To create a new policy for a domain

1 On the **File** menu, click **New Policy**.

2 To specify the computers to which your Registry-setting changes will apply, you can do the following:
- Double-click **Default User** to change HKEY_CURRENT_USER Registry settings for all computers on the domain.
- Double-click **Default Computer** to change HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE Registry settings for all computers on the domain.

3 To add to the Registry settings, click **Commands** on the **Edit** menu to do the following:
- To change HKEY_CURRENT_USER for specific users, click **Add User**.
- To change HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE for specific computers, click **Add Computer**.
- To change HKEY_CURRENT_USER for specific groups click **Add Group**.

4 If necessary, finish configuring policy settings for any other policy files you have added, and then click **Save As** on the **File** menu.

5 In **Save in**, specify the Netlogon folder on the primary domain controller (PDC), such as:

\\PDCServerName\netlogon.

6 In **File name**, type **NTconfig.pol**, and click **Save**.

The policy is enforced on each computer running Windows NT Workstation or Windows NT Server when users log on.

Notes
- In System Policy Editor, double-click a book icon to see the available settings. If a policy is checked, the policy will be implemented. For example, if **Hide Network Neighborhood** is checked, then Network Neighborhood will not appear on the desktop.
- Use Server Manager to configure **Directory Replication**. Replicate the Netlogon folder from the PDC to all backup domain controllers (BDCs).

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To have clients receive policy updates from non-controller servers

1 While at the individual computer, click **Open Registry** on the **File** menu.

   Or, on the **File** menu, click **Connect**, and then specify a computer name.

2 Double-click **Default Computer**.

3 Click the plus sign beside **Network**.

4 Click the plus sign beside **System policies update**, and then click **Remote update**.

5 To have registry process error messages displayed on client computers, click **Display error messages**.

6 To download the policy file from a server other than domain controllers, click **Manual (use specific path)** in **Update mode**, and then provide the specific path.

7 If necessary, finish configuring policy settings for any other policy files on the computer, and then save the policy files in the appropriate folder.

   Make sure the policy file has a .pol extension.

Note

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To set group priority

1 On the **Options** menu, click **Group Priority**.

2 Click a group in **Group Order**, and click **Move Up** or **Move Down**.

   Groups highest on the list have the highest priority.

Note

- The order in which groups are evaluated is important if some users belong to more than one group for which policy is defined and if the policy settings in two or more of these groups contain different settings for the same policy. To specify which policy has priority, use **Group Order** to order the groups.

To add policy templates

1 Close all policy files.

2 Copy any .adm files to the Windows NT Inf folder (typically C\winnt\inf).

3 On the System Policy Editor **Options** menu, click **Policy Template**.

4 Click **Add**.

5 Specify the policy template (.adm) file name, and then click **Open**.

Note
▪   Software vendors can develop policy templates to enable policy to be implemented for their applications. For information on creating new policy templates, see the Microsoft Win32 Software Developers Kit (SDK).

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To remove policy templates

1 Close all policy files.

2 On the **Options** menu, click **Policy Template**.

3 Click the policy template you wish to remove, and then click **Remove**.

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To modify the Registry on a remote computer

1 On the **File** menu, click **Connect**.

2 Type the name of the remote computer.

3 In the **Users on Remote Computer** dialog box, click the user that is interactively logged on, and then click **OK**.

 Typically, there is only one user logged on.

4 Double-click **Local User** to change HKEY_CURRENT_USER Registry settings.

5 Double-click **Local Computer** to change HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE Registry settings.

6 On the **File** menu, click **Save**.

7 On the **File** menu, click **Disconnect**.

Note
▪ You can access the Registry only on computers for which you have administrative permission. The computer can be running any version of Windows NT Workstation or Windows NT Server.

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