

Re: Disabling Administrator Account

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Hello All,

The best practise for securing AD is to disable the administrator account. Clearly you will need in advance to have created a sufficient number of other administrators so that you reduce the chance of locking yourself out completely.

That's not a best practice. In fact, don't do it.

If you use account lockout (and you should as THIS is a best practice) then an attack can lock out EVERY account.

Even renaming the admin account is an old recommendation that no longer is worth the trouble (hackers know the well-known SID and can come at it that way.)

However, are there other issues that you might run into. Is the administrator account referenced directly anywhere, on the box, in the registry or within AD that could cause issues.

I have created a user account with the same group membership as "administrator" but still occasionally have problems that seem to point towards permissions issues.

Any thoughts?

Don't do it.

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Give the admin account a LONG, COMPLEX password and don't use it day to day. Write down that password and lock it in a safe place.

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