

Password policy & userAccountControl ?

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A security audit in company states that a large amount of users are allowed to use weak/zero passwords.
The domain policy setting says that weak/zero password isn't allowed!
Domain controllers : W2K3 Sp1

The clue:

A closer look shows that a "weak/zero password user" can't make a weak password by them self.

But an administrator CAN do it, by resetting the password. Have tried that.

It seems to be users who have been auto-created / migrated who have this "weak/zero password" possibility (old users – created for some years ago).

On a newly created user couldn't even the administrator make a weak/zero password for the user. This is NORMAL.

Want to stop the possibility for setting weak/zero passwords by helpdesk and administrator peoples.

Any idea about which user attribute to look for or ideas to solve this behavior ?

Dumped user account's with ldifde export and it looks that users with : "userAccountControl : 544" are users who have the possibility for password not required, which not follows the domain password policy. Any tip how to fix this one?

John

FYI : Got this answer in another windows newsgroup and that didn't work:

<I think your issue is with passwords that were set before the <policy on password strength was defined to be in force.

<To get the old non-compliant passwords use a password

<expiration and so after one pass through the expiration time

<all account will have needed to reset their passwords, at which

<time the policy will be enforced on them.

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<It is not my experience that an admin can set a password
<that fails to meet the policy.

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