

# Re: Lost admin access to ADAM

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Hmm. Hmm. Firewall may be doing harm here. Try disabling it. You might need to disjoin your domain for the try (make sure you know/set the local admin password).

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I checked the event logs; all are clean but I did notice a lot of entries in the security log; paging through them I found several references to dsamain:

The Windows Firewall has detected an application listening for incoming traffic.

Name: –  
Path: C:\WINNT\ADAM\dsamain.exe  
Process identifier: 6140  
User account: NETWORK SERVICE  
User domain: NT AUTHORITY  
Service: Yes  
RPC server: No  
IP version: IPv4  
IP protocol: TCP  
Port number: 389  
Allowed: No  
User notified: No

I thought that it might be a firewall issue but now I'm not so sure. I

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checked the FW settings; it is off, but greyed out because 'some settings are controlled by group policy'. In spite of what the log says, I can go to another box and issue the command: telnet <my ipaddress> 389 and it will connect (just hangs), so I'd think that the port isn't really getting blocked, that the service is still listening to the port. Is this a log entry really mean anything?

"Dmitri Gavrilov [MSFT]" wrote:

Something funky in auth system. Anything interesting in the system or security logs? Is there NDS client in the picture? Did you harden the system (or domain)?

One thing I can suggest is to use computername\administrators (builtin admins) as ADAM admin principal, as opposed to a specific user. Then you can use your domain account to connect (provided this account is a member of BA).

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Thanks Dmitri; That does blow away the instance, but still leaves me with the original problem. If I install with my account (which has local admin rights) the LDIF imports fail. This is odd because as part of the installation it asks if you want to give the logged in user admin rights to the instance, then it promptly fails a few minutes later when it tries to

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do  
the import with that same account. If I cancel the install the  
service  
is  
running (and listening on 389) but if I try to manually import  
I get:

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C:\WINNT\ADAM>ldifde -i -f ms-user.ldf -s  
localhost:389 -k -j .  
-c CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,O=LAB,C=US"  
#schemaNamingContext  
Connecting to "localhost:389"  
Logging in as current user using SSPI  
SSPI "bind as current user" returned "Timeout"
```

Clearly something is wrong with the account but what? I'm  
logged in  
with  
my  
domain account (no typeos) which works otherwise but it  
doesn't take.  
Event  
log looks clean.

"Dmitri Gavrilov [MSFT]" wrote:

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%windir%\adam\adamuninstall.exe /force  
/i:instanceName
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I can't quite identify the  
cause but I no longer am  
able to access  
adam  
which

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is installed on XP/pro.  
When I bring up adsi edit it hangs and returns "the operation returned because the timeout period expired." so I blew everything away and re-installed ADAM SP1. Same problem. When I try to create a new instance it works but the LDIF imports fail (logfile contains: ADAMERR\_REPCREDS\_INVALID) and when I try to remote the instance with Adamuninstall (or from the control panel) I get an error 1053 (service did not respond). (but the instance/service is still listening on the specified port)

End result is that I'm stuck, can't delete it (w/o hacking the registry), or access it and I haven't been able to identify what caused it. TIA –  
The data wasn't crucial, but my application testing is dead in the water.  
(Frustration level = high)

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