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Remote Support: IT Admin Guide

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Remote Support Overview

What is Remote Support?

Remote Support is part of the Secure Remote Access product by Admin By Request, that allows you to share screens and remotely control devices inside of your Admin By Request inventory, while using all of the well-known features of the Admin By Request ecosystem, such as: inventory, auditlog, settings and sub-settings, approval flows etc.

Remote Support allows either end users or IT admins to initiate a secure, just-in-time, remote support session – allowing them to share and control the end-user's device – and tear everything down once the session is done – eliminating any access points for bad actors.

This document covers getting started with Product Enrollment and Remote Support. It also describes key settings that can be administered from the portal.

Prerequisites

In order to use the full power of Remote Support, there are a number of requirements:

- Access to the portal at https://www.adminbyrequest.com/Login
- Admin By Request for Windows 8.4.0+ on each client
- Admin By Request API port 443 for the following:
 - ° **api1.adminbyrequest.com** (if your data is located in Europe)
 - ° **api2.adminbyrequest.com** (if your data is located in the USA)
 - ° api.adminbyrequest.com
- Outbound MQTT broker connectivity via Websockets- port 443 for the following:
 - FastTrackHubEU1.azure-devices.net (if your data is located in Europe)
 - FastTrackHubUS1.azure-devices.net (if your data is located in the USA)
- Cloudflare connectivity:
 - ° UDP outbound port **7844** for the following:
 - region1.v2.argotunnel.com
 - region2.v2.argotunnel.com
 - If your firewall supports Server Name Indication (SNI), you need to allow the following URLs (UDP outbound - port **7844**):
 - cftunnel.com
 - h2.cftunnel.com
 - quic.cftunnel.com

Refer to https://developers.cloudflare.com/cloudflare-one/connections/connectnetworks/deploy-tunnels/tunnel-with-firewall/ for more information on Cloudflare's "tunnel with firewall" configuration.

• The endpoint needs to be enrolled with an Admin By Request Secure Remote Access license (see "Product Enrollment" on page 5).

How does Remote Support work?

Remote Support is based on the same gateway concept as the Unattended Access gateway, which is also part of the Admin By RequestSecure Remote Access product. It allows a just-in-time setup between the gateway and the endpoint by establishing a secure Cloudflare tunnel.

Once the tunnel is established, a just-in-time server session is created on the endpoint – allowing for screen sharing and remote control via the browser.

Once the session is terminated or expires, the tunnel and the server session are terminated, leaving the endpoint in the same state as before the remote support session.

The setup is fully cloud-based and does not require any on-premise setup besides what's mentioned in the prerequisites:



The process flow for a Remote Support session can be initiated either by an IT administrator via the portal (admin-initiated) or by an end user at the endpoint (user-initiated).

Process - Admin-initiated

The process by which an *administrator* establishes a remote support session is:

- 1. The administrator navigates to a specific endpoint in the **Admin By Request Portal** inventory and clicks the *Support* link associated with that endpoint. This action initiates a Remote Support connection.
- 2. The Admin By Request client on the endpoint receives an instruction from the MQTT Broker to fetch settings using the Admin By Request API.
- 3. The user at the endpoint is prompted that an administrator requests to initiate a Remote Support session. The user must approve the request for the session to continue.
- 4. Upon approving the request, the **Admin By Request client** opens a **Cloudflare Tunnel** via an outbound UDP call on port 7784 using the QUIC Protocol.
- 5. The Admin By Request client creates a just-in-time VNC server on the endpoint and instructs the Admin By Request API that the endpoint is awaiting a connection.
- 6. The **Gateway** is instructed to forward the VNC connection through the tunnel opened by the endpoint.
- 7. A secure WebSocket connection is established between the administrator's browser and the Gateway. The response stream from the VNC connection is routed back to the browser using this secure connection.

KEY POINTS

- Once the session is terminated or expires the session server and the tunnel are terminated.
- The session is logged in the audit log in the Admin By Request portal, allowing for the IT admin to access documentation about each remote support session as well as download a recording of each session (if recording is enabled).
- Based on the settings, each Remote Support session can be adapted with various security and compliance features like: Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), view-only access, session expiration and session recording.

Process - User-initiated

The process by which a *user* establishes a remote support session is:

- 1. The user requests a Remote Support session from the **Admin By Request client** running on their endpoint.
- 2. An administrator accepts the request from the Admin By Request portal.
- 3. The Admin By Request client on the endpoint receives an instruction from the MQTT Broker to fetch settings using the Admin By Request API.
- 4. The user at the endpoint is prompted that an administrator requests to initiate a Remote Support session.
- 5. Upon accepting the request, the **Admin By Request client** opens a **Cloudflare Tunnel** via an outbound UDP call on port 7784 using the QUIC Protocol.
- 6. The Admin By Request client creates a just-in-time VNC server on the endpoint and instructs the Admin By Request API that the endpoint is awaiting a connection.
- 7. The **Gateway** is instructed to forward the VNC connection through the tunnel opened by the endpoint.
- 8. A secure WebSocket connection is established between the administrator's browser and the **Gateway**. The response stream from the VNC connection is routed back to the browser using this secure connection.

