





# OFFICE 365 GROUP POLICY FOR MONTHLY CHANNEL UPDATES













In this topic, I will show you how to configure group policy to deploy monthly channel updates for Office 365 to workstations using Current Branch 1810.

Without this group policy workstations will not receive monthly Office 365 updates. This is essential to keep all Office 365 clients up to date.

You can download administrative templates for Office 365 from below link

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=49030>

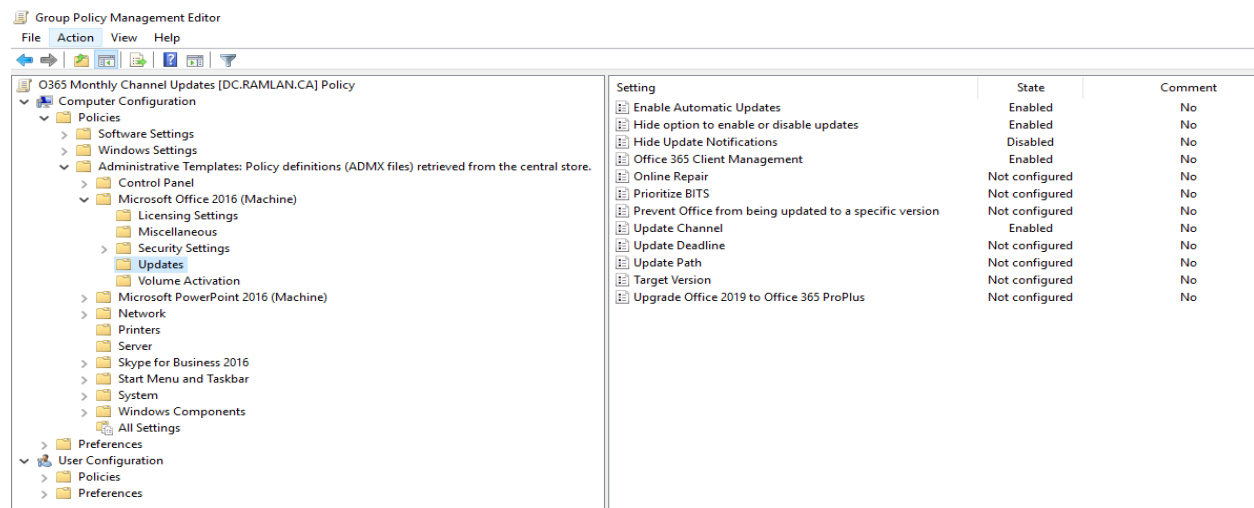
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











Run the exe and you will get 2 folders (admin and admx). Copy admx file to **sysvol** folder on your Domain Controller.

After that create a GPO and link the GPO to workstations running Office 365.

Here is the GPO screen shot



The screenshot shows the Group Policy Management Editor interface. The left pane displays the hierarchy: Computer Configuration > Policies > Administrative Templates: Policy definitions (ADMX files) retrieved from the central store > Microsoft Office 2016 (Machine) > Updates. The right pane shows the following settings:

Setting	State	Comment
 Enable Automatic Updates	Enabled	No
 Hide option to enable or disable updates	Enabled	No
 Hide Update Notifications	Disabled	No
 Office 365 Client Management	Enabled	No
 Online Repair	Not configured	No
 Prioritize BITS	Not configured	No
 Prevent Office from being updated to a specific version	Not configured	No
 Update Channel	Enabled	No
 Update Deadline	Not configured	No
 Update Path	Not configured	No
 Target Version	Not configured	No
 Upgrade Office 2019 to Office 365 ProPlus	Not configured	No

Now you can create an ADR and deploy to Office 365 workstations as detailed below. I created the ADR from Office 365 Client Management and deployed to workstations running Office 365. This ADR will run monthly automatically.

The screenshot shows the 'Office 365 Client Management' dashboard. It features three main charts:

- Office 365 Clients:** A gauge chart showing 8 clients.
- Office 365 Client Versions:** A pie chart showing two versions: 16.0.10340.20017 (6 clients) and 16.0.11231.20130 (2 clients).
- Office 365 Client Languages:** A bar chart showing 8 clients for the language 'en-us : \_1033'.

On the right side, there are buttons for 'Office 365 Installer' and 'Create an ADR'.

The screenshot shows the 'Software Update Groups' interface. A table lists various update groups, with the 'Office 365 Monthly Channel' group highlighted. An arrow points from the 'Create an ADR' button in the previous screenshot to this group.

