

# Re: Easy question on the local admin passwords

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boomboom...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Steven L Umbach wrote:

With a Group Policy "startup" script users do not need read access to the script in sysvol. You can remove authenticated users and add domain computers with read/list/execute instead. You will also have a potential problem in that the startup script will not be run until the computer is restarted on the domain. You might want to use different local administrator password on the laptops than the workstations. --- Steve

Thanks Steve,

That seems to be a more secure solution.  
But I think it is still trivial to circumvent.  
Any user that manages to run a script under LocalSystem (for any reason) can access the administrator password in clear text. As I can trust totally all the workstations (there are some of them that are operated by knowledgeable users with administrative rights) I would prefer do not offer the password in that manner.

Sorry, there is a typo in the last phrase

As I can NOT trust totally all the workstations (there are some of them that are operated by knowledgeable users with administrative rights) I would prefer do not offer the password in that manner.

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