

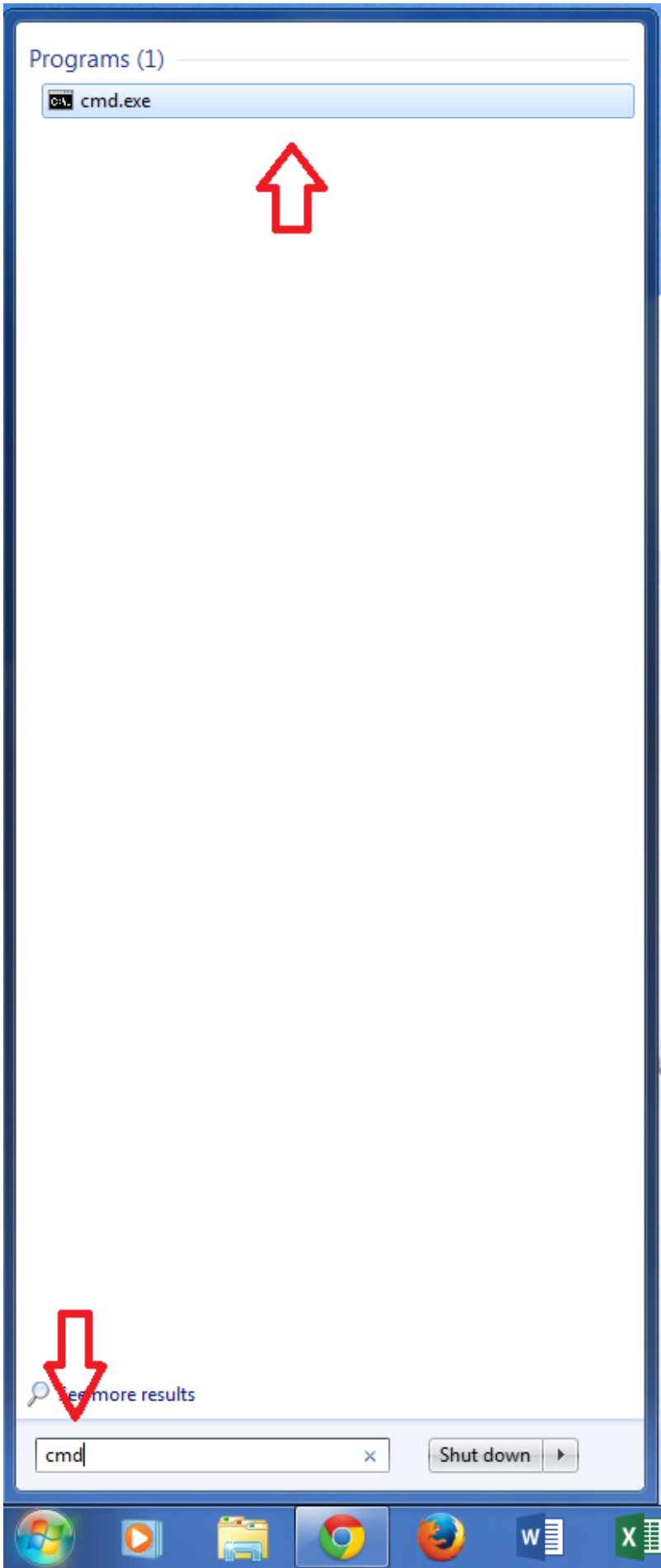
## How to Refresh Windows Computer Policies

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Periodically as part of troubleshooting an issue, IT may ask you to refresh the group policies on your Windows computer. This article describes how to do that.

### **Windows 7**

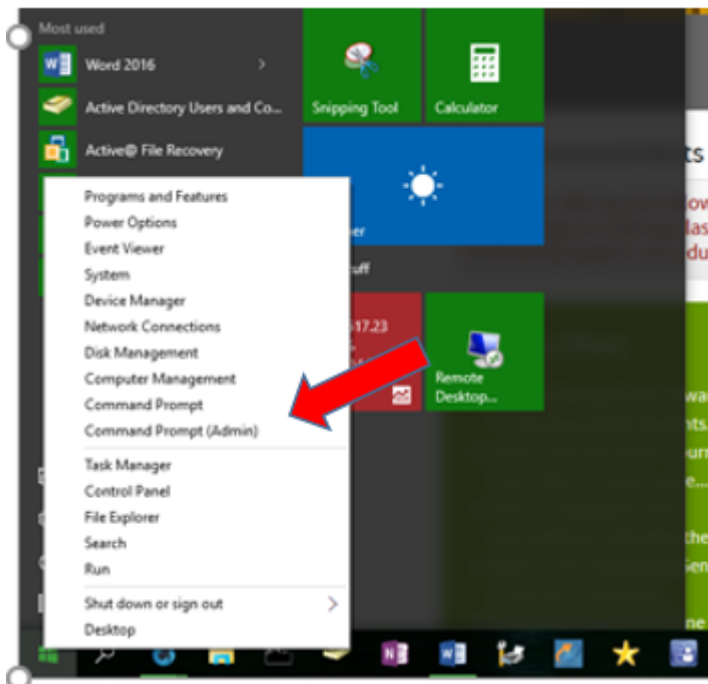
#### **Step 1) Launch a Command Line Window**



