

Passwords for DST and SST (How to change them)

A problem often faced is having a SST or DST password disabled. This often happens because they are used so infrequently and when used things can be hectic and updated notes are misplaced.

The most important concept is that the SST and DST user should be QSECOFR and that the DST and SST sign ons use the same user profile. They are not separate profiles. They are different than the normal QSECOFR you use in OS/400.

In order to do anything, you have to know the password for the normal OS/400 user profile also called QSECOFR. If you forgot that, if anyone else has a security administrator and security officer authority, then they can sign on and use the command `wrkusrprf qsecofr` to change the password and if needed to enable QSECOFR. The point is that only OS/400 user QSECOFR can change the password of DST.

Therefore follow these steps:

1. Sign on as user QSECOFR and read above notes if you don't know the password or QSECOFR is disabled.
2. After you have signed on as QSECOFR, key “CHGDSTPWD *DEFAULT” and press enter.
You will see a message at bottom saying DST password changed. It will have been changed to uppercase QSECOFR.
3. Start SST with command STRSST.
4. Key user of QSECOFR and do not key any passwords and then press F9 to change password.
5. Key the defaulted DST password of QSECOFR then key a new unique password in the next two fields. It is assumed that they are lower case but you can force them to be uppercase but it is normally best to let the password be lowercase. You will get messages if the passwords are not exactly the same and or they are used previously. PLEASE, write down this new password.
6. After you have changed the password, you will get the signon screen for SST again. If you want to go into SST, then key user profile of QSECOFR and the new password. Again this is now the SST and the DST password for the special profile QSECOFR used to get into these programs and are entirely different than the normal OS/400 user named QSECOFR.