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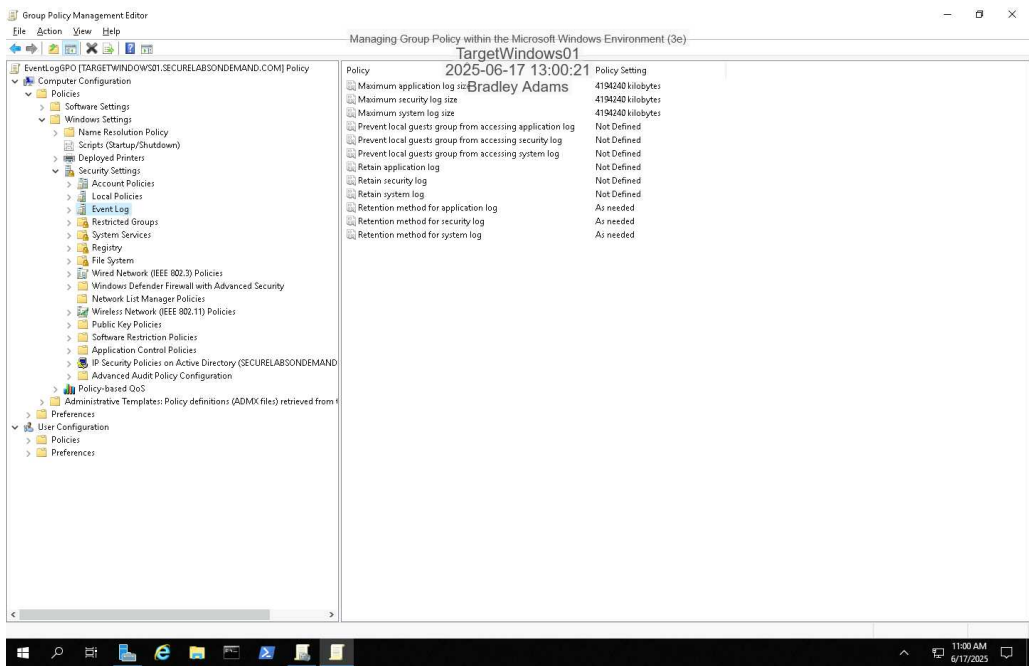
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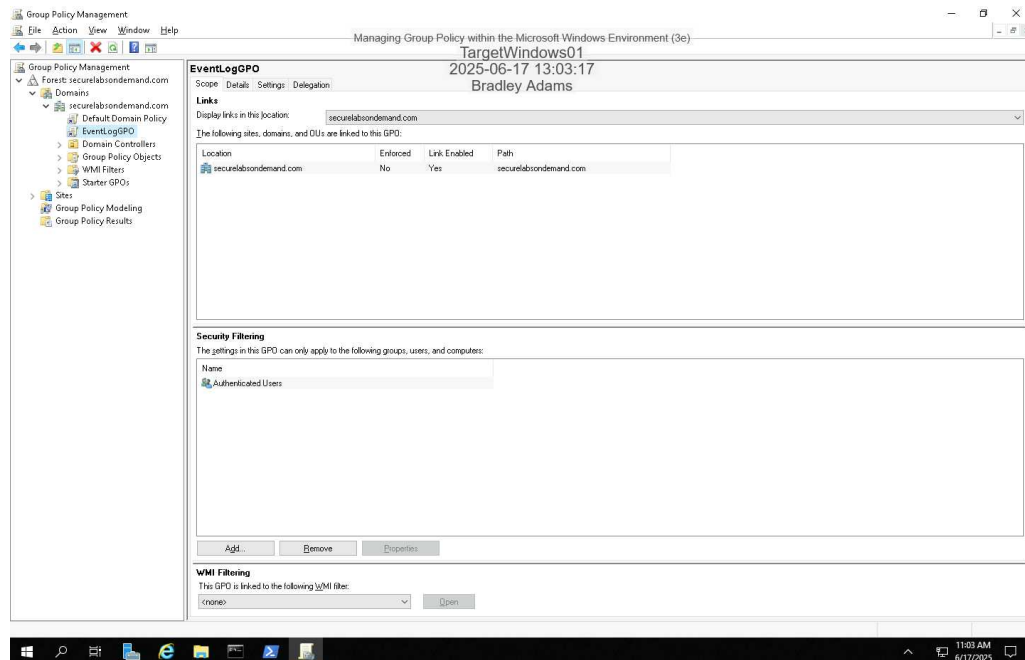
Section 1: Hands-On Demonstration

