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### [Login name of users with a space in-between.](#)

by [frostfever](#) » Tue Mar 02, 2010 9:07 am

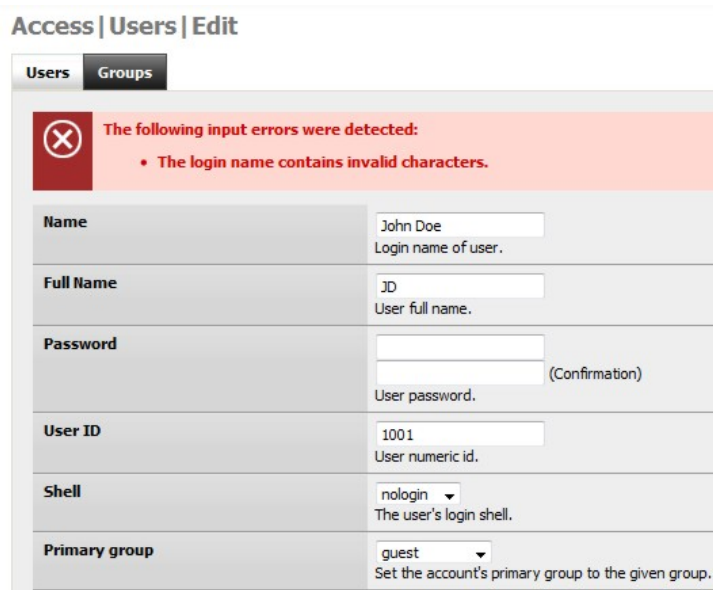
Hello,

I want to register some WindowsXP users over CIFS/SMB Authentication/Local-User. If I try to ad a username over Access|Users|Add with a space in-between, for instance [John Doe](#) I get the error message **The login name contains invalid characters**.

How do I add a username with a space in-between?

Thanks in advance!

Using: 0.7.1 Shere (revision 5024)



The screenshot shows a web interface for editing user information. At the top, there are tabs for 'Users' and 'Groups'. Below the tabs is a red error banner with a white 'X' icon and the text: 'The following input errors were detected: • The login name contains invalid characters.' The form below has several fields: 'Name' with the value 'John Doe' and a tooltip 'Login name of user.'; 'Full Name' with the value 'JD' and a tooltip 'User full name.'; 'Password' with two empty input fields and a tooltip 'User password.' and '(Confirmation)'; 'User ID' with the value '1001' and a tooltip 'User numeric id.'; 'Shell' with a dropdown menu set to 'nologin' and a tooltip 'The user's login shell.'; and 'Primary group' with a dropdown menu set to 'guest' and a tooltip 'Set the account's primary group to the given group.'

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### [Re: Login name of users with a space in-between.](#)

by [dnar2](#) » Tue Mar 02, 2010 10:21 am

Simple, you can't!

User names should be contiguous, for example:  
John.doe or John-doe or John\_doe or JohnDoe

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### [Re: Login name of users with a space in-between.](#)

by [frostfever](#) » Wed Mar 03, 2010 10:08 am

Thanks for the response.

That kind of sucks, because I have a bunch of XP users with first and last name logons.

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### [Re: Login name of users with a space in-between.](#)

by [dnar2](#) » Wed Mar 03, 2010 10:20 am

*frostfever wrote:* Thanks for the response.

That kind of sucks, because I have a bunch of XP users with first and last name logons.

First and last name logons are fine, however the accepted practice is to NOT use spaces in account names, for interoperability with other systems.

As I stated, use . or - or \_ to separate first/last name.