# **ESET File Security**

User guide

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# **Preface**

This guide is intended to help you make the best use of ESET File Security. To learn more about any window in the program, press **F1** on your keyboard with the given window open. The help page related to the window you are currently viewing will be displayed.

For consistency and to help prevent confusion, terminology used throughout this guide is based on the ESET File Security parameter names. We also used a uniform set of elements to highlight topics of particular interest or significance.

#### NOTE

A note is just a short observation. Although you can omit it, notes can provide valuable information, such as specific features or a link to some related topic.

#### **IMPORTANT**

This requires your attention and is not recommended to skip over it. Important notes include significant but non-critical information.

#### WARNING

Critical information you should treat with increased caution. Warnings are placed specifically to deter you from committing potentially harmful mistakes. Please read and understand text placed in warning brackets, as it references highly sensitive system settings or something risky.

## **EXAMPLE**

This is a use case or a practical example that aims to help you understand how a certain function or feature can be used.

If you see the following element in the upper-right corner of a help page, it indicates a navigation within the windows of a graphical user interface (GUI) of ESET File Security. Use these directions to get to the window that is being described on the respective help page.

# Open ESET File Security

Click Setup > Server > OneDrive Scan setup > Register



## Formatting conventions:

Convention	Meaning
<b>Bold type</b>	Section headings, feature names or user interface items, such as buttons.
Italic type	Placeholders for the information that you provide. For example, file name or path means you type the actual path or a name of file.

Convention	Meaning
Courier New	Code samples or commands.
Hyperlink 🗹	Provides quick and easy access to cross-referenced topics or external web locations. Hyperlinks are highlighted in blue and may be underlined.
%ProgramFiles%	The Windows system directory which stores installed programs of Windows and others.

ESET File Security online help pages are divided into several chapters and sub-chapters. You can find relevant information by browsing the contents of the help pages. Alternatively, you can use full-text search by typing words or phrases.

# **Overview**

ESET File Security is an integrated solution specially designed for the Microsoft Windows Server environment. ESET File Security delivers effective and robust protection against various types of malware and provides two types of protection: Anti-Malware and Antispyware.

# **Key Features**

The following table provides a list of features that are available in the ESET File Security. ESET File Security supports most editions of Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1, 2012, 2016 and 2019 in standalone and clustered environments. In larger networks, you can use ESET Security Management Center to remotely manage ESET File Security.

True 64-bit product core	Adding higher performance and stability to the product core components.
<u>Anti-Malware</u>	An <u>award-winning</u> and innovative defense against malware. This <u>leading-edge</u> <u>technology</u> prevents from attacks and eliminates all types of threats, including viruses, ransomware, rootkits, worms and spyware with cloud-powered scanning for even better detection rates. With a small footprint, it is light on the system resources not compromising its performance. It uses layered security model. Each layer, or a phase, has a number of core technologies. <i>Pre-execution</i> phase has technologies such as <i>UEFI Scanner</i> , <i>Network Attack Protection, Reputation &amp; Cache, In-product Sandbox, DNA Detections. Execution</i> phase technologies are <i>Exploit Blocker, Ransomware Shield, Advanced Memory Scanner</i> and <i>Script Scanner (AMSI)</i> , and <i>Post-execution</i> phase uses <i>Botnet Protection, Cloud Malware Protection System</i> and <i>Sandboxing</i> . This feature-rich set of core technologies provides an unrivaled level of protection.
OneDrive scan	This is a new feature added possibility to scan files placed in OneDrive cloud storage. For Office 365 business account.
Hyper-V scan	Is a new technology that allows for scanning of Virtual Machine (VM) disks on Microsoft Hyper-V Server 2 without the need of any "Agent" on the particular VM.
ESET Dynamic Threat Defense (EDTD)	ESET Cloud-based service. When ESET File Security detects suspicious code, or behavior, it prevents from further threat activity by temporarily putting it into the ESET Dynamic Threat Defense quarantine. A suspicious sample is automatically submitted to ESET Dynamic Threat Defense server for analysis by advanced malware detection engines. Your ESET File Security then receives a result of the analysis. Suspicious file is dealt with depending on the result.

True 64-bit product core	Adding higher performance and stability to the product core components.
ESET Cluster	ESET Cluster allows for management of multiple servers from a single location. Similar to ESET File Security 6 for Microsoft Windows Server, joining workstations to nodes will offer additional automation of management due to the ability to distribute one configuration policy across all cluster members. The creation of clusters themselves is possible using the node installed, which can then install and initiates all nodes remotely. ESET server products are able to communicate with each other and exchange data such as configuration and notifications, as well as synchronize data necessary for proper operation of a group of product instances. This allows for the same configuration of the product for all members of a cluster. Windows Failover Clusters and Network Load Balancing (NLB) Clusters are supported by ESET File Security. Additionally, you can add ESET Cluster members manually without the need for a specific Windows Cluster. ESET Clusters work in both domain and workgroup environments.
<u>Automatic exclusions</u>	Automatic detection and exclusion of critical applications and server files for smooth operation and performance.
Processes exclusions	Excludes specific processes from Anti-Malware on-access scanning. Anti-Malware on-access scanning may cause conflicts in certain situations, for example during a backup process or live migrations of virtual machines. Processes exclusions help minimize the risk of such potential conflicts and improve the performance of excluded applications, which in turn has a positive effect on the overall performance and stability of the whole system. The exclusion of a process / application is an exclusion of its executable file (.exe).
eShell (ESET Shell)	eShell 2.0 is a command line interface that offers advanced users and administrators more comprehensive options to manage ESET server products.
ESET Security  Management Center	Better integration with ESET Security Management Center including the ability to schedule On-demand scan. For more information, see ESET Security Management Center Online help .
Component-based installation	Installation can be customized to contain only selected parts of the product.

# What's new

ESET File Security introduces the following new features:

- True 64-bit product core
- OneDrive scan
- ESET Dynamic Threat Defense (EDTD)
- ESET Enterprise Inspector support
- ESET RMM
- Machine learning protection

# **Types of protection**

There are two types of protection:

- Anti-Malware protection
- Antispyware protection

Anti-Malware and Antispyware protection is one of the basic functions ESET File Security product. This protection

guards against malicious system attacks by controlling file, email and internet communications. If a threat is found, the detection module can eliminate it by blocking and then cleaning, deleting or moving it to Quarantine.

# **Preparing for installation**

There are a few steps we recommend you to take in preparation of the product installation:

- After purchasing ESET File Security, download .msi installation package from ESET's website ...
- Make sure that the server on which you plan to install ESET File Security meets system requirements.
- Log on to the server using an Administrator account.

#### **NOTE**

Please note that you must to execute the installer using the Built-in Administrator account or a domain Administrator account (in the event that local Administrator account is disabled). Any other user, despite being a member of Administrators group, will not have sufficient access rights. Therefore you need to use the Built-in Administrator account, as you will not be able to successfully complete installation under any other user account than local or domain Administrator.

- If you are going to do an <u>upgrade</u> from an existing installation of ESET File Security, we recommend you to backup its current configuration using the <u>Export settings</u> feature.
- Remove /uninstall any third-party antivirus software from your system, if applicable. We recommend that you use the <u>ESET AV Remover</u> . For a list of third-party antivirus software that can be removed using ESET AV Remover, see this KB article .
- If you are installing ESET File Security on Windows Server 2016, Microsoft <u>recommends</u> of to <u>uninstall</u> of Windows Defender Features and withdraw from Windows Defender ATP enrollment to prevent problems caused by having multiple antivirus products installed on a machine.
- If you are installing ESET File Security on Windows Server 2019, Microsoft <u>recommends</u> of putting Windows Defender into the **passive mode** to prevent problems caused by having multiple antivirus products installed on a machine.

You can run ESET File Security installer in two installation modes:

• Graphical user interface (GUI)

This is the recommended installation type in a from of an installation wizard.

• <u>Silent / Unattended installation</u>

In addition to the installation wizard, you can choose to install ESET File Security silently via command line.

### **IMPORTANT**

We highly recommend installing ESET File Security on a freshly installed and configured OS, if possible. If you do need to install it on an existing system, we recommend that you uninstall previous version of ESET File Security, restart the server and install the new ESET File Security afterwards.

Upgrading to a newer version

If you are using an older version of ESET File Security, you can choose suitable upgrade method.

After you've successfully installed or upgraded your ESET File Security, further activities are:

## Product activation

Availability of a particular activation scenario in the activation window may vary depending on the country, as well as the means of distribution.

### Configuring general settings

You can fine-tune your ESET File Security by modifying advanced settings of each of its features to suite on your needs.

# **System requirements**

### **Supported Operating Systems:**

- Microsoft Windows Server 2019 (Server Core and Desktop Experience)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2016 (Server Core and Desktop Experience)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 with <u>KB4474419</u> 2 and <u>KB4490628</u> 2 installed (read the <u>SHA-2</u> required compatibility)
- Server Core (Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1, 2012, 2012 R2)

#### **NOTE**

On Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1, **Network protection** component is disabled by default in **Typical** installation. Use **Custom** installation to have this component installed.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Support for Azure Code Signing must be installed on all Windows operating systems to install or upgrade ESET products released after July 2023. <u>More information</u> 

☑.

If you run Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1, ensure you have <u>KB5006728</u> ☑ installed to support Azure Code Signing. The ESU ☑ (Extended Security Updates) is required to install KB5006728 ☑.

## Storage, Small Business and MultiPoint servers:

- Microsoft Windows Storage Server 2016
- Microsoft Windows Storage Server 2012 R2
- Microsoft Windows Storage Server 2012
- Microsoft Windows Server 2019 Essentials
- Microsoft Windows Server 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 Essentials
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 Essentials
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 Foundation
- Microsoft Windows Small Business Server 2011 SP1 (x64) with KB4474419 
   <sup>™</sup> and KB4490628 
   <sup>™</sup> installed
- Microsoft Windows MultiPoint Server 2012
- Microsoft Windows MultiPoint Server 2011

# **Supported Host Operating Systems with Hyper-V role:**

- Microsoft Windows Server 2019
- Microsoft Windows Server 2016
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 Virtual Machines can be scanned only while they are offline

Hardware requirements depend on the operating system version in use. We recommend reading the Microsoft Windows Server product documentation for detailed information on hardware requirements.

#### NOTE

We strongly recommend that you install the latest Service Pack for your Microsoft Server operating system and server application before installing ESET security product. We also recommend that you install the latest Windows updates and hotfixes whenever available.

## Minimum hardware requirements:

Component	Requirement
Processor	Intel or AMD single core x64
Memory	256 MB of free memory
Hard drive	700 MB of free disk space
Screen resolution	800 x 600 pixels or higher

# **SHA-2** required compatibility

Microsoft announced deprecation of Secure Hash Algorithm 1 (SHA-1) and started migration process to SHA-2 in early 2019. Therefore, all certificates signed with the SHA-1 algorithm will no longer be recognized and will cause security alerts. Unfortunately, the security of the SHA-1 hash algorithm has become less secure over time due to weaknesses found in the algorithm, increased processor performance, and the advent of cloud computing.

The SHA-2 hashing algorithm (as a successor to SHA-1) is now the preferred method to guarantee SSL security durability. See Microsoft Docs article about <u>Hash and Signature Algorithms</u> ✓ for further details.

#### NOTE

This change means that on operating systems without SHA-2 support, your ESET security solution will no longer be able to update its modules, including the detection engine, ultimately making your ESET File Security not fully functional and unable to provide sufficient protection.

If you are running Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 or Microsoft Windows Small Business Server 2011 SP1 ensure your system is compatible with SHA-2. Apply the patches according to your particular operating system version as follows:

• Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 — apply <u>KB4474419</u> ✓ and <u>KB4490628</u> ✓ (an additional system restart might be necessary)

• Microsoft Windows Small Business Server 2011 SP1 (x64) — apply <u>KB4474419</u> ☑ and <u>KB4490628</u> ☑ (an additional system restart might be necessary)

#### **IMPORTANT**

Once you have installed the updates and restarted your system, open ESET File Security GUI to check its status. In case the status is orange, perform an additional system restart. The status should then be green indicating maximum protection.

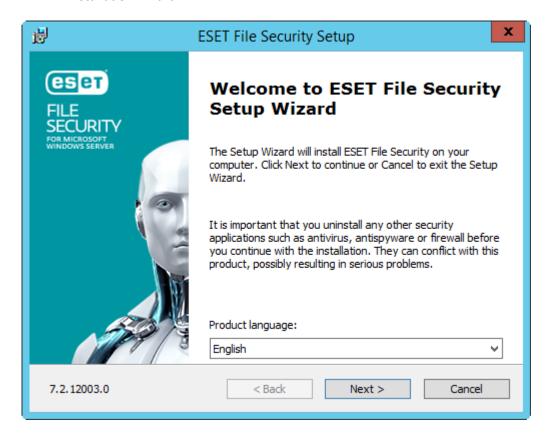
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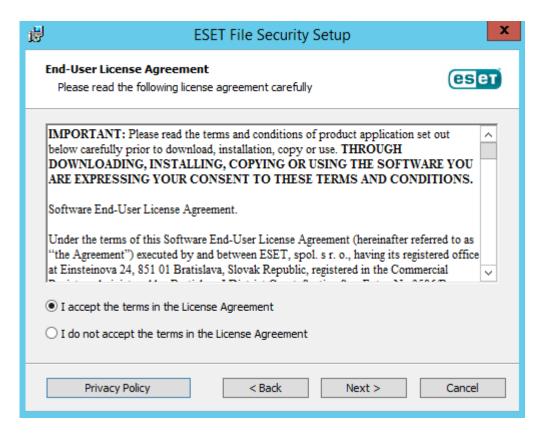
# **ESET File Security installation steps**

This is a typical GUI installation wizard. Double-click the .msi package and follow the steps to install ESET File Security:

- 1. Click **Next** to continue or click **Cancel** if you want to quit the installation.
- 2. The installation wizard runs in a language that is specified as **Home location** of a **Region > Location** setting of your operating system (or **Current location** of a **Region and Language > Location** setting in older systems). Use the drop-down menu to select **Product language** in which your ESET File Security will be installed. Selected language for ESET File Security is independent of the language you see in the installation wizard.



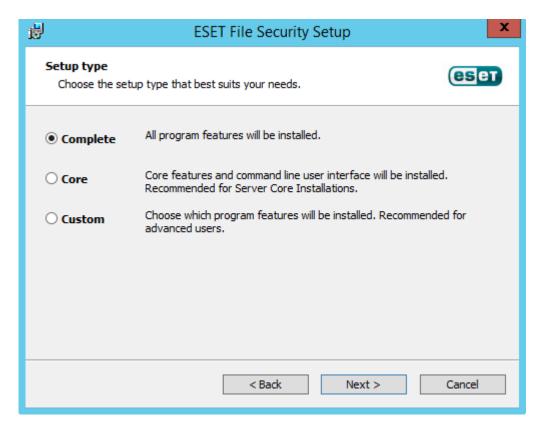
3.Click **Next**, the End-User License Agreement will be displayed. After you acknowledge your acceptance of the **End User License Agreement** (EULA) and Privacy policy, click **Next**.



4. Choose one of available installation types (availability depend on your operating system):

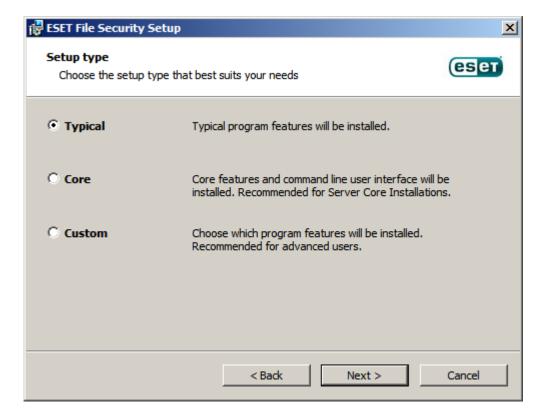
### Complete

Installs all ESET File Security features. Also called a full installation. This is the recommended installation type, available for Windows Server 2012, 2012 R2, 2016, 2019, Windows Server 2012 Essentials, 2012 R2 Essentials, 2016 Essentials and 2019 Essentials.



**Typical** 

Installs recommended ESET File Security features. Available for 2008 R2 SP1 and 2011.



#### Core

This installation type is intended for Windows Server Core editions. Installation steps are the same as complete installation, but only core features and the command line user interface will be installed. Although core installation is mainly for use on Windows Server Core, you can still install it on a regular Windows Servers if you prefer. ESET security product installed using core installation will not have any GUI. This means that you can only use the command line user interface when working with ESET File Security. For more detailed information and other special parameters, see <a href="Command line installation">Command line installation</a> section.

# EXAMPLE

To execute Core installation via command line, use the following sample command:  $\verb|msiexec|/qn|/i| efsw_nt64.msi| ADDLOCAL=\_Base$ 

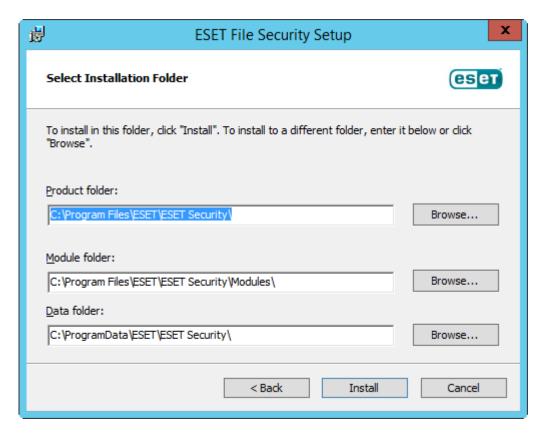
#### Custom

Lets you choose which features of ESET File Security will be installed on your system. A list of product modules and features will be displayed before the installation starts. It is useful when you want to customize ESET File Security with only the components you need.

#### NOTE

On Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1, installation of **Network protection** component is disabled by default (**Typical** installation). If you want to have this component installed, choose **Custom** installation type.

5. You will be prompted to select the location where ESET File Security will be installed. By default, the program installs in C:\Program Files\ESET\ESET File Security. Click **Browse** to change this location (not recommended).



6.Click **Install** to begin the installation. When the installation finishes, ESET GUI starts and <u>tray icon</u> (e) is displayed in the notification area (system tray).

# Modifying an existing installation

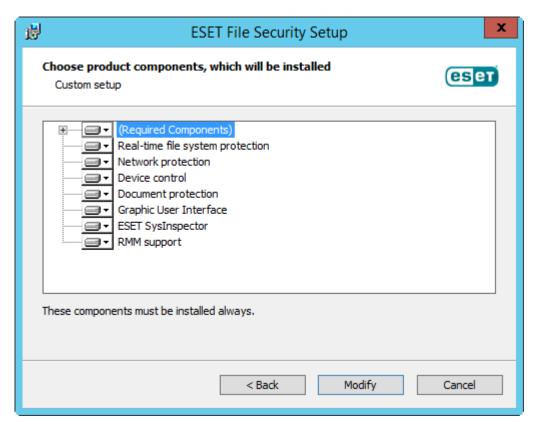
You can add or remove components included in your installation. To do so, either run the .msi installer package you used during initial installation, or go to **Programs and Features** (accessible from the Windows Control Panel), right-click ESET File Security and select **Change**. Follow the steps below to add or remove components.

There are 3 options available. You can **Modify** installed components, **Repair** your installation of ESET File Security or **Remove** (uninstall) it completely.



If you choose **Modify**, a list of available program components is displayed.

Choose the components you want to add or remove. You can add/remove multiple components at the same time. Click the component and select an option from the drop-down menu:



When you have selected an option, click **Modify** to perform the modifications.

## NOTE

You can modify installed components at any time by running the installer. For most components, a server restart is not necessary to carry out the change. The GUI will restart and you'll only see only the components you chose to install. For components that require a server restart, the Windows Installer will prompt you to restart and new components will become available once the server is back online.

# Silent / Unattended installation

Run the following command to complete installation via command line: msiexec /i <packagename> /qn /l\*xv msi.log

#### NOTE

On Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 the **Network protection** feature will not be installed.

To make sure the installation was successful or in case of any issues with the installation, use Windows Event Viewer to check the **Application Log** (look for records from Source: Msilnstaller).

#### **EXAMPLE**

#### **Full installation** on a 64-bit system:

msiexec /i efsw\_nt64.msi /qn /l\*xv msi.log ADDLOCAL=NetworkProtection,RealtimeProtection,^
DeviceControl,DocumentProtection,Cluster,GraphicUserInterface,SysInspector,SysRescue,Rmm,eula

When the installation finishes, ESET GUI starts and tray icon is displayed in the notification area (system tray).

#### **EXAMPLE**

# Installation of the product in **specified language** (German):

msiexec /i efsw\_nt64.msi /qn ADDLOCAL=NetworkProtection,RealtimeProtection,^
DeviceControl,DocumentProtection,Cluster,GraphicUserInterface,^
SysInspector,SysRescue,Rmm,eula PRODUCT\_LANG=1031 PRODUCT\_LANG\_CODE=de-de

See Language parameters in Command line installation for further details and the list of language codes.

#### **IMPORTANT**

When specifying values for REINSTALL parameter, you must list the rest of the features that are not used as values for ADDLOCAL or REMOVE parameter. It is necessary for the command line installation to run properly that you list all the features as values for REINSTALL, ADDLOCAL and REMOVE parameters. Adding or removing may not be successful if you do not use the REINSTALL parameter.

See Command line installation section for the complete list of features.

## **EXAMPLE**

Complete removal (uninstallation) from a 64-bit system: msiexec /x efsw\_nt64.msi /qn /l\*xv msi.log

#### **NOTE**

Your sever will reboot automatically after a successful uninstallation.

# **Command line installation**

The following settings are intended for use **only with the reduced**, **basic** and **none** level of the user interface. See <u>documentation</u> of for the **msiexec** version used for the appropriate command line switches.

### Supported parameters:

## APPDIR=<path>

- path Valid directory path
- Application installation directory
- For example: efsw nt64.msi /qn APPDIR=C:\ESET\ ADDLOCAL=DocumentProtection

## APPDATADIR=<path>

- path Valid directory path
- Application Data installation directory

## MODULEDIR=<path>

- path Valid directory path
- Module installation directory

#### ADDLOCAL=<list>

- Component installation list of non-mandatory features to be installed locally.
- Usage with ESET .msi packages: efsw nt64.msi /qn ADDLOCAL=<list>
- For more information about the ADDLOCAL property see

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-gb/windows/desktop/Msi/addlocal

- The ADDLOCAL list is a comma-separated list of all feature that will be installed.
- When selecting a feature to be installed, the full path (all parent features) must be explicitly included in the list.

