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Thanks for the assistance guys. Policy is now been appied across all my seven sites :-}

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Subject: RE: Group Policy Connundrum – Stick with it, its confusing!!!  
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Yes, GPO's can only be applied to OUs. Those OUs can contain user or computer objects. If you want to apply a particular GPO to a user account, you must configure the appropriate settings to the User Configuration object of the GPO (vs. Computer Configuration object), link the GPO to the OU (or let it be inherited into the OU from a parent OU) that contains the appropriate user accounts, and the user accounts must have the Read and Apply Group Policy permissions on the GPO in question. That latter portion can be accomplished using security groups to set the correct permissions.

Roger

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-----Original Message-----

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To: Roger A. Grimes

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Hi Roger,

OK. I have ran a couple of the test's that you recommended and would really appreciate your input:

This is the output from gpresult on the local workstation – I have omitted the computer policies and just included the user policies.

CN=D\*\*\*\*\*,OU=SBSUsers,OU=Users,OU=MyBusiness,DC=P\*\*\*\*\*Ltd,DC=local

Last time Group Policy was applied: 02/10/2007 at 10:36:05

Group Policy was applied from: dserver.\*\*\*\*\*.local

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