

## Re: GPO Template Versions

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Hi Adrian

New .adm files are generally provided in service packs. To give you some background:

When you create a GPO, the .adm files being used are copied from the local %windir%\inf folder to SYSVOL (inside a GUID folder for the GPO).

When you edit a GPO, the default behaviour is to update the .adm file from the local %windir%\inf folder if the local copy has a later time stamp than the one in SYSVOL for that GPO. This has caused issues for some in the past because (for example) the Windows 2000 Service Pack 4 .adm files would have a later timestamp than the Windows XP .adm files. As a result, the .adm file in SYSVOL does not contain Windows XP specific settings. In an effort to resolve this issue, I believe future Service Pack .adm files will contain all policy settings regardless of operating system.

Until the next generation of Service Packs, this issue in Windows 2000 Server / Windows XP client environments, can be prevented by:

- A. Creating and editing all GPO's with Windows XP.
- B. Enabling the following policy setting at the Domain level:

User Configuration -> Administrative Templates -> System -> Group Policy -> Disable automatic update of ADM files

Lastly, a complete set of current and previously shipped adm files included by default in Windows operating system and service pack releases, beginning with Windows 2000 can be found at:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=92759D4B-7112-4B6C-AD4A-BBF3802A5C9B&c>

A complete reference of group policy settings for Windows Server 2003:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=7821C32F-DA15-438D-8E48-45915CD2BC14&di>

Kind regards

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"Adrian Marsh" <hidden@somewhere.com> wrote in message

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> All,

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> I've installed W2K AS from a slipstreamed SP4 CD. I've been reading up  
> on active directory on google and these groups, and I think that there may  
> newer versions of the Administration Templates available, than the ones I  
> have. So 3 questions:

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> 1) Are there? (> SP4?)

> 2) If there are, then how do I "upgrade" ? Just copy the new adm files  
> over the old, or do I have to re-create all my GPO templates ?

> 3) Would they automatically include XP ?

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> Adrian

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> P.S. Reading up, I've seen references where AD seems to automatically

> "upgrade" is - say - an XP box gets added to the domain - is my

> understanding right??