



Monitoring Windows Systems with PowerShell

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Chapter

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Introduction

Overview

This manual describes how to monitor Windows systems in Skylar One (formerly SL1) using SNMP and PowerShell credentials and Dynamic Applications.

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Monitoring Windows Devices in Skylar One

Skylar One can monitor a Windows device using the following methods:

- Requesting information from the Windows SNMP agent
- Requesting information by executing a remote PowerShell command
- Requesting information from the Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) agent
- Requesting information using the Skylar One agent

NOTE: This manual describes how to monitor Windows with SNMP and PowerShell. For more information about using WMI to monitor Windows devices, see the *Monitoring Windows with WMI* manual.

What is SNMP?

SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) is a set of standard protocols for managing diverse computer hardware and software within a TCP/IP network. SNMP is the most common network protocol used by network monitoring and management applications to exchange management information between devices. Skylar One uses this protocol and other protocols to collect availability and performance information.

SNMP uses a server-client structure. Clients are called **agents**. Devices and software that run SNMP are agents. The server is called the **management system**. Skylar One is the management system.

Most network hardware is configured for SNMP and can be SNMP-enabled. Many enterprise software applications are also SNMP-compliant. When SNMP is running on a device, it uses a standard format to collect and store data about the device and/or software. For example, SNMP might collect information on each network interface and the traffic for each interface. Skylar One can then query the device to retrieve the stored data.

What is PowerShell?

Windows PowerShell is a command-line shell and scripting language for administration of Windows systems. Skylar One can execute PowerShell requests on target Windows devices via WinRM (Windows Remote Management). For an overview of Windows PowerShell, see <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/scripting/what-is-windows-powershell?view=powershell-5.1>.

Skylar One supports the following PowerShell versions for monitoring Windows devices:

- PowerShell 3.0
- PowerShell 4.0
- PowerShell 5.1

PowerPacks

This manual describes content from the following PowerPack versions:

- Microsoft: Active Directory Server, version 102
- Microsoft: DHCP Server, version 101
- Microsoft: DNS Server, version 100
- Microsoft: Exchange Server, version 103
- Microsoft: Exchange Server 2010, version 1.2
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Server, version 103
- Microsoft: IIS Server, version 103
- Microsoft: Lync Server 2010, version 1.0
- Microsoft: SharePoint Server, version 1.0
- Microsoft: SQL Server, version 102
- Microsoft: Windows Event Logs, version 101
- Microsoft: Windows Server, version 120
- Microsoft: Windows Server Cluster, version 104
- Skylar One: Concurrent PowerShell Monitoring, version 102

Chapter

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Configuring Windows Systems for Monitoring with SNMP

Overview

This section describes how to configure Windows Server 2016, Windows Server 2012, and Windows Server 2008 for monitoring by Skylar One (formerly SL1) using SNMP.

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Configuring SNMP for Windows Server 2016 and Windows Server 2012

To configure SNMP on a Windows server, you must:

1. [Configure "ping" responses.](#)
2. [Install the SNMP service.](#)
3. [Configure the SNMP service.](#)
4. [Configure the firewall to allow SNMP requests.](#)
5. [Configure Device Classes.](#) (Windows Server 2016 only)

Configuring Ping Responses

For Skylar One to discover a device, including SNMP-enabled devices, the device must meet one of the following requirements:

- The device must respond to an ICMP "Ping" request.
- One of the ports selected in the **Detection Method & Port** field for the discovery session must be open on the device. If the *Default Method* option for the **Detection Method & Port** field is selected, Skylar One scans TCP ports 21, 22, 23, 25, and 80.

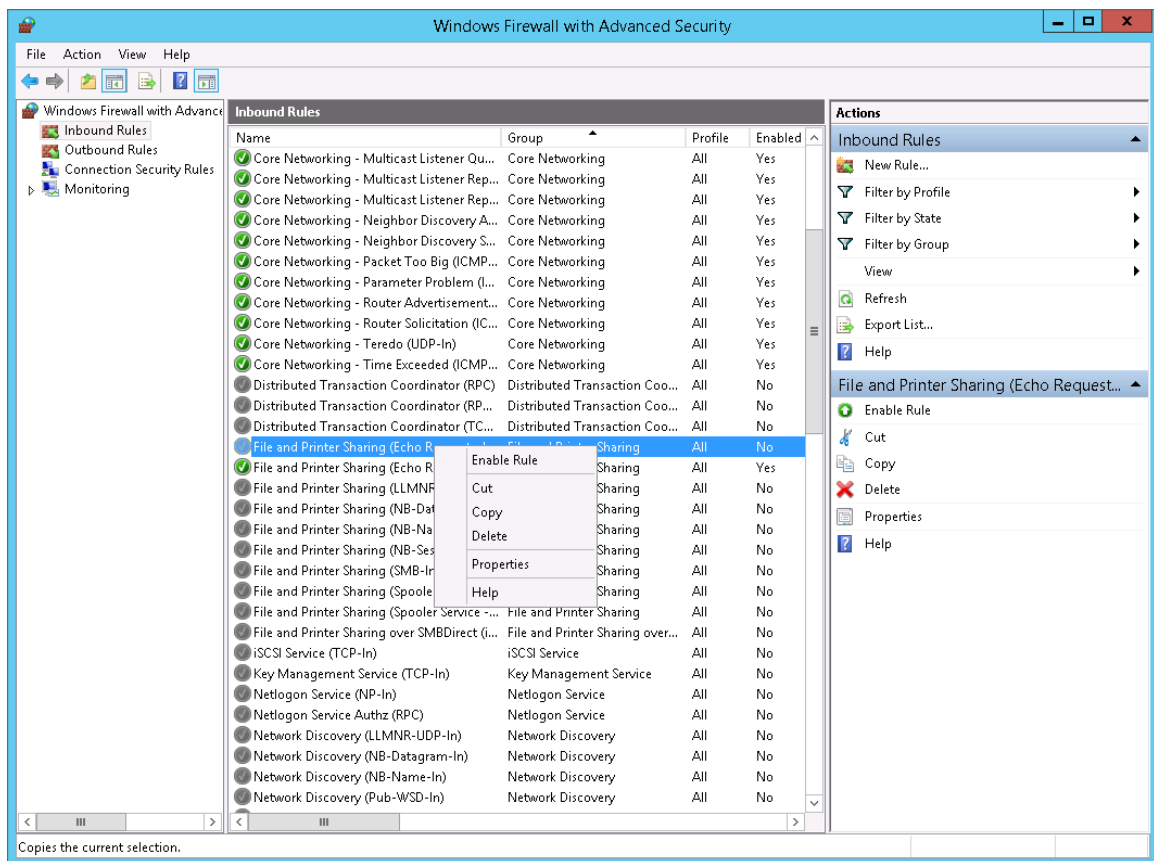
The default configuration for a Windows Server does not allow ICMP "Ping" requests and does not allow connections to TCP ports 21, 22, 23, 25, or 80. Therefore, to discover a Windows Server in Skylar One, you must perform one of the following tasks:

- Reconfigure the firewall on the Windows Server to allow ICMP "Ping" requests. This section describes how to perform this task.
- Reconfigure the firewall on the Windows Server to allow connections to port 21, 22, 23, 25, or 80. If you have already configured your Windows Server to accept SSH, FTP, Telnet, SMTP, or HTTP connections, this task might have been completed already. You should perform this task only if you were already planning to allow SSH, FTP, Telnet, SMTP, or HTTP connections to your Windows Server.
- When you create the discovery session that will discover the Windows Server, select at least one port in the **Detection Method & Port** field that is open on the Windows Server. For example, if your Windows Server is configured as an MSSQL Server, you could select port 1433 (the default port for MSSQL Server) in the **Detection Method & Port** field.

To reconfigure the firewall on a Windows Server to allow ICMP "Ping" requests, perform the following steps:

1. In the Start menu search bar, enter "firewall" to open a **Windows Firewall with Advanced Security** window.
2. In the left pane, select *Inbound Rules*.
3. If you want Skylar One to discover your Windows Server using an IPv4 address, locate the *File and Printer Sharing (Echo Request - ICMPv4-In)* rule.

4. If you want Skylar One to discover your Windows Server using an IPv6 address, locate the *File and Printer Sharing (Echo Request - ICMPv6-In)* rule.
5. Right click on the rule that you located, then select *Enable Rule*:

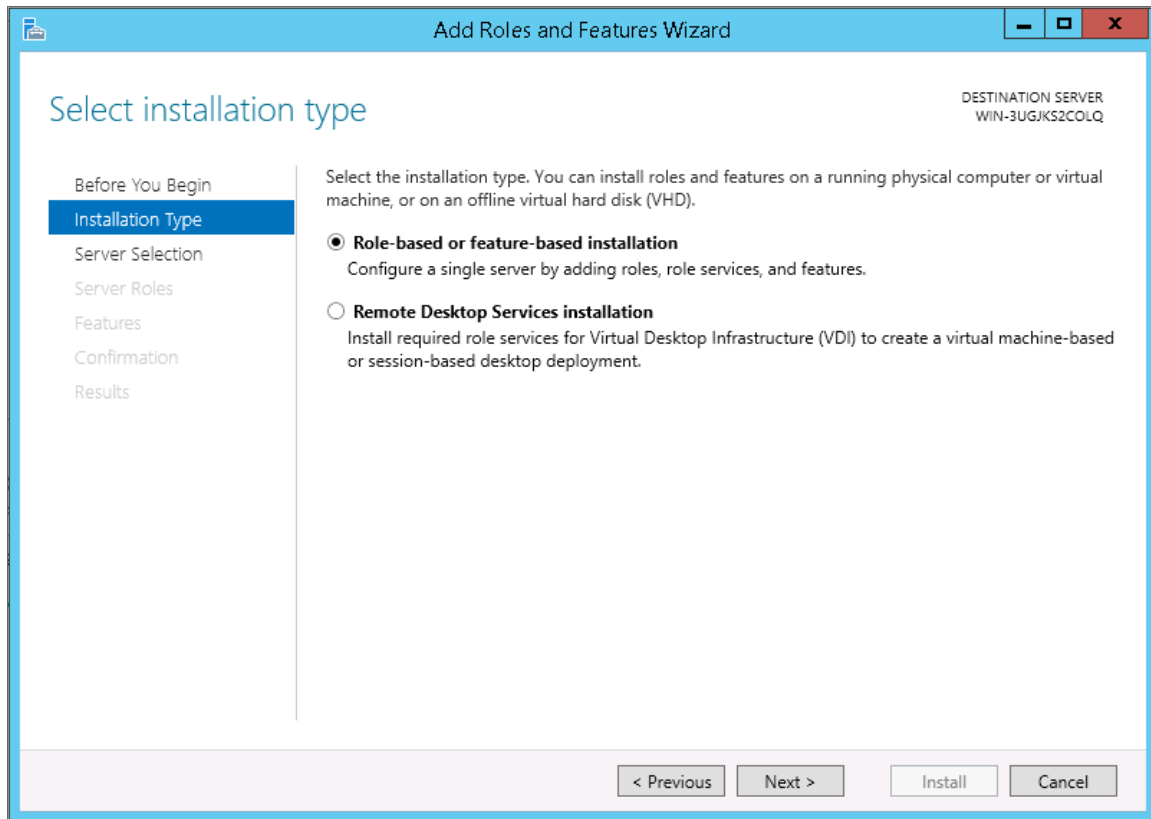


Installing the SNMP Service

To install the SNMP service on a Windows 2012 Server or Windows 2016 Server, perform the following steps:

1. Open the **Server Manager** utility.
2. In the upper-right of the window, select **[Manage] > Add Roles and Features**. The **Add Roles and Features** window is displayed.

3. If the server does not skip the **Before you begin** page, click the **[Next >]** button to manually skip it. The **Select installation type** page is displayed:



4. Click the **[Next >]** button to continue with *Role-based or feature-based installation*. The **Select destination server** page is displayed:

DESTINATION SERVER
WIN-3UGJKS2COLQ

Before You Begin
Installation Type
Server Selection
Server Roles
Features
Confirmation
Results

Select a server or a virtual hard disk on which to install roles and features.

☒ Select a server from the server pool
☐ Select a virtual hard disk

Server Pool

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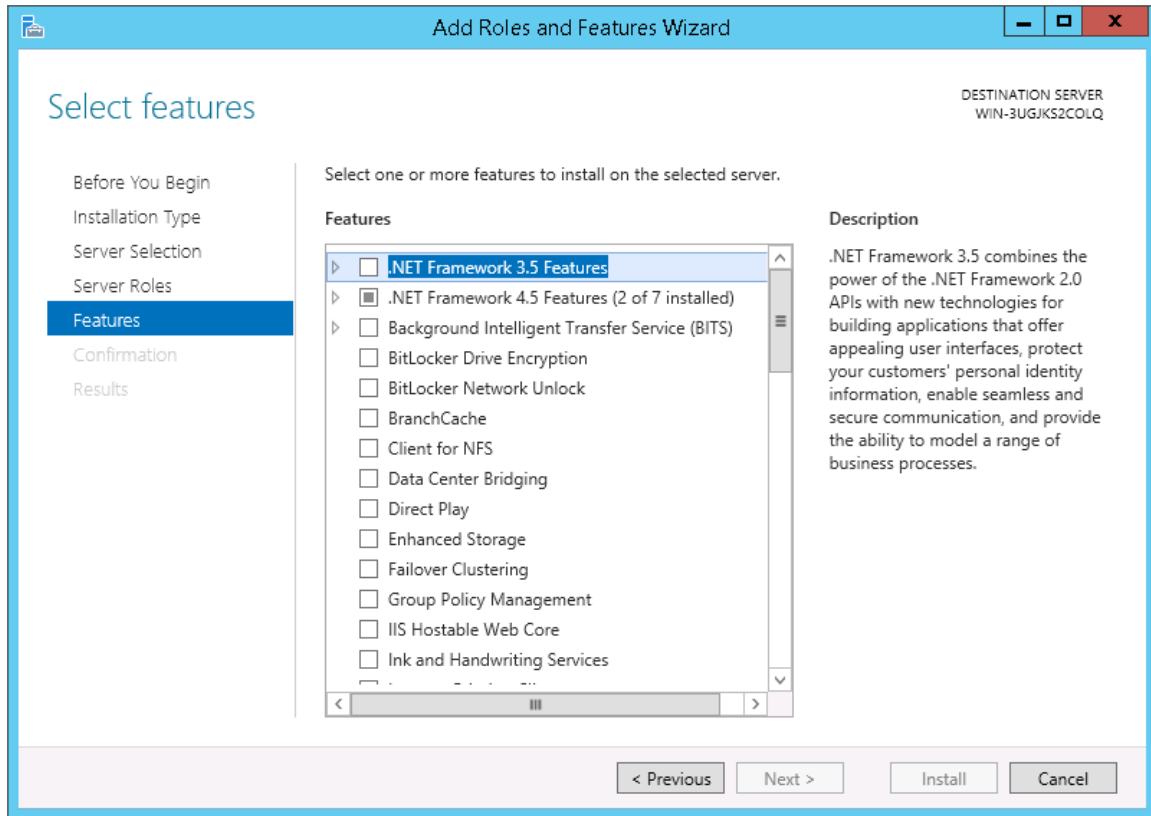
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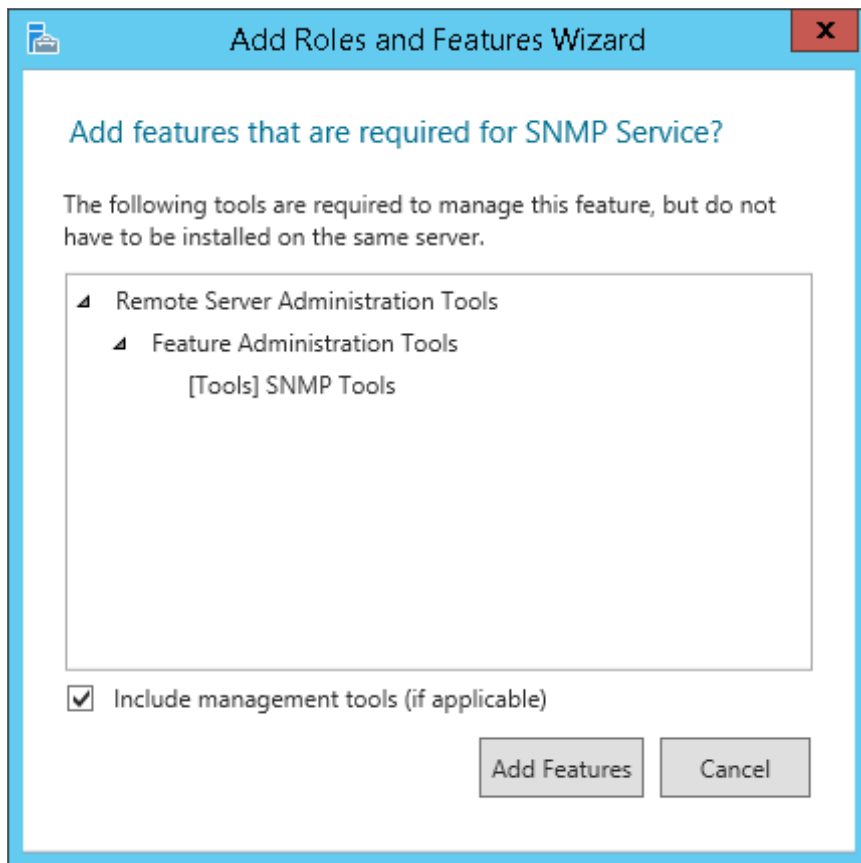
This page shows servers that are running Windows Server 2012, and that have been added by using the Add Servers command in Server Manager. Offline servers and newly-added servers from which data collection is still incomplete are not shown.

< Previous Next > Install Cancel

5. Ensure the Windows 2012 server or Windows 2016 Server is selected and then click the **[Next >]** button. The **Select server roles page** is displayed.
6. Click the **[Next >]** button without selecting any additional roles. The **Select features** page is displayed:

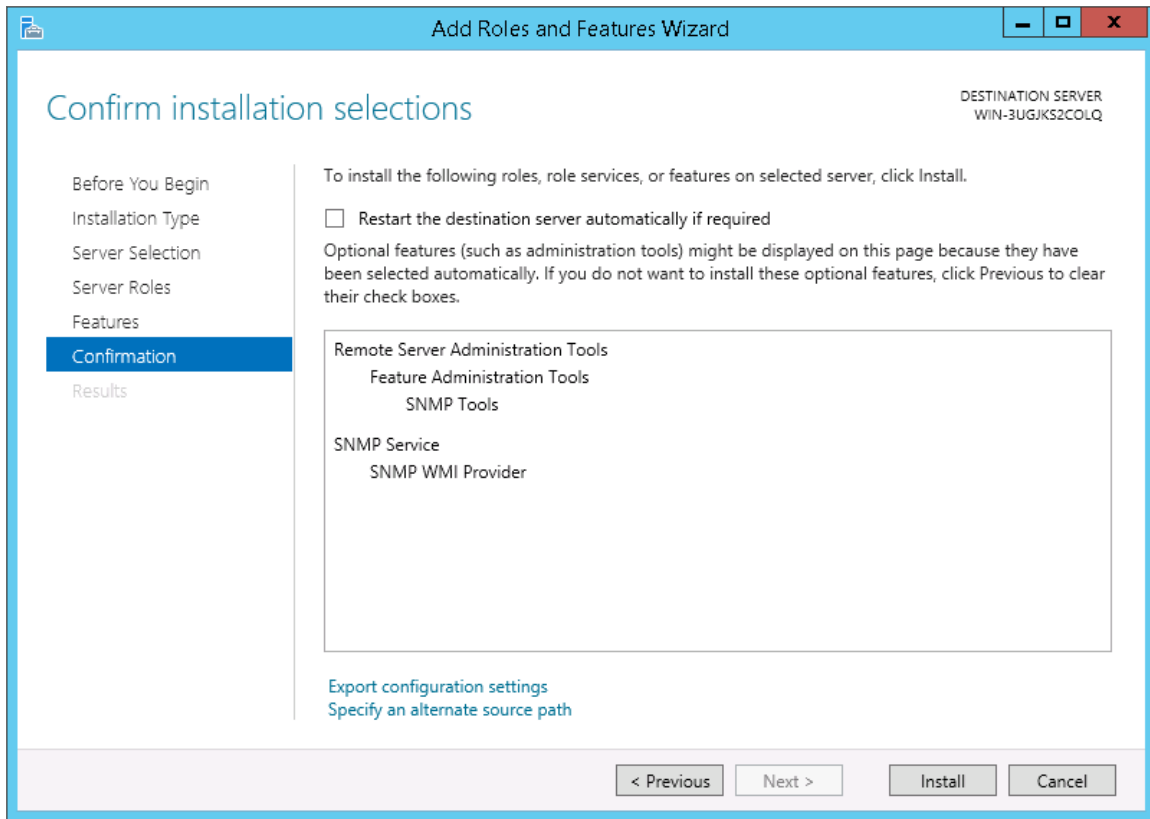


7. Select the *SNMP Service* checkbox. The following confirmation window is displayed:



8. Click the **[Add Features]** button.
9. In the Select features page, expand SNMP Service and select the SNMP WMI Provider checkbox.

10. Click the **[Next >]** button. The **Confirm installation selections page** is displayed:



11. Click the **[Install]** button.
12. After the installation is complete, click the **[Close]** button.

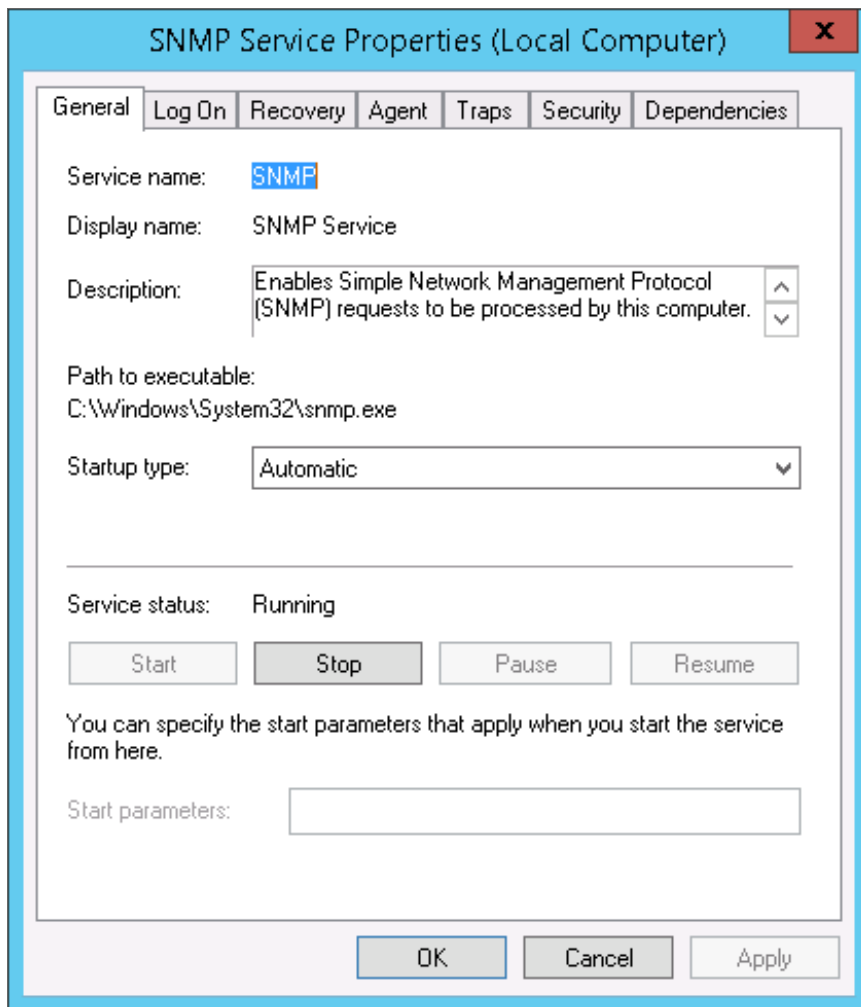
Configuring the SNMP Service

To configure the SNMP service on a Windows 2012 Server or Windows 2016 Server, perform the following steps:

NOTE: If you recently installed the SNMP service, you must wait for the **Server Manager** window to refresh to allow the SNMP service snap-in to be added. You can manually refresh the **Server Manager** window by closing the **Server Manager** and then re-opening the **Server Manager**.

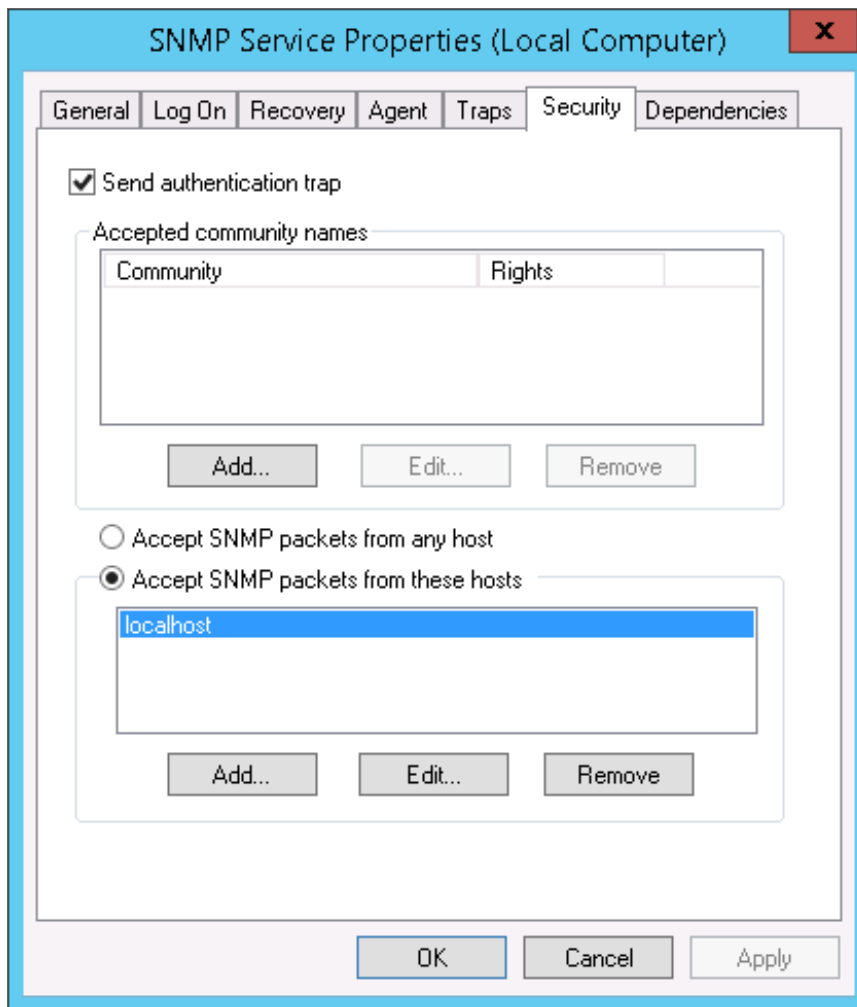
1. In the upper-right of the **Server Manager** window, select **[Tools] > Services**. The **Services** window is displayed.

2. In the **Services** window, right-click on *SNMP Service*, and then select *Properties*. The **SNMP Service Properties** window appears:

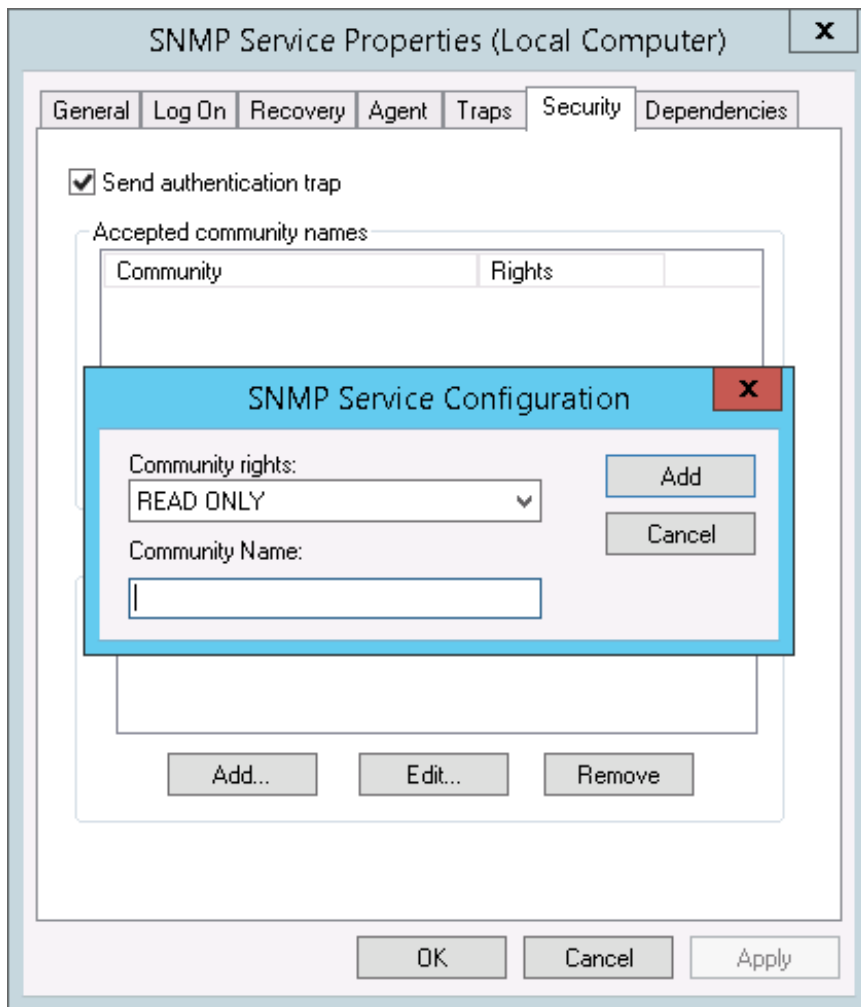


3. In the **Startup type:** field, select *Automatic*.

4. Select the **[Security]** tab. The security settings are displayed:



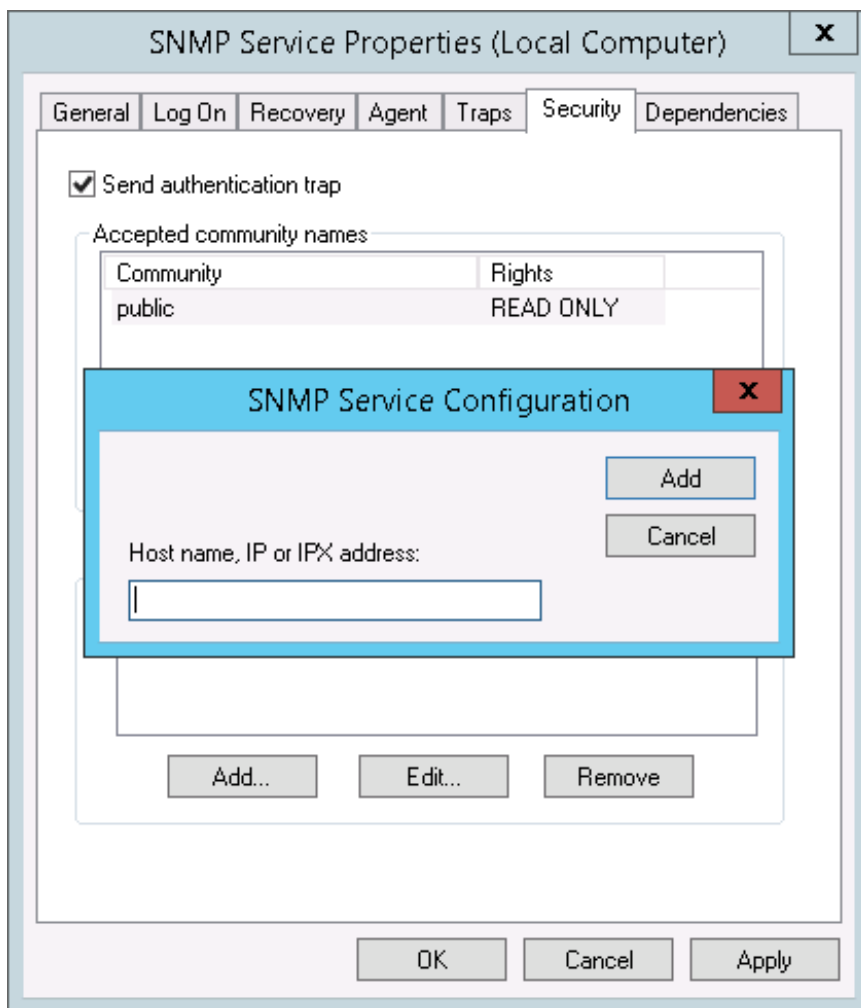
5. In the **Accepted community names** panel, click the **[Add...]** button. The **SNMP Service Configuration** pop-up window is displayed:



6. Enter a value in the following fields:

- **Community rights.** Select one of the following options from the drop-down list:
 - **READ ONLY.** Select this option to allow Skylar One to request information from this Windows 2012 Server or Windows 2016 Server using this SNMP community string. This option does not allow Skylar One to perform write operations on this Windows 2012 Server or Windows 2016 Server using this SNMP community string.
 - **READ WRITE.** Select this option to allow Skylar One to request information from this Windows 2012 Server or Windows 2016 Server and to perform write operations on this Windows 2012 Server or a Windows 2016 Serve using this SNMP community string.

- **Community name.** Enter the SNMP community string that Skylar One will use when making SNMP requests to this Windows 2012 Server or Windows 2016 Server. When you create a credential for this Windows 2012 Server or Windows 2016 Server in Skylar One, you will enter this community string in one the following fields in the **Credential Editor** modal page:
 - *SNMP Community (Read-Only).* Enter the SNMP community string in this field if you selected *READ ONLY* in the **Community rights** drop-down list.
 - *SNMP Community (Read/Write).* Enter the SNMP community string in this field if you selected *READ WRITE* in the **Community rights** drop-down list.
7. Click the **[Add]** button to add the community string to the list of community strings this Windows 2012 Server or Windows 2016 Server accepts.
 8. In the **Accept SNMP packets from these hosts** panel, click the **Add...** button. The **SNMP Service Configuration** pop-up window is displayed:



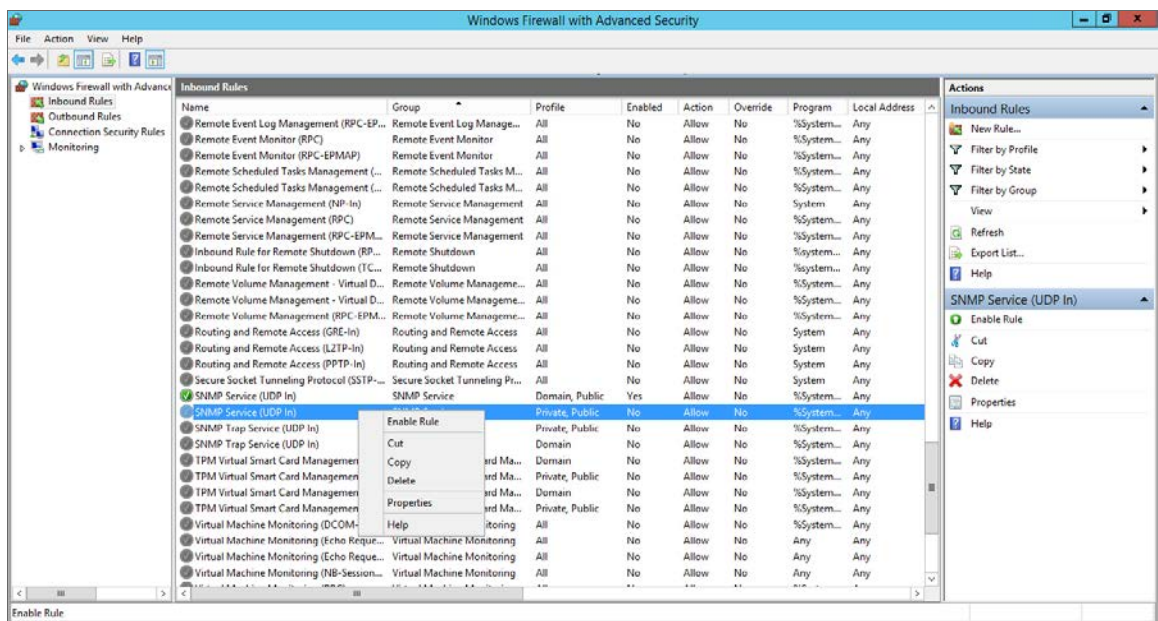
9. In the **Host name, IP or IPX address** field, enter the IP address of the All-In-One Appliance or Data Collector that will monitor this server.
10. Click the **[Add]** button to add the appliance to the list of authorized devices.

11. If you are using Skylar One with a distributed architecture, repeat steps 8-10 for each Data Collector in the collector group that will monitor this server.
12. Click the **[Apply]** button to apply all changes.

Configuring the Firewall to Allow SNMP Requests

To configure the Windows Firewall to allow SNMP requests on a Windows 2012 server or Windows 2016 Server, perform the following steps:

1. In the Start menu search bar, enter "firewall" to open a **Windows Firewall with Advanced Security** window.
2. In the left pane, click *Inbound Rules*.
3. Locate the two *SNMP Service (UDP In)* rules.
4. If one or both of the rules is not enabled, right-click on the rule and then select *Enable Rule*:



Configuring Device Classes for Windows Server 2016 and Windows 10

There is a known problem with the Microsoft OID that contains the version number for the operating system. This problem prevents Skylar One from using SNMP to automatically align device classes to Windows 10 devices and Microsoft Server 2016 devices.

Because Microsoft has deprecated support of SNMP on Microsoft Server 2016 and Windows 10, users who want to use SNMP to monitor Windows 10 and Microsoft Server 2016 should use one of these workarounds:

- After discovering a Microsoft Server 2016 or Windows 10 device, manually align the device class and disable nightly auto-discovery
- Edit the registry key

Both workarounds are described in the following sections.

Manually Align the Device Class

After discovering Microsoft Server 2016 devices and Windows 10 devices, you can manually align a device class with the discovered devices. To preserve your manual changes, you must disable nightly auto-discovery for those devices. You can manually align the discovered devices with one of these device classes:

- Windows Server 2016
- Windows Server 2016 Domain Controller
- Windows 10 Workstation

For details on manually assigning a device class to a device, follow the steps in the section on *Manually Changing the Device Class for a Device* in the **Device Management** manual chapter on *Managing Device Classes and Device Categories*. For details on disabling nightly auto-discovery for a device, see the section on *Maintaining the New Device Class During Auto-Discovery* in the **Device Management** manual chapter on *Managing Device Classes and Device Categories*.