KEY POINTS

- The end user requests a Remote Support session from their endpoint, providing a reason for the request if necessary.
- The IT admin approves (or denies) the request via the Admin By Request portal.

Admin By Request



Both admin-initiated and user-initiated processes are illustrated in the following diagram:

Product Enrollment

What is Product Enrollment?

Product enrollment is the mechanism of determining which Admin By Request licenses – and hence product capabilities – should be available to specific endpoints.

How does it work?

In a real-world scenario, a company might have 100 endpoints and the following Admin By Request licenses:

- 100 Endpoint Privilege Management (EPM) licenses
- 50 Secure Remote Access (SRA) licenses

Product enrollment allows the customer to determine which endpoints are activated with an EPM license, an SRA license – or both.

Once an endpoint gets a specific license, the corresponding functionality is instantly available on that endpoint. For example, if an endpoint gets a Secure Remote Access license then this device can now use both Unattended Access and Remote Support.

Getting started with Product Enrollment

All product enrollment takes place from the Product Enrollment menu in the portal (**Settings > Product Enrollment**):

				Endpoint Pr	ivilege Manag	gement 👻 St	eve @ Admi	in By Requ	est Demo 👻
Summary	Auditlog	Requests	Inventory	Reports	Settings	Download	Logins	Docs	Support
					Setti	ngs			
					🥰 Tenant	Settings			
ctivity and th	e latest nev	VS.			🤹 Product	t Enrollment			
t us using th	e "Support"	top menu.			📹 Window	vs Settings			
					📒 Window	vs Sub Settings			
					💧 Mac Set	ttings			
e control					🥌 Mac Sub	b Settings			
					Å Linux Se	ettings			

This menu is available from both EPM and SRA views.

The Product Enrollment page provides a way to assign licenses for specific Admin By Request products. The specific product is selected via tabs at the top – currently **ENDPOINT PRIVILEGE MANAGEMENT** and **SECURE REMOTE ACCESS** are available:

D	Product Enrollment This page allows you to enable and disable products on the Zero Trust Platform.	
	ENDPOINT PRIVILEGE MANAGEMENT SECURE REMOTE ACCESS	
	Endpoint Privilege Management	

From each product tab, it's possible to determine the scope of enrollment for that product, as well as get an overview of the current license usage based on the selection.

Platform Scope

The Platform Scope allows for quickly setting up which inventory groups should have the current product license assigned.

In the following example, the tenant is set up to have all Windows Workstations and Windows Servers enrolled with the Endpoint Privilege Management product – while Apple Macs and Linux devices won't be able to utilize the EPM functionality:

Enapoint P	rivilege Managemen	[
Test drive		About Er	L [©]	
Test drive OFF Computer groups cope	EnrolL means that a p endpoint installer incl endpoints EPM is ena	roduct is enabled o udes all products. T bled on.	n a computer. The Admi This page is used to mar	n By Reque tage which
	Scopes allow you to I disabled on this platfe computer groups to e	imit enroliments. W orm. You can also n enroll. The impact is	fren a platform is de-sel arrow down the scope b calculated in real-time	lected. EPM ly specifying below.
Platform Scope	Workstation	Licensing	Server Lic	ensing
Windows Workstations				
Windows Servers ON	Plan	Paid	Plan	Pai
tople Marr	Usage	200	Usage	10
	Buffer	98	Buffer	9
A Linux OFF				

Licensing overview

The license overview box shows how many licenses are actually used by the current enrollment settings – and how many licenses are left in the pool of purchased licenses.

In the example above, the tenant has 100 licenses for both Workstation and Server – and the current selected enrollment uses 2 Workstation licenses and 1 Server license – leaving the tenant with a buffer of 98 for Workstation and 99 for Server Edition.

Test Drive

The Test Drive mode allows a portal user to cherry pick which devices are enrolled with the selected product. This can either be done by specifying a computer group scope or by manually picking devices.

Scope by computer groups

To apply the scope only to devices within specific computer groups, enter the group names into the "Computer groups" box:

ENDPOINT PRIVILEGE MAN	NAGEMENT • SECURE REMOTE ACCESS
Endpoint F	Privilege Management
Test drive	About Enrollment
Test drive orr Computer groups TestDevices	Enroll means that a product is enabled on a computer. The Admin By Request endpoint installer includes all products. This page is used to manage which endpoints EPM is enabled on. Scopes allow you to limit enrollments. When a platform is de-selected. EPM is disabled on this platform. You can also narrow down the scope by specifying computer groups to enroll. The impact is calculated in real-time below.

In this example, the enrollment will affect only devices in the group "TestDevices".

