

Default Domain Policy vs Default Domain Controller Policy

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I'm reading along in the 70-290 book and there's an exercise that tells me to enable the Audit Accounts Logon Events and the Audit Logon Events policies in the Default Domain Controller Policy area. After that, they wanted me to try to log in with the wrong password on an account and then to come back on as Administrator and check out the Security Log in Event Viewer. I did all this but I noticed that it does not record any invalid logon attempts. It did, however, show the successful ones. I have verified that the policies are configured to audit both successes and failures.

Out of curiosity, I went into the Default Domain Policy and enabled the same audit policies in there. When I viewed the Security Logs, I could see invalid logon attempts. Could the book be wrong or is there something I'm not understanding in a real scenario? I just have one computer setup with Windows Server 2003 for lab exercises. I was trying to generate invalid logins from the console. It's not networked to anything at the moment. Would it have worked if it were not a PDC on a one-computer network? Would it have been different if I tried to logon from a workstation?

That brings me to another question if anyone has the time. I noticed that there seems to be an excessive pause when making some choices in Active Directory. I'm assuming the computer is trying to talk to something on the network that isn't there and timing out. Any idea what would be causing this?

Thanks!

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