

Re: Lockout of all accounts

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"Greg Edmonds" said in

news:27009FF7-BCA5-46FA-9AF7-868FBFD327D1@microsoft.com:

> *Hi Everyone,*

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> *We have a Windows 2000 single domain and have found that all our*
> *accounts, including Administrator, have been locked out. We only*
> *have a single domain controller and cannot get console access. Is*
> *there a way of unlocking these accounts? Can you please get back*
> *urgently on this matter?*

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> *Thanks in advance,*

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> *Greg*

Without getting into suggesting doing a Google search on password crackers or getting Locksmith from WinInternals, does maybe your lockout policy expire after, say, 30 minutes? That is, is the lockout from repeated failed login attempts and you have group/local policy configured to lockout the account after N bad login attempts and the lockout lasts X minutes? I don't know if there is a default for N bad login attempts; when I configured mine, I selected 5. After making that selection, a popup came up telling me to change the lockout and reset timers to 30 minutes which is what I then selected. So maybe you just have to wait a half an hour and try again.

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