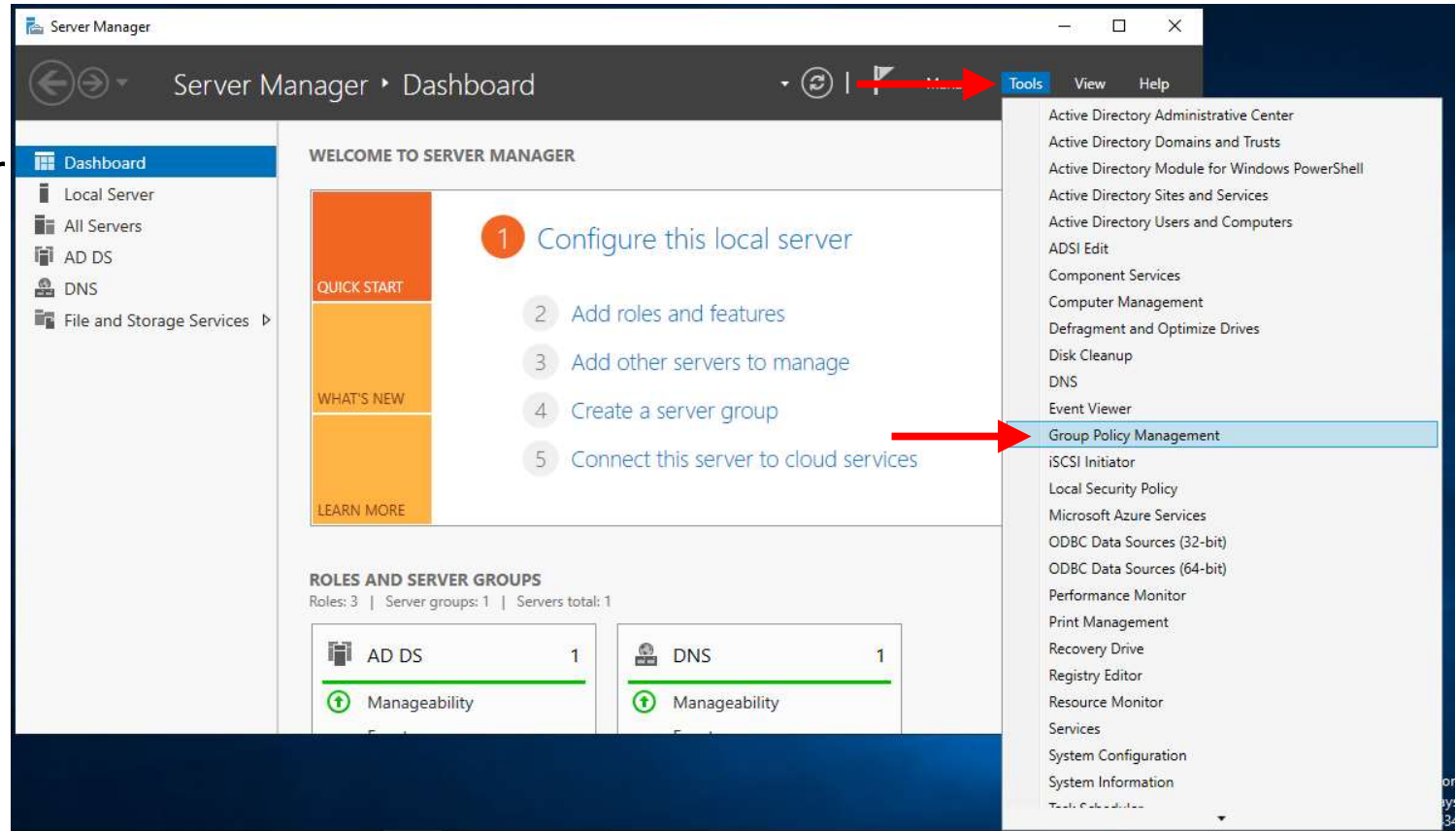


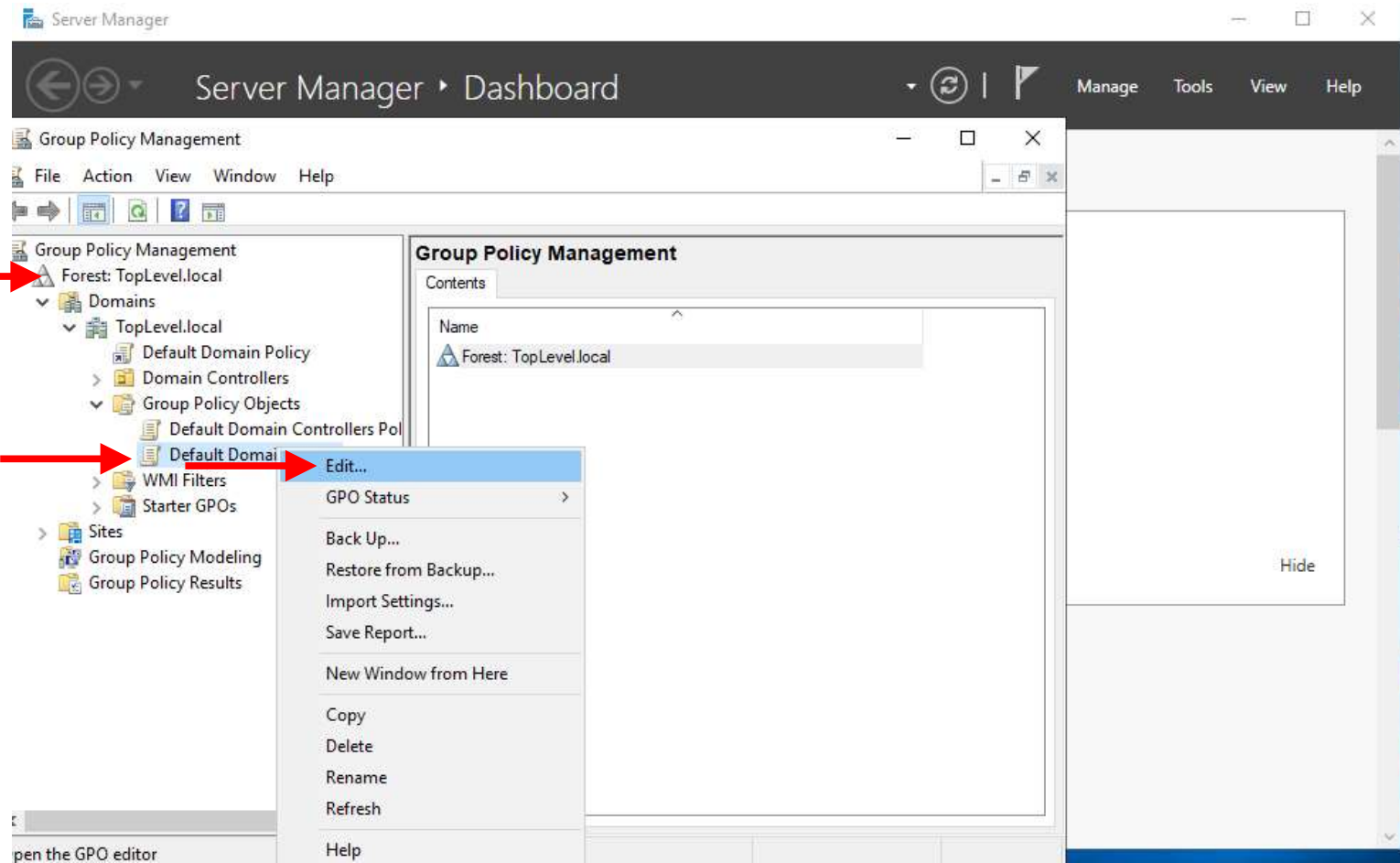
Upon deploying Active Directory your next step may be modifying GPOs.

