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> -----Original Message-----

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> *Inline replies to a couple of different people.*

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>>> *You can only set password policies affecting domain*

>> *accounts using the*

>>> *"default domain policy" GPO – ie. the GPO at the top of*

> *the AD tree*

>>> *for a particular domain.*

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> *Actually, that's not the case. You can only affect domain*

> *accounts at the domain level, but you do NOT have to use the*

> *"Default Domain Policy" GPO.*

> *You can create your own and it works. If you have multiple*

> *domain-level policies that specify password settings, the*

> *last applied policy at the domain level will "win". My other*

> *post answering the original question got bounced, but I*

> *clarified some of this in it.*

On my DC, running GPMC, if I do a GPO model with conflicting policies, the report shows that the policies aren't set at all. Are they actually set? Doing a RSoP gives me the red X over all conflicting policies. I wasn't able to hunt down the actual meaning of the red X in the couple minutes I could spare to investigate, but I figure it's not good. I am just wondering if the policy is actually set but the reporting/RSoP features see it as a bad thing and that explains their output.

>> *Does anyone know why the password policy is a computer and not a*

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> > *user-based setting?*