

Module_4
AD DS and Group Policy

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AD DS - OVERVIEW
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- What are AD DS ?
- Why do company needs AD DS services – what are the benefits ?
- When do you need more than one domain ?
- Exist some relation with DNS ?
- Forest vs Domain
- Administrators of forest/domain
- Database and replications

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AD components

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Physical components

- DC | contains read-write copy of AD database
- RODC | special instance of DC with read-only database copy
- Global catalogue | special DC which host GC role which contains read copy all objects in forest for speed up searching between domain
- Datastores | holds AD database Ntds.dit and log files by default on all DC in C:\Windows\NTDS + Sysvol

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Logical components

- Domain | security boundaries for users, computers, other objects
- Domain trees | collection of domain which shares same root domain name and DNS namespaces
- Site | collection of object, defined by their physical location
- Forest | collection of domain which share common AD DS
- OU | administrative object for group obj, delegate permission and applying GPOs
- Containers | same like OU, but it cannot be applying GPOs

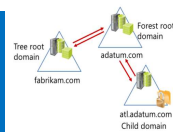
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Forest

- Forest is collection of one or more trees
- Objects which have same schema
- Forest is security and replication boundary
- Object have own admins (ENT and Schema admins)
- Forest is replication boundary for GC and configuration and schema partition in AD DS
- Same database
- FSMO forest roles:
 - Schema master
 - Domain naming master | processing all changes in namespaces like add new child domain



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Domain

- Domain is logical group of users, computers and groups for the purposes of management and security
- AD domain is security boundaries = management of object by Domain admins and authentication and authorization mechanism
- AD domain is replication boundaries = changes on one DC is auto replicate to other DCs in domain
- Single domain can have over 1 million of objects
- Change in AD DS database can be initiated from any DC (multi master mode) except RODC
- Replication of change is done via FRS (Windows 2008 R2 DCs) or DFS replication on server 2012 R2
- Domain should have at least two DCs because of redundancy and HA of service
- FSMO roles:
 - RID master
 - PDC emulator
 - Infrastructure master

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Site

- Physical structure of domain, group objects based on location (building, city, department)
- Object site exist also in AD with IP and Mask
- Offer more effective replication and authentication
- When client needs to contact DC (looking for SRV records), response of DNS query includes:
 - List of DC in same site like client
 - List of DC from nearest site
 - Random list of DC in domain if no DC is found in nearest site
- When you define sites, you have to consider link reliability for ex. For main office and branch office should configure separate site if WAN link between is not reliable

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Global catalogue

- Contains ReadOnly copy of all objects from multiple domains in forest
- Useful to have min 1 per domain (2 because of redundancy)
- Make search easier and effective
- More often replication
- Replication only attributes of objects marked in Schema as PAS (partial attribute set)
- Required also for user logon in forest with more than one domain
- By default first domain controller in forest root domain is GC
- In single domain should hold all DCs copy of GC

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AD Schema

This component defines all type of objects and their attributes which can be stored
Is something like defined standard used for data integrity and maintaining

- When new type of data have to be stored in AD, first must be define new object in schema
- Schema defines:
 - Object that are stored in AD
 - Rules for obj creation (mandatory and option attributes)
 - Structure and content of directory
- Schema is replicate across all DCs in forest and can be manage by Schema admins only on Schema operation master DC

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Domain controller

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AD – DOMAIN CONTROLLER

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Domain controller

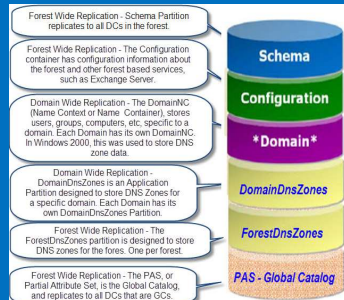
- Domain controller is computer which store AD database and SYSVOL folder
- Provides Authentication (is the process of ascertaining that somebody really is who he claims to be) and Authorization (refers to rules that determine who is allowed to do what and follow successful authentication)
- Contains copy of domain database (NTDS.DIT) and copy of SYSVOL folder (contains domain public files like GPO, users)
- DCs work in multimaster replication mode except RODC
- Host services like Kerberos authentication and Key distribution center (TGTS process)
- Restartable AD DS (New)

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Domain controller database



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Read only domain controller (RODC)