### REMOVE=<list>

- Component installation parent feature you do not want to have installed locally.
- Usage with ESET .msi packages: efsw nt64.msi /qn REMOVE=<list>
- For more information about the REMOVE property see

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-gb/windows/desktop/Msi/remove 2

- The REMOVE list is a comma-separated list of parent features that will not be installed (or will be removed in case of existing installation).
- It is sufficient to specify parent feature only. There is no need to explicitly include every child feature to the list.

## ADDEXCLUDE=<list>

- The ADDEXCLUDE list is a comma-separated list of all feature names not to be installed.
- When selecting a feature not to be installed, then the whole path (i.e., all its child features) and related invisible features must be explicitly included in the list.
- Usage with ESET .msi packages: efsw\_nt64.msi /qn ADDEXCLUDE=<list>

**NOTE** 

ADDEXCLUDE cannot be used with ADDLOCAL.

#### **Feature Presence**

• Mandatory - The feature is always installed.

- Optional The feature may be deselected for install.
- Invisible Logical feature mandatory for other features to work properly.

# **List of ESET File Security features:**

## **IMPORTANT**

Names of all the features are case sensitive, for example RealtimeProtection is not equal to REALTIMEPROTECTION.

Feature Name	<b>Feature Presence</b>
SERVER	Mandatory
RealtimeProtection	Mandatory
WMIProvider	Mandatory
HIPS	Mandatory
Updater	Mandatory
eShell	Mandatory
UpdateMirror	Mandatory
DeviceControl	Optional
DocumentProtection	Optional
WebAndEmail	Optional
ProtocolFiltering	Invisible
NetworkProtection	Optional
IdsAndBotnetProtection	Optional
Rmm	Optional
WebAccessProtection	Optional
EmailClientProtection	Optional
MailPlugins	Invisible
Cluster	Optional
_Base	Mandatory
eula	Mandatory
ShellExt	Optional
_FeaturesCore	Mandatory
GraphicUserInterface	Optional
SysInspector	Optional
SysRescue	Optional
EnterpriseInspector	Optional

If you want to remove any of the following features, you need to remove the whole group by specifying every feature that belongs to the group. Otherwise, the feature will not be removed. Here are two groups (each line represents one group):

GraphicUserInterface,ShellExt

Network Protection, Web Access Protection, Ids And Botnet Protection, Protocol Filtering, Mail Plugins, Email Client Protection

#### **EXAMPLE**

Exclude **NetworkProtection** section (including child features) from the installation using REMOVE parameter and specifying only parent feature:

msiexec /i efsw\_nt64.msi /qn ADDLOCAL=ALL REMOVE=NetworkProtection

Alternatively, you can use ADDEXCLUDE parameter, but you must also specify all child features:

 $\label{lem:msiexec} msiexec /i efsw\_nt64.msi /qn \ ADDEXCLUDE=NetworkProtection, WebAccessProtection, IdsAndBotnetProtection, ProtocolFiltering, MailPlugins, EmailClientProtection$ 

# **EXAMPLE**

#### **Core** installation example:

msiexec /qn /i efsw\_nt64.msi /l\*xv msi.log ADDLOCAL=RealtimeProtection,Rmm

If you want your ESET File Security to be automatically configured after the installation, you can specify basic configuration parameters within the installation command.

**EXAMPLE** 

Install ESET File Security and disable ESET LiveGrid®:

 $\verb|msiexec /qn /i efsw_nt64.msi ADDLOCAL=Real time Protection, Rmm, Graphic User Interface CFG_LIVE GRID_ENABLE D=0|$ 

### List of all configuration properties:

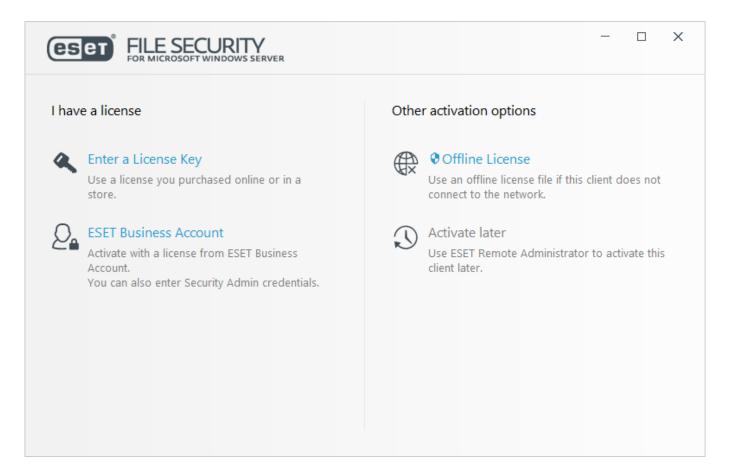
Switch	Value
CFG_POTENTIALLYUNWANTED_ENABLED=1/0	0 - Disabled, 1 - Enabled
CFG_LIVEGRID_ENABLED=1/0	0 - Disabled, 1 - Enabled
FIRSTSCAN_ENABLE=1/0	0 - Disable, 1 - Enable
CFG_PROXY_ENABLED=0/1	0 - Disabled, 1 - Enabled
CFG_PROXY_ADDRESS= <ip></ip>	Proxy IP address
CFG_PROXY_PORT= <port></port>	Proxy port number
CFG_PROXY_USERNAME= <user></user>	User name for authentication
CFG_PROXY_PASSWORD= <pass></pass>	Password for authentication

Language parameters: Product language (you must specify both parameters)

Switch	Value
PRODUCT_LANG=	LCID Decimal (Locale ID), for example 1033 for <i>English</i> - <i>United States</i> , see the <u>list of language codes</u> ♂.
PRODUCT_LANG_CODE=	LCID String (Language Culture Name) in lowercase, for example en-us for <i>English</i> - <i>United States</i> , see the <u>list of language codes</u> ☑.

# **Product activation**

When installation is complete, you will be prompted to activate your product.



You can use any of the following methods to activate ESET File Security:

### **Enter a License Key**

A unique string in the format XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX which is used for identification of the license owner and for activation of the license.

### **ESET Business Account**

Use this option if you are registered and have your <u>ESET Business Account (EBA)</u> ✓ where your ESET File Security license has been imported. You can also enter **Security Admin** credentials that you use on <u>ESET License Administrator portal</u> ✓.

# Offline License file

An automatically generated file that will be transferred to the ESET product to provide license information. Your offline License file is generated from the license portal and is used in environments where the application cannot connect to the licensing authority.

Click **Activate later** with ESET Security Management Center if your computer is a member of a managed network, and your administrator will perform remote activation via <u>ESET Security Management Center</u>. You can also use this option if you want to activate this client at a later time.

Select **Help and support** > **Manage license** in the main program window to manage your license information at any time. You will see the public license ID used to identify your product by ESET and for license identification. Your Username, under which the computer is registered, is stored in the <u>About</u> section, which you can view by right-clicking the system tray icon 

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After you've successfully activated ESET File Security, the main program window will open and display your

current status in the Monitoring page. Some attention may be required initially, for example, you'll be asked if you want to be part of ESET LiveGrid®.

The main program window will also display notifications about other items, such as system updates (Windows Updates) or detection engine updates. When all items that require attention are resolved, the monitoring status will turn green and display the status **You are protected**.

You can activate your product from the main menu under **Help and support** > **Activate Product** or **Monitoring** status > **Product is not activated**.

#### **NOTE**

ESET Security Management Center is able to activate client computers silently using licenses made available by the administrator.

# **ESET Business Account**

ESET Business Account allows you to manage multiple licenses. If you do not have ESET Business Account, click **Create account** and you will be redirected to the ESET Business Account portal where you can register.

#### **NOTE**

For more information, see the <u>ESET Business Account (EBA)</u> User Guide.

If you are using Security Admin credentials and have forgotten your password, click **I forgot my password** and you will be redirected to the ESET License Administrator portal. Enter your email address and click **Submit** to confirm. After that you will obtain a message with instructions to reset your password.

# **Activation successful**

Activation was successful and ESET File Security is now activated. From now on, ESET File Security will receive regular updates to identify the latest threats and keep your computer safe. Click **Done** to finish product activation.

# **Activation failure**

Activation of ESET File Security was not successful. Make sure you have entered the proper **License Key** or attached an **Offline License**. If you have a different **Offline License**, please enter it again. To check the license key you entered, click **recheck the License Key** or **enter a different license**.

If you are unable to activate, see the activation troubleshooting wizard \( \overline{\pi} \).

# License

You will be prompted to select a license associated with your account that will be used for ESET File Security. Click **Continue** proceed with activation.

# Upgrading to a newer version

New versions of ESET File Security are issued to provide improvements or fix issues that cannot be resolved by automatic updates of program modules.

## **Upgrade methods:**

- Uninstall / Install Removing the older version before installing the new one. Download the latest version of ESET File Security. <a href="Export settings">Export settings</a> from your existing ESET File Security if you want to preserve configuration. Uninstall ESET File Security and restart the server. Perform a <a href="fresh installation">fresh installation</a> with the installer you have downloaded. <a href="mailto:lmport settings">lmport settings</a> to load your configuration. We recommend this procedure if you have a single server running ESET File Security.
- In-place An upgrade method without removing the existing version and installing the new ESET File Security over it.

#### **IMPORTANT**

It is necessary that you have **no pending Windows Updates** on your server, as well as **no pending restart** due to Windows Updates or for any other reason. If you try performing in-place upgrade with a pending Windows Updates or restart, the existing version of ESET File Security may not be removed correctly. You will also experience problems if you decide to remove the old version of ESET File Security manually afterward.

## **NOTE**

A server restart will be required during the upgrade of ESET File Security.

- Remote For use in large network environments managed by ESET Security Management Center. This is basically a clean upgrade method, but carried out remotely. It is useful if you have multiple servers running ESET File Security.
- <u>ESET Cluster wizard</u> Can also be used as an upgrade method. We recommend this method for 2 or more servers with ESET File Security. This is basically an in-place upgrade method, but carried out via ESET Cluster. Once the upgrade is completed, you can continue using <u>ESET Cluster</u> and take advantage of its features.

## **NOTE**

Once you've upgraded your ESET File Security, we recommend you to go through all the settings to make sure it is configured correctly and according to your needs.

# **Upgrading via ESMC**

<u>ESET Security Management Center</u> allows you to upgrade multiple servers that are running older version of ESET File Security. This method has the advantage of upgrading large number of servers at the same time while making sure each ESET File Security is configured identically (if this is desired).

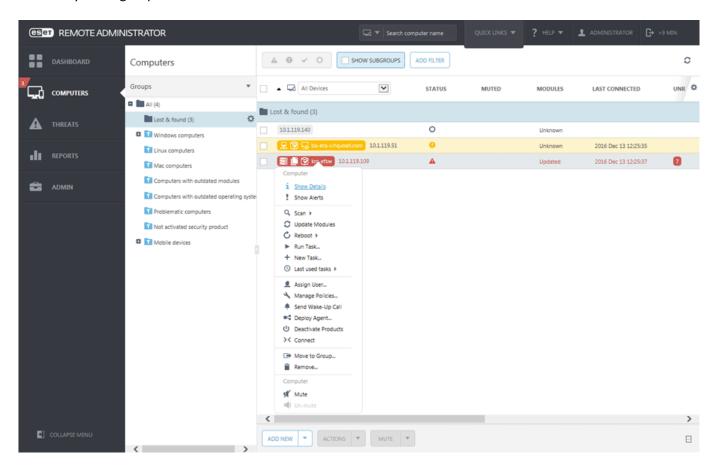
The procedure consists of the following phases:

• **Upgrade the first server** manually by installing the latest version of ESET File Security over your existing version in order to preserve all of the configuration including rules, numerous whitelists and blacklists, etc. This phase is performed locally on the server running ESET File Security.

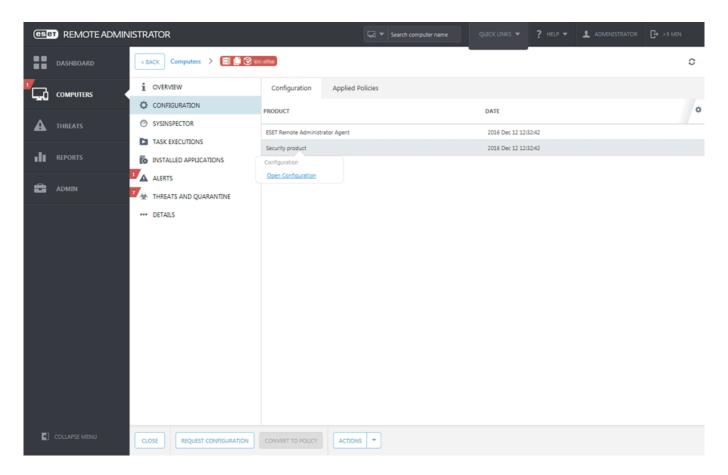
- **Request configuration** of the newly upgraded ESET File Security to version 7.x and **Convert to policy** in ESET Security Management Center. The policy will later be applied to all upgraded servers. This phase is performed remotely using ESMC as well as the following phases.
- Run Software Uninstall task on all servers running old version of ESET File Security.
- Run Software Install task on all servers which you want the latest version ESET File Security to run.
- Assign configuration policy to all the servers running the latest version ESET File Security.

## Step-by-step procedure:

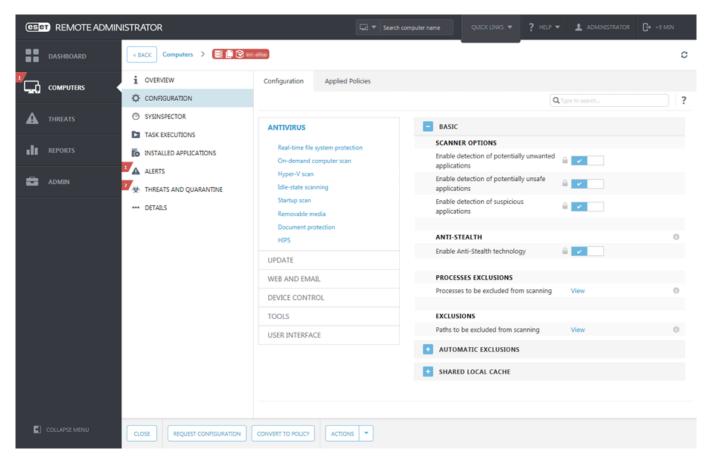
- 1.Log onto one of the servers running ESET File Security and upgrade it by downloading and installing the latest version over your existing one. Follow the <u>steps for regular installation</u>. All of the original configuration of your old ESET File Security will be preserved during the installation.
- 2.Open the **ESET Security Management Center Web Console**, select a client computer from a Static or Dynamic group and click **Show Details**.



3. Navigate to <u>Configuration</u> ✓ tab and click the **Request configuration** button to collect all configuration of managed product. It will take a moment to get the configuration. Once the latest configuration appears in the list, click **Security product** and choose **Open Configuration**.



4. Create configuration policy by clicking **Convert to policy** button. Enter the **Name** for a new policy and click **Finish**.



5. Navigate to **Client Tasks** and choose <u>Software Uninstall</u> **Z** task. When creating the uninstall task, we recommend you to reboot the server after the uninstallation by selecting the check box **Automatically** 

reboot when needed. Once the task is created, add all desired target computers for uninstallation.

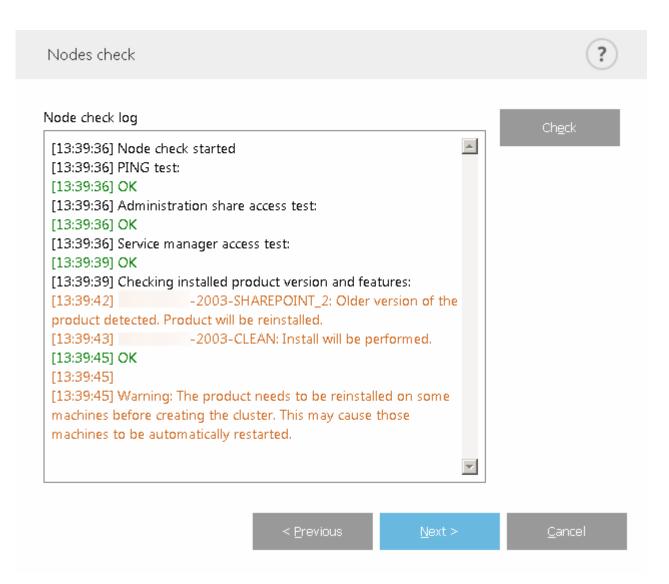
- 6. Make sure ESET File Security is uninstalled from all the targets.
- 7.Create <u>Software Install</u> 2 task in order to install the latest version of ESET File Security to all desired targets.
- 8. **Assign configuration policy** to all the servers running ESET File Security, ideally to a group.

# **Upgrading via ESET Cluster**

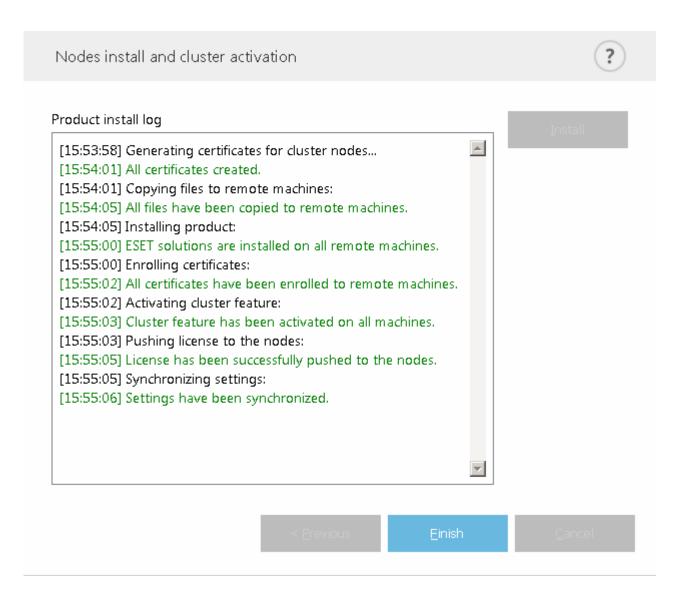
Creating an <u>ESET Cluster</u> lets you upgrade multiple servers using older versions of ESET File Security. It is an alternative to the <u>ESMC upgrade</u>. We recommend using the ESET Cluster method if you have 2 or more servers with ESET File Security in your environment. Another benefit of this upgrade method is that you can continue using the <u>ESET Cluster</u> in so the configuration of ESET File Security will be synchronized on all member nodes.

# Follow the steps below to upgrade using this method:

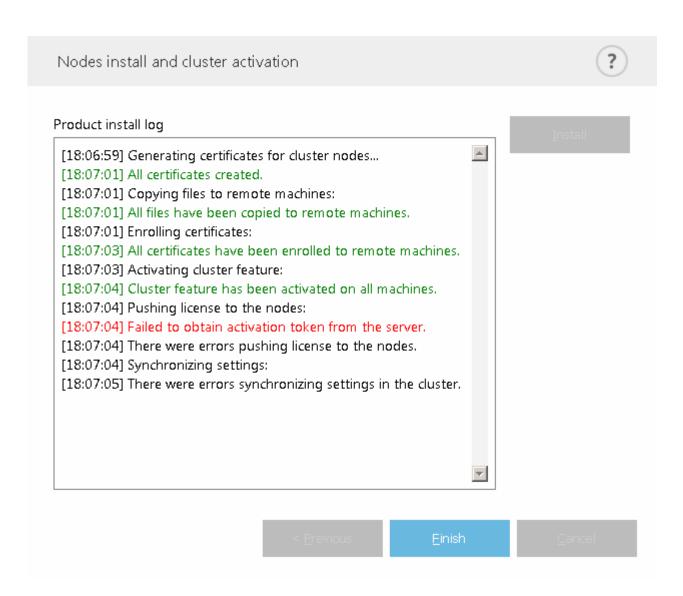
- 1.Log on to one of the servers running ESET File Security and upgrade it by downloading and installing the latest version over your existing one. Follow the <u>steps for regular installation</u>. All of the original configuration of your old ESET File Security will be preserved during the installation.
- 2.Run the <u>ESET Cluster wizard</u> and add cluster nodes (servers you want to upgrade ESET File Security on). If required, you can add other servers that do not run ESET File Security yet (an installation will be performed on these). We recommend that you to leave the default settings in place when specifying your <u>Cluster name and install type</u> (make sure **Push license to nodes without activated product** is selected).
- 3. Review the **Nodes check log** screen. It will list servers with older product versions and that the product will be reinstalled. ESET File Security will also be installed on any added servers where it is not currently installed.



4. The **Nodes install and cluster activation** screen will display installation progress. When installation is successfully completed, it should finish with results similar to these:



If your network or DNS isn't configured correctly, you may receive the error message **Failed to obtain activation token from the server**. Try running the <u>ESET Cluster wizard</u> again. It will destroy the cluster and create a new one (without reinstalling the product) and activation should finish successfully this time. If the issue persists, check your network and DNS settings.



# Installation in cluster environment

You can deploy ESET File Security in a cluster environment (for example, in a Failover cluster). We recommend that you install ESET File Security on an active node and then redistribute the installation on passive node(s) using the <a href="ESET Cluster">ESET Cluster</a> feature of ESET File Security. Apart from the installation, the ESET Cluster will serve as a replication of ESET File Security configuration to ensures consistency between cluster nodes necessary for correct operation.

# **Terminal Server**

If you are installing ESET File Security on a Windows Server that acts as a Terminal Server, you may want to disable the ESET File Security GUI to prevent it from starting up every time a user logs in. See <u>Disable GUI on Terminal Server</u> for specific steps to disable the GUI.

# **Getting started**

The following part should help you get started with ESET File Security.

#### **Monitoring**

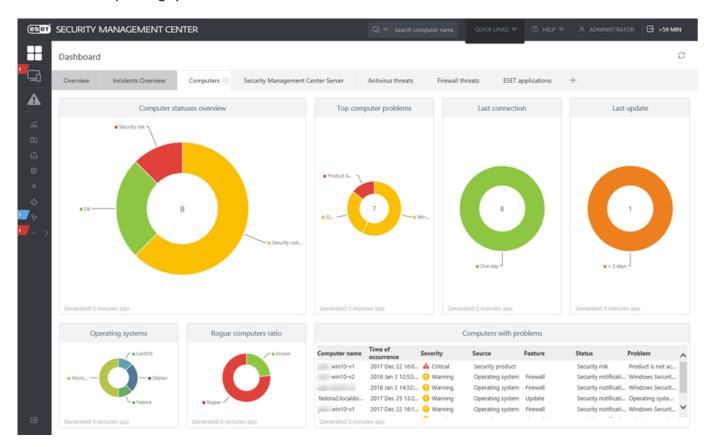
Gives you an immediate overview of the current status of ESET File Security. At the first glance, you will see if there any issues that require your attention.