Edit the Registry Key

You can log in to the device that you want to monitor and manually edit the Windows Registry Key "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion". You can define the value CurrentVersion as either "2016" or "10.0". To do this:

1. Click the Start menu and choose Run.
2. In the Run dialog box, type regedit and then click OK.
3. Navigate to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion
4. In the right pane, double click on the Default key.
5. Enter the appropriate value:
 - For Microsoft Server 2016, change the **Value** to 2016
 - For Windows 10, change the **Value** to 10.0

Configuring SNMP for Windows Server 2008

To configure SNMP on a Windows 2008 Server, you must:

1. [Configure "ping" responses.](#)
2. [Install the SNMP service.](#)
3. [Configure the SNMP service.](#)
4. [Configure the firewall to allow SNMP requests.](#)

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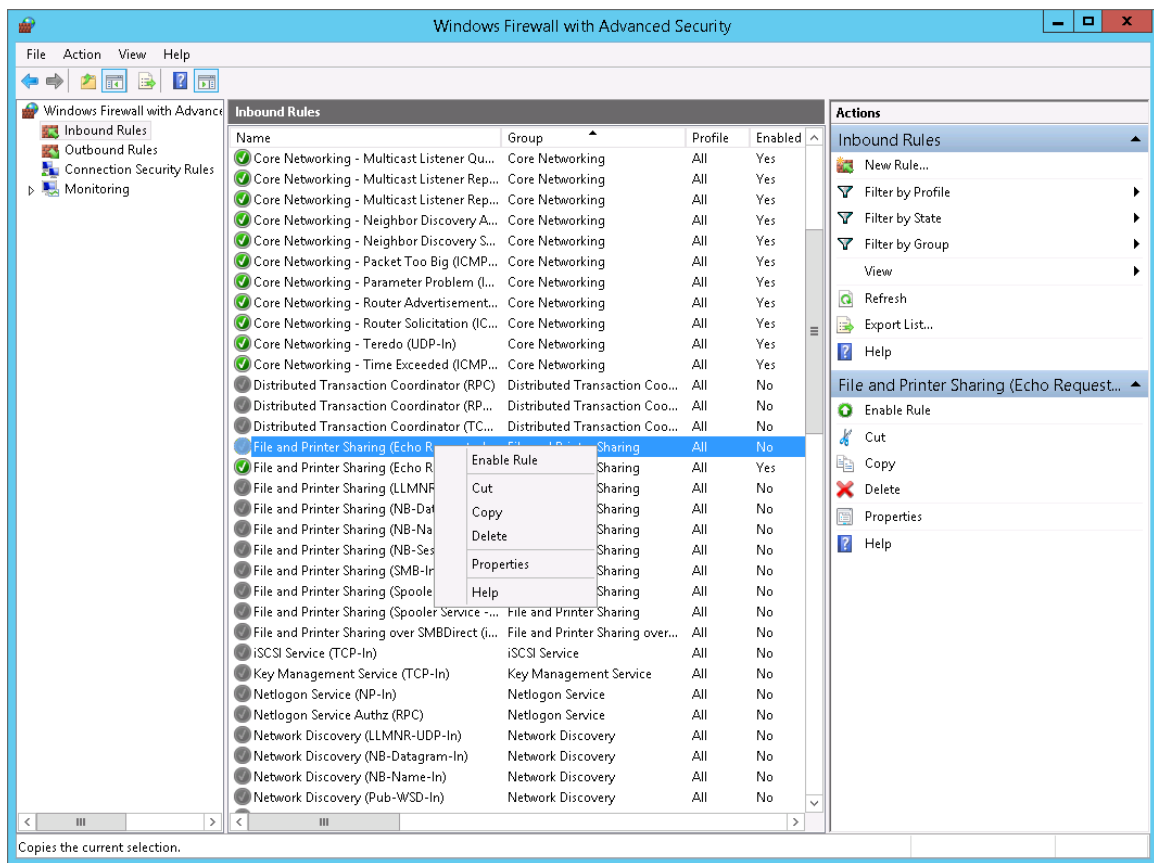
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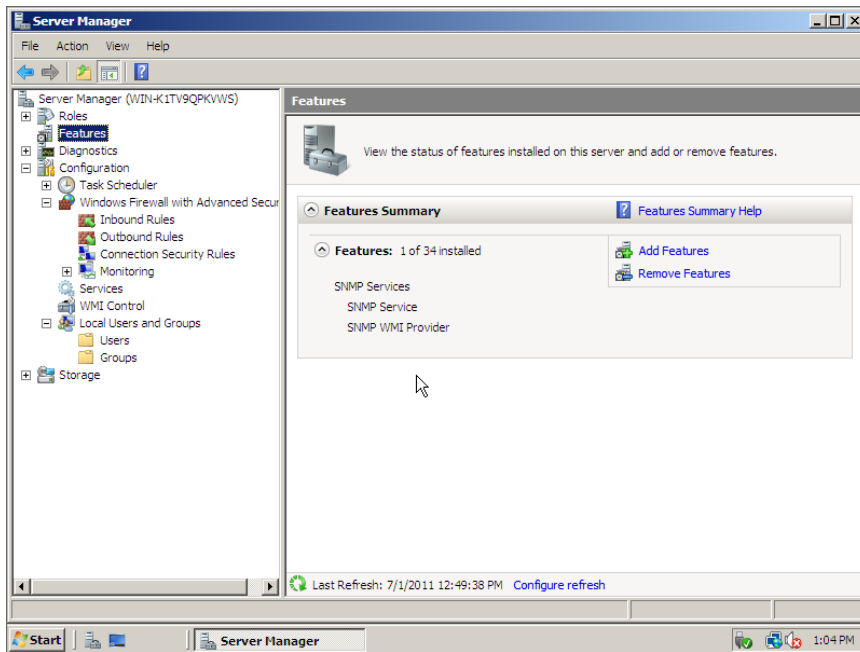


Installing the SNMP Service

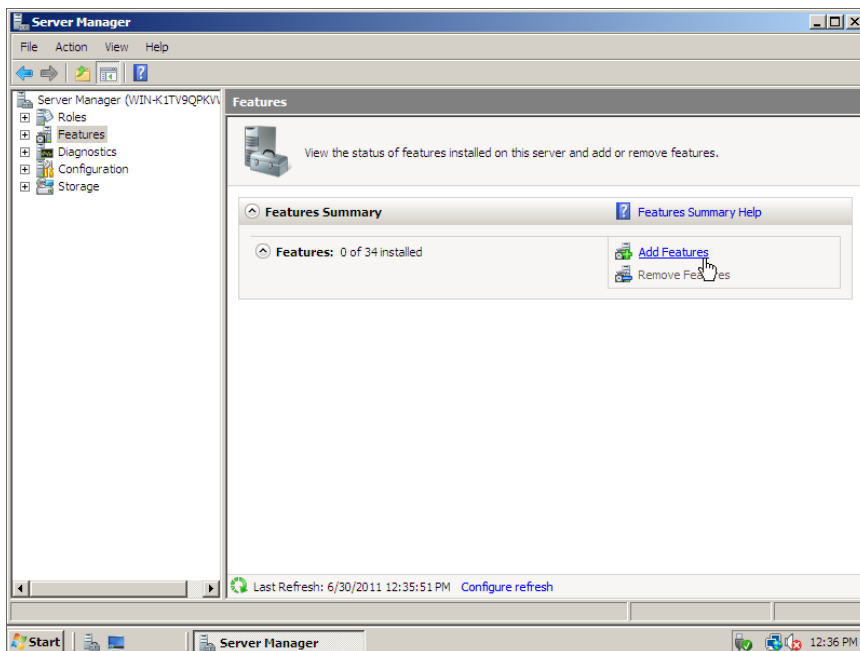
To install the SNMP service on a Windows 2008 Server, perform the following steps:

1. Open the **Server Manager** utility.

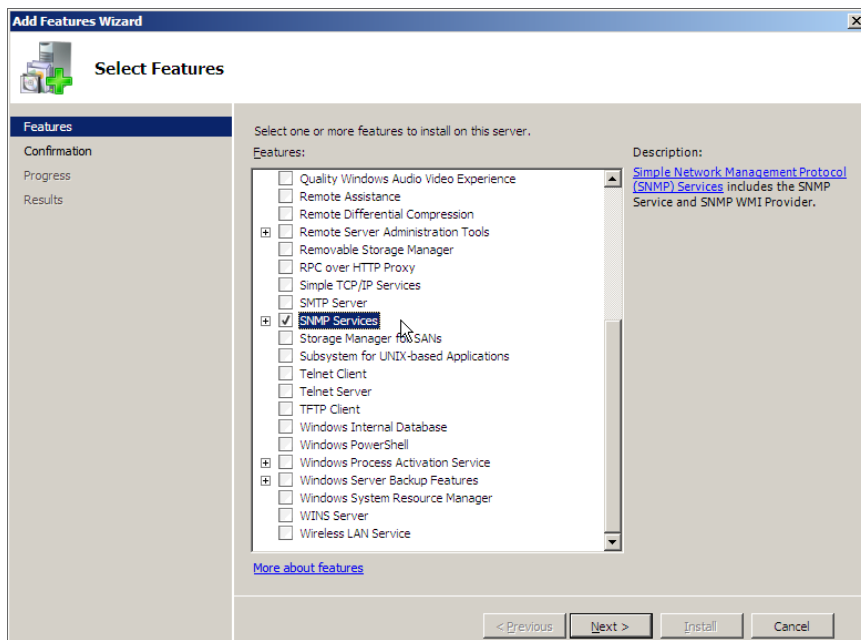
2. In the left pane of the **Server Manager** window, select *Features*. The **Features Summary** is displayed:



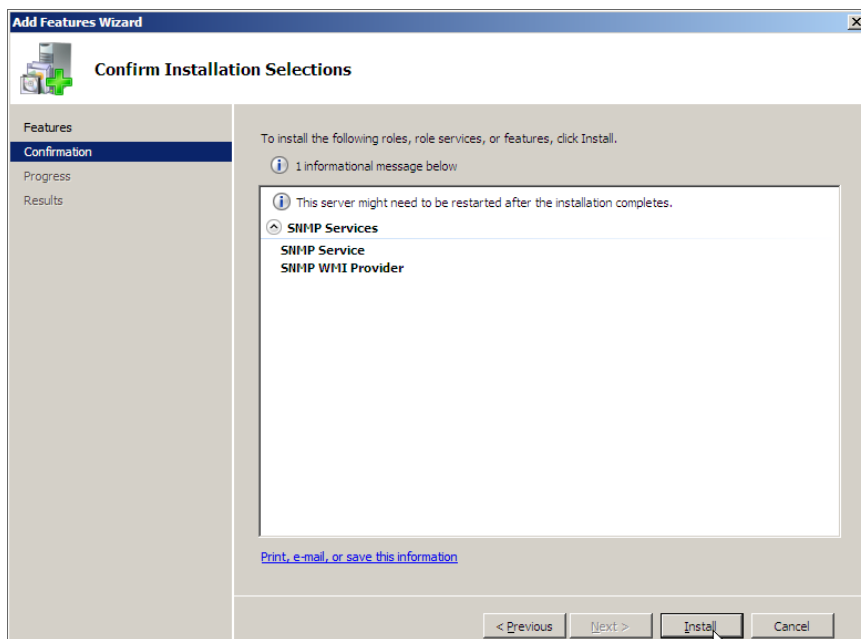
3. If the **Features Summary** displays "SNMP Service" and "SNMP WMI Provider" in the list of installed services (as shown above), you can skip to the section on configuring the SNMP service. If "SNMP Service" and "SNMP WMI Provider" are not included in the list of installed services, select **Add Features**:



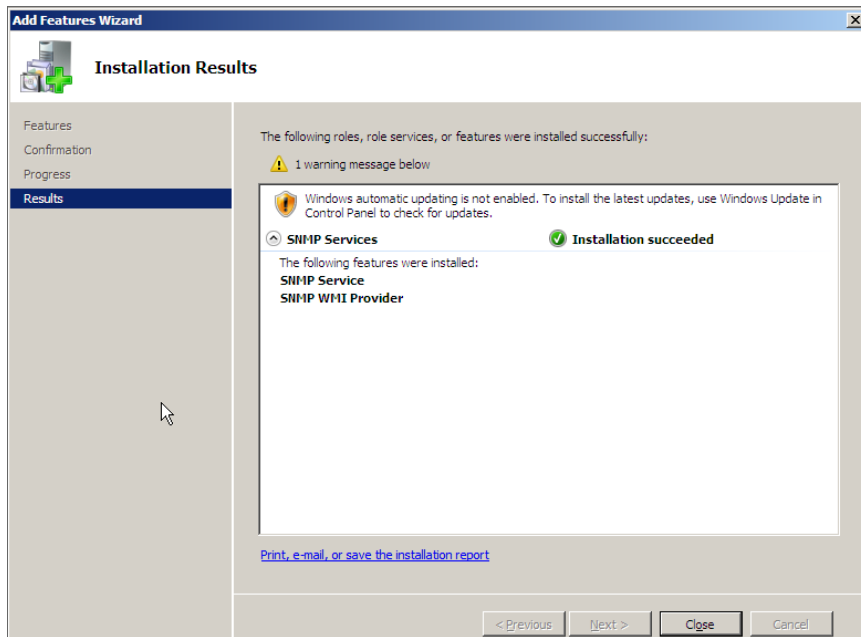
4. In the **Select Features** window, select *SNMP Services*:



5. Click the **[Next >]** button. The **Confirm Installed Selections** window is displayed with "SNMP Service" and "SNMP WMI Provider" in the list of features that will be installed:



- Click the **[Install]** button. After the installation is completed, the **Installation Results** window will be displayed:



- Click the **[Close]** button.

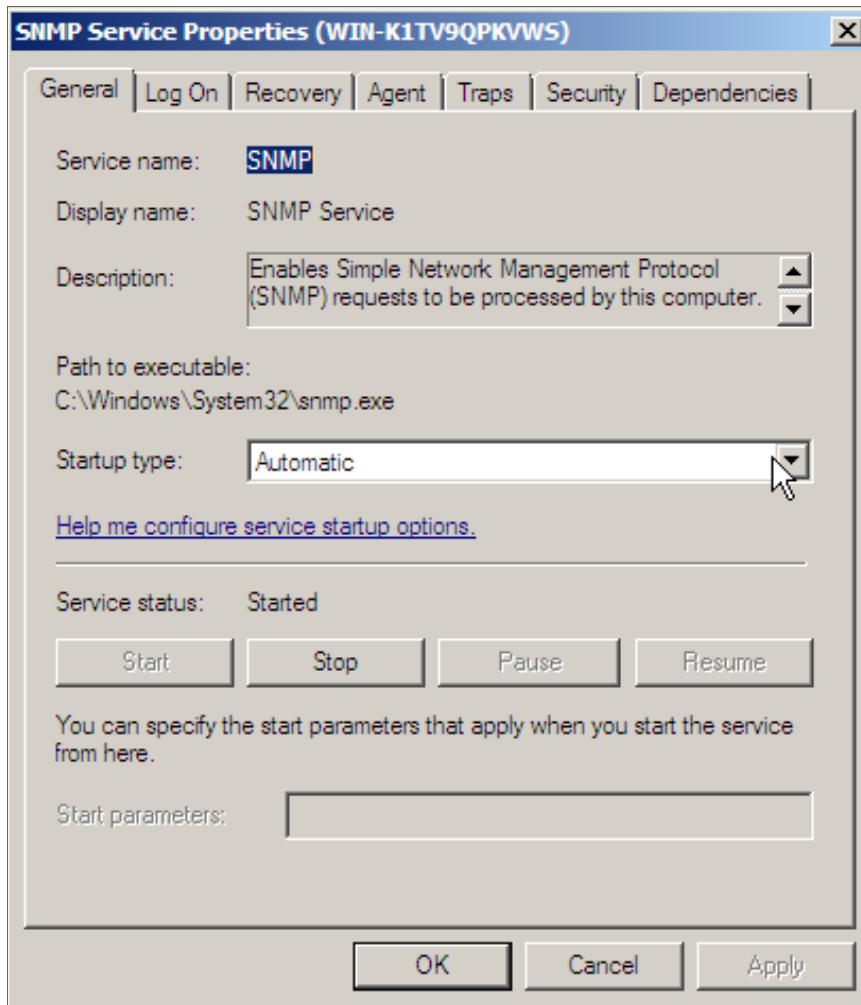
Configuring the SNMP Service

To configure the SNMP service on a Windows 2008 Server, perform the following steps:

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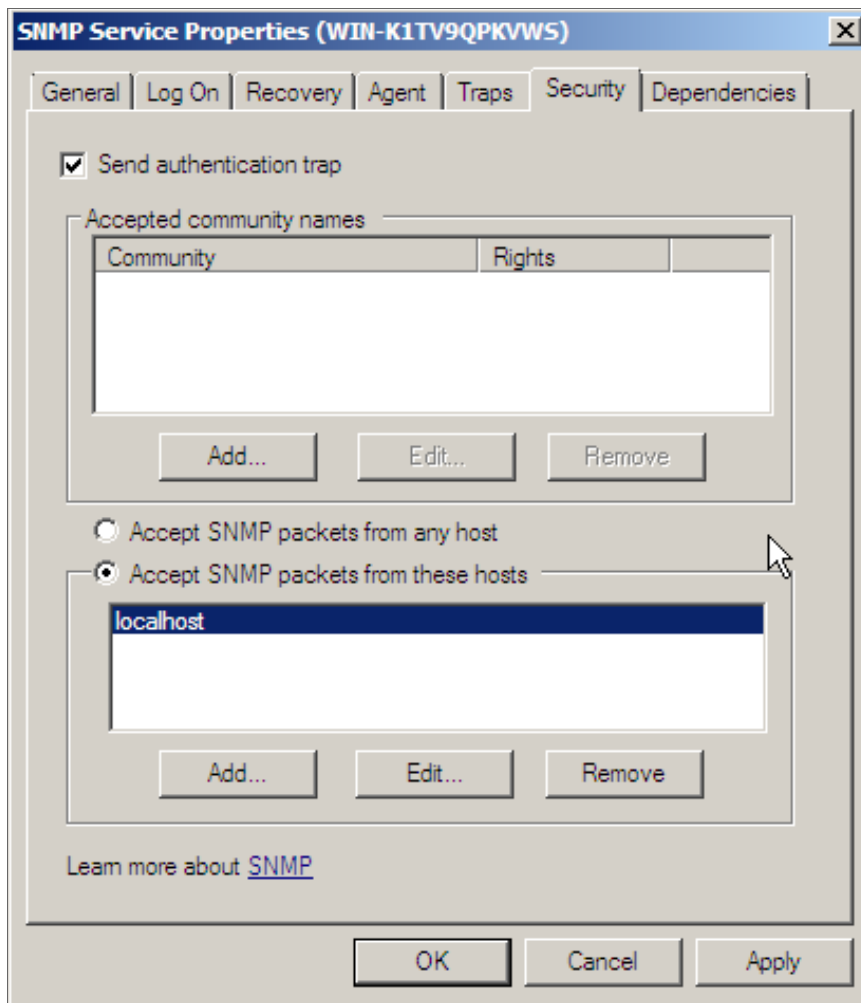
- In the left pane of the **Server Manager** window, expand the *Configuration* section, and then select *Services*.

2. In the list of services, right-click on *SNMP Service*, and then select *Properties*. The **SNMP Service Properties** window appears:

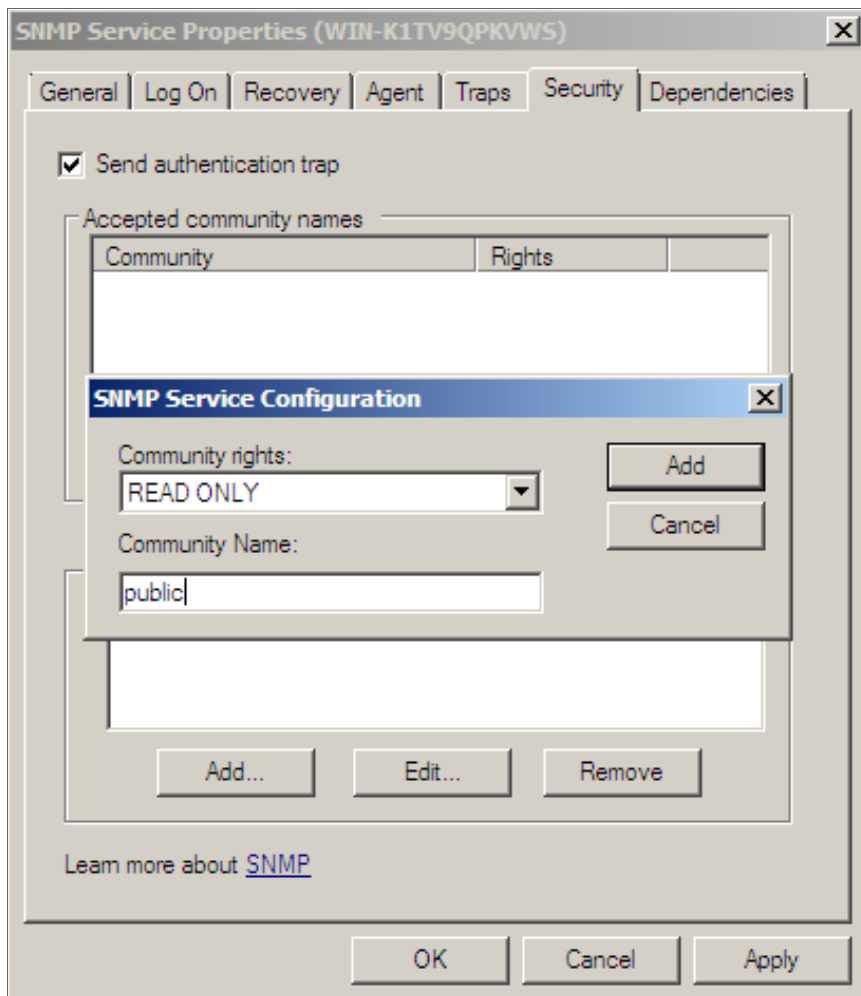


3. In the **Startup type:** field, select *Automatic*.

4. Select the **[Security]** tab. The security settings are displayed:



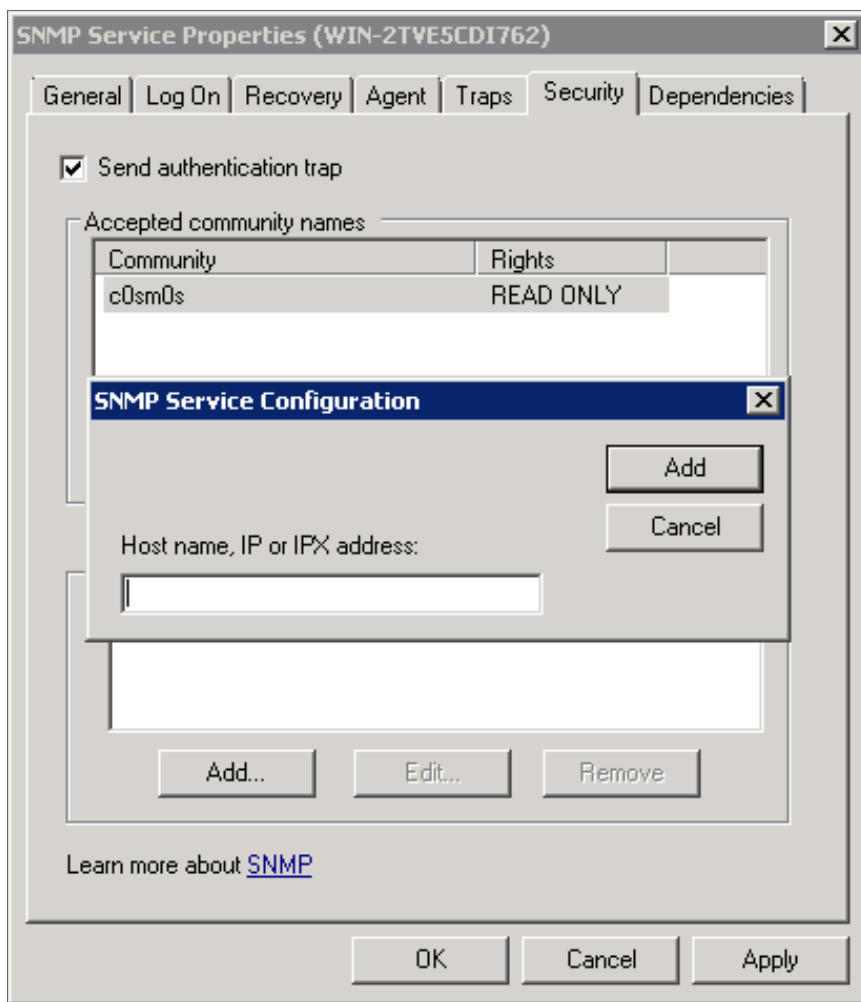
5. In the **Accepted community names** panel, click the **[Add...]** button. The **SNMP Service Configuration** pop-up window is displayed:



6. Enter a value in the following fields:

- **Community rights.** Select one of the following options from the drop-down list:
 - *READ ONLY.* Select this option to allow Skylar One to request information from this Windows 2008 Server using this SNMP community string. This option does not allow Skylar One to perform write operations on this Windows 2008 Server using this SNMP community string.
 - *READ WRITE.* Select this option to allow Skylar One to request information from this Windows 2008 server and to perform write operations on this Windows 2008 Server using this SNMP community string.

- **Community name.** Enter the SNMP community string that Skylar One will use to make SNMP requests to this Windows 2008 Server. When you create a credential for this Windows 2008 Server in Skylar One, you will enter this community string in one the following fields in the **Credential Editor** modal page:
 - SNMP Community (Read-Only). Enter the SNMP community string in this field if you selected *READ ONLY* in the **Community rights** drop-down list.
 - SNMP Community (Read/Write). Enter the SNMP community string in this field if you selected *READ WRITE* in the **Community rights** drop-down list.
7. Click the **[Add]** button to add the community string to list of community strings this Windows 2008 Server accepts.
 8. In the **Accept SNMP packets from these hosts** panel, click the **Add...** button. The **SNMP Service Configuration** pop-up window is displayed:



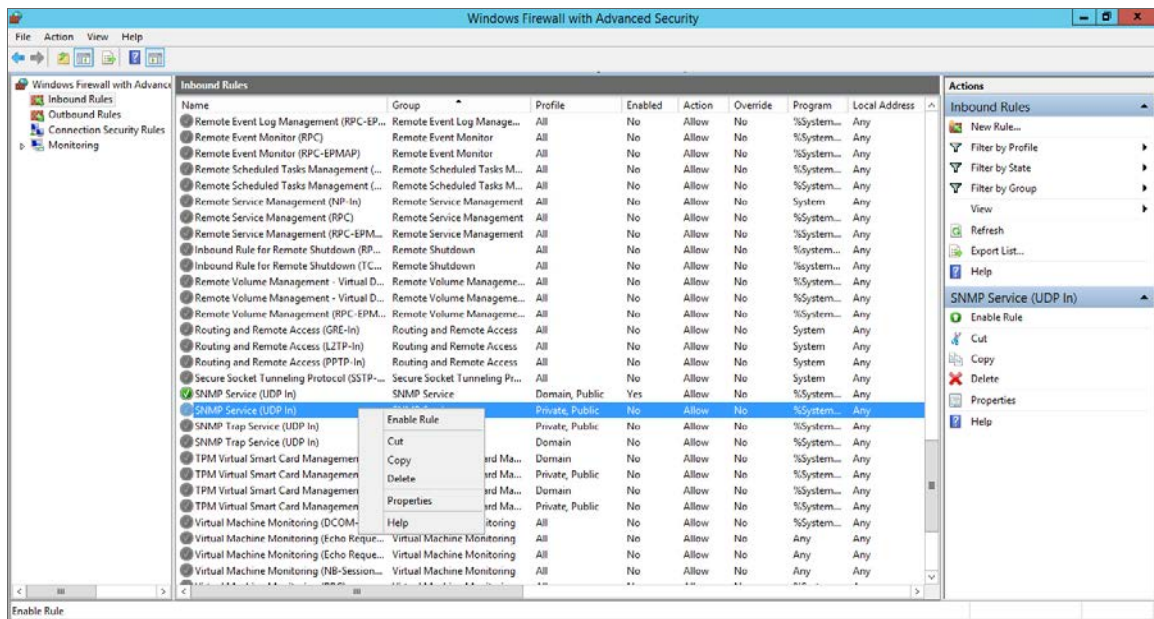
9. In the **Host name, IP or IPX address** field, enter the IP address of the All-In-One Appliance or Data Collector that will monitor this server.
10. Click the **[Add]** button to add the appliance to the list of authorized devices.

11. If you are using Skylar One with a distributed architecture, repeat steps 8-10 for each Data Collector in the collector group that will monitor this server.
12. Click the **[Apply]** button to apply all changes.

Configuring the Firewall to Allow SNMP Requests

To configure the Windows Firewall to allow SNMP requests on a Windows 2008 server, perform the following steps:

1. In the Start menu search bar, enter "firewall" to open a **Windows Firewall with Advanced Security** window.
2. In the left pane, click *Inbound Rules*.
3. Locate the two *SNMP Service (UDP In)* rules.
4. If one or both of the rules is not enabled, right-click on the rule and then select *Enable Rule*:



Chapter

3

Configuring Windows Servers for Monitoring with PowerShell

Overview

This chapter describes how to configure Windows Server 2025, 2022, 2019, 2016, 2012, or 2012 R2 for monitoring by Skylar One (formerly SL1) using PowerShell.

Use the following menu options to navigate the Skylar One user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (.
- To view a page containing all of the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon ().

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Prerequisites

Before configuring PowerShell, ensure the following:

- Forward and Reverse DNS should be available for the target Windows server from the Skylar One Data Collector. Port 53 to the domain's DNS server should thus be available.
- When using an Active Directory user account as the Skylar One credential, port 88 on the Windows Domain Controller, for the Active Directory domain, should be open for Kerberos authentication.
- If encrypted communication between the Skylar One Data Collector and monitored Windows servers is desired, port 5986 on the Windows server should be open for HTTPS traffic. If unencrypted communications is being used, then port 5985 on the Windows server should be opened for HTTP traffic
- If multiple domains are in use, ensure that they are mapped in the [domain_realm] section of the Kerberos krb5.conf file on the Linux operating system of the Skylar One collector appliance.

Configuring PowerShell

To monitor a Windows Server using PowerShell Dynamic Applications, you must configure the Windows Server to allow remote access from Skylar One. To do so, you must perform the following general steps:

1. [Configure a user account](#) that Skylar One will use to connect to the Windows Server. The user account can either be a local account or an Active Directory account.

TIP: For ease of configuration, ScienceLogic recommends using an Active Directory account that is a member of the local Administrators group on the Windows Server.

2. [Configure a Server Authentication Certificate](#) to encrypt communication between Skylar One and the Windows Server.
3. [Configure Windows Remote Management](#).
4. Optionally, [configure a Windows server as a Windows Management Proxy](#).

NOTE: If you are configuring multiple Windows servers for monitoring by Skylar One, you can apply these settings using a Group Policy.

5. Optionally, you can [increase the number of PowerShell Dynamic Applications that can run simultaneously](#) against a single Windows server.

Step 1: Configuring the User Account for Skylar One

To enable Skylar One to monitor Windows servers, you must first configure a user account on a Windows Server that Skylar One can use to make PowerShell requests. You will include this user account information when creating the PowerShell credential that Skylar One uses to collect data from the Windows Server.

To configure the Windows Server user account that Skylar One can use to make PowerShell requests, complete one of the following options:

- **Option 1:** [Create an Active Directory Account with Administrator access](#)
- **Option 2:** [Create a local user account with Administrator access](#)
- **Option 3:** [Create a non-administrator user account](#)

TIP: For ease-of-configuration, ScienceLogic recommends creating an Active Directory user account.

After creating your Windows Server user account, depending on your setup and the servers you want to monitor, you might also need to configure the user account for remote PowerShell access to the following server types:

- [Microsoft Exchange Server](#)
- [Hyper-V Servers](#)

NOTE: In Skylar One versions 11.3.0 and later, a newer Kerberos library is used that allows for message encryption over HTTP. This feature is on by default and may eliminate the need for you to configure an HTTPS certificate depending on your security requirements. When the **Use SSL (HTTPS)** field (or **Encrypted**, in versions 12.3.6 and earlier) is toggled on or off in the PowerShell credential, it determines if the HTTPS port is used (Yes) or not (No). Encryption is on by default.

Option 1: Creating an Active Directory Account with Administrator Access

For each Windows server that you want to monitor with PowerShell or WinRM, you can create an Active Directory account that is a member of the local Administrators group on each server. For instructions, consult Microsoft's documentation. On Windows Domain Controller servers, you can use a domain account that is not in the Domain Administrators group by following the configuration instructions for [Option 3: Creating a Non-Administrator User Account](#).

After creating your Active Directory account:

- If you use Skylar One to monitor Microsoft Exchange Servers, you must [configure the user account for remote PowerShell access to Microsoft Exchange Server](#).
- If you use Skylar One to monitor Hyper-V Servers, you must [configure the user account for remote PowerShell access to the Hyper-V Servers](#).
- Otherwise, **you can skip the remainder of this section and [proceed to Step 3](#)**.

Option 2: Creating a Local User Account with Administrator Access

If you have local Administrator access to the servers you want to monitor and are monitoring Windows Server 2016 or Windows Server 2012, you can alternatively create a local user account with membership in the Administrators group instead of an Active Directory account. For instructions, consult Microsoft's documentation.

WARNING: This method does not work for Windows Server 2008.

After creating your local user account with Local Administrator access:

- If you use Skylar One to monitor Microsoft Exchange Servers, you must [configure the user account for remote PowerShell access to Microsoft Exchange Server](#).
- If you use Skylar One to monitor Hyper-V Servers, you must [configure the user account for remote PowerShell access to the Hyper-V Servers](#).
- Otherwise, **you can skip the remainder of this section and [proceed to Step 2: Configuring a Server Authentication Certificate](#)**.

Option 3: Creating a Non-Administrator User Account

If you do not have Local Administrator access to the servers that you want to monitor with PowerShell or WinRM, or if the monitored Windows server is a Domain Controller that will not be in the local Administrators group, then you must first create a domain user account or create a local user account on the Windows Server. For instructions, consult Microsoft's documentation.

After creating your domain user account or local user account:

- You must configure the Windows servers to allow that non-administrator user access. To do so, **follow the steps in this section**.
- If you use Skylar One to monitor Microsoft Exchange Servers, you must [configure the user account for remote PowerShell access to Microsoft Exchange Server](#).
- If you use Skylar One to monitor Hyper-V Servers, you must [configure the user account for remote PowerShell access to the Hyper-V Servers](#).

To configure Windows Servers to allow access by your non-administrator user account:

1. Start a Windows PowerShell shell with **Run As Administrator** and execute the following command:

```
winrm configsdcl default
```

2. On the **Permissions for Default** window, click the **[Add]** button, and then add the non-administrator user account.
3. Select the *Allow* checkbox for the **Read (Get, Enumerate, Subscribe)** and **Execute (Invoke)** permissions for the user, and then click **[OK]**.
4. Access the Management console. To do this:
 - In Windows Server 2016 and 2012, right-click the Windows icon, click **[Computer Management]**, and then expand **[Services and Applications]**.
5. Right-click on **[WMI Control]** and then select *Properties*.
6. On the **WMI Control Properties** window, click the **[Security]** tab, and then click the **[Security]** button.
7. Click the **[Add]** button, and then add the non-administrator user or group in the **Select Users, Service Accounts, or Groups** dialog, then click **[OK]**.
8. On the **Security for Root** window, select the user or group just added, then in the **Permissions** section at the bottom of the window, select the **Allow** checkbox for the *Execute Methods*, *Enable Account*, and *Remote Enable* permissions.
9. Under the **Permissions** section of the **Security for Root** window, click the **[Advanced]** button.
10. In the **Advanced Security Settings** window, double-click on the user account or group you are modifying.
11. On the **Permission Entry** window, in the *Type* field, select *Allow*.
12. In the *Applies to* field, select *This namespace and subnamespaces*.
13. Select the *Execute Methods*, *Enable Account*, and *Remote Enable* permission checkboxes, and then click **[OK]** several times to exit the windows opened for setting WMI permissions.
14. Restart the WMI Service from services.msc.

NOTE: To open services.msc, press the Windows + R keys, type "services.msc", and then press Enter.

15. **If this is a member server**, go to the Management console, go to System Tools > Local Users and Groups > Groups. Right-click on **Performance Monitor Users**, then select *Properties*.
16. **If this is on a domain controller**, go to the Server Manager, go to the **Tools** menu, and click **Active Directory Users and Computers**. Locate the **Builtin** folder. Inside the **Builtin** folder right-click **Performance Monitor Users**, and then select *Properties*.
17. On the **Performance Monitor Users Properties** window, click the **[Add]** button.
18. In the *Enter the object names to select* field, type the non-administrator domain user or group name, and then click **[Check Names]**.
19. Select the user or group name from the list and then click **[OK]**.
20. In the **Performance Monitor Users Properties** window, click **[OK]**.
21. Perform steps 15-20 for the **Event Log Readers** user group and again for the **Distributed COM Users** user group, the **Remote Management Users** user group, and if it exists on the server, the **WinRMRemoteWMIUsers__** user group.

22. If you intend to use encrypted communications between the Skylar One collector host and your monitored Windows servers, each Windows server must have a digital certificate installed that has "Server Authentication" as an Extended Key Usage property. You can create a self-signed certificate for WinRM by executing the following command:

```
$Cert = New-SelfSignedCertificate -CertstoreLocation  
Cert:\LocalMachine\My -DnsName "myHost"
```

24. Add an HTTPS listener by executing the following command:

```
New-Item -Path WSMan:\LocalHost\Listener -Transport HTTPS -Address * -  
CertificateThumbPrint $Cert.Thumbprint -Force
```

NOTE: This command should be entered on a single line.

25. Ensure that your local firewall allows inbound TCP connections on port 5986 if you are going to use encrypted communications between the Skylar One collector(s) and the Windows server, or port 5985 if you will be using unencrypted communications between the two. You may have to create a new rule on Windows Firewall if one does not already exist.

Optional: Configuring the User Account for Remote PowerShell Access to Microsoft Exchange Server

If you use Skylar One to monitor Microsoft Exchange Servers:

1. Follow the steps in the section [Configuring the User Account for Skylar One](#).
2. Add the new user account to the "Server Management" Exchange security group in Active Directory.
3. The user account will then be able to connect to the relevant WinRM endpoint to use cmdlets installed with the Exchange Management Shell. For example, this will give the user account access to the cmdlet "Get-ExchangeServer".

Optional: Configuring the User Account for Remote PowerShell Access to Hyper-V Servers

To use PowerShell Dynamic Applications to monitor a Hyper-V server, you must:

- Create a user group in Active Directory
- Add the user account you will use to monitor the Hyper-V server to the group
- Set the session configuration parameters on the Hyper-V Server
- Set the group permissions on the Hyper-V Server
- Create a PowerShell credential using the new user account

Creating a User Group and Adding a User in Active Directory

To create a group in Active Directory and add a user:

1. In Active Directory, in the same DC as the Hyper-V host you want to monitor, in the OU called ***Users***, create a group. For example, we called our group ***PSSession Creators***.
2. Add a user that meets the requirements for monitoring a Windows server via PowerShell to the group. This is the user that you will specify in the PowerShell credential.

NOTE: For details on using Active Directory to perform these tasks, consult Microsoft's documentation.

Setting the Session Configuration Parameters and Group Permissions

To set the Session Configuration and the Group Permissions on the Hyper-V Server:

1. Login to the Hyper-V server.
2. Open a PowerShell session. Enter the following command:

```
Set-PSSessionConfiguration -ShowSecurityDescriptorUI -Name  
Microsoft.PowerShell
```

3. When prompted, select **A**.
4. The **Permissions** dialog appears.
5. In the **Permissions** dialog, supply values in the following fields:
 - **Group or user names.** Select the name of the group you created in Active Directory.
 - **Permissions for group.** For **Full Control (All Operations)**, select the **Allow** checkbox.
6. Click the **[OK]** button.

Optional: Configuring the User Account for Access to Windows Failover Cluster

To configure Windows Servers to allow access to your Windows Failover Cluster:

1. Start a Windows PowerShell shell with **Run As Administrator** and execute the following command:

```
'Grant-ClusterAccess -User <domain>\<user> -ReadOnly'
```

Step 2: Configuring a Server Authentication Certificate

NOTE: In Skylar One versions 11.3.0 and later, a newer Kerberos library is used that allows for message encryption over HTTP. This feature is on by default and may eliminate the need for you to configure an HTTPS certificate depending on your security requirements. When the **Use SSL (HTTPS)** field (or **Encrypted**, in versions 12.3.6 and earlier) is toggled on or off in the PowerShell credential, it determines if the HTTPS port is used (Yes) or not (No). Encryption is on by default.

ScienceLogic highly recommends that you encrypt communications between Skylar One and the Windows Servers you want it to monitor.

