

# Group Policy Issues

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Hi

We have a 3 forest single-site AD setup, all Windows 2003 Server. 2 of them are Windows 2003 Server SP1, one is not.

Up until recently, I've been able to modify any GP Object on any forest without trouble. Today however I am able to view the GPOs, they apply on computers but I cannot modify them. I'm a Domain Admin/Enterprise Admin and am a member of Group Policy Creator Owners group also. The 'Default Domain Controller Policy' is fine, I can edit that one, but any others I cannot unless I recreate them.

When I try to edit, I can open them in GPMC, open them in the editor but when I try to change a setting it says "Group Policy snap-in was unable to save changes - Access Denied".

I have never seen this error before, I have checked the GPO ACLs (both on the GPO itself and the file permissions in SYSVOL). They are identical and I have full permissions on the GP Objects.

Even if I login as Administrator (domain admin) on a PDC, I cannot edit the GPOs as it gives me exactly the same error message. Even using our 'emergency' admin account (which has all permissions explicitly set), cannot edit the policies.

They apply as normal (using GPRESULT/RSoP) however, just not modified by any Admin user (whether that's an admin in our ITTeam security group or Domain Admins).

If anyone has ANY ideas, no matter how far-fetched it may be, I'll be happy to listen and try things - I'd much rather fix this up (and hopefully know what caused it) than rebuild the entire raft of group policies that exist on the site.

(On a separate note, I assume that assigning rights using Delegation of Control Wizard for our IT group, giving them full control on each DC with GPOs is the correct way to give them the ability to edit GP objects cross-forest?)

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