

## RE: figuring out group policies

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>From: "Mike Downey" <mike@ProphetTechnologies.nospamxxx.com>  
>Subject: figuring out group policies  
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>Does anyone know of a document that will get me started on figuring out how  
>Group Policies work? I'm kind of lost with all the GPs that SBS 2003  
>creates by default. For example, both the Default Domain Controllers Policy  
>and the Small Business Server Domain Password Policy define the Enforce  
>password history, Minimum password length and other criteria. I'd like to  
>know how they're applied to the various OUs, users, machines, etc.  
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>My first inclination is to create a GP that applies to the SBS Users OU so  
>that it doesn't affect administrators on any computers.  
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>Also, it seems like most of the policies allow or prevent users from  
>changing things, but it seems to me that it would be more useful to set  
>properties for them automatically. For example, I can prevent users from  
>changing their wallpaper, but I'd prefer if there was a setting where I  
>could set it to (None) and prevent them from changing it. Also, I can  
>prevent them from using the Add/Remove programs applet, but how do I just  
>prevent them from installing or removing any programs instead?  
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>And finally, I'm not sure about the three values of Enabled, Disabled and  
><undefined> and how they apply. Let's assume that I'm created a Policy that  
>applies to all users. My understanding is that if a value is not set, it  
>doesn't affect any of the users. That part is easy. Now, if I set it to  
>Enabled, the next time the user logs on, I believe that value affects a  
>change in their profile on the computer they just logged onto. If I change  
>it to Disabled, the next time they log onto any computer, that setting is  
>removed from their profile on that computer. If I then change it to  
><undefined>, does GP just stop controlling that setting? That is, if I'm  
>experimenting as described above and the user logged onto two separate  
>computers, one while setting was Enabled and one while setting was Disabled,  
>are their profiles different on those two computers now?  
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>Any guidance to help me get started on this would be appreciated.

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>*Thanks,*  
>*Mike*  
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Here is a KB article to check out 818735.

Also the builtin help for SBS is great. Do a help and support search for Group Policy.

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