

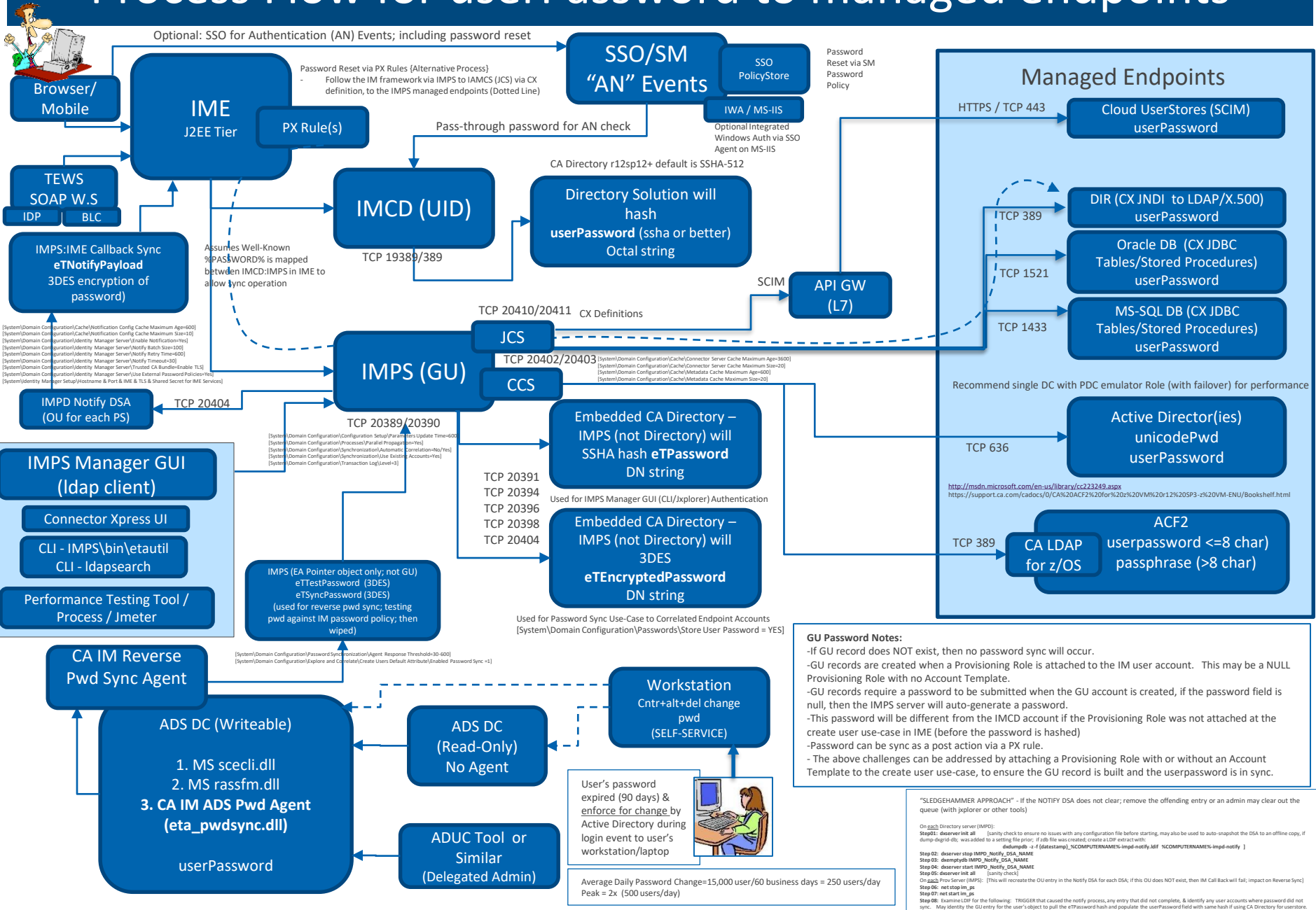
# LIFECYCLE of the Password in the CA Identity Management Solution

IME/IMCD/IMPS/Endpoints(userstores) &  
Active Directory (Reverse Sync Agent)

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# Process Flow for userPassword to managed endpoints



# MS Password Filter DLL Section (CA IM AD RS Pwd Agent)

Registry Editor

Hive: **HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE**  
 Key: **SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa**  
 Name: **Notification Packages**  
 Type: **REG\_MULTI\_SZ**  
 Value: **list of DLL names without .DLL suffix that reside in the System32 directory that need to be enabled**

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
auditbasedirectories	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
auditbaseobjects	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
Authentication Packages	REG_MULTI_SZ	msv1_0
Bound...	REG_BINARY	00 30 00 00 00 20 00 00
LimitBlankPasswordUse	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
LsaPid	REG_DWORD	0x00000200 (512)
NoLmHash	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
<b>Notification Packages</b>	REG_MULTI_SZ	scecli rassfm C:\Program Files\CA\eTrust Admin Password Sync Agent\Bin\eta_pwdsync.dll
ProductType	REG_DWORD	0x00000007 (7)

