

Do Not Execute Group Policy for Admins Group

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We have an OU that contains Windows XP computer objects. I would like to set permissions/delegation (or whatever means necessary) on this OU so that the group policy will only apply to a certain group of users (ie. I would like the group policy to apply to regular users who use a computer in that OU, but I DO NOT want the group policy to apply to domain admins that logon to a computer in that OU). There are settings in the computer configuration of the GPO that I do not want applied to computers in the OU it is linked to when Domain admins log on, but I do want them applied when regular users login.

I am using GPMC.

I have removed Authenticated Users from the security filtering and added a group that contains non domain admin users. I ensured that

I set the delegation properties on this group so that they had the read and apply group policy permissions. In this case the GPO would not apply.

I tried leaving the Authenticated Users in the security filtering field, and instead set the DENY Apply group policy permission for Domain admins. This setting had no effect as domain admins were still getting the GPO applied.

I have tried moving the GPO to a higher level so it sits above above the OU's I created for my computers and users and tried the things above again but either the GPO applies to everyone, or it doesn't apply at all to anyone.

I have looked into the Group Policy loopback processing setting, but unless I misunderstand it, it's intent is to change the user settings depending on the user, not the computer configuration settings.

Any ideas on how I can get a GPO that contains computer configuration settings, that is applied to an OU with computer objects, to NOT apply to domain admin users when they logon to a computer in that OU?