

Re: Password never expires--can't force user to change password

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The mechanism for forcing a user to change password is a password expiration. It actually forces a zero into the pwdLastSet attribute. This forces the system to require a new password UNLESS the account is set to never expire.

There is almost never a good reason to have an account set to never expire and tons of good reasons not to do it. You should probably reconsider your stance on having that set. It is usually only laziness that causes it to be set in the first place.

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Marsha wrote:

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> I have a user's password set to never expire and Active Directory is telling  
> me that because of that, I can't force the user to change their password at  
> next logon. I understand the concept, but can someone verify that in fact if  
> a password never expires you can't force a password change? Is this how AD  
> handles passwords? Must there be a potential expiration date in order to  
> force a user to change their password? Thanks for the help!
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