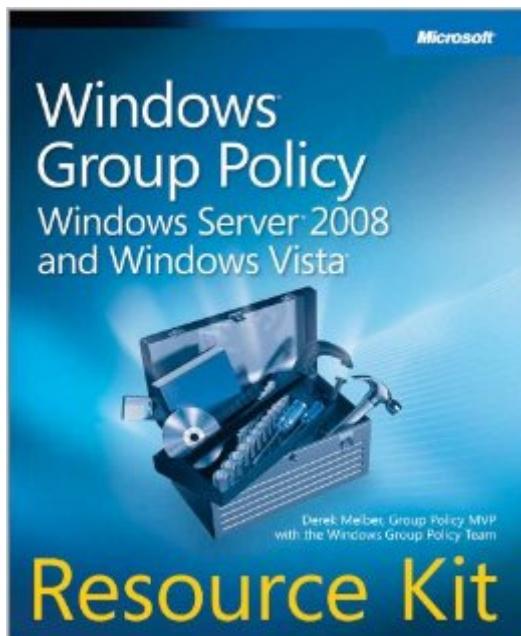


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# Windows® Group Policy Resource Kit: Windows Server® 2008 And Windows Vista®: Windows Server® 2008 And Windows Vista®



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Get the in-depth information you need to use Group Policy to administer Windows Server 2008 and Windows Vistaâ" direct from a leading Group Policy MVP and the Microsoftâ" Group Policy team. With Group Policy and Active Directoryâ" directory service, administrators can take advantage of policy-based management to streamline the administration of users and computers throughout the enterpriseâ" from servers running Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2003 or Windows 2000 Server, to workstations running Windows Vista, Windows XP Professional, or Windows 2000 Professional. This essential resource provides in-depth technical information and expert insights for simplifying and automating administrative tasks, including policy enforcement, system updates, and software installations, as well as how to centralize the management of network resources. The CD provides essential utilities, job aids, and more. Itâ"™s everything you need to help increase your efficiency while bolstering user productivity, security services, and system reliability.

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This book is a great addition to your collection of Microsoft Publications, when it comes to understanding the new technology. Unfortunately, that is not really the point of a resource kit. I can log onto Microsoft's Technet and gather all of the same information that this volume has to offer. In my opinion, the resource kits are suppose to be there for the common administrator, providing him with tools to help in his administration. This is where the book falls short. The author spends a lot of time explaining how group policy is applied, what built-in tools you use to modify the settings, where the technology originated from, and how it came to be in Microsoft's Server 2008. He never gets into the specific settings, or establishes a best practice, or gives tips to make your life as an administrator easier. I felt very disappointed to learn that he just blew by the environmental portion of Group Policy preferences. I would've really loved to learn more on that. There are a few points in the book that provide a step by step for enrolling different features, which is helpful. The troubleshooting section at the end might prove useful in a break-fix situation. Another review mentions scripting in the book. The scripts review how to create, delete and import GPO's. I don't find any value in that, as most administration is done in the GPMC. This is due to the fact that it would take longer to write a script to create a GPO, than it would to just create one. The only benefit I could see with this, is if someone were to deploy several forests at the same time, which is highly unlikely.

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