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Well...

I have tried the DSRM and my known password from server installation doesn't work.

So I tried the Knoppix S-T-D CD. Unable to handle 64-bit address space...

Which means it doesn't recognize the Hard Drives...

This is SBS2003 R2...

What Now..... I am in true need of a solution here....

I can't believe Microsoft hasn't allowed for such. With physical access to the machine it should be acceptable practice to permit resetting of the administrator password...

"Merv Porter [SBS-MVP]" wrote:

SBS a domain controller, so a login would require a domain administrator or a user with enough privileges to log on locally to the server.

If you mean that you can't log into Directory Services Restore Mode using the local administrator password (the original domain administrator password when the SBS was installed – way back when), then you will have to back up a couple of steps in the procedure and reset the Local Administrator password used for Directory Services Restore Mode access. Then you can use the procedure to access the Active Directory of SBS and reset the current domain Administrator password.

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"mathialoc" <mathialoc@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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At the Server console I can not login – invalid username/password.
Doesn't
the actual Server Console login use the Local Administrator password?

This is really scary...

"Merv Porter [SBS-MVP]" wrote:

The following procedure looks more complicated than it really is. If the domain Administrator password was changed from the Server Management console, the local Administrator password should have remained unchanged (SBS 2003 initially syncs the Domain Administrator and (DSRM) Local Administrator passwords when you install it).

Domain Administrator (and/or Local Administrator)
Password Recovery
Process

<http://groups.google.com/group/microsoft.public.windows.server.sbs/msg/b748ad0369503142>

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Merv Porter [SBS-MVP]
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I have three SBS2003 servers that I am responsible for at 3 different locations. Somehow I have been locked out of them. The administrator password has obviously been changed. There are no disgruntled employees involved. No obvious brute force attacks revealed in the logs. I am

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concerned someone has found a way to change the passwords to cause an obvious DoS.

I'm wondering:

Has anyone else has seen anything like this?

On the first server to experience this we were unsuccessful at recovering the password and had to do a complete reinstall.

Can anyone provide a clear directive on how to reset or recover the local administrator password. I have physical access to the machine... This shouldn't be so difficult...

I am very concerned over there being some kind of security exploit here....