Part 1: Create and Link a New Domain-Level Group Policy Object

20. Make a screen capture showing the updated policy settings for the new EventLogGPO.

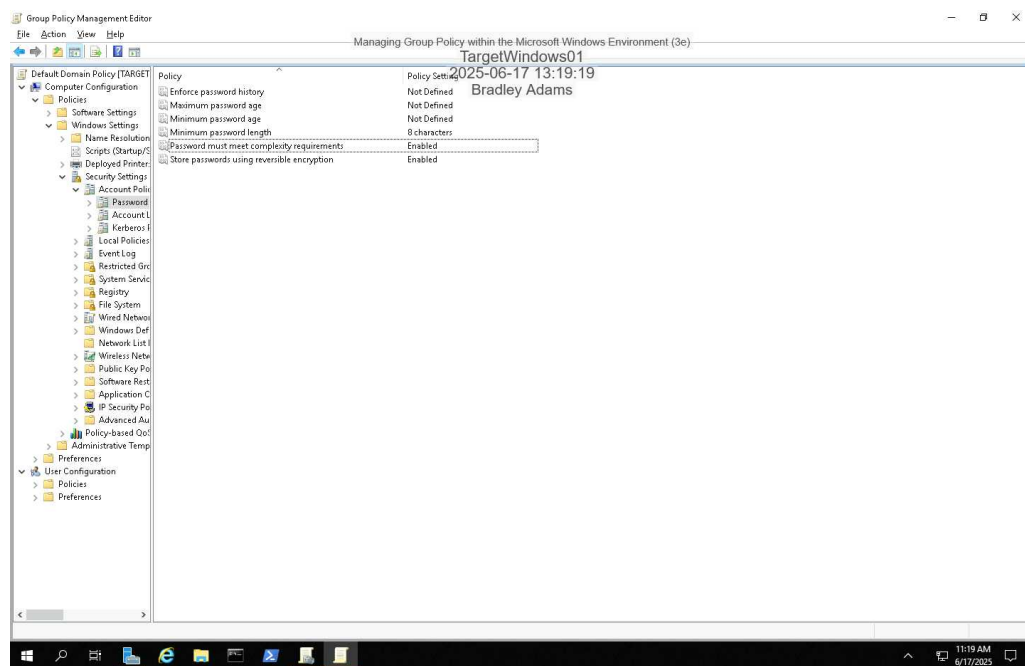


### 26. Make a screen capture showing the linked EventLogGPO.



## Part 2: Edit the Default Domain Policy

### 9. Make a screen capture showing the policy changes you made in the Group Policy Management Editor.

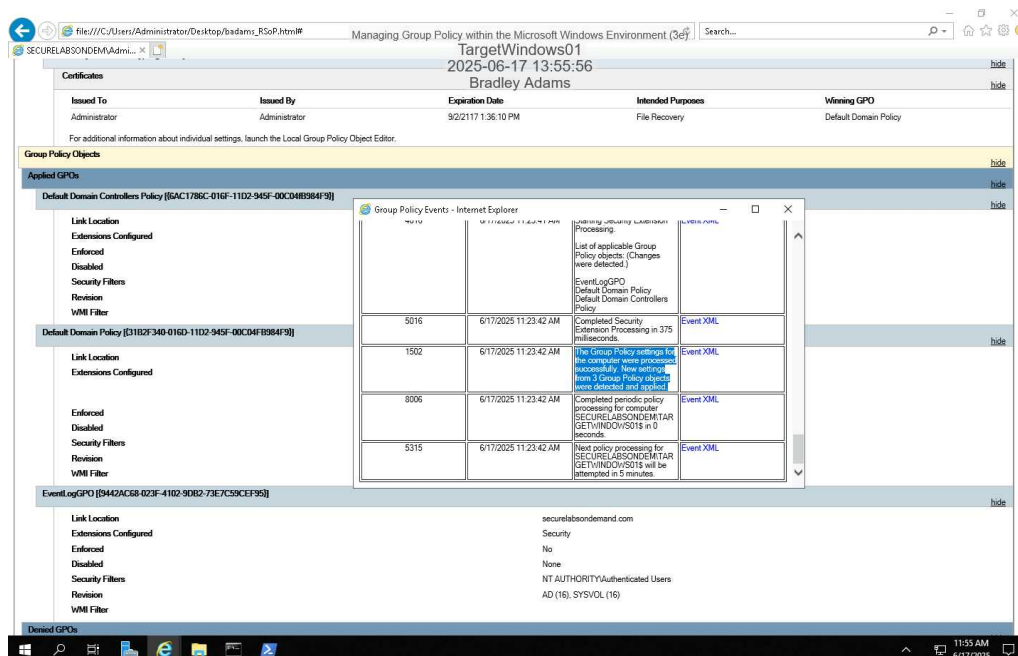


10. **Explain** why you made the changes you made, **make note** of any suggested changes that you accepted, and **explain** why you believe the Group Policy Management Editor recommended those changes.

NIST best practices suggest a minimum password length of 8 characters and storing passwords using encryption. Password complexity may help, but users should also avoid creating guessable patterns. No suggested changes were given for these three settings. Suggested changes are often recommended to help administrators align with best practices, prevent misconfigurations, maintain compatibility, and Microsoft periodically updates recommendations based on known threats, trends, and updates to frameworks.

### Part 3: Document and Audit Group Policy

10. **Make a screen capture** showing the **policy changes you made in the RSoP**.



