

Task Scheduler: tasks fail to run after several days or weeks. Have to reenter task's password!

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I have encountered the same problem with Task Scheduler at DOZENS of client sites over the years, where tasks may run flawlessly for days or weeks, then magically – they stop running (listing – "Could Not Start"

for the task's status). I have to edit the task by REENTERING the SAME password – that was there in the first place – and we're off and running for several more days/weeks! This has been a problem in Windows NT 4.0(sp6a) SERVERS AND XP Prof workstations. And no surprise, since XP probably uses some of the same underlying code as NT! I have talked with other consultants – and we've all concluded that Microsoft's task scheduler is "unreliable at best". I would love to find out the real cause of the problem and solve this once and for all!!!! More info: generally a single domain exists, YES user account associated with task ALWAYS has/had a password...

Task log reports: The attempt to retrieve account information for the specified task failed; therefore, the task did not run. Either an error occurred, or no account information existed for the task. The specific error is: 0x8004130f: No account information could be found in the Task Scheduler security database for the task indicated.

How does Windows lose the "account information"? I can log in as this user without a problem! Seems like Windows keep a separate account database for tasks – and that gets corrupted easily? Just one task gets corrupted?

Thanks to all,

–Mike