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Changes Are Not Applied When You Change the Password Policy

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### SYMPTOMS

When you change the password policy, the changes are not applied as expected.

### CAUSE

This issue can occur in either of the following scenarios:

The Block Policy Inheritance option is enabled on the Domain Controllers organizational unit.

–or–

The password policy is not set in the Default Domain policy.

### RESOLUTION

To resolve this issue, disable the Block Policy Inheritance option on the Domain Controllers organizational unit:

Start the Active Directory Users and Computers snap-in.

Right-click the Domain Controllers organizational unit, click Properties, and then click to clear the Block Policy Inheritance check box.

On the domain controllers, run the following command:

```
secedit /refreshpolicy machine_policy /enforce
```

If this issue occurs because you did not set password policy in the Default Domain policy, set all password policies in the Default Domain policy.

### STATUS

This behavior is by design.

### MORE INFORMATION

In Windows 2000, password policies are read-only at the domain level. The policy must be applied to the domain controllers for the policy to be applied. If you initiate a password change for a domain password from anywhere in the domain, the change actually occurs on a domain controller.

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