How to Configure Office 365 Settings with Office 365 ProPlus

Introduction to Office 365 ProPlus Configurations and its Importance

Office 365 ProPlus is a productivity suite offered by Microsoft that includes popular applications like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. Configuring Office 365 settings is crucial for organizations to ensure a consistent and secure user experience across their Windows environment. In this article, we will explore various methods and tools to configure Office 365 settings efficiently.

Examples:

1. Using Group Policy to Configure Office 365 Settings:

   - Launch the Group Policy Management Console on a domain controller.
   - Create a new Group Policy Object (GPO) or edit an existing one.
   - Navigate to User Configuration > Policies > Administrative Templates > Microsoft Office 2016 (or the appropriate version).
   - Configure the desired settings, such as default file locations, add-ins, and privacy options.
   - Link the GPO to the desired Organizational Unit (OU) or apply it to a security group.

2. Configuring Office 365 Settings via Configuration Manager (SCCM):

   - Open the Configuration Manager console.
   - Navigate to Software Library > Office 365 Client Management.
   - Create or edit an Office 365 client configuration policy.
   - Specify the desired settings, such as update channels, installation behavior, and language preferences.
   - Deploy the policy to the target devices or collections.

3. Running Office 365 ProPlus Configurations via Command Prompt (CMD):

   - Open Command Prompt as an administrator.
   - Navigate to the Office installation directory (e.g., C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Office16).
   - Use the "setup.exe" command with appropriate parameters to configure Office 365 settings. For example:
     - To change the update channel: setup.exe /configure configuration.xml
     - To exclude certain applications: setup.exe /configure configuration.xml ExcludeApps="OneNote, Publisher"
     - To enable or disable telemetry: setup.exe /configure configuration.xml AcceptEULA="TRUE" ForceAppShutdown="TRUE"

4. Getting Office 365 ProPlus Configurations via PowerShell:

- Open PowerShell as an administrator.
- Use the "Get-Office365ProPlusConfiguration" cmdlet to retrieve the current configuration settings.
- Explore the returned object to view various properties, such as update channel, languages, and exclusion list.
- Modify the configuration settings using the "Set-Office365ProPlusConfiguration" cmdlet. For example:
    - To change the update channel: Set-Office365ProPlusConfiguration -UpdateChannel Monthly
    - To add or remove languages: Set-Office365ProPlusConfiguration -LanguageList "en-US", "fr-FR"