If you have created a **local account on the Windows Server that uses Basic Auth** and that account will allow communication between Skylar One and the Windows server, the best practice for security is to enable HTTPS to support encrypted data transfer and authentication. To do this, you must configure WinRM to listen for HTTPS requests. This is called configuring an HTTPS listener.

NOTE: For details on configuring WinRM on your Windows servers to use HTTPS, see <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/2019527/how-to-configure-winrm-for-https>.

The sections below describe how to configure a Server Authentication Certificate on the Windows Server. This is only one task included in configuring an HTTPS listener. However, not all users need to configure a Server Authentication Certificate. You can find out if your Windows computer has a digital certificate installed for Server Authentication by running `'Get-ChildItem -Path Cert:\LocalMachine\My -EKU "*Server Authentication*"'` from a PowerShell command shell.

To support encrypted data transfer and authentication between Skylar One and the servers, one of the following must be true:

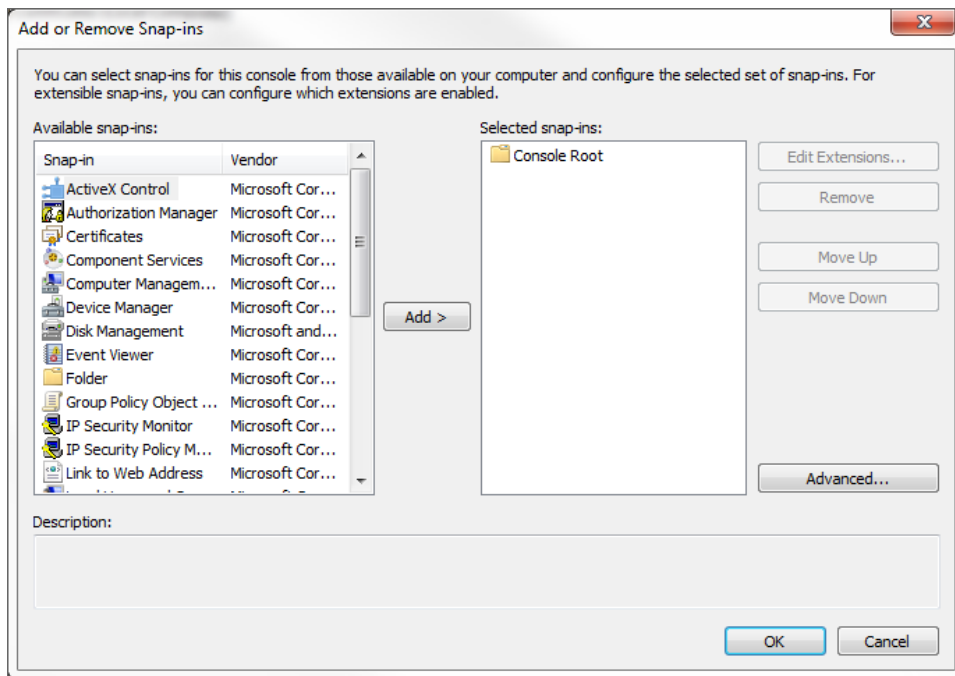
- Your network **includes a Microsoft Certificate server**. In this scenario, you should work with your Microsoft administrator to get a certificate for your Windows Server instead of configuring a self-signed Server Authentication Certificate. **You can skip this section and proceed to Step 3.**
- Your network **does not include a Microsoft Certificate server**. In this scenario, you must configure a self-signed Server Authentication Certificate on the Windows Server that you want to monitor with Skylar One using one of the following methods:
 - **Option 1:** [Use the Microsoft Management Console](#).
 - **Option 2:** If your Windows Server includes Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), you can [use the makecert tool](#).
 - **Option 3:** If you are running PowerShell 4.0 or later, you can [use the New-SelfSignedCertificate and Export-PfxCertificate commands](#).

NOTE: If you have created an Active Directory user account on the Windows Server to allow communication between Skylar One and the server, Active Directory will use Kerberos and AES-256 encryption to ensure secure authentication.

Option 1: Using the Microsoft Management Console to Create a Self-Signed Authentication Certificate

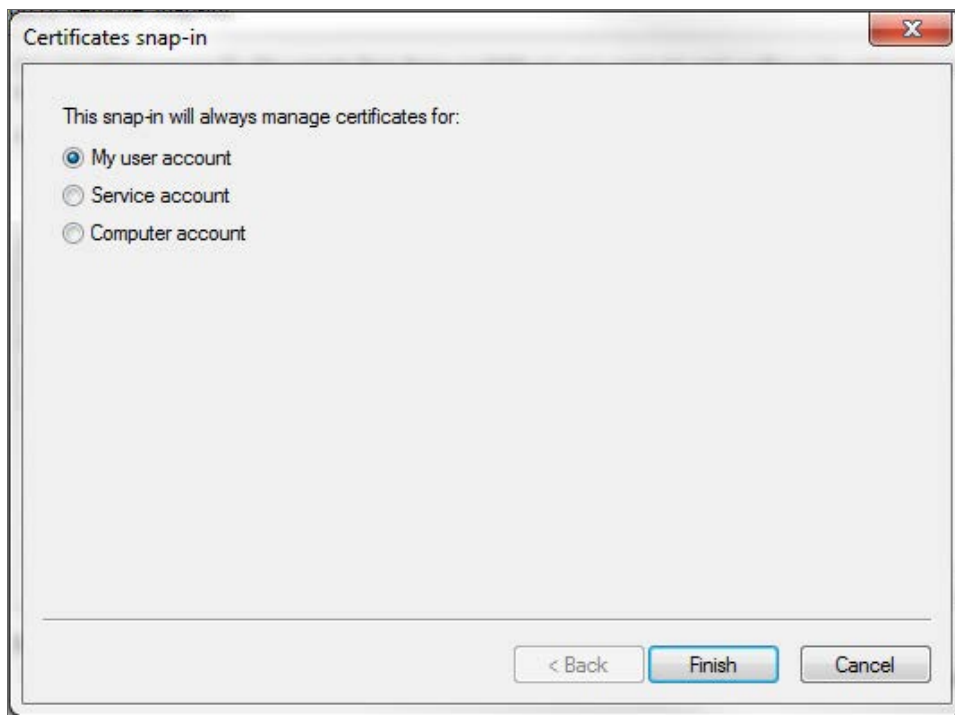
To use the **Microsoft Management Console** to create a self-signed certificate:

1. Log in to the Windows Server that you want to monitor with Skylar One.
2. In the Start menu search bar, enter "mmc" to open a **Microsoft Management Console** window.
3. Select **[File]**, then *Add/Remove Snap-Ins*. The **Add or Remove Snap-ins** window is displayed:



4. In the **Available snap-ins** list, select *Certificates*.

5. Click the **[Add >]** button. The **Certificates snap-in** window is displayed:



6. Select *Computer account*.
7. Click the **[Next >]** button.
8. Click the **[Finish]** button.
9. In the **Add or Remove Snap-ins** window, click the **[OK]** button.
10. In the left pane of the **Microsoft Management Console** window, navigate to Console Root > Certificates (Local Computer) > Personal.
11. Right-click in the middle pane and select *All Tasks > Request New Certificate....* The **Certificate Enrollment** window is displayed.
12. Click the **[Next]** button. The **Select Certificate Enrollment Policy** page is displayed.
13. Select *Active Directory Enrollment Policy*.
14. Click the **[Next]** button. The **Request Certificates** page is displayed.
15. Select the **Computer** checkbox.
16. Click the **[Enroll]** button.
17. After the certificate is installed, click the **[Finish]** button.

Option 2: Using the MakeCert Tool to Create a Self-Signed Authentication Certificate

If your Windows system includes Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), you can use the MakeCert tool that is included in the kit to create a self-signed certificate. For information on the MakeCert tool, or for

details about creating a self-signed certificate with MakeCert and installing the certificate in the Trusted Root Certificate Authorities store, see the Microsoft documentation.

Option 3: Using PowerShell Commands to Create a Self-Signed Authentication Certificate

If your Windows system includes PowerShell 4.0 or later, you can use the following PowerShell commands to create a self-signed certificate:

- You can use the **New-SelfSignCertificate** command to create a self-signed certificate. For information on **New-SelfSignCertificate**, see the Microsoft documentation.
- You can use the **Export-PfxCertificate** command to export the private certificate. For information on the **Export-PfxCertificate**, see the Microsoft documentation.

Step 3: Configuring Windows Remote Management

To provide Skylar One remote access to the Windows Servers you want to monitor, you must configure Windows Remote Management.

NOTE: This step is required regardless of the user account type that Skylar One will use to connect to the Windows Server.

There are three ways to configure Windows Remote Management:

- **Option 1:** *Use the script provided by ScienceLogic.*
- **Option 2:** *Manually perform the configuration.*
- **Option 3:** *Use a group policy.*

Option 1: Using a Script to Configure Windows Remote Management

ScienceLogic provides a PowerShell script in a .zip file in the PowerPack download folder that automates configuration of Windows Remote Management and permissions required for the user account that will be used in the Skylar One credential. The script configures all of the base Windows permissions required, except for opening up Windows Firewall ports for HTTP and/or HTTPS traffic. The configuration performed by the script is useful primarily for running collection with the "Microsoft: Windows Server", "Microsoft: Windows Server Event Logs", and "Microsoft: SQL Server Enhanced" PowerPacks.

NOTE: The "Microsoft: SQL Server Enhanced" PowerPack requires further instance-specific permissions. See [Monitoring SQL Servers](#) for more information.

To use the PowerShell script, perform the following steps:

1. When you download the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack from the [ScienceLogic Support Center](#), a .zip file for the **WinRM Configuration Wizard Script (winrm_configuration_wizard_v3.5.ps1)** will be in the folder with the PowerPack's EM7PP file.
2. Unzip the downloaded file.
3. Using the credentials for an account that is a member of the Administrator's group, log in to the Windows server you want to monitor. You can log in directly or use Remote Desktop to log in.
4. Copy the PowerShell script named **winrm_configuration_wizard_v3.5.ps1** to the Windows server that you want to monitor with Skylar One.
5. Right-click on the PowerShell icon and select **Run As Administrator**.
6. At the PowerShell prompt, navigate to the directory where you copied the PowerShell script named **winrm_configuration_wizard_v3.5.ps1**.
7. At the PowerShell prompt, enter the following to enable execution of the script:

```
Set-ExecutionPolicy -ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted -Scope Process -Force
```

NOTE: The execution policy setting persists only during the current PowerShell session.

8. After the warning text, select Y.

NOTE: If your Windows configuration requires further steps to allow execution of the script, PowerShell will display prompts. Follow the prompts.

9. To run the script with interactive dialogs, enter the following at the PowerShell prompt:

```
.\winrm_configuration_wizard_v3.5.ps1 -user <domain>\<username>
```

NOTE: If you have run the script previously and set HTTPS listeners, make sure you have deleted any previous HTTPS listeners with the following command: `winrm delete winrm/config/Listener?Address=*&Transport=HTTPS`

The user account you wish to use for Skylar One collection must be specified with the `-user` command-line argument regardless of other arguments used. You can obtain the full help for the PowerShell configuration script by entering the following:

```
help .\winrm_configuration_wizard_v3.5.ps1 -full
```

IMPORTANT: This command works only on Windows servers, and not on Windows 11 workstations.

The most common way to run the script is silently:

```
.\winrm_configuration_wizard_v3.5.ps1 -user <domain>\<username> -  
silent
```

NOTE: If you have multiple certificates installed on your server, running the script with the `-silent` flag will by default use the first certificate it encounters for your HTTP/HTTPS listeners. To set a specific certificate, run the script without the `-silent` flag and use the WinRM Installation Wizard.

You can use "`-dry_run`" command-line argument to record all PowerShell commands that would have made changes to the Windows system. These commands will be logged in the `silowinrm_config.log` file with the prefix: "Dry Run: '<COMMAND>'".

```
.\winrm_configuration_wizard_v3.5.ps1 -user <domain>\<username> -  
dry_run
```

You can also use "`-permissions_only`" command-line argument to run the following functions: `AddWinRMRights`, `AddUserToGroups`, `SetWMIPermissions`, `SetRegistryPermissions`, `SetSecurityRegKeyReadPermission`.

```
.\winrm_configuration_wizard_v3.5.ps1 -user <domain>\<username> -  
permissions_only
```

10. If you start the script without using the `-silent` command-line argument, the **WinRM Installation Wizard** modal appears. Click **[OK]**.
11. The **Windows Account Type** modal appears. Select the appropriate choice for your environment.
12. The **Set Encryption Policy** modal appears. Select the appropriate choice for your environment.
 - **Click YES to us only encrypted data.** Click Yes to configure an HTTPS listener for using encrypted communications between the Skylar One collectors and the Windows server. Setting up an HTTPS listener requires a digital certificate with Server Authentication ECU to be available on the server.
 - **Click NO to allow unencrypted data.** For communication between Skylar One collectors and the Windows server, if unencrypted traffic is allowed, an HTTP listener will be configured for communication.
13. The **Change Max Requests** modal appears. Click **[Yes]**.
14. The **Change IdleTimeout** modal appears. If you would like to change the value of **IdleTimeout**, click **[Yes]**. If you click **[Yes]**, the **Set WinRM IdleTimeout** modal appears. Enter the new value in the field and click **[OK]**.
15. The **Set Ports for WinRM Traffic** modal appears, and it shows the current settings for the HTTP and HTTPS ports. If you want to make a change to these, click **[YES]**; otherwise, click **[NO]** to continue.
16. Choose which port values you would like Skylar One to use when communicating with the Windows server.
17. The **Set HTTPS Thumbprint** modal appears. Enter the information for your certificate thumbprint, which is used to create an HTTPS listener, then click **[OK]**.

NOTE: If the certificate structure for your certificate thumbprint is incomplete or incorrect, an error message appears indicating that the WinRM client cannot process the request. If you think you made an error, click **[OK]** and try to correct it. Otherwise, contact a system administrator for help.

18. The **Confirm Settings** modal appears. If the settings are as you specified, click **[OK]**.
19. The **Complete** modal appears. If the settings are correct, click **[OK]**.
20. Exit the PowerShell session.

Option 2: Manually Configuring Windows Remote Management

To configure a Windows server for monitoring via PowerShell directly, perform the following steps:

1. Log in to the server with an account that is a member of the local Administrators group, or a Domain Administrator's account if on a Windows server with the Domain Controller role installed.
2. Ensure that your local firewall allows inbound TCP connections on port 5986 if you are going to use encrypted communications between the Skylar One Data Collectors and the Windows server, or port 5985 if you will be using unencrypted communications between the two. You may have to create a new rule on Windows Firewall if one does not already exist.
3. Right-click on the PowerShell icon in the taskbar or the **Start** menu, and select *Run as Administrator*.
4. Execute the following command:

```
Get-ExecutionPolicy
```

5. If the output is "Restricted", execute the following command:

```
Set-ExecutionPolicy RemoteSigned
```

6. Enter "Y" to accept.
7. Execute the following command:

```
winrm quickconfig
```

8. Enter "Y" to accept.
9. If you are configuring this Windows server for encrypted communication, execute the following command:

```
winrm quickconfig -transport:https
```

10. Enter "Y" to accept.
11. Execute the following command:

```
winrm get winrm/config
```

The output should look like this (additional lines indicated by ellipsis):

```
Config
...
Client
...
Auth
    Basic = true
    ...
    Kerberos = true
    ...
...
Service
...
    AllowUnencrypted = false
    ...
    DefaultPorts
        HTTP = 5985
        HTTPS = 5986
        ...
        AllowRemoteAccess = true
Winrs
    AllowRemoteShellAccess = true
    ...
```

12. In the Service section, if the parameter ***AllowRemoteAccess*** is set to *false*, execute the following command:

NOTE: This setting does not appear for all versions of Windows. If this setting does not appear, no action is required.

```
Set-Item WSMan:\localhost\Service\AllowRemoteAccess -value true
```

13. In the Winrs section, if the parameter **AllowRemoteShellAccess** is set to *false*, execute the following command:

```
Set-Item WSMan:\localhost\Winrs\AllowRemoteShellAccess -value true
```

14. If you are configuring this Windows server for unencrypted communication and the parameter **AllowUnencrypted** (in the Service section) is set to *false*, execute the following command:

```
Set-Item WSMan:\localhost\Service\AllowUnencrypted -value true
```

15. If you are configuring this Windows server for unencrypted communication, verify that "HTTP = 5985" appears in the DefaultPorts section.

NOTE: ScienceLogic recommends using encrypted communication, particularly if you are also using an Active Directory account. Using an Active Directory account for encrypted authentication enables you to use Kerberos ticketing for authentication.

16. If you are configuring this Windows server for encrypted communication, verify that "HTTPS = 5986" appears in the DefaultPorts section.
17. If you are using an Active Directory account to communicate with this Windows server and in the Auth section, the parameter **Kerberos** is set to *false*, execute the following command:

```
Set-Item WSMan:\localhost\Service\Auth\Kerberos -value true
```

NOTE: ScienceLogic recommends using an Active Directory account.

18. If you are using a local account to communicate with this Windows server and in the Auth section, the parameter **Basic** is set to *false*, execute the following command:

```
Set-Item WSMan:\localhost\Service\Auth\Basic -value true
```

19. IdleTimeout is set to 7200000 milliseconds (2 hours) by default. If an issue occurs with scheduled PowerShell monitoring and a process remains on a Windows device, it will therefore remain for up to 2 hours before being removed. To reduce the IdleTimeout and have Windows shut down idle WinRM processes after a shorter time period, execute the following command:

```
winrm s winrm/config/winrs '@{IdleTimeout="600000"}'
```

This command will change the timeout to 10 minutes (600000 ms).

NOTE: When changing IdleTimeout, ensure that no other applications or utilities need a higher timeout for WinRM sessions.

Option 3: Using a Group Policy to Configure Windows Remote Management

You can use a group policy object (GPO) to configure the following Windows Remote Management settings on Windows Server 2012 or Windows Server 2016:

- A registry key to enable Local Account access to Windows Remote Management
- Firewall rules
- Certificates
- HTTP and HTTPS listeners, including authentication and encryption settings
- Service start and recovery settings

To create the group policy object, perform the following steps:

1. Log in to the CA server as an administrator.
2. Right-click on the PowerShell icon in the taskbar and select *Run as Administrator*.
3. At the PowerShell prompt, use the change directory (CD) command to navigate to a folder where you can create new files.
4. Save the root Certification Authority certificate to the local directory by executing the following command:

```
certutil.exe -ca.cert ca_name.cer
```

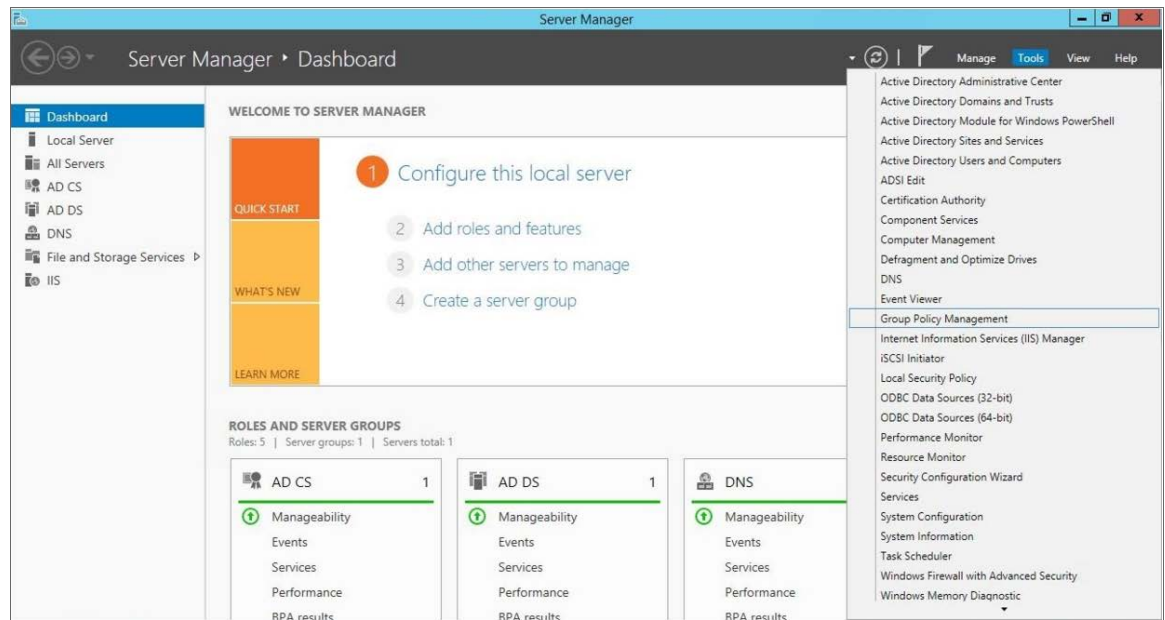
```
C:\Users\EM7Admin\Documents>certutil -ca.cert ca_name.cert
CA cert[0]: 3 -- Valid
CA cert[0]:
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vWF1gNeTUNHFTYu1JdEer7QhLk6rkAnHw==
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

CertUtil: -ca.cert command completed successfully.

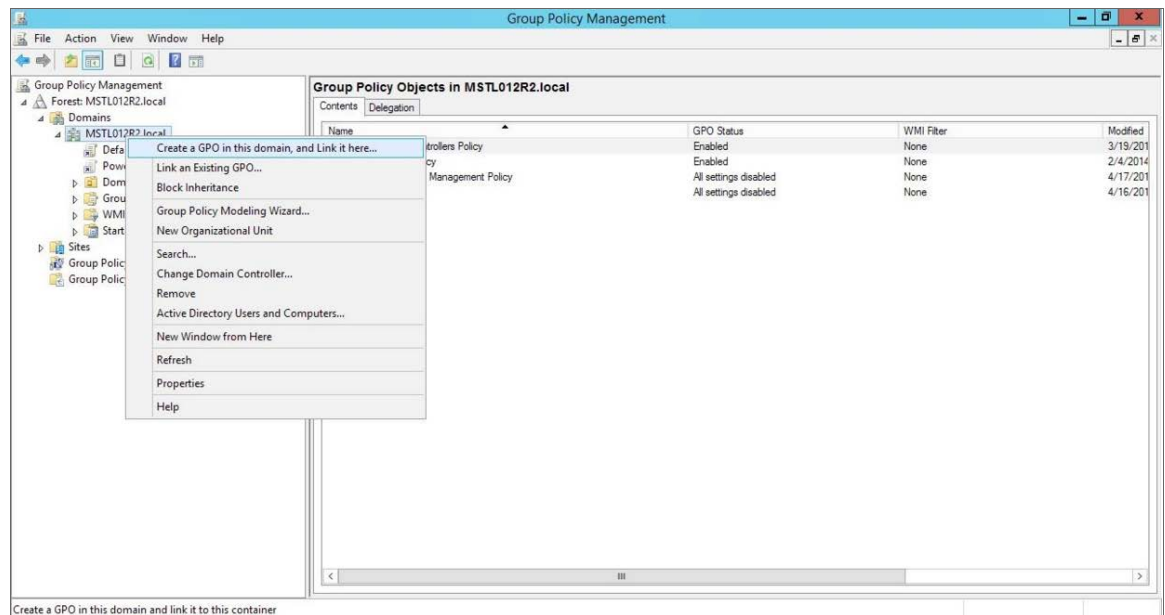
C:\Users\EM7Admin\Documents>
```

TIP: You will import this certificate into the new group policy in step 21.

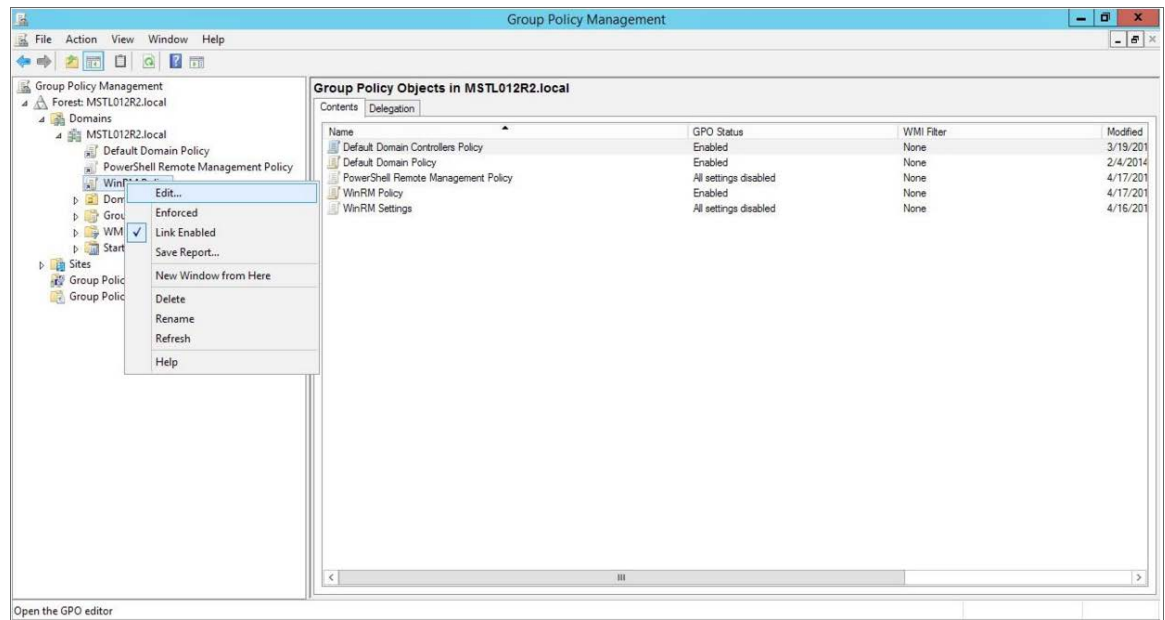
5. Exit the command prompt.
6. Log in to a domain controller in your Active Directory forest and navigate to the System Manager dashboard.
7. Click the **Tools** menu, then select *Group Policy Management*.



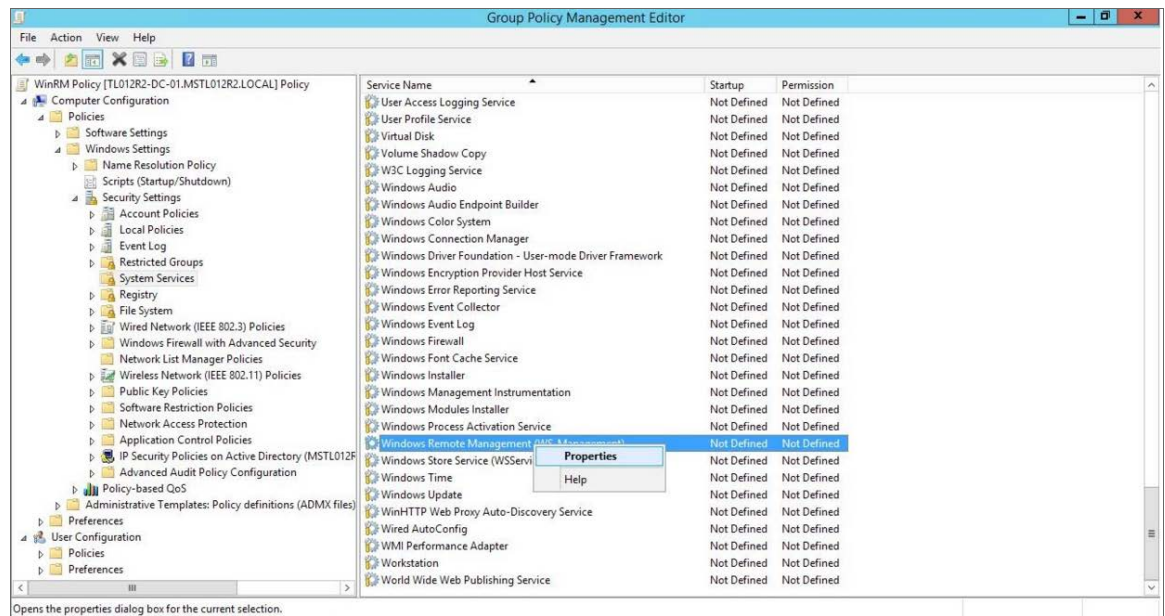
8. On the **Group Policy Management** page, in the left panel, right-click the domain name where you want the new group policy to reside and then select *Create a GPO in this domain and Link it here.*



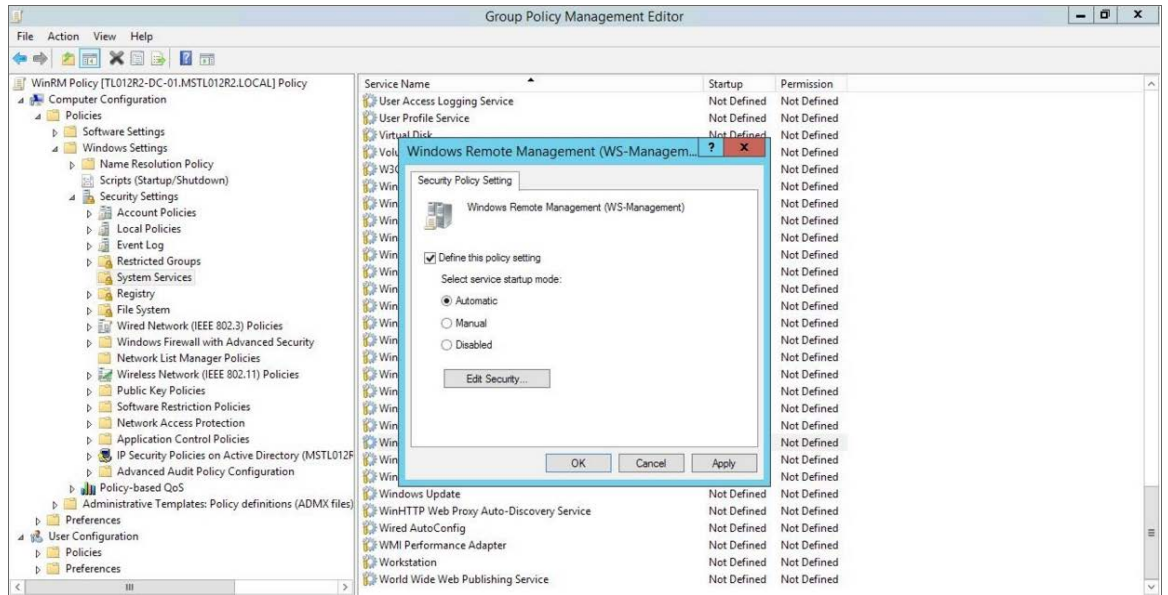
9. In the left panel, right-click the new group policy and select *Edit*. The **Group Policy Management Editor** page for the new Windows Remote Management group policy appears.



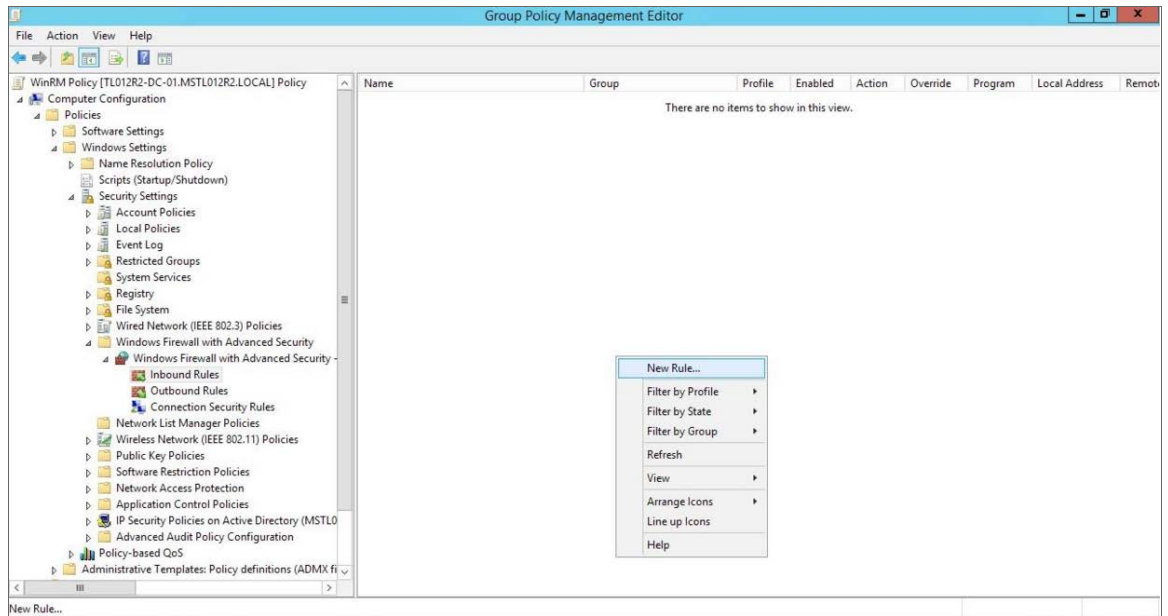
10. In the left panel, navigate to **Computer Configuration > Policies > Windows Settings > Security Settings > System Services**. In the right panel, locate the **Windows Remote Management (WS-Management)** service. Right-click the service, then select *Properties*.



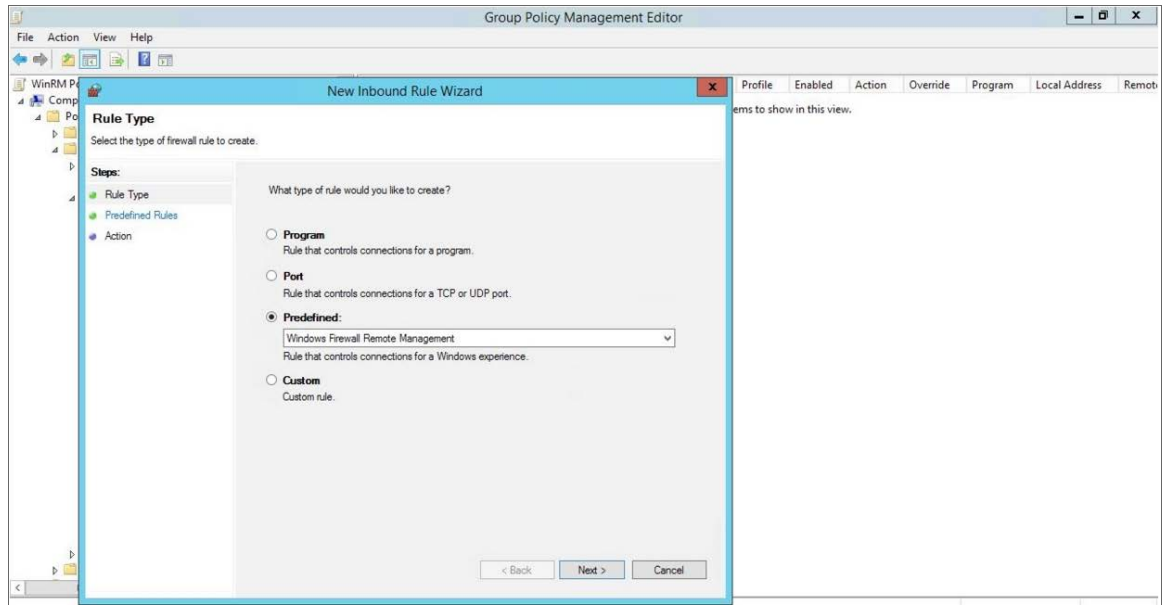
11. The **Windows Remote Management (WS-Management)** modal page appears. Select the **Define this policy setting** check box and the **Automatic** radio button, then click [OK].



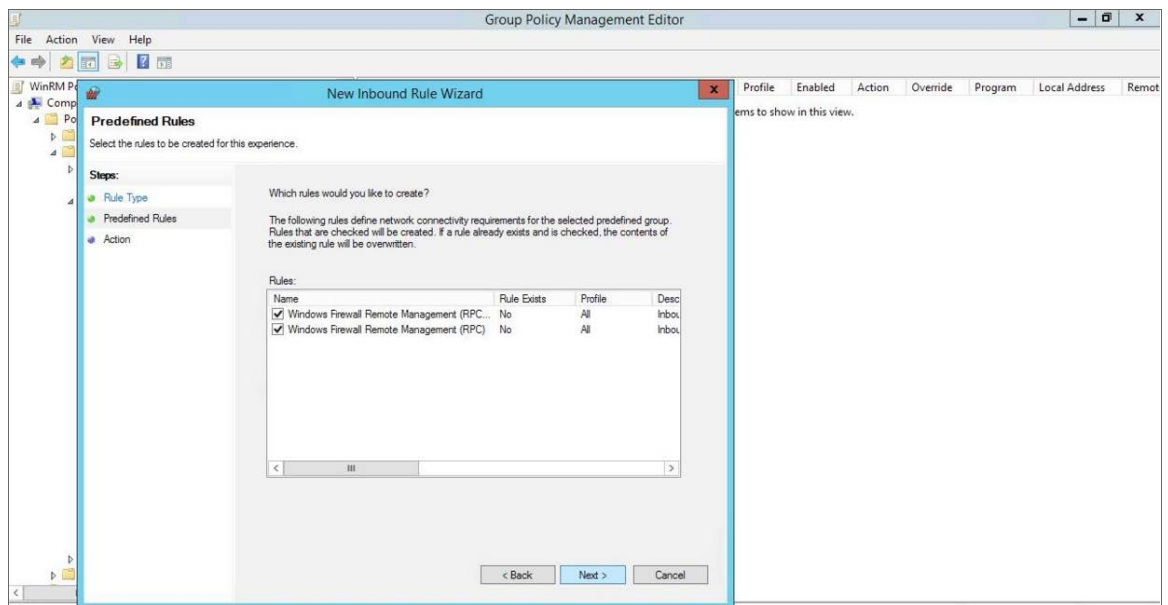
12. In the left panel of the **Group Policy Management Editor** page, navigate to **Computer Configuration > Policies > Windows Settings > Security Settings > Windows Firewall with Advanced Security > Windows Firewall with Advanced Security - LDAP > Inbound Rules**. In the right panel, right-click and select *New Rule*.



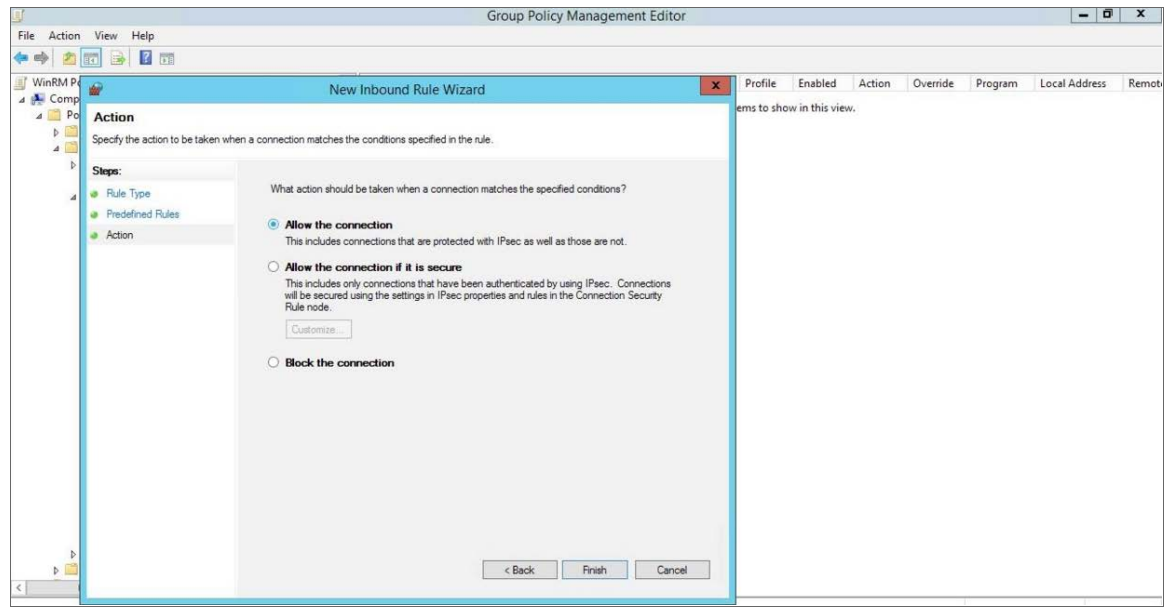
13. The **New Inbound Rule Wizard** modal page appears. Click the **Predefined** radio button, select *Windows Firewall Remote Management* from the list, and then click **[Next]**.



