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CionSystems GPO Manager provides a robust Microsoft Management Console (MMC) snap-in that dramatically improves the ability of administrators to manage GPOs.

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### **GPO Manager**

Group Policy Objects (GPOs) are constructs that are stored within Active Directory that allow IT administrators to control a wide variety of security settings and access permissions. Examples of how GPOs are typically used include:

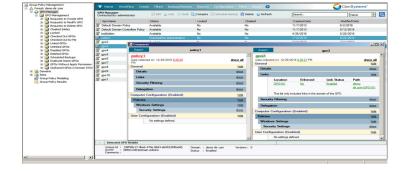
- Password policies
- Allowed logon hours
- What software is allowed on laptops or workstations
- Ability to read-write-update directory data
- File and printer permissions
- Centralized view of tiered and delegated GPOs
- Workflow management for policy approval
- Policy check in and check out to help manage version control and inadvertent changes
- Change control and rollback
- Backup and restore
- Built-in reports
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# Why you need it

CionSystems GPO Manager offers a mechanism to control this highly important component of Active Directory. GPOs, Scope of Management links, and WMI filters are backed up in a secure, distributed manner and then placed under version control.

- Security issues are critical in any Enterprise, easily harden security with GPO Manager
- Protect enterprise by protecting and enforcing secure GPO authoring process
- Easily control manage and un-manage group policy changes
- Preconfigured template policies for many different applications hardening and pre-configure the application settings.
- Leverages, complements and extends native Microsoft technology, including Group Policy Management Console (GPMC), to strengthen infrastructure investments

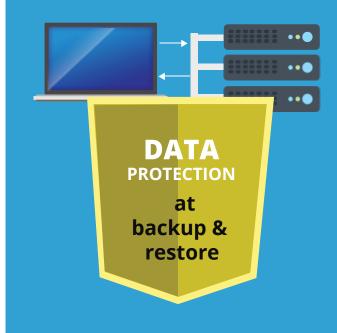


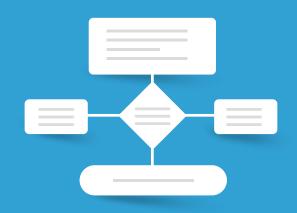
## What problem does it solve

- Simplifies and automates critical tasks, reduces outages by eliminating manual process and scripts
- Helps prove compliance to ITIL, MOF, SOX, Basel II, HIPAA and C-198
- Improves availability and disaster recovery via backup and rollback capabilities.
- Simplifies the enforcement of enterprise-wide business policies by enabling streamlined GPO control via workflow.
- Simplifies and improves network security by restricting access to production GPOs.
- Gives Active Directory administrators and security personnel's control of GPO changes, to eliminate system outages and security exposures
- Allows administrators to edit and test GPOs and have them approved before they are deployed
- Archives all GPO settings

### What feature does it offer

- Version Comparisons: Quickly verify setting consistency and improve GPO auditing with advanced, side-by-side GPO version comparisons at different intervals.
- Enhanced Group Policy Comparison: And side-by-side two distinct GPO'S, two Versions and with Existing GPO with a Checkout copy GPO comparisons to verify setting consistency.
- GPO History and Compare: To record all changes to GPO's
- Delete version history: To manage and reduce size of backup store
- Undo GPO changes: Rolled back to previous versions.
- Approval-based workflow: Process to ensure that changes adhere to change management best practices before their deployment.
- **Scheduling**: Enable approved changes to be implemented immediately or on a schedule.
- Replication: To replicate the data among the Available domain controllers.
- Delegation: To grant Permission for Users to create GPO. To Apply WMI Filter.
- Grant Permission on All GPO's: To grant permission for users on all GPO's to read, Edit, delete.





Configure workflow

# **GPO Manager Workflow**

### Requester

Initial request is created by the requester. Requester is typically a normal domain user who can raise a request to create, modify or delete a GPO

#### **Approver**

After the request is submitted, it goes for approval Approver can be a normal domain user who can review and approve/reject the request

#### **Executor**

After approval, request is sent to executor for applying the changes to Active Directory

Executor must have domain admin privileges