

# **Create Custom Policies Policy Sets and Assignments**

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In this example you will use three custom policies and a custom policy set definition. The custom policies will be named **Enforce-RG-Tags**, **Enforce-Resource-Tags** and **Deny-NIC-NSG**. You will then create a custom policy set definition (Initiative) named Enforce-Mandatory-Tags that will include the **Enforce-RG-Tags** and **Enforce-Resource-Tags** custom policies.

#### Steps:-

Here will update the built-in configuration by following these steps:

- Create the custom policy definition file for Enforce-RG-Tags
- Create the custom policy definition file for Enforce-Resource-Tags
- Create the custom policy definition file for Deny-NIC-NSG
- Create the custom policy set definition file for Enforce-Mandatory-Tags
- Make the custom policy definitions available for use in Azure by extending the built-in archetype for es\_root
- Create the policy assignment files for Enforce-RG-Tags, Enforce-Resource-Tags, Deny-NIC-NSG and Enforce-Mandatory-Tags
- Assign the custom policy set definition for Enforce-Mandatory-Tags at the es\_root Management Group by extending the built-in archetype for es\_root
- Assign the custom policy definition for Deny-NIC-NSG at the Landing Zones
   Management Group by extending the built-in archetype for es\_landing\_zones



# **Create Custom Policy Definition**

In the policy\_definitions subdirectory, create a policy\_definition\_es\_policy\_enforce\_rg\_tags.json file. This file will contain the policy definition for Enforce-RG-Tags

## lib/policy\_definitions/policy\_definition\_es\_enforce\_rg\_tags.json

```
"name": "Enforce-RG-Tags",
"type": "Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions",
"apiVersion": "2021-06-01",
 "properties": {
   "displayName": "Resource groups must have mandatory tagging applied",
    "policyType": "Custom",
   "mode": "All",
   "description": "Enforce mandatory 'Owner' and 'Department' tags on Resource Groups",
   "metadata": {
     "version": "1.0.0",
     "category": "Tags"
   "policyRule": {
       "allof":[
            "field": "type",
            "equals": "Microsoft.Resources/subscriptions/resourceGroups"
               "field": "[concat('tags[', parameters('Owner'), ']')]",
               "exists": "false"
               "field": "[concat('tags[', parameters('Department'), ']')]",
```



```
"then": {
    "effect": "deny"
}

parameters": {
    "Owner": {
        "type": "string",
        "metadata": {
            "displayName": "Owner",
            "description": "Specifies the Owner of the Resource Group'"
        }
    },
    "bepartment": {
        "type": "string",
        "metadata": {
            "displayName": "Department",
            "description": "Specifies the Department that the Resource Group belongs to"
        }
    }
}
```

Now create a **policy\_definition\_es\_policy\_enforce\_resource\_tags.**json file. This file will contain the policy definition for Enforce-Resource-Tags.

lib/policy\_definitions/policy\_definition\_es\_enforce\_resource\_tags.json

```
"name": "Enforce-Resource-Tags",
"type": "Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions",
"apiVersion": "2021-06-01",
"scope": null,
    "properties": {
   "displayName": "Resources must have mandatory tagging applied",
   "policyType": "Custom",
   "mode": "Indexed",
   "description": "Enforce mandatory 'Owner' and 'Department' tags on Resources",
    "metadata": {
       "version": "1.0.0",
       "category": "Tags"
    "policyRule": {
           "anyof": [
                    "field": "[concat('tags[', parameters('Owner'), ']')]",
                    "field": "[concat('tags[', parameters('Department'), ']')]",
                    "exists": "false"
```



```
"then": {
    "effect": "deny"
}
},

"parameters": {
    "owner": {
        "displayName": "Owner",
        "description": "Specifies the Owner of the resource"
        }
},

"bepartment": {
        "type": "String",
        "metadata": {
            "displayName": "Department",
            "description": "Specifies the Department that the resource belongs to"
        }
}
```