- More secure solution for branch office
- Contains Read-Only copy of AD objects but not all their attributes
- System critical attributes such as password are not replicated to RODC by default
- You also cannot change database on RODC
- Replication is one way only = from writable DC to RODC
- Do not cache any password by default (can be configured to cache password via Password replication policy)
- Loss of RODC causes lower impact from security view = only cached computer and user passwords have to be reset
- Can be given admin privileges to manage RODC only (not other DCs)

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DC ROLES

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Operation master roles

- Schema master
- Domain naming master

- PDC emulator
- Infrastructure master
- RID master

Global Catalogue roles

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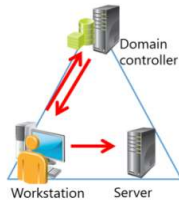
AD SSO PROCESS

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Sign-In Process

The AD DS sign-in process:

1. The user account is authenticated to the domain controller.
2. The domain controller returns a TGT back to client.
3. The client uses TGT to apply for access to the workstation.
4. The domain controller grants access to the workstation.
5. The client uses TGT to apply for access to the server.
6. The domain controller returns access to the server.



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AD DC installation

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DC INSTALLATION

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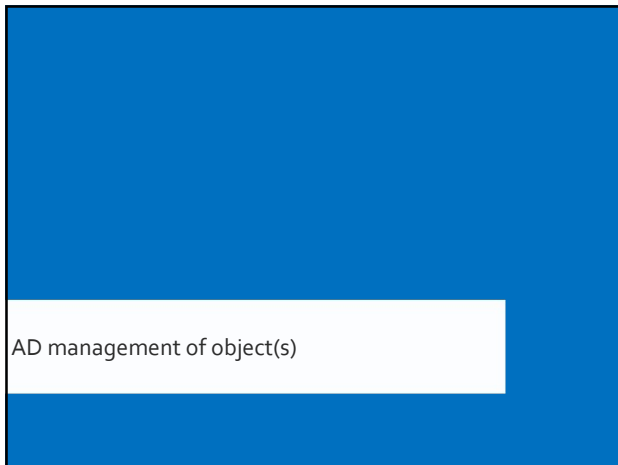
Pre-Requisites:

- Decision about Forest and domain level
- Physical or virtual system with Windows server 2016 installed
- Static IP configuration
- Administrator permission

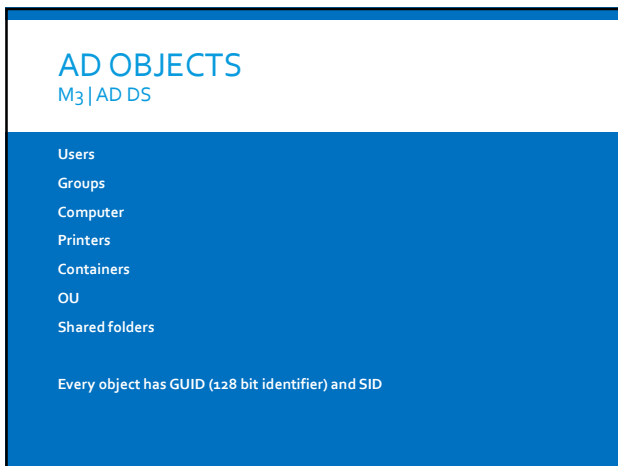
Strong relation on following network services:

- DNS name space and DNS services

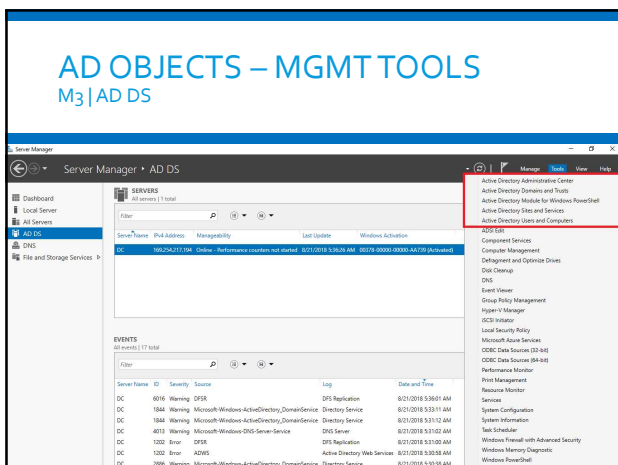
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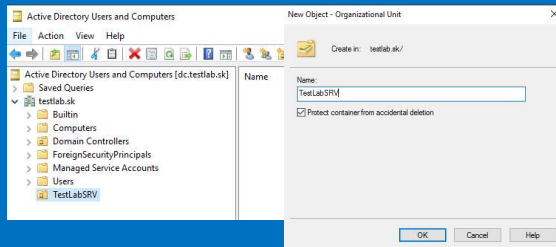
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AD OBJECTS – LOGICAL GROUPING