Managed via ESET Security Management Center

You can use ESET Security Management Center to remotely manage ESET File Security.

# Managed via ESET Security Management Center

ESET Security Management Center (ESMC) is an application that allows you to manage ESET products in a networked environment from one central location. The ESET Security Management Center task management system allows you to install ESET security solutions on remote computers and quickly respond to new problems and threats. ESET Security Management Center does not provide protection against malicious code on its own, it relies on the presence of ESET security solutions on each client. ESET security solutions support networks that include multiple platform types. Your network can include a combination of current Microsoft, Linux-based, Mac OS and mobile operating systems.



For more information about ESMC, see ESET Security Management Center Online help ...

# **Monitoring**

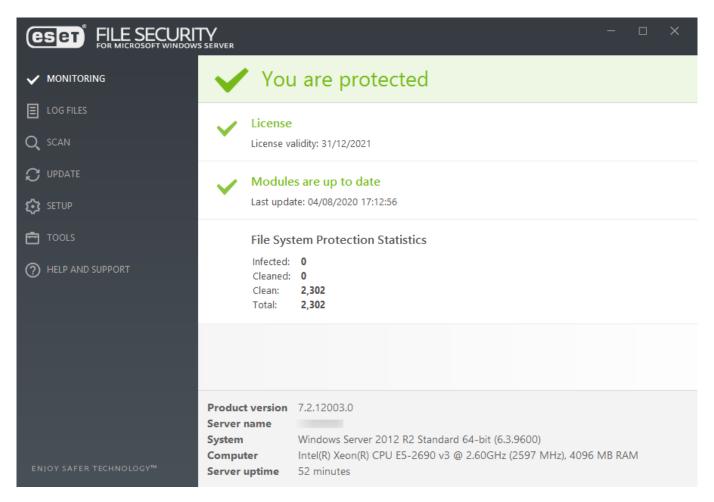
The protection status shown in the **Monitoring** section informs you about the current protection level of your computer. A status summary about the operation of ESET File Security will be displayed in the primary window.

**✓** The green **You are protected** status indicates that maximum protection is ensured.

🚹 The red icon indicates critical problems - maximum protection of your computer is not ensured. For a list of

possible protection statuses see the Status section.

• The orange icon indicates that your ESET product requires attention for a non-critical problem.



Modules that are working properly are assigned a green check. Modules that are not fully functional are assigned a red exclamation point or an orange notification icon. Additional information about the module is shown in the upper part of the window. A suggested solution for fixing the module is also displayed. To change the status of an individual module, click Setup in the main menu and then click the desired module.

The Monitoring page also contains information about your system including:

- Product version version number of ESET File Security.
- Server Name machine Hostname or FQDN.
- System operating system details.
- Computer hardware details.
- Server uptime shows how long the system is up and running, basically the opposite of downtime.

If you are unable to solve a problem using the suggested solutions, click **Help and support** to access the help files or search the <u>ESET Knowledgebase</u> . If you still need assistance, you can <u>Submit support request</u> . ESET Technical Support will respond quickly to your questions and help find a resolution.

# **Status**

A status summary for ESET File Security will be displayed in the primary window with detailed information about your system. Normally, when everything is working without any issues, the protection status is very green.



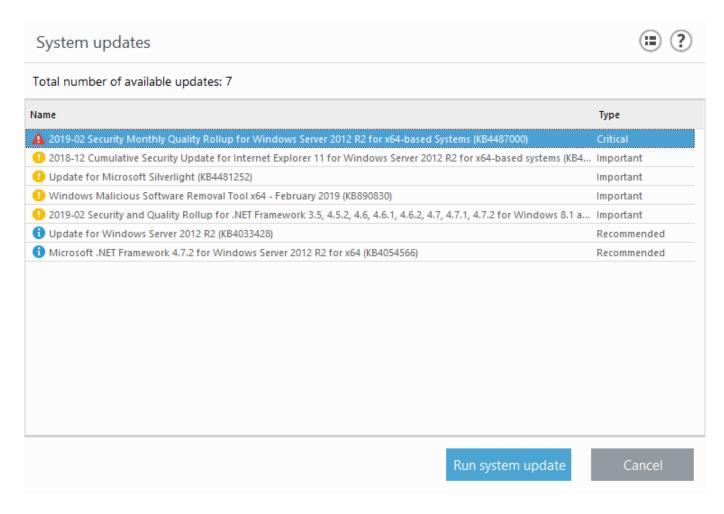
However, the protection status might change in certain circumstances. Protection status will change to orange or A red warning message will be displayed if one of the following occurs:

Warning message	Warning message detail
Detection of potentially unwanted application is not configured ☑	A potentially unwanted application (PUA) is a program that contains adware, installs toolbars or has other unclear objectives. There are some situations where a user may feel that the benefits of a potentially unwanted application outweigh the risks.
Real-time file system protection is paused	Click <u>Enable Real-time protection</u> in the <b>Monitoring</b> tab or re-enable <b>Real-time file system protection</b> in the <u>Setup</u> tab of the main program window.
Anti-Phishing protection is non- functional	This feature is not functional because other required program modules are not active.
ESET LiveGrid® is disabled	This problem is indicated when <u>ESET LiveGrid®</u> disabled in <b>Advanced setup</b> .
Protocol filtering is disabled	Click Enable Protocol filtering to re-enable this feature.
Operating system is not up to date	The System updates window shows the list of available updates ready to be downloaded and installed.
Your device will soon lose protection	Click <u>See your options</u> for details how to update your version of Microsoft Windows. If you are running <b>Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1</b> or <b>Microsoft Windows Small Business Server 2011 SP1</b> ensure your system is compatible with SHA-2. Apply the patches according to your particular operating system version.
Presentation mode is enabled	All pop-up windows will be suppressed and scheduled tasks paused.
Network attack protection (IDS) is paused	Click Enable Network attack protection (IDS) to re-enable this feature.
Botnet protection is paused	Click Enable Botnet protection to re-enable this feature.
Web access protection is paused	Click <u>Enable Web access protection</u> in the <b>Monitoring</b> or re-enable <b>Web access protection</b> in the <u>Setup</u> pane of the main program window.
Device control is paused	Click Enable Device control to re-enable this feature.
Product not activated or License expired	This is indicated by the protection status icon turning red. The program is not able to update after the license expires. Follow the instructions in the alert window to renew your license.
Policy override active	The configuration set by the policy is temporarily overridden, possibly until troubleshooting is complete. If you are managing ESET File Security using ESMC and have a policy assigned to it, the status link will be locked (grayed out) depending on what features belong to the policy.

If you are unable to solve a problem, search the **ESET Knowledgebase** . If you still need assistance, you can Submit support request . ESET Technical Support will respond quickly to your questions and help find a resolution.

# Windows update available

The System updates window shows the list of available updates ready to be downloaded and installed. The update priority level is shown next to the name of the update. Right-click any update row and click More **information** to display a pop-up window with additional info:



Click Run system update to open Windows Update window and proceed with system updates.

# **Network Isolation**

ESET File Security provides you with an option to block network connection of your server called network isolation. In some extreme scenarios, you may want to isolate a server from the network as preventive measure. For example, if you found the server has been infected with a malware or the machine has otherwise been compromised.

By activating the network isolation, all network traffic is blocked except the following:

- Connectivity to the Domain Controller remains
- ESET File Security is still able to communicate
- If present, ESET Management Agent and ESET Enterprise Inspector Agent can communicate over the network

Activate and deactivate network isolation using <u>eShell</u> command or <u>ESET Security Management Center</u> ✓ client task.

#### eShell

In interactive mode:

- Activate network isolation: network advanced set status-isolation enable
- Deactivate network isolation: network advanced set status-isolation disable

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 Shell network advanced>
ADVANCED
                                    PROTECTION
          -BLACKLIST
 Shell network>
                                DEUICE
                                                  CHEDULER
                                                 WEB-AND-EMAIL
                         set status-isolation enable Enabled
Shell>network advanced
Network isolation:
eShell>network advanced set status-isolation disable
Network isolation:
eShell>
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Alternatively, you can create and run a batch file using Batch / Script mode.

## **ESET Security Management Center**

- Activate network isolation via <u>client task</u>
- Deactivate network isolation via <u>client task</u>

When network isolation is activated, ESET File Security status changes to red with a message **Network access blocked**.

# **Using ESET File Security**

This part contains detailed description of the program's user interface, and aims to explain how to use your ESET File Security.

The user interface enables you to quickly access commonly used features:

- Monitoring
- Log files
- Scan
- Update
- Setup
- Tools

# Scan

The On-demand scanner is an important part of ESET File Security. It is used to perform scans of files and folders on your computer. To ensure the security of your network, it is essential that computer scans are not just run when an infection is suspected, but regularly as part of routine security measures. We recommend that you perform regular (for example, once a month) in-depth scans of your system to detect viruses not detected by

<u>Real-time file system protection</u>. This can occur if a threat is introduced when Real-time file system protection is disabled, the detection engine has not been updated, or if a file was not detected when it was first saved to the disk.

Select available On-demand scans for ESET File Security:

## Storage scan

Scans all shared folders on the local server. If Storage scan is not available, there are no shared folders on your server.

#### Scan your computer

Allows you to quickly launch a computer scan and clean infected files with no need for user intervention. The advantage of Scan your computer is that it is easy to operate and does not require detailed scanning configuration. Scan checks all files on local drives and automatically cleans or deletes detected infiltrations. The cleaning level is automatically set to the default value. For more detailed information on types of cleaning, see <a href="Cleaning">Cleaning</a>.

#### **NOTE**

We recommend that you run a computer scan at least once a month. Scanning can be configured as a scheduled task.

#### **Custom scan**

Custom scan is an optimal solution if you want to specify scanning parameters such as scan targets and scanning methods. The advantage of Custom scan is the ability to configure scan parameters in detail. Configurations can be saved to user-defined scan profiles, which can be useful if scanning is repeatedly performed using the same parameters.

## Removable media scan

Similar to Smart scan - quickly launch a scan of removable media (such as CD/DVD/USB) that are connected to the computer. This may be useful when you connect a USB flash drive to a computer and want to scan its content for malware and other potential threats. This type of scan can also be initiated by clicking **Custom scan** and then selecting **Removable media** from the **Scan targets** drop-down menu and clicking **Scan**.

#### Hyper-V scan

This option is only visible in the menu if Hyper-V Manager is installed on the server that runs ESET File Security. Hyper-V scan allows for scanning of Virtual Machine (VM) disks on Microsoft Hyper-V Server ✓ without the need to have any "Agent" installed on the particular VM.

## OneDrive scan

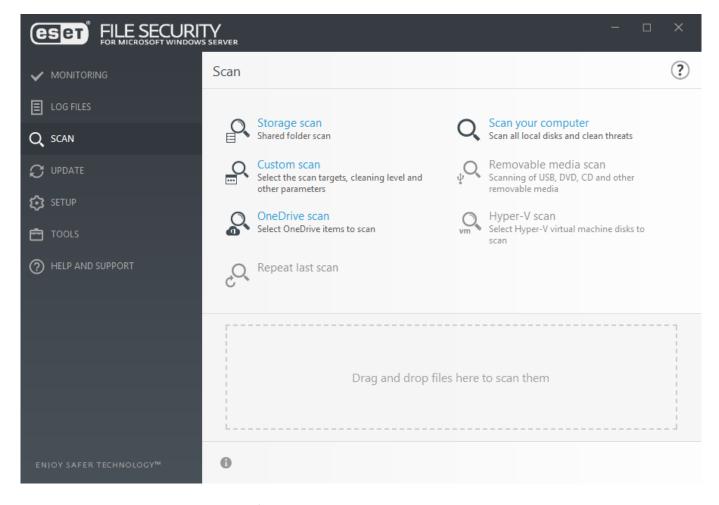
Enables you to scan user's files located on OneDrive cloud storage.

## Repeat last scan

Repeats your last scan operation using exactly the same settings.

## NOTE

Repeat last scan function is not available if On-demand database scan is present.



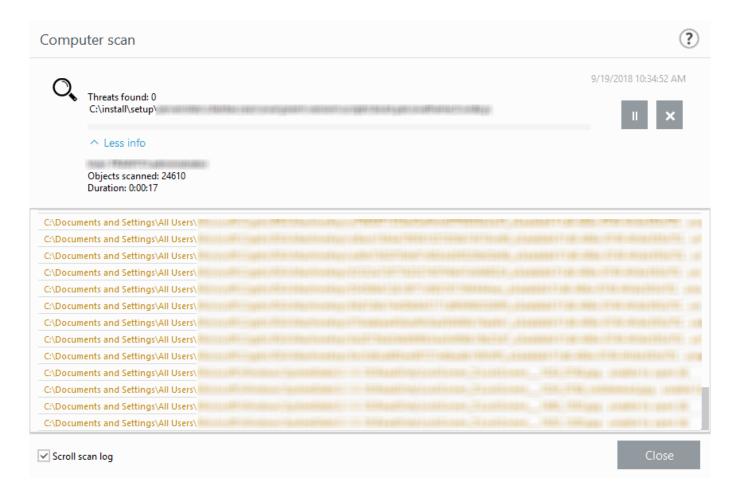
You can use options and shows more information about the scan statuses:

Drag and drop files	You can also drag and drop files into the ESET File Security scan window. These files will be virus scanned immediately.
Dismiss/ Dismiss all	Dismissing of give messages.
Scan statuses	Show the status of initial scan. This scan has finished completed or has been interrupted by user.
Show log	Shows more detailed information.
More info	During a scan to see details such as the <b>User</b> who executed the scan, number of <b>Objects</b> scanned and the scan <b>Duration</b> .
Open scan windows	The scan progress window shows the current status of the scan and information about the number of files found that contain malicious code.

# Scan window and scan log

The scan window shows currently scanned objects including their location, number of threats found (if any), number of scanned objects and scan duration. The bottom part of the window is a scan log that shows detection engine version number, date and time when the scan started and target selection.

Once the scan is in progress, you can click **Pause** if you want to temporarily interrupt the scan. **Resume** option is available when the scan process is paused.



## Scroll scan log

Leave this option enabled to auto scroll old logs and view active logs in the Log files window.

## **NOTE**

It is normal that some files, such as password protected files or files exclusively being used by the system (typically *pagefile.sys* and certain log files), cannot be scanned.

After the scan has finished, you will see the scan log with all relevant information related to the particular scan.

## Computer scan Scan Log Version of detection engine: 18075 (20180919) Date: 9/19/2018 Time: 10:34:23 AM Scanned disks, folders and files: C:\Program Files\Microsoft C:\Users\All Users\Microsoft\ Filtering

Click the switch icon Filtering to open Log filtering window where you can define filtering or search criteria. To view the context menu, right-click a specific log entry:

Action	Usage	Shortcut	See also
Filter same records	This activates log filtering, showing only records of the same type as the one selected.	Ctrl + Shift + F	
Filter	After clicking this option, the Log filtering window will allow you to define filtering criteria for specific log entries.		Log filtering
Enable filter	Activates filter settings. The first time you activate filtering, you must define settings.		
Disable filter	Turns filtering off (same as clicking the switch at the bottom).		
Сору	Copies information of selected/highlighted record(s) into the clipboard.	Ctrl + C	
Copy all	Copies information from all records in the window.		
Export	Exports information of selected/highlighted record(s) into an XML file.		
Export all	Exports all the information in the window into an XML file.		

# Log files

Log files contain information about important program events that have occurred, provide an overview of scan results, detected threats, etc. Logs are an essential tool in system analysis, threat detection and troubleshooting. Logging is performed actively in the background with no user interaction. Information is recorded based on the current log verbosity settings. It is possible to view text messages and logs directly from the ESET File Security environment or export them for viewing elsewhere.

Choose the appropriate log type from the drop-down menu. The following logs are available:

#### **Detections**

The Detections log offers detailed information about infiltrations detected by ESET File Security modules. The information includes the time of detection, name of infiltration, location, the performed action and the name of the user logged in at the time the infiltration was detected. Double-click any log entry to display its details in a separate window. If required, you can create a <u>detection exclusion</u> – right-click a log record (detection) and click **Create exclusion**. This will open the <u>exclusion wizard</u> with pre-defined criteria. If there is a name of a detection next to an excluded file, it means that the file is only excluded for the given detection. If that file becomes infected later with other malware, it will be detected.

#### **Events**

All important actions performed by ESET File Security are recorded in the event log. The event log contains information about events and errors that have occurred in the program. It is designed to help system administrators and users resolve problems. Often the information found here can help you find a solution for a problem occurring in the program.

#### Computer scan

All scan results are displayed in this window. Each line corresponds to a single computer control. Double-click any entry to view the details of the respective scan.

#### **Blocked files**

Contains records of files that were blocked and could not be accessible. The protocol shows the reason and the source module that blocked the file, as well as the application and user that executed the file.

### Sent files

Contains records of files Cloud-based protection, ESET Dynamic Threat Defense and ESET LiveGrid®.

#### **HIPS**

Contains records of specific rules that are marked for recording. The protocol shows the application that called the operation, the result (whether the rule was permitted or prohibited) and the name of the rule created.

### **Network protection**

Contains records of files that were blocked by Botnet protection and IDS (Network attack protection).

#### Filtered websites

List of websites that were blocked by <u>Web access protection</u>. These logs display the time, URL, user and application that opened a connection to the particular website.

### **Device control**

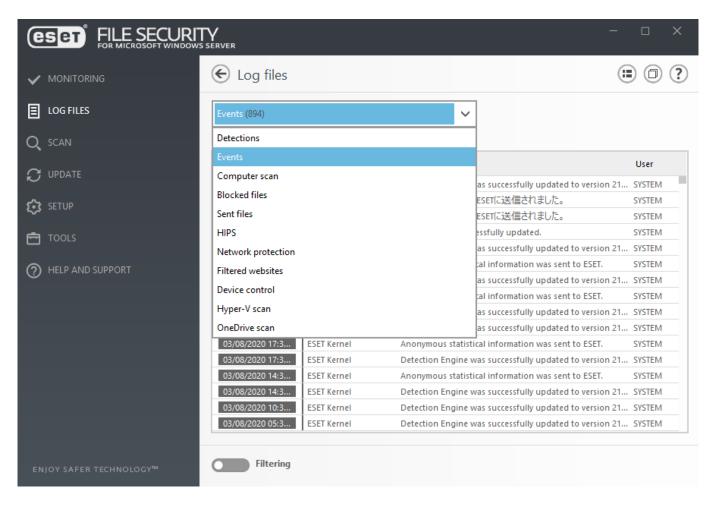
Contains records of removable media or devices that were connected to the computer. Only devices with a Device control rule will be recorded to the log file. If the rule does not match a connected device, a log entry for a connected device will not be created. Here you can also see details such as device type, serial number, vendor name and media size (if available).

## Hyper-V scan

Contains a list of Hyper-V scan results. Double-click any entry to view the details of the respective scan.

#### **OneDrive scan**

Contains a list of OneDrive scan results.



Context menu (right-click) enables you to choose an action with selected log record:

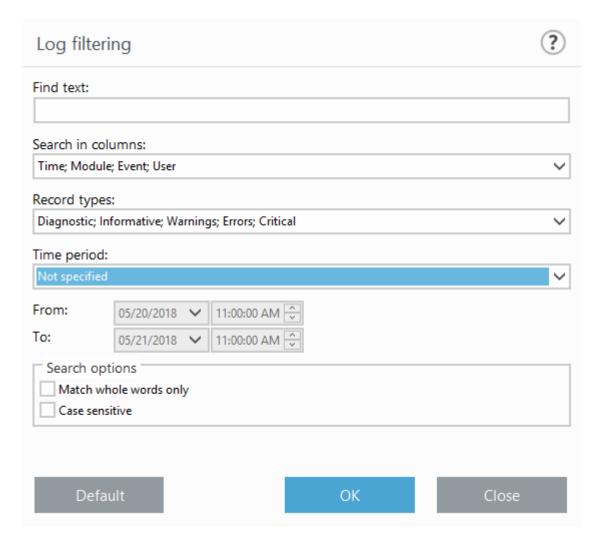
Action	Usage	Shortcut	See also
Show	Shows more detailed information about the selected log in a new window (same as double-click).		
Filter same records	This activates log filtering, showing only records of the same type as the one selected.	Ctrl + Shift + F	
Filter	After clicking this option, the Log filtering window will allow you to define filtering criteria for specific log entries.		Log filtering
Enable filter	Activates filter settings. The first time you activate filtering, you must define settings.		
Disable filter	Turns filtering off (same as clicking the switch at the bottom).		
Сору	Copies information of selected/highlighted record(s) into the clipboard.	Ctrl + C	
Copy all	Copies information from all records in the window.		
Delete	Deletes selected/highlighted record(s) - this action requires administrator privileges.	Del	

Action	Usage	Shortcut	See also
Delete all	Deletes all record(s) in the window - this action requires administrator privileges.		
Export	Exports information of selected/highlighted record(s) into an XML file.		
Export all	Exports all the information in the window into an XML file.		
Find	Opens Find in log window and lets you define search criteria. You can use the find feature to locate a specific record even while filtering is on.	Ctrl + F	Find in log
Find next	Finds the next occurrence of your defined search criteria.	F3	
Find previous	Finds the previous occurrence.	Shift + F3	
Create exclusion	To exclude objects from cleaning using the detection name, path or its hash.		<u>Create</u> <u>exclusion</u>

# Log filtering

The log filtering feature will help you find the information you are looking for, especially when there are many records. It lets you narrow down log records, for example, if you are looking for a specific type of event, status or time period. You can filter log records by specifying certain search options, only records that are relevant (according to those search options) will be displayed in the Log files window.

Type the keyword you are searching for into the **Find text** field. Use the **Search in columns** drop-down menu to refine your search. Choose one or more record from the **Record log types** drop-down menu. Define the **Time period** from which you want the results to be displayed. You can also use further search options, such as **Match whole words only** or **Case sensitive**.



#### Find text

Type a string (word, or part of a word). Only records that contain this string will be shown. Other records will be omitted.

#### Search in columns

Select what columns will be taken into account when searching. You can check one or more columns to be used for searching.

### **Record types**

Choose one or more log record types from the drop-down menu:

- Diagnostic Logs information needed to fine-tune the program and all records above.
- **Informative** Records informative messages, including successful update messages, plus all records above.
- Warnings Records critical errors and warning messages.
- Errors Errors such as "Error downloading file" and critical errors will be recorded.
- Critical Logs only critical errors.