To do this you will want to navigate to the Server Manager and select Tools and then Group Policy Management



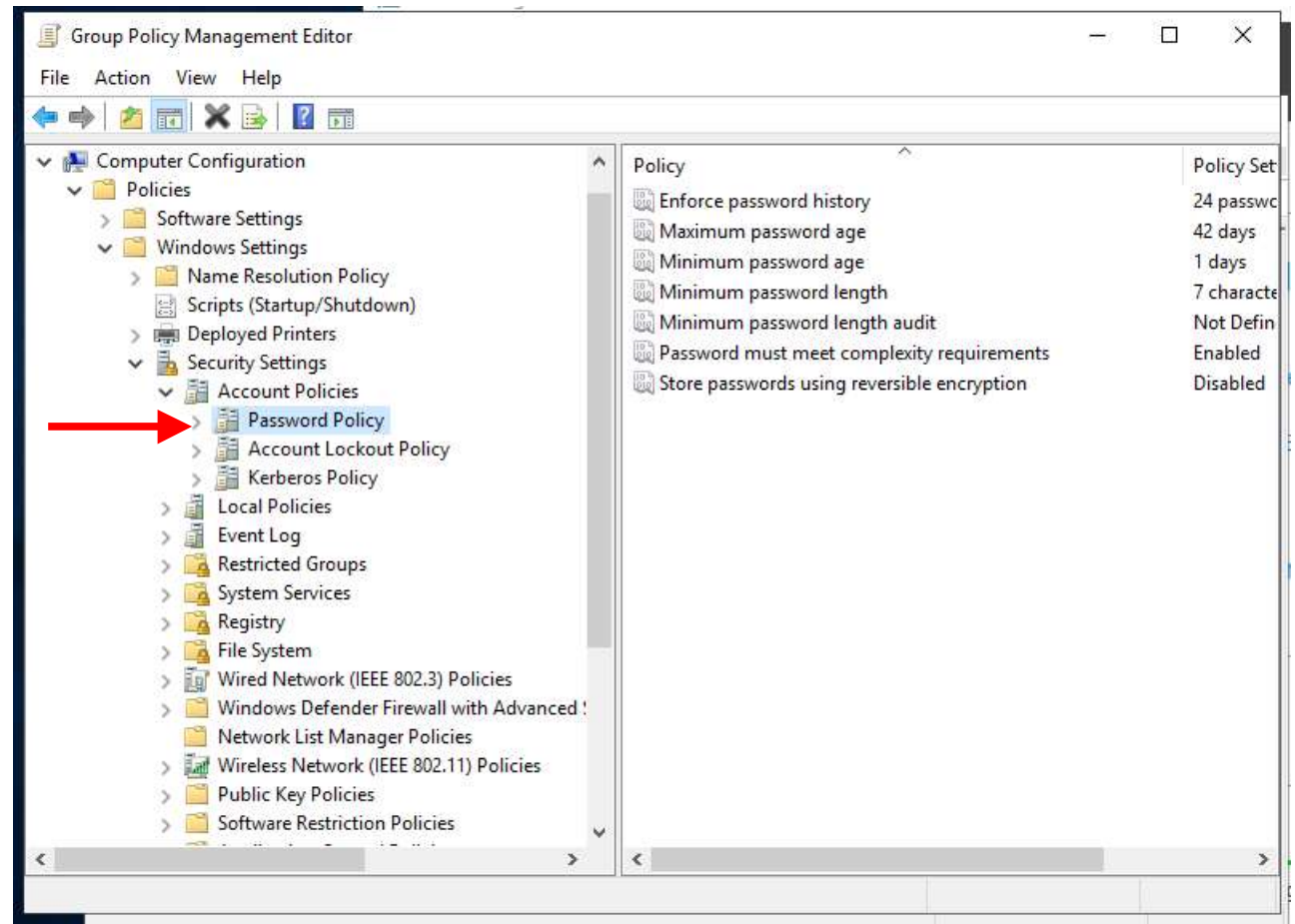
Next you will need to navigate to GPO's

Once you have navigated to Default Domain Policy you will right click and select Edit