**Edit Multi-String**  
 Value name: **Example: CA with MS ONLY**  
 Notification Packages  
 Value data:  
 scecli  
 rassfm  
 C:\Program Files\CA\eTrust Admin Password Sync Agent\Bin\eta\_pwdsync.dll

scecli = MS Windows Security Configuration Editor Client Engine (Default Password Filter – Windows\system32\scecli.dll for Win2k8/2k12)  
 rassfm = Microsoft ownership  
 C:\Program Files\CA\eTrust Admin Password Sync Agent\Bin\eta\_pwdsync.dll (CA IM AD Reverse Sync Password Agent x64)

Example with other Password Filters:  
**Example: nFront + MS + Novell + CA**  
 nFront PPRO  
 scecli (MS)  
 rassfm (MS)  
 Novell Pwfilter  
 eta\_pwdsync.dll (CA; not in system32 folder)

**CA IM AD RS Pwd Agent recommended to be last in the list of pwd filter order**

Computer\HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa

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    graph LR
        A[password change request] --> B[LSA]
        B -- call password filter --> C[password filter]
        B -- call password change notify --> C
        C --- D[(Security Accounts Manager (SAM))]
    
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nFront Password Filter may not be installed on this DC.  
 Start + Run + winmsd. Expand Software Environment + Loaded Modules. Look for ppro.dll (or pprompte.dll or passfilt.dll). If ppro.dll is not found the DLL was not loaded by the operating system at boot. Perhaps the installation failed. Check the registry key HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa\Notification Packages to see if it shows an entry for PPRO (or PPROMPE or PASSFLT for older versions). If so the DLL failed to load on the last boot cycle. Verify the c:\winnt\system32\ directory contains a ppro.exe.dll. Try rebooting the DC to see if it will load. If not, please call or email our technical support.

**NOVELL:** Password change is picked up at a domain controller and pwfilter.dll is notified. (This is done by the fact that pwfilter is running and is a notification package in HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa)  
 - PWFILTER places the password change in a new registry key under HKLM\SOFTWARE\Novell\PwFilter\Data/<username> for that user example: Password change for BOB1 would be in HKLM\SOFTWARE\Novell\PwFilter\Data\BOB1.

The **PasswordFilter** function is implemented by a **password filter** DLL. The value returned by this function determines whether the new password is accepted by the system. **All of the password filters installed on a system must return TRUE for the password change to take effect.**

<b>TRUE</b>	Return <b>TRUE</b> if the new password is valid with respect to the password policy implemented in the password filter DLL. When <b>TRUE</b> is returned, the <i>Local Security Authority</i> (LSA) continues to evaluate the password by calling any other password filters installed on the system.
<b>FALSE</b>	Return <b>FALSE</b> if the new password is not valid with respect to the password policy implemented in the password filter DLL. When <b>FALSE</b> is returned, the LSA returns the ERROR_ILLEGAL_PASSWORD (1324) status code to the source of the password change request.

- <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms721882%28v=vs.85%29.aspx>
- <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms721766%28v=vs.85%29.aspx>
- <https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc963221.aspx>
- <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms813420.aspx>
- <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms721878%28v=vs.85%29.aspx>
- <http://nfrontsecurity.com/downloads/nFront-Password-Filter-Documentation.pdf>
- <https://www.novell.com/support/kb/doc.php?id=3976631>

# Troubleshooting ADS Password Filter Logs: nFront, Novell, Microsoft & CA

1. Check Order of Password Filter on DC (writable)
2. Execute Password Change on DC (ADUC)
3. View Logs

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Order	Vendor	Filter Name	Log Location (Server – Path)	Log Names
1	nFront	ppro.dll	AD DC – c:\windows\system32\logfiles\	nFront-expired-pw.log nFront-expiring-soon.log
2	Microsoft	scecli.dll	AD DC – MS Event Service	MS Event Viewer
3	Microsoft	rassfm.dll	AD DC – MS Event Service	MS Event Viewer
4	Novell	pwfilter.dll	AD DC – MS Event Service	MS Event Viewer
5	CA	Eta_pwdsync.dll	AD DC – C:\Program Files\CA\Identity Manager\Provisioning Password Sync Agent for Windows\Log\ [C:\Program Files\CA\eTrust Admin Password Sync Agent\Log\]	eta_pwdsync.log
6	CA	n/a	IMPS- IMPS_HOME\logs\	etatrans*.log + others
7	CA	n/a	IMPS – Notify – IMPS_HOME\logs\	etanotify*.log
8	CA	n/a	IMPS – CCS – IMPS_HOME\logs\	satrans*.log + others
9	CA	n/a	IAMCS – JCS – IAMCS_HOME\jcs\logs\	jcs_daily + \endpoint\endpoint.log
10	Endpoints	n/a	Endpoint / Userstores / Applications	*
11	CA	n/a	IMWA – IME VST (View Submitted Task)	n/a (database/audit/tp)

# IM AD Password Reverse Sync Configuration File

[C:\Program Files\CA\Identity Manager\Provisioning Password Sync Agent for Windows\data\eta\_pwdsync.conf]  
[C:\Program Files\CA\eTrust Admin Password Sync Agent\data\eta\_pwdsync.conf]