## Time period

Define the time period from which you want the results to be displayed:

- Not specified (default) Does not search within time period, searches the whole log.
- Last day
- Last week
- Last month
- **Time period** You can specify the exact time period (From: and To:) to filter only the records of the specified time period.

### Match whole words only

Use the check box if you want to search whole words for more precise results.

#### Case sensitive

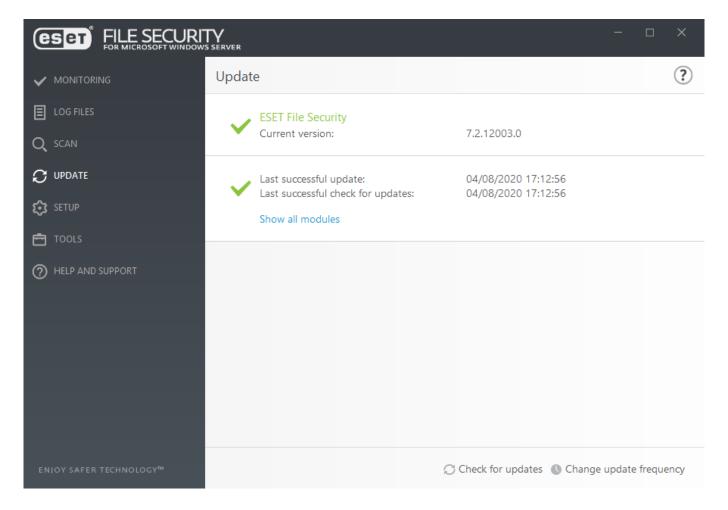
Enable this option if it is important for you to use capital or lower case letters while filtering. Once you have configured your filtering/search options, click **OK** to show filtered log records or **Find** to start searching. The log files are searched from top to bottom, starting from your current position (the record that is highlighted). The search stops when it finds the first corresponding record. Press **F3** to search for the next record or right-click and select **Find** to refine your search options.

# **Update**

In the Update section, you can see the current update status of your ESET File Security, including the date and time of the last successful update. Regularly updating ESET File Security is the best method to maintain the maximum level of security on your server. The Update module ensures that the program is always up to date in two ways, by updating detection engine and system components. Updating detection engine and program components is an important part of providing complete protection against malicious code.

#### **NOTE**

If you did not enter <u>License key</u> yet, you will not be able to receive updates and will be prompted to activate your product. To do so, navigate to **Help and support** > **Activate Product**.



### **Current version**

The ESET File Security build version.

### Last successful update

The date of the last update. Make sure it refers to a recent date, which means that the modules is current.

## Last successful check for updates

The date of the last attempt to update modules.

#### Show all modules

To open the list of installed modules.

#### **Check for Updates**

Updating modules is important parts of maintaining complete protection against malicious code.

## Change update frequency

You can edit task timing for scheduler task Regular automatic update.

If you do not check for Updates as soon as possible, one of the following messages will be displayed:

Error message	Descriptions
Modules update is out of date	This error will appear after several unsuccessful attempts to module update. We recommend that you check the update settings. The most common reason for this error is incorrectly entered authentication data or incorrectly configured connection settings.
Modules update failed - Product is not activated	The license key has been entered incorrectly in update setup. We recommend that you check your authentication data. The <b>Advanced setup</b> (F5) contains additional update options. Click <b>Help and support</b> > <u>Manage license</u> from the main menu to enter a new license key.
An error occurred while downloading update files	This can be caused by <u>Internet connection settings</u> . We recommend that you check your Internet connectivity by opening any website in your web browser. If the website does not open, it is likely that an Internet connection is not established or there are connectivity problems with your computer. Please check with your Internet Service Provider (ISP) if you do not have an active Internet connection.
Modules update failed Error 0073	Click <b>Update</b> > <b>Check for updates</b> , for more information visit this <u>Knowledgebase</u> <u>article</u> ☑.

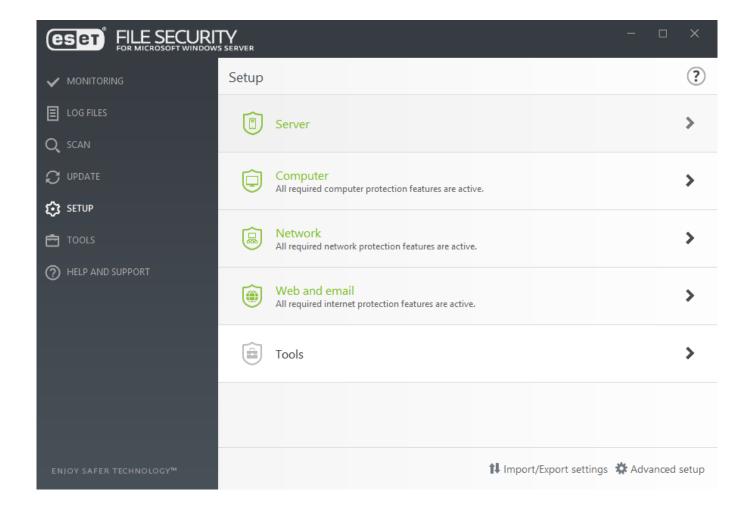
## NOTE

Proxy server options for various update profiles may differ. If this is the case, configure the different update profiles in **Advanced setup (F5)** by clicking **Update** > <u>Profile</u>.

# Setup

The Setup menu window contains the following sections:

- <u>Server</u>
- Computer
- Network
- Web and email
- Tools Diagnostic logging



To temporarily disable individual modules, next to the appropriate module, click the green slider bar ———. This may decrease the protection level of your server.

To re-enable the protection of a disabled security component, next to the appropriate module, click the red slider bar . The component is returned to an enabled state.

To access detailed settings of a specific security component, click the gear icon ...

## **Import/Export settings**

Load setup parameters using an .xml configuration file or save the current setup parameters to a configuration file.

#### Advanced setup

Configure advanced settings and options based on your needs. To access the **Advanced setup** screen from anywhere in the program, press **F5**.

## Server

You will see a list of components that you can enable/disable using the slider bar ———. To configure settings for a specific item, click the gear icon ...

## **Automatic exclusions**

Identifies critical server applications and server operating system files and automatically adds them to the list of <u>exclusions</u>. This functionality will minimize the risk of potential conflicts and increase the overall performance of the server when running threat detection software.

#### Cluster

To configure and activate the ESET Cluster.

#### OneDrive scan setup

You can register or unregister ESET OneDrive scanner application from Microsoft OneDrive.

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# **Computer**

ESET File Security has all of the necessary components to ensure significant protection of the server as a computer. This module allows you to enable/disable and configure the following components:

#### Real-time file system protection

All files are scanned for malicious code when they are opened, created or run on your computer. For Real-time file system protection, there is also an option to **Configure** or **Edit exclusions** which will open the <u>exclusions</u> setup window where you can exclude files and folders from scanning.

## **Device control**

This module allows you to scan, block or adjust extended filters/permissions and define a user's ability to access and work with a given device.

### **Host Intrusion Prevention System (HIPS)**

System monitors events that occur within the operating system and reacts to them according to a customized set of rules.

- Advanced memory scanner
- Exploit blocker
- Ransomware shield

#### Presentation mode

A feature for users that demand uninterrupted usage of their software, do not want to be disturbed by popup windows, and want to minimize CPU usage. You will receive a warning message (potential security risk) and the main program window will turn orange after enabling Presentation mode.

### Pause Antivirus and antispyware protection

Any time that you temporarily disable Antivirus and antispyware protection, you can select the period of time for which you want the selected component to be disabled using the drop-down menu and then click **Apply** to disable the security component. To re-enable protection, click **Enable Antivirus and antispyware protection** or enable using the slider bar.

To temporarily disable individual modules, next to the appropriate module, click the green slider bar ———. This may decrease the protection level of your server.

To re-enable the protection of a disabled security component, next to the appropriate module, click the red slider bar . The component is returned to an enabled state.

To access detailed settings of a specific security component, click the gear icon ...

#### **Import/Export settings**

Load setup parameters using an .xml configuration file or save the current setup parameters to a configuration file.

#### Advanced setup

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## **Network**

This is accomplished by allowing or denying individual network connections based on your filtering rules. It provides protection against attacks from remote computers and blocks some potentially dangerous services.

The Network module allows you to enable/disable and configure the following components:

## Network attack protection (IDS)

Analyzes the content of network traffic and protects from network attacks. Traffic that is considered harmful will be blocked.

#### **Botnet protection**

Detection and blocking of **Botnet Communication**. Quickly and accurately identifies malware in the system.

#### Temporary IP address blacklist (blocked addresses)

View a list of IP addresses that have been detected as the source of attacks and added to the blacklist to block connection for a certain period of time.

#### Troubleshooting wizard (recently blocked applications or devices)

Helps you resolve connectivity problems caused by network attack protection.

To temporarily disable individual modules, next to the appropriate module, click the green slider bar ———. This may decrease the protection level of your server.

To re-enable the protection of a disabled security component, next to the appropriate module, click the red slider bar . The component is returned to an enabled state.

To access detailed settings of a specific security component, click the gear icon ...

### **Import/Export settings**

Load setup parameters using an .xml configuration file or save the current setup parameters to a configuration file.

#### Advanced setup

Configure advanced settings and options based on your needs. To access the **Advanced setup** screen from anywhere in the program, press **F5**.

# **Network troubleshooting wizard**

The troubleshooting wizard monitors all blocked connections, and will guide you through the troubleshooting process to correct network attack protection issues with specific applications or devices. Next, the wizard will suggest a new set of rules to be applied if you approve them.

## Web and email

Web and email allows you to enable/disable and configure the following components:

## Web access protection

If enabled, all HTTP or HTTPS traffic is scanned for malicious software.

#### **Email client protection**

Monitors communication received through the POP3 and IMAP protocols.

#### **Anti-Phishing protection**

Protects you from attempts to acquire passwords, banking data and other sensitive information by illegitimate websites disguised as legitimate ones.

To temporarily disable individual modules, next to the appropriate module, click the green slider bar ———. This may decrease the protection level of your server.

To re-enable the protection of a disabled security component, next to the appropriate module, click the red slider bar . The component is returned to an enabled state.

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### **Import/Export settings**

Load setup parameters using an .xml configuration file or save the current setup parameters to a configuration file.

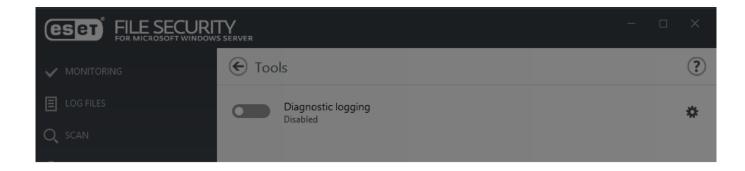
#### Advanced setup

Configure advanced settings and options based on your needs. To access the **Advanced setup** screen from anywhere in the program, press **F5**.

# **Tools - Diagnostic logging**

You can enable <u>Diagnostic logging</u> when you need detailed information about the behavior of a specific ESET File Security feature, for example, when troubleshooting. When you click the gear icon , you can configure for what <u>features</u> should diagnostic logs be collected.

Choose how long it will be enabled (10 minutes, 30 minutes, 1 hour, 4 hours, 24 hours, until next server restart or permanently). Once diagnostic logging is turned on, ESET File Security will be collecting detailed logs according to what features are enabled.



### **Enable Diagnostic logging?**

Enable Diagnostic logging for selected time period.



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### Import/Export settings

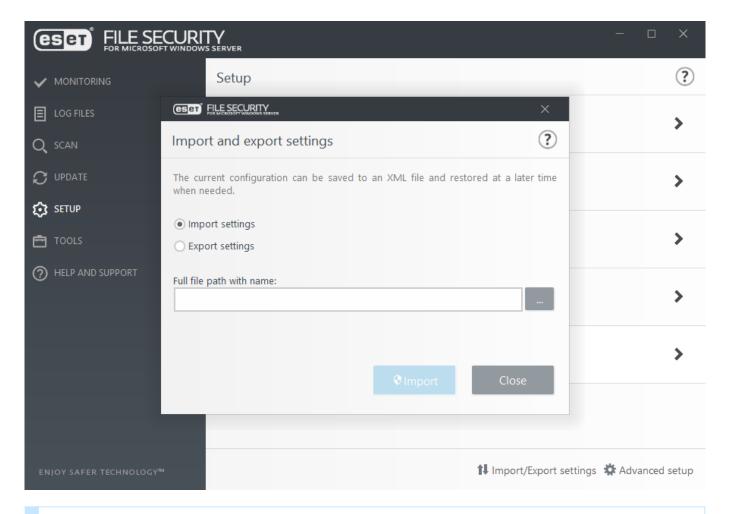
Load setup parameters using an .xml configuration file or save the current setup parameters to a configuration file.

#### Advanced setup

Configure advanced settings and options based on your needs. To access the **Advanced setup** screen from anywhere in the program, press **F5**.

# Import and export settings

Import/export settings feature is useful if you need to back up current configuration of your ESET File Security. You can also use the import feature to distribute/apply the same settings to other server(s) with ESET File Security. Settings are exported to an .xml file.



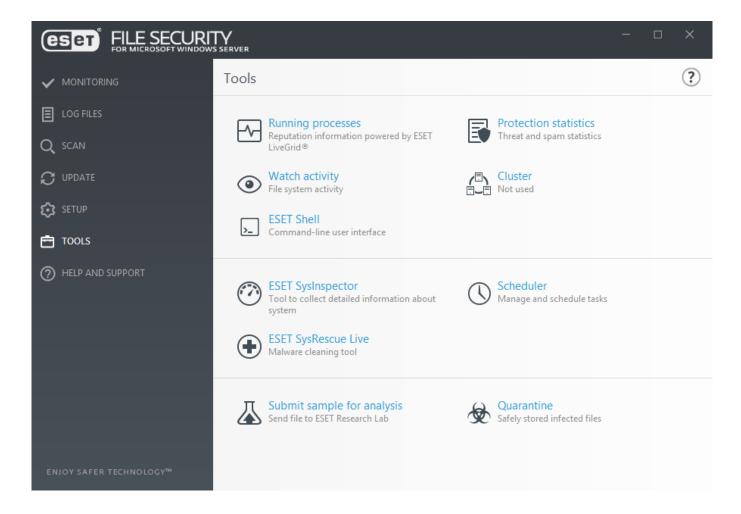
#### NOTE

If you do not have rights to write the exported file to specified directory, you may encounter an error when exporting settings.

## **Tools**

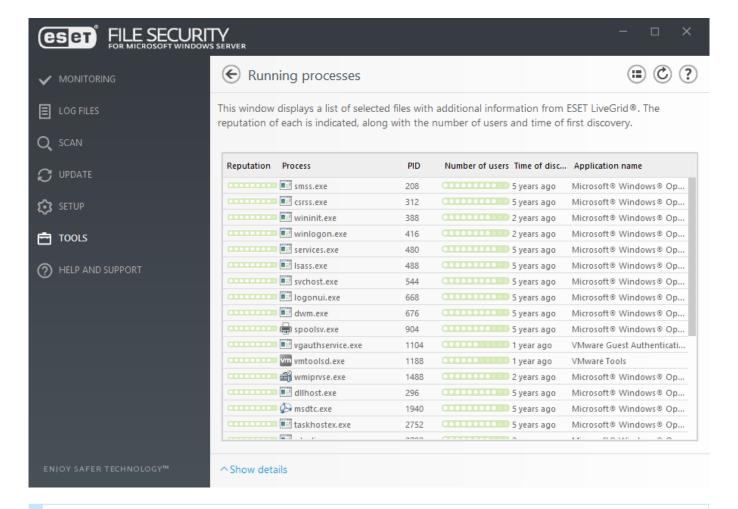
The following features are available for ESET File Security administration:

- Running processes
- Watch activity
- Protection statistics
- Cluster
- ESET Shell
- ESET Dynamic Threat Defense
- ESET SysInspector
- ESET SysRescue Live
- <u>Scheduler</u>
- Submit sample for analysis
- Quarantine



# **Running processes**

Running processes displays the running programs or processes on your computer and keeps ESET immediately and continuously informed about new infiltrations. ESET File Security provides detailed information on running processes to protect users with <a href="ESET LiveGrid">ESET LiveGrid</a>® technology enabled.



#### **NOTE**

Known applications marked as Best reputation (green) are clean (whitelisted) and will be excluded from scanning, as this will improve the scanning speed of on-demand computer scan or Real-time file system protection on your computer.

Reputation	In most cases, ESET File Security and ESET LiveGrid® technology determines object reputation using a series of heuristic rules that examine the characteristics of each object (files, processes, registry keys, etc.) and then weigh their potential for malicious activity. Based on these heuristics, objects are assigned a reputation level from 9 - best reputation (green) to 0 - worst reputation (red).
Process	Image name of the program or process that is currently running on your computer. You can also use the Windows Task Manager to see all running processes on your computer. You can open Task Manager by right-clicking an empty area on the taskbar and then clicking Task Manager, or by pressing Ctrl + Shift + Esc on your keyboard.
PID	Is an ID of processes running in Windows operating systems.
Number of users	The number of users that use a given application. This information is gathered by ESET LiveGrid® technology.
Time of discovery	Period of time since the application was discovered by ESET LiveGrid® technology.
Application name Given name of a program this process belongs to.	

#### **NOTE**

When an application is marked as Unknown (orange), it is not necessarily malicious software. Usually, it is just a newer application. If you are not sure about the file, use the <u>Submit sample for analysis</u> feature to send the file to the ESET Virus Lab. If the file turns out to be a malicious application, its detection will be added to one of the upcoming detection engine updates.

#### **Show details**

The following information will appear at the bottom of the window:

- Path Location of an application on your computer.
- Size File size either in kB (kilobytes) or MB (megabytes).
- **Description** File characteristics based on the description from the operating system.
- Company Name of the vendor or application process.
- Version Information from the application publisher.
- **Product** Application name and/or business name.
- Created on Date and time when an application was created.
- Modified on Last date and time when an application was modified.

#### Add to processes exclusions

Right-click a process in the Running processes window to exclude it from scanning. Its path will be added to the list of Processes exclusions.

## Watch activity

To Watch activity contain activity in graph form, select from drop-down menu following activity:

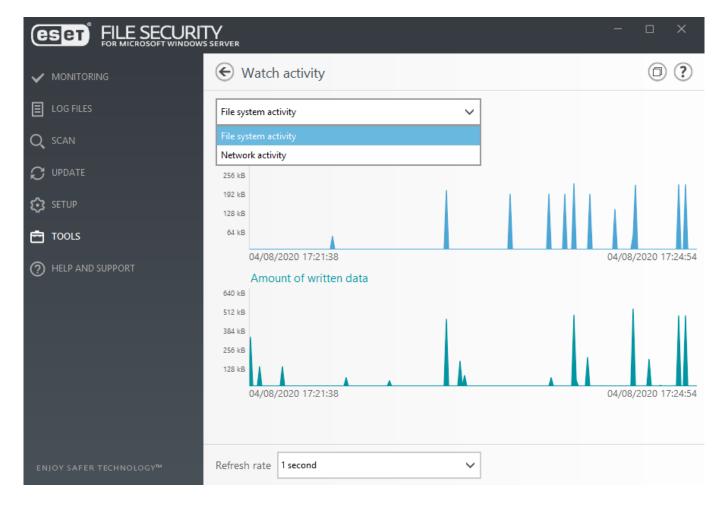
#### File system activity

Amount of read or written data. The vertical axis of graph represents read data (blue) and written data (green).

## **Network activity**

Amount of received of sent data. The vertical axis of graph represents received data (blue) and sent data (green).

At the bottom of the graph is a timeline that records file system activity in real-time based on the selected time span. Use the **Refresh rate** drop-down menu to change the frequency of updates.

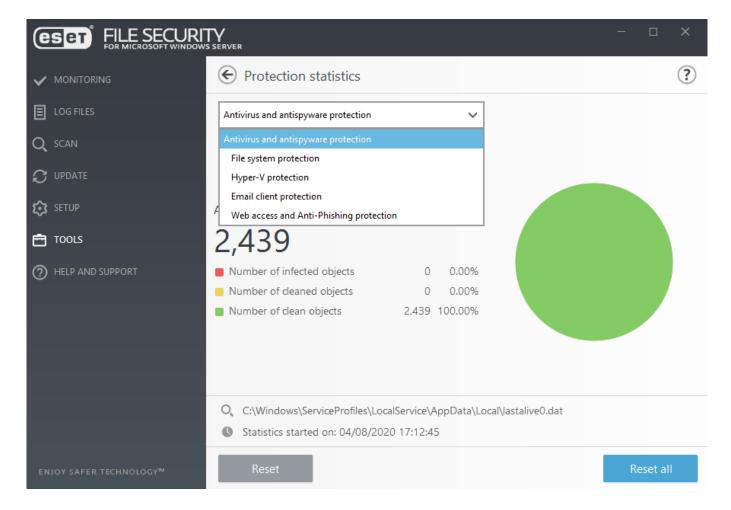


The following options are available:

1 second	The graph refreshes every second and the timeline covers the last 10 minutes.
1 minute (last 24 hours)	The graph is refreshed every minute and the timeline covers the last 24 hours.
1 hour (last month)	The graph is refreshed every hour and the timeline covers the last month.
1 hour (selected month)	The graph is refreshed every hour and the timeline covers the selected month. Select a month (and a year) from the drop-down menu to see activity. Click <b>Change</b> .

## **Protection statistics**

To view statistical data related to protection modules of ESET File Security, select the applicable protection module from the drop-down menu. The statistics include information such as the number of all scanned objects, number of infected objects, number of cleaned objects and the number of clean objects. Hover your mouse over an object next to the graph and only the data for that specific object will display in the graph. To clear statistics information for the current protection module, click **Reset**. To clear data for all modules, click **Reset all**.



The following statistic graphs are available in ESET File Security:

## Antivirus and antispyware protection

Displays the overall number of infected and cleaned objects.

## File system protection

Displays objects that were read or written to the file system only.

#### **Hyper-V protection**

Displays the overall number of infected, cleaned and clean objects (on systems with Hyper-V only).

## **Email client protection**

Displays objects that were sent or received by email clients only.

#### Web access and Anti-Phishing protection

Displays objects downloaded by web browsers only.