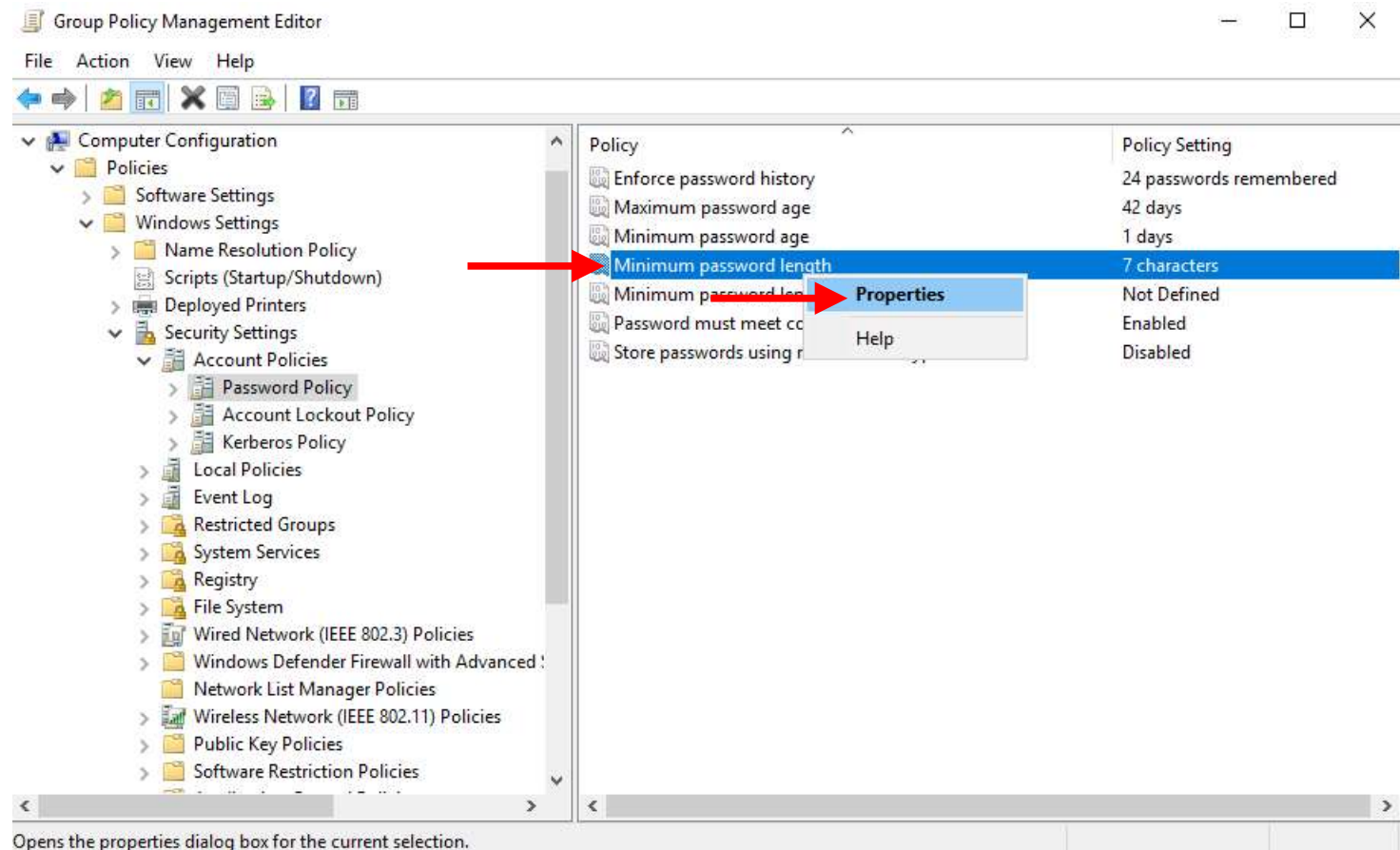


Now you navigate to the policy you wish to change/modify.

