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Date: Wed, 14 Jul 2004 09:35:59 -0500

Hi Todd-

I would be concerned about the scenario you outlined below since it doesn't really explain how the new account policy setting(s) made it to the DCs.

I would strongly suggest enabling Success/Failure for Account Management auditing at the domain controller level so that if this recurs you can quickly ascertain how, why and from where this happened.

A tool which can help in this regard (parsing through the event logs for specific events) is EVENTCOMBMT.EXE.

How to Use the EventcombMT Utility to Search Event Logs for Account Lockouts

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us:824209&Product=winsvr2003>

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"Todd S" <toddfbass@{ihatespam}yahoo.com> wrote in message news:2bf9601c4699e\$d2ba23e0\$a601280a@phx.gbl...

> For what its worth, this was a DNS issue. Basically what  
> was happening was that since I have some clusters where  
> the nodes are domain controllers, the Heartbeat addresses  
> were getting registered into DNS. These heartbeat NIC  
> aren't on the network so when workstations were  
> authenticating they couldn't locate the domain and were  
> going with what would normally be default domain security,  
> ie. password complexity. That is the theory of what  
> happened.

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> >-----Original Message-----

> >It is disabled and no other policies have been created  
> >that would over write this.

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> >I am concerned that this might be a DNS issue. We use  
> >QIP

> >>and we don't control that. It appears that when pinging  
> >>the domain name it isn't resolving to the DC's as it  
> >>should. So I think that may be why we are seeing these  
> >>issues. I'll post a result if that is what it is.

> >Thanks.

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> >>-----Original Message-----  
> >>Ah, my apologies for not reading the whole thread.  
> >>  
> >>However, have you specifically disabled it? If not,  
> then  
> >it's still on. If  
> >>so, then has a domain policy been created or moved above  
> >this one in the  
> >>pecking order to override this? Password policy can  
> only  
> >be defined at  
> >>domain level, but doesn't necessarily need to be defined  
> >by the DDP or DDCP.  
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> >>  
> >>Paul Williams  
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> >><http://www.msresource.net>  
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> >>  
> >>Join us in our new forums!  
> >><http://forums.msresource.net>  
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> >>  
> >><anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message  
> >>news:2bfbc01c46910\$d4672820\$a501280a@phx.gbl...  
> >>Paul, Thanks for the attempt but please see the first  
> >>post that says "I check my GPO's and password complexity  
> >>is not enabled." This is a network that has been running  
> >>for over a year and all the sudden all users have to  
> reset  
> >>their password and make them complex although, the  
> >>password complexity settings in GPO are disabled.  
> >>  
> >>>-----Original Message-----  
> >>> I just don't understand how password complexity is  
> >>>enabled when its not  
> >>>turned on in Group Policy.  
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> >>>Password complexity is on by default...  
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> >>>  
> >>>Paul Williams  
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> >>><http://www.msresource.net>  
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> >>>Join us in our new forums!  
> >>><http://forums.msresource.net>  
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> >>>  
> >>>"Todd S" <toddfbass@{ihatespam}yahoo.com> wrote in  
> >>>message  
> >>>news:2c30801c4690e\$19581c80\$a401280a@phx.gbl...  
> >>>We audit:

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> >>>account logon events      success and fail
> >>>account management      success and fail
> >>>directory service access  success and fail
> >>>logon events             success and fail
> >>>object access           fail
> >>>policy change           success and fail
> >>>privilege use           fail
> >>>system events           success and fail
> >>>
> >>>I have checked EventLogs.  No other admins are saying
> >>>they've done anything.  I recently rebooted a Windows
> >2003
> >>>DC and when I went to log back on I was told my password
> >>>had expired.
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> >>>Today I did promote a Windows 2003 machine as a domain
> >>>controller but we have several 2000 and 2003 DC's.
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> >>>I just don't understand how password complexity is
> >enabled
> >>>when its not turned on in Group Policy.
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> >>>>-----Original Message-----
> >>>>Are you auditing anything? Have you checked your Event
> >>>>Logs? What were you
> >>>>doing when this happend? Any other Admins at your place
> >>>>making changes?
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> >>>>--
> >>>>Scott Harding
> >>>>MCSE, MCSA, A+, Network+
> >>>>Microsoft MVP - Windows NT Server
> >>>>
> >>>>"Todd S" <toddflbass@ihatespam@yahoo.com> wrote in
> >>>>message
> >>>>news:2b7eb01c4690a$77ebad60$a601280a@phx.gbl...
> >>>>> Ok.  All the passwords for all domain accounts just
> >>>>> expired and now are required to use password
> >>complexity.
> >>>>> I check my GPO's and password complexity is not
> >>enabled.
> >>>>> I am not sure what just happened.  Any help would be
> >>>>> greatly appreciated.  Thanks.
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