Overview

RAP as a Service Plus for Group Policy Object (GPO) is a proactive service delivered by a Microsoft accredited engineer to diagnose potential issues with your GPO environment with an additional two days onsite focusing on education and remediation planning. This service is available for a single Active Directory forest with up to 1500 GPOs and a target client machine running Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2012 R2 or Windows Server 2016.

What is RAP as a Service Plus?
This is a delivery experience to enable you to assess your environment at your convenience. The data is collected remotely allowing you to maintain privacy and run the assessment on your own schedule. Submission of data through the cloud and viewing results on our online portal uses encryption to help protect your data. This enables you to view your results almost immediately. A Microsoft accredited engineer will review the findings, provide recommendations and plan the two-day follow up onsite visit which will focus on knowledge transfer, and build a remediation plan with your staff and your Technical Account Manager (TAM).

An Online Experience
Data submission to Microsoft online servers and displaying your results on the online portal uses encryption to help protect your data. Your data is analyzed using our RAP expert system. The results remain available throughout the licensed period of your assessment. You can also re-assess your environment at any time using the updated best practice guidance that is made available to subscribers on a regular basis. Your IT staff or other teams within your organization can be granted access to the results in order to collaborate effectively on the outcome of the assessment.

Practical Recommendations
RAP as a Service for Group Policy Object collects information on the key technology, people, and process areas in your environment and analyzes this information against best practices obtained from over thousands of customer assessments. Solutions for each of the issues are identified and articulated in the Technical Findings report. All critical and important issues are explained by the Microsoft accredited engineer and a remediation plan is provided as one of the key deliverables.

Key Benefits
- Online plus a scoped customized onsite delivery with a Microsoft accredited engineer
- Assessment results available online
- Easily share results with your IT staff and others in your organization
- Re-assess your environment to track progress
- Reduce support costs by exposing configuration and operational issues before they affect your business
- Flexible scheduling options
- Access to best practice updates for one year with an active Premier Support contract
- Adapted hands-on learning
- Optimization workshop

Gain valuable insight into the health of your Group Policy Object environment by proactively diagnosing issues and risks, reviewing your results online, and receiving continuous updates to best practice guidance.

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Collect
Collecting data remotely allows you to maintain privacy and run the assessment on your schedule.

Submit
Submitting data through the cloud using encryption to help protect your data.

View
You have access to the results based on our RAP expert system based analysis.

Advise
Our Microsoft accredited engineers review the RAP findings, provide recommendations and build a remediation plan with you.

Persist
Follow-on experience – You can re-assess to track progress, get updates to the IP and platform, and interact with an exclusive community.

The key technology, people, and process areas in your Group Policy environment are analyzed against best practices established from over thousands of customer assessments.

Key Focus Areas
- SYSVOL Content
- GPO Security Settings
- GPO “Old” Settings
- OU Structure
- Scripts Used by GPOs
- GPO New Technologies
- GPO Maintenance and Support
- Operational Excellence

Two Day Customizable Onsite
Improved ability to remediate, prioritize and plan with adapted hands-on learning and limited remediation work within the boundaries of change control.

Follow-on Experience
Persistence is built-in with this service, allowing you to re-assess your environment multiple times to track progress, get updates to newly released best practice guidance, obtain new online portal features, and interact with an exclusive online community.

Deliverables Include
- Assessment tooling, multiple submissions, and access to an online portal
- Regular updates to best practice guidance and online portal features
- Use of the online portal and tools for one year with an active Microsoft Premier Support contract
- Optimization workshop onsite which includes:
  - Knowledge transfer of issues found with a customized experience using adapted hands-on learning material to include topics of your choice based on Key Focus Areas
  - A full remediation plan
- Technical Findings report
- GPO Excel reports

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