

To locate Group Policy preferences, follow these steps:

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1. Open the GPMC. To open the GPMC, click **Start**, click **Administrative Tools**, and then click **Group Policy Management**.
2. In the GPMC console tree, expand **Group Policy Objects** in the forest and domain containing the GPO that you want to edit.
3. Right-click the GPO that you want to edit, and then click **Edit**.
4. In the console tree, expand **Computer Configuration** or **User Configuration**, expand **Preferences**, and then expand or click items as needed. Click an item in the console tree to view the associated settings in the details pane.
5. Group Policy preferences, new for the Windows Server 2008 operating system, include more than 20 new Group Policy extensions that expand the range of configurable settings within a Group Policy object (GPO). These new extensions are included in the Group Policy Management Editor window of the Group Policy Management Console (GPMC), under the new Preferences item. Examples of the new Group Policy preference extensions include folder options, mapped drives, printers, scheduled tasks, services, and **Start** menu settings.
6. Group Policy preferences provide better targeting, through item-level targeting and action modes. Additionally, rich user interfaces and standards-based XML configurations provide you with more power and flexibility over managed computers when you administer GPOs.
7. In addition to providing significantly more coverage, better targeting, and easier management, Group Policy preferences enable you to deploy settings to client computers without restricting the users from changing the settings. This capability provides you with the flexibility to decide which settings to enforce and which settings to not enforce. You can deploy settings that you do not want to enforce by using Group Policy preferences.