

Re: account lockout policy issues...

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Set it in the domain policy. I set it in the domain controller policy too, so it'll hopefully lock out anyone experimenting from the Internet side, or in the unlikely event that anyone got inappropriate access to the server room. But domain policy is where you want it for users connecting over the network.

Hopefully if you raise the lockout threshold to 10 in the domain security policy, within a fairly short time you should see that the local workstation policies are set to 10, greyed out so there's no option to change the setting.

I've tried to figure out what can be causing your lockouts, including reading up on lockout in technet, but haven't been able to find anything like what you describe. Lockout can be strange. I have one workstation where if I log in with my own userid/password, my account locks out within a few minutes – even if I just walk away and leave it sitting idle. I haven't had time to try figuring it out, so I just log in as Admin when I'm at that machine (I'm only there for admin tasks anyway).

"Brad Pears" <donotreply@notreal.com> wrote in message
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> Ya, I forgot to mention, none of the workstations I checked had a local
> policy set. Most people connect to the terminal server using older win98
> machines anyway ...

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> Also, I like the idea of just setting a new polciy of 10 or higher but
> where

> should the policy be set for an SBS machine... "domain policy" or "domain
> controller policy"??? I'm confused on that one...

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> "Dave Nickason [SBS MVP]" <gwdibble@NOSPAM.frontiernet.net> wrote in
> message

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>> The only place you don't mention checking is the local security policy on
>> the workstations. When you set a domain policy, it gets applied to the
>> workstations. Then when you remove the domain policy, I'm not sure

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>> *what's*
>> *supposed to happen, but it's possible the workstations are still applying*
>> *the old policy even though you've removed it from the domain security*
>> *policy. If that's the case, you should be able to just remove or alter*
> *the*
>> *policy in the local security policies on each workstation.*
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>> *Another option might be to set a domain policy with a threshold of 10 –*
> *if*
>> *that gets applied correctly, it should solve your problem. Or, post a*
>> *question in the win2k server group (since unfortunately none of us*
>> *SBS'ers*
>> *seems to have a workable solution).*
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>> *You don't happen to have a free PSS call available by any chance? If I*
> *had*
>> *users getting locked out frequently over a period of days, I'd have to*
> *make*
>> *the phone call even if I had to pay for it, to keep the users from*
>> *stoning*
>> *me.*
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>> *"Brad Pears" <donotreply@notreal.com> wrote in message*
>> *news:e61YpCDaEHA.2408@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...*
>> > *We have a Windows 2000 Small Business Server and a member Windows 2000*
>> > *server we are running terminal services in admin mode on.*
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>> > *For some reason, we are getting account lockout issues. There is no*
>> > *account*
>> > *lockout "domain security policy" configured on the SBS server nor is*
> *there*
>> > *an account lockout configured under "domain controller security*
>> > *policy".*
>> > *Also there also isn't an account lockout "local" policy configured on*
> *the*
>> > *Win2K Terminal Server. So, to the best of my knowledge, there isn't ANY*
>> > *account lockout policy configured anywhere, yet we are getting a*
>> > *lockout*
>> > *after 3 invalid attempts which is way too low of a value and is causing*
>> > *issues.*
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>> > *We do have a Group Policy(GP) configured on the terminal server OU*
>> > *(organization unit) listed under "active directory users and groups"*
>> > *and*
> *a*
>> > *GP defined on the lighlevel domain (ourdomain.local) but NEITHER of*
> *these*
>> > *have account lockout configured!*

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>> > *So, my question is, where the heck is the account lockout coming from?*

>> > *Could*

>> > *there be a registry setting that did not get changed?*

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>> > *Thanks,*

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>> > *Brad*

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