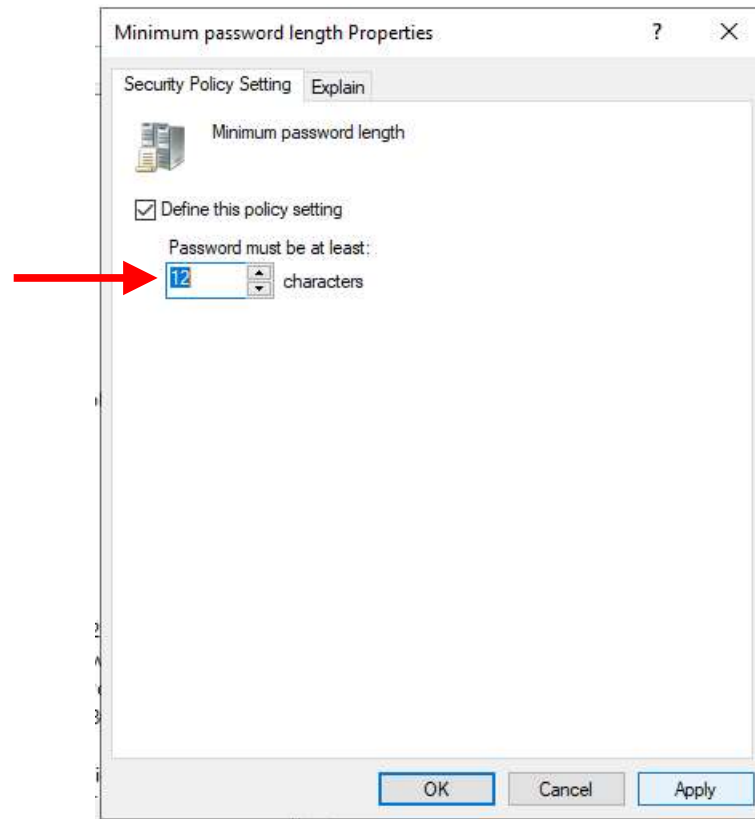
Here I have selected the Password Policy



To modify you then select what specifically you want to change and go into Properties. Here I have selected password length

