

# GROUP POLICY CENTRAL

Information about Group Policy for IT Administrators

---

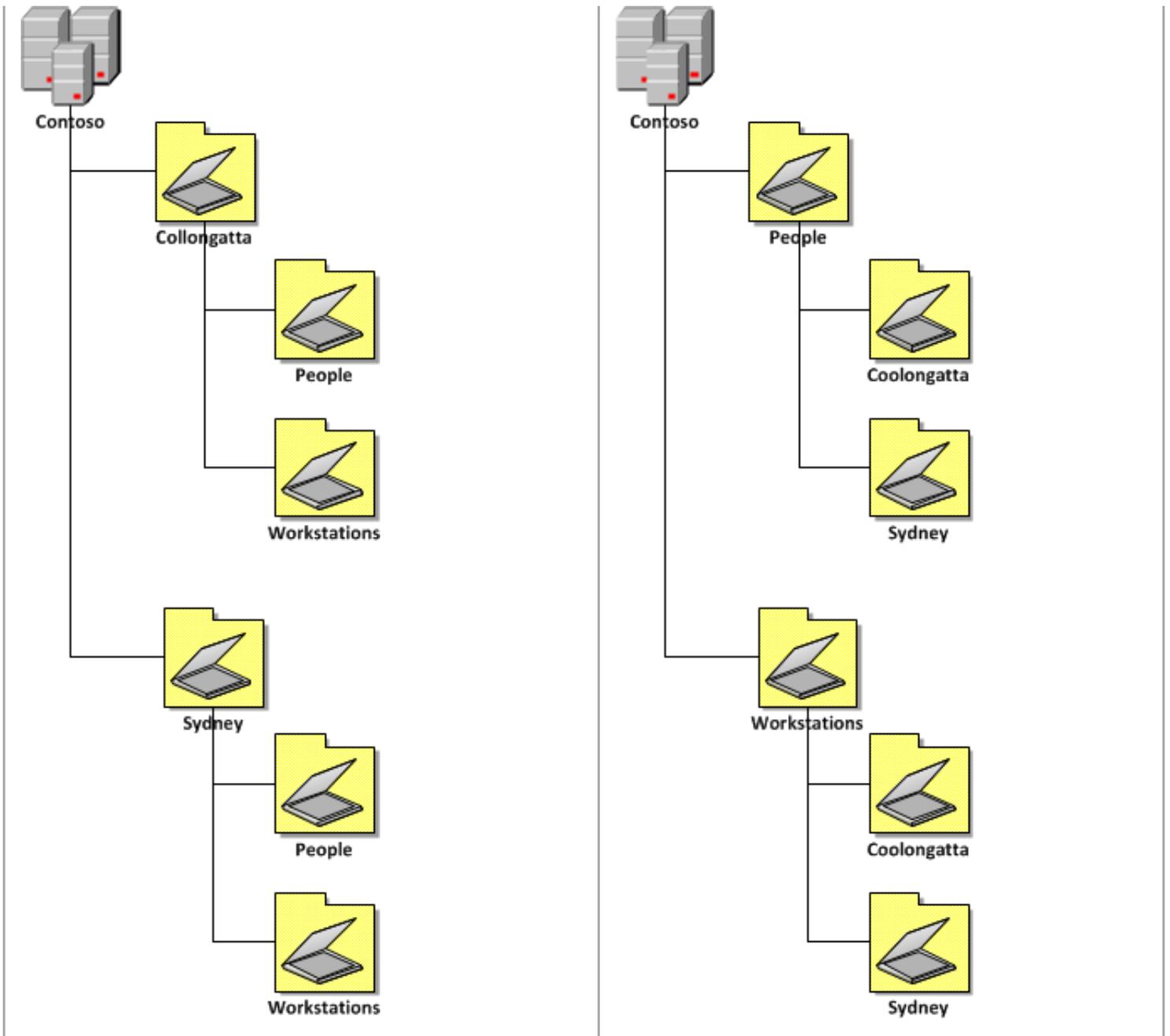
## Active Directory Structure Guidelines – Part 1

Posted by Alan Burchill on 23 July 2010, 8:00 pm

### Two Level Hybrid Location / Resource OU Structure

In this example we see what happens when we combine the two Resource and Location OU structure designs. The decision to make it a Location/Resource or Resource/Location structure would be heavily based on how you configured your computers and users. If you configuration your users fairly consistently across the organisation and there is not much variation in how you configured you computers then you may want to consider a Resource/Location structure. Inversely if you make a lot custom configuration changes based on the location of the user and computer then you should consider using a Location/Resource structure.

