

# Automated Group Policy Validation

Defining a security policy doesn't guarantee it will be effective or enforced. **GYTPOL does.**

## Broken Order

Group Policy Objects (GPOs) are designed to give operators a mechanism for enforcing security & operational preferences across user & computer accounts in Windows environments.

In practice, however, GPO designations may fail to reach and take effect on their intended endpoints for a number of reasons, including:

- Misconfigured loopback mode
- Group Policy Preferences (GPP) errors
- Item-level targeting (ILT) conflicts
- Missing ADMX templates
- OU filtering issues

These failures are common, hard to detect, and rarely validated in practice.



**GPOs are Active Directory tools used to enforce system settings, security baselines, software deployments, user restrictions, and more.**

**GYTPOL** validates GPO enforcement through continuous, deep inspection that compares current state device behavior to your intended policies.



The screenshot shows the GYTPOL Policy Validation interface. On the left, there is a 'Filter' sidebar with dropdowns for 'Severity' (Critical, Medium, Low, Good), 'Device Group' (All my devices), 'Device' (All), 'User' (All), 'GPO' (All), and 'Setting' (All). The main area is titled 'GPOs' and shows a table with the following data:

Category	Object	Last Changed	Count	Success	Failure	
RegistryEntries	Domain\ahyprod_gpo\policy	2023/06/17 21:26	67	3 0 0	0 0 6	
	Printer	Domain\ahyprod_gpo\policy	2023/06/17 21:26	2	0 5 0	0 6 0
	Sensitive	Domain\ahyprod_gpo\policy	2023/06/17 21:26	4	0 5 0	0 3 0
	Local GPO	Domain\N/A	2023/06/17 21:26	4	0 3 0	0 0 3
Audit	Audit1	Domain\ahyprod_gpo\policy	2023/06/17 21:26	7	Settings configured successfully on 5 Devices	
	Audit2	Domain\ahyprod_gpo\policy	2023/06/17 21:26	11	Settings configured successfully on 5 Devices	
	Default Domain Policy	Domain\ahyprod_gpo\policy	2023/06/17 21:26	22	Settings configured successfully on 5 Devices	

## The GYTPOL Solution

Unlike conventional tools, GYTPOL enforces secure configurations dynamically, ensuring policies are correctly implemented and maintained without disruption.

By streamlining hardening at scale, GYTPOL helps operators rapidly mitigate risks and prevent drift with minimal operational burden.

Consider the following examples\*\*\*

Risk	Root Cause & Fix	
<b>PowerShell and USB access not blocked for all users</b>	Enables lateral movement and shadow admin activity	Misconfigured GPO loopback mode. GYTPOL identifies the issue and validates the corrected setting.
<b>Passwords stored in Credential Manager</b>	Credentials can be extracted by malware or attackers with local access	Item-Level Targeting filters conflict, preventing policy application. Filters are unified and validated by GYTPOL.
<b>Firewall rules not enforced</b>	Leaves open ports with no protection or alerting	ADMX template mismatch causes the GPO to fail silently. Templates are deployed and policies reapplied.
<b>Local Policy overrides domain GPO</b>	GPO settings appear to apply but are silently ignored	Local Group Policy on the endpoint takes precedence due to missing enforcement flag. GYTPOL flags the conflict; enforcement is corrected and confirmed.
<b>Mapped printer or drive from GPP not applied to users</b>	Users cannot access required network printer or the mapped driver	GPP item fails due to a network issue or denied access. GYTPOL detects the issue; targeting is corrected and validated across endpoints.

## How It Works

GYTPOL leverages both Planning Resultant Set of Policy (RSOP) and Logging RSOP to identify field states that diverge from the intended application. The platform then determines the cause of that divergence and alerts the operator, empowering him/her to close the gap.

The process runs continuously to ensure the security of all monitored devices.

Here's how it works:

- GYTPOL's RSOP agent (installed only on a single Windows Server per domain) pulls Planning RSOP data from Active Directory using the GPMC API.
- GYTPOL's sensor (on each endpoint) collects Logging RSOP data, showing real GPOs applied to that machine.
- Both datasets are uploaded to GYTPOL's backend server (SaaS or on-prem).
- Comparing intent vs. reality across 30+ logical patterns, GYTPOL's rules engine detects:
  - Missing settings
  - Policy drift
  - ILT/precedence issues
  - ADMX/template mismatches
- Findings are packaged and presented in GYTPOL's severity-smart dashboard
- Guided remediation is provided for each alert.

## Configuration Security Made Simple

With GYTPOL, it's easy to stay ahead of emerging threats – finding and fixing weaknesses in minutes rather than weeks.

Users enjoy the following benefits

- **Minimize Risk of Security Breaches:**  
Detect GPO failures that could leave endpoints misconfigured and vulnerable to attack.
- **Ensure Compliance & Audit Readiness:**  
Instantly prove that your security policies are not just defined — but effectively enforced across your environment.

- **Reduce Operational Costs:**  
Save hours of troubleshooting with automated policy validation & root-cause analysis.
- **Improve IT Efficiency:**  
Empower IT teams with fast, accurate visibility into policy drift and misapplication.
- **Support Strategic IT Initiatives:**  
Confidently execute migrations, rollouts, and organizational changes with full GPO assurance.

## About GYTPOL

GYTPOL is a first-of-its-kind solution focused on the configuration side of endpoint security.

Predicated on principles of automation and prevention, GYTPOL continuously monitors your devices and systems, detecting unpatched vulnerabilities and insecure configurations.

The platform enables proactive and non-disruptive remediation (or reversion) at the push of a button — ensuring safe and strict policy adherence while bolstering operational resilience and business continuity.

With GYTPOL, it's easy to bring any device or group in line with the standards of your choosing (e.g. CIS, NIST, etc.).

Additionally, GYTPOL helps organizations create and enforce golden image configurations — assuring consistent and secure baselines across all devices.

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