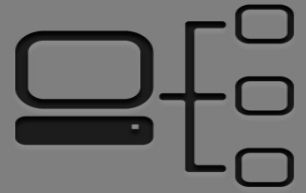# Active Directory Group Policies

- Group Policies are a centralized method system administrators can use to manage all of the computers and users within their Active Directory Domain.
  - Provide centralized management and configuration of operating systems, applications, and user settings.
  - Allow you to do so without having to physically go to and configure each computer individually.

Group Policy Objects (GPOs)

- Group policy settings are contained in entities called GPOs.

- GPOs are associated with organizational units (OUs), meaning we can assign specific group policies to specific OUs within our Active Directory Domain.

Example Group Policies

- There are over 4,000 possible group policies, here are a few examples:
  - Deploying a standard desktop background wallpaper.
  - Creating a logon banner.
  - Deploying software.
  - Deploying password complexity requirements.

Microsoft Group Policy Settings Reference for Windows 10 and Windows Server 2016:
https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=25250