

Re: Remote disconnected users and Active Directory

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There's a bunch of different ways of going about this:

- You say you don't have documentation on how to connect before logon. What VPN are you using?
- If it won't do that, you have to reconsider the architecture. If they only use mail and intranet they don't really need a network VPN. You might use more of a web portal with a place to change or recover passwords. The Dot Net Factory have a nice product for that.

Hope that helps,

Anthony

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"RayRay" <RayRay@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:2A047EED-F7CE-4D84-9527-0116BA4ABEFE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hello,

We have many users that are part of our sales team that do not work out of our offices but instead work out of their homes. They connect to our network using a SSL based VPN connection to get mail and access our Intranet. Currently they are not part of our Active Directory infrustructure because they cannot authenticate to AD until the VPN connection is establish thus they do not apply group policies, run log on scripts, or modify their last logon timestamps. This causes passwords to expire without the users being informed, computer objects to become stale and a slew of other interesting senarios that become unacceptable for the users. In some cases we've had users mail their machines so we could log on and send it back.

My question is what other options exist? Is there anyway to trigger Windows authentication again afterthe user logs in and connects to our network via VPN? What are other organizations doing for similar senarios?

I know we could put a DC on the DMZ but that is a hugh security risk in our

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organization. We also thought about having the VPN connection connect prior to logon so that the initial Windows authentication takes place after connecting to our network but I do not have any documents/information on how to accomplish it.

Ultimately we are concerned about the application of GPOs, passwords policies and how the user could be informed about upcoming expiring passwords.

Any suggestions?

Thanks

Ray