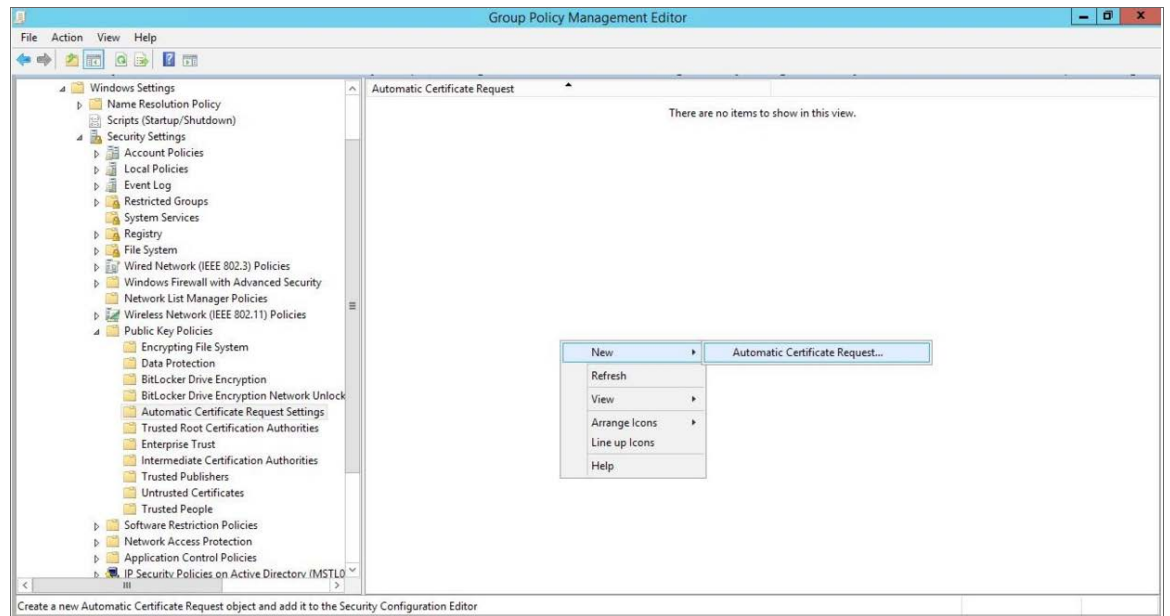
14. Select the *Windows Firewall Remote Management (RPC)* and *Windows Firewall Remote Management (RPC-EPMAP)* check boxes, then click **[Next]**.



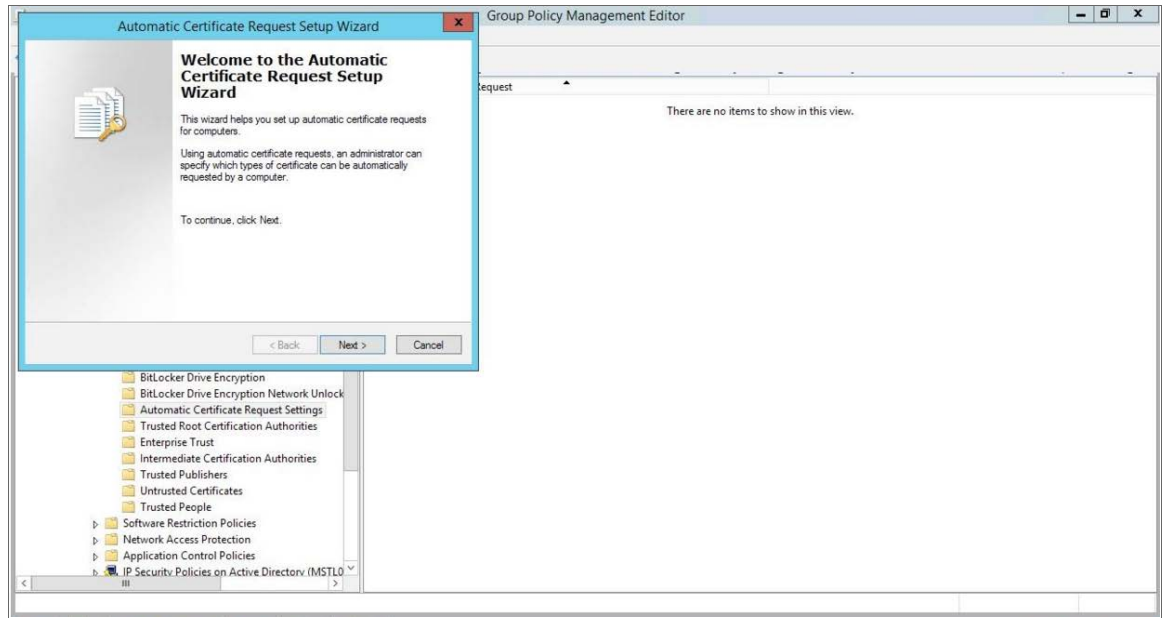
15. Select the *Allow the connection* radio button, then click **[Finish]**.



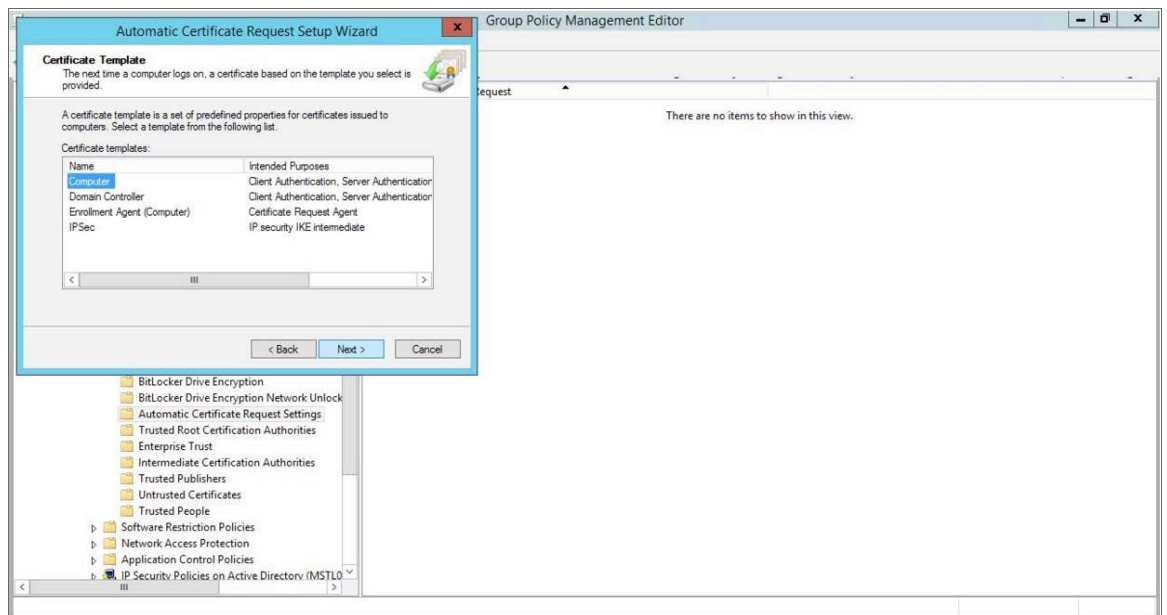
16. In the left panel of the **Group Policy Management Editor** page, navigate to **Computer Configuration > Policies > Windows Settings > Security Settings > Public Key Policies > Automatic Certificate Request Settings**. In the right panel, right-click and select *New > Automatic Certificate Request*.



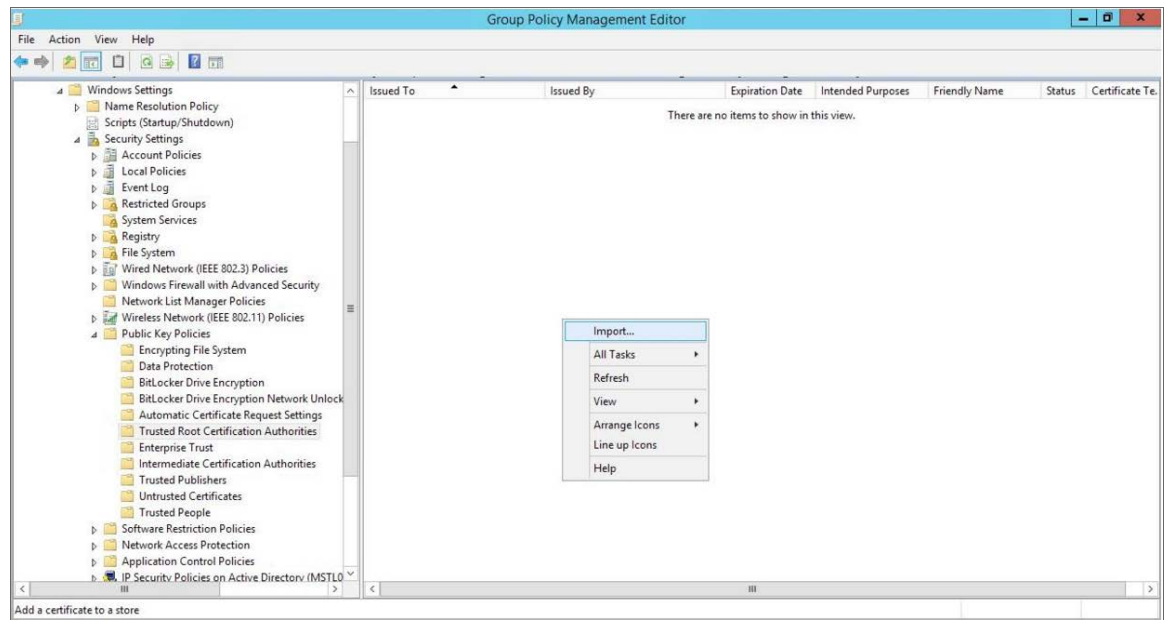
17. The **Automatic Certificate Request Setup Wizard** modal page appears. Click **[Next]**.



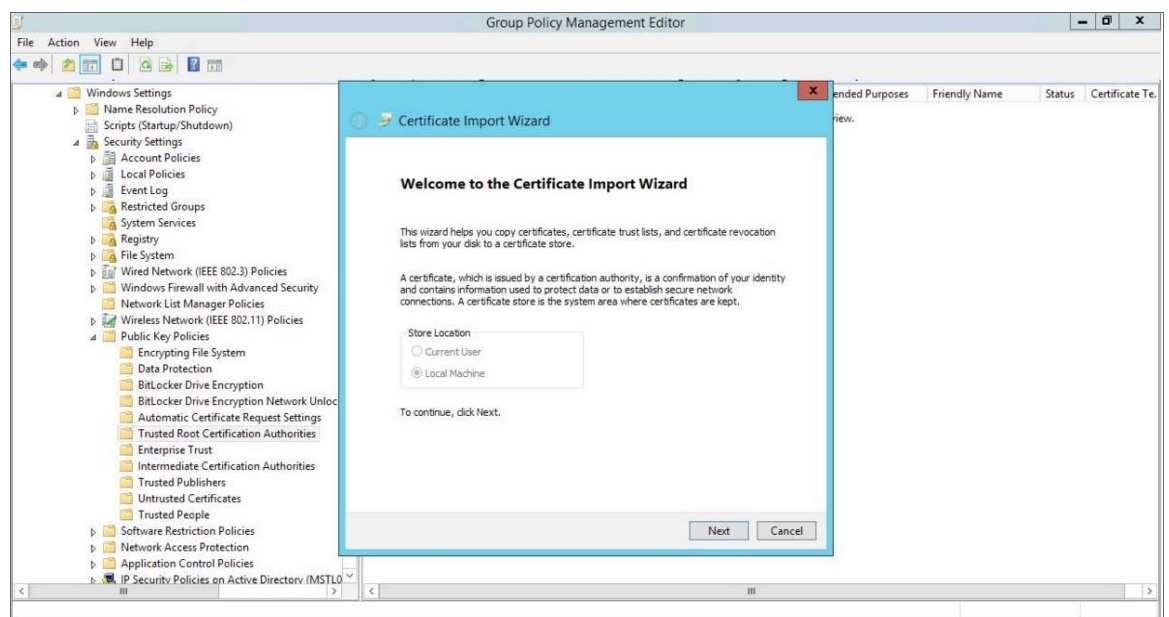
18. Select the *Computer* certificate template. Click **[Next]**, and then click **[Finish]**.



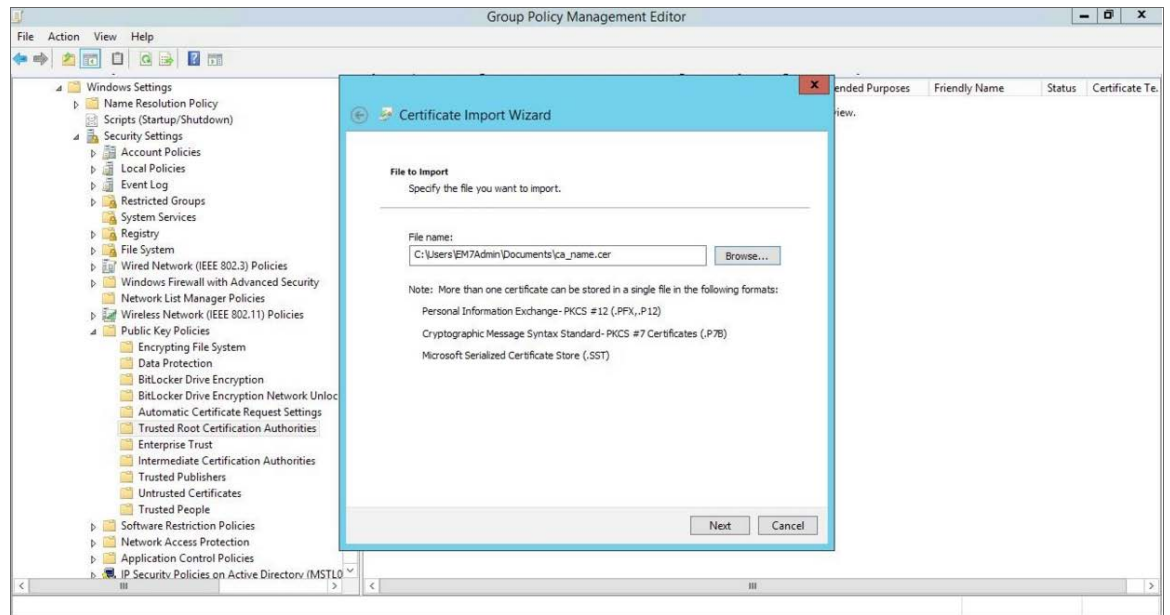
19. In the left panel of the **Group Policy Management Editor** page, navigate to **Computer Configuration > Policies > Windows Settings > Security Settings > Public Key Policies > Trusted Root Certification Authorities**. In the right panel, right-click and select *Import*.



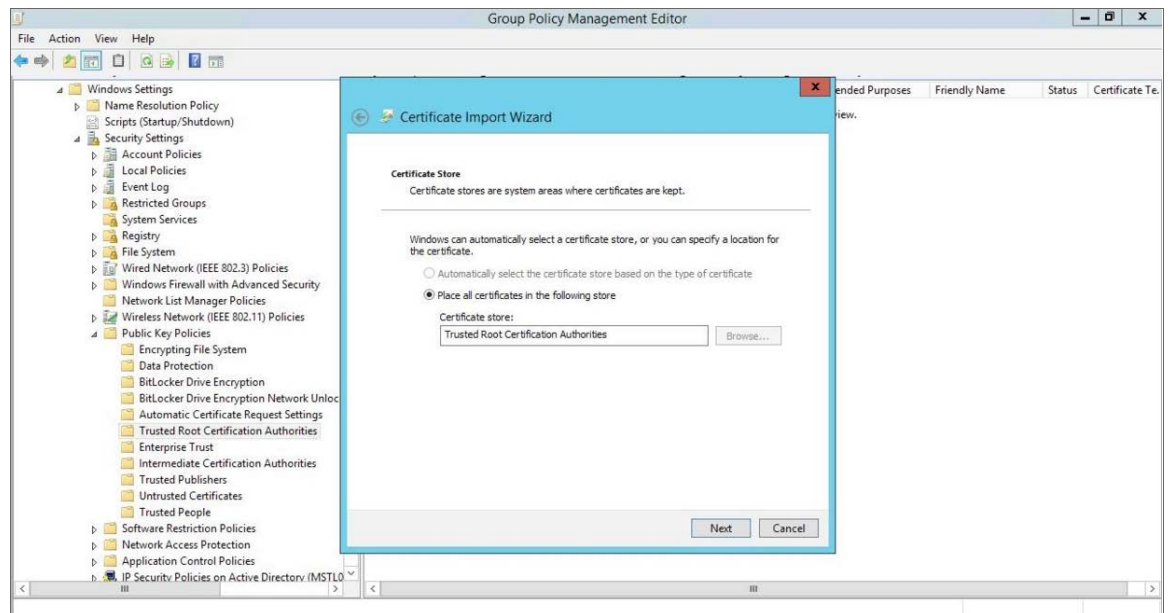
20. The **Certificate Import Wizard** modal page appears. Click **[Next]**.



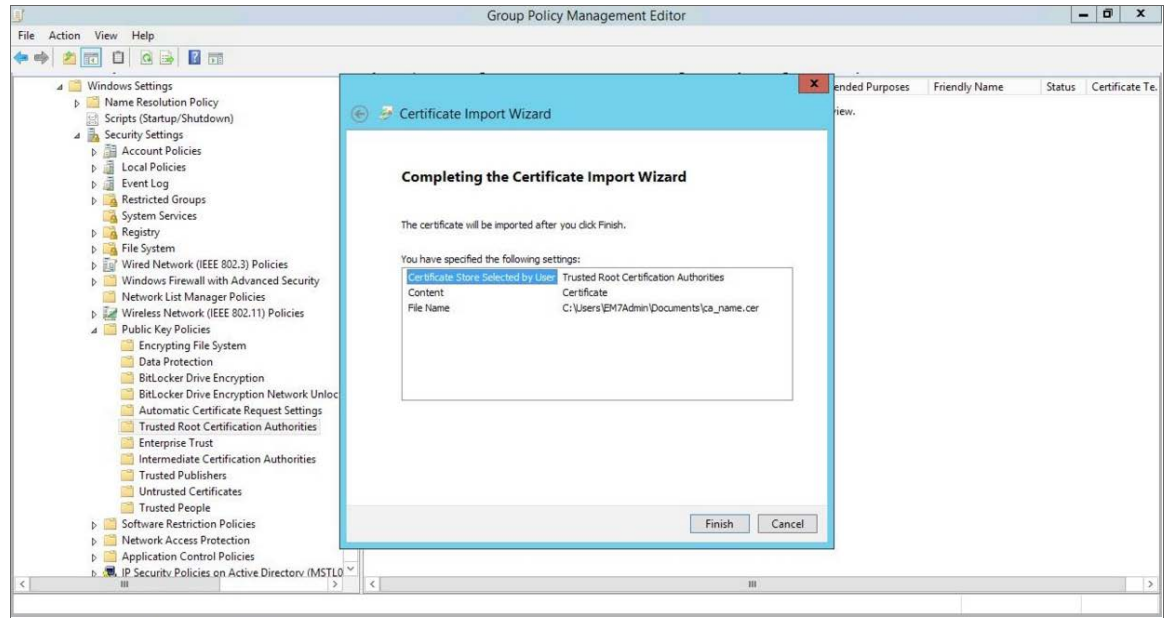
21. Browse to the Certification Authority certificate that you saved to your local directory in step 4, then click **[Next]**.



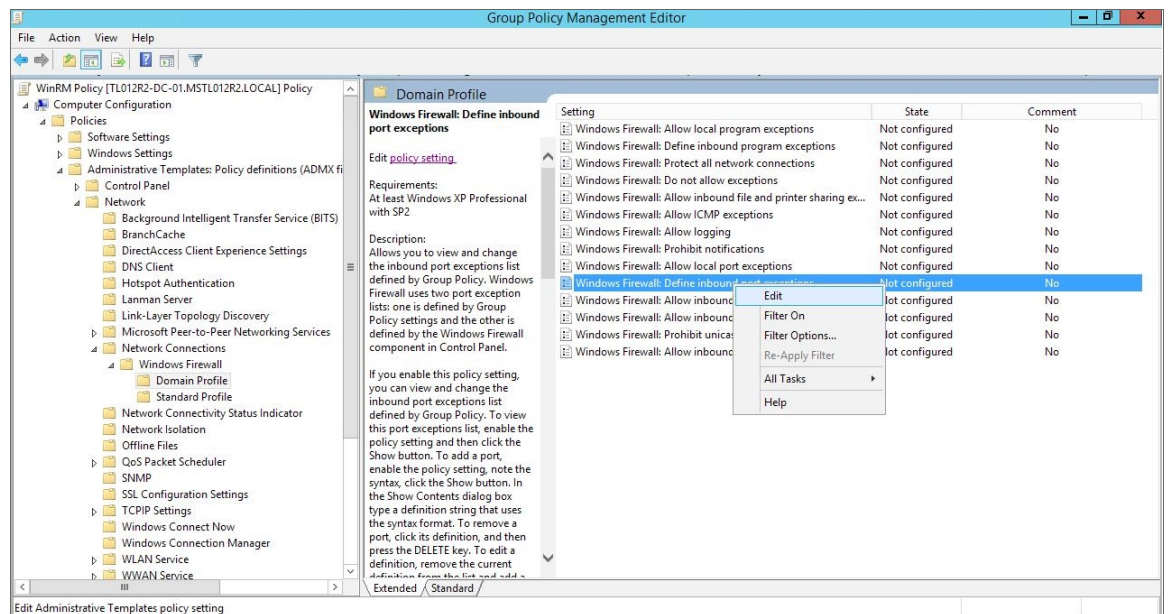
22. Select the **Place all certificates in the following store** radio button, then select the *Trusted Root Certification Authorities* certificate store and click **[Next]**.



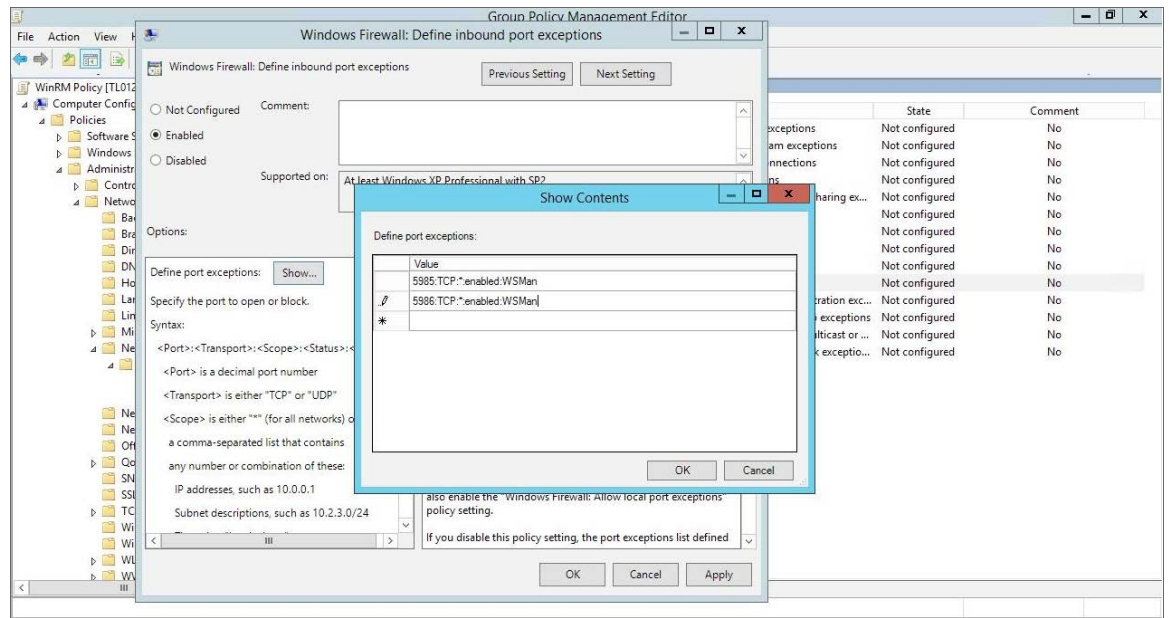
23. Click **[OK]** to confirm that the certificate was successfully imported, and then click **[Finish]**.



24. In the left panel of the **Group Policy Management Editor** page, navigate to **Computer Configuration > Policies > Administrative Templates > Network > Network Connections > Windows Firewall > Domain Profile**. In the right panel, right-click **Windows Firewall: Define inbound port exceptions** and select **Edit**.



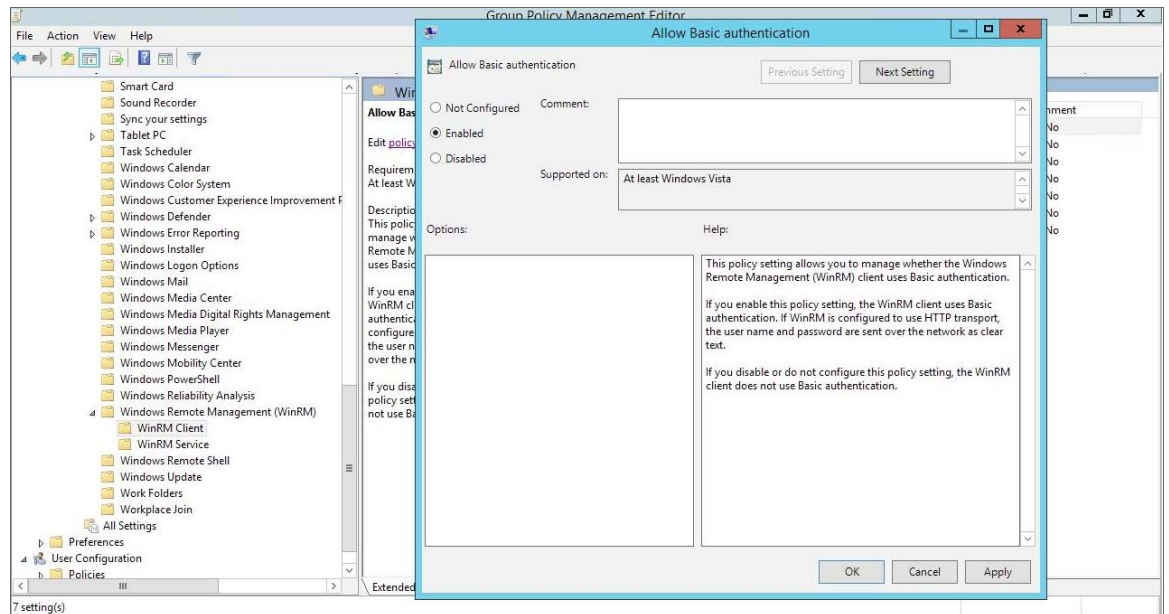
25. The **Windows Firewall: Define inbound port exceptions** modal page appears. Under **Options**, click **[Show]**.
26. The **Show Contents** modal page appears. Enter the following values:



- 5985:TCP:*:enabled:WSMan
- 5986:TCP:*:enabled:WSMan

27. Click **[OK]**, then click **[OK]** again.

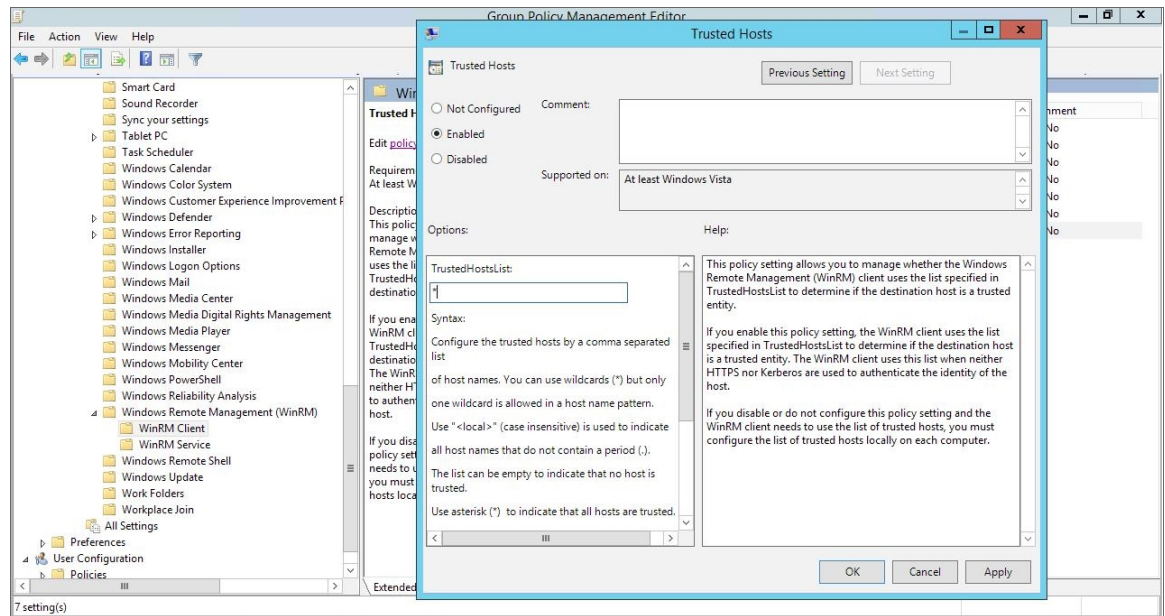
28. In the left panel of the **Group Policy Management Editor** page, navigate to **Computer Configuration > Policies > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Windows Remote Management (WinRM) > WinRM Client**. In the right panel, double-click the **Allow Basic authentication** setting.



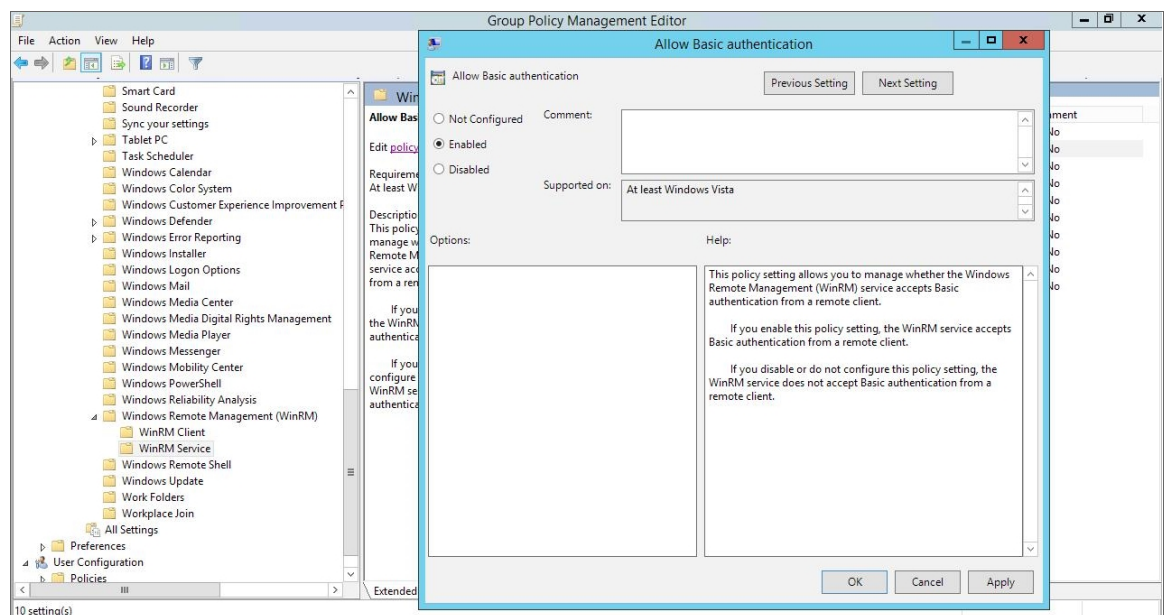
29. Select the **Enabled** radio button, then click **[OK]**.

30. Repeat steps 28 and 29 for the **Allow unencrypted traffic** setting.

31. Double-click the **Trusted Hosts** setting. Select the **Enabled** radio button, enter an asterisk (*) in the **TrustedHostsList** field (under **Options**), and then click **[OK]**.

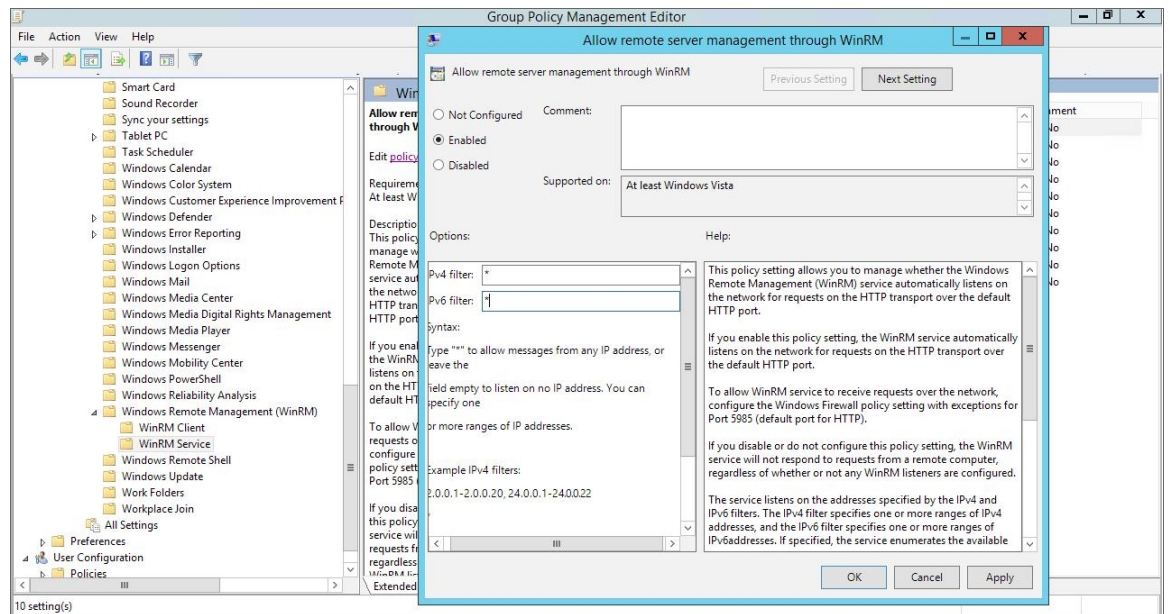


32. In the left panel of the **Group Policy Management Editor** page, navigate to **Computer Configuration > Policies > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Windows Remote Management (WinRM) > WinRM Service**. In the right panel, double-click the **Allow Basic authentication** setting.

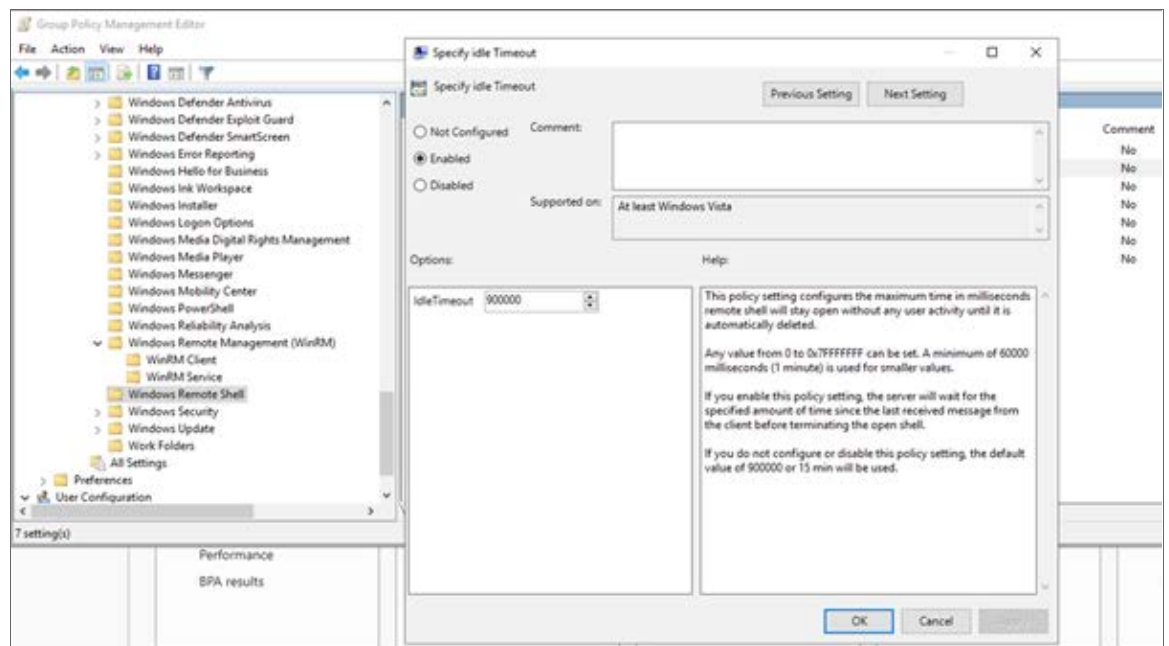


33. Select the **Enabled** radio button, then click **[OK]**.
34. Repeat steps 32 and 33 for the **Allow unencrypted traffic** setting.

35. Double-click the **Allow remote server management through WinRM** setting. Select the **Enabled** radio button, enter an asterisk (*) in the **Pv4 filter** and **Pv6 filter** fields (under **Options**), and then click **[OK]**.