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AD OBJECTS – COMPUTER

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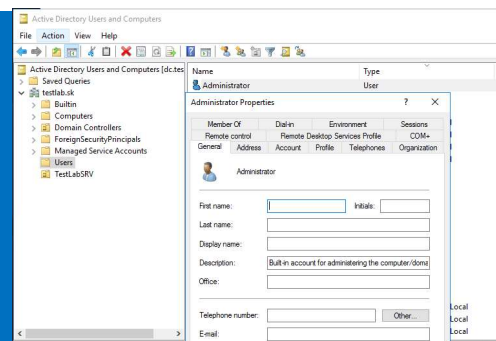
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AD OBJECTS – USERS

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AD OBJECTS – POWERSHELL

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Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-ADComputer -filter 'Name -like "g*"'

DistinguishedName : CN=DC,OU=Domain Controllers,DC=testlab,DC=sk
DNSHostName       : dc.testlab.sk
Enabled           : True
Name              : DC
ObjectClass        : computer
ObjectGUID        : 044c48fc-ef64-dec6-bcd2-3a6bf4dd5817
SamAccountName     : DC$
SID               : S-1-5-32-544
UserPrincipalName  :

Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-ADGroup -filter '*'

DistinguishedName : CN=Administrators,CN=Builtin,DC=testlab,DC=sk
GroupCategory      : Security
GroupScope         : DomainLocal
Name               : Administrators
ObjectClass         : group
ObjectGUID         : 4422b874-8627-4f9f-9e38-b6e5af77fb9b
SamAccountName     : Administrators
SID                : S-1-5-32-544
DistinguishedName : CN=Users,CN=Builtin,DC=testlab,DC=sk
GroupCategory      : Security

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Backup and restore

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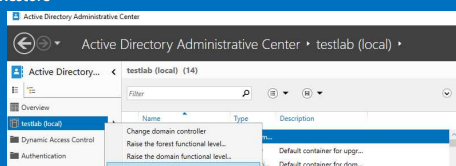
AD RESTORE

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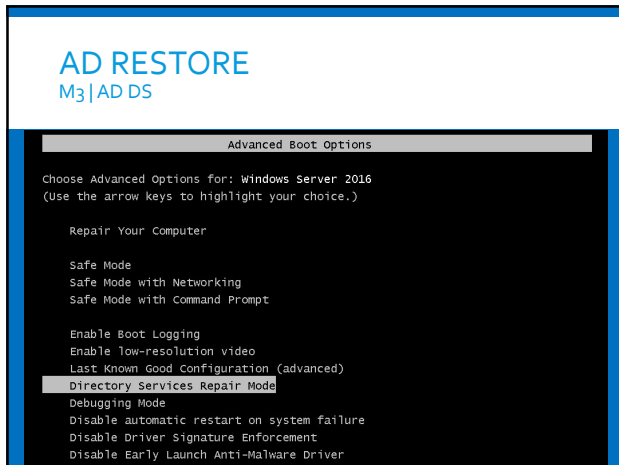
Backup and restore AD

- System State backup is a backup of the AD DS
- System State backup captures the AD DS database and the SYSVOL, as well as all registry settings on the computer.

- Non-authoritative Restore
- Authoritative Restore



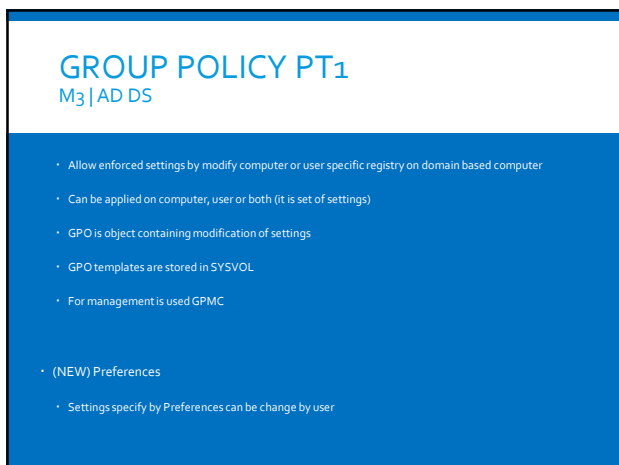
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- Used registry paths HKLM (computer settings) and HKCU (user settings)
- Not all policies can be applied to any version of windows OS and each new versions of OS bring new policies (older version of OS ignores new settings)
- All windows systems have local GPO which can be apply only on local computer
- Group policy storage: %SystemRoot%\SYSVOL\Domain\Policies\GPOGUID on DC