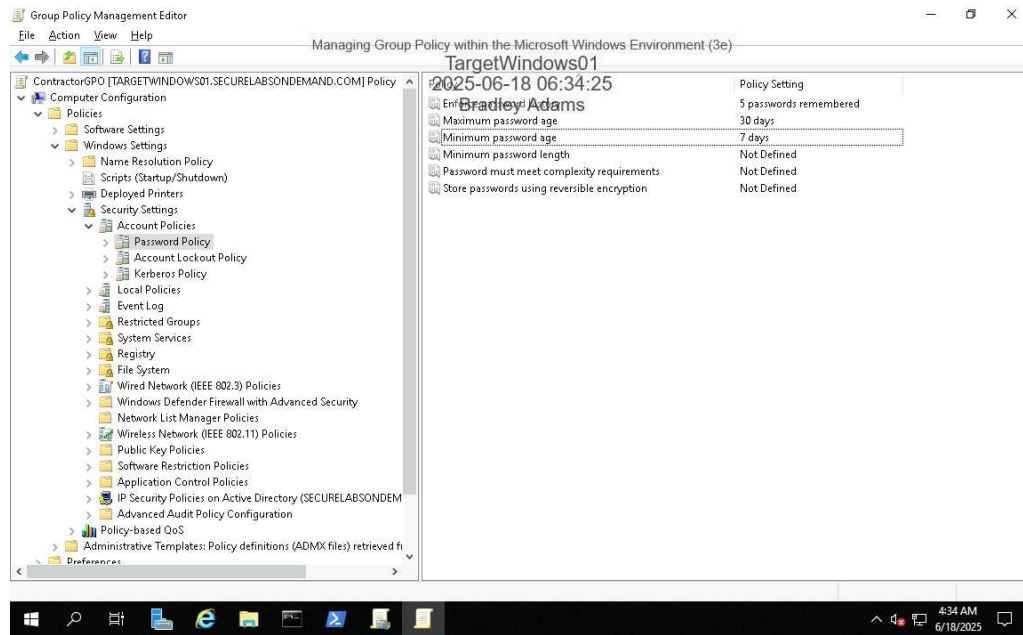
13. **Compare** the GPO Report and the RSoP Report.

The GPO report shows the configured settings within the group policy object. The GPO shows setting details about what has been defined such as enabled, disabled, or not configured. The RSoP report shows the actual settings applied to a user or computer. This report includes all GPOs and assists in troubleshooting conflicts.

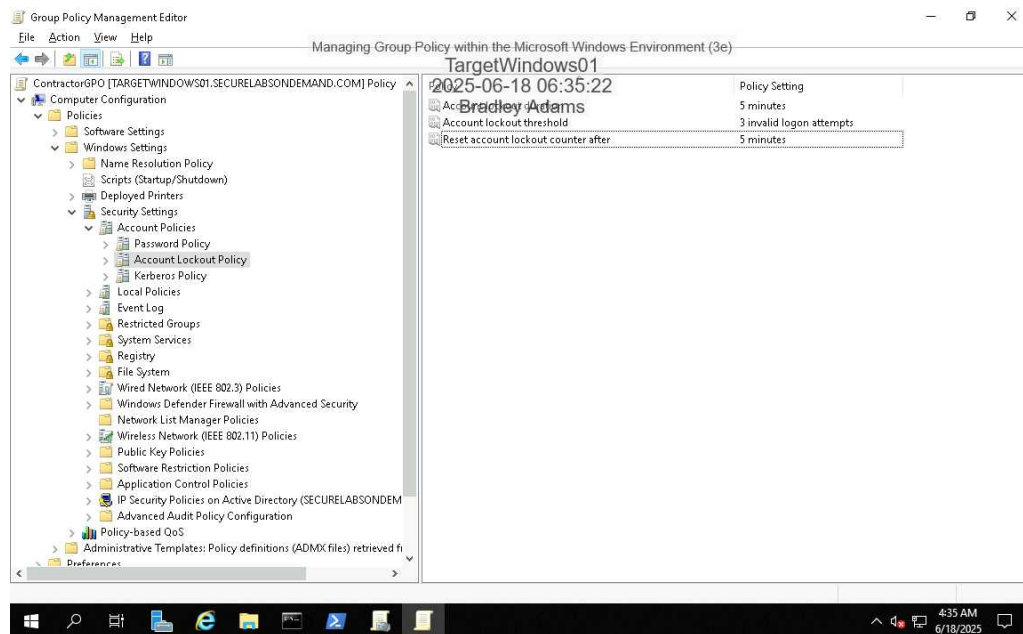
## Section 2: Applied Learning

### Part 1: Create and Link a New Domain-Level Group Policy Object

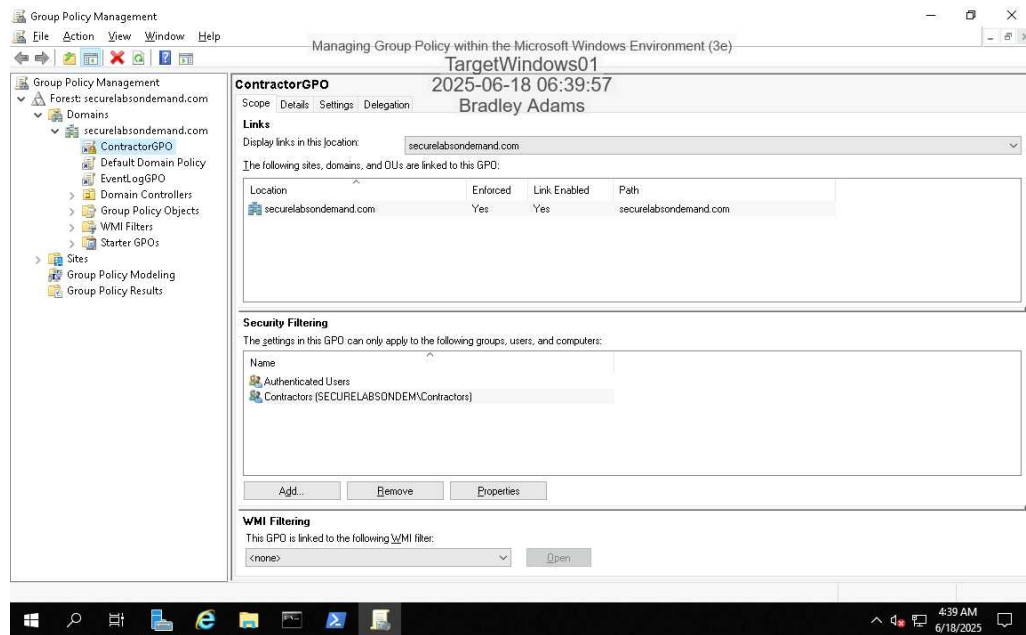
4. Make a screen capture showing the new Password Policy for the ContractorsGPO.



