

# Release Note

## Release Information

Product Platform: **Windows**

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# Windows 8.7

## Introduction

Admin By Request for Windows 8.7 provides improved stability and customer-requested fixes, as well as:

- digital certificate AND application name matching for pre-approved apps
- version control (min. and max. versions) for pre-approved apps
- Entra-registered accounts for better management of subsettings.

This release reflects our ongoing commitment to streamlining privilege management while addressing both user experience and enterprise control.

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Refer to the [Admin By Request Documentation Center](#) for full details on these new features or any other aspect of Admin By Request.

## Prerequisites

Organizations wishing to evaluate endpoints running Admin By Request for Windows 8.7 need the following:

- One or more devices running Microsoft **Windows 10** or higher.
- Credentials to access the Admin By Request portal at <https://adminbyrequest.com/login>.
- Admin By Request for **Windows 8.7** client software (Windows Endpoints), downloaded from the portal and available to each device.

## Bug fixes and stability improvements

Several bugs and stability improvements have been implemented in this release. Many of these address specific customer reports and have been communicated directly to the customers affected. The broader Admin By Request community will also benefit from general improvements across the Windows product range.

## Match digital certificate AND application name

**Pre-Approval** has been enhanced to allow matching on both *Digital Certificate* and *Application Name*. Previously, administrators approving based on a vendor certificate effectively trusted all applications signed by that publisher. With this update, portal users can optionally narrow the scope by specifying the exact application name that should be pre-approved, reducing unintended elevation paths.

In the same way, matching on both *Digital Certificate* and *Application Name* has been added to **Blocking** an application from execution.

Refer to [App Control \(PRE-APPROVE\)](#) and [App Control \(BLOCK\)](#) for more information.

## Support for version-based application control

**Pre-Approval** and **Blocking** have been further extended to support version-based application control, allowing administrators to define rules based on application versions that are over, under, or between specified values.

This enhancement provides greater precision when managing trusted software, ensuring that only approved builds of an application are eligible for automatic elevation. For example, organizations can permit newer patched versions while preventing outdated or vulnerable releases from being pre-approved.

By combining version logic with existing publisher and signature controls, IT admin and security teams can better align privilege management with patch governance policies and reduce the risk of inadvertently allowing legacy or unsupported software to run with elevated rights.

Refer to [App Control \(PRE-APPROVE\)](#) and [App Control \(BLOCK\)](#) for more information.

## Entra-registered accounts

Subsettings now support **Entra-registered accounts**, extending group-based policy control beyond traditionally joined devices. Entra-registered accounts (such as work or school accounts added to Microsoft Entra ID) now collect and evaluate group membership in the same way as fully joined accounts.

This enhancement enables more consistent application of Subsettings across hybrid and cloud-managed environments, ensuring that privilege policies follow the user's Entra group assignments regardless of device join state.

## How does the Update Process work?

Admin By Request software updates are deployed using our **Auto-Update** process. However, when we release a new version we do not deploy it right away to all customers via auto-update. This is simply to mitigate any unforeseen issues.

Our rule-of-thumb for a new release is to activate auto-update within **4 - 8 weeks** of release, but this is subject to change, depending on feedback and any potential issues that might arise.

**Contact us** if you wish to receive the latest version right now. You can also raise a support ticket requesting the latest update.

Visit the **Download Archive** for previous versions of Admin By Request.