

Re: GPOs for Local Password Policies

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Account policies are one to a domain. The reason being if there are resources on a domain that are sensitive enough to require complex passwords, setting anything short of all accounts to meet this requirement amounts to creating a security hole. Why waste time trying to brute force a complex password when you can brute force a simple password on the same domain?

Differing account policies is a major reason for creating another domain.

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"Stephen Chapman" <sbchapman@yahoo.com> wrote in message news:8c0a862a.0411031020.162f67f3@posting.google.com...

- > A GPO query for Windows 2000 AD, XP & 2000 workstations.
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- > I have a default domain GPO defining "Passwords must meet complexity requirements", and several other settings with No Override set. This
- > is to update local policy settings on domain workstations. I have a
- > small collection of PCs that should not have password complexity set –
- > I thought that the way to achieve this would be to apply a Deny to the
- > Default Domain GPO with a group I added the computers to, and create a
- > second copy GPO which contained all settings except password
- > complexity requirements and only permission this to the computer group
- > so far so good ...
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- > The problem I have in the lab is that the updates dont appear to be
- > working. If I reset the policy on the DC, and then run gpupdate /force
- > and then gpreult /z I dont see the updates on the workstations.
- > I have disabled slow link detection and tried removing and adding a
- > workstation back to the domain – even renaming / adding new GPOs but
- > the machine seems to stick with the policy its domwnloaded even an
- > hour ago – if I rename the GPO, gpreult still shows the old name an
- > hour later. I've enven rebooted the DC & the workstation, but I seem
- > to get unpredictable results.
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- > Does anyone have any suggestions or a link to a good doc on GPOs.

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> *Thanks in Advance*