

# Password Complexity issue

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Here's the deal. We're migrating over from NDS to AD and this is the process in regards to the users:

Account is disabled originally.

We enable the account, reset the password, and place the user in their appropriate OU.

We go to the workstation and after putting them on the domain we log them in using the initial password that is set to expire at logon. Here's where the issue comes in. We have the password complexity requirements set to "Disabled" on the Default Domain Policy and "not defined" on every other GPO that we have. Yet they are still getting prompted that their password doesn't meet the requirements. However, sometimes they don't get prompted with the complexity issue. If we try to manually change their password after successfully logging them in (sometimes they mistype their password, or don't understand us when we tell them to put their novell password in when sync'ing up the accounts b/w NDS and AD and they enter a totally different password, thus they aren't sync'd up).

Here's what the settings are set at:

- Enforce password history 24 passwords remembered
- Maximum password age 120 days
- Minimum password age 1 days
- Minimum password length 5 characters
- Password must meet complexity requirements Disabled
- Store passwords using reversible encryption Disabled

Shouldn't the fact that it is disabled on the domain override whether or not the password is compared against the requirements? It doesn't seem to be happening that way. Any ideas? I had thought about changing the Min. Pass. Age to 0, but wanted to get some feedback first. I believe that is the setting that is causing the issues. This also happens if someone tries to change their password later on after we get them logged in and running.

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