

Re: Password Security Policy for Local on Window 2003

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On Sun, 16 Mar 2008 23:33:27 -0700, Roger Abell [MVP] wrote:

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On Fri, 14 Mar 2008 16:10:35 -0400, saw wrote:

I am trying to install a software that requires that the password be less than 8 characters, which the security policy should only be applied to the local machine only which is the server that I am trying to install the application on.

Your feedback and recommendation would be appreciated.

You have two separate issues here; one which is easy to resolve, the other is more difficult.

To have password policy apply to local accounts you simply need to set the Group Policy in a GPO that only affects the local computer and not in the Default Domain Security Policy GPO. The Default Domain Security Policy GPO

is the only place you can set password policy if you want it to affect all domain accounts. So, in your case you could create an OU that only contains

the server in question and create and link a GPO there, or, create and link

a GPO to the current OU and use security filtering such that only the server in question processes the GPO.

The second issue, requiring a maximum password length of only 8 characters is more difficult. The default password filter doesn't allow you to set a maximum password length, so you'll need to search for a 3rd party password

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filter that will allow this.

Poster does not need to enforce a maximum password length, but only needs to allow a short one for this software requirement. What you outline for allowing machine local accounts to have short passwords would be sufficient, assuming a domain account is not needed.

Sorry but a maximum password length is exactly what the poster is looking for. He wants to make sure that no one creates a password longer than 8 characters. If that isn't defining a max password length then I don't know what the definition would be.

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