6. Make a screen capture showing the new Account Lockout Policy for the ContractorsGPO.

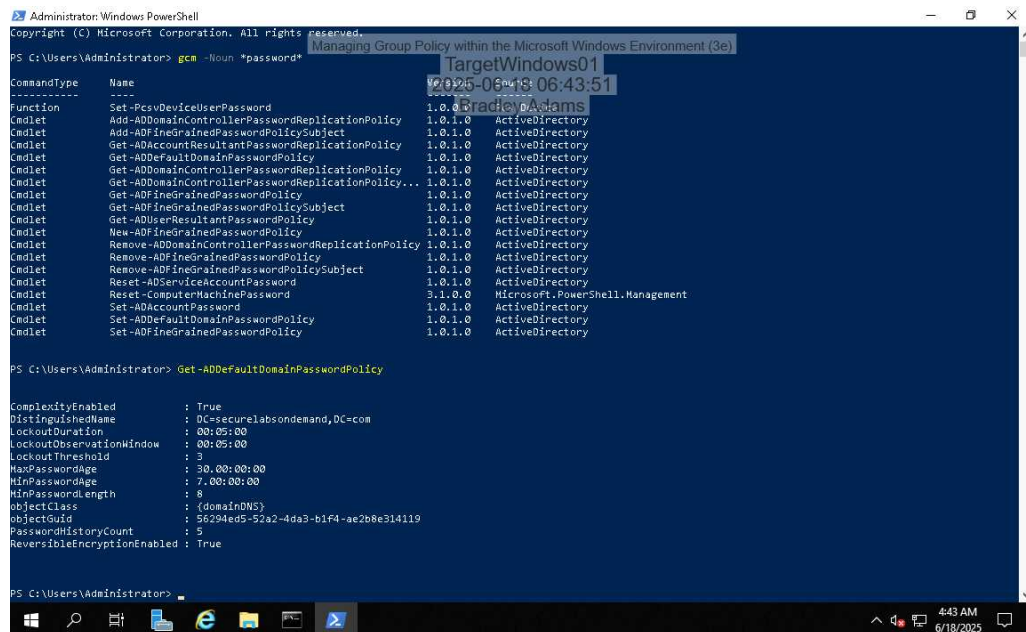


### 16. Make a screen capture showing the Contractors group in the ContractorsGPO.

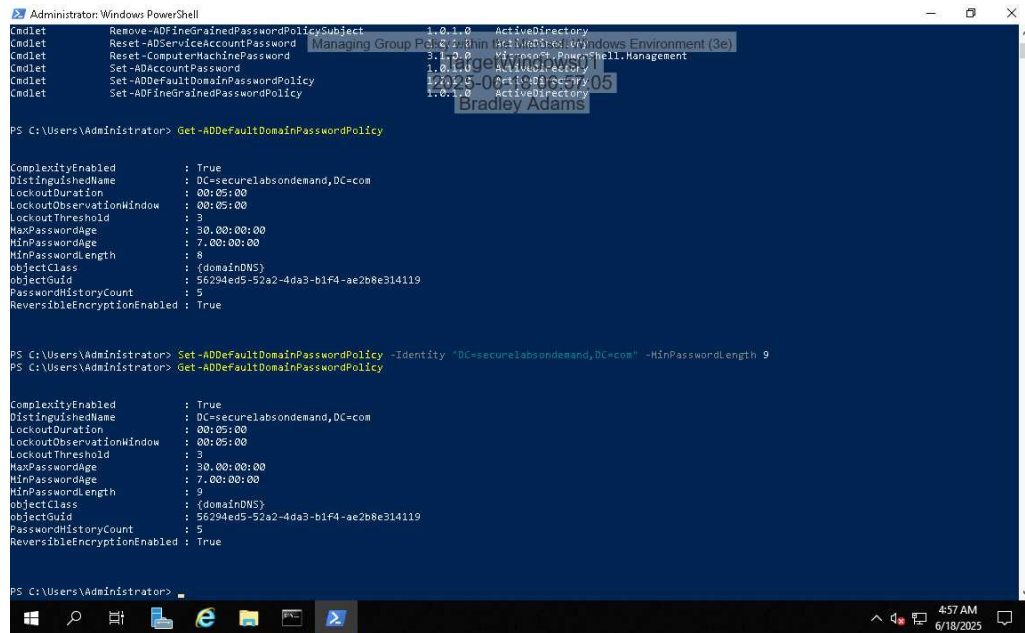


## Part 2: Edit the Default Domain Policy

### 4. Make a screen capture showing the current default domain password policy.



### 7. Make a screen capture showing the modified default domain password policy.



The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell window titled "Administrator: Windows PowerShell". The command prompt is at "PS C:\Users\Administrator>". The user has entered the following commands:

```
Remove-ADFineGrainedPasswordPolicySubject
Reset-ADServiceAccountPassword
Reset-ComputerMachinePassword
Set-ADAccountPassword
Set-ADDefaultDomainPasswordPolicy
Set-ADFineGrainedPasswordPolicy
```

