

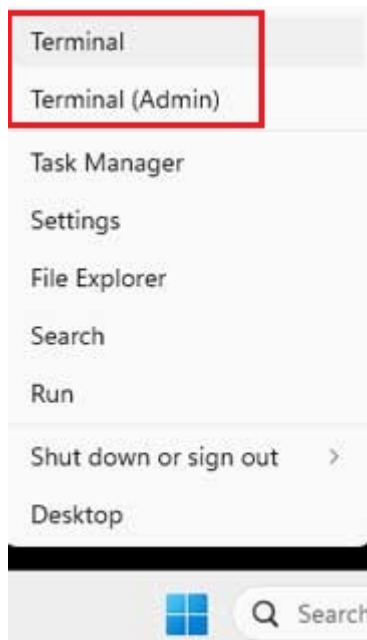
# How to Refresh Windows Computer Policies

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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 11

Right click on the **Start Menu Button** and another menu appears. Click on either **Terminal** or **Terminal (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

```
PS C:\Users\ITInstaller.D7YJW54> gpupdate /force
Updating policy...

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

PS C:\Users\ITInstaller.D7YJW54> |
```

When the update has finished, you can tell that it is finished when you see the path to your username with a terminal cursor appear, it is best to restart the computer before testing again.