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[Main]
out_of_sync=yes          [Allow ADS User's password change to complete, even if EVERY IMPS server is down; recommend leaving this value enabled]
pwd_sync_enable=yes     [yes/no values. Deploy to all "writable" DCs with value = no , as a pre-step prior to any go-live; since DCs need to be rebooted to apply the password filter]
;; serialize-requests=no [parallel or serial. Leave with default of parallel; allow the DC to open as many connections as needed]
[Timeout]
search_acct_dn=20       [Default timeouts; leave as is, unless slow network impact password changes]
password_update_timeout=1
connection_request_timeout=20
password_quality_check_timeout=20
password_quality_check_connection_request_timeout=5
password_quality_check_search_acct_dn=10
[Logs]
logging_enabled=yes     [Ignore the Log Levels. Keep Logging_enabled = yes, ldap_logging_enabled = no (unless there is a need to debug)]
ldap_logging_enabled=no
log_file=C:\Program Files\CA\Identity Manager\Provisioning Password Sync Agent for Windows\Logs\eta_pwdsync.log [Older Path: C:\Program Files\CA\eTrust Admin Password Sync Agent\Logs\eta_pwdsync.log]
[PasswordProfile]
profile_enabled=no      [Default = yes; Not required if using IME to validate password. Has no impact if IMPS eTPasswordProfile is not enabled in IMPS]
profile_dn=eTPasswordProfileName=Password Profile,eTPasswordProfileContainerName=Password Profile,eTNamespaceName=CommonObjects,dc=im
[EtaDomain]
etrust_suffix="dc=eta"
directory_dn=eTADSDirectoryName=adsserver-01.exchange.exc,eTNamespaceName=ActiveDirectory,dc=im,dc=eta
acct_attribute_name=eTADSsAMAccountName
domain=im
domain_suffix=dc=im
namespace=ActiveDirectory
directory=adsserver-01.exchange.exc
container_dn=eTADSAccountContainerName=Accounts,eTADSDirectoryName=adsserver-01.exchange.exc,eTNamespaceName=ActiveDirectory,dc=im
acct_object_class=eTADSAccount
[Server]
admin=idmadsync         [Recommendation: Use the Password Sync Agent Configuration Wizard (under the bin folder) to make changes to the below lines]
admin_suffix=dc=im     [Create a new IMPS GU "Admin" account, for SOD requirements; and add clarity to the IMPS logs which service ID changed what value]
servers=ldaps://IMPS-001:20390,ldaps://IMPS-002:20390 [Ensure multiple servers are available for failover]
machine_account=no
remote_server=no       [Not required for on-prem installations; used for Cloud Minder (over TLS to exposed internet connection / MAN)]
host=IMPS-001,IMPS-002 [Ensure multiple servers are available for failover]
password={3DES}hP+RqF2Nqkja5o6JGSe7Dw==           [Use Password Sync Agent Configuration Wizard (under the bin folder) to change password 3DES hash]
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# Scalability Validation: Use Jmeter for testing Password Resets

1. Install Apache Jmeter & Jxplorer on the IMPS (Provisioning Server)
2. Use Jxplorer to connect to the IMPS 20389 and select the DN attribute of an “Explored” Endpoint Account (EA)
  - a. This “pointer object” will ONLY be created after an initial Explore operation to the endpoint. When this object is select (via IMPS 20389), the IMPS services will query the CCS/JCS connector for the endpoint; and pull back or update the endpoint account.
3. Open Apache Jmeter & Create a Test Plan with two (2) sections
  - a. SECTION ONE: Password Reset via IMPS & Connectors to managed endpoints
    - a. Step 01: Bind to IMPS Service (IMPS Host + 20389/20390) with Admin Account (etaadmin/idmadmin)
    - b. Step 02: Exact LDAP query : Query EA [Copy from Jxplorer]
      - i. eTADSAccountName=BugsBunny,eTADSContainerName=Users,eTADSDirectoryName=TEST,eTNamespaceName=ActiveDirectory,dc=im,dc=eta
        - a) Format: eTXXXAccountName where XXX = ADS, ACC, AS4, DB2, DBZ, ETC, FND, KRB, LND, N16, NIS, ORA, PLS, RAC, RSA, SAP Exceptions: EIAM and DYN (all CX connectors)
        - b) Other exceptions: eTACFLid=BugsBunny,eTLIDContainerName= [alternative format: eTACFLid, eTSSAcid, eTSBLUser, eTSQLLogin, eTPPSUser]
      - ii. eTDYNAccount=BugsBunny,eTDYNContainerName= {all CX connectors}
    - c. Step 03: Exact Account LDAP update: Update userPassword [Copy from Jxplorer]
    - d. Step 04: Unbind from IMPS Service
  - b. SECTION TWO: Password Reset directly to userstores
4. Ramp up testing from 1-50 users over 60 seconds.
5. Monitor Output
  - a. Create four (4) reports

May also use other tools, e.g. HP Load Runner, for same performance/ scalability validation