Next create a **policy\_definition\_es\_policy\_deny\_nsg\_nic.json file**. This file will contain the policy definition for our last custom policy - **Deny-NSG-NIC**.

lib/policy\_definitions/policy\_definition\_es\_deny\_nic\_nsg.json

```
"type": "Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions",
"name": "Deny-NIC-NSG",
"properties": {
    "displayName": "Prevent Network Security Groups from being applied to Network Interface Cards",
    "description": "This policy will prevent NSGs from being applied to network interface cards.",
    "policyType": "Custom",
    "mode": "All",
    "metadata": {
        "version": "1.0.0",
        "category": "Network"
    "parameters": {
        "effect": {
            "type": "String",
           "defaultValue": "deny",
            "allowedValues": [
                "audit",
                "deny",
                "disabled"
            "metadata": {
                "displayName": "Effect",
                "description": "Enable or disable the execution of the policy"
```



# **Create Custom Policy Set Definition**

In your /lib directory create a policy\_set\_definitions subdirectory.

In the policy\_set\_definitions subdirectory, create a policy\_set\_definition\_enforce\_mandatory\_tags.json file. This file will contain the Policy Set Definition for Enforce-Mandatory-Tags. The policy set will contain the Enforce-RG-Tags and Enforce-Resource-Tags custom policies that you previously created.

lib/policy\_set\_definitions/policy\_set\_definition\_enforce\_mandatory\_tagging.json

```
"name": "Enforce-Mandatory-Tags",
    "type": "Microsoft.Authorization/policysetDefinitions",
    "apiVersion": "2021-06-01",
    "scope": null,
    "properties": {
        "policyType": "Custom",
        "displayName": "Ensure mandatory tagging is applied to both Resources and Resource Groups",
        "description": "Contains the core tagging policies applicable to the org",
        "metadata": {
            "version": "1.0.0",
            "category": "General"
        },
        "parameters": {
            "EnforceRGTags-Owner": {
                  "type": "String",
                  "metadata": {
                  "displayName": "Owner",
                  "description": "Specifies the Owner of the Resource Group"
            }
        },
}
```



```
"EnforceRGTags-Department": {
     "type": "String",
     "metadata": {
       "displayName": "Department",
       "description": "Specifies the Department that the Resource Group belongs to"
 "EnforceResourceTags-Owner": {
     "type": "String",
       "displayName": "Owner",
       "description": "Specifies the Owner of the resource"
 "EnforceResourceTags-Department": {
     "type": "String",
       "displayName": "Department",
       "description": "Specifies the Department that the resource belongs to"
'policyDefinitions":[
   "policyDefinitionReferenceId": "Resource groups must have mandatory tagging applied",
   "policyDefinitionId": "${root_scope_resource_id}/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions/Enforce
   "parameters": {
     "Owner": {
       "value": "[parameters('EnforceRGTags-Owner')]"
     "Department": {
       "value": "[parameters('EnforceRGTags-Department')]"
   "groupNames": []
   "policyDefinitionReferenceId": "Resources must have mandatory tagging applied",
   "policyDefinitionId": "${root_scope_resource_id}/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions/Enforce
   "parameters": {
     "Owner": {
       "value": "[parameters('EnforceResourceTags-Owner')]"
     "Department": {
       "value": "[parameters('EnforceResourceTags-Department')]"
    groupNames": []
"policyDefinitionGroups": null
```



# **Create Custom Policy Assignment Files**

In order to assign your custom policies or policy sets, you need to create policy assignment files. The first step is to create a policy\_assignments subdirectory within /lib.

Here will then need to create a file named policy\_assignment\_es\_enforce\_rg\_tags.json within the policy\_assignments directory.

