

Re: Account Lockout

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Hi

The tool that Paul points to is useful. I find it more useful in context with some other tools:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=7AF2E69C-91F3-4E63-8629-B999ADDE0B9E&di>

Also review:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/windowsserver2003/technologies/security/bpactlck.msp>

What I generally do to troubleshoot these problems is:

1. Use lockoutstatus to determine which DC's the bad password attempts are registering again.
2. Enable auditing (as per the document above) and look for lockout events.
3. From the lockout events, determine which clients they originate from.
4. Look at the frequency of events to determine if it's a user issue or process driven.
5. If user related, educate user.
6. If process related, implement Alockout.dll to find the offending process.

Kind regards

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"ptwilliams" <ptw2001@hotmail.com> wrote in message

news:exlrBvylEHA.1192@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

> There's a free MS utility re. lockouts.

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> <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=d1a5ed1d-cd55-4829-a189-99515b0e90f7&D>
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> I've not got round to playing with it yet, so can't tell you if it's
> exactly
> what you want or not.
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> Paul Williams
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> <http://www.msresource.net>
> <http://forums.msresource.net>
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> "kmkrause2" <kmkrause2@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
> news:298F239E-9444-4852-9A69-4ADDAC9181FB@microsoft.com...
> I have the auditing turned on. I was hoping there was a utility that could
> prevent me from having to go to the 40+ servers and 70+ workstations
> individually to look for the failed login attempts.
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> "Ryan Hanisco" wrote:
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>> If you think it is an issue where there is a repeated failed logon, you
>> can
>> see this if you turn on auditing of domain logons. In general, you
>> should
>> have this on for both Failure and Success as it will alert you to a
>> number
>> of potential problems/ threats.
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>> Do this via a GPO and watch for failed logon attempts. Other than that,
>> you
>> can go into more detailed auditing looking for changes to accounts, but
>> this
>> will probably be unnecessary if you think this is just due to failed
>> attempts.
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>> Ryan Hanisco
>> MCSE, MCDBA
>> Flagship Integration Services
>>
>> "kmkrause2" <kmkrause2@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
>> news:141C30B6-8375-4D7E-B0A9-60A23A961839@microsoft.com...
>> > Is there a utility that can be used to determine where a particular
>> account
>> > is getting locked out from. I have a user's account that is getting
>> > locked
>> > out periodically. Most likely it's due to some service attempting to
>> > log
>> > in
>> > under that users' account. The account has been getting locked out from
>> > time
>> > to time since his last password change.
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>> > I don't want to have to search the security event logs from all the
>> > computers and servers on our network. Is there an easier way?
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>> > TIA,
>> > Ken
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