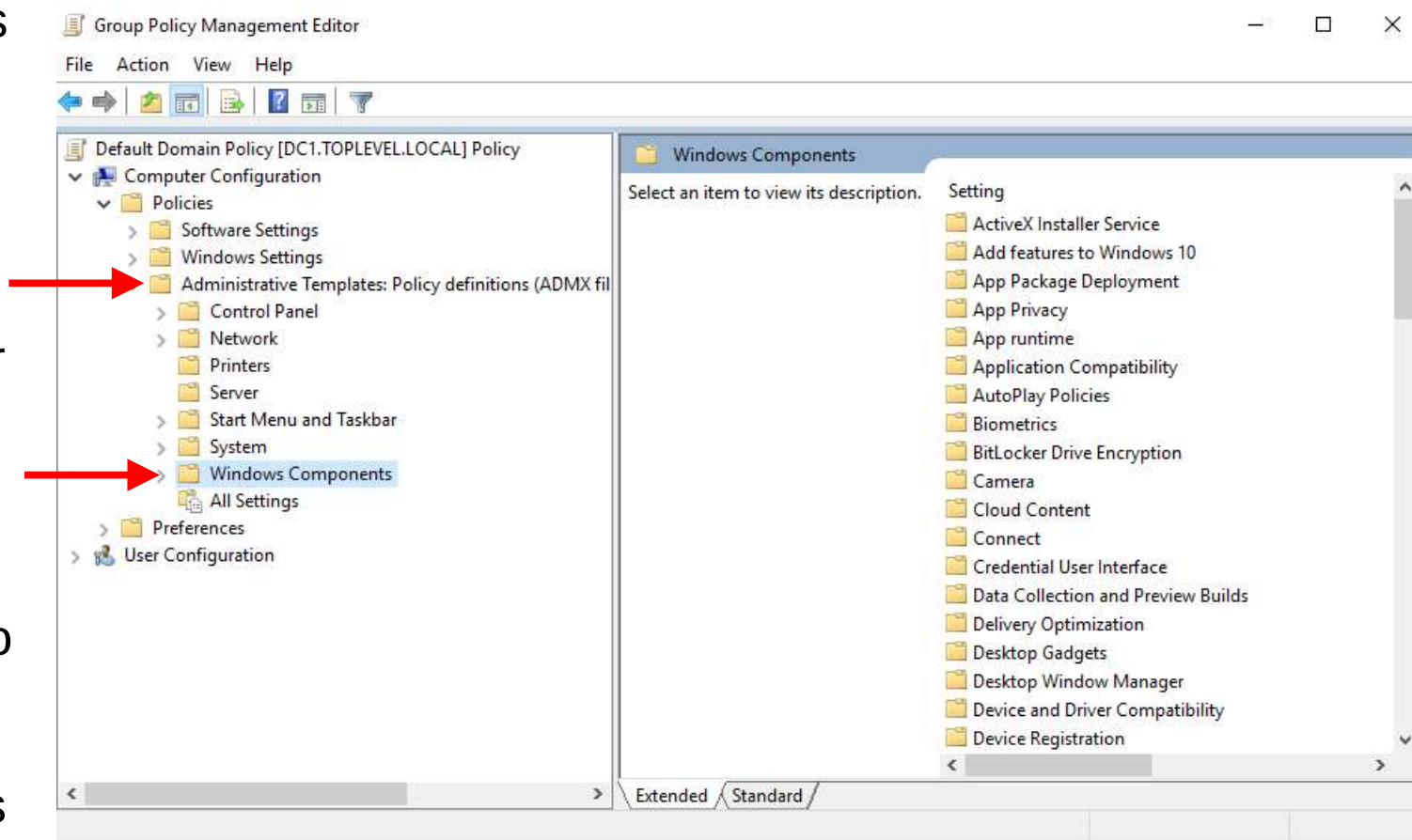


Once here then we simply change the length and I have changed to 12 characters

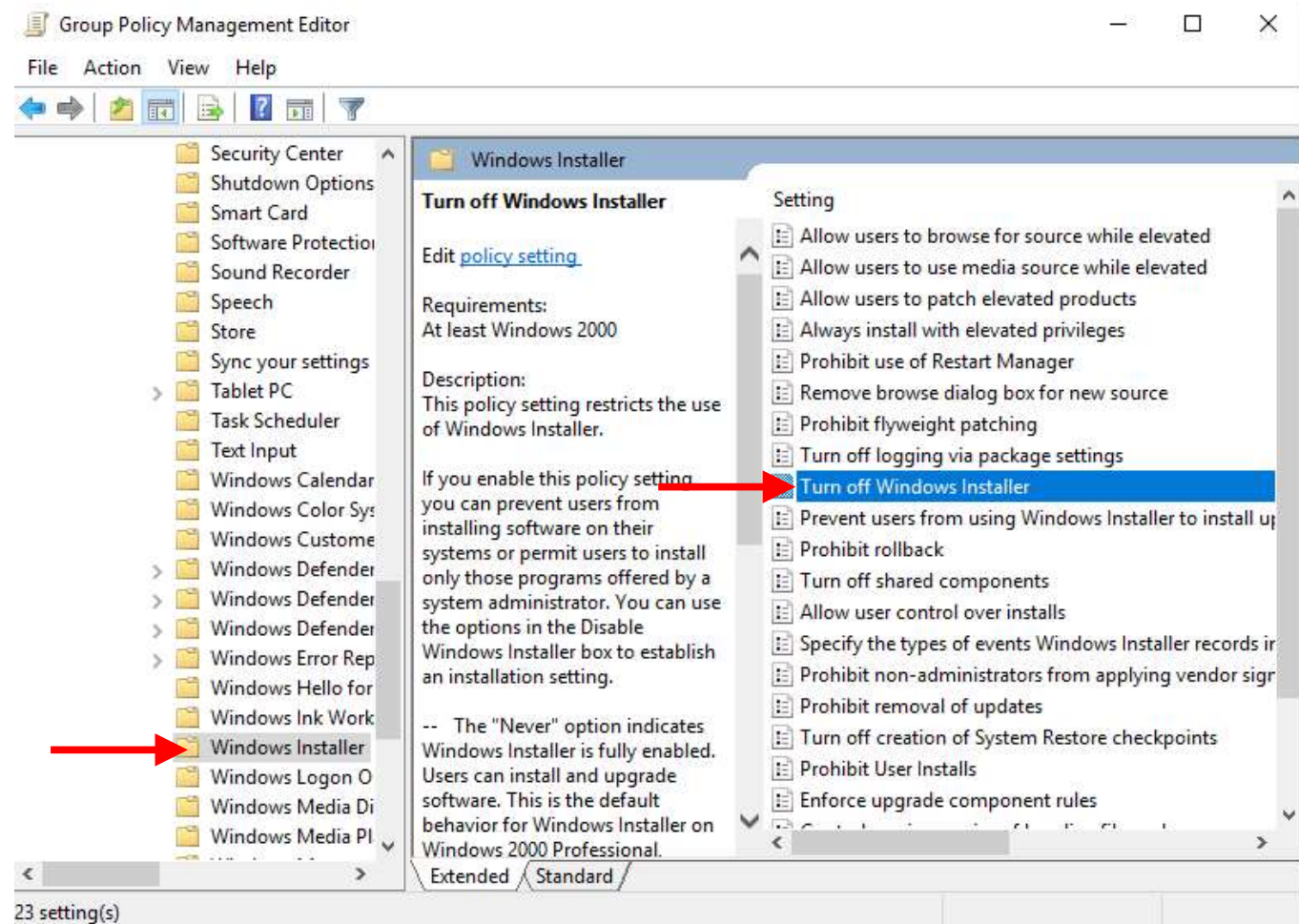


There are many GPOs to change that fall in different categories.

Previously we went changed Password length which fell under Policies/Windows settings, but in this example lets adjust users ability to instal. We need to navigate to Administrative Templates and then Windows Components



Next scroll to
Windows Installer
and then select
Turn off Windows
Installer and either
right click and edit
or double click



Now all we do is either
Enable/Disable or
leave it unconfigured

There are many GPOs
and there are a
handful that fall in the
“norm” category like
what I have shown you
for being enabled or
modified for security
reasons.



Turn off Windows Installer

Turn off Windows Installer

Previous Setting Next Setting

☐ Not Configured Comment:

☒ Enabled

☐ Disabled

Supported on: At least Windows 2000

Options:

Disable Windows Installer

For non-managed applications only

Help:

This policy setting restricts the use of Windows Installer.

If you enable this policy setting, you can prevent users from installing software on their systems or permit users to install only those programs offered by a system administrator. You can use the options in the Disable Windows Installer box to establish an installation setting.

-- The "Never" option indicates Windows Installer is fully enabled. Users can install and upgrade software. This is the default behavior for Windows Installer on Windows 2000 Professional, Windows XP Professional and Windows Vista when the policy is not configured.

-- The "For non-managed applications only" option permits users to install only those programs that a system administrator assigns (offers on the desktop) or publishes (adds them to Add or Remove Programs). This is the default behavior of Windows Installer on Windows Server 2003 family when the policy is not configured.

OK Cancel Apply