## Cluster

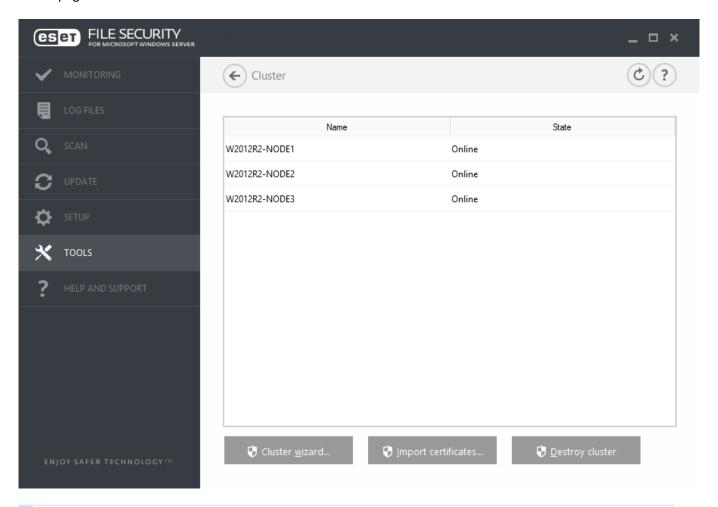
The **ESET Cluster** is a P2P communication infrastructure of the ESET line of products for Microsoft Windows Server.

This infrastructure enables ESET server products to communicate with each other and exchange data such as configuration and notifications, and can synchronize data necessary for correct operation of a group of product instances. An example of such group is a group of nodes in a Windows Failover Cluster or Network Load Balancing (NLB) Cluster with ESET products installed where there is a need to have the same configuration of the product across the whole cluster. ESET Cluster ensures this consistency between instances.

#### **NOTE**

Settings of the <u>User interface</u> are not synchronized between ESET Cluster nodes.

The ESET Cluster status page is accessible from the main menu in **Tools** > **Cluster** when properly configured, the status page should look like this:



#### NOTE

The creation of ESET Clusters between ESET File Security and ESET File Security for Linux is not supported.

When setting up the ESET Cluster, there two ways to add nodes:

#### **Autodetect**

If you have an existing Windows Failover Cluster / NLB Cluster, Autodetect will automatically add its member nodes to the ESET Cluster.

#### **Browse**

You can add nodes manually by typing in the server names (either members of the same Workgroup or members of the same Domain).

#### **NOTE**

**Servers don't** have to be members of a Windows Failover Cluster / NLB Cluster to use the ESET Cluster feature. A Windows Failover Cluster or NLB Cluster is not required in your environment for you to use ESET Clusters.

Once you have added nodes to your ESET Cluster, the next step is the installation of ESET File Security on each node. This is done automatically during ESET Cluster setup. Credentials that are required for remote installation of ESET File Security on other cluster nodes:

#### Domain scenario

Domain administrator credentials.

#### Workgroup scenario

You need to make sure that all nodes use the same local administrator account credentials.

In an ESET Cluster, you can also use a combination of nodes added automatically as members of an existing Windows Failover Cluster / NLB Cluster and nodes added manually (provided they are in the same Domain).

#### **IMPORTANT**

It is not possible to combine domain nodes with workgroup nodes.

Another requirement for the use of an ESET Cluster is that **File and Printer Sharing** must be enabled in Windows Firewall before pushing ESET File Security to ESET Cluster nodes.

You can add new nodes to an existing ESET Cluster anytime by running the <u>Cluster wizard</u>.

## **Import certificates**

Certificates are used to provide strong machine to machine authentication when HTTPS is used. There is an independent certificate hierarchy for each ESET Cluster. The hierarchy has one root certificate and a set of node certificates signed by the root certificate. The private key of the root certificate is destroyed after all node certificates are created. When you add a new node to the cluster a new certificate hierarchy is created. Navigate to the folder that contains the certificates (that were generated during Cluster wizard). Select the certificate file and click **Open**.

#### **Destroy cluster**

ESET Clusters can be dismantled. Each node will write a record in their event log about the ESET Cluster being destroyed. After that, all ESET firewall rules are removed from the Windows Firewall. Former nodes will be ted to their previous state and can be used again in another ESET Cluster if necessary.

## Cluster wizard - Select nodes

The first step when setting up an ESET Cluster is adding nodes. You can either use the **Autodetect** option or **Browse** to add nodes. Alternatively, you can type the server name into the text box and click **Add**.

#### **Autodetect**

Automatically adds nodes from an existing Windows Failover Cluster / Network Load Balancing (NLB) Cluster.

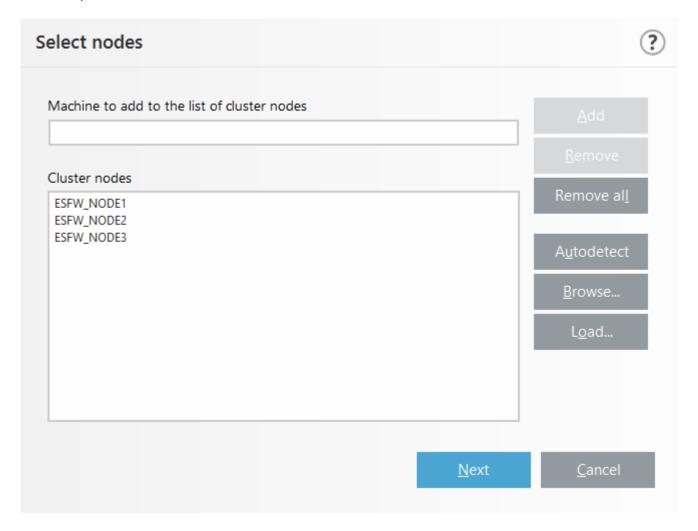
The server you are using to create the ESET Cluster from needs to be a member of this Windows Failover Cluster / NLB Cluster in order to automatically add the nodes. The NLB Cluster must have the **Allow remote control** feature enabled in cluster properties for the ESET Cluster to detect the nodes correctly. Once you have the list of newly added nodes, you can remove unwanted ones.

#### **Browse**

To find and select computers within a Domain or a Workgroup. This method allows for the manual addition of nodes to the ESET Cluster. Another way to add nodes is by typing the host name of the server you want add and clicking **Add**.

#### Load

To import list of nodes from file.



To modify **Cluster nodes** in the list, select the node you want to remove and click **Remove**, or to clear the list completely click **Remove all**.

If you already have an existing ESET Cluster, you can add new nodes to it at any time. The steps are the same as described above.

#### **NOTE**

All nodes that remain in the list must be online and reachable. Localhost is added into the cluster nodes by default.

# **Cluster wizard - Cluster settings**

Define cluster name, and network specifics (if required).

#### **Cluster name**

Type a name for your cluster and click **Next**.

### Listening port (default port is 9777)

If you are already using port 9777 in your network environment, specify other port number that is not being used.

#### **Open port in Windows firewall**

When selected a rule is created in the Windows Firewall.

# **Cluster wizard - Cluster setup settings**

Define certificate distribution mode and whether to install the product on other nodes or not.

#### **Certificate distribution**

- Automatic remote Certificate will be installed automatically.
- Manual Click Generate and select the appropriate folder to store the certificates. A root certificate as well as a certificate for each node, including the one (local machine) from which you are setting up the ESET Cluster, will be created. To enroll the certificate on the local machine, click Yes.

#### Product install to other nodes

- **Automatic remote** ESET File Security will be installed automatically on each node (provided their operating systems are the same architecture).
- **Manual** Manually install ESET File Security (for example, when you have different OS architectures on some nodes).

#### Push license to nodes without activated product

ESET Security automatically activates ESET Solutions installed on nodes without licenses.

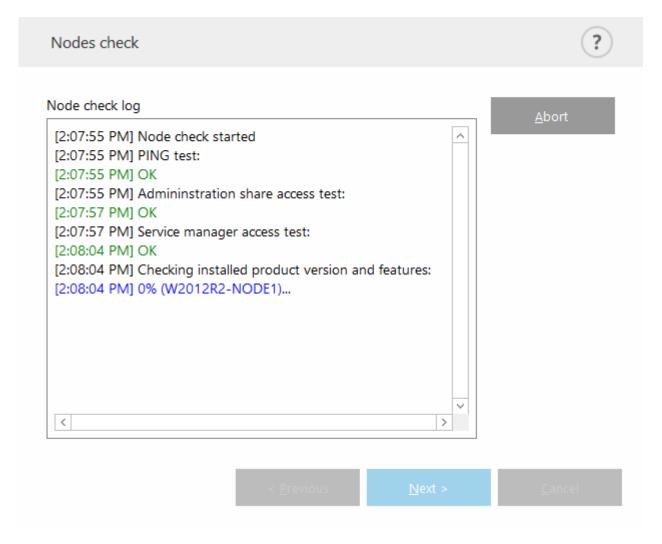
#### **NOTE**

To create an ESET Cluster with a mixed operating system architecture (32 bit and 64 bit), install ESET File Security manually. Operating systems in use will be detected during next steps and you will see this information in the log window.

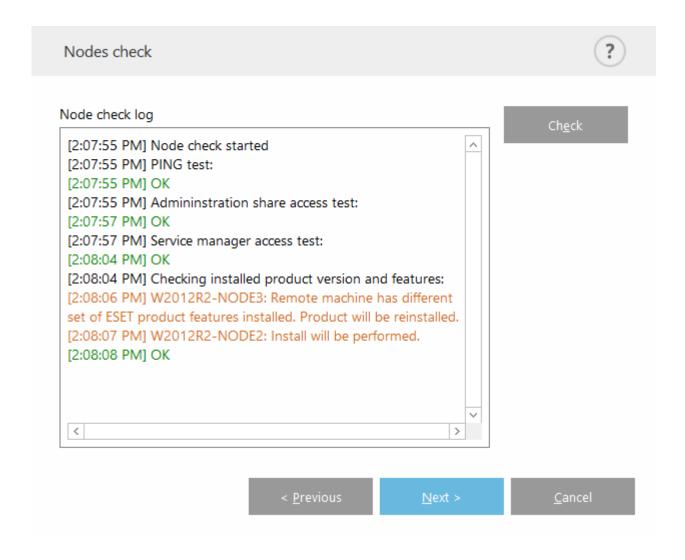
## **Cluster wizard - Nodes check**

After specifying installation details a node check is run. The following information will be displayed in the **Nodes check log**:

- verify that all existing nodes are online
- verify that new nodes are accessible
- node is online
- admin share is accessible
- remote execution is possible
- correct product versions (or no product) are installed
- verify that the new certificates are present

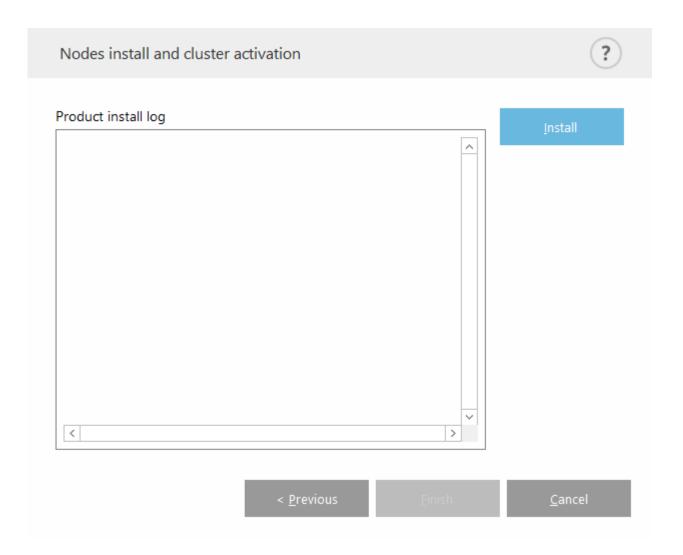


You will see the report once the node check is finished:



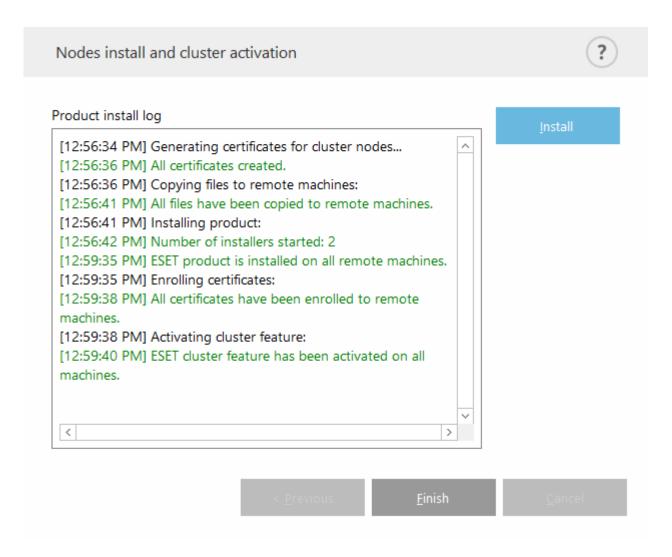
## **Cluster wizard - Nodes install**

When installing to a remote machine during ESET Cluster initialization, the wizard will attempt to locate the installer in the directory *%ProgramData%\ESET\ESET Security\Installer*. If the installer package is not found there, you will be asked to locate the installer file.



## NOTE

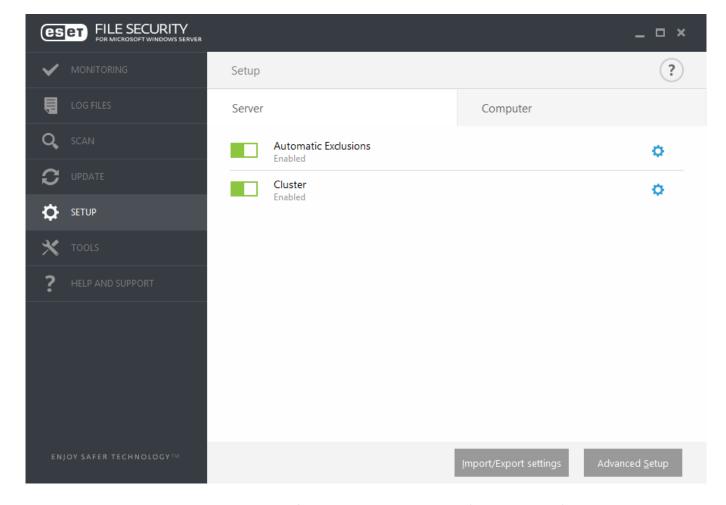
When trying to use automatic remote installation for a node with different architecture (32-bit vs 64-bit), this will be detected and you will be prompted to perform manual installation.



Once you have correctly configured the ESET Cluster, it will appear in **Setup** > **Server** page as enabled.

#### NOTE

If an older version of ESET File Security is already installed on some nodes, you will be notified that the latest version is required on these machines. Updating ESET File Security may cause an automatic restart.



Additionally, you can check its current status from the Cluster status page (**Tools** > **Cluster**).

## **ESET Shell**

eShell (short for ESET Shell) is a command line interface for ESET File Security. It is an alternative to the graphical user interface (GUI). eShell includes all the features and options that the GUI normally gives you. eShell lets you configure and administer the whole program without the use of the GUI.

Apart from all the functions and features that are available in the GUI, it also provides you with the option of using automation by running scripts in order to configure, modify configuration or perform an action. Also, eShell can be useful for those who prefer to use the command line over the GUI.

#### **NOTE**

For full functionality we recommend you to open the eShell using Run as administrator. The same applies when executing a single command via Windows Command Prompt (cmd). Open the prompt using Run as administrator. Failing to run the command prompt as Administrator will stop you from running commands due to lack of permissions.

There are two modes in which eShell can be run:

- 1.Interactive mode This is useful when you want to work with eShell (not just execute a single command) for tasks such as changing configuration, viewing logs, etc. You can use interactive mode if you are not familiar with all the commands yet. Interactive mode will make it easier for you when navigating through eShell. It also shows you available commands you can use within a particular context.
- 2. Single command / Batch mode You can use this mode if you only need to execute a command without

entering the interactive mode of eShell. This can be done from the Windows Command Prompt by typing in eshell with the appropriate parameters.

## **EXAMPLE**

eshell get status or eshell computer set real-time status disabled 1h

In order to run certain commands (such as the second example above) in batch/script mode, there are a couple of settings that you need to <u>configure</u> first. Otherwise, you'll get an **Access Denied** message. This is for security reasons.

#### NOTE

Settings changes are required to allow the use of eShell commands from a Windows Command Prompt. For further information about running batch files click here.

There are two ways to enter interactive mode in eShell:

- 1. Via Windows Start menu: Start > All Programs > ESET > ESET File Security > ESET Shell
- 2. From Windows Command Prompt by typing in eshell and pressing the Enter key

#### **IMPORTANT**

If you get an error 'eshell' is not recognized as an internal or external command, this is due to new Environment Variables not being loaded by your system after the installation of ESET File Security. Open new Command Prompt and try starting eShell again. If you are still getting an error or have <a href="Core installation">Core installation</a> of ESET File Security, start eShell using absolute path, for example "%PROGRAMFILES%\ESET\ESET File Security\eShell.exe" (you must use "" in order for the command to work).

When you run eShell in interactive mode for the first time, a first run (guide) screen will display.

#### NOTE

If you want to display the first run screen in future, type in guide command. It shows you some basic examples how to use eShell with Syntax, Prefix, Command path, Abbreviated forms, Aliases, etc.

Next time you run eShell, you'll see this screen:

```
ESET Shell
                                                                                                X
ESET Shell 2.0 (6.5.12009.1)
Copyright (c) 1992-2017 ESET, spol. s r.o. All rights reserved.
laximum protection
License validity:
                               12/30/2021
Last successful update: N/A
Automatic exclusions:
Anti-Stealth protection:
                                                                          Enabled
                                                                          Enabled
Document protection:
                                                                          Disabled
                                                                          Enabled
Real-time file system protection:
                                                                          Enabled
Device control:
ESET Cluster:
                                                                          Disabled
Diagnostic logging:
                                                                          Disabled
Presentation mode:
Anti-Phishing protection:
Email client protection:
                                                                          Paused
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Web access protection:
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                   ANTIVIRUS
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```

#### NOTE

Commands are not case sensitive. You can use upper case (capital) or lower case letters and the command will execute regardless.

#### **Customizing eShell**

You can customize eShell in ui eshell context. You can configure aliases, colors, language, execution policy for scripts, settings for hidden commands and more.

## **Usage**

#### **Syntax**

Commands must be formatted in the correct syntax to function and can be composed of a prefix, context, arguments, options, etc. This is the general syntax used throughout eShell:

[<prefix>] [<command path>] <command> [<arguments>]

Example (this activates document protection):

SET COMPUTER SCANS DOCUMENT REGISTER ENABLED

```
SET - a prefix
```

COMPUTER SCANS DOCUMENT - path to a particular command, a context where this command belongs REGISTER - the command itself ENABLED - an argument for the command

Using ? as an argument for command will display the syntax for that particular command. For example, STATUS ? will show you the syntax for STATUS command:

SYNTAX:

#### **OPERATIONS:**

get - Show status of all protection modules

You may notice that [get] is in brackets. It designates that the prefix get is default for the status command. This means that when you execute status without specifying any prefix, it will actually use the default prefix (in this case get status). Using commands without a prefix saves time when typing. Usually get is the default prefix for most commands, but you need to be sure what the default prefix is for a particular command and that it is exactly what you want to execute.

#### **NOTE**

Commands are not case sensitive, you can use upper case (capital) or lower case letters and the command will execute regardless.

## **Prefix / Operation**

A prefix is an operation. The GET prefix will give you information about how a certain feature of ESET File Security is configured or show you the status (such as GET COMPUTER REAL-TIME STATUS will show you current protection status of the Real-time module). The SET prefix will configure functionality or change its status (SET COMPUTER REAL-TIME STATUS ENABLED will activate Real-time protection).

These are the prefixes that eShell lets you use. A command may or may not support any of the prefixes:

GET	returns current setting/status
SET	sets value/status
SELECT	selects an item
ADD	adds an item
REMOVE	removes an item
CLEAR	removes all items/files
START	starts an action
ST0P	stops an action
PAUSE	pauses an action
RESUME	resumes an action
RESTORE	restores default settings/object/file
SEND	sends an object/file
IMPORT	imports from a file
<b>EXPORT</b>	exports to a file

### **NOTE**

Prefixes such as GET and SET are used with many commands, but some commands (such as EXIT) do not use a prefix.

## **Command path / Context**

Commands are placed in contexts which form a tree structure. The top level of the tree is root. When you run eShell, you are at the root level:

eShell>

You can either execute a command from here, or enter the context name to navigate within the tree. For example, when you enter T00LS context, it will list all commands and sub-contexts that are available from here.



Yellow items are commands you can execute and grey items are sub-contexts you can enter. A sub-context contain further commands.

If you need to return back to a higher level, use ... (two dots).

```
EXAMPLE
Say you are here:
eShell computer real-time>
type .. to go up one level, to:
eShell computer>
```

If you want to get back to root from eShell computer real-time> (which is two levels lower than root), simply type . . . . (two dots and two dots separated by space). By doing so, you will get two levels up, which is root in this case. Use backslash \ to return directly to root from any level no matter how deep within the context tree you are. If you want to get to a particular context in upper levels, simply use the appropriate number of . . commands to get to the desired level, using space as a separator. For example, if you want to get three levels higher, use . . . . .

The path is relative to the current context. If the command is contained in the current context, do not enter a path. For example, to execute GET COMPUTER REAL-TIME STATUS enter:

```
GET COMPUTER STATUS - if you are in the root context (command line shows eShell>)
GET STATUS - if you are in the context COMPUTER (command line shows eShell computer>)
... GET STATUS - if you are in the context COMPUTER REAL - TIME (command line shows eShell computer real - time>)
```

You can use single . (dot) instead of two . . because single dot is an abbreviation of two dots.

#### **EXAMPLE**

. GET STATUS - if you are in the context COMPUTER REAL-TIME (command line shows eShell computer real-time>)

### **Argument**

An argument an action which is performed for a particular command. For example, command CLEAN-LEVEL (located in COMPUTER REAL-TIME ENGINE) can be used with following arguments:

```
rigorous - Always remedy detection
safe - Remedy detection if safe, keep otherwise
normal - Remedy detection if safe, ask otherwise
none - Always ask the end-user
```

Another example are the arguments ENABLED or DISABLED, which are used to enable or disable a certain feature or functionality.

#### Abbreviated form / Shortened commands

eShell allows you to shorten contexts, commands and arguments (provided the argument is a switch or an alternative option). It is not possible to shorten a prefix or argument that are concrete values such as a number, name or path. You can use numbers 1 and  $\theta$  instead of enabled and disabled arguments.