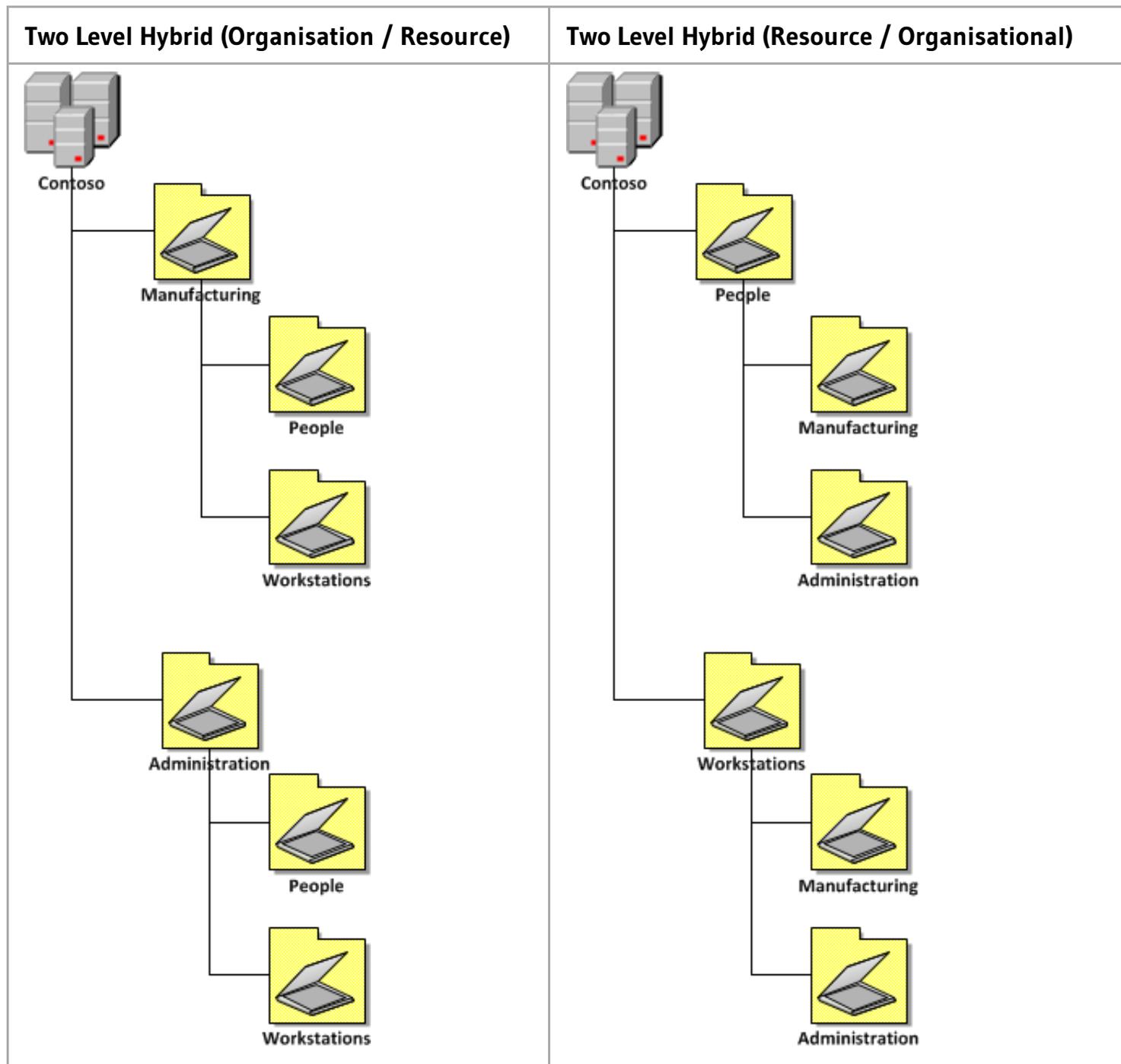
| Two Level Hybrid (Location / Resource) | Two Level Hybrid (Resource / Location) |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                        |                                        |



## Two Level Hybrid Organisation / Resource OU Structure

This is similar to this example we saw above (Location / Resource) where we see what happens when we combine both Organisational and Location OU structure designs. The decision to make it a Organisational/Resource or Organisational/Location structure would be heavily based on wither how you configure your computers and users and the chance that you may divest or acquirer other businesses. If you consider there is a high chance of your company selling off or buying a certain department then you should consider using the Two Level Hybrid (Organisation / Resources) model. However if you are physically based in one location then and you think you will mainly apply

