

Re: Automatic Logon: Recovery Console Password

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My own extreme paranoia would say no way, but as law #3 of the "10 Immutable Laws of Security" states...

"If a bad guy has unrestricted physical access to your computer, it's not your computer anymore"

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/archive/community/columns/security/essays/10imlaws.msp>

So your machine is locked up, which is good. Don't know whether you "installed" the RC or would have to load it from the setup disk as needed. Without some special software & hardware on the server, it would be impossible to get into the RC remotely, so...

Depends on your assessment of the risk of enabling that versus the risk of not having the correct password in a pinch.

DS

"StudioTwo" <studio_two@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> Hello,

> I only just realised that the "Recovery Console" Password is NOT
> necessarily the same as the Domain Administrator Password. I believe it is
> set during installation and from then on, remains unchanged (even if the
> Domain Admin password is subsequently changed).

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> Bearing this in mind, I quickly followed the instructions here:
> <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/239803> and synchronised both passwords.
> Presumably, I would have been unable to use the "Recovery Console"
> (despite having created my ERD) had I not known the password. Potentially,
> very embarrassing.

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> I also noticed this article: "How to enable an administrator to log on
> automatically in Recovery Console":
> <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/312149>
> My server is housed within a locked cabinet and I must say, I am tempted
> to go down this route. I assume that (in order to exploit this) anyone "up

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> to no good" would need physical access to the server). Is this
> configuration recommended?
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> Thanks for any guidance,
> Stephen
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• **References:**

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