The output of the `Get-ADDefaultDomainPasswordPolicy` command is displayed:

```
ComplexityEnabled      : True
DistinguishedName      : DC=securelabsondemand,DC=com
LockoutDuration        : 00:05:00
LockoutObservationWindow : 00:05:00
LockoutThreshold       : 3
MaxPasswordAge         : 30.00:00:00
MinPasswordAge         : 7.00:00:00
MinPasswordLength      : 8
ObjectClass             : (domainDNS)
ObjectGUID              : 56294ed5-52a2-4da3-b1f4-ae2b8e314119
PasswordHistoryCount    : 5
ReversibleEncryptionEnabled : True
```

The user then enters the command:

```
Set-ADDefaultDomainPasswordPolicy -Identity "DC=securelabsondemand,DC=com" -MinPasswordLength 9
```

And the output of the `Get-ADDefaultDomainPasswordPolicy` command is displayed again:

```
ComplexityEnabled      : True
DistinguishedName      : DC=securelabsondemand,DC=com
LockoutDuration        : 00:05:00
LockoutObservationWindow : 00:05:00
LockoutThreshold       : 3
MaxPasswordAge         : 30.00:00:00
MinPasswordAge         : 7.00:00:00
MinPasswordLength      : 9
ObjectClass             : (domainDNS)
ObjectGUID              : 56294ed5-52a2-4da3-b1f4-ae2b8e314119
PasswordHistoryCount    : 5
ReversibleEncryptionEnabled : True
```

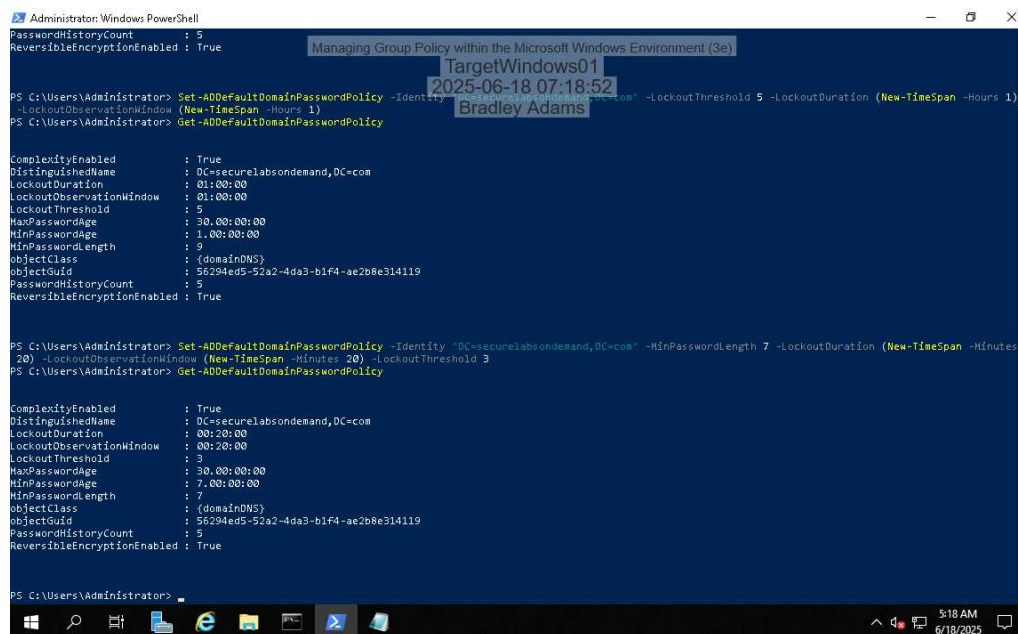
The taskbar at the bottom shows the Windows logo, search icon, task view icon, and several application icons. The system clock shows 4:57 AM on 6/18/2025.

### 13. Document the PowerShell command you used to make the changes.

Set-ADDefaultDomainPasswordPolicy -Identity "DC=securelabsondemand,DC=com"  
-MinPasswordLength 7 -LockoutDuration (New-TimeSpan -Minutes 20) -LockoutObservationWindow  
(New-TimeSpan -Minutes 20) -LockoutThreshold 3