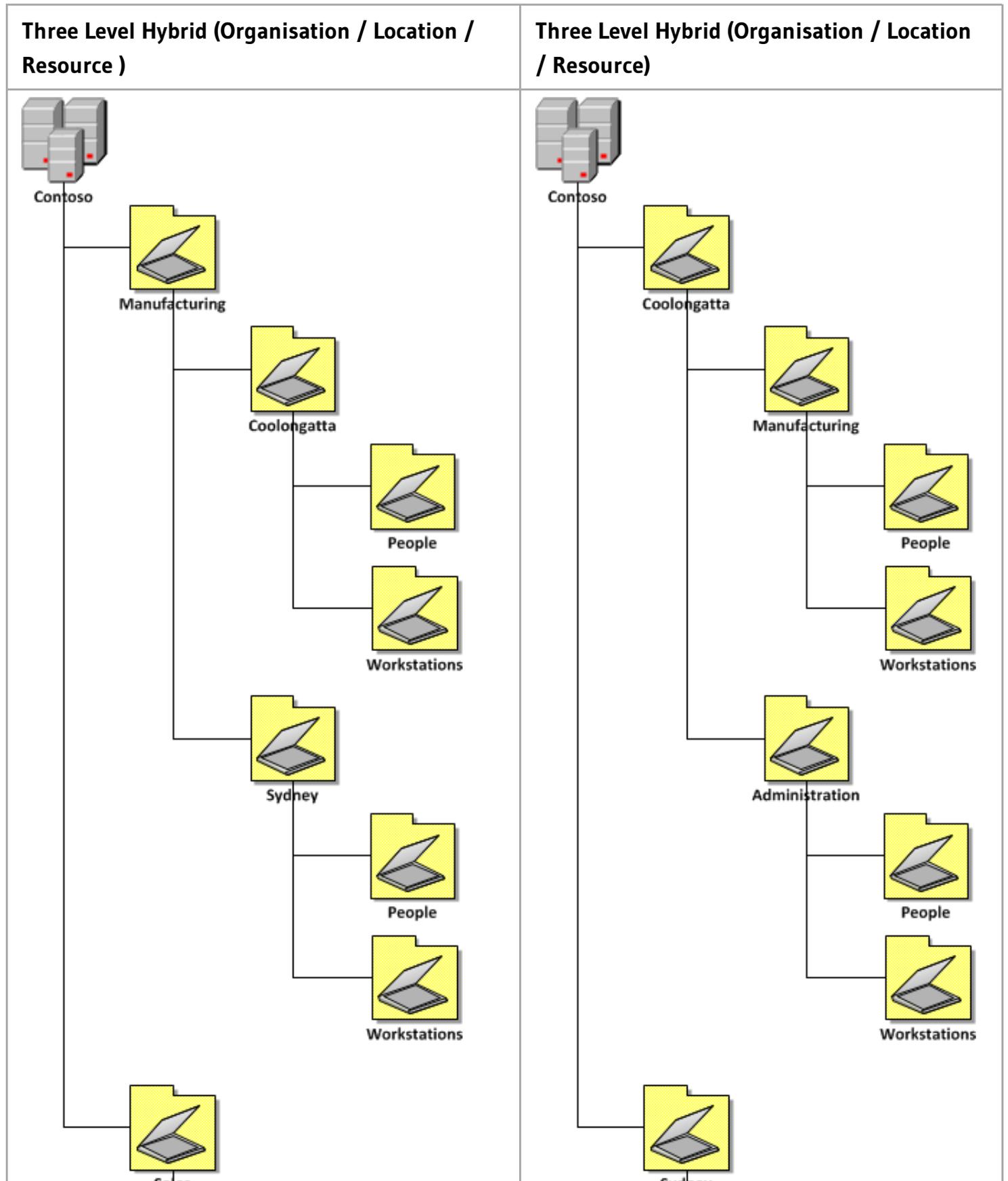
configuration to all your users and computer consistently and only configured a small number of setting based on the organisation then you may want to consider the Two Level Hybrid (Resources / Organisational) model.

