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Homer Jay wrote:

Recently I have started noticing failed login attempts to my server, these are the usual attempts at trying to login with various usernames (local, consumer, admin etc). I am not hugely stressed over these as I believe that since I can see them as failed, the hacker is not able to get into the server.

But, I am wondering if there is anything else I can do to secure the server. I have changed the admin name, the only services/ports that are open are ones needed for RWW, OWA etc, I have it set to lock users after 3 failed logins, turned on auditing and implemented a (hopefully) pretty decent password policy (although I need to do some user educating on this).

Are there any others tips/tricks that I can use to help make my server just that bit extra secure?

Thanks.

Do you know if the attempts are internal or external?

What type of perimeter security do you have? ISA Installed? Hardware firewall?

Also make sure your password complies with the complex guidelines, add a little bit to that as suggested in the past threads here, something like 15 characters. Firefox has a nice extension called secure password which can generate some nice passwords.

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