Icon	Name	Description	Date Created	Last Date Modified	Percent Complet
	EndPoint for Win 7 and Win 8 2019-02-10 18:54:34	EndPoint for Win 7 and Win 8	10-Feb-2019 6:54 PM	10-Feb-2019 6:54 PM	44
	OpsMgr 1807		10-Feb-2019 7:32 AM	10-Feb-2019 7:32 AM	77
	Office 365 Monthly Channel 2019-02-09 10:35:36	Office 365 Monthly Channel	09-Feb-2019 10:35 AM	09-Feb-2019 10:35 AM	100
	SQL 2017 2019-02-09 00:02:00	SQL 2017	09-Feb-2019 12:02 AM	09-Feb-2019 12:02 AM	100
	Server 2019 x64 2019-02-08 23:37:24	Server 2019 x64	08-Feb-2019 11:37 PM	08-Feb-2019 11:37 PM	100
	Windows 10 Updates x64 2019-02-08 13:47:17	Windows 10 Updates x64	08-Feb-2019 1:47 PM	08-Feb-2019 1:47 PM	100
	Windows 8 Updates x64 2019-02-08 13:03:14	Windows 8 Updates x64	08-Feb-2019 1:03 PM	08-Feb-2019 1:03 PM	100
	Windows 7 Updates x64 2019-02-08 12:13:11	Windows 7 Updates x64	08-Feb-2019 12:13 PM	08-Feb-2019 12:13 PM	100
	EndPoint for Win 7 and Win 8 2019-02-03 18:54:36	EndPoint for Win 7 and Win 8	03-Feb-2019 6:54 PM	03-Feb-2019 6:54 PM	100
	Office 365 Monthly Channel 2019-01-28 09:32:09	Office 365 Monthly Channel	28-Jan-2019 9:32 AM	28-Jan-2019 9:32 AM	100
	Office 365 Monthly Channel 2019-01-21 10:03:01	Office 365 Monthly Channel	21-Jan-2019 10:03 AM	21-Jan-2019 10:03 AM	100

The screenshot shows the 'Deployments' interface. A table lists various deployment tasks, with the 'Office 365 Monthly Channel' task highlighted. An arrow points from the 'Office 365 Monthly Channel' group in the previous screenshot to this task.

Icon	Software	Collection	Purpose	Action	Feature Type	Compliance %	Date Created
	SQL Server 2016 Service Pack 2 Cumulative Update (CU) 5 KB4475776	OpsMgr	Required	Install	Software Update	0.0	10-Feb-2019 7:35 PM
	EndPoint for Win 7 and Win 8 2019-02-10 18:54:34	End Point	Required	Install	Software Update	0.0	10-Feb-2019 6:54 PM
	Core FTP LE x64	Workstations	Available	Install	Application	100.0	13-Jan-2019 8:40 AM
	VLC media player 3.0.6 (64-bit)	Workstations	Available	Install	Application	100.0	13-Jan-2019 9:01 AM
	SQL 2017 2019-02-09 00:02:00	SQL 2017	Required	Install	Software Update	100.0	09-Feb-2019 12:02 AM
	Windows 8 Updates x64 2019-02-08 13:03:14	Win 8	Required	Install	Software Update	100.0	08-Feb-2019 1:03 PM
	OpsMgr 1807	OpsMgr	Required	Install	Software Update	100.0	10-Feb-2019 7:59 AM
	Office 2019 Perpetual Enterprise Client Update Versio...perpetual for x64 b...	Office 2019	Required	Install	Software Update	100.0	21-Jan-2019 9:34 PM
	Office 365 Monthly Channel 2019-02-09 10:35:36	O365 ProPlus	Required	Install	Software Update	100.0	09-Feb-2019 10:35 AM
	Windows 10 Updates x64 2019-02-08 13:47:17	Win 10	Required	Install	Software Update	100.0	08-Feb-2019 1:47 PM
	Windows 7 Updates x64 2019-02-08 12:13:11	Win 7	Required	Install	Software Update	100.0	08-Feb-2019 12:13 PM
	Server 2019 x64 2019-02-08 23:37:24	Server 2019	Required	Install	Software Update	100.0	08-Feb-2019 11:37 PM
	7-Zip 18.06 (x64 edition)	Workstations	Available	Install	Application	100.0	13-Jan-2019 9:27 AM

Below the table, there is a section for 'Office 365 Monthly Channel 2019-02-09 10:35:36 Status to O365 ProPlus'. It shows completion statistics: Compliant: 2, In Progress: 0, Error: 0, Unknown: 0. A green circle indicates 100% compliance. Total Asset Count: 2 (Last Update: 10-Feb-2019 9:10:09 AM).

The screenshot displays the 'Deployment Status' window in the Configuration Manager console. The left-hand navigation pane shows the tree structure under 'Deployments' > 'Office 365 Monthly Channel 2019-02-09'. The main area shows the deployment details, including the software update name and collection. A legend indicates the status: Compliant (green), In Progress (yellow), Error (red), and Unknown (grey). A table summarizes the total assets and their status. Below this, the 'Asset Details' table provides specific information for each device.

Total Assets	Status	Last Status Time
2	Compliant	10-Feb-2019 8:49...

Device	Last Logged On User	Last Compliance State	Last Compliance Message Time
WIN7	(SYSTEM)	Compliant	10-Feb-2019 4:17 AM
WIN8	(SYSTEM)	Compliant	10-Feb-2019 8:49 AM

You can read more about the GPO from here..

<https://www.petervanderwoude.nl/post/use-group-policy-to-enable-office-365-clients-to-receive-updates-via-configmgr/>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/deployoffice/manage-updates-to-office-365-proplus-with-system-center-configuration-manager>

Thanks

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