

How to implement and manage Group Policy on a Domain Controller.

This is a simplified example for use in class. It just gives you some starting points.

- 1) Install GPMC the Group Policy Management Console. For Server 2008 go to Server Manager > Features>Add Features > select Group Policy Management. For Windows XP Pro or Server 2003, you will have to download it from Microsoft. It's free.
- 2) If you have not created a desktop Microsoft Management Console, do so now. Start>Run>MMC. Save as Console on Desktop. This is your "toolbox" where you can add handy tools.
- 3) Open your MMC toolbox and click on file>Add/Remove Snap-ins and add the Group Policy Management Console snap-in and the Active Directory Users and Computers snap-in. You will use these tools often.
- 4) Under Group Policy Management we want to create some default policies. Here's how to do that: Group Policy Management>Forest>Domains>our root domain>Group Policy Objects.
- 5) Now if we right click on Group Policy Objects, it opens a dialog box, choose new. It will name the new GPO "New Group Policy Object" by default. In the next step we will change this to something more meaningful.
- 6) Let's call it "Name of New Policy" and click OK. It now appears in a list under the GPO. Right click it and choose "edit." Now we need to drill down to where we actually make the settings we want.
- 7) This one applies to Users and affects IE policies:
User Configuration>Policies>Windows Settings>Internet Explorer Maintenance. Double click on IE Maintenance. We now see a list of settings that affect IE.
- 8) This one applies to Computers and affects log on policies: Computer Configuration>Windows>Security>Account Policies
- 9) This one applies to Users and affects the wall paper: User Configuration>Policies>Administrative Templates>Desktop>Desktop>Desktop Wallpaper C:\WINDOWS\Web\Wallpaper\Ascent.jpg and stretch to fill screen.
- 10) This one applies to Users and affects the screen saver:
User Configuration>Policies>Administrative Templates>Control Panel>Display.