Scope by manual selection

To manually pick which devices should be enrolled, the Test Drive switch can be turned **On**:

0	IDPOINT PRIVILEGE MANAGEMENT
	Endpoint Privilege Management
Test drive	About Enrollment
Test drive ON Computers Pick comp No computers	Enroll means that a product is enabled on a computer. The Admin By Request endpoint insteller includes all products. This page is used to manage which endpoints EPM is enabled on. Involled Test drive allows you to try EPM on a few specific computers you pick. To completely disable EPM, leave the computer list empty.

The Pick computers button is now available and allows for manual selection of the devices to enroll into the selected product:

Pick	computers to enroll		Enrolled computers			
Computer	▼ User	т	Computer	User		
WINDEV2404EVAL	User	Enroll >>	<< Remove VM2022TEST	adminuser		
WINDOWS-VM	adminuser	Enroll >>				

In this example, the device named VM2022TEST has been enrolled with Endpoint Privilege Management, while the devices on the left have not.

To enroll devices, click the Enroll >> button for the specific device. To remove a device, click the << Remove button for the device.

Endpoint Privilege Management About Enrollment Test drive Enroll means that a product is enabled on a computer. The Admin By Request Test drive endpoint installer includes all products. This page is used to manage which endpoints EPM is enabled on. Computers One computer enrolled Test drive allows you to try EPM on a few specific computers you pick. To completely disable EPM, leave the computer list empty.

Going back to the enrollment page now shows the following license usage for the tenant:

Allowing for test driving Endpoint Privilege Management for the single selected device.

Please be aware that turning test drive on or off will cause licenses to be removed from non-selected devices. Only use the test drive feature if you manually want to pick the devices to enroll.

Getting Started with Remote Support

How do I get started?

In order to access a device using Remote Support, the device needs to be enrolled with the Admin By Request Secure Remote Access product (see "Product Enrollment" on page 5).

After the device is enrolled, the settings scope needs to allow Remote Support sessions.

To allow Remote Support sessions:

- 1. Navigate to the Admin By Request portal
- 2. Ensure that the **Secure Remote Access** view is selected either on the *Summary* page or via the product selector in the menu:

≤ 55 55 36 57 · ■ Emailus	FREE	E PLAN			Secure Remote J	Access + Use	r () Test tenant +
⊘Admin By Request	Summary	Auditing Requests	inventory	Reports Setting	s Download	Logins Do	cs Support
Welcome to Admit This page shows a summary of If you experience any problem	By Request your subscription status, recent activity and the s or have questions, please contact us using the s or have questions, please contact us us do not be s or have questions, please contact us us do not be s or have questions, please contact us do not be s or have questions, please contact us do not be s or have questions, please contact us do not be s or have questing the do n	latest news. "Support" top menu.					
Manage local admin rights	Unationaled or interactive remete control	J					

- 3. From the Settings menu, select **Remote Support Settings**.
- 4. Under the AUTHORIZATION tab, ensure that "Allow Remote Support" is set to On:

 Authorization 	AUTHORIZATION	NOTIFICATION
III Endpoint	Remote Supp	ort Authorization
00 Sellings		
. a Security	Authorization	About Authentication
🖀 Emais	Allow Remote Support CH Save	Allow Remote Support determines whether or not users can request remote assistance.
	s	

This ensures that devices falling within this settings scope have the ability to request a Remote Support session (or have one requested by a portal user).

Requesting Remote Support (end user initiated)

To request a Remote Support session as an end user, the end user does the following:

- 1. From the endpoint with the Admin By Request client installed, navigate to the Admin By Request tray icon (or use the desktop icon if this has been enabled see "Set desktop icon" on page 15).
- 2. Right-click the icon and select the **Remote Support** item:



3. This prompts the user for contact information as well as a reason for the Remote Support request:



4. All Remote Support requests awaiting approval can be found by the portal admin in the Admin By Request portal under "Requests" with the "Secure Remote Access" view selected in the product selector:

5 57 · ➡ <u>Emailus</u>	FR	EE PLAN					Socure Remote	Access +	User g T	est Tenant +
nin By Request	Summary	Auditlog		Inventory	Reports	Settings	Download	Logins	Docs	Support
Pending Approval Requests Users will be notified by email of approval or de within two weeks, the approval will expire. You of PENDIN	nial. Request can approve d	s will drop o or deny requ	ut of the list of	after two wee e <u>mobile ap</u> D (D)	eks. If a use 2 also.	r does not t	use an approv	ed request	t	
 19-08-2024 21:16:16 • ADMINUSER Requesting Remote Support on <u>WINDOWS-VM</u> Email: <u>test@dest.com</u> • Phone: <u>11223344</u> Reason: I need some assistance with something on my device. 							App	roxe rry		

5. The portal admin can now approve or deny the request. If the request is approved, the end user is prompted to allow the connection:



6. By clicking **Yes**, the secure tunnel and just-in-time server session is initialized, and the portal user is connected to a Remote Support session – sharing the screen and input directly in the browser (if enabled - see "Specify View Only for portal admin" on page 18).

