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## DAL for VTAM: Handling Dynamic Password Change

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TOPIC -----

I'm using DAL 1.3 for MVS/VTAM (via Avatar API), and I have a question regarding passwords and the DAL scripting language.

We're using Omnis 7 to develop some front-end applications for DAL/DB2 and we have a problem. The DAL Preferences file contains the scripting code to enter a user's ID and password to log on to VTAM. In the security profile, users are required to change their passwords every 30 days.

If a user's password expires and this front end is the first attempt to log in after the password expired, the DAL Preferences script doesn't accommodate this situation and prompt the user for a new password.

How should we handle this?

DISCUSSION -----

From the Read Me file from the DAL Developer ToolKit available from APDA:

When the VTAM server recognizes an expired password, you now receive an appropriate message, and you can update your password without having to log on to TSO. Simply do a second connection to the server and enter both the old (expired) and new (desired) passwords into the usual password field using a colon (:) to delimit them (for example, oldpass:newpass).

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