```
EXAMPLE
computer set real-time status enabled => com set real stat 1
computer set real-time status disabled => com set real stat 0
```

### Examples of the short form:

```
EXAMPLE
computer set real-time status enabled => com set real stat en
computer exclusions add detection-excludes object C:\path\file.ext => com
excl add det obj C:\path\file.ext
computer exclusions remove detection-excludes 1 => com excl rem det 1
```

In a case where two commands or contexts start with the same letters (such as ADVANCED and AUTO - EXCLUSIONS, and you enter A as shortened context), eShell will not be able to decide which context of these two you want to enter. An error message will display and list commands starting with "A" which you can choose from:

```
eShell>a
```

```
The following command is not unique: a
```

The following sub-contexts are available in COMPUTER context:

```
ADVANCED
```

AUTO-EXCLUSIONS

By adding one or more letter (for example, AD instead of just A) eShell will enter ADVANCED sub-context since it is unique now. The same applies to abbreviated commands.

#### NOTE

When you want to be sure that a command executes the way you need, we recommend that you do not abbreviate commands, arguments, etc. and use the full form. This way, eShell will execute exactly what you need and prevent unwanted mistakes. This is especially true for batch files / scripts.

### **Automatic completion**

This new feature was introduced in eShell 2.0 and is very similar to automatic completion in Windows Command Prompt. While Windows Command Prompt completes file paths, eShell completes commands, context and operation names. Argument completion is not supported. When typing command simply, press Tab to complete or cycle through available variations. Press Shift + Tab to cycle backwards. Mixing abbreviated form and automatic completion is not supported. Use either one or the other. For example, when you type computer real-time additional hitting Tab will do nothing. Instead, type com and then Tab to complete computer, continue typing real + Tab, and add + Tab, hit Enter. Type on + Tab and continue hitting Tab to cycle through all available variations: on-execute-ah, on-execute-ah-removable, on-write-ah, on-write-archive-default, etc.

#### **Aliases**

An alias is an alternative name which can be used to execute a command (provided that the command has an alias assigned). There are a few default aliases:

```
(global) close - exit
(global) quit - exit
(global) bye - exit
warnlog - tools log events
virlog - tools log detections
```

"(global)" means that the command can be used anywhere regardless of current context. One command can have multiple aliases assigned, for example the command EXIT has aliases CLOSE, QUIT and BYE. When you want to exit eShell, you can use the EXIT command itself or any of its aliases. The alias VIRLOG is an alias for the command DETECTIONS which is located in the TOOLS LOG context. This way the detections command is available from the ROOT context, making it easier to access (you don't have to enter TOOLS and then LOG subcontext and run it directly from ROOT).

eShell allows you to define your own aliases. Command ALIAS can be found in UI ESHELL context.

## **Password protected settings**

ESET File Security settings can be protected by a password. You can set a <u>password using GUI</u> or eShell using the set ui access lock-password. You'll then have to enter this password interactively for certain commands (such as those that change settings or modify data). If you plan to work with eShell for a longer period of time and do not want to enter the password repeatedly, you can get eShell to remember the password using the set password command (execute from root). Your password will then be filled-in automatically for each executed command that requires a password. It is remembered until you exit eShell, this means that you'll need to use set password again when you start a new session and want eShell to remember your password.

# Guide / Help

When you run the GUIDE or HELP command, it will display a "first run" screen explaining how to use eShell. This

command is available only from the ROOT context (eShell>).

# **Command history**

eShell keeps a history of previously executed commands. This applies only to the current eShell interactive session. Once you exit eShell, the command history will be dropped. Use the Up and Down arrow keys on your keyboard to navigate through the history. Once you find the command you were looking for, you can execute it again, or modify it without having to type in the entire command from the beginning.

## CLS / Clear screen

The CLS command can be used to clear the screen. It works the same way as it does with Windows Command Prompt or similar command line interfaces.

# **EXIT / CLOSE / QUIT / BYE**

To close or exit eShell, you can use any of these commands (EXIT, CLOSE, QUIT or BYE).

# **Commands**

This section lists a few basic eShell commands with descriptions.

#### NOTE

Commands are not case sensitive, you can use uppercase (capital) or lowercase letters and the command will execute regardless.

Example commands (contained within the ROOT context):

### **ABOUT**

Lists information about the program. It shows information such as:

- Name of your ESET security product installed and its version number.
- Operating system and basic hardware details.
- Username (including domain), Full computer name (FQDN, if your server is a member of a domain) and Seat name.
- Installed components of your ESET security product, including version number of each component.

### **CONTEXT PATH:**

root

### **PASSWORD**

Normally, to execute password-protected commands, you are prompted to type in a password for security reasons. This applies to commands such as those that disable protection and those that may affect ESET File Security configuration. You will be prompted for a password every time you execute such a command. You can define this password in order to avoid entering a password every time. It will be remembered by eShell and automatically entered when a password-protected command is executed.

### NOTE

Your password only works for the current eShell interactive session. Once you exit eShell, this defined password will be dropped. When you start eShell again, the password needs to be defined again.

Defined password can also be used when running unsigned batch files or scripts. Make sure to set <u>ESET Shell</u> <u>execution policy</u> to Full access when running unsigned batch files. Here is an example of such a batch file:

eshell set password plain <yourpassword> "&" computer set real-time status disabled

This concatenated command above defines a password and disables protection.

### **IMPORTANT**

We recommend you to use signed batch files whenever possible. This way, you'll avoid having plain text passwords in the batch file (if using the method described above). See <u>Batch files / Scripting</u> (Signed batch files section) for more details.

### **CONTEXT PATH:**

root

### SYNTAX:

```
[get] | restore password
set password [plain <password>]
```

#### **OPERATIONS:**

```
get - Show password
set - Set or clear password
restore - Clear password
```

### **ARGUMENTS:**

```
plain - Switch to enter password as parameter 
password - Password
```

### **EXAMPLES:**

set password plain <yourpassword> - Sets a password which will be used for password-protected commands

restore password - Clears password

### **EXAMPLES:**

get password - Use this to see whether the password is configured or not (this only shows asterisks "\*", it does not list the password itself), when no asterisks are visible, it means that there is no password set

```
set password plain <yourpassword> - Use this to set a defined password restore password - This command clears the defined password
```

### **STATUS**

Shows information about the current Real-time protection status of ESET File Security, also enables you to pause / resume protection (similar to GUI).

### **CONTEXT PATH:**

```
computer real-time
```

### SYNTAX:

```
[get] status
set status enabled | disabled [ 10m | 30m | 1h | 4h | temporary ]
restore status
```

### **OPERATIONS:**

```
get - Returns current setting/status
set - Sets value/status
restore - Restores default settings/object/file
```

#### **ARGUMENTS:**

```
enabled - Enable protection/feature
disabled - Disable protection/feature
10m - Disable for 10 minutes
30m - Disable for 30 minutes
1h - Disable for 1 hour
4h - Disable for 4 hours
temporary - Disable until reboot
```

# NOTE

It is not possible to disable all protection features with a single command. You can manage protection features and modules one by one using status command. Each protection feature or module has its own status command.

### List of features with status command:

Feature	Context and command
Automatic exclusions	COMPUTER AUTO-EXCLUSIONS STATUS
Host Intrusion Prevention System (HIPS)	COMPUTER HIPS STATUS
Real-time file system protection	COMPUTER REAL-TIME STATUS
Device control	DEVICE STATUS

Feature	Context and command
Botnet protection	NETWORK ADVANCED STATUS-BOTNET
Network attack protection (IDS)	NETWORK ADVANCED STATUS-IDS
Network isolation	NETWORK ADVANCED STATUS-ISOLATION
ESET Cluster	TOOLS CLUSTER STATUS
Diagnostic logging	TOOLS DIAGNOSTICS STATUS
Presentation mode	TOOLS PRESENTATION STATUS
Anti-Phishing protection	WEB-AND-EMAIL ANTIPHISHING STATUS
Email client protection	WEB-AND-EMAIL MAIL-CLIENT STATUS
Web access protection	WEB-AND-EMAIL WEB-ACCESS STATUS

### **VIRLOG**

This is an alias of the DETECTIONS command. It is useful when you need to view information about detected infiltrations.

#### WARNLOG

This is an alias of the EVENTS command. It is useful when you need to view information about various events.

# **Batch files / Scripting**

You can use eShell as a powerful scripting tool for automation. To use a batch file with eShell, create one with an eShell and command in it.

```
EXAMPLE eshell get computer real-time status
```

You can also chain commands, which is sometimes necessary, for instance if you want to type a particular scheduled task, enter the following:

```
eshell select scheduler task 4 "&" get scheduler action
```

Item selection (task number 4 in this case) usually applies only to a currently running instance of eShell. If you were to run these two commands one after the other, the second command would fail with the error "No task selected or selected task no longer exists".

For security reasons, the <u>execution policy</u> is set to **Limited Scripting** by default. This allows you to use eShell as a monitoring tool, but it won't let you make configuration changes to ESET File Security by running a script. If you try executing a script with commands that can affect security, for example, by disabling protection, an **Access Denied** message will be displayed. We recommend that you use signed batch files to execute commands that make configuration changes.

To change configuration using a single command entered manually in the Windows Command Prompt, you must grant eShell full access (not recommended). To grant full access, use ui eshell shell-execution-policy in the Interactive mode of eShell itself, or via GUI in **Advanced Setup (F5)**> **User interface** > <u>ESET Shell</u>.

# Signed batch files

eShell allows you to secure common batch files (\*.bat) with a signature. Scripts are signed with the same password that is used for settings protection. In order to sign a script you need to enable <u>settings protection</u> first. This can be done via the GUI, or from within eShell using set ui access lock-password command. Once the settings protection password is set up you can start signing batch files.

### NOTE

If you change your <u>settings protection</u> password, you must sign all scripts again, otherwise the scripts will fail to execute the following the password change. The password entered when signing a script must match the settings protection password on the target system.

To sign a batch file, run sign <script.bat> from the root context of eShell, where *script.bat* is the path to the script you want to sign. Enter and confirm the password that will be used for signing. This password must match your settings protection password. A signature is placed at the end of the batch file in the form of a comment. If this script has already been signed, the signature will be replaced with a new one.

### NOTE

When you modify a previously signed batch file, it must be signed again.

To execute a signed batch file from a Windows Command Prompt or as a scheduled task, use following command:

eshell run <script.bat>

Where script.bat is the path to the batch file.

EXAMPLE eshell run d:\myeshellscript.bat

# **ESET SysInspector**

<u>ESET SysInspector</u> is an application that thoroughly inspects your computer and gathers detailed information about system components such as installed drivers and applications, network connections or important registry entries and assesses the risk level of each component. This information can help determine the cause of suspicious system behavior that may be due to software or hardware incompatibility or malware infection.

Click **Create** and enter a short **Comment** describing the log to be created. Wait until the ESET SysInspector log is generated (status will be shown as Created). Log creation may take some time depending on your hardware configuration and system data.

The ESET SysInspector window displays the following information about created logs:

- **Time** The time of log creation.
- Comment A short comment.
- **User** The name of the user who created the log.
- Status The status of log creation.

The following actions are available:

- Show Opens the created log. You can also right-click a log and select Show from the context menu.
- Compare Compares two existing logs.
- Create Creates a new log. Enter a short comment describing the log to be created and click Create.

Please wait until the ESET SysInspector log is complete (Status will be shown as Created).

• Delete - Removes selected logs from the list.

After right-clicking one or more selected logs, the following options are available from the context menu:

- Show Opens the selected log in ESET SysInspector (same function as double-clicking a log).
- Compare Compares two existing logs.
- Create Creates a new log. Enter a short comment describing the log to be created and click Create.

Please wait until the ESET SysInspector log is complete (Status will be shown as Created).

- Delete Removes selected logs from the list.
- Delete all Deletes all logs.
- Export Exports the log to an .xml file or zipped .xml.

# **ESET SysRescue Live**

ESET SysRescue Live 
is a free utility that allows you to create a bootable rescue CD/DVD or USB drive. You can boot an infected computer from your rescue media, and then scan for malware and clean infected files.

The main advantage of ESET SysRescue Live is the fact that the ESET Security solution runs independent of the host operating system but has direct access to the disk and file system. This makes it possible to remove threats which normally could not be deleted (for example, when the operating system is running, etc.).

# **Scheduler**

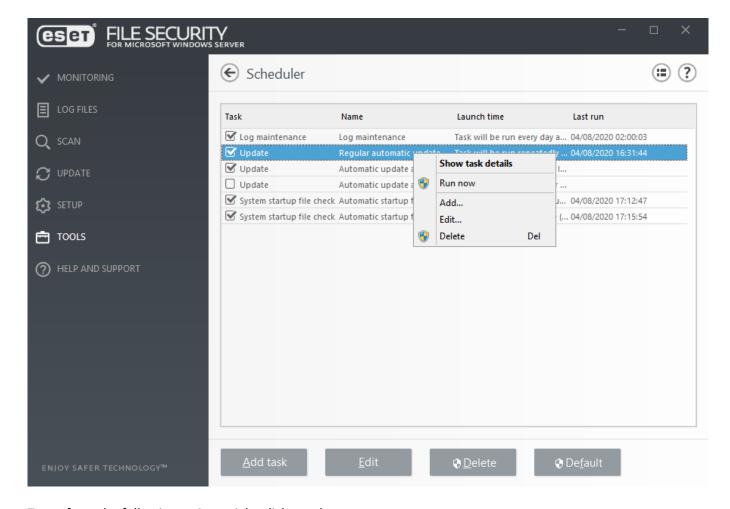
Scheduler manages and launches scheduled tasks according to defined parameters. You can see a list of all scheduled tasks in the form of a table which shows their parameters such as Task type and name, the launch time and last run when it was performed. You can also create new scheduled tasks by clicking Add task. To edit the configuration of an existing scheduled task click Edit button. Revert the list of scheduled tasks to the default settings, click Default and than Revert to default all changes that have been made will be lost and cannot be undone.

There is a set of predefined default tasks:

- Log maintenance
- Regular automatic update (use this task to update frequency)
- Automatic update after dial-up connection
- Automatic update after user logon
- Automatic startup file check (after user logs in)
- Automatic startup file check (after successful modules update)

#### **NOTE**

Select the appropriate check boxes to activate or deactivate tasks.



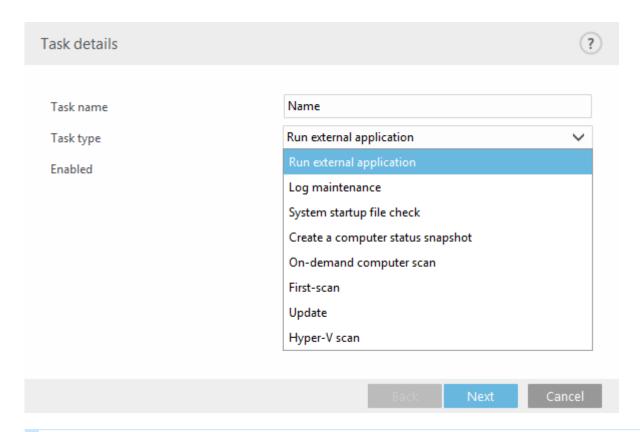
To perform the following actions, right-click a task:

Show task details	Displays detailed information about a scheduled task when you double-click or right-click the scheduled task.
Run now	Runs a selected scheduler task and perform the task immediately.
Add	Launches a wizard that will help you <u>create a new scheduler task</u> .
Edit	Edit the configuration of an existing scheduled task (both default and user-defined).
Delete	Deletes an existing task.

# Scheduler - Add task

To create a new scheduled task:

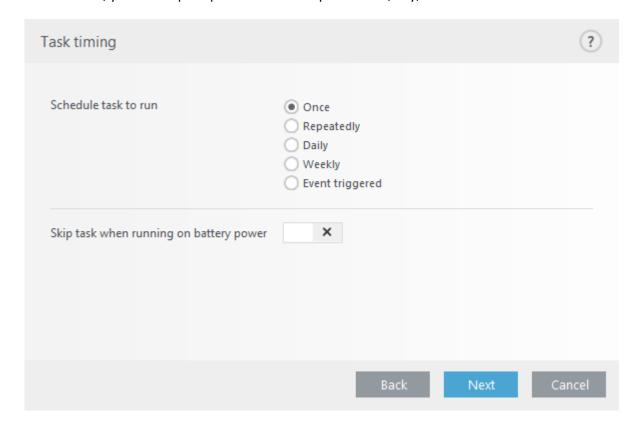
- 1.Click Add task.
- 2. Enter a **Task name** and configure your custom scheduled task.
- 3. <u>Task type</u> Select the applicable **Task type** from drop down menu.



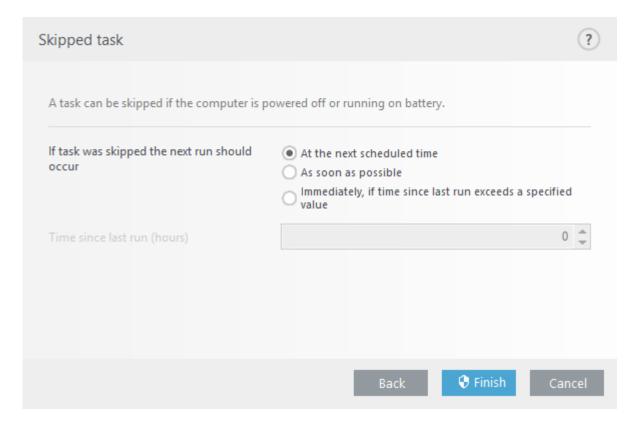
## NOTE

To deactivate a task, click the slide bar next to **Enabled**. To activate the task later, use the check box in the Scheduler view.

4. <u>Task Timing</u> - Select one of the options to define when you want your task to run. Depending on your choice, you will be prompted to choose a specific time, day, interval or an event.



5. <u>Skipped task</u> - If the task could not be run at the predefined time, you can <u>specify when it will be</u> <u>performed</u>.



6. <u>Run application</u> - If the task is scheduled to run an external application, choose an executable file from the directory tree.

- 7. If you need to make changes, click **Back** to return to previous step(s) and modify parameters.
- 8. Click **Finish** to create the task or apply changes.

The new scheduled task will appear in the **Scheduler view**.

# Task type

The configuration wizard is different for each <u>Task type</u> of a scheduled task. Enter **Task name** and select your desired **Task type** from the drop-down menu:

- Run external application Schedules the execution of an external application.
- **Log maintenance** Log files also contains leftovers from deleted records. This task optimizes records in log files on a regular basis to work effectively.
- System startup file check Checks files that are allowed to run at system startup or logon.
- Create a computer status snapshot Creates an ESET SysInspector computer snapshot gathers detailed information about system components (for example, drivers, applications) and assesses the risk level of each component.
- On-demand computer scan Performs a computer scan of files and folders on your computer.
- Update Schedules an update task to perform an update of detection engine and program modules.
- **Hyper-V scan -** Schedules a scan of the virtual disks within <u>Hyper-V</u>.

• OneDrive scan - Schedules a scan files stored on OneDrive.

To deactivate a task once it is created, click the switch next to **Enabled**. To activate the task later, click the check box in the <u>Scheduler</u> view. Click **Next** to proceed to the <u>next step</u>.

# **Task timing**

Select one of the following timing options:

- Once The task will be performed only once at specified date and time. To run the task one time only, at a given moment. Specify the start date and time for one-time in **Task execution**.
- **Repeatedly** The task will be performed at the specified time interval (in minutes). Specify the time at which the task will be executed every day in **Task execution**.
- Daily The task will run repeatedly every day at the specified time.
- **Weekly** The task will run one or more times a week, on the selected day(s) and time. To run the task repeatedly only in certain days of the week starting with specified day and time. Specify the start time in the Time of task execution. Select the day or days of week on which the task should be run.
- Event triggered The task will be performed after a specified event.

If you enable **Skip task when running on battery power**, a task will not start if the system is running on batteries at the time the task should launch. For example, computers running on UPS.

# **Event triggered**

When scheduling a task triggered by an event, you can specify the minimum interval between two completions of the task.

The task can be triggered by any of the following events:

- Every time the computer starts
- The first time the computer starts each day
- Dial-up connection to the Internet/VPN
- Successful module update
- Successful product update
- **User logon** The task will deploy when the user logs on to the system. If you log on to your computer several times a day, choose 24 hours to perform the task only on the first logon of the day and then the next day.
- Threat detection

# **Run application**

This task schedules the execution of an external application.

- Executable file Choose an executable file from the directory tree, click browse (...) or enter the path manually.
- Work folder Define the external application's working directory. All temporary files of the selected **Executable file** will be created within this directory.
- Parameters Command line parameters for the application (optional).

# **Skipped task**

If the task could not be run at the predefined time, you can specify when it will be performed:

- At the next scheduled time The task will be executed at the specified time (for example after 24 hours).
- As soon as possible The task will run as soon as possible, when the actions that prevent the task from executing are no longer valid.
- Immediately, if time since last run exceeds a specified value Time since last run (hours) After you select this option, your task will be always repeated after the specified amount of time (in hours).

# Scheduled task overview

This dialog window displays detailed information about a scheduled task when you double-click the task in **Scheduler view**, or right-click the scheduled task and choose **Show task details**.

# **Submit samples for analysis**

The sample submission dialog allows you to send a file or site to ESET for analysis. If you find a suspiciously behaving file on your computer or suspicious site on the Internet, submit it to the ESET Virus Lab for analysis. If the file turns out to be a malicious application or website, the detection will be added to an upcoming update.

To submit the file by email, compress the file(s) using a program like WinRAR or WinZip, protect the archive with the password *infected* and send it to <u>samples@eset.com</u>. Use a descriptive subject and enclose as much information about the file as possible (for example, the website you downloaded it from).

Before submitting a sample to ESET, verify it meets one or both of the following criteria:

- the file or website is not detected at all
- the file or website is incorrectly detected as a threat

If at least one of the requirements above is not met, you will not receive a response until further information is supplied.

Select the description that best fits your message from the **Reason for submitting the sample** drop-down menu:

- Suspicious file
- <u>Suspicious site</u> (a website that is infected by malware)
- False positive file (a file that is detected as infected, but it is not)
- False positive site
- Other

### File/Site

The path to the file or website you intend to submit.

# **Contact email**

This contact email is sent along with suspicious files to ESET, and may be used to contact you if further information is required for analysis. Entering a contact email is optional. You will not get a response from ESET, unless more information is required. This is because our servers receive tens of thousands of files every day, which makes it impossible to reply to all submissions.

## Submit anonymously

Use the check box next to **Submit anonymously** to send suspicious file or website without entering your email address.

# Suspicious file

# Observed signs and symptoms of malware infection

Enter a description of the suspicious file behavior observed on your computer.

### File origin (URL address or vendor)

Enter the file origin (source) and how you encountered this file.

### Notes and additional information

Here you can enter additional info or a description that will help with the process of identifying the suspicious file.

### NOTE

The first parameter - **Observed signs and symptoms of malware infection** - is required, but providing additional information will significantly help our laboratories with the identification process of samples.

# Suspicious site

Select one of the following from the What's wrong with the site drop-down menu:

## Infected

A website that contains viruses or other malware distributed by various methods.

### **Phishing**

Often used to gain access to sensitive data such as bank account numbers, PIN numbers and more. Read more about this type of attack in the glossary .

#### Scam

A swindle or a fraudulent website.

#### Other

Use this option if none of the options above apply to the site you are going to submit.

#### Notes and additional information

You can enter further information or a description that might help analyzing the suspicious website.

# False positive file

We request that you submit files that are detected as an infection but are not infected to improve our detection engine and help others to be protected. False positives (FP) may occur when a pattern of a file matches the same pattern contained in a detection engine.

#### **NOTE**

The first three parameters are required to identify legitimate applications and distinguish them from malicious code. By providing additional information, you will help our laboratories significantly in the identification process and in the processing of samples.

### Application name and version

Program title and its version (for example number, alias or code name).

# File origin (URL address or vendor)

Enter a file origin (source) and note how you encountered this file.

### **Application's purpose**

The general application description, type of application (for example, browser, media player, ...) and its functionality.

### Notes and additional information

Here you can add additional information or descriptions that will help while processing the suspicious file.

# False positive site

We encourage you to submit sites that are detected as an infected, scam or phishing sites but are not. False positives (FP) may occur when a pattern of a file matches the same pattern contained in a detection engine. Please provide this website to improve our detection engine and help others to be protected.

### Notes and additional information

Here you can add additional information or descriptions that will help while processing the suspicious file.

# Other

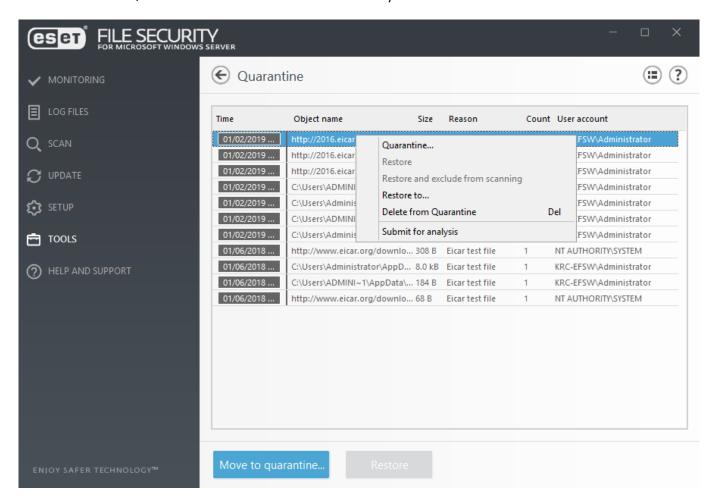
Use this form if the file cannot be categorized as a **Suspicious file** or **False positive**.

## Reason for submitting the file

Enter a detailed description and the reason for sending the file.

# Quarantine

The main function of the quarantine is to safely store infected files. Files should be quarantined if they cannot be cleaned, if it is not safe or advisable to delete them, or if they are being falsely detected by ESET File Security. You can choose to quarantine any file. This is advisable if a file behaves suspiciously but is not detected by the malware scanner. Quarantined files can be submitted for analysis to the ESET Virus Lab.



Files stored in the quarantine folder can be viewed in a table that displays: the date and time of quarantine, the path to the original location of the infected file, its size in bytes, reason (for example, object added by user), and number of threats (for example, if it is an archive containing multiple infiltrations).

In the event an email message objects are put into the file quarantine, a path to the mailbox/folder/filename is displayed.

### **Quarantining files**

ESET File Security automatically quarantines deleted files (if you have not disabled this option in the alert window). To manually quarantine any suspicious file, click **Quarantine**. Quarantined files will be removed from their original location. The context menu can also be used for this purpose; right-click in the **Quarantine** window and select **Quarantine**.

### **Restoring from Quarantine**

Quarantined files can also be restored to their original location. Use the **Restore** feature, available from the context menu by right-clicking a given file in the Quarantine window, to do so. If a file is marked as a <u>potentially unwanted application</u> , the **Restore and exclude from scanning** option will be available. The context menu also offers the **Restore to...** option, which allows you to restore a file to a location other than the one from which it was deleted.

#### **NOTE**

If the program quarantines a harmless file by mistake, <u>exclude the file from scanning</u> after restoring it and send the file to ESET Customer Care.

## Submitting a file from the Quarantine

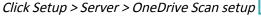
If you have quarantined a suspicious file that was not detected by the program, or if a file was determined to be infected incorrectly (for example, by heuristic analysis of the code) and subsequently quarantined, please send the file to the ESET Virus Lab. To submit a file from quarantine, right-click the file and select <u>Submit for analysis</u> from the context menu.

## **Deleting from Quarantine**

Right-click on a given item and select **Delete from Quarantine**. Or select the applicable item(s) and press **Delete** on your keyboard.

# **OneDrive scan setup**

## Open ESET File Security



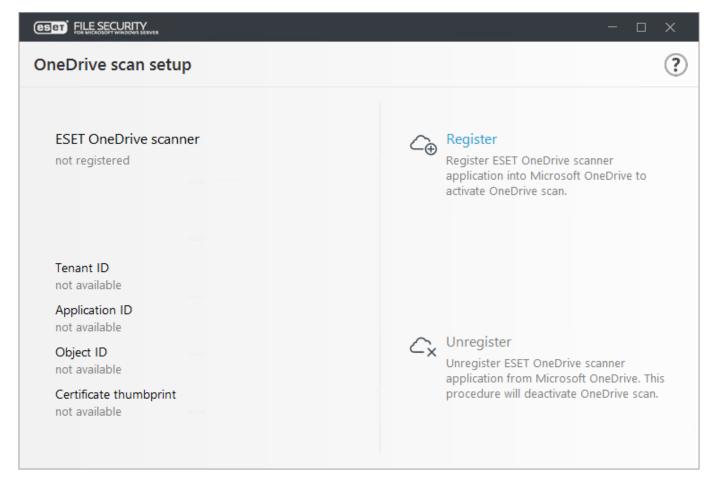


This feature enables you to scan files stored on <u>Microsoft OneDrive for Business</u> ✓ cloud storage. You need ESET File Security OneDrive scan processes files and folders only, it does not scan other types of data, such as emails, SharePoint files, contacts or calendars.

#### Quick links:

Register ESET OneDrive scanner
Unregister ESET OneDrive scanner

To start using ESET File Security OneDrive scan, <u>Register ESET OneDrive scanner</u> application into Microsoft OneDrive / Microsoft Office 365 / Microsoft Azure. OneDrive scan setup page shows you registration status, if already registered, you will see registration details (Tenant ID, Application ID, Object ID and Certificate thumbprint). You can Register or Unregister ESET OneDrive scanner:



After a successful registration, OneDrive scan will become available in the <u>Scan</u> menu displaying a list of users with their folder structure and files that can be selected for scanning. ESET File Security OneDrive scan is able to scan any files stored by users on OneDrive for Business.

#### **NOTE**

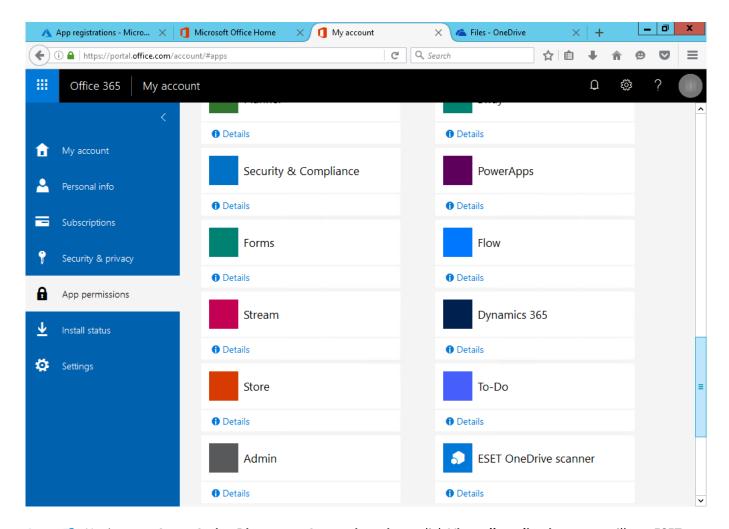
ESET File Security OneDrive scan downloads files from the OneDrive for Business cloud storage and performs scanning locally. Once scanning is completed, downloaded files are deleted. Downloading a large amount of data from OneDrive will affect your network traffic.

# NOTE

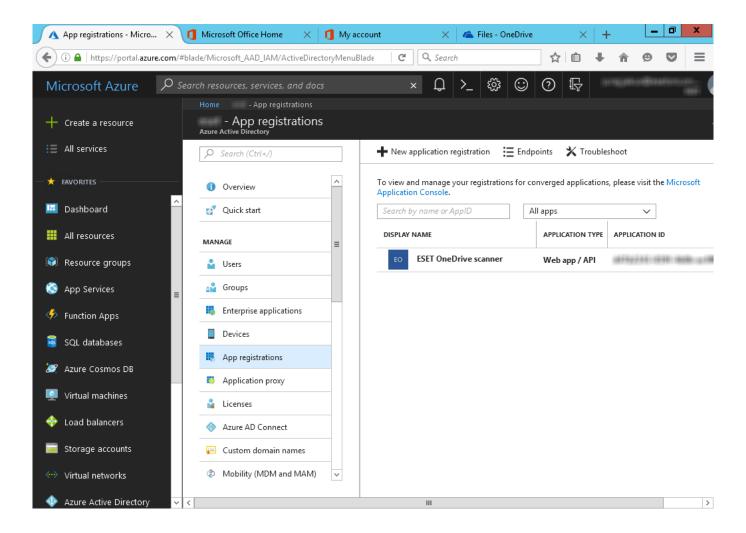
Re-register with different account: If you want to register ESET File Security OneDrive scanner with a new Microsoft OneDrive for Business / Office 365 account, you must <u>Unregister ESET OneDrive scanner</u> you were using with your previous account, and perform <u>registration</u> with the new Microsoft OneDrive for Business / Office 365 administrator account.

You can find ESET OneDrive scanner registered as application in Office 365 and Azure:

Office 365 portal - Click App permissions on My account page, you will see ESET OneDrive scanner app listed.



<u>Azure</u> <u>I</u> - Navigate to <u>Azure Active Directory</u> > <u>App registrations</u>, click <u>View all applications</u>, you will see ESET OneDrive scanner app listed. Click the app to see its details.



# **Register ESET OneDrive scanner**

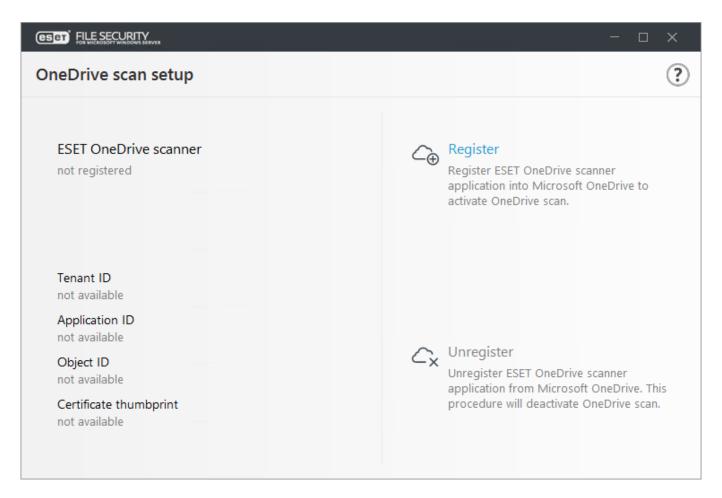
### Open ESET File Security

Click Setup > Server > OneDrive Scan setup > Register

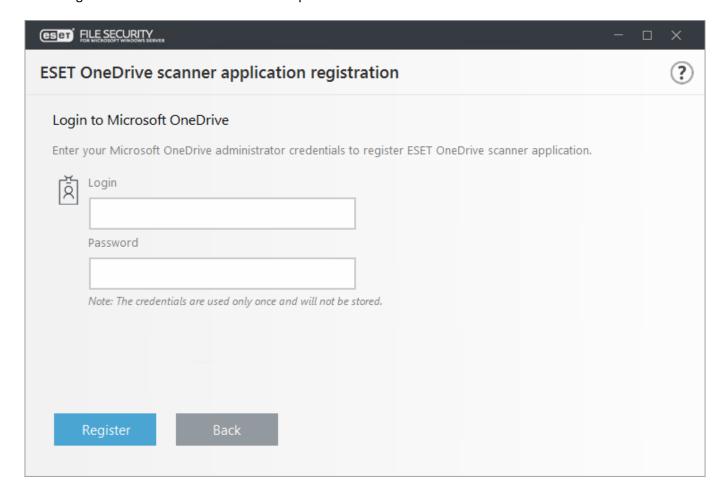


The following is a process of ESET OneDrive scanner app registration into Microsoft OneDrive / Office 365 / Azure:

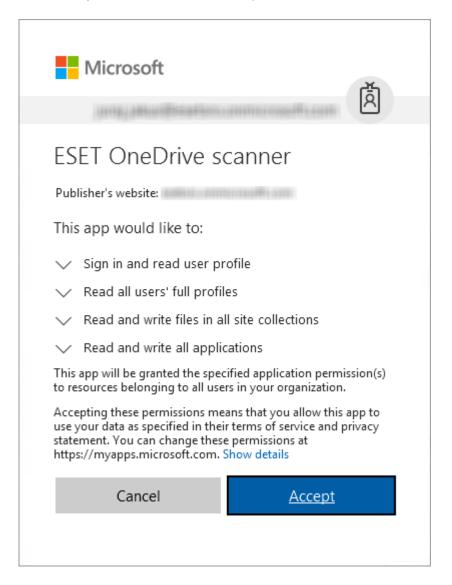
• Click **Register** to begin ESET OneDrive scanner registration, a registration wizard will open.



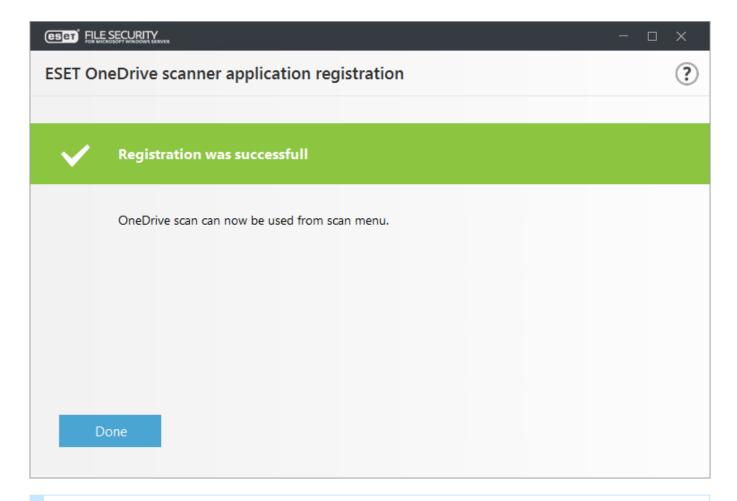
• Enter your Microsoft OneDrive / Office 365 administrator account credentials. Wait until application registration to Microsoft OneDrive completes.



- A web browser with Microsoft **Pick an account** page opens. Click the account you are using, if available, or enter your Microsoft OneDrive / Office 365 administrator account credentials and click **Sign in**.
- ESET OneDrive scanner app requires four types of permissions listed in the acceptance message. Click **Accept** to allow ESET File Security OneDrive scanner to access data located on your OneDrive cloud storage.



- Click **Continue** if you are asked by the web browser to send this information (it is being sent only to your localhost to let ESET File Security know the app registration was successful).
- Once you close the web browser, ESET OneDrive scanner registration wizard displays the Registration was successful message, click **Done**.



### **NOTE**

ESET OneDrive scanner registration process might differ in certain circumstances, depending on whether you are logged into any of the Microsoft's portals (OneDrive, Office 365, Azure, etc.) with your administrator account credentials or not. Follow the on-screen instructions and messages of the registration wizard window.

If you encounter any of the following error messages during ESET OneDrive scanner registration, see error message detail for suggested solution:

Error message	Error message detail
An unexpected error has occurred.	There might be an issue in ESET File Security. Try running ESET OneDrive scanner registration again later. If the problem persist, contact ESET Technical Support.
Could not connect to Microsoft OneDrive.	Check your network/internet connection and run ESET OneDrive scanner registration again.
An unexpected error has been received from Microsoft OneDrive.	HTTP 4xx error was returned with no answer in error message response. If this problem persist, contact ESET Technical Support.
The following error has been received from Microsoft OneDrive.	Microsoft OneDrive server returned an error with specific error code/name, click <b>Show error</b> .
The setup task has timed out.	ESET OneDrive scanner registration setup task takes too long. Try running ESET OneDrive scanner registration again later.
The setup task has been canceled.	You have canceled a running registration task. Run ESET OneDrive scanner registration again if you want to completed the registration.
Another setup task is already in progress.	There is a registration task already running. Wait for the first registration process to complete.

# **Unregister ESET OneDrive scanner**

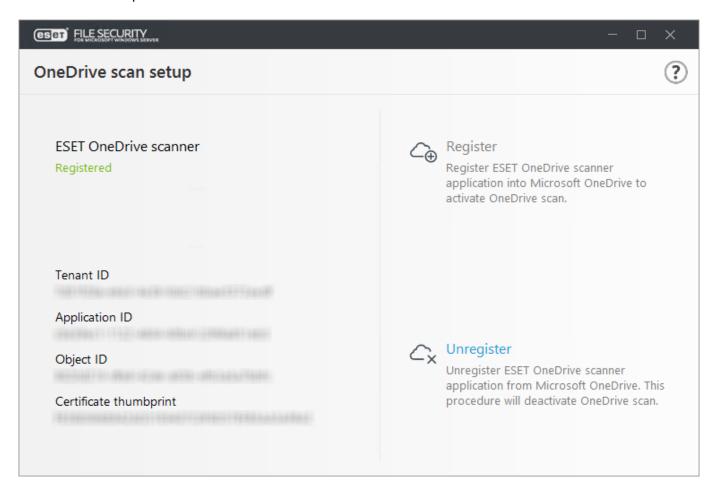
# Open ESET File Security

Click Setup > Server > OneDrive Scan setup > Unregister

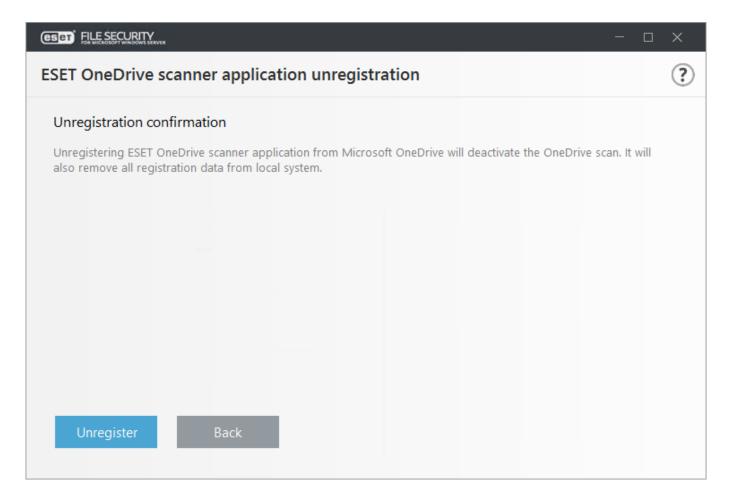


Unregistration process enables you to remove certificate and ESET OneDrive scanner app from Microsoft OneDrive / Office 365 / Azure. This process also removes local dependencies and makes the Register option available again.

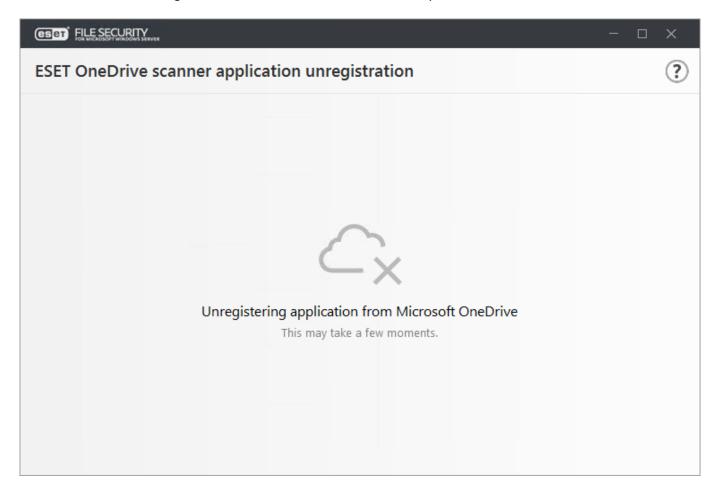
• Click **Unregister** to begin ESET OneDrive scanner unregistration/removal process, an unregistration wizard will open.



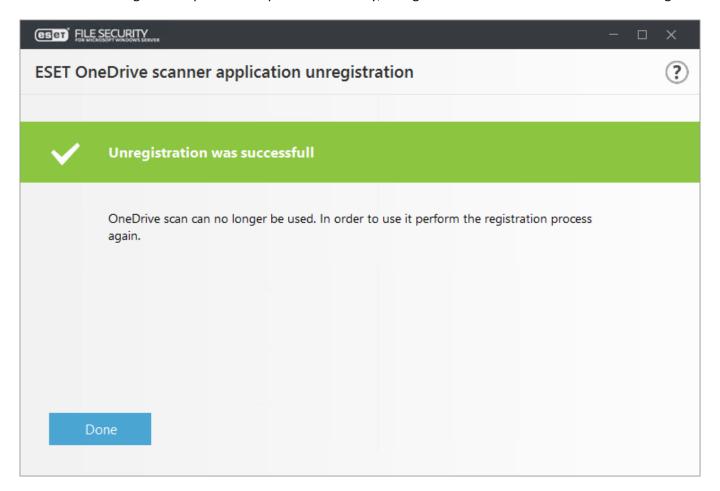
• Click **Unregister** to confirm you want to remove ESET OneDrive scanner.



• Wait for the unregistration from Microsoft OneDrive to complete.



• If the unregistration process completes successfully, unregistration wizard will show relevant message.

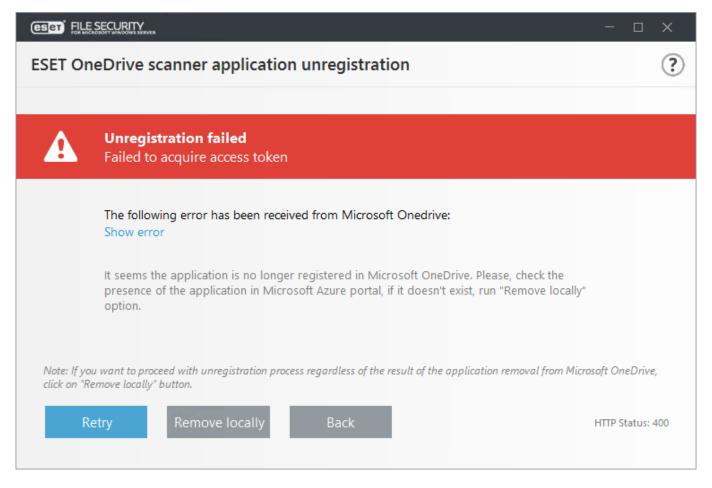


# NOTE

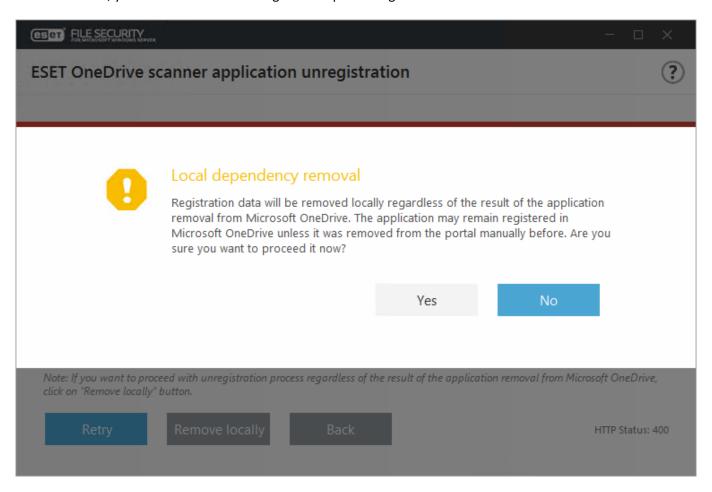
If you get an error message, such as Unregistration failed, there might be a number of reasons for it, such as generic network or internet connection issues with Microsoft OneDrive servers, or ESET OneDrive scanner app is no longer registered with Microsoft OneDrive. See the table below for the list of error messages and how to deal with them.

