

Filter with Property Filters

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

The Local Group Policy Editor allows you to change the criteria for displaying Administrative Template policy settings. By default, the editor displays all policy settings, including unmanaged policy settings. However, you can use property filters to change how the Local Group Policy Editor displays Administrative Template policy settings.

There are three inclusive property filters that you can use to filter Administrative Templates. These property filters include:

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Managed

There are two kinds of Administrative Template policy settings: **Managed** and **Unmanaged** . The Group Policy Client service governs Managed policy settings and removes a policy setting when it is no longer within scope of the user or computer.

The Group Policy Client service does not govern unmanaged policy settings. These policy settings are persistent. The Group Policy Client service does not remove unmanaged policy settings, even if the policy setting is not within scope of the user or computer. Typically, you use these types of policy settings to configure options for operating system components that are not policy enabled. You can also use unmanaged policy settings for application settings.

The Managed property filter has three states: **Any** , **Yes** , and **No** . Setting this property filter to **Any** causes the Local Group Policy Editor to display all Administrative Template policy settings. Setting this property filter to **Yes** causes the editor to show only managed Administrative Template policy settings, hiding all unmanaged Administrative Template policy settings. Setting this property filter to **No** causes the editor to show only unmanaged Administrative Template policy settings, hiding all managed Administrative Template policy settings.

To set the Administrative Templates Managed property filter

1. Open the **Local Group Policy Editor** . (GPEDIT.MSC) (or type MMC in the Run box and and the Group policy console)
2. Right-click **Administrative Templates** located under **Computer Configuration\Policies** or **User Configuration\Policies** . Click **Filter Options** .

3. In the **Managed** list, click the appropriate filter.
4. Click **OK** to apply the new filter settings, and close the **Filter Options** dialog box.

Configured

You can configure Administrative Template policy settings to one of three states: **Not Configured** , **Enabled** , and **Disabled** . **Not Configured** is the default state for all policy settings. Policy settings set to **Not Configured** do not affect users or computers. Enabling an Administrative Template policy setting activates the policy setting. When **Enabled** , the action described in the title of the policy setting applies to the user or computer. When **Disabled** , the opposite action described in the title of the policy setting applies to the user or computer. Usually **Not Configured** and **Disabled** policy settings produce the same results. The difference is that **Not Configured** policy settings do not apply to the user, but **Disabled** policy settings apply to a user.

Each Administrative Template policy setting provides detailed information about its **Enabled** , **Disabled** , and **Not Configured** states. You can view this information in the **Help** pane of each Administrative Template policy setting. Or, you can view this information for the selected policy setting in the Extended View of the editor.

The Configured property filter has three states: **Any** , **Yes** , and **No** . Setting this property filter to **Any** causes the Local Group Policy Editor to display all Administrative Template policy settings and is the default setting for this filter. Setting this property filter to **Yes** causes the editor to show only configured Administrative Template policy settings, hiding not configured policy settings. Setting this property filter to **No** causes the editor to show only not configured Administrative Template policy settings, hiding configured policy settings.

To set the Administrative Templates Configured property filter

1. Open the **Local Group Policy Editor** .
2. Right-click **Administrative Templates** located under **Computer Configuration\Policies** or **User Configuration\Policies** . Click **Filter Options** .
3. In the **Configured** list, click the appropriate filter.
4. Click **OK** to apply the new filter settings, and close the **Filter Options** dialog box.

Commented

Each Administrative Template policy setting has a comment property. The Commented property allows you to enter text associated with a specific policy setting.

The Commented property filter has three states: **Any** , **Yes** , and **No** . Setting this property filter to **Any** causes the Local Group Policy Editor to display all Administrative Template policy settings and is the default setting for this filter. Setting this proper filter to **Yes** causes the editor to show only commented Administrative Template policy settings, hiding policy settings without

comments. Setting this property filter to **No** causes the editor to show only Administrative Template policy settings without comments, hiding commented policy settings.

To set the Administrative Templates Commented property filter

1. Open the **Local Group Policy Editor** .
2. Right-click **Administrative Templates** located under **Computer Configuration\Policies** or **User Configuration\Policies** . Click **Filter Options** .
3. In the **Commented** list, click the appropriate filter.
4. Click **OK** to apply the new filter settings and close the **Filter Options** dialog box.

Additional considerations

- To complete this procedure, you must have Edit setting permission to edit a GPO. By default, members of the Domain Administrators security group, the Enterprise Administrators security group, or the Group Policy Creator Owners security group have Edit setting permission to edit a GPO.
- Filters are inclusive, so select items you want to display rather than items you want to be removed.
- Filters do not work with Classic Administrative Templates.
- Local Group Policy Editor and the Resultant Set of Policy snap-in are available in Windows Server 2008 R2 and Windows 7 Professional, Windows 7 Ultimate, and Windows 7 Enterprise. For more information, see <http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=139815>.

Additional references

- [Filter the View of Administrative Templates](#)