

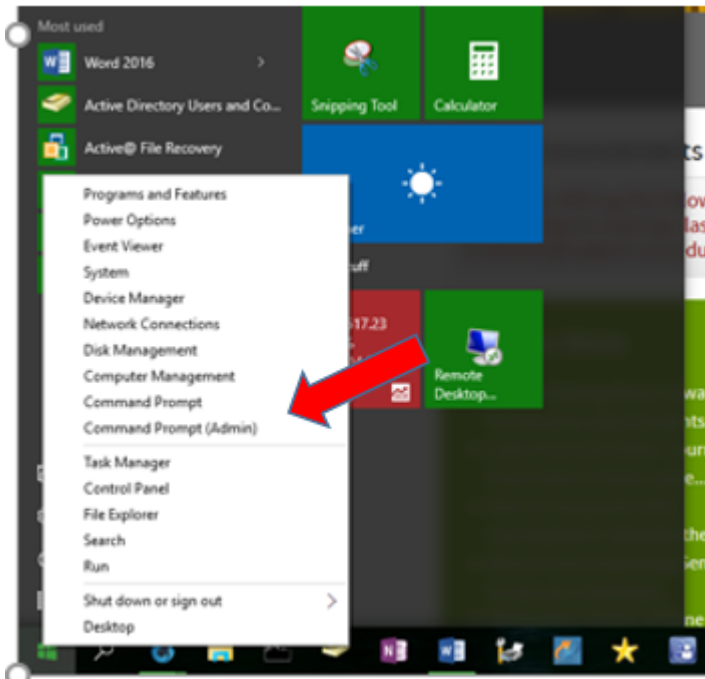
How to Refresh Windows Computer Policies

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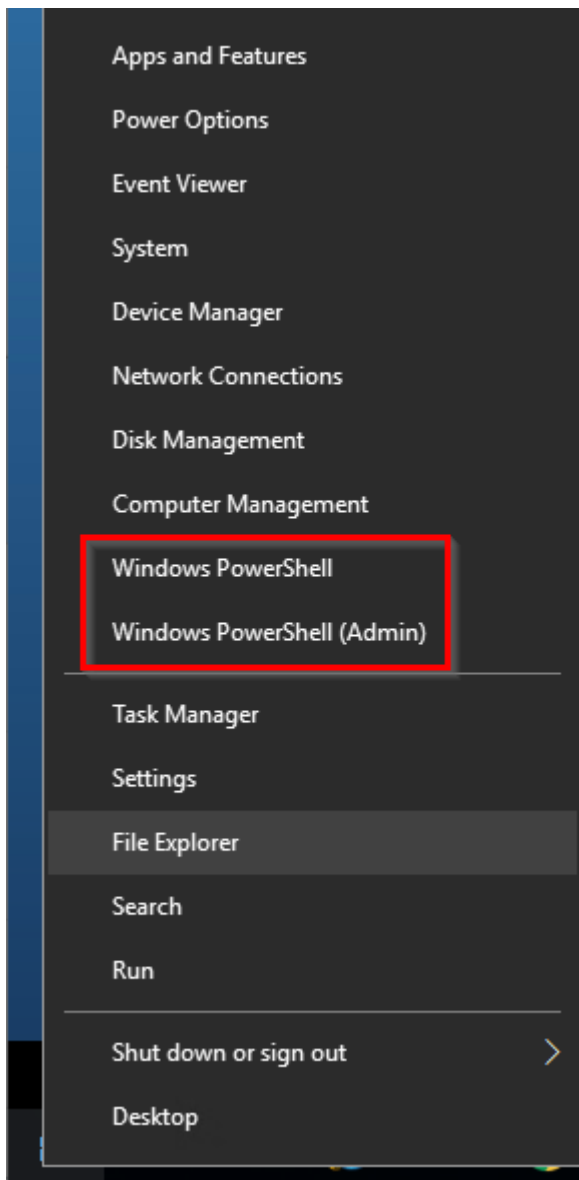
Periodically as part of troubleshooting an issue, IT may ask you to refresh the group policies on your Windows computer. This article describes how to do that.

