ITS Technical Notes

Windows Enterprise Announcement

October 3, 2006 – Account Lockout Has Been Enabled

As previously announced, IT Services has applied a "five strikes and you are out for one minute" account lockout policy to the Windows Enterprise Domain effective Oct 3, 2006 (at approximately 8:30 AM). This same policy was applied on July 25, 2006 to the Unix Kerberos authentication servers.

The domain policy settings are similar to the Unix settings. An "Account lockout threshold" of "5" and "Account lockout duration" of "1 minute" has been set.

As on the Unix side, most users who know and can type their passwords will see little effect. Attempting to log into a desktop that is a member of the Windows Enterprise Domain with a bad password five times in a row will result in a long (~30 sec) pause followed by the message "Unable to log you on because your account has been locked out, please contact you administrator". A wait of one minute will allow login with a correct password.