Once the session starts, a timer appears in the lower, right corner of the screen, showing the amount of time used so far during the session:



Click the **Hide** icon at any time to hide the screen from the remote person.

NOTE

If the endpoint has multiple monitors, the monitor currently being viewed is indicated (**Monitor 1** in this example). Click a monitor icon to switch the view to that screen:



To hide a screen, simply click the **Hide** icon:



Starting Remote Support (IT admin initiated)

To start a Remote Support session as a portal administrator, the following sequence occurs:

- 1. The portal admin identifies the target device in the Inventory and then either:
 - a. clicks Support from the Inventory list:

			Computer Inventory					Search
Drieg	a octume handler here to gr	map by column or click the furnel icon b	liber You can salect more columns by right-clicking the beacler.					
	Computer T	Uner T	Operating system	Model T	ST T	Remote	Support	Details
	VM2022TEST	adminuser	Windows Server 2022 Datacenter Azure Edition	Virtual Machine	8.3.1	Remote		Details
4	WINDEV2404EVAL	Unattended Access Account	Windows 11 Enterprise Evaluation	Virtual Machine	8.4.0	Remote		Details
4	WINDOWS-VM	adminuser	Windows 11 Enterprise N	Virtual Machine	8.4.0	Remote	Support	Details
Pa	ge 1 of 1 (3 items) <	1 2					Page size:	25 -

b. or, clicks the **Screenshare** button in the Remote Support panel (after drilling down into inventory details for the endpoint):

WINDOWS-VM You can click this link to	I Details print the GR code to a sticker and attach to the physical computer. You can then scen it at a	ny time on your smartphone to get instart access to this page.
Close	Remote	Control
□ Inventory		
Remale	Unattended Access	Remote Support
A PIN Code	Remote device will use Untilended Access to log into this computer.	Screenshare use Remote Support to screenshare with the tast togged on user which is adminuser.
Events	Romatio Control	Scheinsthare
Auditiog		
Ja Sub Settings		

2. After either is clicked, the end-user receives a pop-up asking to accept the incoming connection:



- 3. If the end user clicks **Yes**, the secure tunnel and just-in-time server session is initialized, and the portal admin is now connected to a Remote Support session sharing the screen and input (if enabled see "Specify View Only for portal admin" on page 18) directly in the browser.
- 4. If the end user clicks **No**, the portal admin request to start a Remote Support session is denied. In any case, all request details are logged in the Auditlog.

Once the session starts, a timer appears in the lower, right corner of the screen, showing the amount of time used so far during the session:



Click the **Hide** icon at any time to hide the screen from the remote person.

NOTE

If the endpoint has multiple monitors, the monitor currently being viewed is indicated (**Monitor 1** in this example). Click a monitor icon to switch the view to that screen:

⊘ Admin By Request	-
Remote Suppo	rt
00:01:16	
Eric Hastie	
	Finish

To hide a screen, simply click the **Hide** icon:



Ending the session

A Remote Support session can end in a number of ways:

- Either party can end the session by pressing the **Finish** button in the timer window.
- The IT admin can press the **Off** icon in the action bar of the browser:



• If session expiration is enabled (see "Set session expiry" on page 18), the session will be terminated after the set amount of time. When the remaining time gets below 2 minutes, a countdown alert appears:



• By pressing the **Terminate this session** from the auditlog details of an ongoing Remote Support session:

		UNATTEND	ED ACCESS	REMOTE SUPPORT						
			Remote	Support						
rag a column header f	iere to group by column or click the	User	Ŧ	Admin	Ŧ	Time	Ŧ	Duration	Status 🕇	
· · windows	-VM	adminuser		Jacob Boss		19-08-2024 23:24	:58		In progress	
End user				Administrator						
Full name adminuter				Full name	Jacob Bass					
User account	ADMINUSER			Email	jogadmint	yrequest.com				
				Phone	25572294					
				Response In	00:00:01					
Execution				Settings						
Issued time	19-08-2024 23:24:54 (19-08-20)	34 21:24:54 endpoint time)		M5k	No					
Start time	19-08-2024 23:24:58 (19-08-20)	84 21:24.58 endpoint time)		Mode	Shared sess	ion				
Initiated by	Administrator			Video file	c148e8s5-e	1c4-4a1e-965e-22ebcc	45afd3			
				Trace no	50001173					

What next?

Check out "Basic Settings for Remote Support" on page 15 for details on how to setup the following:

- A desktop icon
- Session recordings
- MFA for extra security
- View-only for the portal admin
- Session expiry

Basic Settings for Remote Support

Set desktop icon

To create a desktop icon on devices that support Remote Support, navigate to the Remote Support Settings and select the "Endpoint" tab.

