

## Re: Administrator gets locked out

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<somebody@compusmart.ab.ca> wrote in message  
news:7qs9t09bg0sm91pc83q6bbid0e1b185t0k@4ax.com...  
> *My understanding is that the built-in administrator account cannot be*  
> *locked out at the console, but can be made to follow lockout policies*  
> *for logon attempts over the network. Is this account in fact locked*  
> *out at the console?*

Perhaps he meant network.

It makes no sense (even) to allow lockout from the console since this could be a denial of service attack against the admin with no supported way to reset it.

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Herb Martin

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> What's the status of the guest account? It used to be recommended to  
> rename the administrator account for increase security (very little  
> benefit).  
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> What's the access to the machine? Could the admin account have been  
> renamed to something different and a decoy non-admin account given the  
> name of administrator. In fact, can the guest account be renamed to  
> administrator (and administrator to guest). Check the status of the  
> guest account.  
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> The SIDs will tell which is which.  
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> Roger  
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> "Ed Gregory" <eg@hotmail.com> wrote:  
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> >I have a Win2000 Pro machine that is allowing the administrator account  
> to  
> >be locked out. I thought that with Win2000, XP, 2003 the administrator  
> >account couldn't be locked out. This comes from MS tech articles. The  
> >user, I guess typed the password incorrect too many times and now we are  
> >unable to login with the administrator account. There are only two  
> accounts  
> >on the system. Administrator and Guest.  
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> >How do I unlock or enable the administrator account? I don't mean I do I  
> >recover a password, but how do I disable the account locked out flag that

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> >must be set in the user?  
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> >Thanks.  
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