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GROUP POLICY LOCATION

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Administrator Windows PowerShell
PS C:\> Get-Childitem C:\Windows\System32\GroupPolicy\

Directory: C:\Windows\System32\GroupPolicy

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
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d-----          8/23/2018  1:37 AM             Machine
d-----          7/24/2018  5:57 AM             User
-a-----          8/23/2018  2:16 AM             127 gpt.ini

Administrator Windows PowerShell
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Users\Administrator> Get-Childitem C:\Windows\SYSVOL

Directory: C:\Windows\SYSVOL

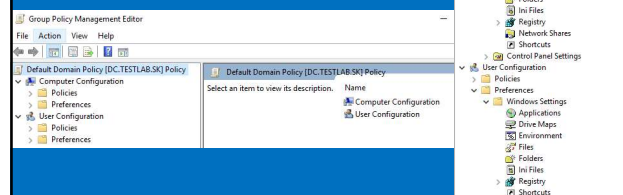
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d-----          8/21/2018  5:25 AM             staging
d-----          8/21/2018  5:25 AM             staging areas
d-----          8/21/2018  5:25 AM             sysvol
```

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PREFERENCES

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- Domain based feature
- Very similar to group policy except:
 - Allowing change configuration by user
 - Refresh interval is same like for group policy
 - If configuration was change by user, refresh interval will have no impact

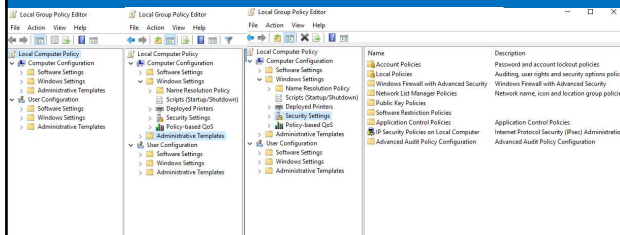


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LOCAL GROUP POLICY

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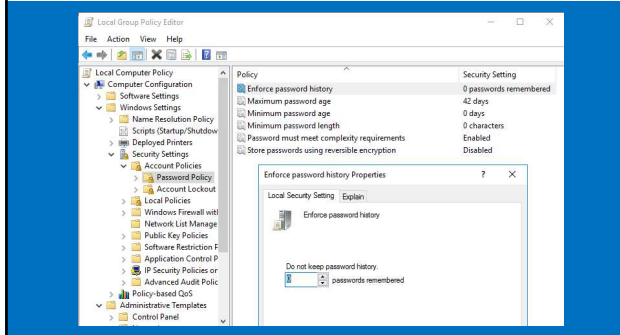
- Gpedit.msc
- Used to configure clients which are not member of domain
- User and Computer parts available



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EXAMPLE OF PASSWORD POLICY

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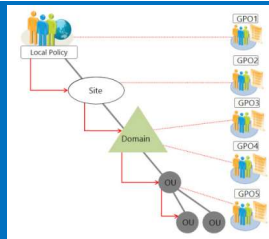
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GPO processing order:

1. Local GPO
2. Site GPO
3. Domain GPO
4. OU GPO
5. Child OU GPO

Enforced policy
Block inheritance
Security filtering
WMI filtering
Loopback processing



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GROUP POLICY

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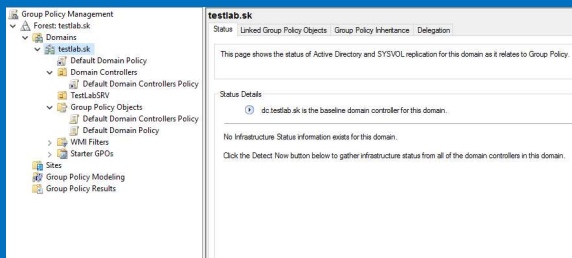
What can be managed by GPO

- Remote Group Policy update
 - Invoke-GPUUpdate
 - Get-GPPermissions
 - Set-GPPermissions
- Group Policy infrastructure status
- Fast Startup
- New Group Policy starter GPOs
- Policy caching

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GROUP POLICY CMD

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Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Administrator> gpresult