From here, the "Create desktop icon" setting can be enabled or disabled:

 Authorization 	ICON				
1 Endpoint	Remote Su	pport Endpoint			
© Settings	Desktop Icon	About Desktop Icon			
E Frais	Create desktop icon Desktop icon name Start remote support Leave taken for default toutieed name Save	An icon appears in the system tray, You can optionally also place an icon on the user's desktop. If you enable the desktop icon, but do not specify a desktop icon name, the default "Administrator Access" test will be used in a local/bed version (English, German, Psench, Spanish, Danish, Swedish and Norwegiani).			

Enabling the setting will create a desktop icon on the affected devices with the supplied desktop icon name. If no name is supplied, a default localized name is used:



Note that a Tray Tool menu item is always created for Remote Support.

Refer to "Endpoint" on page 21 (ICON) for more information.

Enable session recording

Session recordings can be enabled or disabled from the "Settings" tab under the Remote Support Settings:

Authorization	RECORDING				
III Endpoint	Remote	Support Settings			
o€ Sellings	Screen Recording	About Screen Recording			
a Emails	Screen recording Serve	Screen Recording means that the remote session is recorded. You can extract the recording from the auditiog by expanding a line.			

Enabling the session recordings creates a screen recording of all Remote Support sessions done under this setting scope.

Recordings can be requested via the auditlog after a session has ended by clicking the **Request this** video button under the auditlog entry:

	Computer		r Us	.cr	Ť	Adm	n	Ť		Lime	Ť	Duration	Status T	
- 6	WINDOWS-VN	1	ad	minuser		Jaco	b Boss		194	08-2024 23:24:	58	00:03:30	Complete	
En	d user						Administrator							
F	ul name	adminuser					Full name	Jacob Bo	5.5					
L	lser account	ADMINUSER					Email	nobody@	test.com					
							Phone	25572294	1					
							Response In	00-00-01						
Ex	ecution						Settings							
B	usued time	19-08-2024 23:24:54 (19-0	-2024 21	24.54 endpoint time)			MEA	No						
s	itart time	19408-2024 23:24:58 (1940)	2024 21	24.58 endpoint time)			Mode	Shared sa	ession					
6	ind time	19409-2024 23:28:28 (1940	-2024 21	28:28 endpoint time)			Video file	c148e8a5	i-e1c4-4a1	e-965e-22ebcc/	45afd3			
Initiated by Administrator							Trace no	50001173)					

Refer to "Settings" on page 21 (RECORDING) for more information.

Require Multi-Factor Authentication

Enabling the "Require MFA" setting will require the portal user to re-authenticate using MFA before being able to start any Remote Support session (both end-user and portal user initiated):

Authorization	MFA VIEW	ONLY SESSION EXPIRY
# Endpoint	Remote S	Support Security
0¢ Settings		
Security	Multi-Factor Authentication	About Multi-Factor Authentication
🖀 Emails	Require MFA orr	MFA requires the portal user to re-authenticate using single sign-on before starting a remote session.
	Savo	If the logged on portal user does not log on with single sign-on, the user will be denied access to the server.

With MFA enabled, the portal user will be met with the Microsoft account login screen:

Microsoft	
Pick an account	
ă	:
(ă) 	:
+ Use another account	

This is a required step before being able to proceed to initiating the Remote Support session with the endpoint.

NOTE

Using the MFA setting requires the portal user to be signed into the portal using Microsoft SSO.

Refer to "Security" on page 22 (MFA) for more information.

Specify View Only for portal admin

To have Remote Support sessions be view-only (meaning that the portal admin can only view the screen but not control mouse or keyboard), the **View Only** setting can be enabled:

Authorization	MFA VIEW ONL	Y SESSION EXPIRY
## Endpoint	Remote Sup	oport Security
0° Settings		
Security	View Only	About View Only Assist
🛎 Emails	Assist Only OFF	View Only Assist means that the portal user can only watch, but not interact with the encpoint.
	Save	This is useful for sensitive entipoints, such as c-level computers. You can create sub settings for sensitive computers based on computer groups.

Upon enabling this setting, all Remote Support session made from this setting scope will be screensharing only but with no control over mouse or keyboard. This is particularly useful when supporting sensitive endpoints like e.g. C-level devices.

Refer to "Security" on page 22 (VIEW ONLY) for more information.

Set session expiry

To prevent sessions from being "forgotten" and therefor run forever, the session expiry setting can be used:

Authorization	MFA VIEW OF	NLY SESSION EXPIRY				
Endpoint	Remote Support Security					
¢§ Settings						
Security	Session Expiry	About Session Expiry				
🖀 Emails	Session expiny Custorr V Hours Minutes 0 () 3 () Save	Session exply is the maximum length a remote session may last. When this time expires, the remote session will be disconnected. It is not recommended to use "UniImited" as this would have no expiry on the remote session.				

By setting a session expiry setting, all Remote Support sessions that fall under this setting scope will automatically be disconnected after the selected amount of time has expired.

The connected users will get a countdown warning when the remaining time gets below 2 minutes.

