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I think I finally found out why the new password settings that I mentioned in my other posts weren't being applied; the "Default Domain Controllers Policy" appears to be gone. Here's the background; we have a native mode Windows 2000 Active Directory domain with 3 controllers. I changed the password policy in the "Default Domain Policy" and the changes were replicated to each server, but they were never replicated to the clients.

I ran gpoutil and got this:

Validating DCs...

Available DCs:

server1.omni.imsweb.com

server2.omni.imsweb.com

server3.omni.imsweb.com

Searching for policies...

Found 6 policies

=====
Policy {10558B3E-7826-40AD-B349-5FB1C214AEF3}

Policy OK

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Policy {31B2F340-016D-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}

Policy OK

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Policy {5B6213A6-0CA2-4429-9249-E7D987895A20}

Policy OK

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Policy {6AC1786C-016F-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}

Error: Cannot access

\\server1.omni.imsweb.com\sysvol\omni.imsweb.com\policies\{6AC1786C-016F-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}, error 2

Error: Cannot access

\\server2.omni.imsweb.com\sysvol\omni.imsweb.com\policies\{6AC1786C-016F-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}, error 2

Error: Cannot access

\\server3.omni.imsweb.com\sysvol\omni.imsweb.com\policies\{6AC1786C-016F-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}, error 2

Details:

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DC: Server1.omni.imsweb.com
Friendly name: Default Domain Controllers Policy
Created: 1/17/2002 8:58:44 PM
Changed: 11/3/2004 8:23:31 PM
DS version: 0(user) 60(machine)
Sysvol version: not found
Flags: 0
User extensions: not found
Machine extensions:
[{{827D319E-6EAC-11D2-A4EA-00C04F79F83A}}{803E14A0-B4FB-11D0-A0D0-00A0C90F574B}}]
Functionality version: 2

DC: server2.omni.imsweb.com
Friendly name: Default Domain Controllers Policy
Created: 1/17/2002 8:58:44 PM
Changed: 11/3/2004 8:24:01 PM
DS version: 0(user) 60(machine)
Sysvol version: not found
Flags: 0
User extensions: not found
Machine extensions:
[{{827D319E-6EAC-11D2-A4EA-00C04F79F83A}}{803E14A0-B4FB-11D0-A0D0-00A0C90F574B}}]
Functionality version: 2

DC: server3.omni.imsweb.com
Friendly name: Default Domain Controllers Policy
Created: 1/17/2002 8:58:44 PM
Changed: 11/3/2004 8:22:04 PM
DS version: 0(user) 60(machine)
Sysvol version: not found
Flags: 0
User extensions: not found
Machine extensions:
[{{827D319E-6EAC-11D2-A4EA-00C04F79F83A}}{803E14A0-B4FB-11D0-A0D0-00A0C90F574B}}]
Functionality version: 2

=====
Policy {E1818BB3-FB30-4DAE-A1B2-9E8CFF9C7B7E}
Policy OK

Policy {F3A737F3-30FD-4D53-8D27-C081923BA823}
Policy OK

Errors found

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I installed the Group Policy Management Console on a Windows XP Professional machine attached to the domain. I drilled down to domains -> omni.imsweb.com -> Group Policy Objects and I see 7 objects, one of them is "Default Domain Controllers Policy". When I click on that a message comes up saying "The system cannot find the file specified."

Browsing to \sysvol\domain\policies on any of the controllers does not show a {6AC1786C-016F-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9} directory.

So, how do I fix this? Find a system state backup from before 11/3/04 and then restore the entire state, or can I just restore that directory back to the \sysvol\domain\policies folder?

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