

# Re: Password Audit Software by Microsoft

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Consider using dsquery to find users that have not changed their password since the change in policy. Say your policy changed 90 days ago.

dsquery user -stalepwd 90

Then you can mark those accounts "mustchpwd" with dsmod or the gui if you prefer. Combined with a password re-use policy you could be assured that the original password would no longer be in use by active accounts.

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"David Grand" <DavidGrand@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:240E470C-226A-47ED-9EF3-8FDB18DD0901@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:240E470C-226A-47ED-9EF3-8FDB18DD0901@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

- > When we set up our users on our domain, we use the same password for
- > everyone. But we don't force a change upon initial login. So it is quite
- > possible that someone could be using that same initial password for a long
- > time. We have changed our policy and now of course we do require a
- > password
- > change on initial login.
- > But we would like to know who may still be using the original, initial
- > password.
- > The domain admins and IT management have no desire to impersonate a person
- > by hacking their password and then doing some nefarious work. Just trying
- > to
- > see who is using a particular password.
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- > "Mark Whitby" wrote:
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- >> If there were such a download, it would kind of defeat the object of
- >> passwords. They're supposed to be secret - no-one else other than the
- >> owner
- >> of the account should know the password. In fact, a lot of work has gone
- >> on
- >> over the years to try and make it harder to extract passwords from the
- >> directory.
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- >> What exactly are you trying to do? I would have thought you want to find

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>> out who's using a particular user account on your domain, not a  
>> particular  
>> password. If you provide some more details around the problem you're  
>> trying  
>> to solve, someone here may be able to help out. If you're just trying to  
>> crack someone's password, you're probably asking this question in the  
>> wrong  
>> forum ;-)  
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>> Mark Whitby  
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>> "DavidGrand" wrote:  
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>> > Does anyone know of a Microsoft download that allows domain  
>> > administrators to  
>> > list out all the passwords in a domain? We are trying to find out who  
>> > is  
>> > using a particular password on our network.

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