

Preference Item-Level Targeting

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Applies To: Windows 8, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012

You can use item-level targeting to change the scope of individual preference items, so they apply only to selected users or computers. Within a single Group Policy object (GPO), you can include multiple preference items, each customized for selected users or computers and each targeted to apply settings only to the relevant users or computers.

Each targeting item results in a value of either true or false. You can apply multiple targeting items to a preference item and select the logical operation (AND or OR) by which to combine each targeting item with the preceding one. If the combined value of all targeting items for a preference item is false, then the settings in the preference item are not applied to the user or computer. Using targeting collections, you can also create parenthetical expressions.

Configuring a targeting item

To target an existing preference item so it applies only to specific users or computers

1. Open the **Group Policy Management Console** . Right-click the Group Policy object (GPO) that should contain the new preference item, and then click **Edit** .
2. In the console tree under **Computer Configuration** or **User Configuration** , expand the **Preferences** folder, and then browse to the preference extension.
3. Double-click the node for the preference extension, and then right-click the preference item and click **Properties** .
4. In the **Properties** dialog box, click the **Common** tab.
5. Select **Item-level targeting** , and then click **Targeting** .
 1. Click **New Item** , click a type of targeting item to apply to the preference item, and then configure settings for the targeting item.

Note

To change the value of the targeting item to its opposite, on the **Item Options** menu, click **Is Not** .

Text fields accept preference processing variables. Press F3 to display a list of variables from which you can select.

To provide a custom name for the targeting item, on the **Item Options** menu, click **Label** , and type a **Name** .

To provide a comment for a targeting item, on the **Item Options** menu, click **Label** , and type a **Comment** .

2. If configuring multiple targeting items, on the **Item Options** menu, click the logical operation (**And** or **Or**) by which to combine the results of the preference item with the preceding preference item.

Note

To create a parenthetical expression, click **Add Collection** . (For more information, see [Targeting Collection](#).)

3. Repeat for each targeting item to apply.
6. Click **OK** , and then click **OK** in the **Properties** dialog box.