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:: Changelog

v3.2.1

- small improvement for options page

v3.2.0

- fixed a known issue with websites that use service workers
- updated minimum requirements to Chrome v63 (technical reasons)

v3.1.0

- support for ga-lite (Google Analytics Lite)
- support for Beacon API

v3.0.5

- fixed issue with tab switching in extension options

v3.0.4

- code cleanup
- updated minimum requirements to Chrome v29

v3.0.3

- fixed logger script

v3.0.2

- improved logger script

v3.0.1

- fixed an issue where options page would not work if opened before extension has been initialised
- improved logger script

v3.0.0

- extension icon will now behave a bit differently, it will not be disabled for "system" pages so you will still be able to access extension's popup menu
- moved localStorage to storage API (rewrite of extension's storage)
- changed default message for extension's icon tooltip to avoid confusion
- enabled chrome_style for options, this should make sure options have more consistent UI with Chrome
- added error logger (this will help me catch errors sooner)
- other small fixes
- minimum browser requirement is now Chrome v22

===> Full changelog available on the website

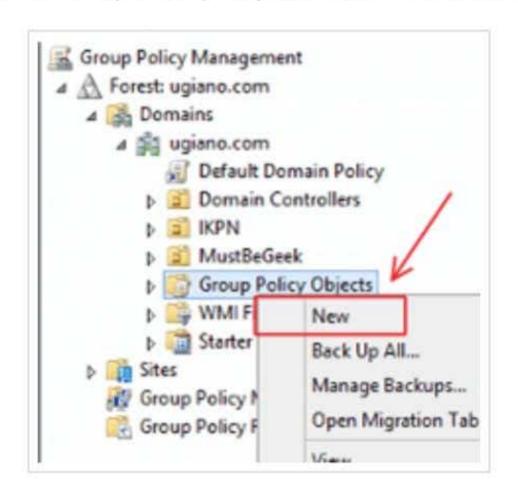
Details



Step by step:

1. Creating the Group Policy Object

On the Group Policy Management console, expand the forest and domain as usual, right click on Group Policy Objects and select "New"

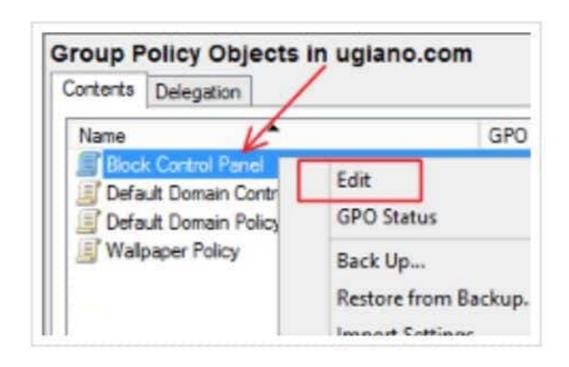


Give name for the policy object, in this example we name it "Block Control Panel"



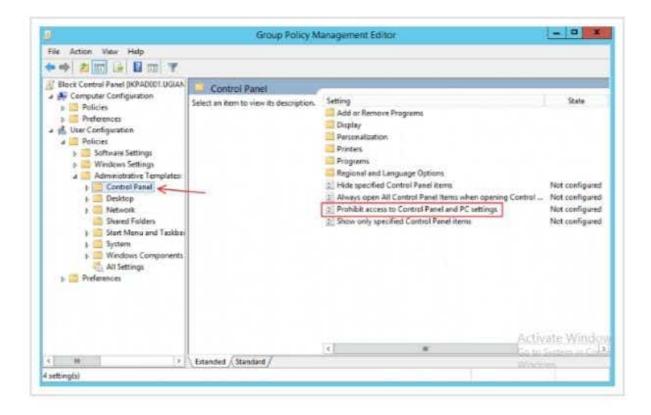
2. Editing the policy object

Once the policy object has been created, it will appear on the policy object list. Right click that policy and select "Edit"

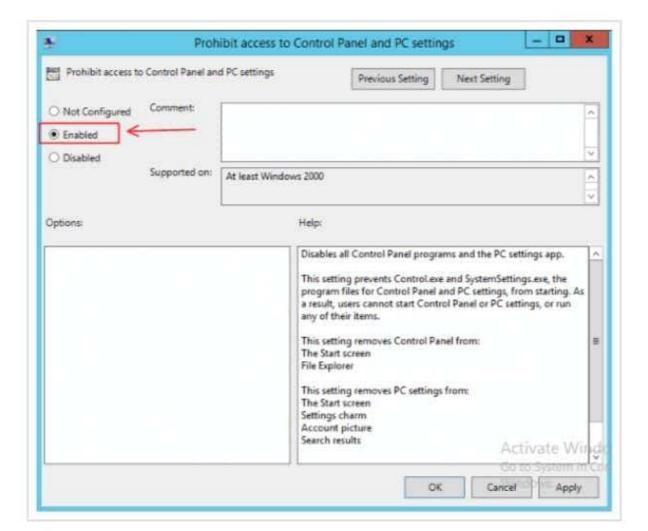


On the policy editor window, the setting that we're looking for is under User Configuration > Adminsitrative Templates > Control Panel, find one setting named "Prohibit access to Control Panel and PC settings"

