

## Re: Forcing password change with PwdLastSet=0 doesn't work

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Thanks, I think that's probably it. Most of the accounts are set never to expire.

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Joseph T Corey wrote:

Yes, if the "Password never expires" flag is set within the userAccountControl bitmask of an account, a value of 0 in pwdLastSet won't do anything. You aren't getting an error because ADSI will "allow" you to manually set the value. If you give this a shot in ADU&C, you'll notice that both "User must change password at next logon" and "Password never expires" can never be set at the same time without being greeted by an error message. The reason is that pwdLastSet essentially expires that password – but you've explicitly (either intentionally or unintentionally) told AD that the user cannot have an expired password. Take a look at the following to programmatically find out if this is the case (you can always just look at the properties of an object as well).

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/scriptcenter/resources/qanda/oct06/hey1031.msp>

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/305144>

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa772300.aspx>