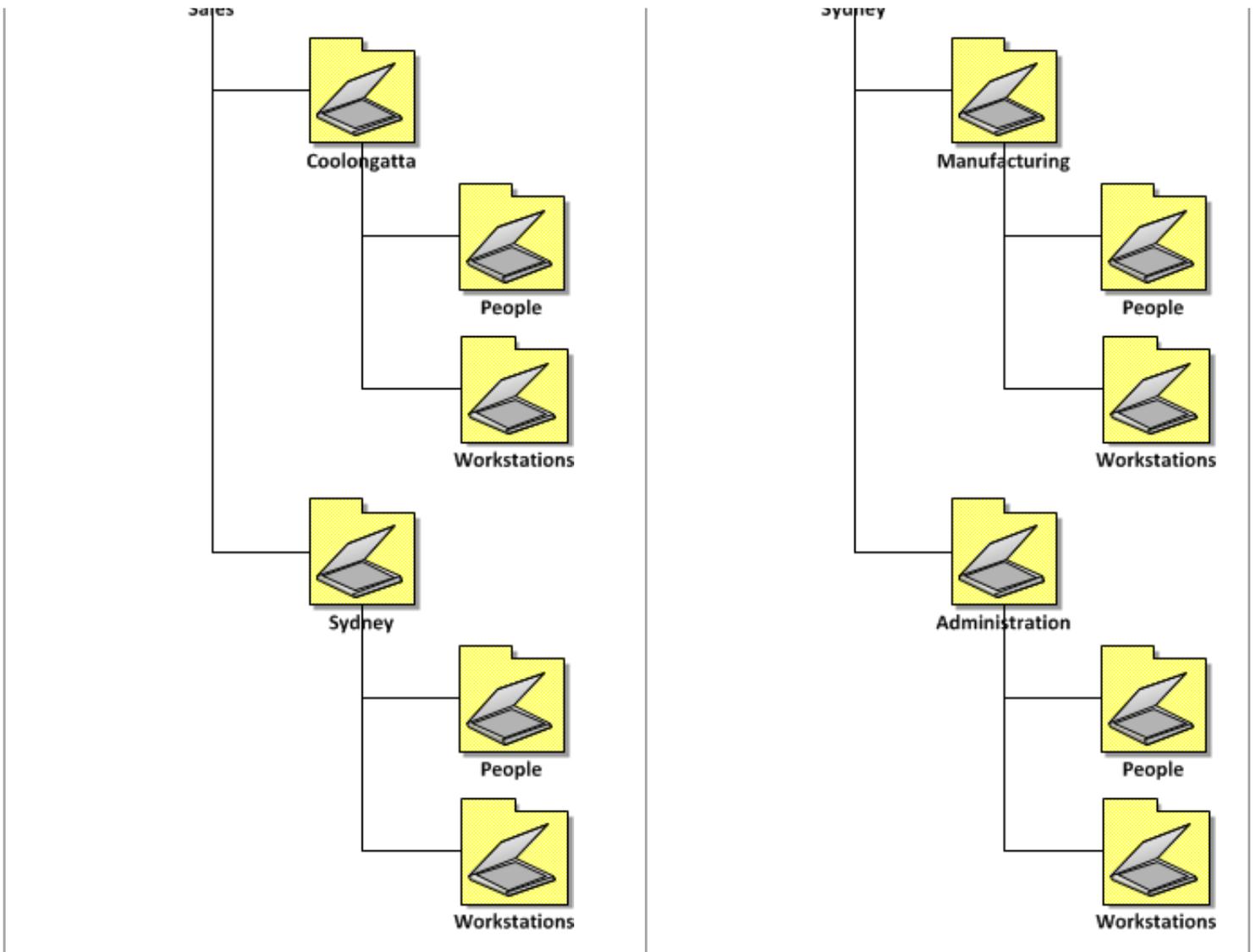


### Three Level Hybrid Organisation / Location / Resource OU Structure

The example below is called a Three Level Hybrid (Organisational / Location / Resource) model that

would be used for most likely used for large organisation that have many sites and departments all of which have different configuration requirements. It is unlikely that you will want to use this three layer model of design unless you are a very large company with many divisions, locations.





## Mixed-Hybrid OU Structure

This is the most complicated OU model you can deploy in your organisation. The below example shows a Organisational / Location / Resource for the users accounts however it has a two level Resource / Location model for the computers. You may want to have the Organisational / Location / Resource for the user accounts because they have very specific configuration requirements for the organisation. This example also has "Distribution Lists" group OU under the Organisational OU which is absent on the other examples but is shown here to demonstrate that there could be other non-users & non-computer at this bottom level. This would necessitate keeping the bottom third level OU to separate the resource of different types.

The other difference in this example is having the Resource / Workstation as a separate structure. This could be required if you have outsourced the maintenance of these computers to a third-party and you

want to easily delegate administration access. This would also allow for the granular delegation to the third-party site based IT support staff without them having access to computers not in their local site.