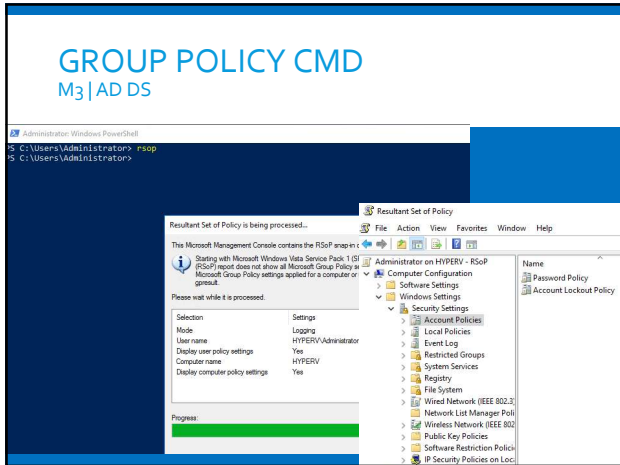
GPRESULT [/S system [/U username [/P [password]]]] [/SCOPE scope]
[/USER targetusername] [/R | /V | /Z] [/X | /H] <filename> [/F]]

Description:
  This command line tool displays the Resultant Set of Policy (RSOP)
  information for a target user and computer.
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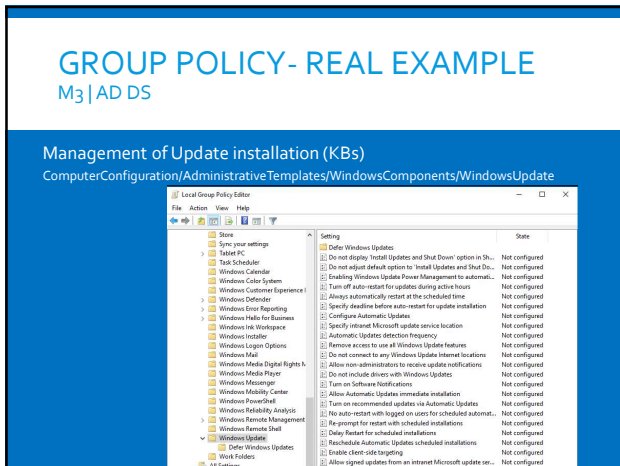
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Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Administrator> gpupdate /?
Description: Updates multiple Group Policy settings.

Syntax:  Gpupdate [/Target:(Computer | User)] [/Force] [Wait:value]
[/Logoff] [/Boot] [/Sync]
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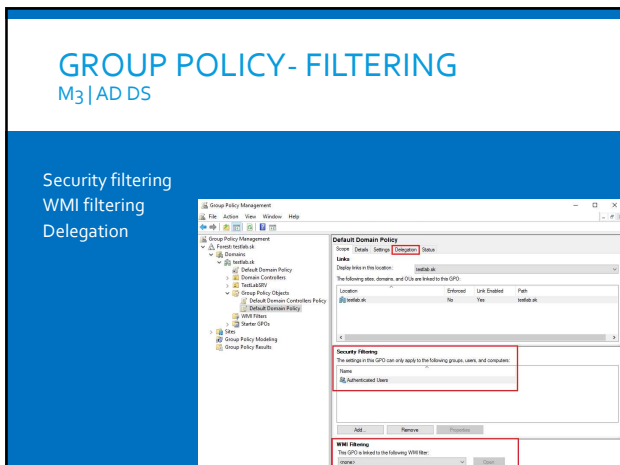
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GROUP POLICY- FILTERING

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```
PS C:\Users\Administrators> Get-Command -Module GroupPolicy
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CommandType	Name	Version	Source
Alias	Get-GPPermissions	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Alias	Set-GPPermissions	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Backup-GPO	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Copy-GPO	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Get-GPInheritance	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Get-GPO	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Get-GPOReport	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Get-GPPermission	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Get-GPPrefRegistryValue	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Get-GPRegistryValue	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Get-GPResultantSetOFFPolicy	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Get-GPStarterGPO	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Import-GPO	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Invoke-GPUpdate	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	New-GPLink	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	New-GPO	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	New-GPStarterGPO	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Remove-GPLink	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Remove-GPO	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Remove-GPPrefRegistryValue	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Remove-GPRegistryValue	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Remove-GPO	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
Cmdlet	Restore-GPO	1.0.0.0	GroupPolicy
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