

Easy question on the local admin passwords

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Windows XP/2003, Active Directory, SMS 2003

How can I change regularly the local administrator's password on 4000 workstations?

GPO? SMS?

Option 1 – Use SMS or GPO for that purpose

In that case, I will need to place the password in SMS packages or in GPO scripts which is not good because the SMS packages and GPO scripts can be read by users and the password can be easily discovered.

Option 2 – Use some script that goes thru AD and changes the password remotely on all PCs, one by one

That seems to be a good idea but not all workstations are static. There are laptops. So, sometimes they are absent so they will miss the password change quite often.

Any idea or advice?

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