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Why would you ever want different password policies for different accounts? I don't see the point of only having a portion of your accounts with strong passwords. If you are going to be serious about password security, be serious about it. What account is it not necessary to have a strong password if the others are? I'm just curious...

-----Original Message-----

From: Derick Anderson [mailto:danderson@vikus.com]

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Subject: RE: Group Policy: multiple password policies in the same domain?

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

> From: Laura A. Robinson [mailto:laurarobinson@earthlink.net]

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> Subject: RE: Group Policy: multiple password policies in the same domain?

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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*

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> *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