

## Re: Default Domain Policy Doesn't Apply

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[http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Win2000/microsoft.public.win2000.group\\_policy/2004-03/0345.html](http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Win2000/microsoft.public.win2000.group_policy/2004-03/0345.html)

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Also to add that Group Policies are by default applied in this order -local>site>domain>OU which means than defined settings at the local level will be overridden by any defined settings at the site, domain, OU level and so forth which could explain why domain settings [other than account policies] are not being applied to the domain controllers since they are in their own container. --- Steve

"Steven L Umbach" <sumbach@nospam-ameritech.net> wrote in message news:pX\_3c.32725\$PY.32528@newssvr26.news.prodigy.com...

> *The first thing to check is dns configurations. Domain controllers must point to themselves or another AD domain controller only for their preferred dns server. Check that the \_srv records exist in the dns zone for your domain. The domain members must point only to AD domain controllers for their preferred dns servers and NEVER an ISP dns server even down the list.*

> *After that is confirmed, I would run netdiag and dcdiag on your domain controllers looking for any pertinent failed tests and look in Event Viewer for any pertinent errors. Also run netdiag on your domain members.*

Nslookup

> *can be helpful in checking domain name resolution when run from a domain member machine. Netdiag and dcdiag are on the install cdrom in the support/tools folder where you will have to run the setup there. If all that checks out you can use gpresult to troubleshoot GPO problems maybe using the /v switch for more details. Keep in mind that account policies such as password and lockout policy can only be set at the domain level for domain user accounts. See the links below for more info. --- Steve*

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> <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=241515>

> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:321709>

> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb%3Ben-us%3B291382>

> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb%3Ben-us%3B321708>

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> "Elipsis" <Elipsis.12y2qs@mail.mcse.ms> wrote in message  
> news:Elipsis.12y2qs@mail.mcse.ms...

>>  
>> *Hello, I'm new to this forum (I found it in a search) and I've run into*  
>> *some trouble setting up my first domain at work.*  
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>> *My domain runs off of two domain controllers, which are kept*  
>> *synchronized through the file replication service. I've had serious*  
>> *problems, however, getting the domain policy to apply to the rest of*  
>> *the domain computers.*  
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>> *Though I am new to this, I'm pretty sure that I've done everything*  
>> *correct, at least on the surface. My "domain controller policy" is*  
>> *applying correctly to the domain controllers, but the "domain policy"*  
>> *is having no effect.*  
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>> *To make matters worse, once I join machines to the domain, their local*  
>> *policies essentially go dead. It's as if it knows there is a domain*  
>> *policy present for the domain, but chooses not to apply it. The local*  
>> *policy is still editable on client machines, but the only way to get*  
>> *changes to take effect is to disjoin that machine from the domain,*  
>> *allow changes to apply, and then rejoin the domain. So essentially,*  
>> *once I join a machine to the domain, I have NO policy control.*  
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>> *I'm working directly with the "default domain policy" GPO, which I*  
>> *believe SHOULD apply to the domain by default anyway. I've checked the*  
>> *permissions of it, "authenticated user" has permission to apply and*  
>> *read the policy, but that doesn't seem to matter, as even when i give*  
>> *"everyone" permission to apply the policy, I get no results on the*  
>> *client machines.*  
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>> *I've looked at <http://www.mcse.ms/message47584.html> and I believe I'm*  
>> *having the same or similar problem to he was having (and was unable to*  
>> *resolve). I've typed "secedit /refreshpolicy user\_policy /enforce" so*  
>> *many times I just made a .bat file for it... and still can't get any*  
>> *results.*  
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>> *Any help would be greatly appreciated, I've tried everything I can*  
>> *think of... the maddening thing here is that everything SEEMS to be*  
>> *setup correctly.*  
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>> *Oh and the GPO changes ARE being pushed from one domain controller to*  
>> *the other correctly, so that isn't the problem.*  
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>> *Thanx,*  
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>> *Elipsis*  
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