Windows 10

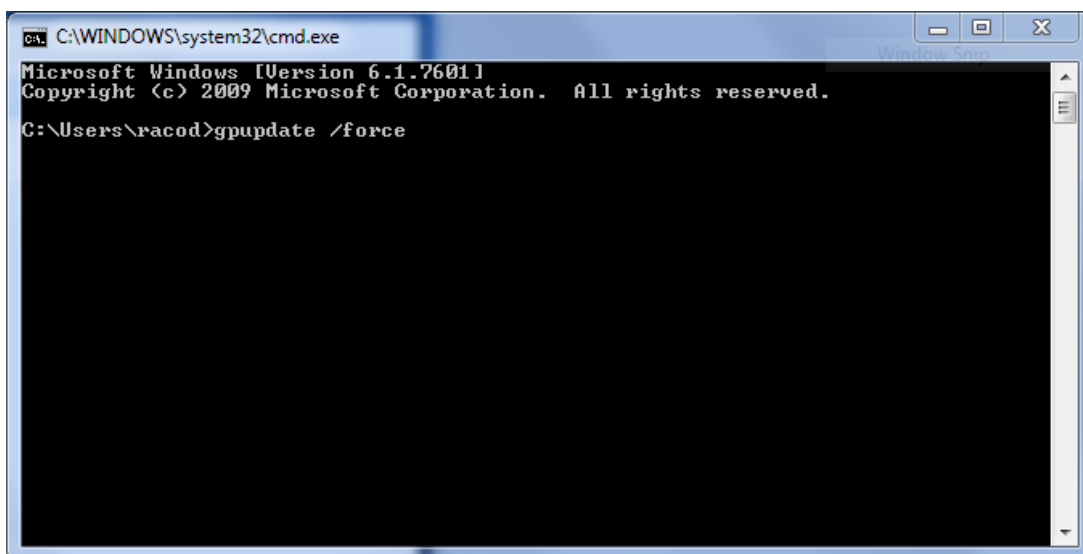
Right click on the **Start Menu Button** and another menu appears. Click on either Command prompt or command prompt (Admin) to open the CMD window.



On newer versions of Windows 10, you may see an option for Windows PowerShell instead of Command Prompt. The two are interchangeable for the purposes of these instructions.



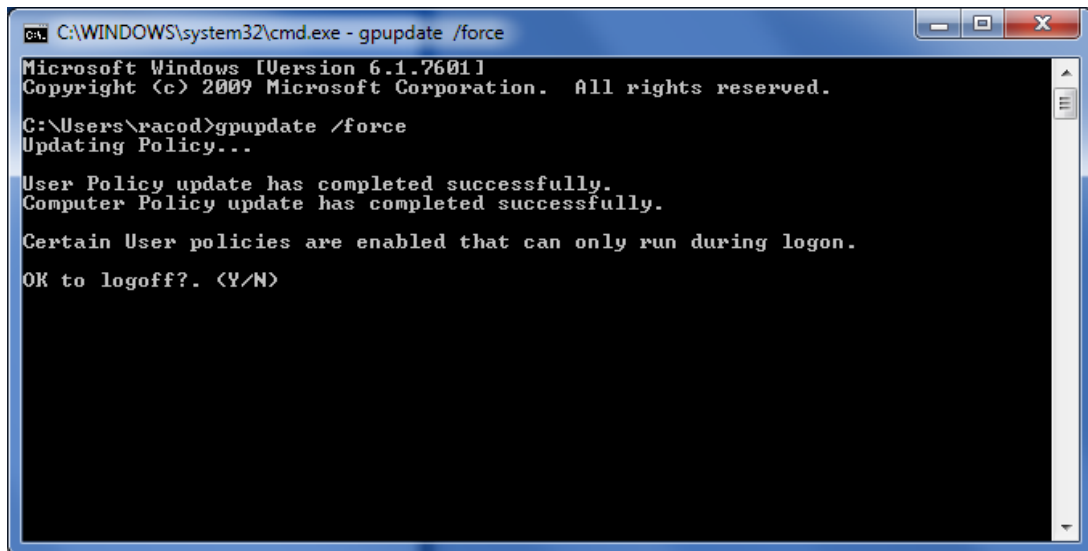
Step 2) Run gpupdate /force



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.