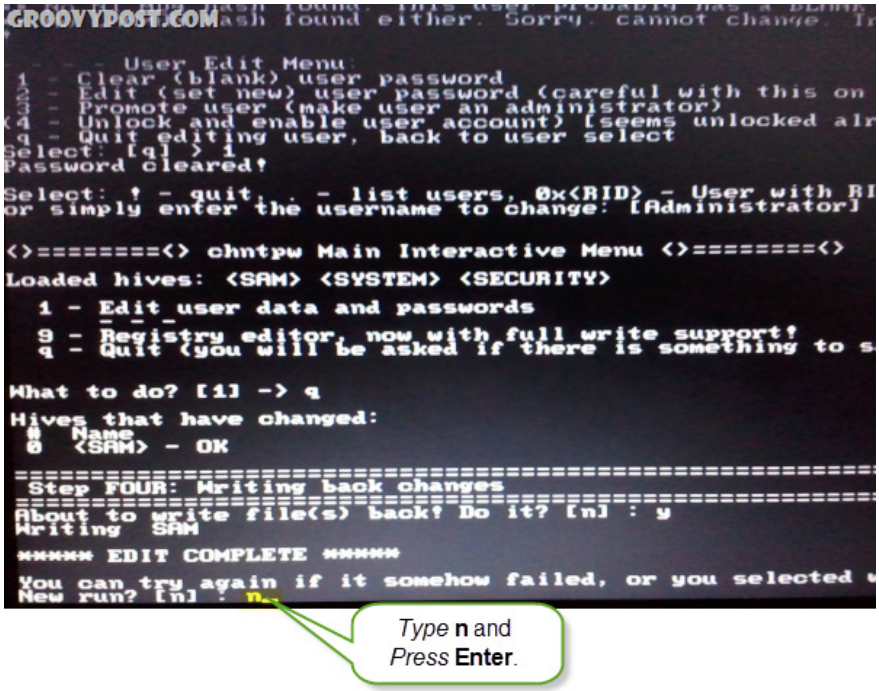
You will see the system appear a small message line as follows: *Password cleared!* Which means we have successfully reset the Administrator account password, now type! And press Enter:

Next type Q to exit and Enter:

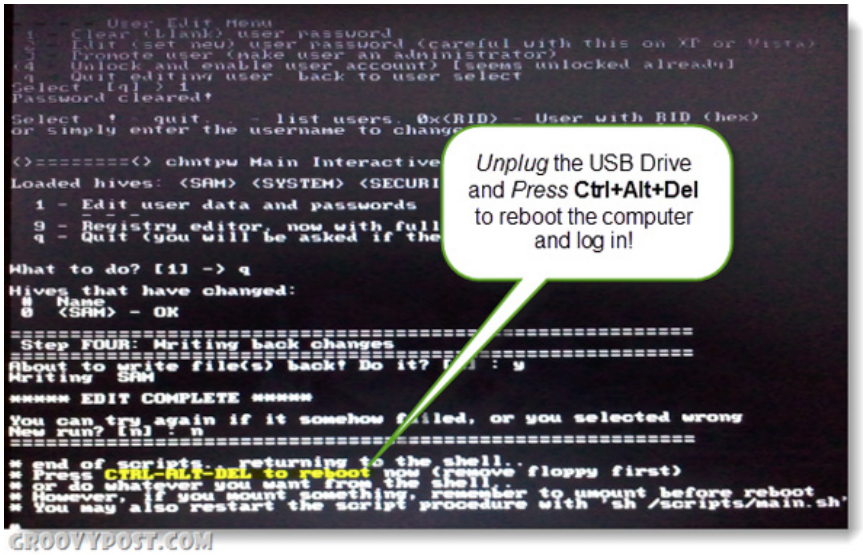
Press Y to save changes to the file system, then Enter:



If you see a message like this: ***** *EDIT COMPLETE* ***** means it was really successful. Type N and press Enter:



In case you have not achieved satisfactory results, type Y and try again. After successful, please unplug the USB from the computer and press *Ctrl + Alt + Delete* to restart the system:



After booting up, you will be able to login to the system with Administrator account without a password. So we have completed the process of retrieving the password and admin account with a simple method and familiar USB Flash storage device. Good luck!

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