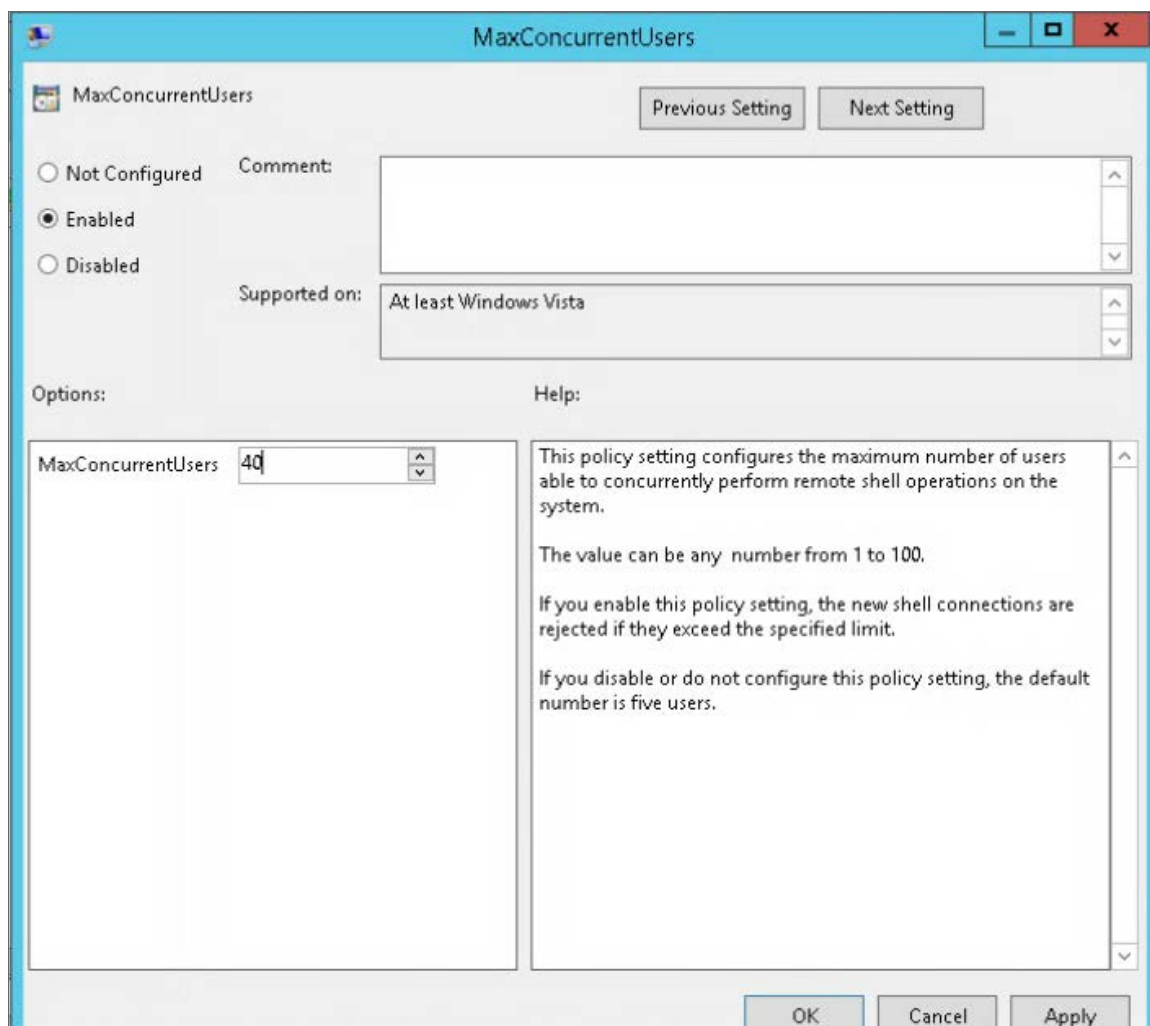
36. In the left panel of the **Group Policy Management Editor** page, navigate to **Computer Configuration > Policies > Administrative Templates: Policy Definitions > Windows Components > Windows Remote Shell**. In the right panel, double-click on **Specify Idle Timeout**:



Adjust the setting to meet your requirements. Using the value of 900000 in the image will set the timeout to 15 minutes. Once you have entered your timeout value in milliseconds, click the **Enabled** radio button and then click [OK].

NOTE: When changing IdleTimeout, ensure that no other applications or utilities need a higher timeout for WinRM sessions.

37. In the **Windows Remote Shell** folder, in the right panel, double-click on **MaxConcurrentUsers**:

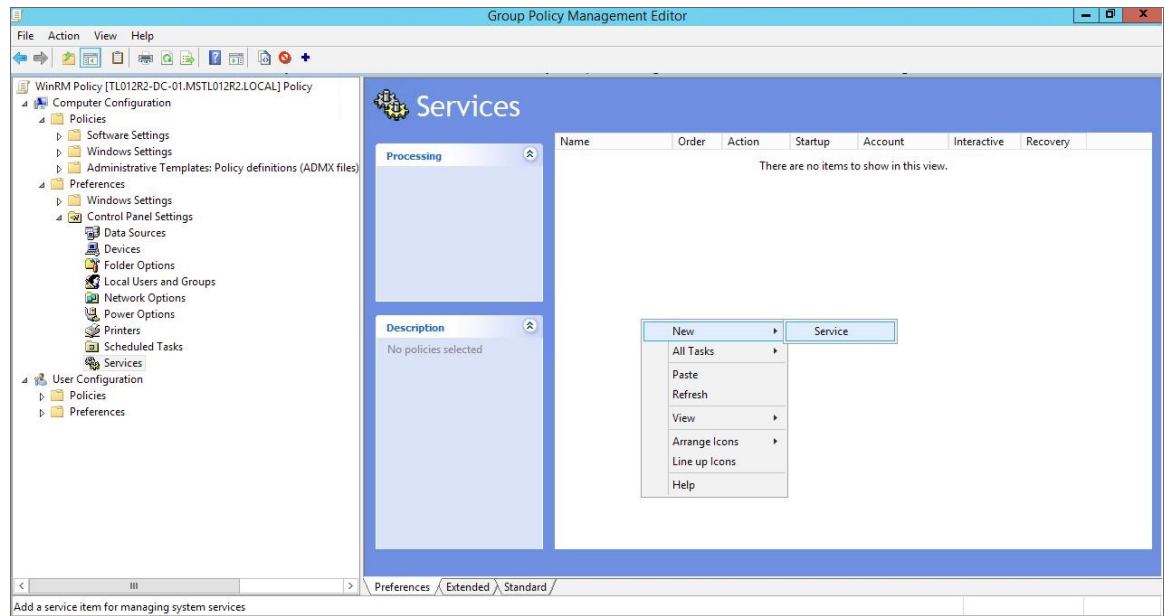


Enter "40" in the **MaxConcurrentUsers** field. Once you have entered your value, click the **Enabled** radio button and then click [OK].

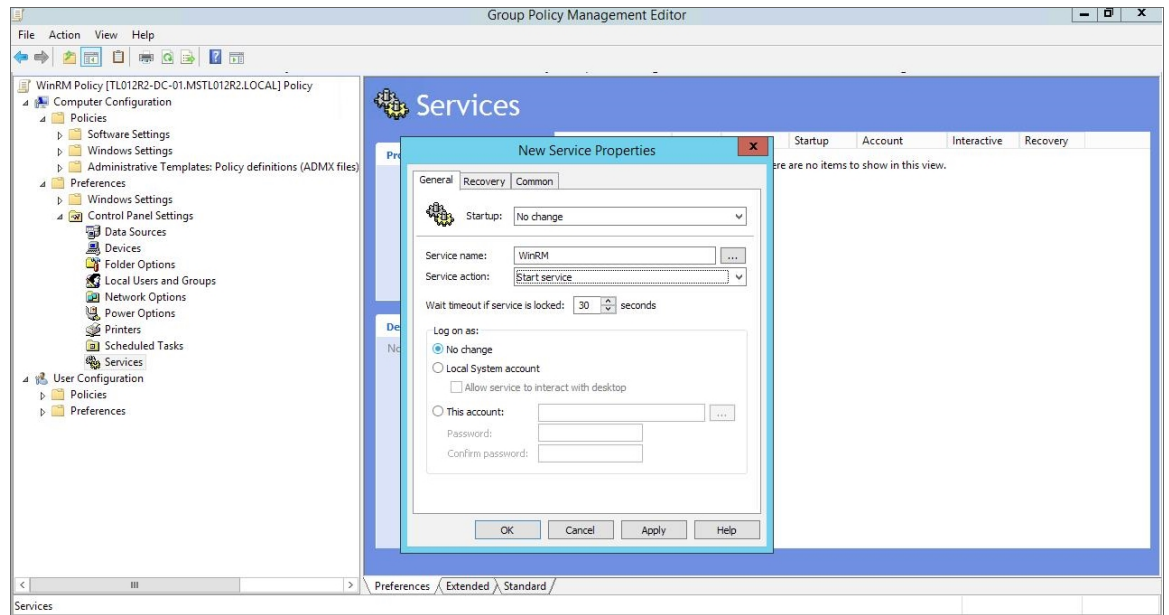
38. **You can skip this step if you already have a group policy in place for this setting.** In the left panel of the **Group Policy Management Editor** page, navigate to **Computer Configuration > Preferences > Windows Settings > Registry**. In the right panel, right-click and select **New > Registry Item**. In the **New Registry Properties** modal page, edit the values in one or more of the following fields:

NOTE: This step is required only if the user account is **not** a domain account and **not** the built-in local administrator account.

- **Action.** Select *Create*.
 - **Hive.** Select *HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE*.
 - **Key Path.** Enter "SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\policies\system".
 - **Value name.** Enter "LocalAccountTokenFilterPolicy".
 - **Value type.** Enter "REG_DWORD".
 - **Value data.** Enter "1".
 - **Base.** Select *Decimal*.
39. In the left panel of the **Group Policy Management Editor** page, navigate to **Computer Configuration > Preferences > Control Panel Settings > Services**. In the right panel, right-click and select *New > Service*.

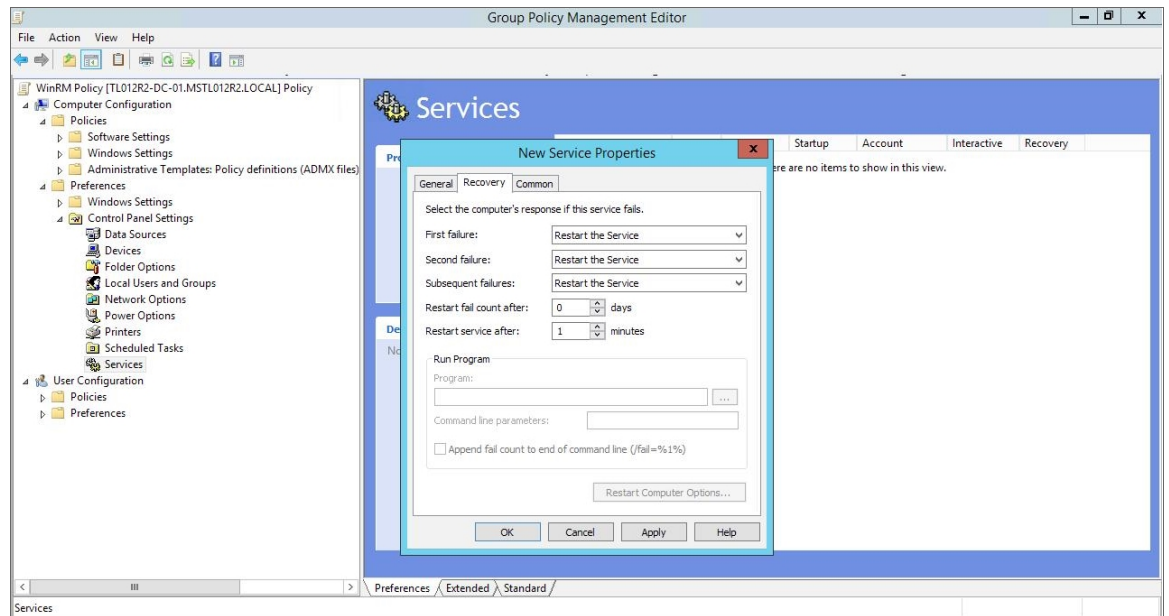


40. In the **New Service Properties** modal page, edit the values in one or more of the following fields:



- **Startup.** Select *No change*.
- **Service name.** Enter "WinRM".
- **Service action.** Select *Start service*.
- **Wait timeout if service is locked.** Select 30 seconds.
- **Log on as.** Select *No change*.

41. Click the **[Recovery]** tab, then edit the values in one or more of the following fields:

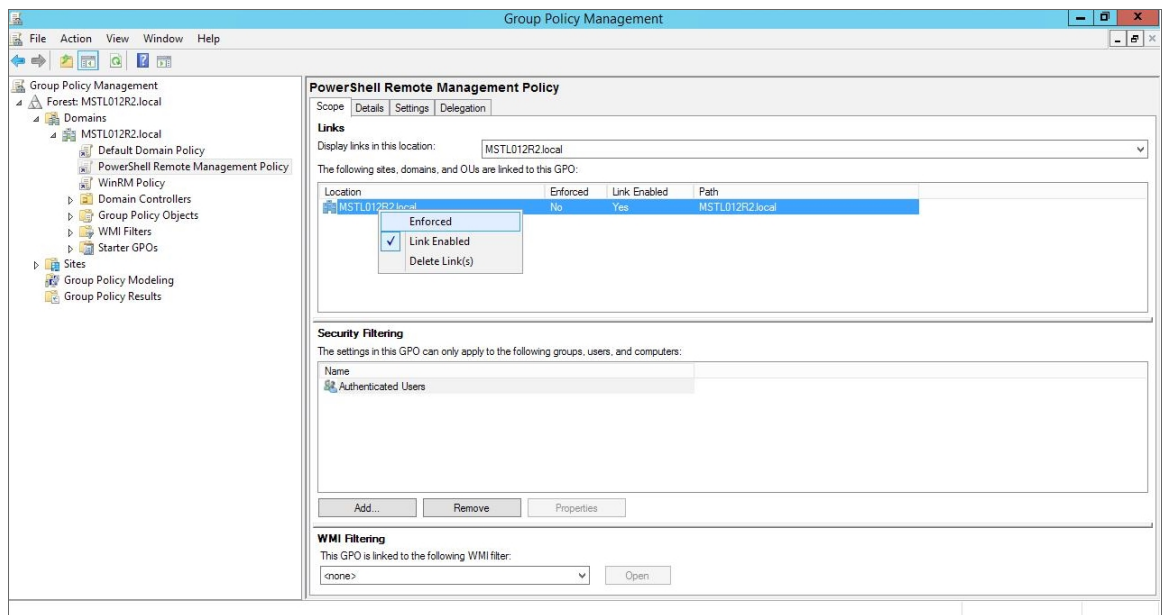


- **First failure.** Select *Restart the Service*.

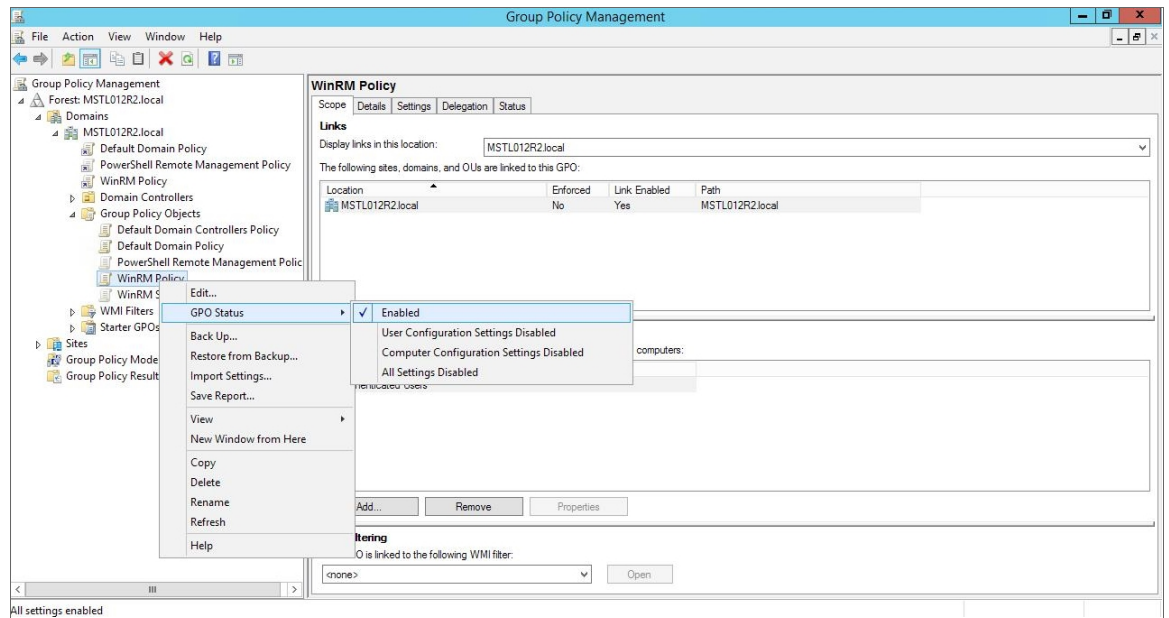
- **Second failure.** Select *Restart the Service*.
- **Subsequent failures.** Select *Restart the Service*.
- **Restart fail count after.** Select *0* days.
- **Restart service after.** Select *1* minute.

42. Click the [OK] button.

43. To enforce your group policy, in the left panel of the **Group Policy Management Editor** page, navigate to **Forest > Domains > [your local domain] > PowerShell Remote Management Policy**. In the **PowerShell Remote Management Policy** panel on the right, right-click the local domain name under *The following sites, domains, and OUs are linked to this GPO* and select *Enforced*.



44. To enable your group policy, in the left panel of the **Group Policy Management Editor** page, navigate to **Forest > Domains > [your local domain] > Group Policy Objects > WinRM Policy**. Right-click **WinRM Policy**, then select *GPO Status > Enabled*.



Configuring an HTTPS Listener with GPO Configuration

If you are using an HTTPS listener, you cannot create the listener and start it on the monitored device within group policy object (GPO) configuration without using a startup script or an immediate task in the group policy, or by running a command manually or on the remote management tool on the device to be monitored. This command needs to be run only once as the HTTPS listener will automatically start once configured.

To perform this configuration within the group policy, perform the following steps:

1. Run the following command on the device you want to monitor:

```
winrm quickconfig -transport:https -force
```

This command will select the first available certificate enabled for server authentication. If you have multiple, valid server authentication certificates installed on your device, you will need to specify the thumbprint of the certificate and use the following command instead:

```
New-Item -Path WSMAN:\LocalHost\Listener -Transport HTTPS -Address *  
-CertificateThumbPrint "<CertThumbprint>" -Force
```

NOTE: The thumbprint should not contain spaces.

Using Forward and Reverse DNS for Windows Remote Management

When using Active Directory accounts for PowerShell monitoring, Kerberos and Windows Remote Management (WinRM) are used to connect to Windows devices and execute PowerShell code on those devices. Kerberos is used to request a ticket for authentication to the Windows device, and WinRM is used to execute code on the Windows device.

In a Windows Active Directory configuration, Kerberos needs to be able to communicate with the target Windows device and the Active Directory Domain Controller to verify credentials and issue a ticket for authentication. Kerberos refers to a Windows Domain as a "realm" and an Active Directory Server as a "kdc" (Key Distribution Center).

For this process, it is important that forward and reverse lookup is working for all systems involved. Forward lookup translates a host to an IP address; reverse lookup translates an IP address to a host.

This can be managed through DNS, where a forward lookup is handled through an "A" record in a forward lookup zone, and reverse lookup through a "PTR" record in a reverse lookup zone. A utility such as "nslookup" will work correctly only if the DNS record (a PTR record, in this case) is present.

Where DNS is not available or reliable, it is possible to use the hosts file (`/etc/hosts`) instead. Skylar One uses Python, which in turn can use the hosts file to provide both forward and reverse lookup. However, this approach means a higher level of server management because the hosts files on multiple Data Collector servers would need to be kept in sync.

Without a reliable forward and reverse lookup mechanism in place, Kerberos may not be able to validate credentials and issue a ticket for access to a Windows Device, which in turn would mean that access over WinRM to the device would be rejected.

Step 4: Configuring a Windows Management Proxy

If Skylar One cannot execute PowerShell requests directly on a Windows server, you can optionally configure an additional Windows server to act as a proxy for those PowerShell requests. To use a proxy, you must configure at least two Windows servers:

- A target server that Skylar One cannot communicate with directly.
- A proxy server that Skylar One will communicate with to execute PowerShell requests on the target server.

NOTE: When monitoring a Windows device using a proxy, the account specified in the credentials is used to access both the proxy server and the target device. This account must have the correct access rights to be used on both servers. If multiple Active Directory domains are used, a trust relationship must be in place that allows the specified account access to the servers in both domains.

To configure the target and proxy servers, perform the following steps:

1. Configure a user account that Skylar One will use to connect to the proxy server and the proxy server will use to connect to the target server. The user account can either be a local account or an Active Directory account; however, the user account must have the same credentials on the target and proxy servers and be in the Local Administrator's group on both servers.
2. If you have created a local user account on the Windows Server instead of an Active Directory account, you must configure encrypted communication between Skylar One and the Windows server. To do this, you must [configure a Server Authentication certificate](#).
3. [Configure Windows Remote Management](#) on the target server and the proxy server.
4. Log in to the proxy server as an administrator.
5. Open the PowerShell command window.
6. Right-click on the PowerShell icon in the taskbar and select *Run as Administrator*.
7. Execute one of the following commands on the proxy server to allow the proxy server to trust one or more target servers:

- To allow the proxy server to trust all servers (not recommended), execute the following command:

```
Set-Item WSMan:\Localhost\Client\TrustedHosts -value *
```

- To allow the proxy server to trust only specific target servers, execute the following command, inserting a list that includes the IP address for each target server. Separate the list of IP addresses with commas.

```
Set-Item WSMan:\Localhost\Client\TrustedHosts -value <comma-delimited-list-of-target-server-IPs>
```

NOTE: The following step is required only if the user account is **not** a domain account and **not** the built-in local administrator account.

8. Execute the following command on the proxy server to configure the LocalAccountTokenFilterPolicy:

```
New-ItemProperty  
"HKLM:\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System" -  
Name "LocalAccountTokenFilterPolicy" -Value 1 -PropertyType "DWORD"
```

- NOTE:** If the proxy server is in a different Windows domain (domain A) than the target servers (domain B), and the proxy server uses a user account from Active Directory, and Active Directory is in the same Windows domain as the target servers (domain B), you must perform the following to allow the proxy server to send PowerShell commands to the target servers:
- On the domain controller for each domain (domain A and domain B), create new forward-lookup zones and reverse-lookup zones that allow name resolution to work between the two domains.
 - On the domain controller for each domain (domain A and domain B), create a non-transitive realm trust between the two domains.
 - Login to the proxy server and add the Active Directory account (from domain A) to the Local Administrator's group for the proxy server. You should be able to select the account on the proxy server after you create the non-transitive realm trust between the two domains.

Risk of Password Exposure

The use of a PowerShell proxy server or PowerShell implicit remoting can expose the monitoring account password when using HTTP or when Script Block Logging is enabled.

To avoid password exposure, use the following recommendations:

- Use HTTPS instead of HTTP for PowerShell monitoring.
- The only ScienceLogic-released PowerPack that included implicit remoting is the "Microsoft: Exchange Server" PowerPack. Implicit remoting has been removed from the PowerPack as of version 101. ScienceLogic recommends either uninstalling the "Microsoft: Exchange Server" PowerPack if it is not being used, or upgrading the PowerPack to version 101.
- Do not enable Script Block Logging on the PowerShell proxy server. If Script Block Logging is required by company policy, then take extra care in restricting what users can access on that server.

Step 5: Increasing the Number of PowerShell Dynamic Applications That Can Run Simultaneously

You can optionally execute a series of commands that will allow Skylar One to increase the default maximum number of PowerShell Dynamic Applications that can run simultaneously.

To do so:

1. Determine the number of Dynamic Applications that will be used to monitor the Windows server. Multiply this number by three.
2. Open a PowerShell command prompt. Log in as an Administrator.
3. At the prompt, execute the following commands:

```
Set-Item WSMAN:\localhost\Shell\MaxShellsPerUser -value <number  
you calculated in step 1>
```

```
Set-Item WSMan:\Localhost\Service\MaxConcurrentOperationsPerUser -
value <number you calculated in step 1>
```

```
Restart-Service WinRM
```

4. Repeat these steps on each Windows server that will be monitored by Skylar One.

Optional PowerShell CLI Parameters

You can use the following parameters in PowerShell for the associated reasons:

- **-NoProfile**. Does not load the PowerShell profile.
- **-NoLogo**. Hides the copyright banner at start-up.
- **-NonInteractive**. Does not present an interactive prompt to the user.

To enable concurrent PowerShell collection to use one of these parameters:

1. Go to the **Database Tool** page (System > Tools > DB Tool).

NOTE: The **Database Tool** page is available only in versions of Skylar One prior to 12.2.1 and displays only for users that have sufficient permissions to access the page.

2. If this row does not already exist in the `master.system_custom_config` table, enter the following in the **SQL Query** field:

```
INSERT INTO master.system_custom_config ('field','field_value') VALUES
('powershell_prefix_setting', '<PREFIX>')
```

where `<PREFIX>` is an integer that represents one of the prefix values described above. The integers are as follows:

- **0**. Disabled
- **1**. -NoProfile
- **2**. -NoLogo
- **3**. -NoProfile and -NoLogo
- **4**. -NonInteractive
- **7**. -NoProfile, -NoLogo, and -NonInteractive

For example, if a user wanted to configure their PowerShell Data Collector to not load their PowerShell profile, they would enter the following into the **SQL Query** field:

```
INSERT INTO master.system_custom_config ('field','field_value') VALUES
('powershell_prefix_setting', '1')
```

3. If this row already exists in the `master.system_custom_config` table, enter the following in the **SQL Query** field:

```
UPDATE master.system_custom_config SET field_value = 1 WHERE field =  
'powershell_prefix_setting'
```

4. After you have entered the command in the **SQL Query** field, click the **[Go]** button. Your changes will be picked up with the next batch of jobs that are processed.

Dynamic Applications for Windows Devices

Overview

This chapter describes the SNMP and PowerShell Dynamic Applications that Skylar One (formerly SL1) uses to monitor Windows devices.

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- To view a page containing all of the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon (.

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SNMP Dynamic Applications for Windows Devices

If you configure your Windows system to respond to SNMP requests from Skylar One, you can discover your Windows system as an SNMP device. When Skylar One discovers a Windows system as an SNMP device, the platform will automatically collect the same data from the Windows system that the platform collects from most network devices. This data includes interface usage, file system usage, CPU usage, memory usage, and hardware configuration information.

In addition to the common SNMP data collection, you can install an optional agent that reports WMI information through SNMP. The following SNMP Dynamic Applications can be used to collect the information reported by the optional agent:

- MSSQL: General
- MSSQL: Memory
- MSSQL: SQL Stats

PowerShell Dynamic Applications

If you configure your Windows system to respond to PowerShell requests from Skylar One, you can use PowerShell Dynamic Applications to collect information from your Windows system.

All of the PowerShell Dynamic Applications include a discovery object. If you include a credential for PowerShell Dynamic Applications in the discovery session that includes your Windows system, Skylar One will automatically align the appropriate PowerShell Dynamic Applications to the Windows system. For more information about creating a discovery session, see the ***Discovery & Credentials*** manual.

The following PowerPacks include PowerShell Dynamic Applications for Microsoft Servers.

Microsoft: Active Directory Server

NOTE: The Dynamic Applications in this PowerPack support Windows Server 2012 R2 and Microsoft Active Directory 2022.

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect performance data from Active Directory servers:

- Microsoft: Active Directory Account Lockout Alert
- Microsoft: Active Directory Additional Information
- Microsoft: Active Directory Address Book Performance
- Microsoft: Active Directory Async Thread Queue Performance
- Microsoft: Active Directory Database Performance
- Microsoft: Active Directory Directory Services Reads Performance
- Microsoft: Active Directory Directory Services Searches Performance

- Microsoft: Active Directory Directory Services Writes Performance
- Microsoft: Active Directory DRA Performance
- Microsoft: Active Directory LDAP Performance
- Microsoft: Active Directory Monitoring Enhancement
- Microsoft: Active Directory Security Account Management Performance
- Microsoft: Active Directory Services General Performance
- Microsoft: Active Directory Web Service Performance

Microsoft: DHCP Server

NOTE: The Dynamic Applications in this PowerPack support Windows Server 2012, 2016, 2019, and 2022.

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect performance data from DHCP servers:

- Microsoft: DHCP IPv4 Performance
- Microsoft: DHCP IPv4 Scope Performance
- Microsoft: DHCP Service Performance

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect configuration data from DHCP servers:

- Microsoft: DHCP IPv4 Lease Configuration
- Microsoft: DHCP IPv6 Lease Configuration
- Microsoft: DHCP Service Performance

Microsoft: DNS Server

NOTE: The Dynamic Applications in this PowerPack support Windows Server 2012 and 2012 R2.

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect performance data from DNS servers:

- Microsoft: DNS AXFR Performance
- Microsoft: DNS Dynamic Update Performance
- Microsoft: DNS IXFR Performance
- Microsoft: DNS Memory Performance
- Microsoft: DNS Notification Performance
- Microsoft: DNS Recursion Performance
- Microsoft: DNS Secure Dynamic Update Performance

- Microsoft: DNS TCP Performance
- Microsoft: DNS Total Overall Performance
- Microsoft: DNS UDP Performance
- Microsoft: DNS WINS Performance
- Microsoft: DNS Zone Transfer Performance

Microsoft: Exchange Server

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect performance data from Exchange 2013 and Exchange 2016 servers:

- Microsoft: Exchange CAS ActiveSync Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange CAS Address Book Load Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange CAS Address Book Service Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange CAS Availability Service Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange CAS OWA Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange CAS Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange CAS RPC Client Access Load Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange CAS RPC Client Access Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange MBS Database Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange MBS Info Store RPC Processing Stats
- Microsoft: Exchange MBS Information Store Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange MBS Replay Log I/O Latency Requirements
- Microsoft: Exchange TPS Disk Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange TPS Transport Database Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange TPS Transport Load Assessment Stats
- Microsoft: Exchange UMS General Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange Server Transport Queues
- Microsoft: Exchange Discovery

NOTE: The Microsoft: Exchange Discovery Dynamic Application is disabled by default. You can manually enable it in dcm mode. For more information, see [Enabling DCM](#).

Microsoft: Exchange Server 2010

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect performance data from Exchange 2010 servers:

- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 CAS Address Book Load Performance

- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 CAS Address Book Service Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 CAS Availability Service Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 CAS OWA Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 CAS Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 CAS RPC Client Access Load Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 CAS RPC Client Access Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 MBS Client-Related Search Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 MBS Database Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 MBS Info Store RPC Processing Stats
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 MBS Information Store Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 MBS Message Queuing Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 MBS Replay Log I/O Latency Requirements
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 MBS RPC Client Throttling Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 MBS Store Client Request Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 TPS Disk Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 TPS Transport Database Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 TPS Transport Load Assessment Stats
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 TPS Transport Queue Length Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange 2010 UMS General Performance
- Microsoft: Exchange Server Transport Queues
- Microsoft: Exchange Discovery

NOTE: The Microsoft: Exchange Discovery Dynamic Application is disabled by default. You can manually enable it in dcm mode. For more information, see [Enabling DCM](#).

Microsoft: Hyper-V Server

NOTE: The Dynamic Applications in this PowerPack support Hyper-V Server 2012, 2012 R2, 2016, 2019, and 2022.

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect performance data from Hyper-V servers:

- Microsoft: Hyper-V Component Count
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Logical Processor Performance
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Overall Guest CPU Performance
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Process Performance

- Microsoft: Hyper-V Root Virtual Processor Performance
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Virtual Processor Performance
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Virtual Storage Device Performance
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Virtual Switch Performance

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect configuration data from Hyper-V servers:

- Microsoft: Hyper-V Component Count Configuration
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Host Configuration

This PowerPack also includes Snippet Dynamic Applications that discover virtual machines managed by the Hyper-V host. Although the Dynamic Applications are of type "Snippet", the snippets themselves perform PowerShell requests to collect data and use PowerShell credentials. See the [Discovering Component Devices on Hyper-V Systems](#) section for more information.

- Microsoft: Hyper-V Guest Configuration
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Guest Configuration Cache
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Guest Discovery

This PowerPack also includes Snippet Dynamic Applications that retrieve performance data from virtual machines managed by the Hyper-V host. Although the Dynamic Applications are of type "Snippet", the snippets themselves perform PowerShell requests to collect data and use PowerShell credentials:

- Microsoft: Hyper-V Connected Clients
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Guest CPU Performance
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Guest IDE Controller Performance
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Guest Interface Performance
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Guest Memory Performance

Microsoft: IIS Server

NOTE: The Dynamic Applications in this PowerPack support Internet Information Services (IIS) versions 7.5, 8.0, 8.5, and 10.0.

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect performance data from IIS servers:

- Microsoft: IIS Active Server Pages Performance
- Microsoft: IIS Core Performance
- Microsoft: IIS Web Service Performance

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect configuration data from IIS servers:

- Microsoft: IIS Server Configuration

Microsoft: Lync Server 2010

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect performance data from Lync 2010 servers:

- Microsoft: Lync 2010 Announcement Service Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 AS MCU Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 Auto Attendant Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 AV MCU Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 AV SIP/MRAS/QOE Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 Call Park Service Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 Conferencing Compatibility Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 Data Conferencing Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 IM MCU Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 Response Group Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 SIP Load Management Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 SIP Networking Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 SIP Peers Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 SIP Protocol Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 SIP Response Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 SipEps Incoming Message Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 User Services Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 Web Services Performance

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect configuration data from Lync 2010 servers:

- Microsoft: Lync 2010 AS MCU Configuration
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 AV MCU Configuration
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 Conferencing Compatibility Configuration
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 Data Conferencing Configuration
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 Service Health Configuration
- Microsoft: Lync 2010 User Services Configuration

Microsoft: SharePoint Server

NOTE: The Dynamic Applications in this PowerPack support SharePoint Server 2010 SE.

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect performance data from SharePoint servers:

- Microsoft: SharePoint Core Performance
- Microsoft: SharePoint Indexer Performance
- Microsoft: SharePoint Query Performance

Microsoft: Skype for Business

NOTE: This PowerPack was previously named *Microsoft: Lync Server 2013*.

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect performance data from Lync 2013 servers:

- Microsoft: Lync 2013 AS MCU Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 AV MCU Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 AV SIP/MRAS/QOE Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 Bandwidth Services Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 Call Park Service Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 Data Conferencing Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 IM MCU Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 Mediation Server Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 Response Group Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 SIP Load Management Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 SIP Networking Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 SIP Peers Performance
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- Microsoft: Lync 2013 SIP Response Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 SipEps Incoming Message Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 User Services Performance
- Microsoft: Lync 2013 Web Services Performance

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect configuration data from Lync 2013 servers:

- x Microsoft: Lync 2013 AS MCU Configuration

- x Microsoft: Lync 2013 AV MCU Configuration
- x Microsoft: Lync 2013 Data Conferencing Configuration
- x Microsoft: Lync 2013 Service Health Configuration
- x Microsoft: Lync 2013 User Services Configuration

Microsoft: SQL Server

NOTE: The Dynamic Applications in this PowerPack support SQL Server 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019, and 2022.

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect performance data from SQL servers:

- Microsoft: SQL Buffer Performance
- Microsoft: SQL Database Performance
- Microsoft: SQL Memory Performance
- Microsoft: SQL Plan Cache Performance
- Microsoft: SQL Query Performance
- Microsoft: SQL Session Performance
- Microsoft: SQL Table Lock/Latch Performance

Microsoft: Windows Server

NOTE: The Dynamic Applications in this PowerPack support Windows Server 2012, 2012 R2, 2016, 2019, 2022 and 2025.

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect configuration data from Windows servers:

- Microsoft: Windows Server BIOS Configuration
- Microsoft: Windows Server Certificate Configuration
- Microsoft: Windows Server Configuration Cache
- Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Configuration
- Microsoft: Windows Server Device Discovery
- Microsoft: Windows Server Disk Configuration
- Microsoft: Windows Server Interface Configuration
- Microsoft: Windows Server Large Open Files
- Microsoft: Windows Server Memory Configuration
- Microsoft: Windows Server OS Configuration

- Microsoft: Windows Server Software Configuration
- Microsoft: Print Server Configuration

NOTE: The "Microsoft: Windows Server Configuration Cache" Dynamic Application caches data that is consumed by all of the other configuration Dynamic Applications in the list.

NOTE: When the "Microsoft: Windows Server OS Configuration" or "Microsoft: Windows Server Device Discovery" Dynamic Applications automatically align to Windows servers, they trigger events and Run Book Actions that classify the server.

NOTE: The "Microsoft: Windows Server Large Open Files" Dynamic Application is disabled by default and requires additional setup to be monitored. For more information, see the "Configuring the Microsoft: Windows Server Large Open Files Dynamic Application" section in the Monitoring Windows Powershell manual.

The following PowerShell Dynamic Applications can be used to collect performance data from Windows servers:

- Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Average Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server Disk Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server Interface Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server IPStats Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server Memory Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server Performance Cache
- Microsoft: Windows Server TCPStats Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server Thread Status Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server UDPStats Performance
- Microsoft: Print Server Performance

NOTE: The "Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Average Performance" Dynamic Application is disabled by default and is not currently included in templates or run book automation policy alignment. To reduce monitoring load, provide correct CPU vitals, and prevent duplicate alerts, only one of the two Dynamic Applications ("Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Average Performance" and "Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Performance") should be aligned to a device at one time.

NOTE: The "Microsoft: Windows Server Performance Cache" Dynamic Application caches data that is consumed by all of the other performance Dynamic Applications in the list.

NOTE: The "Microsoft: Windows Server IPStats Performance", "Microsoft: Windows Server TCPStats Performance", and "Microsoft: Windows Server UDPStats Performance" Dynamic Applications are disabled by default.

The following Snippet Dynamic Application creates a DCM+R relationship for AppDynamics, Dynatrace, New Relic, and virtual machine component devices with the physical Windows server device:

- Microsoft: Windows Server DCM+R Relationship

The following Snippet Dynamic Application monitors Windows services, displaying the status of all services in a configuration report:

- Microsoft: Windows Server Service Configuration

The following Dynamic Applications use PowerShell to collect data as a supplement to Skylar One's internal collection capabilities:

- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Cache Trigger
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Detail
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Filesystem Inventory
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Filesystem Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Interface Inventory
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Interface Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Port Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Process Inventory
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Process Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Process Service Cache
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Service Inventory
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Service Performance

NOTE: The "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Cache Trigger" Dynamic Application is disabled by default and needs to be manually enabled for systems using concurrent PowerShell collection.

NOTE: The "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Process Service Cache" Dynamic Application caches data that is consumed by IC Port, IC Processes, and IC Services Dynamic Applications. These Dynamic Applications are disabled by default.

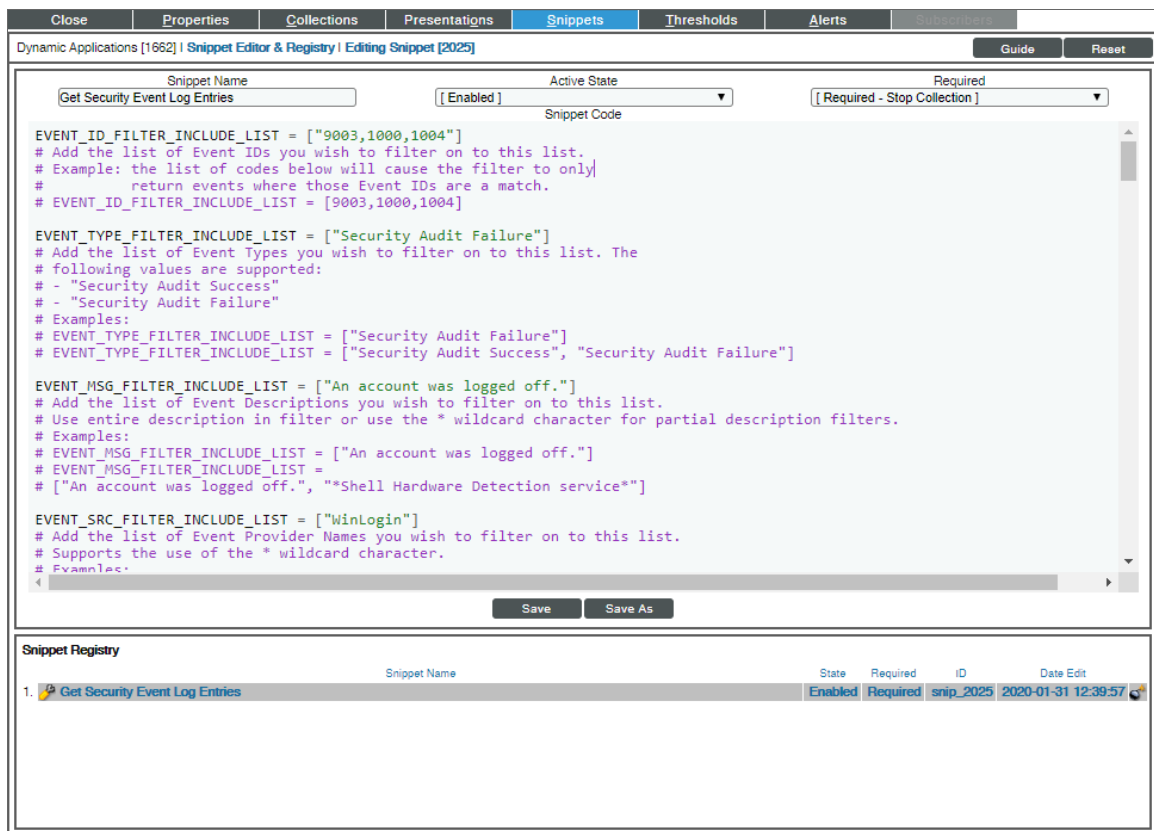
Microsoft: Windows Server Event Logs

The following Snippet Dynamic Applications can be used to collect data from system, application, and security event logs on Microsoft Windows servers:

- Microsoft: Windows Server Application Events
- Microsoft: Windows Server Security Events
- Microsoft: Windows Server System Events

To customize how the *Microsoft: Windows Server Event Logs* Dynamic Applications filter event logs, perform the following steps for each Dynamic Application:

1. Go to the **Dynamic Applications Manager** page (System > Manage > Applications) and search for the Dynamic Application you want to customize in the **Dynamic Application Name** column.
2. Click the wrench icon () for the Dynamic Application you want to edit.
3. In the **[Snippets]** tab, click the wrench icon () next to the item in the **Snippet Registry** pane.
4. In the Snippet Editor, you can edit the following fields:
 - **EVENT_ID_FILTER_INCLUDE_LIST**. Enter a list of Event IDs to include in your event logs.
 - **EVENT_TYPE_FILTER_INCLUDE_LIST**. Enter a list of Event Types to include in your event logs.
 - **EVENT_MSG_FILTER_INCLUDE_LIST**. Enter a list of Event Descriptions to include in your event logs. This field supports the use of the * wildcard character.
 - **EVENT_SRC_FILTER_INCLUDE_LIST**. Enter a list of Event Provider names to include in your event logs. This field supports the use of the * wildcard character.
5. Click the **[Save]** button.