## lib/policy\_assignments/policy\_assignment\_es\_enforce\_rg\_tags.json



Now create a file named policy\_assignment\_es\_enforce\_resource\_tags.json within the policy\_assignments directory

lib/policy\_assignments/policy\_assignment\_es\_enforce\_resource\_tag s.json

```
"name": "Enforce-Resource-Tags",
"type": "Microsoft.Authorization/policyAssignments",
"apiVersion": "2019-09-01",
"properties": {
   "description": "Enforce Mandatory Tags on Resources",
   "displayName": "Resources must have mandatory tagging applied",
   "notScopes": [],
   "parameters": {
   "policyDefinitionId": "${root_scope_resource_id}/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions/Enforce-
    "nonComplianceMessages": [
       "message": "Mandatory tags {enforcementMode} be applied to resources."
    "scope": "${current_scope_resource_id}",
   "enforcementMode": null,
    "nonComplianceMessages": [
       "message": "Mandatory tags must be provided."
"location": "${default_location}",
"identity": {
    "type": "SystemAssigned"
```



Next create a file named policy\_assignment\_es\_deny\_nic\_nsg.json within the policy\_assignments directory.

## lib/policy\_assignments/policy\_assignment\_es\_deny\_nic\_nsg.json

```
"name": "Deny-NIC-NSG",
"type": "Microsoft.Authorization/policyAssignments",
"apiVersion": "2019-09-01",
"properties": {
  "description": "This policy will prevent NSGs from being applied to network interface cards.",
 "displayName": "Prevent Network Security Groups from being applied to Network Interface Cards",
 "notScopes": [],
 "parameters": {},
 "policyDefinitionId": "${root_scope_resource_id}/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/policyDefinitions/Deny-NIC-NS
  "nonComplianceMessages": [
        "message": "NSGs {enforcementMode} not be applied to network interface cards."
  "scope": "${current_scope_resource_id}",
  "enforcementMode": null,
  "nonComplianceMessages": [
        "message": "NSGs must not be applied to Network Interface cards."
"location": "${default location}",
"identity": {
 "type": "SystemAssigned"
```



Finally, create a file named policy\_assignment\_es\_enforce\_mandatory\_tagging.json.

#### lib/policy\_assignments/policy\_assignment\_es\_enforce\_mandatory\_tagging.json

```
"name": "Enforce-Mandatory-Tags",
"type": "Microsoft.Authorization/policyAssignments",
"apiVersion": "2019-09-01",
"properties": {
 "description": "Contains the core policies applicable to the org",
 "displayName": "Ensure mandatory tagging is applied to both Resources and Resource Groups",
 "notScopes": [],
  "parameters": {
    "EnforceRGTags-Owner": {
     "Value": "Jane Doe"
   "EnforceRGTags-Department": {
   "EnforceResourceTags-Owner": {
     "Value": "Jane Doe"
    "EnforceResourceTags-Department": {
     "Value": "IT"
  "policyDefinitionId": "${root_scope_resource_id}/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/policySetDefinitions/Enforce-Ma
  "nonComplianceMessages": [
     "message": "Mandatory tags {enforcementMode} be applied to Resources and Resource Groups."
  "scope": "${current_scope_resource_id}",
  "enforcementMode": null
"location": "${default_location}",
   "type": "SystemAssigned"
```



# Assign the Enforce-Mandatory-Tags Custom Policy Set at the es\_root Management Group.

You now need to assign the Enforce-Mandatory-Tags policy set and in this example, we will assign it at es\_root. To do this, update your existing archetype\_extension\_es\_root.tmpl.json

```
{
  "extend_es_root": {
    "policy_assignments": ["Enforce-Mandatory-Tags"],
    "policy_definitions": ["Enforce-RG-Tags", "Enforce-Resource-Tags", "Deny-NIC-NSG"],
    "policy_set_definitions": ["Enforce-Mandatory-Tags"],
    "role_definitions": [],
    "archetype_config": {
        "access_control": {
        }
    }
}
```

You have now successfully created and assigned both a Custom
Policy Definition and a Custom Policy Set Definition within your
Azure environment. You can re-use the steps in this article for any
Custom Policies of your own that you may wish to use.