OSX Administration - Support #899

Reset User Password in Single User Mode on OSX

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Assignee:	Daniel Curtis		**% Done:**	100%
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Target version:	OSX 10.5		**Spent time:**	1.00 hour

Description

This is a guide for resetting a users password using single user mode on OSX.

- Boot into single user mode by turning on the computer and holding *Command + S*

- Check the filesystem for any errors before mounting:

```
fsck -fy
```

- Mount the root partition:

```
mount -uw /
```

- Load the Apple Directory Service:

```
launchctl load /System/Library/LaunchDaemons/com.apple.DirectoryServices.plist
```

- Change the user, bob, password to SuperSecretPassword:

```
dscl . -passwd /Users/bob SuperSecretPassword
```

- Reboot:

```
reboot
```

Resources

- http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20080414140636495

History

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