Run Book Automations and Actions Associated with PowerShell Dynamic Applications for Windows Servers

You can use the following Run Book Automation Policy and Run Book Action Policy to assign a device class to each Windows device that does not support SNMP:

- Microsoft: Windows Server Device Class Alignment (Run Book Automation Policy)
- Microsoft: Windows Server Device Class Alignment (Run Book Action Policy)

Devices that do not support SNMP are assigned a device class of type "pingable".

The automation policy is configured to trigger when the "Microsoft: Windows Server OS Configuration" or "Microsoft: Windows Server Device Discovery" Dynamic Applications are aligned with a device during discovery. These Dynamic Applications collect the name of the Windows operating system and store the name in a collection object named "Edition". The Run Book Automation policy and Run Book Action policy use the value of the collection object named "Edition" to assign a device class to each Windows device that does not support SNMP.

For example, if the collection object named "Edition" contains the value "Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 Datacenter", the Run Book Automation policy and the Run Book Action policy will assign the device to the device class "Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2".

Error Messages for PowerShell Collection

The following table lists error messages that Skylar One can generate during PowerShell collection.

Error Message	Possible Issue(s)
Preauthentication failed while getting initial credentials	Incorrect Password (Active Directory Accounts only)
Client not found in Kerberos database	Username does not exist in Active Directory (Active Directory Accounts only)
KRB5 error code 68 while getting initial credentials	Incorrect domain name (Active Directory Accounts only)
Bad HTTP response returned from server. Code 401, basic auth failed	Incorrect username/password or target server does not allow user account to perform WinRM operations.
ParseError	Incorrect port specified in credential
[Errno 111] Connection refused	Mismatch between server configuration and credential, e.g. encryption option selected but not enabled on server.
Hostname cannot be canonicalized	Forward and/or reverse name resolution are not working from the Data Collector or All-In-One Appliance
Cannot resolve network address for KDC in requested realm	Forward and/or reverse name resolution are not working from the Data Collector or All-In-One Appliance
Configuration file does not specify default realm	Forward and/or reverse name resolution are not working from the Data Collector or All-In-One Appliance
No credentials cache found	Forward and/or reverse name resolution are not working from the Data Collector or All-In-One Appliance
Server not found in Kerbers database	Forward and/or reverse name resolution are not working from the Data Collector or All-In-One Appliance

Relationships with Other Types of Component Devices

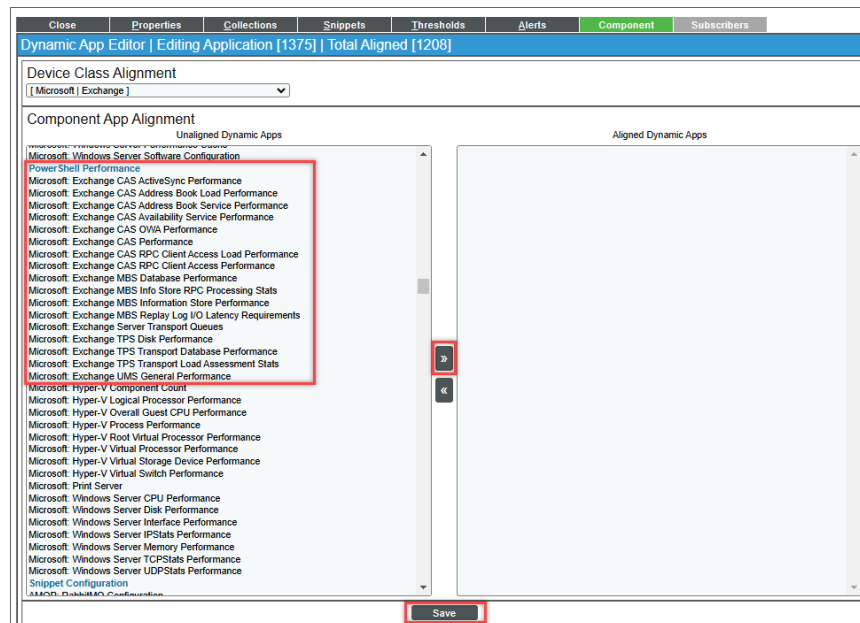
Additionally, the Dynamic Applications in the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack can automatically build relationships between Windows servers and other associated devices:

- If you discover Dynatrace devices using the Dynamic Applications in the "Dynatrace" PowerPack, Skylar One will automatically create relationships between Windows servers and Dynatrace hosts.
- If you discover Cisco AppDynamics devices using the Dynamic Applications in the "Cisco: AppDynamics" PowerPack, Skylar One will automatically create relationships between Windows servers and AppDynamics nodes.
- If you discover New Relic devices using the Dynamic Applications in the "New Relic: APM" PowerPack, Skylar One will automatically create relationships between Windows servers and New Relic servers.

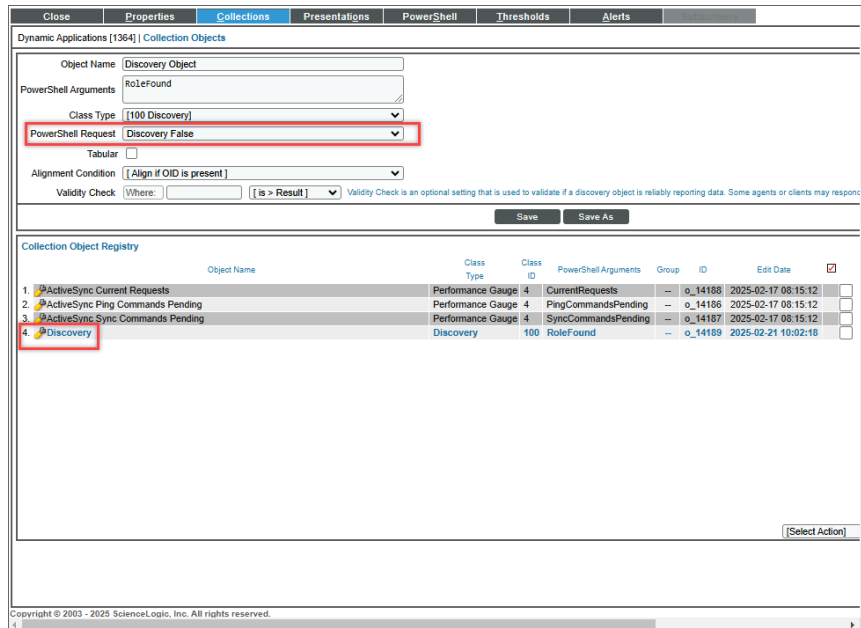
Enabling Dynamic Component Mapping for the Microsoft: Exchange Server Dynamic Application

To enable Dynamic Component Mapping (DCM) for the "Microsoft: Exchange Discovery" Dynamic Application:

1. Go to the **Dynamic Applications Manager** (System > Dynamic Applications). Locate the "Microsoft: Exchange Discovery" Dynamic Application and click its wrench icon (🔧). The **Dynamic Application Editor** page appears.



2. Click the **[Component]** tab and locate the "PowerShell Performance" Dynamic Applications on the left in the **Unaligned Dynamic Apps** pane. Select all of the "Microsoft Exchange" Dynamic Applications.
3. When you have highlighted all the Dynamic Applications, click the double arrow pointing to the right in the center of the two panes and add them to the **Aligned Dynamic Apps** pane.
4. Click **[Save]**.
5. Once the "Microsoft: Exchange" Dynamic Applications have been aligned, you must manually update each "Discovery" collection object.
6. To update the "Discovery" collection object, click on the wrench icon (🔧) for the Dynamic Application you aligned above.
7. Click the **[Collections]** tab and click on the wrench icon (🔧) for "Discovery" in the **Collection Objects Registry** pane. Then, select *[Discovery False]* from the **PowerShell Request** field in the **Collection Objects** pane.
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 for each of the Dynamic Applications you aligned.



Configuring the Microsoft: Windows Server Large Open Files Dynamic Application

The "Microsoft: Windows Server Large Open Files" Dynamic Application is disabled by default and must be enabled manually before use. You must also add the Microsoft Sysinternals Handle utility to your Windows system before using the "Microsoft: Windows Server Large Open Files" Dynamic Application.

To add the Microsoft Sysinternals Handle utility:

1. Go to the [Sysinternals Handle utility](#) downloads page.
2. Click **[Download Handle]**. Doing so will download the ZIP file, **Handle.zip**.
3. Extract the ZIP file, locate the **handle.exe** or **handle64.exe** file and add it to the System32 folder at **C:\Windows\System32**.

Internal Collection Dynamic Applications and Cache Consumers

The following tables show each of the Python-based cache consumers, the Cache Request, globally unique identifier, the request they rely on from the Cache Producer Dynamic Applications, they system process responsible for running them, the default poll frequency, and more.

Python Consumer Dynamic Application	Cache Request GUID	PowerShell Cache Dynamic Application	PowerShell Request Name	Poll Frequency
Windows Server IC Detail	6C944B212235918F08F0B4AD48B65AAA	Windows Server Performance Cache	Windows Server Details - ICDA	Five minutes
Windows Server IC Filesystem Inventory	1889B6C5E0591BEEF5B23628AFDEE7C A	Windows Server Performance Cache	Windows Server Disk Capacity Performance	Two hours
Windows Server IC Filesystem Performance	1889B6C5E0591BEEF5B23628AFDEE7C A	Windows Server Performance Cache	Windows Server Disk Capacity Performance	15 minutes
Windows Server IC Interface Inventory	0D96F717F207C2DC3BE1754722DD7869	Windows Server Performance Cache	Windows Server Interface Configuration	24 hours
Windows Server IC Interface Performance	0D96F717F207C2DC3BE1754722DD7869	Windows Server Performance Cache	Windows Server Interface Configuration	24 hours
Windows Server IC Interface Performance	D11D4340D65346600E43AD9F09DAFAE6	Windows Server Performance Cache	Windows Server Interface Performance	One minute
Windows Server IC Port Performance	351BEC629B4677C9E8CEC8DFD889836 C	Windows Server IC Process/Service Cache	Windows Server Port Details - ICDA	Five minutes
Windows Server IC Process Inventory	A42D4F90610CA8BAD3D373941549C10E	Windows Server IC Process/Service Cache	Windows Server Process Details - ICDA	Two hours
Windows Server IC Process Performance	A42D4F90610CA8BAD3D373941549C10E	Windows Server IC Process/Service Cache	Windows Server Process Details - ICDA	Five minutes
Windows Server IC Service Inventory	828EFE6D4485860679972EACD7097ED1	Windows Server IC Process/Service Cache	Windows Server Service Details - ICDA	Two hours
Windows Server IC Service	828EFE6D4485860679972EACD7097ED1	Windows Server IC Process/Service	Windows Server Service	Five minutes

Python Consumer Dynamic Application	Cache Request GUID	PowerShell Cache Dynamic Application	PowerShell Request Name	Poll Frequency
Performance		Cache	Details - ICDA	
Windows Server Service Configuration	828EFE6D4485860679972EACD7097ED1	Windows Server IC Process/Service Cache	Windows Server Service Details - ICDA	Five minutes
Windows Server DCM-R Relationship	6C944B212235918F08F0B4AD48B65AAA	Windows Server Performance Cache	Windows Server Details - ICDA	24 hours
Windows Server Device Discovery (IC cache reader)	2B7C8DE9BE4B274F3154C93C0806AAB0	Windows Server Configuration Cache	Windows Server OS Configuration	24 hours

Python Consumer Dynamic Application	Also used by PowerShell Cache Dynamic Application	Windows Server IC Cache Trigger Collection Object	Owning SkylarOne Process
Windows Server IC Detail	No	Windows Server Details - ICDA	Data Collection: SNMP Detail
Windows Server IC Filesystem Inventory	Windows Server Disk Configuration	Windows Server Disk Capacity Performance	Data Collection: Host Filesystem Inventory
Windows Server IC Filesystem Performance	Windows Server Disk Configuration	Windows Server Disk Capacity Performance	Data Collection: Filesystem statistics
Windows Server IC Interface Inventory	Windows Server Interface Configuration	Windows Server Interface Configuration	Nightly Update/Discovery
Windows Server IC Interface Performance	Windows Server Interface Configuration	Windows Server Interface Configuration	Data Collection: Interface Bandwidth
Windows Server IC Interface Performance	Windows Server Interface Performance	Windows Server Interface Performance	Data Collection: Interface Bandwidth
Windows Server IC Port Performance	No	Windows Server Port Details - ICDA	Data Collection: TCP Port Monitor
Windows Server IC Process Inventory	No	Windows Server Process Details - ICDA	Data Collection: OS Process
Windows Server IC Process Performance	No	Windows Server Process Details - ICDA	Data Collection: OS Process Check
Windows Server IC	No	Windows Server Service	Data Collection: OS Service

Python Consumer Dynamic Application	Also used by PowerShell Cache Dynamic Application	Windows Server IC Cache Trigger Collection Object	Owning SkylarOne Process
Service Inventory		Details - ICDA	
Windows Server IC Service Performance	No	Windows Server Service Details - ICDA	Data Collection: OS Service Check
Windows Server Service Configuration	No	Windows Server Service Details - ICDA	Dynamic Application
Windows Server DCM-R Relationship	No	Windows Server Details - ICDA	Dynamic Application
Windows Server Device Discovery (IC cache reader)	Windows Server OS Configuration, Windows Server Disk Configuration	Not Needed	Dynamic Application

Internal Collection Dynamic Applications Troubleshooting

The Internal Collection Dynamic Applications rely on cached data from the PowerShell requests mentioned in the table above. When troubleshooting Internal Collection Dynamic Applications, put your owning system process in debug and collect the log from the device's collector with the same name as the owning process from `/var/log/sl1/<PROCESS_NAME>.log`.

NOTE: Internal Collection Dynamic Applications are run using the system Python version for whatever your Skylar One stack provides.

Creating Credentials and Discovering Windows Devices

Overview

This chapter describes how to create SNMP and PowerShell credentials for Windows devices that you want to monitor with Skylar One (formerly SL1), general discovery steps, and how to discover Windows Server clusters and component devices on Hyper-V systems.

Use the following menu options to navigate the Skylar One user interface:

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Creating an SNMP Credential

SNMP credentials allow Skylar One to access SNMP data on a managed device. Skylar One uses SNMP credentials to perform discovery, run auto-discovery, and gather information from SNMP Dynamic Applications.

To create an SNMP credential:

1. Go to the **Credentials** page (Manage > Credentials).
2. Click the **[Create New]** button and then select *Create SNMP Credential*. The **Create Credential** modal page appears:

3. Supply values in the following fields:
 - **Name**. Name of the credential. Can be any combination of alphanumeric characters, up to 64 characters. This is a required field.
 - **All Organizations**. Toggle on (blue) to align the credential to all organizations, or toggle off (gray) and then select one or more specific organizations from the **What organization manages this service?** drop-down field to align the credential with those specific organizations. This field is required.

NOTE: To learn more about credentials and organizations, see the section [Aligning Organizations With a Credential](#).

- **Timeout (ms)**. Time, in milliseconds, after which Skylar One will stop trying to communicate with the device. The default value is 1500.
- **SNMP Version**. SNMP version. Choices are *SNMP V1*, *SNMP V2*, and *SNMP V3*. The default value is *SNMP V2*.

- **Port.** The port Skylar One will use to communicate with the external device or application. The default value is *161*. This field is required.
- **SNMP Retries.** Number of times Skylar One will try to authenticate and communicate with the external device. The default value is *1*.

SNMP V1/V2 Settings

If you selected *SNMP V1* or *SNMP V2* in the **SNMP Version** field, complete these fields. These fields are inactive if you selected *SNMP V3*.

- **SNMP Community (Read-Only).** The SNMP community string (password) required for read-only access of SNMP data on the remote device or application. For SNMP V1 and SNMP V2 credentials, you must supply a community string, either in this field or in the **SNMP Community (Read/Write)** field.
- **SNMP Community (Read/Write).** The SNMP community string (password) required for read and write access of SNMP data on the remote device or application. For SNMP V1 and SNMP V2 credentials, you must supply a community string, either in this field or in the **SNMP Community (Read Only)** field.

SNMP V3 Settings

If you selected *SNMP V3* in the **SNMP Version** field, complete these fields. These fields are inactive if you selected *SNMP V1* or *SNMP V2*.

- **Security Name.** Name for SNMP authentication. This field is required.
- **Security Passphrase.** Password to authenticate the credential. This value must contain at least 8 characters. This value is required if you use a **Security Level** that includes authentication.

In addition to alphanumeric characters, you **can** also use the following special characters in an SNMP V3 security passphrase: ? - _ = , . : # + % \$ [] { } & ! () | /

You **cannot** use the following special characters in an SNMP V3 security passphrase: " ' \

- **Authentication Protocol.** Select an authentication algorithm for the credential. This field is required. Choices are:
 - *MD5*. This is the default value.
 - *SHA*
 - *SHA-224*
 - *SHA-256*
 - *SHA-384*
 - *SHA-512*

NOTE: The <i>SHA</i> option is SHA-128.

- **Security Level.** Specifies the combination of security features for the credentials. This field is required. Choices are:
 - *No Authentication / No Encryption.*
 - *Authentication Only.* This is the default value.
 - *Authentication and Encryption.*
- **Engine ID.** The unique engine ID for the SNMP agent you want to communicate with. (SNMPv3 authentication and encryption keys are generated based on the associated passwords and the engine ID.) This field is optional.
- **Context.** A context is a mechanism within SNMPv3 (and AgentX) that allows you to use parallel versions of the same MIB objects. For example, one version of a MIB might be associated with SNMP Version 2 and another version of the same MIB might be associated with SNMP Version 3. For SNMP Version 3, specify the context name in this field. This field is optional.
- **Privacy Protocol.** The privacy service encryption and decryption algorithm. This field is required. Choices are:
 - *DES.* This is the default value.
 - *AES-128*
 - *AES-192*
 - *AES-256*
 - *AES-256-C.* This option is for discovering Cisco devices only.
- **Privacy Protocol Passphrase.** Privacy password for the credential. This field is optional.

4. Click **[Save & Close]**.

NOTE: If you would like to test your credential using the Credential Tester panel, click **[Save & Test]**. For detailed instructions on using the Credential Tester panel, see the [Using the Credential Tester Panel](#) section.

Creating an SNMP Credential in the Skylar One Classic User Interface

SNMP Credentials allow Skylar One to access SNMP data on a managed device. Skylar One uses SNMP credentials to perform discovery, run auto-discovery, and gather information from SNMP Dynamic Applications.

To create an SNMP credential in the classic user interface:

1. Go to the **Credential Management** page (System > Manage > Credentials).
2. Click the **[Actions]** button and select *Create SNMP Credential*. The **Credential Editor** page appears.
3. Supply values in the following fields:

- **Profile Name.** Name of the credential. Can be any combination of alphanumeric characters. This field is required.
- **SNMP Version.** SNMP version. Choices are *SNMP V1*, *SNMP V2*, and *SNMP V3*. The default value is *SNMP V2*.
- **Port.** The port Skylar One will use to communicate with the external device or application. The default value is *161*. This field is required.
- **Timeout (ms).** Time, in milliseconds, after which Skylar One will stop trying to communicate with the SNMP device. The default value is *1500*.
- **Retries.** Number of times Skylar One will try to authenticate and communicate with the external device. The default value is *1*.

SNMP V1/V2 Settings

These fields appear if you selected *SNMP V1* or *SNMP V2* in the **SNMP Version** field. The fields are inactive if you selected *SNMP V3*.

- **SNMP Community (Read-Only).** The SNMP community string (password) required for read-only access of SNMP data on the remote device or application. For *SNMP V1* and *SNMP V2* credentials, you must supply a community string, either in this field or in the **SNMP Community (Read/Write)** field.
- **SNMP Community (Read/Write).** The SNMP community string (password) required for read and write access of SNMP data on the remote device or application. For *SNMP V1* and *SNMP V2* credentials, you must supply a community string, either in this field or in the **SNMP Community (Read Only)** field.

SNMP V3 Settings

These fields appear if you selected *SNMP V3* in the **SNMP Version** field. These fields are inactive if you selected *SNMP V1* or *SNMP V2*.

- **Security Name.** Name for SNMP authentication. This field is required.
- **Security Passphrase.** Password to authenticate the credential. This value must contain at least 8 characters. This value is required if you use a **Security Level** that includes authentication.
- **Authentication Protocol.** Select an authentication algorithm for the credential. This field is required. Choices are:
 - *MD5*. This is the default value.
 - *SHA*
 - *SHA-224*
 - *SHA-256*
 - *SHA-384*
 - *SHA-512*

NOTE: The *SHA* option is SHA-128.

- **Security Level.** Specifies the combination of security features for the credentials. This field is required. Choices are:
 - *No Authentication / No Encryption.*
 - *Authentication Only.* This is the default value.
 - *Authentication and Encryption.*
 - **SNMP v3 Engine ID.** The unique engine ID for the SNMP agent you want to communicate with. (SNMPv3 authentication and encryption keys are generated based on the associated passwords and the engine ID.) This field is optional.
 - **Context Name.** A context is a mechanism within SNMPv3 (and AgentX) that allows you to use parallel versions of the same MIB objects. For example, one version of a MIB might be associated with SNMP Version 2 and another version of the same MIB might be associated with SNMP Version 3. For SNMP Version 3, specify the context name in this field. This field is optional.
 - **Privacy Protocol.** The privacy service encryption and decryption algorithm. This field is required. Choices are:
 - *DES.* This is the default value.
 - *AES-128*
 - *AES-192*
 - *AES-256*
 - *AES-256-C.* This option is for discovering Cisco devices only.
 - **Privacy Protocol Passphrase.** Privacy password for the credential. This field is optional.
4. Click the **[Save]** button to save the new SNMP credential.
 5. Repeat steps 1-4 for each SNMP-enabled device in your network that you want to monitor with Skylar One.

NOTE: When you define an SNMP Credential, Skylar One automatically aligns the credential with all organizations of which you are a member.

Creating a PowerShell Credential

If you configure your Windows system to respond to PowerShell requests from Skylar One, you can use PowerShell Dynamic Applications to collect information from your Windows system.

All of the PowerShell Dynamic Applications include a discovery object. If you include a credential for PowerShell Dynamic Applications in the discovery session that includes your Windows system, Skylar One will automatically align the appropriate PowerShell Dynamic Applications to the Windows system. For more information about creating a discovery session, see the **Discovery & Credentials** manual.

To define a PowerShell credential in Skylar One, you will need the following information:

- The username and password for a user on the Windows device.
- If the user is an Active Directory account, the hostname or IP address of the Active Directory server and the domain.
- Determine if an encrypted connection should be used.
- If you are using a Windows Management Proxy, the hostname or IP address of the proxy server.

To create a PowerShell credential:

1. Go to the **Credentials** page (Manage > Credentials).
2. Locate the **Windows PowerShell - Example** credential, click its **[Actions]** icon (...) and select **Duplicate**. A copy of the credential, called **Windows PowerShell - Example copy** appears.
3. Click the **[Actions]** icon (...) for the credential copy and select **Edit**. The **Edit Credential** modal page appears.
3. Supply values in the following fields:
 - **Name**. Type a new name for your credential. Can be any combination of alphanumeric characters, up to 64 characters. This field is required.
 - **All Organizations**. Toggle on (blue) to align the credential to all organizations, or toggle off (gray) and then select one or more specific organizations from the **What organization manages this service?** drop-down field to align the credential with those specific organizations. This field is required.

NOTE: To learn more about credentials and organizations, see the section on "Aligning Organizations with a Credential" in the *Discovery & Credentials* manual.

- **Timeout (ms)**. Time, in milliseconds, after which Skylar One will stop trying to communicate with the authenticating server. For collection to be successful, Skylar One must connect to the authenticating server, execute the PowerShell command, and receive a response within the amount of time specified in this field. The default value is 10000.
- **Hostname/IP**. Hostname or IP address of the device from which you want to retrieve data. This field is required.
 - You can include the variable **%D** in this field. Skylar One will replace the variable with the IP address of the device that is currently using the credential.
 - You can include the variable **%N** in this field. Skylar One will replace the variable with the hostname of the device that is currently using the credential. If Skylar One cannot determine the hostname, Skylar One will replace the variable with the primary, management IP address for the current device.
 - You can include the prefix **HOST** or **WSMAN** before the variable **%D** in this field if the device you want to monitor uses a service principal name (for example, "HOST://%D" or "WSMAN://%D"). Skylar One will use the WinRM service HOST or WSMAN instead of HTTP and replace the variable with the IP address of the device that is currently using the credential.

- **Port.** Type the port number used by the WinRM service on the Windows device. This field is required.
- **Username.** Type the username for an account on the Windows device to be monitored or on the proxy server. This field is required.

NOTE: The user should not include the domain name prefix in the username for Active Directory accounts. For example, use "em7admin" instead of "MSDOMAIN\em7admin".

- **Password.** Type the password for the account on the Windows device to be monitored or on the proxy server. This field is required.
- **Account Type.** Type of authentication for the username and password in this credential. Choices are:
 - *Active Directory.* On the Windows device, Active Directory will authenticate the username and password in this credential.
 - *Local.* Local security on the Windows device will authenticate the username and password in this credential.
- **Use SSL (HTTPS) / Encrypted.** Select whether Skylar One will communicate with the device using an encrypted HTTP or HTTPS connection:
 - Toggle on (blue) if Skylar One will communicate with the device using an encrypted connection over HTTPS. If toggled on, when communicating with the Windows server, Skylar One will use a local user account with authentication of type "Basic Auth". You must then use HTTPS and can use a Microsoft Certificate or a self signed certificate.

NOTE: In Skylar One versions prior to 12.3.7, this field is labeled *Encrypted*. In versions 12.3.7 and above, it is labeled *Use SSL (HTTPS)*.

NOTE: In Skylar One versions 11.3.0 and later, a newer Kerberos library is used that allows for message encryption over HTTP. This feature is on by default and may eliminate the need for you to configure an HTTPS certificate depending on your security requirements.

- Toggle off (gray) . The credential is encrypted over HTTP rather than HTTPS.

- **Validate Certificate (when HTTPS is used).** This field is visible when the **Use SSL (HTTPS)** toggle field is enabled for the connection and allows you to select whether a certificate is validated for the credential. Choices are:
 - *Ignore.* Skylar One will not validate a certificate for the credential. This is the default setting.
 - *Validate.* Skylar One will require a validated certificate for the credential. If you select *Validate*, then the target device must include a non-expired certificate issued from a certificate authority.
- **Active Directory Host/IP.** If you selected Active Directory in the **Account Type** field, type the hostname or IP address of the Active Directory server that will authenticate the credential.
- **Active Directory Domain.** If you selected Active Directory in the **Account Type** field, type the domain where the monitored Windows device resides.
- **Message Encryption Setting.** If you selected Active Directory in the **Account Type** field, select whether Kerberos packages sent over PowerShell Remoting Protocol (PSRP) or Windows Remote Management (WinRM) are encrypted. Choices are:
 - *Auto.* Encryption is enabled if the package supports it; otherwise, encryption is disabled. This is the default setting.
 - *Never.* Messages are never encrypted. If selected, the target device must support this option.
 - *Always.* Messages are always encrypted. If selected, the target device must support this option.
- **PowerShell Proxy Hostname/IP.** If you use a proxy server in front of the Windows devices you want to communicate with, type the fully-qualified domain name or the IP address of the proxy server in this field.

4. Click **[Save & Close]**.

NOTE: If you would like to test your credential using the Credential Tester panel, click **[Save & Test]**. For detailed instructions on using the Credential Tester panel, see the [Using the Credential Tester Panel](#) section.

NOTE: If you update the credential after your initial discovery session, you will need to run a new discovery session to update the `etc/krb5.conf` file and to re-align Dynamic Applications.

Creating a PowerShell Credential in the Skylar One Classic User Interface

To define a PowerShell credential in the classic Skylar One user interface:

1. Collect the information you need to create the credential:

- The username and password for a user on the Windows device.
 - If the user is an Active Directory account, the hostname or IP address of the Active Directory server and the domain.
 - Determine if an encrypted connection should be used.
 - If you are using a Windows Management Proxy, the hostname or IP address of the proxy server.
2. Go to the **Credential Management** page (System > Manage > Credentials).
 3. In the **Credential Management** page, click the **[Actions]** menu. Select **Create PowerShell Credential**.
 4. The **Credential Editor** page appears, where you can define the following fields:
 - **Profile Name**. Name of the credential. Can be any combination of alphanumeric characters. This field is required.
 - **Hostname/IP**. Hostname or IP address of the device from which you want to retrieve data. This field is required.
 - You can include the variable **%D** in this field. Skylar One will replace the variable with the IP address of the device that is currently using the credential.
 - You can include the variable **%N** in this field. Skylar One will replace the variable with the hostname of the device that is currently using the credential. If Skylar One cannot determine the hostname, Skylar One will replace the variable with the primary, management IP address for the current device.
 - You can include the prefix **HOST** or **WSMAN** before the variable **%D** in this field if the device you want to monitor uses a service principal name (for example, "HOST://%D" or "WSMAN://%D"). Skylar One will use the WinRM service HOST or WSMAN instead of HTTP and replace the variable with the IP address of the device that is currently using the credential.
 - **Username**. Type the username for an account on the Windows device to be monitored or on the proxy server. This field is required.

NOTE: The user should not include the domain name prefix in the username for Active Directory accounts. For example, use "em7admin" instead of "MSDOMAIN\em7admin".

- **Encrypted**. Select whether Skylar One will communicate with the device using an encrypted connection. Choices are:
 - *yes*. When communicating with the Windows server, Skylar One will use a local user account with authentication of type "Basic Auth". You must then use HTTPS and can use a Microsoft Certificate or a self-signed certificate.
 - *no*. When communicating with the Windows server, Skylar One will not encrypt the connection.

- **Port.** Type the port number used by the WinRM service on the Windows device. This field is automatically populated with the default port based on the value you selected in the **Encrypted** field. This field is required.
- **Account Type.** Type of authentication for the username and password in this credential. Choices are:
 - *Active Directory.* On the Windows device, Active Directory will authenticate the username and password in this credential.
 - *Local.* Local security on the Windows device will authenticate the username and password in this credential.
- **Timeout (ms).** Type the time, in milliseconds, after which Skylar One will stop trying to collect data from the authenticating server. For collection to be successful, Skylar One must connect to the authenticating server, execute the PowerShell command, and receive a response within the amount of time specified in this field.
- **Password.** Type the password for the account on the Windows device to be monitored or on the proxy server. This field is required.
- **PowerShell Proxy Hostname/IP.** If you use a proxy server in front of the Windows devices you want to communicate with, type the fully-qualified domain name or the IP address of the proxy server in this field.
- **Active Directory Hostname/IP.** If you selected Active Directory in the **Account Type** field, type the hostname or IP address of the Active Directory server that will authenticate the credential.
- **Domain.** If you selected Active Directory in the **Account Type** field, type the domain where the monitored Windows device resides.

5. To save the credential, click the **[Save]** button. To clear the values you set, click the **[Reset]** button.

NOTE: If you update the credential after your initial discovery session, you will need to run a new discovery session to update the `etc/krb5.conf` file and to re-align Dynamic Applications.

Testing Windows Credentials

Credential Tests define a series of steps that Skylar One can execute on-demand to validate whether a credential works as expected. This section describes the SNMP and PowerShell Credential Tests that are included in the default installation of Skylar One.

SNMP Credential Test

The SNMP Credential Test can be used to test an SNMP credential for connectivity. The SNMP Credential Test performs the following steps:

- **Test Reachability.** Performs an ICMP ping request to the host specified in the credential.
- **Test Port Availability.** Performs an NMAP request to the UDP port specified in the credential on the

host specified in the credential.

- **Test SNMP Availability.** Attempts an SNMP getnext request to .1.3.6.1 using the credential.

PowerShell Credential Test

The PowerShell Credential Test can be used to test a PowerShell credential for connectivity. The PowerShell Credential Test performs the following steps:

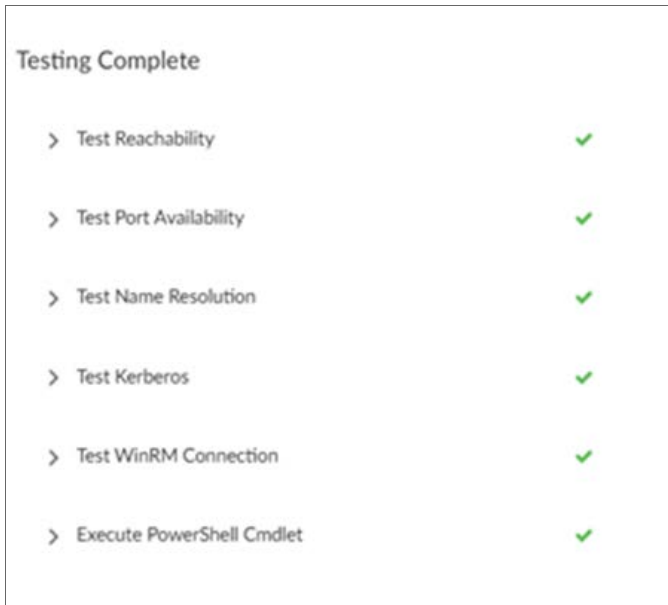
- **Test Reachability.** Performs an ICMP ping request to the host specified in the credential.
- **Test Port Availability.** Performs an NMAP request to the TCP port specified in the credential on the host specified in the credential.
- **Test Name Resolution.** Performs an nslookup request on the host specified in the credential.
- **Test Kerberos.** If the credential does not specify local authentication, attempts to acquire a kerberos ticket using the credential.
- **Test WinRM Connection.** Attempts a WinRM connection using the credential.
- **Execute PowerShell Cmdlet.** Attempts to execute the 'Get-WmiObject Win32_Process | Select Name' PowerShell Cmdlet using the credential.

Running a Windows Credential Test

You can test a credential from the **Credentials** page using a predefined credential test.

To run a credential test from the **Credentials** page:

1. Go to the **Credentials** page (Manage > Credentials).
2. Click the **Actions** button (⋮) of the credential that you want to test, and then select *Edit/Test*.
3. The **Credential Tester** modal page appears. Fill out the following fields on this page:
 - **Select Credential Test.** Select a credential test to run. This drop-down list includes the [ScienceLogic Default Credential Tests](#), credential tests included in any PowerPacks that have been optionally installed on your system, and credential tests that users have created on your system.
 - **Collector.** Select the All-In-One Appliance or Data Collector that will run the test.
 - **IP or Hostname to Test.** Type a hostname or IP address that will be used during the test. For example, if you are testing an SNMP credential, the hostname/IP address you supply will be used to perform a test SNMP request.
4. Click **[Test Credential]** button to run the credential test. The Credential Test starts and the Testing Completed modal displays the results.



The **Testing Completed** window displays a log entry for each step in the credential test. The steps performed are different for each credential test.

Running a Windows Credential Test in the Skylar One Classic User Interface

To run a Windows credential test from the **Credential Management** page:

1. Go to the **Credential Management** page (System > Manage > Credentials).
2. Click the **[Actions]** menu, and then select *Test Credential*. The **Credential Tester** modal page appears.
3. Supply values in the following fields:
 - **Test Type**. Select a credential test to run.
 - **Credential**. Select the credential you want to test. This drop-down list includes only credentials that you have access to that can be tested using the selected credential test.
 - **Hostname/IP**. Enter a hostname or IP address that will be used during the test. For example, if you are testing an SNMP credential, the hostname/IP address you supply will be used to perform a test SNMP request.
 - **Collector**. Select the All-In-One Appliance or Data Collector that will run the test.
4. Click the **[Run Test]** button to run the credential test. The **Test Credential** window appears.

The **Test Credential** window displays a log entry for each step in the credential test. The steps performed are different for each credential test. The log entry for each step includes the following information:

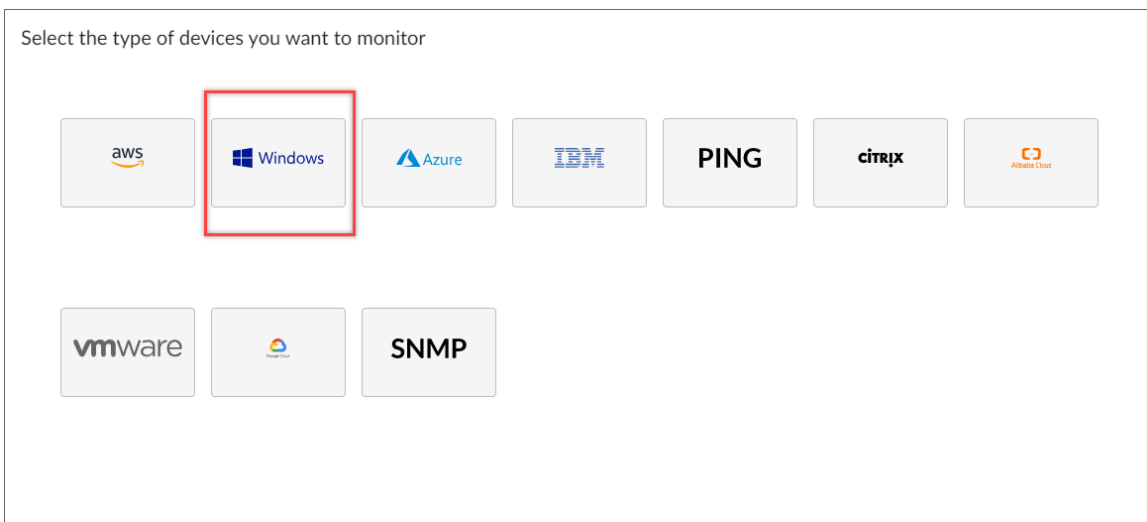
- **Step**. The name of the step.
- **Description**. A description of the action performed during the step.

- **Log Message.** The result of the step for this execution of the credential test.
 - **Status.** Whether the result of this step indicates the credential and/or the network environment is configured correctly (Passed) or incorrectly (Failed).
 - **Step Tip.** Mouse over the question mark icon (?) to display the tip text. The tip text recommends what to do to change the credential and/or the network environment if the step has a status of "Failed".
5. Optionally, you can click the **[Execute Discovery Session]** button to run a discovery session using the **Credential**, **Hostname/IP**, and **Collector** you selected in the **Credential Tester** modal page.