To disable session expiration, select "Unlimited" as the expiration value.

Refer to "Security" on page 22 (SESSION EXPIRY) for more information.

Portal Administration for Remote Support

Introduction

This topic describes several key areas of the Admin Portal that can be used to manage *Remote Support Settings* and *Sub Settings*.

Fields that can be set and/or configured in the portal are presented in tables, with each table showing:

- Setting the name of the field that controls the setting
- Type the type of value that can be entered or selected and its default value
- **Description** how the setting is used and notes about any implications it may have on other settings

To change any of the settings in the portal, log in to the portal and select the setting from the menu.

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Remote Support Settings

Portal menu: Secure Remote Access > Settings > Remote Support Settings

Settings here are the global settings for all endpoints participating in the feature. You can overrule settings for listed domain users or computers under the sub-settings menu.

Authorization

Portal menu: Secure Remote Access > Settings > Remote Support Settings > Authorization

AUTHORIZATION tab

Remote Support allows users to remotely assist other users with issues. It is often combined with the EPM feature *Support Assist* to perform installs without logging the user out and without giving the user admin rights.

Remote Support requires Windows endpoint software **8.4**• and is part of the Secure Remote Access product suite.

Setting	Туре	Description
Allow Remote Support Toggle On Off Default: On		On - Allows computers to be accessed remotely, provided a user is present (i.e. remote user must confirm).
		Note that supporting user might only be able to watch and not take control (see <u>Security settings</u> (VIEW ONLY tab)).
		Off - Computers cannot be accessed remotely regardless of whether a user is present or not. Note that <i>Unattended Access</i> might still be possible, depending on <u>Unattended Access settings</u> .
Save	Button	Saves customization and changes to any fields. Note that reloading any defaults does not take effect until Save is clicked.

NOTIFICATION tab

Email notification to administrators is available when *Require approval* is checked under Authorization.

Notifications can be sent for the following scenarios:

- Each new request for approval (*Run As Admin*) or admin session access (*Admin Session*)
- When malware is detected (Workstation Settings > [OS] Settings > Malware)
- When unattended remote access is requested (Unattended Access)
- When either an end user or portal admin initiates a *Remote Support* session.

As with other request types, new requests for approval always appear under **Requests > Pending** in the Portal top menu. This is the case for both Endpoint Privilege Management and Secure Remote Access.

The *Notification* setting enables and configures **additional email notification** for new requests. If multiple email addresses are specified, they must be on separate lines.

NOTE

Phone notification is separate and happens automatically via push notifications to phones with the mobile app installed.

Setting	Туре	Description
Send email notifications	Toggle On Off Default: Off	 On - Additional email notifications are sent to the email addresses listed in <i>Email addresses</i>. Off - Email notifications are not sent.
Email addresses	Text	Standard email address format. Use a new line for each address.
Save	Button	Saves customization and changes to any fields. Note that reloading any defaults does not take effect until Save is clicked.

Endpoint

Portal menu: Secure Remote Access > Settings > Remote Support Settings > Endpoint

ICON tab

An icon for Remote Support appears in the system tray at install time.

This setting lets you optionally also place an icon on the user's desktop. If you enable the desktop icon, but do not specify a desktop icon name, the default "Administrator Access" text will be used in a localized version (English, German, French, Spanish, Danish, Swedish and Norwegian).

Setting	Туре	Description
Create desktop icon Toggle	On - Place icon on the desktop.	
	On Off Default: On	Off - Do not place icon on the desktop. Only the tray tool icon will be available.
Desktop icon name	Text	Label to use for the icon. If left blank, Administrator Access is used as the label.
Save	Button	Saves customization and changes to any fields. Note that reloading any defaults does not take effect until Save is clicked.

Settings

Portal menu: Secure Remote Access > Settings > Remote Support Settings > Settings

RECORDING tab

Screen recording means that the remote session is recorded.

Files are stored locally and can be requested in the auditlog by expanding the relevant line.

Setting	Туре	Description
Screen recording	Toggle On Off Default: Off	On - Screen recording is enabled. Off - Screen recording is disabled.
Save	Button	Saves customization and changes to any fields. Note that reloading any defaults does not take effect until Save is clicked.

Security

Portal menu: Secure Remote Access > Settings > Remote Support Settings > Security

MFA tab

MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication) requires the portal user to re-authenticate with single sign-on when connecting remotely to an endpoint.

If the logged-on portal user does *not* log on with SSO (single sign-on), the user will be denied access to the endpoint.

Setting	Туре	Description
Require MFA	Toggle On Off Default: On	 On - The logged-on portal user must authenticate via SSO when connecting remotely to an endpoint. Off - Portal user does not need to authenticate via SSO to remotely connect.
Save	Button	Saves customization and changes to any fields. Note that reloading any defaults does not take effect until Save is clicked.

VIEW tab

View Only means that the portal user can watch, but not interact with the endpoint.

