

Windows Enterprise Announcement

May 17, 2016 – Change to Group Policy Creator Owners

Summary

The way in which AD OU admins are granted permission to create new group policy objects is changing. There should be no interruption in service and no visible impact.

What Is Changing

AD OU admin groups are currently members of the built-in “Group Policy Creator Owners” global group, which gives them the ability to create new group policy objects. A new universal group “grp-Group-Policy-Creator-Owners” will be created for this and delegated appropriately, and the membership of Group Policy Creator Owners transitioned to the new group. The new group and permissions will be configured Thursday, May 19. The existing group will be emptied Tuesday, May 24.

Why This Is Changing

As many of you are aware, we have been working to convert existing AutoList groups from global to universal. AutoLists are lists or groups managed in ASW that are synchronized to Active Directory into the iastate.edu/AutoLists OU. This has required many non-AutoList groups be converted as well, since global groups cannot contain universal groups. (In our environment there is no downside to using all universal groups.) A few remaining global AutoLists are members of groups which chain up to membership in the built-in global group “Group Policy Creator Owners”. Since we cannot convert the built-in “Group Policy Creator Owners” group from global to universal, we will create a new universal group with the same permissions and transition membership accordingly.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns at its-ad-admins@iastate.edu