Discover Windows Server Devices Using Guided Discovery

To discover the Windows Server devices that you want to monitor:

1. On the **Devices** page (🖨️) or the **Discovery Sessions** page (Devices > Discovery Sessions), click the **[Add Devices]** button. The **Select** page appears. Select Windows:



2. Select Windows PowerShell for the type of device you want to monitor. Then click the **[Select]** button.

Select the type of devices you want to monitor

☐ Windows WMI Guided Discovery Workflow

Before you begin the workflow, make sure that you have the following prerequisites in place:

- A Basic Snippet type Credential in SL1 that you can use to access and locate devices to be monitored. You can create a new SL1 credential as part of this workflow.
- The name of the root device for the service that you want to monitor.
- An SL1 Organization for the new device. If you need to create an Organization, go to Registry > Accounts > Organizations.
- An SL1 Collector Group for communicating with the new device.

Note: Before running this workflow, you must install the corresponding PowerPack on your SL1 system to ensure that SL1 can use the Dynamic Applications, Device Classes, and other elements from the PowerPack.

☒ Windows PowerShell

Before you begin the workflow, make sure that you have the following prerequisites in place:

- A Powershell type Credential in SL1 that you can use to access and locate devices to be monitored. You can create a new SL1 credential as part of this workflow.
- The name of the root device for the service that you want to monitor.
- An SL1 Organization for the new device. If you need to create an Organization, go to Registry > Accounts > Organizations.
- An SL1 Collector Group for communicating with the new device.

Note: Before running this workflow, you must install the corresponding PowerPack on your SL1 system to ensure that SL1 can use the Dynamic Applications, Device Classes, and other elements from the PowerPack.

☐ Windows Agent Install

- For a Windows system, the Agents page provides an executable file that you will need to run on the Windows system you want to monitor.
- The SL1 Extended architecture is required to use SL1 agents

Monitor Windows PowerShell

Before you begin the workflow, make sure that you have the following prerequisites in place:

- A Powershell type Credential in SL1 that you can use to access and locate devices to be monitored. You can create a new SL1 credential as part of this workflow.
- The name of the root device for the service that you want to monitor.
- An SL1 Organization for the new device. If you need to create an Organization, go to Registry > Accounts > Organizations.
- An SL1 Collector Group for communicating with the new device.

Note: Before running this workflow, you must install the corresponding PowerPack on your SL1 system to ensure that SL1 can use the Dynamic Applications, Device Classes, and other elements from the PowerPack.

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3. The **Create Guided Discovery Session** page with the list of credentials appears. Select PowerShell credential that you configured and click the **[Next]** button. Following, the **Create Guided Discovery Session** page appears so you can enter the details required for your discovery.

Create Guided Discovery Session

Discovery Session Name*

Windows Powershell Discovery Session

Select the organization to add discovered devices to, *

Collector Name*

IP*

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4. Complete the following fields:
- **Discovery Session Name.** Enter the name you wish to call your Discovery Session.
 - **Select the Organization To Add Discovered Devices To.** Select the organization to add discovered devices to from the drop-down list.
 - **Collector Name.** Select the collector name for your Discovery Session from the drop-down list.
 - **IP Address.** Enter the IP Address of the device you wish to discover.
5. Click the **[Next]** button.

The discovery session runs and the **Discovery Logs** page will display any relevant log messages.

To monitor ports, processes, and services you must enable the following Dynamic Applications which are disabled by default:

- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Port Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Process Inventory
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Process Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Process Service Cache
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Service Inventory
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Service Performance
- Microsoft: Windows Server Service Configuration
- Microsoft: Windows Server IC Cache Trigger (Enable this Dynamic Application if you are using Concurrent PowerShell.)

NOTE: Starting with version 119 of the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack, once the "Microsoft: Windows Server Device Discovery" Dynamic Application is aligned and run, a run book action policy will trigger and align the remainder of the cache consumer Dynamic Applications and IC Dynamic Applications that were not aligned during initial discovery. You can also use the [Device Template](#).

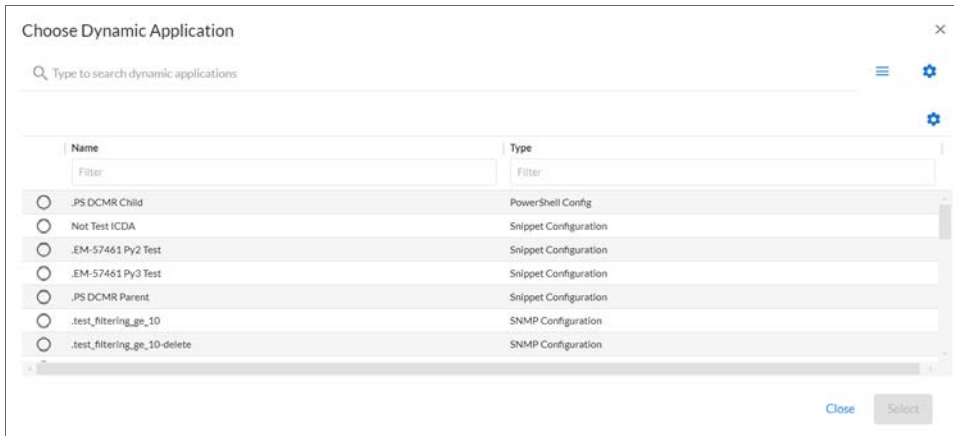
To run the Discovery Session:

1. On the Discovery Session page (Devices > Discovery Sessions) locate the Discovery Session name you created. Ensure that the discovery session is assigned to the same collector as the newly discovered device.
2. Click on the **[Action]** icon (⋮) and select *Start* from the drop-down menu. The discovery session runs and the **Discovery Logs** page displays any relevant log messages.

Discovering Windows Server Clusters

To discover a Windows Server cluster with the "Microsoft: Windows Server Cluster" PowerPack, you must align the discovery Dynamic Application to one or more of the cluster node physical devices. To align the Dynamic Application:

1. On the **[Collections]** tab of the **Device Investigator**, click **[Edit]** and then click **[Align Dynamic App]**. The **Align Dynamic Application** window appears.
2. Click *Choose Dynamic Application*. The **Choose Dynamic Application** window appears:



3. Select the "Microsoft: Windows Server Cluster Discovery" Dynamic Application and click **[Select]**. The name of the Dynamic Application appears in the **Align Dynamic Application** window.
4. If a default credential is listed below the Dynamic Application and you do not want to use that credential, uncheck the box next to the credential name.
5. Click *Choose Credential*. The **Choose Credential** window appears.
6. Select the credential you created for the Dynamic Application and click the **[Select]** button. The name of the selected credential appears in the **Align Dynamic Application** window.
7. Click the **[Align Dynamic App]** button. When the Dynamic Application is successfully aligned, it is added to the **Collections** tab, and a confirmation message appears at the bottom of the tab.

TIP: To *unalign* a Dynamic Application from a device, click the **[Actions]** button (⋮) for that Dynamic Application and select *Unalign Dynamic App*. However, be advised that when you unalign a Dynamic Application, you also delete the data it has collected.

Once you have aligned the "Microsoft: Windows Server Cluster Discovery" Dynamic Application, an event will be generated with the network name of the cluster. The "Microsoft: Windows Server Create Windows Cluster Virtual Device" Run Book action will execute and create a virtual device with the name of the cluster. The necessary Dynamic Applications will automatically align to the virtual device, and the cluster DCM tree will then be created over the next few polling cycles.

Discovering Windows Server Clusters in the Skylar One Classic User Interface

To discover a Windows Server cluster with the "Microsoft: Windows Server Cluster" PowerPack, you must align the discovery Dynamic Application to one or more of the cluster node physical devices. To align the Dynamic Application:

1. Go to the **Device Manager** page (Devices > Classic Devices, or Registry > Devices > Device Manager in the classic user interface).
2. In the **Device Manager** page, find a cluster node device and click its wrench icon (🔧).

3. In the **Device Administration** panel, click the **[Collections]** tab.
4. In the **Dynamic Application Collections** page, click the **[Actions]** menu and select *Add Dynamic Application*.
5. The **Dynamic Application Alignment** modal page appears. Locate the "Microsoft: Windows Server Discovery" Dynamic Application and select it.
6. After selecting a Dynamic Application, select the credential you created in the **Credentials** field.
7. Click the **[Save]** button in the **Dynamic Application Alignment** modal page to align the Dynamic Application and the credential to the device.

Once you have aligned the "Microsoft: Windows Server Cluster Discovery" Dynamic Application, an event will be generated with the network name of the cluster. The "Microsoft: Windows Server Create Windows Cluster Virtual Device" Run Book action will execute and create a virtual device with the name of the cluster. The necessary Dynamic Applications will automatically align to the virtual device, and the cluster DCM tree will then be created over the next few polling cycles.

Discovering Devices with the Microsoft: Windows Server Discovery Template

A **device template** allows you to save a device configuration and apply it to multiple devices. The Microsoft: Windows Server PowerPack includes a device template for discovering Microsoft devices.

The template will work as-is, unless you would like to remove a Dynamic Application from the template. To remove any Dynamic Applications you may not need:

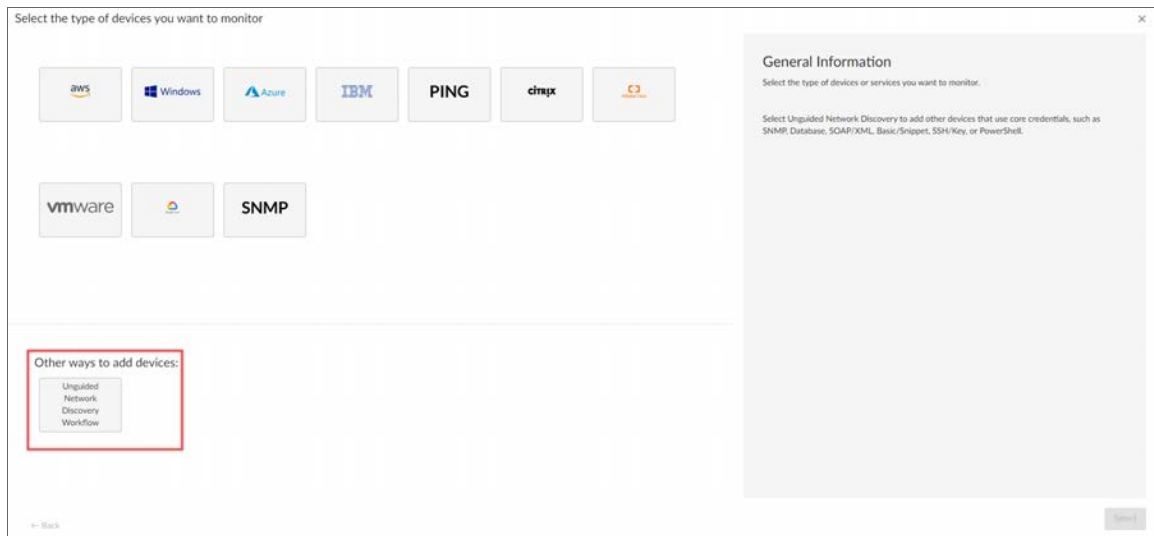
1. Go to the **Configuration Templates** page (Devices > Templates, or Registry > Devices > Templates in the classic user interface).
2. Locate the "Microsoft: Windows Server Discovery Template" and click its wrench icon (). The **Device Template Editor** page appears.
3. Modify the **Template Name** field, as you will not want to overwrite the sample template.
4. Click the **[Dyn Apps]** tab. The **Editing Dynamic Application Subtemplates** page appears.
5. Click each Dynamic Application and replace the example credential with the credential created for the Windows server(s) being discovered.
6. To remove a Dynamic Application listed in the **Subtemplate Selection** section on the left side of the page, click its delete icon () and then click **[OK]** when asked to confirm.
7. Click **[Save As]**.

NOTE: When discovery a device using the device template, it can take up to 24 hours for the "Microsoft: Windows Server Device Discovery" Dynamic Application to run and classify the device as a Windows Server. The poll frequency of the Dynamic Application can be reduced at either the device level or globally by editing the Dynamic Application itself. ScienceLogic recommends returning the poll frequency to 24 hours once classification is complete.

Discovering Windows Server Devices Using Unguided Discovery

To discover the Windows Server devices that you want to monitor:

1. On the **Devices** page (📱) or the **Discovery Sessions** page (Devices > Discovery Sessions), click the **[Add Devices]** button. The **Select** page appears:



2. Click the **[Unguided Network Discovery Workflow]** button. Additional information about the requirements for discovery appears in the **General Information** pane to the right.
3. Click **[Select]**. The three step discovery wizard appears, starting with the **Basic Information** page.
4. Complete the following fields:
 - **Name.** Type a unique name for this discovery session. This name is displayed in the list of discovery sessions on the **[Discovery Sessions]** tab.
 - **Description.** Optional. Type a short description of the discovery session. You can use the text in this description to search for the discovery session on the **[Discovery Sessions]** tab.
 - **Select the organization to add discovered devices to.** Select the name of the organization to which you want to add the discovered devices.
5. Click **[Next]**. The **Credential Selection** page of the wizard appears.
6. On the **Credential Selection** page, click **[Next]**.
7. The **Discovery Session Details** page of the wizard appears:

8. Complete the following fields:

- **List of IPs/Hostnames.** Type the IP address or addresses for the Windows Server devices that you want to discover.
- **Which collector will discover these devices?** Select an existing collector to monitor the discovered devices. Required.
- **Run after save.** Select this option to run this discovery session as soon as you click **[Save and Close]**.

In the **Advanced options** section, click the down arrow icon () to complete the following fields:

- **Discover non-SNMP.** Enable this setting.
- **Select Device Template.** Select the device template that you configured.

9. Click **[Save and Close]** to save the discovery session. The **Discovery Sessions** page (Devices > Discovery Sessions) displays the new discovery session.

10. If you selected the **Run after save** option on this page, the discovery session runs, and the **Discovery Logs** page displays any relevant log messages. If the discovery session locates and adds any devices, the **Discovery Logs** page includes a link to the **Device Investigator** page for the discovered device.

NOTE: Starting with version 119 of the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack, once the "Microsoft: Windows Server Device Discovery" Dynamic Application is aligned and run, a run book action policy will trigger and align the remainder of the cache consumer Dynamic Applications and IC Dynamic Applications that were not aligned during initial discovery. You can also use the [Device Template](#).

Discovering Windows Server Devices in the Skylar One Classic User Interface

To discover Windows Server devices in the classic user interface:

1. Go to the **Discovery Control Panel** page (System > Manage > Classic Discovery or System > Manage > Discovery in the classic user interface).
2. In the **Discovery Control Panel**, click the **[Create]** button.
3. The **Discovery Session Editor** page appears. In the **Discovery Session Editor** page, complete the following fields:
 - **Name**. Type in a name for your discovery session.
 - **IP Address/Hostname Discovery List**. Type the IP address or addresses for the Windows Server devices that you want to discover.
 - **Discover Non-SNMP**. Select this checkbox.
 - **Apply Device Template**. Select the template you configured.
4. Click the **[Save]** button to save the discovery session, and then close the **Discovery Session Editor** window.
5. The discovery session you created appears at the top of the **Discovery Control Panel** page. Click its lightning-bolt icon (⚡) to run the discovery session.
6. The **Discovery Session** window appears. When the device(s) are discovered, click the device icon (🖨) to view the **Device Properties** page for each device.

Discovering Component Devices on Hyper-V Systems

The "Microsoft: Hyper-V Server" PowerPack includes two Dynamic Applications that allow Skylar One to collect information about the virtual machines running on a Hyper-V system.

To discover the virtual machines on a Hyper-V system as component devices, align the following two Dynamic Applications with a Hyper-V system:

- Microsoft: Hyper-V Guest Configuration Cache
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Guest Discovery

When these Dynamic Applications are aligned to a Hyper-V system, the platform will automatically create a device record for each virtual machine. The platform will also automatically align other Dynamic Applications from the "Microsoft: Hyper-V Server" PowerPack to each virtual machine.

Viewing Component Devices

When Skylar One performs collection for the "Microsoft Hyper-V Guest Configuration Cache" and "Microsoft Hyper-V Guest Discovery" Dynamic Applications, Skylar One will create component devices for the virtual machines on the Hyper-V and align other Dynamic Applications to those component devices. All component devices appear in the **Device Manager** page just like devices discovered using the ScienceLogic discovery process.

In addition to the **Device Manager** page, you can view the Hyper-V system and all associated component devices in the following places in the user interface:

- The **Device Components** page (Devices > Device Components) displays a list of all root devices and component devices discovered by the platform. The **Device Components** page displays all root devices and component devices in an indented view, so you can easily view the hierarchy and relationships between child devices, parent devices, and root devices. To view the component devices associated with a Hyper-V system, find the Hyper-V system and select its plus icon (+).
- The **Component Map** page (Classic Maps > Device Maps > Components or Views > Device Maps > Components in the Skylar One classic user interface) allows you to view devices by root node and view the relationships between root nodes, parent components, and child components in a map. This makes it easy to visualize and manage root nodes and their components. Skylar One automatically updates the **Component Map** as new component devices are discovered. Skylar One also updates each map with the latest status and event information. To view the map for a Hyper-V system, select the Hyper-V system from the left NavBar. To learn more about the **Component Map** page, see the **Views** manual.

Manually Aligning the Microsoft: Print Server Dynamic Applications

The "Microsoft: Print Server Configuration" and "Microsoft: Print Server Performance" Dynamic Applications must be manually aligned. To do so, perform the following steps:

1. Find your Windows device in the **Device Manager** page (Devices > Classic Devices, or Registry > Devices > Device Manager in the classic user interface) and click its wrench icon (🔧).
2. From the **Device Properties** page for the Windows system, click the **[Collections]** tab. The **Dynamic Application Collections** page appears.
3. Click the **[Action]** button and then select *Add Dynamic Application*. The **Dynamic Application Alignment** page appears.
4. In the **Dynamic Applications** field, select the "Microsoft: Print Server Configuration" Dynamic Application.
5. In the **Credentials** field, select the credential you created for your Windows system.
6. Click the **[Save]** button.
7. Repeat this process for the "Microsoft: Print Server Performance" Dynamic Application.

Monitoring CPU Performance

The "Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Average Performance" Dynamic Application was added in version 119 of the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack. The "Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Average Performance" Dynamic Application provides the average CPU performance metrics over the last poll cycle (default of five minute average). The other "Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Performance" Dynamic Application retrieves the data at the moment the PowerShell request is executed.

CAUTION: The "Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Average Performance" Dynamic Application is disabled by default and is not included in the discovery template or run book action policy alignment. To reduce monitoring load, provide correct CPU vitals, and prevent duplicate alerts, only one of the two Dynamic Applications ("Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Average Performance" and "Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Performance") should be aligned to a device at one time. If enabled, the "Microsoft: Windows Server CPU Average Performance" Dynamic Application will align during dynamic discovery and can be included in the device template by adding it manually.

Using Microsoft PowerPacks

Overview

This chapter describes how to configure Microsoft servers or monitor Windows Services using specific PowerPacks in Skylar One (formerly SL1).

Use the following menu options to navigate the Skylar One user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (.
- To view a page containing all of the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon ().

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Microsoft: DHCP Server PowerPack

The following section describes how to monitor Windows DHCP services using the "Microsoft: DHCP Server" PowerPack.

Add User to DHCP Users Group

To monitor DHCP services, the monitoring user must be placed into the DHCP Users group in Active Directory. If that group does not already exist, run the following command as a Domain Administrator to create it:

```
netsh dhcp add securitygroups
```

Microsoft: Windows Server PowerPack

The following sections describe how to monitor Windows Services using the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack.

Prerequisites

To use the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack to monitor Windows services, you must first uninstall the deprecated "Microsoft: Windows Server Services" PowerPack if it is still installed on your Skylar One system.

Monitoring Windows Services and Processes with PowerShell

Windows services can be monitored with internal collections and/or Dynamic Applications.

Monitoring services with *internal collection (IC)* processes integrate Windows services data into Skylar One, and Windows service monitoring policies can be created to alert on a selected service.

Monitoring services with a *Dynamic Application* will automatically alert when services set to *Automatic* without a triggered start aren't running. If a corresponding run book automation policy is enabled it will attempt to restart the service automatically.

Process monitoring is available using Internal Collection Dynamic Applications for processes.

Both types of service monitoring (IC and Dynamic Application) and process monitoring require the following:

- The "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Process Service Cache" Dynamic Application must be enabled and aligned to your device.
- In version 114 or later of the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack the "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Cache Trigger" Dynamic Application must be enabled and aligned to your device only if you are using concurrent PowerShell for collections. This Dynamic Application will keep the cache full to be read by cache consumers.
- Versions 112 and 113 of the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack require the "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Cache Trigger" Dynamic Application to be enabled and aligned for both concurrent and legacy PowerShell collections.

Monitoring Windows Processes

To monitor Windows processes:

- The "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Process Inventory" Dynamic Application must be enabled and aligned to your device.
- The "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Process Performance" Dynamic Application must be enabled and aligned to your device.
- Once enabled, it can take up to two hours for the **[Processes]** tab to be enabled and display listed processes.

Monitoring Individual Windows Services via Internal Collections

To monitor individual services with internal collections:

- The "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Service Inventory" Dynamic Application must be enabled and aligned to the device.
- The "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Service Performance" Dynamic Application must be enabled and aligned to the device.

Monitoring Automatic Services with the Microsoft: Windows Server Service Configuration Dynamic Application

NOTE: You can monitor Windows services with the "Microsoft: Windows Server Service Configuration" Dynamic Application using both legacy and concurrent PowerShell collection.

You can monitor Windows services with the "Microsoft: Windows Server Service Configuration" Dynamic Application. This Dynamic Application requires that the "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Cache Trigger" Dynamic Application be enabled for concurrent PowerShell collection. Legacy PowerShell collection collects data without this Dynamic Application enabled. See the [Concurrent PowerShell Collection](#) section for more information.

The "Microsoft Windows Server Service Configuration" Dynamic Application will automatically create an event on any Windows device to which it is aligned when a Windows service set to "Automatic" is *not* in a running state and not excluded.

Restarting Automatic Windows Services Using the Run Book Automation Policy

If you want to restart Windows server services automatically when the service is not in a running state, you must enable the "Microsoft: Windows Server Start Automatic Service" Run Book automation policy as it is disabled by default. This will restart only services set to "Automatic". You must also align the "Microsoft: Windows Server Service Configuration" Dynamic Application to your device.

Excluding Automatic Services

The master.definitions_service_autostart_exclude database table specifies service with a type of "Automatic" that should not be monitored by the "Microsoft: Windows Server Service Configuration" Dynamic Application, either for a single device or all devices. The following services are defined as excluded for all devices by default:

- Distributed Transaction Coordinator
- Forefront Identity Manager Synchronization Service
- Google Update Service (gupdate)

- Microsoft .NET Framework NGEN v4.0.30319_X64
- Microsoft .NET Framework NGEN v4.0.30319_X86
- Performance Logs & Alerts
- Remote Registry
- Removable Storage
- Shell Hardware Detection
- Software Protection
- TPM Base Services
- Volume Shadow Copy
- Windows Service Pack Installer Update service
- Windows Modules Installer

Viewing the List of Excluded Services

You can view the list of excluded services by performing the following steps:

1. Go to the **Database Tool** page (System > Tools > DB Tool).

NOTE: The **Database Tool** page is available only in versions of Skylar One prior to 12.2.1 and displays only for users that have sufficient permissions to access the page.

2. In the **SQL Query** field, type the following query:

```
SELECT * FROM master.definitions_service_autostart_exclude;
```

3. Click **[Go]**.
4. The output includes the following fields:
 - **service_name**. The name of the excluded service.
 - **did**. The ID for the device for which the service is excluded. If this value is 0, the exclusion applies to all devices.

Adding an Excluded Service for All Devices

You can exclude a service for all devices by performing the following steps:

1. Go to the **Database Tool** page (System > Tools > DB Tool).

NOTE: The **Database Tool** page is available only in versions of Skylar One prior to 12.2.1 and displays only for users that have sufficient permissions to access the page.

2. In the **SQL Query** field, type the following query, supplying the service name where indicated:

```
INSERT INTO master.definitions_service_autostart_exclude VALUES  
("<service name>",0);
```

3. Click **[Go]**.

Adding an Excluded Service for a Single Device

You can exclude a service for a single device by performing the following steps:

1. Go to the **Database Tool** page (System > Tools > DB Tool).

NOTE: The **Database Tool** page is available only in versions of Skylar One prior to 12.2.1 and displays only for users that have sufficient permissions to access the page.

2. In the **SQL Query** field, type the following query:

- Replace "X" with the device ID for which you want to exclude the service.
- Supply the service name where indicated.

```
INSERT INTO master.definitions_service_autostart_exclude VALUES  
("<service name>",X);
```

3. Click **[Go]**.

Removing an Excluded Service

You can remove an entry from the list of exclusions by performing the following steps:

1. Go to the **Database Tool** page (System > Tools > DB Tool).

NOTE: The **Database Tool** page is available only in versions of Skylar One prior to 12.2.1 and displays only for users that have sufficient permissions to access the page.

2. In the **SQL Query** field, type the following query:

- Replace "X" with the device ID associated with the entry that you want to delete.
- Supply the service name where indicated.

```
DELETE FROM master.definitions_service_autostart_exclude WHERE  
service_name="<service name>" AND did=X;
```

3. Click **[Go]**.

NOTE: For more information, see the [Restarting Automatic Windows Services Using the Run Book Automation Policy](#) section.

In version 115 of the PowerPack, functionality was added to allow the use of RegEx in the service name field to provide more functionality when selecting services to exclude. The RegEx will be applied to both the service name and the display name.

RegEx String	Excludes
<code>.*Devices.*</code>	Excludes any service with "Devices" in the service or display name.
<code>^Clip</code>	Excludes any service that has a service or display name starting with "Clip".

In version 117 of the PowerPack, a 'DO_REGEX' flag was added to the snippets of the "Microsoft: Windows Server Service Configuration" Dynamic Application. This flag can be manually adjusted to enable or disable the use of RegEx.

- If DO_REGEX = False, the RegEx will be disabled and will not consider the excluded services list.
- If DO_REGEX = True, the RegEx will be enabled and will consider the excluded services list.

Monitoring Windows Server Services with Monitoring Policies

You can also monitor your Windows services using monitoring policies. For information on how to create monitoring policies, see the *Monitoring Device Infrastructure Health* manual.

NOTE: You can monitor Windows services with monitoring policies using both legacy and concurrent PowerShell collection.

The **[Services]** tab for a device will display *Yes* in the **Monitored** column once a policy is created for a Windows service. The **[Performance]** tab will also display data for the monitored policies.

The following Dynamic Applications will need to be manually enabled to monitor Windows services using monitoring policies:

- **Microsoft: Windows Server IC Cache Trigger.** Needed for concurrent PowerShell collection.
- **Microsoft: Windows Server IC Process Service Cache.** Runs PowerShell requests and collects results.
- **Microsoft: Windows Server IC Service Inventory.** Cache Consumer.
- **Microsoft: Windows Server IC Service Performance.** Cache Consumer.

Granting Access To Services

In certain environments, you may not have access to read the service list or to certain services in the list. If you do not have access to the full list of services, an "Access Denied" error will appear in the logs when running the "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Process Service Cache" Dynamic Application in debug mode. If you do not have access to a particular service, that service will not appear in the list. This situation most commonly occurs on Microsoft SQL Servers where the service is run on a custom account.

In this situation it may be necessary to grant the user explicit access on the service manager and services themselves. There is no default UI for granting this access in a Windows Server. A PowerShell onboarding script is included in the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack that can be run with the `-services_only` argument, which will configure service monitoring. An example of that command is:

```
.\winrm_configuration_wizard_v3.5.ps1 -user <DOMAIN>\<USER> -silent -services_only
```

If a system was onboarded with the script using the default configuration, service monitoring will be automatically configured. If a service is added later, it may be necessary to re-run the script with the `-services_only` argument to enable permissions for the new service.

Concurrent PowerShell Collection

Overview

This chapter describes how to configure and use concurrent PowerShell collection in Skylar One (formerly SL1). **Concurrent PowerShell collection** allows multiple collection tasks to run at the same time with a reduced load on Data Collectors.

Concurrent PowerShell collection also prevents missed polls and data gaps because collection will execute more quickly. As a result, Data Collectors can collect more data using fewer system resources. The PowerShell Collector is an independent service running as a container on a Data Collector.

NOTE: Concurrent PowerShell Collection is not available in military unique deployments (MUD) or STIG-compliant deployments prior to Skylar One 12.5.1.

Use the following menu options to navigate the Skylar One user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (.
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Prerequisites

The following prerequisites are required to use concurrent PowerShell collection:

- Skylar One version 10.1.4 or greater
- "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack version 110 or greater
- "Skylar One: Concurrent PowerShell Monitoring" PowerPack version 100 or greater (required only for Skylar One versions prior to 11.3.0)

Scope

When the concurrent PowerShell collection service is enabled, PowerShell Configuration and PowerShell Performance Dynamic Applications are sent to the service.

The following PowerPacks can use the concurrent PowerShell collection service:

- Microsoft: Active Directory Server
- Microsoft: DHCP Server
- Microsoft: DNS Server
- Microsoft: Exchange Server
- Microsoft: IIS Server
- Microsoft: Lync Server 2013
- Microsoft: SharePoint Server
- Microsoft: SQL Server
- Microsoft: Hyper-V Server (partially)
- Microsoft: Windows Server

Enabling and Disabling Concurrent PowerShell for Collector Groups

To improve the process of collecting data via PowerShell and to collect metrics, you can enable concurrent PowerShell collection. You can enable one or more collector groups to use concurrent PowerShell collection.

CAUTION: If you have enabled concurrent collection and you have used it to discover a very large number of devices or interfaces, disabling concurrent collection could have unintended consequences. After disabling concurrent collection, your Data Collector might become overburdened when it attempts to collect data for the same number of devices or interfaces but without the added processing capacity of concurrent collection.

CAUTION: By default, a loopback to 127.0.0.1 is configured on the collector with the line `localhost localhost.localdomain localhost4 localhost4.localdomain4` in the `/etc/hosts` file. If this line is removed, concurrent PowerShell collection will not function properly.

NOTE: Concurrent PowerShell collection is for PowerShell Performance and Performance Configuration Dynamic Application types and does not include Snippet Dynamic Applications that happen to run PowerShell commands.

Enabling and Disabling Concurrent PowerShell on All Collector Groups

To enable and disable concurrent PowerShell collection for all collector groups:

1. Go to the **Behavior Settings** page (System > Settings > Behavior).
2. Select the ***Enable Concurrent PowerShell Collection*** checkbox and click **[Save]**.

NOTE: If the "Data Collection: PowerShell Collector" process is disabled on the **Process Manager** page (System > Settings > Admin Processes), this concurrent PowerShell collection option is disabled.

3. To disable concurrent PowerShell collection, deselect the ***Enable Concurrent PowerShell Collection*** checkbox and click **[Save]**.

Enabling and Disabling Concurrent PowerShell on a Specific Collector Group

To enable and disable concurrent PowerShell collection for a specific collector group:

1. Go to the **Collector Groups** page (Manage > Collector Groups).
2. Click the **Actions** icon (⚙️) of the collector group for which you want to enable concurrent PowerShell collection and then select *Edit*. The **Edit Collector Group** modal appears.
3. In the **Concurrent PowerShell Collection** drop-down menu, select *Enabled* and then click **[Save]**.
4. To disable concurrent PowerShell collection, select *Disabled* in the **Concurrent PowerShell Collection** drop-down menu and then click **[Save]**.

NOTE: If the "Data Collection: PowerShell Collector" process is disabled on the **Process Manager** page (System > Settings > Admin Processes), this concurrent PowerShell collection option is disabled.

Enabling and Disabling Concurrent PowerShell on a Specific Collector Group in the Classic Skylar One User Interface

To enable and disable concurrent PowerShell collection for a specific collector group in the classic Skylar One user interface:

1. Go to the **Collector Group Management** page (System > Settings > Collector Groups).
2. Locate the collector group for which you want to enable concurrent PowerShell, and click its wrench icon (🔧).
3. In the **Enable Concurrent PowerShell Collection** drop-down menu, select *Yes* and click **[Save]**.
4. To disable concurrent PowerShell collection, select *No* in the **Enable Concurrent PowerShell Collection** drop-down and click **[Save]**.

The Skylar One: Concurrent PowerShell Monitoring PowerPack

The "Skylar One: Concurrent PowerShell Monitoring" PowerPack includes a device template, two Dynamic Applications that use SSH to monitor collectors with concurrent PowerShell enabled, and a number of event policies.

IMPORTANT: As of Skylar One (SL1) version 11.3.0, the "Skylar One: Concurrent PowerShell Monitoring" PowerPack is no longer a requirement for concurrent PowerShell monitoring.

- The "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Collector Performance" Dynamic Application is an optional Dynamic Application used for troubleshooting.
- The "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Service Log Parser" Dynamic Application parses the log file from the PowerShell servers and converts errors into events aligned to the related device.
- The "Skylar One: Concurrent PowerShell Monitoring" device template can be used to align multiple Data Collectors to the "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Service Log Parser" Dynamic Application.
- Event policies and corresponding alerts that are triggered when devices meet certain status criteria.

NOTE: The "Microsoft: Windows Server IC Cache Trigger" Dynamic Application in the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack must be manually enabled for systems using concurrent PowerShell collection.

Aligning the "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Service Log Parser" Dynamic Application

To align the "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Service Log Parser" Dynamic Application, first you must create an SSH/Key credential:

1. Go to the **Credential Management** page (System > Manage > Credentials).
2. In the **Credential Management** page, click the **[Actions]** menu. Select **Create SSH/Key Credential**.
3. The **Credential Editor** modal page appears. In this page, define the new SSH/Key credential using a valid username and password or SSH key for Skylar One collectors:
 - **Credential Name.** Name of the credential. Can be any combination of alphanumeric characters.
 - **Hostname/IP.** Hostname or IP address of the device from which you want to retrieve data.
 - You can include the variable %D in this field. Skylar One will replace the variable with the IP address of the current device (device that is currently using the credential).
 - You can include the variable %N in this field. Skylar One will replace the variable with hostname of the current device (device that is currently using the credential). If Skylar One cannot determine the hostname, Skylar One will replace the variable with the primary, management IP address for the current device.
 - **Port.** Port number associated with the data you want to retrieve.

NOTE: The default TCP port for SSH servers is 22.

- **Timeout (ms).** Time, in milliseconds, after which Skylar One will stop trying to communicate with the authenticating server.
- **Username.** Username for the Data Collector to be monitored.

- **Password.** Password for the Data Collector to be monitored.
- **Private Key (PEM Format).** Enter an SSH private key for the Skylar One Data Collector, in PEM format.

4. Click the **[Save]** button to save the new SSH/Key credential.

Next, you can [align the Dynamic Application manually](#) or [configure the device template](#). Using the device template is recommended when you want to align the Dynamic Application to multiple Data Collectors.

Manually Aligning the Dynamic Application

After creating the SSH/Key credential, you will manually align the Dynamic Application.

1. Go to the **Devices** page and find the device you want to manually align the Dynamic Application to. Click on it to go to the **Device Investigator**.
2. In the **Device Investigator**, click the **[Collections]** tab. Click **[Edit]** and then click **[Align Dynamic App]**. The **Align Dynamic Application** window appears.
3. Click *Choose Dynamic Application*. The **Choose Dynamic Application** window appears.
4. Select the "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Service Log Parser" Dynamic Application and click **[Select]**. The "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Service Log Parser" Dynamic Application appears in the **Align Dynamic Application** window.
5. If a default credential is listed below the Dynamic Application and you want to use that credential, skip ahead to step 8. Otherwise, uncheck the box next to the credential name.
6. Click *Choose Credential*. The **Choose Credential** window appears.
7. Select the credential for the Dynamic Application and click the **[Select]** button. The name of the selected credential appears in the **Align Dynamic Application** window.
8. Click the **[Align Dynamic App]** button. When the Dynamic Application is successfully aligned, it is added to the **Collections** tab, and a confirmation message appears at the bottom of the tab.

To manually align the Dynamic Application using the Skylar One classic user interface:

1. Go to the **Device Manager** page (Devices > Classic Devices, or Registry > Devices > Device Manager in the classic user interface)
2. In the **Device Manager** page, find the device for which you want to view Dynamic Applications. Select its wrench icon ()
3. In the **Device Administration** panel, select the **[Collections]** tab.
4. Click the **[Actions]** button and then select *Add Dynamic Application*. The **Dynamic Application Alignment** page appears
5. In the **Dynamic Applications** field, select the "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Service Log Parser" Dynamic Application.
6. In the **Credentials** field, select the proper credential.
7. Click the **[Save]** button.

Configuring the Device Template

After creating the SSH/Key credential, you will need to configure the device template included in the PowerPack.

NOTE: If you have already manually aligned the Dynamic Application, you do not need to perform the steps in this section.

To configure the device template:

1. Go to the **Configuration Templates** page (Devices > Templates, or Registry > Devices > Templates in the classic user interface).
2. Locate the "Skylar One: Concurrent PowerShell Monitoring" sample template and click its wrench icon (). The **Device Template Editor** modal page appears.
3. Type a new name for the device template in the **Template Name** field so the sample template is not overwritten.
4. Click the **[Dyn Apps]** tab. The **Editing Dynamic Application Subtemplates** page appears.
5. In the **Subtemplate Selection** pane, select the "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Service Log Parser" Dynamic Application.
6. In the **Credentials** drop-down list, select the SSH/Key credential that you created.
7. Click **[Save As]**.

Applying the Device Template

If your Data Collector devices already exist on your Skylar One system, perform the following steps to apply the device template:

1. Go to the **Device Manager** page (Devices > Classic Devices, or Registry > Devices > Device Manager in the classic user interface) and select the checkbox for each of your Data Collector devices.
2. In the **Select Action** menu, select *MODIFY By Template* and then click **[Go]**.
3. In the **Device Template Editor**, select the template you created in the **Template** field.
4. Click **[Apply]**.

If your devices have not yet been discovered, perform the following steps to discover the devices and apply the device template:

1. Go to the **Discovery Control Panel** page (System > Manage > Classic Discovery) and click **[Create]**.
2. Supply values in the following fields:
 - **Name.** Type a name for the discovery session.
 - **Description.** Optionally, type a description of the discovery session.
 - **IP Address/Hostname Discovery List.** Provide a list of IP addresses for your Data Collectors.
 - **SNMP Credentials.** Select *EM7 Default V2*.

- **Model Devices.** Select this checkbox.
 - **Apply Device Template.** Select the device template that you created.
 - **Log All.** Select this checkbox.
3. Click the **[Save]** button to **save the discovery session**. Close the **Discovery Session Editor** page.
 4. In the **Discovery Control Panel** page, click the **[Reset]** button. The new discovery session will appear in the **Session Register** pane.
 5. To launch the new discovery session, click its **Queue this Session** icon (⚡).
 6. If no other discovery sessions are currently running, the session will be executed immediately. If another discovery session is currently running, your discovery session will be queued for execution.

Aligning the "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Collector Performance" Dynamic Application

If you want to monitor your Data Collectors with the "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Collector Performance" Dynamic Application, you must manually align it to your Data Collectors using the SSH/Key credential. To do this:

1. Go to the **Devices** page and find the device you want to manually align the Dynamic Application to and click on it to go to the Device Investigator.
2. In the Device Investigator, click the **[Collections]** tab. Click **[Edit]** and then click **[Align Dynamic App]**. The **Align Dynamic Application** window appears.
3. Click *Choose Dynamic Application*. The **Choose Dynamic Application** window appears.
4. Select the "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Collector Performance" Dynamic Application and click **[Select]**. The "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Collector Performance" Dynamic Application appears in the **Align Dynamic Application** window.
5. If a default credential is listed below the Dynamic Application and you want to use that credential, skip ahead to step 8. Otherwise, uncheck the box next to the credential name.
6. Click *Choose Credential*. The **Choose Credential** window appears.
7. Select the credential for the Dynamic Application and click the **[Select]** button. The name of the selected credential appears in the **Align Dynamic Application** window.
8. Click the **[Align Dynamic App]** button. When the Dynamic Application is successfully aligned, it is added to the **Collections** tab, and a confirmation message appears at the bottom of the tab.