### 15. Make a screen capture showing the final default domain password policy.



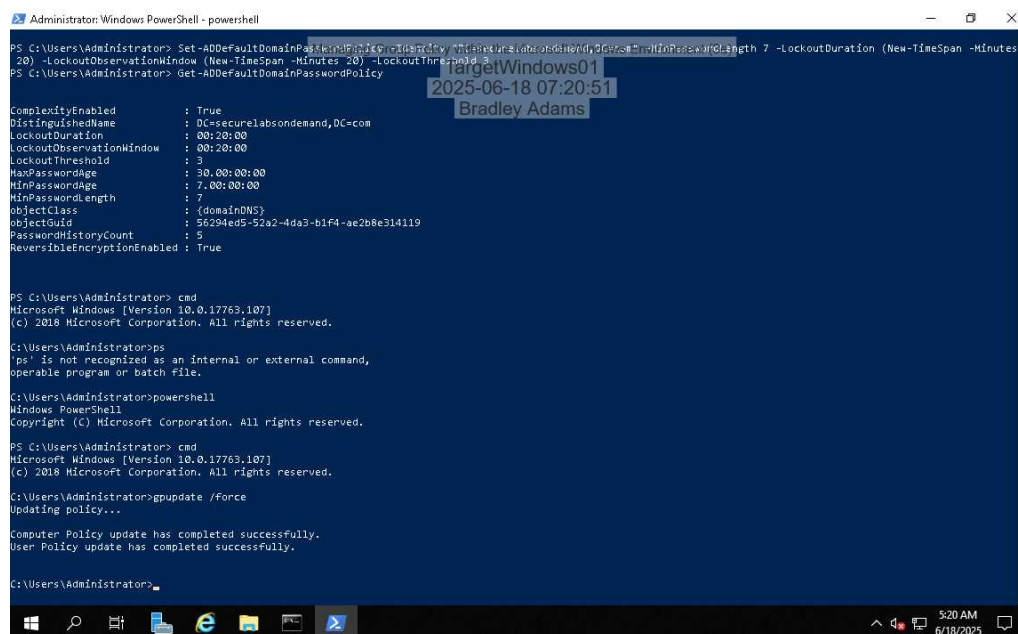
The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell window titled "Administrator: Windows PowerShell". The window displays the output of the `Get-ADDefaultDomainPasswordPolicy` command. The output shows the following properties:

```
ComplexityEnabled : True
DistinguishedName : DC=securelabsondemand,DC=com
LockoutDuration : 01:00:00
LockoutObservationWindow : 01:00:00
LockoutThreshold : 5
MaxPasswordAge : 30.00:00:00
MinPasswordAge : 1.00:00:00
MinPasswordLength : 9
ObjectClass : {domainDNS}
ObjectGuid : 96294ed5-52a2-4da3-b1f4-ae2b8e314119
PasswordHistoryCount : 5
ReversibleEncryptionEnabled : True
```

The window also shows the output of the `Set-ADDefaultDomainPasswordPolicy` command, which sets the password policy to the following values:

```
ComplexityEnabled : True
DistinguishedName : DC=securelabsondemand,DC=com
LockoutDuration : 00:20:00
LockoutObservationWindow : 00:20:00
LockoutThreshold : 3
MaxPasswordAge : 30.00:00:00
MinPasswordAge : 7.00:00:00
MinPasswordLength : 7
ObjectClass : {domainDNS}
ObjectGuid : 96294ed5-52a2-4da3-b1f4-ae2b8e314119
PasswordHistoryCount : 5
ReversibleEncryptionEnabled : True
```

### 18. Make a screen capture showing the successful gpupdate command.



The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell window titled "Administrator: Windows PowerShell". The window displays the output of the `gpupdate /force` command. The output shows the following message:

```
Computer Policy update has completed successfully.
User Policy update has completed successfully.
```

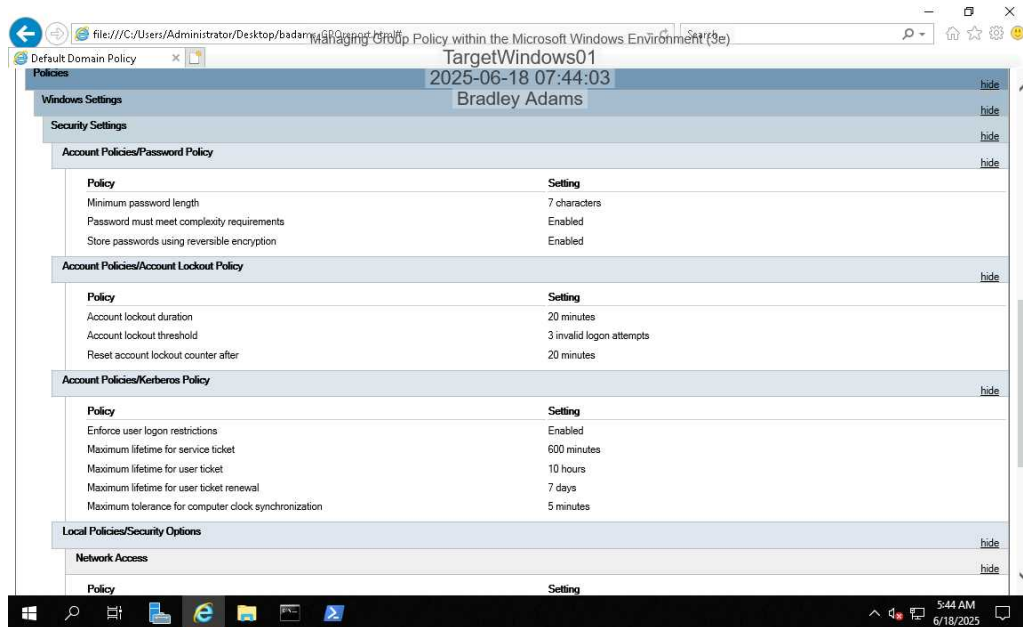
The window also shows the output of the `Get-ADDefaultDomainPasswordPolicy` command, which shows the same properties as in the previous screenshot.

