

# Re: AD User Password Policies

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All domain accounts.

The system doesn't know what the difference is between a user account and a service account.

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> OK,

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> so that must include all service accounts, administrator accounts, etc.??

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> "Ulf B. Simon-Weidner [MVP]" wrote:

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>>> Greetings.

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>>> I have questions RE applying Password Policies. I have an AD running on

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>>> 2k+3 DC's. First:

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>>> -I notice that a group policy to control user passwords is actually a  
>>> machine policy. What would be the best OU to apply this to? I have

>>> separate

>>> OU's for users and machines.

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>>> -I want users to reset passwords every 30 days, but the annoying pop-up

>>> comes TWO WEEKS before they are required to change their password. Is

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>> > this  
>> > time limit hackable?  
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>> Hello Schmeckendeugler,  
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>> if you change the password policies at any other level than the domain  
>> level  
>> it applies only to the local accounts of the computers where the policy  
>> applies to.  
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>> If you want password policies to apply to domain users you need to set  
>> them  
>> in a policy which applies to the domain object (or the Default Domain  
>> Policy).  
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>> The time limit is a policy as well, which applies to the computer  
>> objects.  
>> Look in Computer Configuration \ Windows Settings \ Security Settings \  
>> Local Policies \ Security Options for Interactive Logon: Prompt user to  
>> change password before expiration.  
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>> Gruesse – Sincerely,  
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>> Ulf B. Simon–Weidner  
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>> MVP–Book "Windows XP – Die Expertentipps": <http://tinyurl.com/44zcz>  
>> Weblog: <http://msmvps.org/UlfBSimonWeidner>  
>> Website: <http://www.windowserverfaq.org>  
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### • *References:*

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- ◆ ***Re: AD User Password Policies***  
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