To manually align the Dynamic Application using the Skylar One classic user interface:

1. Go to the **Device Manager** page (Devices > Classic Devices, or Registry > Devices > Device Manager in the classic user interface)
2. In the **Device Manager** page, find the device for which you want to view Dynamic Applications. Select its wrench icon (🔧)
3. In the **Device Administration** panel, select the **[Collections]** tab.
4. Click the **[Actions]** button and then select *Add Dynamic Application*. The **Dynamic Application Alignment** page appears

5. In the **Dynamic Applications** field, select the "ScienceLogic: PowerShell Collector Performance" Dynamic Application.
6. In the **Credentials** field, select the proper credential.
7. Click the **[Save]** button.

Enabling HTTPS Between Skylar One and the PowerShell Data Collector

You can enable or disable HTTPS as the mode of transport for communication between Skylar One and the PowerShell Data Collector. The Powershell Data Collector is a service that runs on the Collector Group. The Data Collection service on the Collector Group can optionally communicate with the PowerShell Service to queue jobs and check for results using HTTPS. You would enable HTTPS if you must meet federal requirements to encrypt all network traffic, even if it never leaves the host.

To enable or disable HTTPS as the mode of transport for communication between Skylar One and the PowerShell Data Collector, you must make some changes to the `/opt/em7/services/powershell_collector/powershell_collector.env` configuration file. This file can also be used to configure the certificates used by the container when running on HTTPS.

The keys used are:

Key	Value
USE_HTTPS	Default value is True. If set to False, HTTPS is disabled and the remaining SSL-related keys have no effect.
SSL_PRIVATE_KEY SSL_SERVER_CERT SSL_CA_CERT	These keys are used to specify the full path and filename of the certificate to be used by the PowerShell Data Collector when HTTPS is enabled. If these keys are not set, a self-signed certificate will be generated when the container is started. When specifying the file name and path, they must be accessible to the PowerShell Data Collector. For example, the directory <code>/etc/ssl/certs</code> is mapped to the PowerShell Data Collector, meaning any files within this directory are accessible to the PowerShell Data Collector, subject to the files' permissions. Any certificates placed in the directory on the PowerShell Data Collector must have the keys set as follows: <pre>SSL_PRIVATE_KEY=/etc/ssl/certs/my_cert.key</pre> Once the key is set, the Data Collector will pick up the files in the directory on startup. NOTE: USE_HTTPS must be set to True for these keys to work.
SSL_VERIFY	When USE_HTTPS is set to True, this key is used by Skylar One when communicating with the PowerShell Data Collector. By default, the value is False. If set to True, the HTTPS connection will fail if the Data Collector is using a self-signed certificate.

Enabling and Disabling the Python PowerShell Remoting Protocol Client

If you have concurrent PowerShell enabled in Skylar One, the default Python module used for transport to monitor Windows Devices is "pyWinRm". However, the "pypsrp" Python module can provide more efficient processing of PowerShell commands, particularly when virus detection software is enabled. To use the "pypsrp" module instead, run the following SQL query on the **Database Tool** page (System > Tools > DB Tool):

NOTE: The **Database Tool** page is available only in versions of Skylar One prior to 12.2.1 and displays only for users that have sufficient permissions to access the page.

1. Enter the following in the SQL Query field.

```
INSERT master.system_custom_config (field, field_value) VALUES ('enable_pypsrp_lib', 1)
```

A value of 1 will enable the "pypsrp" module. A value of 0 (or not having any setting for 'enable_pypsrp_lib') will revert to using "pyWinRM".

2. Click **[Go]**.

To disable "pypsrp", use the following SQL query:

```
UPDATE master.system_custom_config set field_value = 0 WHERE field = 'enable_pypsrp_lib'
```

NOTE: Currently, you can only use the "pypsrp" module with concurrent PowerShell. Classic PowerShell monitoring will continue to use the "pyWinRM" module regardless of this database setting.

Optional PowerShell CLI Parameters

You can use the following parameters in PowerShell for the associated reasons:

- **-NoProfile**. Does not load the PowerShell profile.
- **-NoLogo**. Hides the copyright banner at start-up.
- **-NonInteractive**. Does not present an interactive prompt to the user.

To enable concurrent PowerShell collection to use one of these parameters:

1. Go to the **Database Tool** page (System > Tools > DB Tool).

NOTE: The **Database Tool** page is available only in versions of Skylar One prior to 12.2.1 and displays only for users that have sufficient permissions to access the page.

2. If this row does not already exist in the `master.system_custom_config` table, enter the following in the **SQL Query** field:

```
INSERT INTO master.system_custom_config ('field','field_value') VALUES ('powershell_prefix_setting', '<PREFIX>')
```

where `<PREFIX>` is an integer that represents one of the prefix values described above. The integers are as follows:

- 0. Disabled
- 1. -NoProfile
- 2. -NoLogo
- 3. -NoProfile and -NoLogo
- 4. -NonInteractive
- 7. -NoProfile, -NoLogo, and -NonInteractive

For example, if a user wanted to configure their PowerShell Data Collector to not load their PowerShell profile, they would enter the following into the **SQL Query** field:

```
INSERT INTO master.system_custom_config ('field','field_value') VALUES ('powershell_prefix_setting', '1')
```

3. If this row already exists in the `master.system_custom_config` table, enter the following in the **SQL Query** field:

```
UPDATE master.system_custom_config SET field_value = 1 WHERE field = 'powershell_prefix_setting'
```

4. After you have entered the command in the **SQL Query** field, click the **[Go]** button. Your changes will be picked up with the next batch of jobs that are processed.

Users with Windows 2008 R2 Servers or Windows 2012 Servers

Concurrent PowerShell collection will not work for Windows 2008 R2 servers or Windows 2012 servers when the **Use SSL (HTTPS)** field (or **Encrypted**, in versions 12.3.6 and earlier) is toggled on (Yes) in the PowerShell credential. Windows 2008 R2 servers and Windows 2012 servers are no longer covered by Microsoft's Extended Support, but if you are still using those servers you have the following options:

- Use PowerShell credentials that have the **Usse SSL (HTTPS)** field (or **Encrypted**, in versions 12.3.6 and earlier) toggled off (No).
- Disable the Concurrent PowerShell service on the Data Collector groups that include Windows 2008 R2 servers or Windows 2012 servers. This will reduce the number of servers that Data Collector group can support.
- Use the *Microsoft Base Pack* (WMI-based) PowerPack for the Windows 2008 R2 servers or the Windows 2012 servers.
- Use SNMP for the Windows 2008 R2 servers or the Windows 2012 servers.

Scale Recommendations

The following recommendations increase the number of Windows Servers the concurrent PowerShell collector can support:

- In the **Device Properties** page for all Windows Server devices (Devices > Classic Devices > wrench icon), unselect the **Dynamic Discovery** checkbox. Alternatively, this can be set in bulk using a device template and device group. This prevents nightly discovery from attempting to align Dynamic Applications with a discovery object to all the devices on the collector, which does not use the concurrent PowerShell collector and will dramatically limit the number of Windows Server devices that can be monitored.
- Do not select any credentials in the discovery session used to discover new Windows Servers. Instead, use a template that includes unselecting the **Dynamic Discovery** checkbox and includes the desired Dynamic Applications with the appropriate credential aligned. When a credential is selected in the Discovery Session, it will attempt to align Dynamic Applications that include a discovery object, which does not use the concurrent PowerShell collector and will dramatically limit the number of Windows Server devices that can be monitored. The *Microsoft: Windows Server PowerPack* includes the "Microsoft: Windows Server Discovery Template" that you can use to create your template.

For information on creating and using device templates, see the *Device Groups and Device Templates* manual.

Additional Scale Tips

- The "Microsoft: Windows Server Services" PowerPack has been deprecated. To monitor services, use version 113 or later of the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack.
- Limit the use of the "Microsoft: Windows Server Event Logs" PowerPack, as it does not work with the concurrent PowerShell collector.
- Use the "Microsoft: SQL Server" PowerPack instead of the "Microsoft: SQL Server Enhanced" PowerPack. The "Microsoft: SQL Server Enhanced" PowerPack does not work with the concurrent PowerShell collector.

- Disable Dynamic Applications that are not providing information required to meet your Service Level Agreements. There is an enhancement in caching included with concurrent PowerShell collection that will not send a PowerShell request from a cache-producing Dynamic Application unless at least one Dynamic Application is asking for that data. Disabling a cache-consuming Dynamic Application will also disable the cache producer from collecting that data. For example, the following Dynamic Applications are now disabled by default, as they are more diagnostic in nature and may not be required for routine monitoring:
 - Microsoft: Windows Server IPStats Performance
 - Microsoft: Windows Server TCPStats Performance
 - Microsoft: Windows Server UDPStats Performance
- Slow down the **Poll Frequency** for Dynamic Applications that do not include events. For example, the "Microsoft: Windows Server" PowerPack's Configuration Dynamic Applications used to be set to run every two hours and are now set to run every 12 hours.

Executing the Skylar One Agent with Windows PowerShell

Overview

This chapter provides an overview of local Skylar One (formerly SL1) agent execution on Windows devices with PowerShell.

Use the following menu options to navigate the Skylar One user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (.
- To view a page containing all of the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon ().

NOTE: Monitoring with the Skylar One agent is available only in the Extended Architecture.

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What is a Skylar One Agent?

The **Skylar One agent** is a program that you can install on a device monitored by Skylar One (formerly SL1). There is a Windows agent, an AIX agent, a Solaris agent, and a Linux agent. The agent collects data from the device and pushes that data back to Skylar One.

Similar to a Data Collector or Message Collector, the agent collects data about infrastructure and applications.

You can configure an agent to communicate with either the Message Collector or the Compute Cluster.

NOTE: The following minimum agent versions are required for Skylar One 12.5.1 and later:

- **Windows** version 154
- **Linux** version 196
- **AIX** version 196
- **Solaris** version 196

Users who require agent-based log collection on a device with a Windows agent or a Linux agent must have the minimum Windows agent or Linux agent version. If you do not have the minimum required agent versions, ScienceLogic recommends that you upgrade using the **[Upgrade]** button on the **Agents** page (Devices > Agents), or by downloading and upgrading the agent manually. For more information, see the section on [Upgrading an Agent](#).

For more information, see the *Monitoring with the Skylar One Agent* manual .

Agent-Compatible PowerPacks

The following PowerPacks include the Skylar One Agent PowerShell Default credential and Skylar One Agent device template, which you can use to execute the Skylar One Agent on Windows devices with PowerShell:

- Microsoft: Windows Server
- Skylar One Agent Templates for Microsoft PowerPacks, which includes templates for the following:
 - Microsoft: DHCP Server
 - Microsoft: DNS Server
 - Microsoft: Exchange Server

NOTE: The "Microsoft: Exchange Server" PowerPack has two device templates. If the Exchange server monitored contains all Exchange roles, use the "Skylar One Agent for Microsoft: Exchange Server Template." If your Exchange server has an Exchange Transport role, use the Skylar One Agent for Microsoft: Exchange Transport Server Template."

- Microsoft: IIS Server
- Microsoft: Lync Server
- Microsoft: SharePoint Server
- Microsoft: SQL Server
- Microsoft: Windows Server

The Credential for the Skylar One Agent

The "Skylar One Agent PowerShell Default" credential does not need to be configured and can be used as-is. You can find the credential in the **Credentials** page (Manage > Credentials):

The screenshot shows two overlapping windows from the Skylar One classic user interface. The 'Edit Credential' window is in the foreground, displaying fields for 'Name' (Skylar One Agent PowerShell Default), 'Account Type' (Local), 'Username' (default), 'Password' (masked), 'Port' (5985), and 'PowerShell Proxy Hostname/IP'. The 'Credential Tester' window is in the background, showing 'Select Credential Test' and 'Select Collector' (CUG | em7ab17: 10.64.68.17). Both windows have 'Save & Test' and 'Save & Close' buttons.

You can also find the credential on the **Credential Management** page (System > Manage > Credentials) in the Skylar One classic user interface.

Configuring the Skylar One Agent Device Templates

A **device template** allows you to save a device configuration and apply it to multiple devices. Windows PowerPacks include a device template for executing the Skylar One Agent with PowerShell. If you apply this device template during discovery, Skylar One aligns the appropriate Dynamic Applications to the discovered PowerShell device.

This device template does not need to be edited and will work as-is, unless you would like to remove a Dynamic Application from the template. To remove any Dynamic Applications you may not need:

1. Go to the **Configuration Templates** page (Devices > Templates, or Registry > Devices > Templates in the classic user interface).
2. Locate the Skylar One Agent template (for example, "Skylar One Agent for Microsoft: Windows Server Template") and click its wrench icon (). The **Device Template Editor** page appears.
3. Click the **[Dyn Apps]** tab. The **Editing Dynamic Application Subtemplates** page appears.
4. Modify the **Template Name** field, as you will not want to overwrite the sample template.
5. To remove a Dynamic Application listed in the **Subtemplate Selection** section on the left side of the page, click its delete icon () , and then click **[OK]** when asked to confirm.
6. Click **[Save As]**.

NOTE: Any time a cache-producing Dynamic Application aligned to the Skylar One agent runs, all cache-consuming Dynamic Applications will run as well. The cache-consuming Dynamic Application with the shortest **Polling Frequency** will control when all the other cache-consuming Dynamic Applications for the same cache producer will run.

IMPORTANT: ScienceLogic requires you to manually update the threshold values for the "Skylar One Agent for Microsoft: Windows Server Template" device template after updating the PowerPack.

Chapter

9

Windows Dashboards

Overview

This chapter describes how to install the dashboards included in Skylar One (formerly SL1) for Microsoft servers and a description of each.

Use the following menu options to navigate the Skylar One user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (.
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Installing the Microsoft Server Dashboards

The following PowerPacks contain dashboards for Microsoft servers:

- Microsoft: Active Directory Server Dashboards
- Microsoft: DNS Server Dashboards
- Microsoft: Exchange Server 2010 Dashboards
- Microsoft: Exchange Server 2013 Dashboards
- Microsoft: IIS Server Dashboards
- Microsoft: Lync Server 2010 Dashboards
- Microsoft: Skype for Business Dashboards
- Microsoft: SQL Server Dashboards

To view these dashboards in Skylar One, you must first install the corresponding PowerPack. To do so:

1. Go to the **PowerPack Manager** page (System > Manage > PowerPacks).
2. Click the **[Actions]** button, then select *Install PowerPack*. The **Imported PowerPacks** modal page appears.
3. Use the search filter in the **PowerPack Name** column heading to locate the PowerPack you want to install. To do so, enter text to match, including special characters, and the **Imported PowerPacks** modal page displays only PowerPacks that have a matching name.
4. Click the lightning-bolt icon (⚡) for the PowerPack that you want to install.
5. The **Install PowerPack** modal page appears. To install the PowerPack, click **[Install]**.
6. The PowerPack now appears in the **PowerPack Manager** page. The contents of the PowerPack are automatically installed in your Skylar One System.

Microsoft: Active Directory Server Performance

The Microsoft: Active Directory Server Performance dashboard provides an overview of the health and performance of a selected Active Directory server.

Context Quick Selector. This widget contains buttons for time span preset and the Organizations Selector.

- *Time span presets.* Users select the time span over which they want to view data. Selections range from one hour to 90 days.
- *Organizations Selector.* This drop-down list allows a user to select specific organizations for which they want to view data. This field filters the list of Active Directory servers that appear in the **Server List** widget.

Server List. This widget displays a list of Active Directory servers. Selecting a server drives the context for the other widgets in the dashboard.

Availability and Latency. This widget displays two gauges:

- The availability of the selected Active Directory server, in percent.
- The latency of the selected Active Directory server, in milliseconds.

System Utilization (%). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays memory usage, virtual-memory usage, and CPU usage for the selected Active Directory server during the selected duration. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays usage, in percent.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Active Directory server.

Replication. Replication is the process by which the changes that are made on one domain controller are synchronized with and written to all other domain controllers in the domain or forest. The Replication widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays information about data that is replicated from the current Active Directory server to other Active Directory servers (the Outbound Properties Per Second) and information about data that is replicated from other Active Directory server to the current Active Directory server (Inbound Objects Per Second).

- The y axis displays objects per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date ranges selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Active Directory server.

LDAP - Client Sessions. This widget displays the number of connected LDAP client sessions over time.

- The y axis displays number of sessions .
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Active Directory server.

LDAP - Active Threads. This widget displays the number of threads in use by the LDAP subsystem of the local directory service.

- The y axis displays number of threads.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Active Directory server.

Pages Per Second. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays DS (domain server) directory reads per second, DS directory writes per second, and DS directory searches per second. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays usage, in percent.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Active Directory server.

LDAP - Writes and Searches. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays LDAP writes per second and LDAP searches per second. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays writers per second and searches per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Active Directory server.

LDAP - Bind Time. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays the time required for completion of each successful LDAP binding.

- The y axis displays duration in milliseconds.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Active Directory server.

Microsoft: DNS Server Performance

The Microsoft: DNS Server Performance dashboard provides an overview of the health and performance of a selected DNS server.

Context Quick Selector. This widget contains buttons for time span presets and the Organizations Selector.

- *Time span presets.* Users select the time span over which they want to view data. Selections range from one hour to 90 days.
- *Organizations Selector.* This drop-down list allows a user to select specific organizations for which they want to view data. This field filters the list of DNS servers that appear in the **Server List** widget.

Server List. This widget displays a list of DNS servers. Selecting a server drives the context for the other widgets in the dashboard.

Availability and Latency. This widget displays two gauges:

- The availability of the selected DNS server, in percent.
- The latency of the selected DNS server, in milliseconds.

System Utilization (%). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays memory usage, virtual-memory usage, and CPU usage for the selected DNS server during the selected duration. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays usage, in percent.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected DNS server.

Overall Performance. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Total Responses Sent per Second and Total Queries Received per Second. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays responses per second and queries per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected DNS server.

Recursive Queries. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Recursive Queries per Second.

- The y axis displays number of queries per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected DNS server.

Recursive Errors. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Recursive Query Failures per Second and Recursive Time-Outs per Second. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line..

- The y axis displays number of queries per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected DNS server.

Microsoft: Exchange Server 2010 Performance

The Microsoft: Exchange Server 2010 Performance dashboard provides an overview of the health and performance of a selected Exchange 2010 server.

Context Quick Selector. This widget contains buttons for time span presets and the Organizations Selector.

- *Time span presets.* Users select the time span over which they want to view data. Selections range from one hour to 90 days.
- *Organizations Selector.* This drop-down list allows a user to select specific organizations for which they want to view data. This field filters the list of Exchange 2010 servers that appear in the **Server List** widget.

Server List. This widget displays a list of Exchange 2010 servers. Selecting a server drives the context for the other widgets in the dashboard.

Availability and Latency. This widget displays two gauges:

- The availability of the selected Exchange 2010 server, in percent.
- The latency of the selected Exchange 2010 server, in milliseconds.

System Utilization (%). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays memory usage, swap memory usage, and CPU usage for the selected Exchange 2010 server during the selected duration. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays usage, in percent.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2010 server.

User Active Connections. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays the number of active user connections for the selected Exchange 2010 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the number of users.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in the line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2010 server.

OWA Requests. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays two lines: One for the frequency of Outlook Web Access requests for the selected Exchange 2010 server during the selected duration and another for the frequency of Web Services requests for the selected Exchange 2010 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the number of requests per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.

- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2010 server.

RPC Averaged Latency. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays the average latency of remote procedure calls (RPCs) for the selected Exchange 2010 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the average RPC latency, in milliseconds.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the ***Context Quick Selector*** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2010 server.

MBS Databases. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays two lines: One for I/O write latency for the mailbox server database for the selected Exchange 2010 and one for I/O read latency to the mailbox server for the selected Exchange 2010 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the write and read latency statistics in milliseconds.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the ***Context Quick Selector*** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2010 server.

Mailbox Messages. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays two lines: One for the number of mailbox messages sent to the selected Exchange 2010 server and one for the number of mailbox messages sent from the selected Exchange 2010 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the number of messages per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the ***Context Quick Selector*** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2010 server.

Total Queue Messages. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph includes three lines: One for the number of messages in the submission queue, one for the number of messages in the delivery queue, and one for the number of queued messages that were delivered for the selected Exchange 2010 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the number of messages per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the ***Context Quick Selector*** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2010 server.

SMTP Messages. This widget displays a line graph. The line graphs includes two lines: One for the number of SMTP messages sent from the selected Exchange 2010 server and one for the number of SMTP messages received by the selected Exchange 2010 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the number of messages per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2010 server.

Buckets Allocated. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays the number of buckets of version store memory used by the selected Exchange 2010 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the number of allocated buckets.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2010 server.

Microsoft: Exchange Server 2013 Performance

The Microsoft: Exchange Server 2013 Performance dashboard provides an overview of the health and performance of a selected Exchange 2013 server.

Context Quick Selector. This widget contains buttons for time span presets and the Organizations Selector.

- *Time span presets.* Users select the time span over which they want to view data. Selections range from one hour to 90 days.
- *Organizations Selector.* This drop-down list allows a user to select specific organizations for which they want to view data. This field filters the list of Exchange 2013 servers that appear in the **Server List** widget.

Server List. This widget displays a list of Exchange 2013 servers. Selecting a server drives the context for the other widgets in the dashboard.

Availability and Latency. This widget displays two gauges:

- The availability of the selected Exchange 2013 server, in percent.
- The latency of the selected Exchange 2013 server, in milliseconds.

System Utilization (%). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays three lines: One for memory usage, one for swap memory usage, and one for CPU usage for the selected Exchange 2013 server during the selected duration. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays usage, in percent.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.

- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2013 server.

User Active Connections. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays the number of active user connections for the selected Exchange 2013 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the number of users.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in the line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2013 server.

OWA Requests. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays two lines: One for the frequency of Outlook Web Access requests and one for the frequency of Web Services requests for the selected Exchange 2013 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the number of requests per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2013 server.

RPC Averaged Latency. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays the average latency for remote procedure calls (RPCs) for the selected Exchange 2013 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the average RPC latency, in milliseconds.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2013 server.

MBS Databases. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays two lines: One for I/O write latency to the mailbox server database and one for I/O read latency to the mailbox server database for the selected Exchange 2013 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the average write and read latency in milliseconds.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2013 server.

Mailbox Messages. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays two lines: One for the number of mailbox messages sent from the selected Exchange 2013 and one for the number of mailbox messages delivered to the selected Exchange 2013 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the number of messages per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2013 server.

Total Queue Messages. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays three lines: One for the the number of messages in the submission queue, one for the number of messages in the delivery queue, and one for the number of queued message that were delivered for the selected Exchange 2013 server during the selected duration.

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SMTP Messages. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays two lines: One for the number of SMTP messages sent from the selected Exchange 2013 server and one for the number of SMTP messages received by the selected Exchange 2013 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the number of messages per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2013 server.

Buckets Allocated. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays the number of buckets of version store memory used by the selected Exchange 2013 server during the selected duration.

- The y axis displays the number of allocated buckets.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Exchange 2013 server.

Microsoft: IIS Server Performance

The Microsoft: IIS Server Performance dashboard provides an overview of the health and performance of a selected IIS server.

Context Quick Selector. This widget contains buttons for time span presets and the Organizations Selector.

- *Time span presets.* Users select the time span over which they want to view data. Selections range from one hour to 90 days.
- *Organizations Selector.* This drop-down list allows a user to select specific organizations for which they want to view data. This field filters the list of IIS servers that appear in the **Server List** widget.

Server List. This widget displays a list of IIS servers. Selecting a server drives the context for the other widgets in the dashboard.

Availability and Latency. This widget displays two gauges:

- The availability of the selected IIS server, in percent.
- The latency of the selected IIS server, in milliseconds.

System Utilization (%). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays memory usage, virtual-memory usage, and CPU usage for the selected IIS server during the selected duration. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays usage, in percent.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected IIS server.

Current Users. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Current Anonymous Users and Current Non Anonymous Users. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays number of users.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected IIS server.

Bytes Sent and Received. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Bytes Sent Per Second and Bytes Received Per Second. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays kB of data per second..
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.

- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected IIS server.

Connections. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays the number of Active HTTP Connections.

- The y axis displays number of connections.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected IIS server.

Pages Per Second. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays the number of Pages (served) Per Second.

- The y axis displays number of pages per second..
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected IIS server.

Cache Hit %. The IIS server caches (in memory) frequently requested files. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays the ratio of kernel URI cache hits to total cache requests.

- The y axis displays percent of URI cache hits.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected IIS server.

404 Errors Per Second. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays the number of errors due to requests that couldn't be satisfied by the server because the requested document couldn't be found, per second.

- The y axis displays number of errors per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected IIS server.

Microsoft: Lync Server 2010 Dashboards

The "Microsoft: Lync Server 2010 Dashboards" PowerPack includes the following dashboards:

- Microsoft: Lync Server 2010 Performance
- Microsoft: Lync Server 2010 Utilization

Microsoft: Lync Server 2010 Performance

The Microsoft: Lync 2010 Server Performance dashboard provides an overview of the health and performance of a selected Lync 2010 server.

Context Quick Selector. This widget contains buttons for time span presets and the Organizations Selector.

- *Time span presets.* Users select the time span over which they want to view data. Selections range from one hour to 90 days.
- *Organizations Selector.* This drop-down list allows a user to select specific organizations for which they want to view data. This field filters the list of Lync 2010 servers that appear in the **Server List** widget.

Server List. This widget displays a list of Lync 2010 servers. Selecting a server drives the context for the other widgets in the dashboard.

Availability and Latency. This widget displays two gauges:

- The availability of the selected Lync 2010 server, in percent.
- The latency of the selected Lync 2010 server, in milliseconds.

System Utilization (%). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays memory usage, virtual-memory usage, and CPU usage for the selected Lync 2010 server during the selected duration. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays usage, in percent.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Connections Established. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Connections Established.

- The y axis displays number of connections.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

SIP Message. SIP is a protocol for instant messaging and VOIP. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Incoming Message and Outgoing Messages. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays number of messages.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Sproc Latency. Stored Procedure Call (sproc) latency is the time it takes for the Lync database to process the stored procedure call.

- The y axis displays the duration, in milliseconds.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

SIP Network Errors. This widget displays information about errors during instant messaging or VOIP. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Connections Above Per-User Limit Dropped, Connections Refused Due to Server Overload, Failed DNS SRV Queries, Time Out DNS SRV Queries, and TLS Negotiations Failed. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays the number of connections that resulted in errors.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Incoming Response Breakdown. This widget displays information about the number of responses generated by the server. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Incoming 2xx Responses. A 2xx Response means that a connection has been established.

- The y axis displays the number of responses.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Incoming Response Breakdown. This widget displays information about the number of responses generated by the server. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Incoming 1xx (non-100) Responses, Incoming 3xx Responses, Incoming Other 4xx Responses, Incoming Other 5xx Responses, and Incoming 6xx Responses. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line. For a description of SIP response codes, see the Wikipedia page http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_SIP_response_codes.

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- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Incoming Response Breakdown. This widget displays information about the number of responses generated by the server. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Incoming 400 Responses, Incoming 401 Responses, Incoming Other 403 Responses, Incoming 404 Responses, Incoming 407 Responses, and Incoming 408 Responses. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line. For a description of SIP response codes, see the Wikipedia page http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_SIP_response_codes.

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- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Incoming Response Breakdown. This widget displays information about the number of responses generated by the server. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Incoming 482 Responses and Incoming 483 Responses. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line. For a description of SIP response codes, see the Wikipedia page http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_SIP_response_codes.

- The y axis displays the number of responses.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Microsoft: Lync Server 2010 Utilization

The Microsoft: Lync 2010 Server Utilization dashboard provides an overview of how users are using a selected Lync 2010 server.

Context Quick Selector. This widget contains the time span preset buttons and Organizations Selector.

- *Time span presets.* Users select the time span over which they want to view data. Selections range from one hour to 90 days.
- *Organizations Selector.* This drop-down list allows a user to select specific organizations for which they want to view data. This field filters the list of Lync 2010 servers that appear in the **Server List** widget.

Server List. This widget displays a list of Lync 2010 servers. Selecting a server drives the context for the other widgets in the dashboard.

Availability and Latency. This widget displays two gauges:

- The availability of the selected Lync 2010 server, in percent.
- The latency of the selected Lync 2010 server, in milliseconds.

System Utilization (%). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays memory usage, virtual-memory usage, and CPU usage for the selected Lync 2010 server during the selected duration. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays usage, in percent.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Active Registered Endpoints. Endpoints are devices that are connected to the Lync front-end server. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Endpoint Cache: Active Registered Endpoints.

- The y axis displays number of registered endpoints.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Active IM Conferences. This widget displays the current number of IM conversations on the Lync server. Conferences usually include more than two users. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Active Conferences.

- The y axis displays number of IM conferences.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Connected IM Users. This widget displays the current number of connected IM users. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Connected Users.

- The y axis displays numbered of IM users.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Number of Calls. This widget displays the current number of voice calls on the Lync server. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays UpdateEndpoint: Number of Calls.

- The y axis displays numbered of calls.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Active AS Conferences. This widget displays the number of active conferences using Application Sharing (AS). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Active Conferences.

- The y axis displays numbered of AS conferences.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Connected AS Users. This widget displays the number of users connected to conferences using Application Sharing (AS). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Connected Users.

- The y axis displays numbered of AS users.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2010 server.

Microsoft: Skype for Business Dashboards

The "Microsoft: Skype for Business Dashboards" PowerPack includes the following dashboards:

- Microsoft: Lync Server 2013 Performance
- Microsoft: Lync Server 2013 Utilization

Microsoft: Lync Server 2013 Performance

The Microsoft: Lync 2013 Server Performance dashboard provides an overview of the health and performance of a selected Lync 2013 server.

Context Quick Selector. This widget contains the time span preset buttons and Organizations Selector.

- *Time span presets.* Users select the time span over which they want to view data. Selections range from one hour to 90 days.
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Server List. This widget displays a list of Lync 2013 servers. Selecting a server drives the context for the other widgets in the dashboard.

Availability and Latency. This widget displays two gauges:

- The availability of the selected Lync 2013 server, in percent.
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- The y axis displays usage, in percent.
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- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2013 server.

Connections Established. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Connections Established.

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Sproc Latency. Stored Procedure Call (sproc) latency is the time it takes for the Lync database to process the stored procedure call.

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- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2013 server.

Microsoft: Lync Server 2013 Utilization

The Microsoft: Lync 2013 Server Utilization dashboard provides an overview of how users are using a selected Lync 2013 server.

Context Quick Selector. This widget contains buttons for time span presets and the Organizations Selector.

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Availability and Latency. This widget displays two gauges:

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System Utilization (%). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays memory usage, virtual-memory usage, and CPU usage for the selected Lync 2013 server during the selected duration. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

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- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2013 server.

Connected IM Users. This widget displays the current number of connected IM users. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Connected Users.

- The y axis displays the number of IM users.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2013 server.

Number of Calls. This widget displays the current number of voice calls on the Lync server. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays UpdateEndpoint: Number of Calls.

- The y axis displays the number of calls.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2013 server.

Active AS Conferences. This widget displays the number of active conferences using Application Sharing (AS). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Active Conferences.

- The y axis displays the number of AS conferences.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2013 server.

Connected AS Users. This widget displays the number of users connected to conferences using Application Sharing (AS). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Connected Users.

- The y axis displays the number of AS users.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected Lync 2013 server.

Microsoft: SQL Server Performance

The Microsoft: SQL Server Performance dashboard provides an overview of the health and performance of a selected SQL server.

Context Quick Selector. This widget contains buttons for the time span presets and the Organizations Selector.

- *Time span presets.* Users select the time span over which they want to view data. Selections range from one hour to 90 days.
- *Organizations Selector.* This drop-down list allows a user to select specific organizations for which they want to view data. This field filters the list of SQL servers that appear in the **Server List** widget.

Server List. This widget displays a list of SQL servers. Selecting a server drives the context for the other widgets in the dashboard.

Availability and Latency. This widget displays two gauges:

- The availability of the selected SQL server, in percent.
- The latency of the selected SQL server, in milliseconds.

System Utilization (%). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays memory usage, virtual-memory usage, and CPU usage for the selected SQL server during the selected duration. Each parameter is represented by a color-coded line.

- The y axis displays usage, in percent.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected SQL server.

Buffer Cache Hit Ratio. This widget displays information about the percentage of page requests that are satisfied by data pages from the buffer cache without having to read from disk. The ratio is the total number of pages found in the buffer divided by the total number of requests. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Buffer Cache Hit Ratio.

- The y axis displays the ratio, in percent.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected SQL server.

Average Wait Time. This widget displays information about the average wait time to acquire a lock. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Average Wait Time.

- The y axis displays the wait time, in milliseconds.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected SQL server.

Deadlocks. This widget displays information about deadlocks. A deadlock occurs when two or more tasks permanently block each other because each task tries to lock a resource which the other tasks are also trying to lock. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Number of Deadlocks Per Second.

- The y axis displays the number of deadlocks per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected SQL server.

Lock Waits. This widget displays information about the number of lock requests per second that require the requester to wait. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Lock Waits Per Second.

- The y axis displays the number of waits per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected SQL server.

Catalog Cache Hit Ratio. This widget displays information about the ratio between catalog metadata cache hits and lookups. The ratio is the total number of pages found in the catalog metadata cache divided by the total number of lookups. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Catalog Cache Hit Ratio.

- The y axis displays the ratio.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected SQL server.

Page Life Expectancy. This widget displays information about the number of seconds a page will stay in the buffer pool (memory cache) without references. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Page Life Expectancy.

- The y axis displays the number of seconds a page will stay in the buffer pool.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected SQL server.

Transactions. A transaction is a sequence of operations that make up a single logical unit of work, usually a change to the database. This widget displays information about the number of transactions per second to the SQL server. This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Transactions Per Second.

- The y axis displays the number of transactions per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the **Context Quick Selector** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected SQL server.

Latch Waits. A latch is an object that ensures data integrity for objects in the buffer pool (memory cache). This widget displays a line graph. The line graph displays Latch Waits Per Second.

- The y axis displays the number of waits per second.
- The x axis displays time. The increments vary, depending upon the date range selected in the ***Context Quick Selector*** widget.
- Mousing over any point in any line displays the average value at that time-point.
- Clicking on a data point displays the Device Performance graph for the selected parameter on the selected SQL server.

Chapter

10

Troubleshooting

Overview

This chapter describes some of the error messages that you might see when configuring Skylar One (formerly SL1) to monitor Windows devices.

Use the following menu options to navigate the Skylar One user interface:

- To view a pop-out list of menu options, click the menu icon (.
- To view a page containing all of the menu options, click the Advanced menu icon ().

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Troubleshooting WinRM Error Messages

Skylar One can generate the following error messages when problems occur in Windows Remote Management (WinRM). For each error message, the top-most cause listed is the most likely reason for the error message.

Error / Message	Cause / Resolution
Incorrect username and/or password provided in the PowerShell Credential.	Bad HTTP response returned from server. Basic authentication failed. Code 401. (For more information, see the section Debugging Code 401 Errors .)
	Pre-authentication failed while getting initial credentials.
	Client not found in Kerberos database.
The device cannot respond to WinRM requests or the PowerShell credential settings do not match the device's WinRM configuration.	Kerberos-based authentication failed. Code 500. (For more information, see the section Debugging Code 500 Errors .)
	[Errno 111] Connection refused.
	ParseError.
Server is offline.	Increase the Timeout value on your ScienceLogic credential.

NOTE: If you receive an error message that is a combination of the first two error messages, then you must run debugging steps for both Code 401 and Code 500.

Debugging Code 401 Errors

If you encounter a Code 401 error, perform the following troubleshooting steps to debug the error:

- Determine if the error is caused by an issue with the Kerberos ticket:
 - Ensure forward and reverse DNS are configured correctly when using Active Directory authentication:

```
# nslookup [IP address]
```

```
# nslookup [hostname]
```

- Ensure you are able to run the following command without error from the collector:

```
# kinit [username@DOMAINNAME]
```

- If you see the following error, change the domain name to all capital letters:

```
[root@COM_ISO_AIO ~]# kinit commro@mstl08r2.com
Password for commro@mstl08r2.com:
kinit(v5): KDC reply did not match expectations while getting initial credentials
```

- Ensure that your WinRM settings match your ScienceLogic credential.

- To print out current WinRM settings:

```
# winrm get winrm/config
```

- If your ScienceLogic credential says no encryption, AllowUnencrypted should be set to True for both the Client and the Service:

```
# winrm set winrm/config/client '@{AllowUnencrypted="$true"}'
```

```
# winrm set winrm/config/service '@{AllowUnencrypted="$true"}'
```

- If you are using local type credentials, basic Authentication should be set to True for both Client and Service:

```
# winrm set winrm/config/client/Auth '@{Basic="$true"}'
```

```
# winrm set winrm/config/service/Auth '@{Basic="$true"}'
```

- If you are using AD type credentials, Kerberos Authentication should be set to True for both Client and Service:

```
# winrm set winrm/config/client/Auth '@{Kerberos="$true"}'
```

```
# winrm set winrm/config/service/Auth '@{Kerberos="$true"}'
```

- In the ScienceLogic credential, ensure the Active Directory **Hostname/IP** field contains the FQDN and the **LDAP Domain** field includes the domain.
- In the ScienceLogic credential, the value in the **LDAP Domain** field might need to be entered in all capital letters.
- Ensure your ScienceLogic credentials are correct:
 - SSH to your Data Collector and try running the following command:

```
# wmic -U 'user%password' //IP "select * from Win32_ComputerSystem"
```

NOTE: If you choose to copy and paste the above command from this document into a shell session, you might have to replace the single and double quotation marks.

- If you are using Windows Servers 2012 and above, make sure that the user you are using belongs to the group: WinRMRemoteWMIUsers__
- If multiple domains are in use, ensure that they are mapped in the [domain_realm] section of the Kerberos krb5.conf file.
 - The [domain_realm] section provides a translation from a domain name or hostname to a Kerberos realm name.
- Ensure that the username and password are correct and that you can log on to the system.
- Ensure your credential cache is up-to-date:
 - SSH to your Data Collector and cd to the /tmp/ directory.
 - Do an 'ls' to list all the contents of the /tmp/ directory.
 - If you see any files that begin with "krb5cc_", delete those files.

Debugging Code 500 Errors

If you encounter a Code 500 error, perform the following troubleshooting steps to debug the error:

- In the ScienceLogic credential, increase the value in the **Timeout** field (e.g., 180000 ms.).
- Increase the timeout in the WinRM settings:

```
winrm set winrm/config '@{MaxTimeoutms="30000"}'
```

- Increase the maximum number of concurrent operations per user:

```
winrm set winrm/config/service '@{MaxConcurrentOperationsPerUser="100"}'
```

- Increase the maximum number of connections:

```
winrm set winrm/config/service '@{MaxConnections="100"}'
```

- Increase the maximum number of concurrent operations:

```
winrm set winrm/config/service '@{MaxConcurrentOperations="500"}'
```

- Ensure that the Windows device being monitored is not exceeding its resource thresholds. You can do this by opening Resource Monitor on the Windows Device and monitoring the CPU usage.

Troubleshooting PowerShell Error Messages

Skylar One can generate the following error message when monitoring Windows devices using PowerShell. This error message usually indicates that an issue with WinRM is not causing the error.

Error / Message	Cause / Resolution
Get-Counter The specified object was not found on the computer.	The PowerShell object was not found on the device that is being monitored. To test this, copy the PowerShell request from the Dynamic Application and run it on the Windows device in a PowerShell shell as Administrator. If you get a similar error message, then the counter does not exist on your Windows device. This means that the user must install the necessary service on the Windows device.

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