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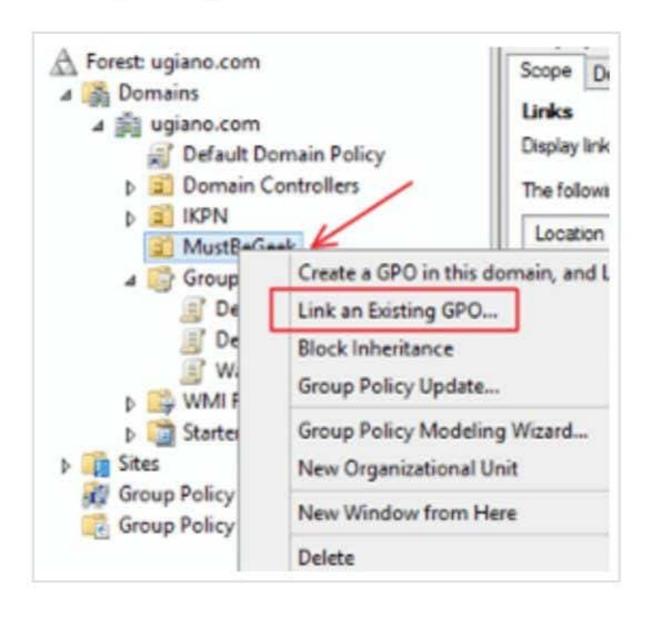
Double click the setting and then configure it as shown in the screenshot below.



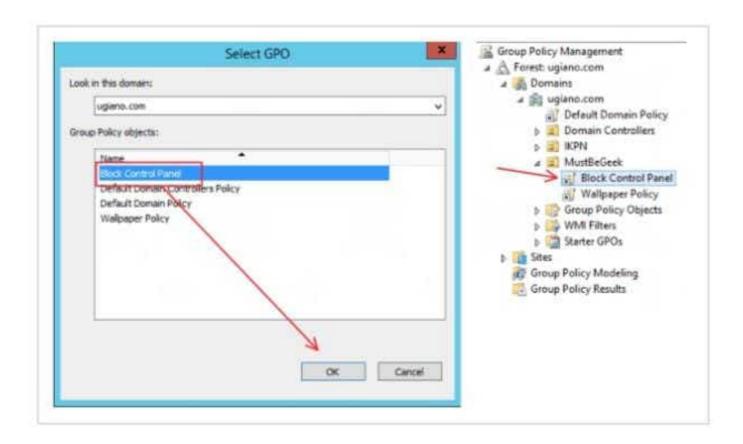
3. Applying the policy object

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Find the target OU, in this example the target OU is "MustBeGeek", right click on it and select "Link an Existing GPO"

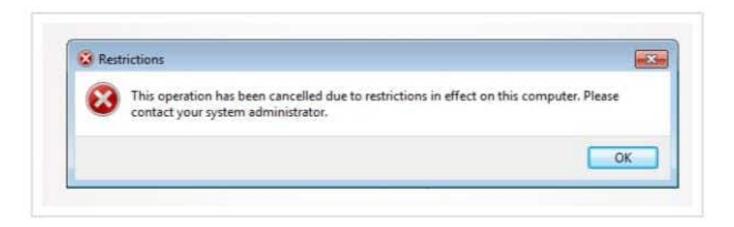


Select the "Block Control Panel" GPO and click OK. Verify that it is now appear under the "MustBeGeek" OU.



4. Check the result on the client machine

As soon as the policy applied, this is what will happen on the client machine when trying to open control panel.

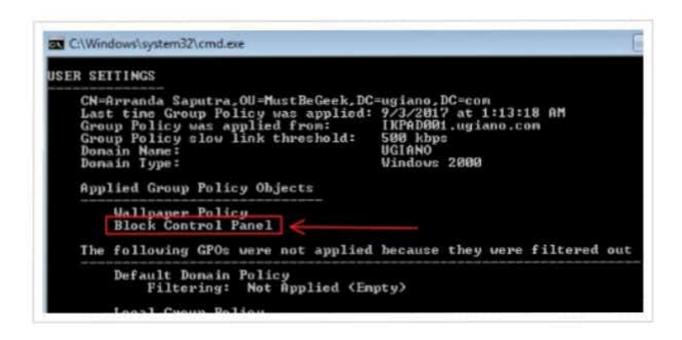


The same prompt window will also appear when trying to modify a setting directly via the object icon, for example when trying to modify network setting by choosing "Open Network and Sharing Center" via LAN icon at the taskbar will also resulting the above prompt.

PS: Policy will be applied naturally but remember we can always force the policy to be applied right away by issuing command **gpupdate /force** on command prompt.

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Disabling control panel access means totally restrict the user from changing any computer settings, even the smallest one. The only way to open control panel or any of its configuration items is by logging in using another user account that is not impacted by the policy. Remember that you can always check policy being applied to a user account by using command gpresult /r on CMD.



The best practice is not to apply this GPO to Administrator or Domain Admin accounts. However, if you are sure that other users are not required to do anything on the control panel, then you can always disable control panel access using Group Policy on Windows.