

Quest Group Policy Extensions for Desktops

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There's a problem in the industry today. Desktop administrations are not getting the most out of their organization's Group Policy investment. While desktop administrators may be using Microsoft's native Group Policy for desktop management, this is an incomplete solution. There are many settings that still cannot be managed using native tools. This fact necessitates that desktop administrators extend their desktop management capabilities with costly and inefficient login scripts or manual processes. Group Policy Extensions for Desktops allows desktop administrators to remotely manage Outlook profiles and reconfigure desktop settings through Group Policy extensions.

Configuration Image

Group Policy Extensions features a configuration image-based, or template-based approach to manage user desktops. All extended settings are put into a template that is applied and enforced on each client using Group Policy. A template can be created in just a few minutes by configuring a sample computer and simply capturing its settings.

Settings Changer

Group Policy Extensions automatically reconfigures user and computer settings without having to visit each workstation or server and make changes manually. This benefits you by centralizing the management of all your workstations settings (Microsoft Office applications, services, folders & files, shortcuts, registry entries, etc.).

Security Enforcer

Group Policy Extensions increases security by managing local users and groups, certificates, system services, Internet options and security zone settings. Hardware restriction policy is also available to prevent users from using mass-storage devices.

Mail Profile Manager

Group Policy Extensions automatically creates or updates all Outlook profiles eliminating the need to visit each workstation. This benefits you by providing standardized Outlook profiles to your end users.

Local Groups Manager

With Group Policy Extensions you can improve on built-in Restricted Group policy to provide better flexibility for local group membership. This benefits you by providing the ability to merge group memberships which normally is a limitation with Microsoft's Restricted Group features. You can also define users and their roles on each computer by dynamically populating local group membership based on a comma-separated (CSV) file of a simple format.

Policy Enforcer

Group Policy Extensions allows for the ability to force Group Policy Refresh on network events to instantly reconfigure your client computers when they move in your network, or connect to your corporate network via VPN or Dial up.



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Group Policy Extensions leverages and enhances the existing Group Policy functionality by providing policies that automate the following tasks on client desktops:

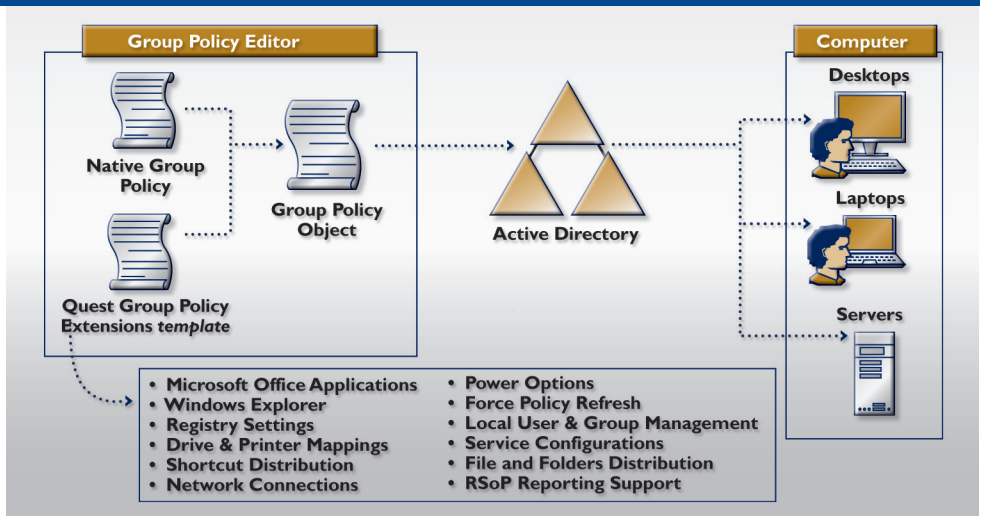
Microsoft Office Settings	Explorer Settings	Network Settings
Outlook	Folder Options	Network Connections
Word	Internet Options	Network Drive
Excel	Taskbar Settings	Network Printers
PowerPoint		

Operating System Settings	Security Settings	Others
Environmental Variables	Hardware Restrictions	Shortcuts
Files/Folder	Local Groups	Power Options
INI Files	Local Users	Force Policy Refresh
Registry Entries	Local User Password	
Scheduled Tasks	Security Zones	
Services Settings	Certificates	

Comprehensive Filtering: Filters allow administrator to selectively apply the extension policies based on various criteria (hardware, IP subnet, Active Directory, etc). A policy can be filtered by user and computer properties, and you can also create expressions to precisely target the users and computers the policy will be applied to.

User or computer properties	Other	
Available disk space	Battery presence	Time Range
Computer name	Computer site	Recurrence
CPU speed	Environment variables	Run Once
Files and their versions	IP range	WMI Query
Laptop computer state	Network connection speed	
Operating system version I and service pack level	Registry keys or values	
Memory size	System locale	
Security group membership		

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