## Part 3: Document and Audit Group Policy

### 3. Document the PowerShell command you used to generate the GPO report.

```
Get-GPOReport -Name "Default Domain Policy" -ReportType Html -Path  
"C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\badams_GPOreport.html"
```

### 5. Make a screen capture showing the final password policy changes.





### Section 3: Challenge and Analysis

#### Part 1: Analysis and Discussion

What are some of the benefits of using Group Policy in an enterprise environment? Use the Internet to research additional applications of Group Policy not discussed in this lab.

Group policy in an enterprise has several benefits, including Centralized Management, which allows administrators to configure and enforce settings across all domain workstations from a central location. It also improves security through password policies, software restrictions, and firewall rules. Group policy can deploy and update software packages, making software rollout centrally managed. Group policy can lock down critical settings and minimize user misconfiguration, which reduces help desk calls.

Sources:

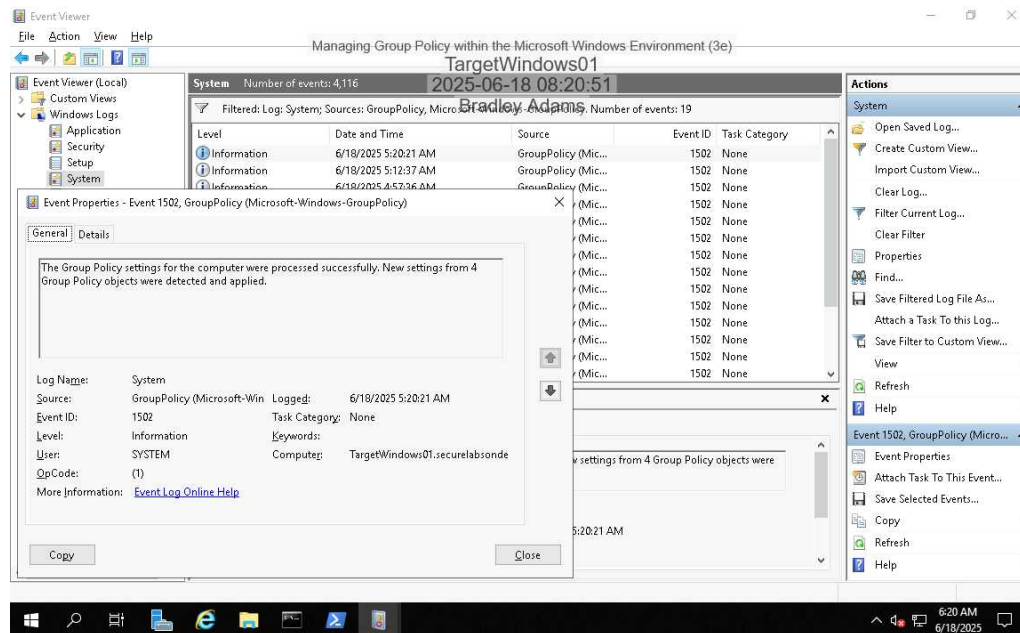
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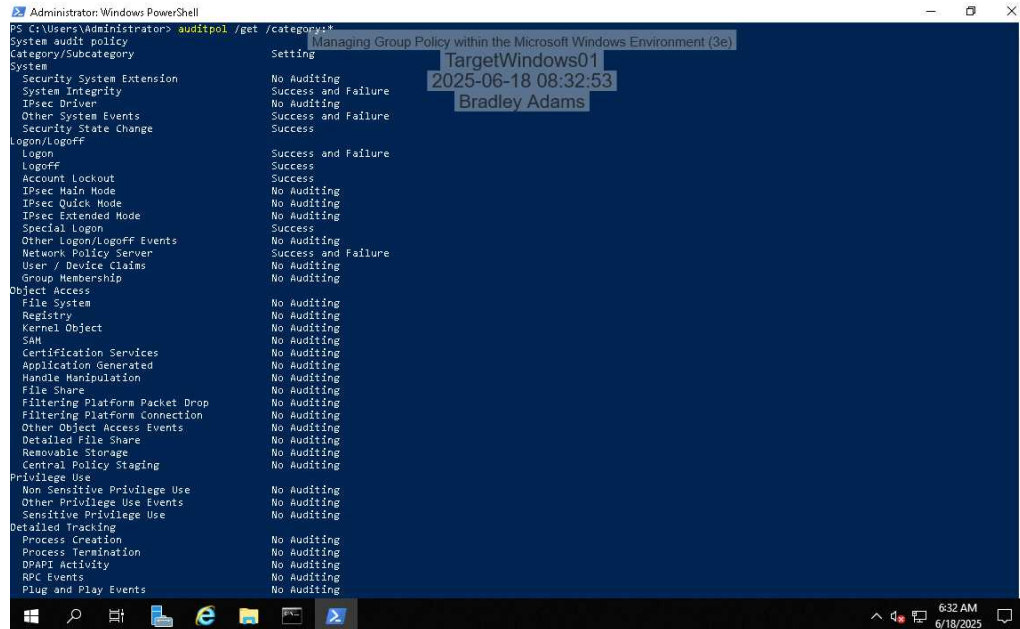
#### Part 2: Tools and Commands

Make a screen capture showing the **filtered System Logs** and the log entry associated with your changes.



