

## Re: GPO not picking up computer settings

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There could be a problem with replication among domain controllers if you have more than one and if you do I would run the support tool gpoutil to check for such and when you run the command net accounts on each domain controllers you should see the same settings. Also do not set any password/account policy settings to undefined in default domain policy. Set it to exactly what you want. If a setting was defined before changing it to undefined means no change. After configuring the settings run gpupdate on the domain controller [assuming Windows 2003 as Windows 2000 uses secedit command to refresh security settings] and then run the command net accounts to see if it is what you expect. Also make sure that the default domain policy is still linked to the domain container and enabled for at least computer configuration and that authenticated users have read and apply permissions to it in its properties for security. That is all default configuration. Running the support tool gpresult on any domain controller should confirm that default domain policy is applying to the computer. If "block inheritance" is enabled on the domain controller container for Group Policy then changes in default domain policy will not apply until it is removed. If more than one GPO is linked to the domain container then the one at the top of the list has priority as GPOs are applied from the bottom up as shown in the list. --- Steve

"Jarryd" <j@xxx> wrote in message <news:ObK9DGiWGHA.196@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hi Steve,

Are there any latency issues with the application/enforcement of GPOs. I have come in this morning and found two users who have been asked to change their passwords and when they try to do so, they get hammered with complexity rules. But there is nothing special about these users, they are in the same OUs as all the others, so why have only they been affected? And, I have now gone and deleted the test GPO that I had linked to the test OU, and I have gone and not defined the setting for account lockout and passwords in the Default Domain Policy. However, I still can't change the effective user's password back to what it was originally due to password settings. This is crazy. So I am thinking that there must be some kind of latency. Is there a way to force the propagation of policy settings?

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TIA,

Jarryd

"Steven L Umbach" <n9rou@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Run RSOP mmc snapin against a domain controller to see what it shows for password settings for domain users and the enforcing GPO which by default would be domain security policy but as Roger said could be any GPO lined to the domain container and the higher a GPO is in the list the more precedence it takes. You can also run net accounts on a domain controller to see what is shown for password policy settings other than complexity. Net accounts run on a domain member computer will show the settings for local user accounts on that computer. The link below explains more and even though it does not explicitly say so account policies also are defined in the domain container for Windows 2003 as shown for Windows 2000.. --- Steve

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/259576/>

"Jarryd" <j@xxx> wrote in message  
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OK, I have managed to get the GP Management tool to pick up the settings and it says that it is applying them in the way that I want them to on the machine and user against which I ran the test. I went in to the Local Policy and it has picked up the settings. But when I try to change there password it lets me do it with less characters that required, it is not picking up the history of old passwords, and it isn't enforcing complexity. I really don't understand this.

Please help!!

Jarryd

"Jarryd" <j@xxx> wrote in message  
[news:e8T1EbYWGHA.5012@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:e8T1EbYWGHA.5012@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hi,

I have created a Group Policy for remote users. The only settings I have configured are the ones that pertain to

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passwords and account  
lockout. I have moved those users to an OU  
that is linked to the new  
GP, but the settings weren't taking affect. So  
I generated a report and  
it came back saying the policy was empty.  
But that's just wrong. If I  
go in and configure user settings those are  
picked up, but the computer  
settings aren't. Why?

TIA,

Jarryd