This is useful for sensitive endpoints, such as c-level computers. You can create sub settings for sensitive computers based on computer groups.

Setting	Туре	Description
Assist Only	Toggle On Off Default: On	 On - The portal user can only watch, but not interact with the endpoint. Off - Portal user can take control of screen and keyboard during a session.
Save	Button	Saves customization and changes to any fields. Note that reloading any defaults does not take effect until Save is clicked.

SESSION EXPIRY tab

Session expiry is the maximum length a remote session may last. When this time expires, the remote session will be disconnected.

NOTE

Selecting **Unlimited** is not recommended, as this would result in no expiry on the remote session.

Setting	Туре	Description
Session expiry	Selection Default: 4 hours	Select a value between 15 minutes and Unlimited . Custom is also available - if selected, choose the required number of Hours and Minutes .
Save	Button	Saves customization and changes to any fields. Note that reloading any defaults does not take effect until Save is clicked.

Emails

Portal menu: Secure Remote Access > Settings > Remote Support Settings > Emails

Request Emails tab

Emails go out when *Require approval* is turned **On** under . You can create your own email templates here with information specific to your company, such as a Help Desk phone number and custom instructions.

Setting	Туре	Description
Email template Selection Default: Approved email	Selection Default: Approved	Approved email - Loads a template that advises <i>the user</i> (i.e. requester) that the request for access has been approved.
	Denied email - Loads a template that advises the request for access has been denied without giving a reason.	
		Denied with reason - Loads a template that advises the request for access has been denied and provides the reason.
		Administrator notify - Loads a template that advises <i>the administrator</i> (i.e. person who approves or denies) that a request for access is waiting for attention.
Email sender	Text Default: Admin By Request Team	The email address to be used as the sender for the email. Can be used with custom domains. Use the Email address button to set up custom domains. Refer to <u>Email Domain</u> for more information on configuring an email address to be used as the sender for all user notifications.
Email subject	Text Default: Admin By Request	Text that will appear in the subject line of emails.

Setting	Туре	Description
Get default	Button	 Loads the default <i>Email template</i> for the option selected. NOTE: Default email templates are created by Admin By Request. Contact us if you wish to customize a default email template. Using this button will overwrite any customization you might have done in the <i>Template body</i>.
Email address	Button	Switches to Email Domain in Tenant Settings in the portal, allowing you to use a custom domain as the sender. This allows sending email from domains other than @adminbyrequest.com. NOTE: This is optional, but you cannot add an email sender field of e.g. "tom@mydomain.com" <i>unless</i> you have first set up the custom email domain "mydomain.com" via the <i>Email Domain</i> setting in the portal (Settings > Tenant Settings > Email Domain).
Template body	Formatted text	 The body of the email to be sent. Includes three views: Design: WYSIWYG view of content. Enter and format body text here. HTML: The same content in HTML format. Can also be edited if necessary and changes will be reflected in Design and Preview. Preview: What the recipient sees. Read only - switch to Design view to make changes. Dynamic content tags Tags can be used in the body, which are place holders in curly braces. These are replaced with actual request values when emails are sent. The following tags are available: [UserFullName] Name of requesting user [UserPhone] Phone number of requesting user [UserReason] Reason the requesting user gave [DenyReason] Admin's reason for denial (only used for denial with reason) [ComputerName] Name of requesting computer
		 {AdminUserName} Name of administrator receiving notification (only for admin notify)

Setting	Туре	Description
Save	Button	Saves customization and changes to any fields. Note that reloading any defaults does not take effect until Save is clicked.

Ticketing System tab

You can set up an email notification to your ticketing system and embed the tags below for dynamic content.

Setting	Туре	Description
Ticket system email	Text	The email address to which emails intended for your ticket system will be sent. For example: itsupport@mycompany.com
Email sender	Text Default: Admin By Request Team	The email address to be used as the sender for the email. Can be used with custom domains. Use the Email address button to set up custom domains.
Email subject	Text Default: Admin By Request	Text that will appear in the subject line of emails.
Get default	Button	 Loads the default <i>Email template</i> for the option selected. NOTE: Default email templates are created by Admin By Request. Contact us if you wish to customize a default email template. Using this button will overwrite any customization you might have done in the <i>Template body</i>.
Email address	Button	Switches to Email Domain in Tenant Settings in the portal, allowing you to use a custom domain as the sender. This allows sending email from domains other than @adminbyrequest.com. NOTE: This is optional, but you cannot add an email sender field of e.g. "tom@mydomain.com" <i>unless</i> you have first set up the custom email domain "mydomain.com" via the <i>Email Domain</i> setting in the portal (Settings > Tenant Settings > Email Domain).
Template body	Formatted text	The body of the email to be sent to the ticketing system. Includes three views:

