

Account lockout effects local logon to machine

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We support a number of remote users who dial in over VPN and hardly ever log on physically to the domain (twice yearly if that).

The problem we are having is that if their domain account expires and requires a password change which is set to every 30 days, (User Must Change Password At Next Logon) they cannot even log on locally to their machines using cached information (as they could forever and a day with NT4). I guess this is Windows 2000 being 'intelligent' and knowing when their account is going expire and not allowing them to log on locally. This, I suppose, is for security.

My question is this, how can we stop this from happening, is there a registry 'hack' to prevent it ? We have spent numerous hours on the phone with them having them logging on as local Administrator, creating themselves a local account and using that instead.

If there isn't a 'hack'/ fix, anyone have any suggestions on how we can support them properly ??

Many thanks.