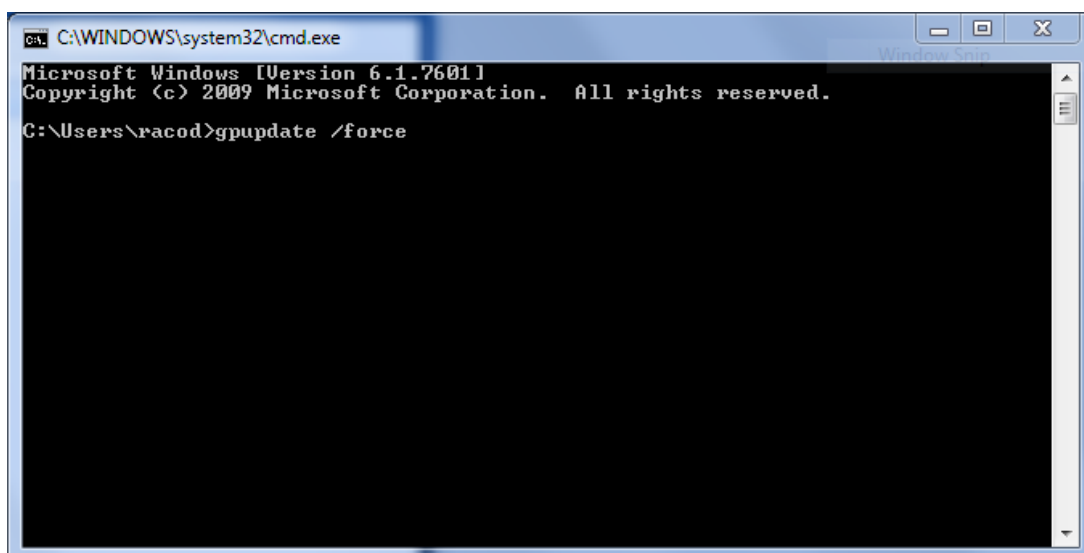
Click on the **Start Menu button**, type "cmd" (without the quotes) into the search bar at the very bottom of the Start Menu, and then click on the **cmd.exe** icon that should appear at the top of the results list.

## Windows 10

Right click on the **Start Menu Button** and another menu appears. Click on either Command prompt or command prompt (Admin) to open the CMD window.

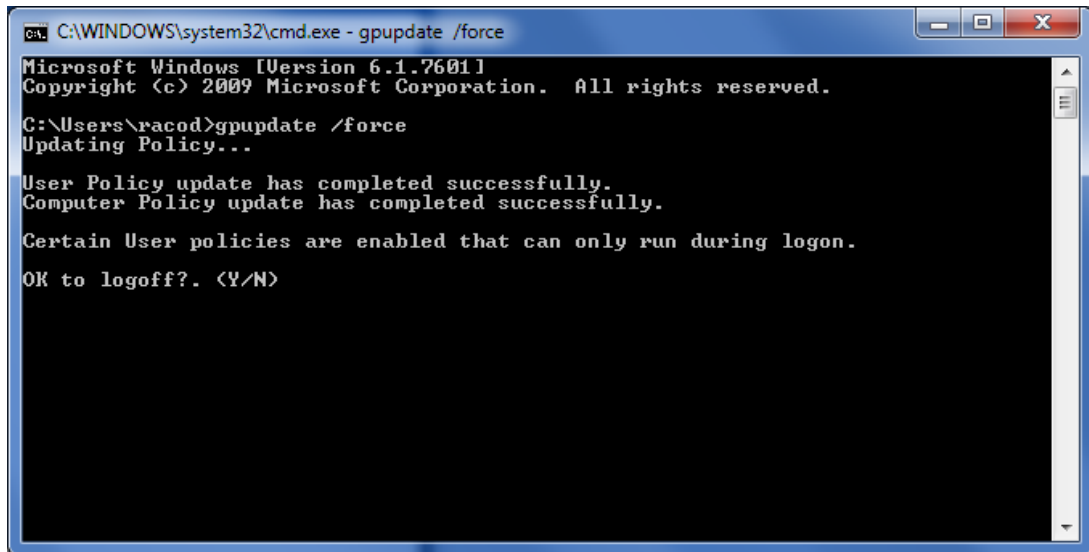


### Step 2) Run gpupdate /force



Within the Command Line window, type **gpupdate /force** and then press **Enter** on your keyboard. The line "Updating Policy..." should appear in the Command Line window below where you just typed.

## Step 3) Restart Your Computer



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C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - gpupdate /force
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
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C:\Users\racod>gpupdate /force
Updating Policy...

User Policy update has completed successfully.
Computer Policy update has completed successfully.

Certain User policies are enabled that can only run during logon.
OK to logoff?. <Y/N>
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When the update has finished, you should be presented with a prompt to either logoff or restart your computer. **Press N** to reject those prompts and then manually restart your computer. **It's best to completely restart the computer**, and it is slightly faster to reboot manually than to reboot through the Command Line window.

Sometimes you will not be presented with a prompt to restart or logoff after the update. However, you should still restart your computer unless otherwise instructed by IT.