

Microsoft Windows Policies

This package is a different approach to setting policies.

This is in contrast to the existing config-win10 package. The existing package would set a couple of policies, but only registry values were being modified. Only setting the value in the registry would mean that various group policy tools would not see that these policies were active.

Also, the productproperties in config-win10 are mostly boolean, either "Enabled" or "Disabled".

Most policies have three settings: "Enabled", "Disabled" and "Not Configured".

Some policies have the same effect for two of these values, as can be read from their descriptions.

For example: "If you disable or do not configure this policy setting, ..."

This is not universal, and when certain policies are set to "Not Configured" the user might be able to change the setting to which the policy was applicable.

This package was thus created to fix some of these issues, and provide a more transparent structure.

When using the descriptions microsoft uses in their policy definitions we do have to mind the language a bit. For example, the "Allow Telemetry" policy can be set to "Disabled". This does not mean that telemetry is disabled, because this setting actually does the same as "Not Configured".

We have to *enable* this policy, and then set it to the lowest possible setting for that particular windows edition. This usage is permeated throughout the policy settings.

However, using the exact description that is used in the policy definitions will make it easier for users that have experience with other group policy settings and tools. So we do not try to reinvent the wheel here.

The policies in this package will be detected as local group policies by tools such as gpresult.exe (which is included with windows).

Uninstalling this package will set all policies in this package to "Not Configured", which should make testing settings a lot easier.

For now we are also including the policies for the "new" edge browser, as this application is probably included everywhere by now.

To help implement these policies in your situation, one could change the language of the local policy editor.

To change the language to English, add this language via the settings app. It is under the time and language section. Set the "Windows display language" to English.

One also needs to download and install the proper version of the "Administrative Templates (.adm) for Windows". This will be installed to the directory "Microsoft Group Policy" in the 32-bit Program Files.

The contents of the directory "PolicyDefinitions" need to be copied to the PolicyDefinitions directory in the windows folder. After this gpedit.msc will show up in English.

We are welcoming any feedback, as well as requests for expansion. Use the forum or your friendly opsi support person.

This is a table of settings that were in the config-win10 package, and what policies they modified:

Setting name in config-win10	Setting name in this package
disable_lock_screen	Control_Panel\Do_not_display_the_lock_screen
disable_push_install	Windows_Components\Turn_off_Push_To_Install_service
allow_useractivity_publishing	System\Allow_publishing_of_User_Activities
oobedisableprivacyexperience	Windows_Components\Do_not_launch_privacy_settings_experience_on_user_logon
disable_news_and_interest	Windows_Components\Enable_news_and_interests_on_the_taskbar
disable_update_button	Windows_Components\Remove_access_to_use_all_Windows_Update_features
disable_handwrite_sharing	System\Turn_off_handwriting_personalization_data_sharing
same as above	System\Turn_off_handwriting_recognition_error_reporting
no_new_app_install_notification	Windows_Components\Do_not_show_the_new_application_installed_notification
disable_customer_experience	System\Turn_off_Windows_Customer_Experience_Improvement_Program
same as above	Windows_Components\Turn_off_Microsoft_consumer_experiences
disable_telemetry	Windows_Components\Turn_off_Application_Telemetry
same as above	Windows_Components\Turn_off_Steps_Recorder
same as above	Windows_Components\Turn_off_Inventory_Collector
same as above	Windows_Components\Allow_Telemetry
same as above	System\Prevent_device_metadata_retrieval_from_the_Internet
remove_edge_from_desktop	Edge\Prevent_Desktop_Shortcut_creation_upon_install
same as above	Edge\Remove_Desktop_Shortcuts_upon_update_default
disable_edge_update_experimentation	Edge\ Control_updaters_communication_with_the_Experimentation_and_Configuration_Service
disable_edge_webview_experimentation	Edge\Control_communication_with_the_Experimentation_and_Configuration_Service
disable_cortana	Windows_Components\Allow_Cortana
disable_online_search	Windows_Components\Do_not_allow_web_search
same as above	Windows_Components\Allow_Cloud_Search
same as above	Windows_Components\Allow_search_and_Cortana_to_use_location

same as above	Windows_Components\Dont_search_the_web_or_display_web_results_in_Search
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