#### Part 3: Challenge Exercise

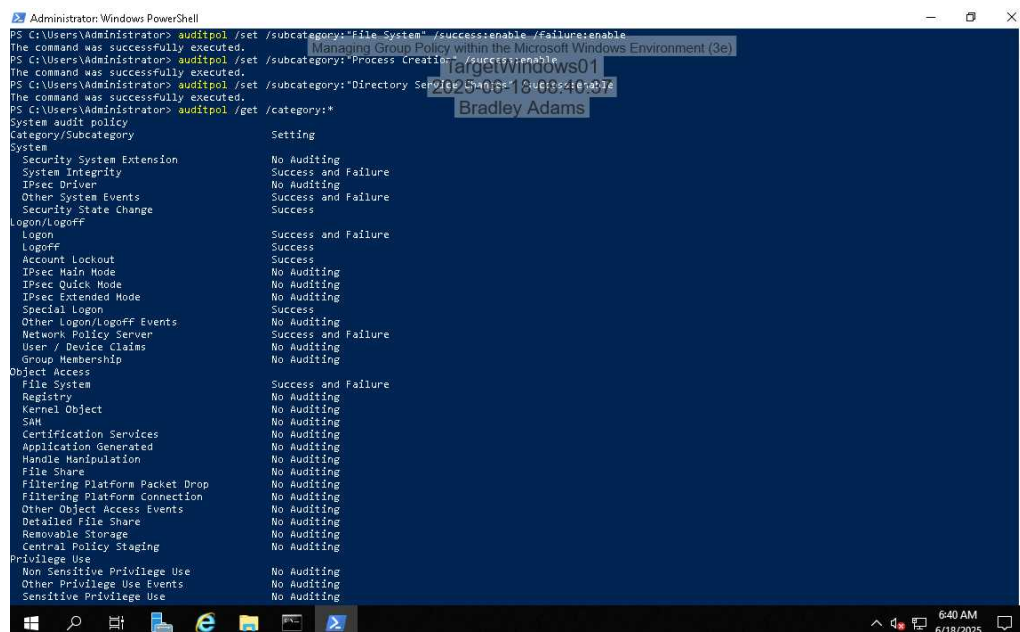
**Make a screen capture showing the current Audit Policy using either the Group Policy Management Editor or Windows PowerShell.**



The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell window with the following commands and output:

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> auditpol /get /category:*
System audit policy
Category/Subcategory      Setting
-----
System
  Security System Extension  No Auditing
  System Integrity          Success and Failure
  IPsec Driver               No Auditing
  Other System Events       Success and Failure
  Security State Change     Success
Logon/Logoff
  Logon                     Success and Failure
  Logoff                   Success
Account Lockout             Success
IPsec Main Mode             No Auditing
IPsec Quick Mode            No Auditing
IPsec Extended Mode         No Auditing
Special Logon               Success
Other Logon/Logoff Events   No Auditing
Network Policy Server       Success and Failure
User / Device Claims        No Auditing
Group Membership            No Auditing
Object Access
  File System               No Auditing
  Registry                 No Auditing
  Kernel Object             No Auditing
  SAM                      No Auditing
  Certification Services    No Auditing
  Application Generated      No Auditing
  Handle Manipulation        No Auditing
  File Share                No Auditing
  Filtering Platform Packet Drop No Auditing
  Filtering Platform Connection No Auditing
  Other Object Access Events No Auditing
  Detailed File Share        No Auditing
  Removable Storage         No Auditing
  Central Policy Staging     No Auditing
Privilege Use
  Non Sensitive Privilege Use No Auditing
  Other Privilege Use Events  No Auditing
  Sensitive Privilege Use    No Auditing
Detailed Tracking
  Process Creation          No Auditing
  Process Termination        No Auditing
  DPMI Activity             No Auditing
  RPC Events                No Auditing
  Plug and Play Events       No Auditing
```

**Make a screen capture showing the updated Audit Policy.**



The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell window with the following commands and output:

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> auditpol /set /subcategory:"File System" /successenable /failureenable
The command was successfully executed.
PS C:\Users\Administrator> auditpol /set /subcategory:"Process Creation" /successenable /failureenable
The command was successfully executed.
PS C:\Users\Administrator> auditpol /set /subcategory:"Directory Service" /successenable /failureenable
The command was successfully executed.
PS C:\Users\Administrator> auditpol /get /category:*
System audit policy
Category/Subcategory      Setting
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System
  Security System Extension  No Auditing
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  IPsec Driver               No Auditing
  Other System Events       Success and Failure
  Security State Change     Success
Logon/Logoff
  Logon                     Success and Failure
  Logoff                   Success
Account Lockout             Success
IPsec Main Mode             No Auditing
IPsec Quick Mode            No Auditing
IPsec Extended Mode         No Auditing
Special Logon               Success
Other Logon/Logoff Events   No Auditing
Network Policy Server       Success and Failure
User / Device Claims        No Auditing
Group Membership            No Auditing
Object Access
  File System               Success and Failure
  Registry                 No Auditing
  Kernel Object             No Auditing
  SAM                      No Auditing
  Certification Services    No Auditing
  Application Generated      No Auditing
  Handle Manipulation        No Auditing
  File Share                No Auditing
  Filtering Platform Packet Drop No Auditing
  Filtering Platform Connection No Auditing
  Other Object Access Events No Auditing
  Detailed File Share        No Auditing
  Removable Storage         No Auditing
  Central Policy Staging     No Auditing
Privilege Use
  Non Sensitive Privilege Use No Auditing
  Other Privilege Use Events  No Auditing
  Sensitive Privilege Use    No Auditing
```