Setting	Туре	Description
		 Design: WYSIWYG view of content. Enter and format body text here.
		 HTML: The same content in HTML format. Can also be edited if necessary and changes will be reflected in Design and Preview.
		 Preview: What the recipient sees. Read only - switch to Design view to make changes.
		Dynamic content tags
		Tags can be used in the body, which are place holders in curly braces. These are replaced with actual request values when emails are sent.
		The following tags are available:
		{ID} Unique auditlog trace no
		 {APIID} ID for looking up this entry through the public Auditlog API
		 {Status} Requested, Approved, Denied, Started, Finished
		{UserFullName} Name of the requesting user
		{UserEmail} Email address of requesting user
		{UserPhone} Phone number of requesting user
		{UserReason} Reason the requesting user gave{DenyReason} Admin's reason for denial
		{ComputerName} Name of requesting computer
		 {AdminUserName} Admin approving or denying request
		{InstallList} Installed programs
		 {UninstallList} Uninstalled programs
		 {AuditlogURL} URL to this entry in the auditlog
		 {RequestURL} URL to this entry in requests
		Ticket ID
		You can find a ticket by its ticket ID using the Search button in the Auditlog.
		Voided text
		If a line has one or more tags and all tags in the line are empty, the entire line is automatically removed.

Remote Access notification events

Setting	Туре	Description
User requests approval	Toggle	On - Sends a notification for <i>User requests approval</i> .
	On Off Default: On	Off - Does not send a notification.
Admin approves user request	Toggle On Off	On - Sends a notification for <i>Admin approves user request.</i>
	Default: On	Off - Does not send a notification.
Admin denies user request	Toggle On Off	On - Sends a notification for <i>Admin denies user</i> request.
	Default: Off	Off - Does not send a notification.
User starts remote session	Toggle On Off	On - Sends a notification for <i>User starts remote session</i> .
	Default: Off	Off - Does not send a notification.
User finishes remote session	Toggle On Off	On - Sends a notification for <i>User finishes remote session</i> .
	Default: Off	Off - Does not send a notification.
Save	Button	Saves customization and changes to any fields. Note that reloading any defaults does not take effect until Save is clicked.

Sub Settings

Portal menu: Secure Remote Access > Settings > Remote Support Sub Settings

Sub settings will *overrule* the global settings for the users or computers to which they apply. Both users and computers can be in Active Directory groups or organizational units.

If a user or computer hits multiple sub settings, the first in listed order *that includes the setting concerned* wins.

Overruling a global setting

As with sub-settings for EPM servers and workstations, SRA sub-settings mirror their respective global settings, with the addition of an **Overrule global settings** switch.

The following table lists the settings and sub-settings structure for both Unattended Access and Remote Support:

Unattended Access	Remote Support
Authorization	Authorization
Settings	Endpoint
Security	Settings

Unattended Access	Remote Support
Gateways	Security
Emails	Emails

Each of these can be on or off, which is controlled by a *Global Settings Overrule*:

Setting	Туре	Description
Overrule global settings	Toggle On Off Default: On	 On - This setting will overrule its associated global setting. The global setting fields are then undimmed and become available for editing. Off - This setting will not overrule its associated global setting. The global setting fields remain dimmed.

Scope for sub-settings

The key to sub-settings is to define and activate their **Scope**.

In the portal sub-settings, Scope is the second-top menu item, immediately below the **< Back** button.

Setting	Туре	Description
Active	Toggle On Off Default: Off	 On - Sub-settings are active for the set named in <i>Sub</i> settings name. Off - Sub-settings are not active for the set named in <i>Sub settings name</i>.
Sub settings name	Text	The name assigned to this set of sub-settings.
Portal user in group	Text	A list of groups into which users are placed, with multiple groups on separate lines.
Computer in group	Text	A list of groups into which computers are placed, with multiple groups on separate lines.
Computer in OU	Text	A list of organizational units into which computers are placed, with multiple OUs on separate lines.
Network scope	Toggle On Off One entry for each <mark>Gateway</mark> Default: Off	 On - Scope is active for this gateway. Off - Scope is not active for this gateway. Network scope means that these sub settings only apply to the selected gateway combination. A gateway represents an on-premise LAN - if no toggles are on, there is no network scope.
Save	Button	Saves customization and changes to any fields. Note that reloading any defaults does not take effect until Save is clicked.

About sub-settings scope

Note the following:

- *Tiering* can be achieved by setting up a gateway on each tier and set portal user and sub settings network scopes.
- Computer scope does not work for discovered devices, because the server endpoint software is required to collect groups and OUs.
- Entra ID / Azure AD groups require you to set up the Entra ID Connector.
- All scopes must be met. If multiple user groups and computer Organizational Units (OUs) are specified, the user must be member of at least one of the groups and the computer in one of the OU locations.

In the portal text fields, multiple groups or OUs (Organizational Units) must be specified on separate lines. OUs can be specified as either:

- The bottom name, e.g. **Sales**. Any OU named Sales will match.
- Path from root using backslashes, e.g. \US\Florida\Sales.
- The fully distinguished name, e.g. C=US,ST=Florida,OU=Sales.

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