

Re: Changing workstation Admin password through AD

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See now this isn't really safe... Anyone who can get to power user or admin level on a workstation will have a path to get that batch file and anyone with physical access to a machine can get admin regardless of what their "official" access level is. The machine has to have read access to the file in order for it to work and to get to a point where you can access sysvol as that machine isn't very difficult. Also someone could always just run a network sniffer and watch the clear text script come down over the wire.

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Myweb wrote:

Hello Joey,

Add a simple batchfile to the startup script of the computer settings part (pw.bat for example).

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net user administrator password
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Remove domain users and everyone from the security, add only system and administrators with Full and domain computers with read and execute. If the workstation starts up the password will apply.

Best regards

Myweb

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I would like to do the following:

1. Rename the Administrator account
2. Change the password to the Administrator account
3. Create a dummy Administrator account
4. Disable the new account called Administrator.

I know how to rename the administrator's account, but how can I do the other three steps without visiting each workstation. I would like to push this out through AD if possible. Any suggestions are appreciated.