Some error dialogs gives you the option to remove local dependencies (connection issues, non-existent app in Microsoft OneDrive, etc.). To remove ESET OneDrive scanner locally, do the following:

• If the **Retry** button does not work and the issues persists, click **Remove locally** to proceed with unregistration process that will remove ESET OneDrive scanner local dependencies.



• Click **Yes** to continue with local removal of ESET OneDrive scanner. ESET OneDrive scan will no longer be available, you will need to run the registration process again.



# **IMPORTANT**

Local dependency removal will not make any changes to App registrations on your Azure portal, nor any changes to App permissions on Office 365 portal. If you have removed ESET OneDrive scanner locally because of network or connection issues with Microsoft OneDrive servers, you will need to manually remove ESET OneDrive scanner app from App registrations in Azure. See <a href="OneDrive scanner manually">OneDrive scanner manually</a> in Azure portal.

If you encounter any of the following error messages during ESET OneDrive scanner unregistration, see error message detail for suggested solution:

Error message	Error message detail
Connect to Azure application was not successful. There is no Internet connection.	Check your network/internet connection and run unregistration again. If you wan to proceed with unregistration process without ESET OneDrive scanner app removal from Microsoft OneDrive, click <b>Remove locally</b> .
Failed to acquire access token. An unexpected error has been received from Microsoft OneDrive.	It appears that ESET OneDrive scanner app in no longer registered with Microsoft OneDrive. ESET OneDrive scanner app could have been manually deleted in Azure portal. Check the presence of ESET OneDrive scanner app in Microsoft OneDrive or Azure portal. If the app is not listed, continue unregistration process by clicking <b>Remove locally</b> .
Failed to acquire access token. A server error has been received from Microsoft OneDrive.	Microsoft OneDrive returned HTTP 5xx error. It is not possible to complete the unregistration task at the moment. Try running the unregistration again later.
The following error has been received from Microsoft OneDrive.	$\label{lem:microsoft} \mbox{ Microsoft OneDrive server returned an error with specific error code/name, click {\bf Show\ error}. \\$
Another setup task is already in progress.	There is an unregistration task already running. Wait for the first unregistration process to complete.

# **General settings**

You can configure general settings and options based on your needs. The menu on the left includes the following categories:

### **Detection engine**

Enable or disable detection of potentially unwanted, unsafe, suspicious application and Anti-Stealth protection. Specify exclusions of processes or files and folders. Configure Real-time file system protection, ThreatSense parameters, Cloud-based protection (ESET LiveGrid®), Malware scans (On-demand computer scan and other scan options), Hyper-V scan and HIPS.

# <u>Update</u>

Configure update options such as profiles, detection engine age, snapshots for module rollback, update type, custom update server, connection/proxy server, update mirror, access to update files, HTTP server, user account details for network connection, etc.

# Web and email

Enables you to configure Protocol filtering and exclusions (Excluded applications and IP addresses), SSL/TLS protocol filtering options, Email client protection (integration, email protocols, alerts and notifications), Web access protection (HTTP/HTTPS web protocols and URL address management) and email client Anti-Phishing protection.

# **Device control**

Enable integration and configure Device control Rules and Groups.

### **Tools configuration**

Allows you to customize tools, such as ESET CMD, ESET RMM, WMI provider, ESET Security Management Center scan tragets, Windows Update notifications, Log files, Proxy server, Email notifications, Diagnostics, Cluster, etc.

# **User interface**

Configure the behavior of the program's GUI, Statuses, License information, Alerts and notifications, Password protection, eShell execution policy, etc.

# **Detection engine**

Detection engine guards against malicious system attacks by scanning files, emails and network communication. If an object classified as malware is detected, remediation will start. Detection engine can eliminate it by first blocking it and then taking action such as cleaning, deleting or moving to quarantine.

### Real-time & Machine learning protection

Advanced machine learning is now a part of the detection engine as an advanced layer of protection, which improves detection based on machine learning. Read more about this type of protection in the glossary . You can configure Reporting and Protection levels of the following categories:

# Malware

A computer virus is a piece of malicious code that is prepended or appended to existing files on your computer. However, the term "virus" is often misused. "Malware" (malicious software) is a more accurate term. Malware detection is performed by the detection engine module combined with the machine learning component. Read more about these types of applications in the glossary ...

# Potentially unwanted applications (PUAs)

A Potentially unwanted application is a software with an intent not unequivocally malicious, however; it may install additional unwanted software, change the behavior of the digital device, perform activities not approved or expected by the user or has unclear objectives.

This category includes advertising display software, download wrappers, various browser toolbars, software with misleading behavior, bundleware, trackware, etc.

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# Potentially suspicious applications

Is a software compressed with <u>packers</u> or protectors frequently used to deter reverse engineering or to obfuscate the content of the executable (for example, to hide the presence of malware) by proprietary methods of compression and/or encryption.

This category includes: all unknown applications that are compressed with a packer or protector frequently used to compress malware.

# Potentially unsafe applications

This classification is given for commercial, legitimate software that might be misused for malicious purposes. An unsafe application refers to legitimate commercial software that has the potential to be misused for malicious purposes.

This category includes: cracking tools, license key generators, hacking tools, remote access or control tools, password-cracking applications and keyloggers (programs that record each keystroke typed by a user). This option is disabled by default.

Read more about these types of applications in the glossary ...

Read the following before modifying a threshold (or level) for category Reporting or Protection:

### ✓ Reporting

Reporting is performed by the detection engine and machine learning component. You can set the reporting threshold to better suit your environment and needs. There is not a single correct configuration. Therefore, we recommend that you monitor the behavior within your environment and decide whether a different Reporting setting is more suitable.

Reporting does not take action with objects, it passes information to a respective protection layer, and the protection layer taks action accordingly.

Aggressive	Reporting configured to maximum sensitivity. More detections are reported. While the Aggressive setting may appear to be the safest, it can often be too sensitive, which might even be counterproductive.
	NOTE  The aggressive setting may falsely identify objects as malicious, and action will be taken with such objects (depending on Protection settings).
Balanced	This setting is an optimal balance between performance and accuracy of detection rates and the number of falsely reported objects.
Cautious	Reporting configured to minimize falsely identified objects while maintaining a sufficient level of protection. Objects are reported only when the probability is evident and matches malicious behavior.
Off	Reporting is not active. Detections are not found, reported or cleaned.
	NOTE  Malware reporting cannot be deactivated; therefore, the <b>Off</b> setting is not available for Malware.

If you want to <u>Revert</u> settings in this section to their default values, click the "U-turn" arrow next to the section header. Any changes you have made in this section will be lost.

# ✓ Protection

When an object is reported based on the configuration above and the machine learning results, it is blocked and and action is taken (cleaned, deleted or moved to Quarantine).

Aggressive	Reported aggressive (or lower) level detections are blocked, and automatic remediation (i.e., cleaning) is started.
Balanced	Reported balanced (or lower) level detections are blocked, and automatic remediation (i.e., cleaning) is started.
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#### NOTE

By default, the above machine learning protection settings apply to On-demand computer scan as well. If required, you can configure **On-demand & Machine learning protection** settings separately. Click the switch icon to disable **Use real-time protection settings** and proceed with configuration.

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### ✓ OneDrive & Machine learning protection

### Reporting

Performed by detection engine and the machine learning component. Reporting does not take an action with objects (this is done by respective protection layer).

### **Protection**

Configure parameters in OneDrive section to affect what action is taken with reported objects.

If you want to <u>Revert</u> settings in this section to their default values, click the "U-turn" arrow next the to section header. Any changes you have made in this section will be lost.

Configure Machine learning protection using eShell. The Context name in eShell is **MLP**. Open eShell in interactive mode and navigate to MLP:

computer onedrive mlp

See what is the current reporting setting for Suspicious applications:

get suspicious-reporting

If you want less strict reporting, change the setting to Cautious:

set suspicious-reporting cautious

# **Exclusions**

Exclusions enable you to exclude files and folders from scanning. To ensure that all objects are scanned for threats, we recommend only creating exclusions when it is absolutely necessary. Situations where you may need to exclude an object might include scanning large database entries that would slow your server during a scan or software that conflicts with the scan (for example, backup software).

# WARNING

Not to be confused with excluded extensions, processes exclusions or exclusion filter.

### **NOTE**

A threat within a file will not be detected by the Real-time file system protection module or Computer scan module if that file meets the criteria for exclusion from scanning.

Select the exclusions type and click **Edit** to add a new one or modify existing:

- Performance exclusions Exclude files and folders from scanning.
- <u>Detection exclusions</u> Exclude objects from scanning using specific criteria path, file hash or detection name.

# **Performance exclusions**

This feature allows you to exclude files and folders from scanning. Performance exclusions are useful to exclude file-level scanning of mission critical applications or when scanning causes abnormal system behavior or decreases performance.

### **Path**

Excludes specific path (file or directory) for this computer. Do not use wildcards - asterisk (\*) in the middle of

a path. See the following Knowledgebase article of for more information.

### NOTE

To exclude folder contents, do not forget to add the asterisk (\*) at the end of the path (C:\Tools\\*). C:\Tools will not be excluded, because from the scanner's perspective, Tools can also be a file name.

#### Comment

Add an optional **Comment** to easily recognize the exclusion in the future.

#### **EXAMPLE**

Path exclusions using an asterisk:

C:\Tools\\*- path must end with the backslash (\) and asterisk (\*) to indicate that it is a folder and all folder content (files and subfolders) will be excluded

C:\Tools\\*.\*- the same behavior as C:\Tools\\*, which means, it works recursively

C:\Tools\\*.dat - will exclude dat files in the Tools folder

C:\Tools\sg.dat - will exclude this particular file located in the exact path

### **EXAMPLE**

To exclude all files in a folder, type the path to the folder and use the mask \*.\*

- To exclude doc files only, use the mask \*.doc
- If the name of an executable file has a certain number of characters (and characters vary) and you only know the first one for certain (say "D"), use the following format:

D????.exe (question marks replace the missing / unknown characters)

### **FXAMPLE**

Use system variables like %PROGRAMFILES% to define scan exclusions.

- To exclude the Program Files folder using this system variable, use the path *%PROGRAMFILES%*\ (make sure to add the backslash at the end of path when adding to exclusions)
- To exclude all files in a *%HOMEDRIVE%* subdirectory, use the path *%HOMEDRIVE%\Excluded\_Directory\\*.\** The following variables can be used in the path exclusion format:

**%ALLUSERSPROFILE%** 

**%COMMONPROGRAMFILES%** 

%COMMONPROGRAMFILES(X86)%

**%COMSPEC%** 

**%HOMEDRIVE%** 

**%HOMEPATH%** 

**%PROGRAMFILES%** 

%PROGRAMFILES(X86)%

%SystemDrive%

%SystemRoot%

%WINDIR%

%PUBLIC%

User-specific system variables (like *%TEMP%* or *%USERPROFILE%*) or environment variables (like *%PATH%*) are not supported.

# **Detection exlusions**

This is another method of excluding objects from scanning, using the detection name, path or its hash. Detection exclusions do not exclude files and folders from scanning (such as <u>performance exclusions</u>). Detection exclusions exclude objects only when they are detected by the detection engine and an appropriate rule is present in the exclusion list.

The easiest way to create a detection-based exclusion is using an existing detection from the **Log files** > <u>Detections</u>. Right-click a log record (detection) and click **Create exclusion**. This will open the <u>exclusion wizard</u> with pre-defined criteria.

To manually create a detection exclusion, click **Edit** > **Add** (or **Edit** when modifying existing) and specify one or more of the following criteria (can be combined):

#### **Path**

Excludes specific path (file or directory). You can browse for a specific location/file, or enter the string manually. Do not use wildcards - asterisk (\*) in the middle of a path. See the following Knowledgebase article of or more information.

#### **NOTE**

To exclude folder contents, do not forget to add the asterisk (\*) at the end of the path (C:\Tools\\*). C:\Tools will not be excluded, because from the scanner's perspective, Tools can also be a file name.

#### Hash

Excludes a file based on specified hash (SHA1), regardless of the file type, location, name or its extension.

#### **Detection name**

Enter a valid detection (threat) name. Creating an exclusion based on the detection name alone may pose a security risk. We recommend you combine the detection name with the Path. This exclusion criteria can be used only for certain types of detections.

### Comment

Add an optional **Comment** to easily recognize the exclusion in the future.

ESET Security Management Center includes <u>detection exclusions management</u> of to create a detection exclusions and apply it to more computers/group(s).

Use wildcards to cover a group of files. A question mark (?) represents a single variable character whereas an asterisk (\*) represents a variable string of zero or more characters.

### **EXAMPLE**

Path exclusions using an asterisk:

C:\Tools\\*- path must end with the backslash (\) and asterisk (\*) to indicate that it is a folder and all folder content (files and subfolders) will be excluded

C:\Tools\\*.\*- the same behavior as C:\Tools\\*, which means, it works recursively

C:\Tools\\*.dat - will exclude dat files in the Tools folder

C:\Tools\sg.dat - will exclude this particular file located in the exact path

## **EXAMPLE**

To exclude a threat, enter the valid detection name in the following format: @NAME=Win32/Adware.Optmedia
@NAME=Win32/TrojanDownloader.Delf.QQI
@NAME=Win32/Bagle.D

### **EXAMPLE**

To exclude all files in a folder, type the path to the folder and use the mask \*.\*

- To exclude an entire drive including all files and subfolders, use the mask D:\\*
- To exclude doc files only, use the mask \*.doc
- If the name of an executable file has a certain number of characters (and characters vary) and you only know the first one for certain (say "D"), use the following format:

*D????.exe* (question marks replace the missing / unknown characters)

### **EXAMPLE**

Use system variables like *%PROGRAMFILES%* to define scan exclusions.

- To exclude the Program Files folder using this system variable, use the path *%PROGRAMFILES%*\ (make sure to add the backslash at the end of path when adding to exclusions)
- To exclude all files in a *%HOMEDRIVE%* subdirectory, use the path *%HOMEDRIVE%\Excluded\_Directory\\*.\** The following variables can be used in the path exclusion format:

**%ALLUSERSPROFILE%** 

**%COMMONPROGRAMFILES%** 

%COMMONPROGRAMFILES(X86)%

%COMSPEC%

**%HOMEDRIVE%** 

%HOMEPATH%

%PROGRAMFILES%

%PROGRAMFILES(X86)%

%SystemDrive%

%SystemRoot%

%WINDIR%

%PUBLIC%

User-specific system variables (like *%TEMP%* or *%USERPROFILE%*) or environment variables (like *%PATH%*) are not supported.

# Create exclusion wizard

The recommended exclusion is pre-selected based on the detection type, but you can further specify exclusion criteria for detections. Click **Change criteria**:

- Exact files Exclude each file by its SHA-1 hash.
- **Detection** Specify the detection name to exclude each file that contains such detection.
- **Path + Detection** Specify the detection name and path (including file name) to exclude each file with a detection located in the specified location.

Add an optional Comment to easily recognize the exclusion in the future.

# **Advanced options**

### **Anti-Stealth technology**

Is a sophisticated system providing detection of dangerous programs, such as <u>rootkits</u> Z, which are able to hide themselves from the operating system. This means it is not possible to detect them using ordinary testing techniques.

Let Microsoft Antimalware Scan Interface (AMSI) to scan Powershell scripts executed by Windows script Host.

# **Automatic exclusions**

The developers of server applications and operating systems recommend excluding sets of critical working files and folders from malware scan for most of their products. Malware scan may have a negative influence on a server's performance, which may lead to conflicts and even prevent some applications from running on the server. Exclusions help minimize the risk of potential conflicts and increase the overall performance of the server when running Anti-Malware software. See the complete <u>list of files excluded</u> from scanning for ESET server products.

ESET File Security identifies critical server applications and server operating system files, and automatically adds them to the list of <a href="Exclusions">Exclusions</a>. All automatic exclusions are enabled by default. You can disable/enable each server application exclusions using the slider bar with the following result:

- When enabled, any of its critical files and folders will be added to the list of files excluded from scanning. Every time the server is restarted, the system performs an automatic check of exclusions and updates the list if there were system or application changes (for example when a new server application was installed). This setting ensures the recommended Automatic exclusions are always applied.
- When disabled, automatically excluded files and folders will be removed from the list. Any user-defined exclusions entered manually will not be affected.

To identify and generate automatic exclusions, ESET File Security uses dedicated application *eAutoExclusions.exe*, located in the installation folder. No interaction is needed from your side, but you can use command line to list detected server applications on your system by executing eAutoExclusions.exe -servers. To display full syntax, use eAutoExclusions.exe -?.

# Shared local cache

ESET Shared local cache will boost performance in virtualized environments by eliminating duplicate scanning in the network. This ensures that each file will be scanned only once and stored in the shared cache. Turn on the **Caching option** switch to save information about scans of files and folders on your network to the local cache. If you perform a new scan, ESET File Security will search for scanned files in the cache. If files match, they will be excluded from scanning.

Cache server setup contains the following:

- Hostname Name or IP address of the computer where the cache is located.
- Port Number of the port used for communication (same as was set in Shared local cache).
- **Password** Specify the Shared local cache password if required.

# An infiltration is detected

Infiltrations can reach the system from various entry points such as webpages, shared folders, via email or from removable devices (USB, external disks, CDs, DVDs, diskettes, etc.).

#### Standard behavior

As a general example of how infiltrations are handled by ESET File Security, infiltrations can be detected using:

- Real-time file system protection
- Web access protection
- Email client protection
- On-demand computer scan

Each uses the standard cleaning level and will attempt to clean the file and move it to <u>Quarantine</u> or terminate the connection. A notification window is displayed in the notification area at the bottom right corner of the screen. For more information about cleaning levels and behavior, see <u>Cleaning</u>.

# Cleaning and deleting

If there is no pre-defined action to take for Real-time file system protection, you will be prompted to select an option in the alert window. Usually the options **Clean**, **Delete** and **No action** are available. Selecting **No action** is not recommended, as this will leave infected files uncleaned. The exception to this is when you are sure that a file is harmless and has been detected by mistake.

Apply cleaning if a file has been attacked by a virus that has attached malicious code to the file. If this is the case, attempt to clean the infected file in order to restore it to its original state before cleaning. If the file consists exclusively of malicious code, it will be deleted.

If an infected file is "locked" or in use by a system process, it will usually only be deleted after it is released (normally after a system restart).

# Multiple threats

If any infected files were not cleaned during Computer scan (or the <u>Cleaning level</u> was set to **No Cleaning**), an alert window prompting you to select actions for those files is displayed. Select an action individually for each threat in the list or you can use **Select action for all listed threats** and choose one action to take on all the threats in the list, then click **Finish**.

# **Deleting files in archives**

In default cleaning mode, the entire archive will only be deleted if it contains infected files and no clean files. In other words, archives are not deleted if they also contain harmless clean files. Use caution when performing a Strict cleaning scan, with Strict cleaning enabled an archive will be deleted if it contains at least one infected file regardless of the status of other files in the archive.

# Real-time file system protection

Real-time file system protection controls all malware-related events in the system. All files are scanned for malicious code when they are opened, created, or run on your computer. By default, Real-time file system protection launches at system start-up and provides uninterrupted scanning. In special cases (for example, if there is a conflict with another real-time scanner), real-time protection can be disabled by disengaging **Start Real-time file system protection automatically** in **Advanced setup (F5)** under **Real-time file system protection > Basic**.

ESET File Security is compatible with machines using Azure File Sync agent with cloud tiering enabled. ESET File Security recognizes files with attribute *FILE\_ATTRIBUTE\_RECALL\_ON\_DATA\_ACCESS*.

#### Media to scan

By default, all types of media are scanned for potential threats:

- Local drives Controls all system hard drives.
- Removable media Controls CD/DVD's, USB storage, Bluetooth devices, etc.
- Network drives Scans all mapped drives.

We recommend that you use default settings and only modify them in specific cases, such as when scanning certain media significantly slows data transfers.

#### Scan on

By default, all files are scanned upon opening, creation, or execution. We recommend that you keep these default settings, as they provide the maximum level of real-time protection for your computer:

- File open Scanning when files are opened / accessed.
- File creation Scanning when files are created / modified.
- File execution Scanning when files are executed.
- Removable media access Scanning when accessing removable storage. When removable media that
  contains a boot sector is inserted in the device, the boot sector is immediately scanned. This option does
  not enable removable media file scanning. Removable media file scanning is located Media to scan >
  Removable media. For Removable media boot sector access to work correctly, keep Boot sectors/UEFI
  enabled in ThreatSense parameters.

# **Processes exclusions**

Enables you to exclude specific processes. For example, processes of the backup solution, all file operations attributed to such excluded process are ignored and considered safe, thus minimizing the interference with the backup process.

# ThreatSense parameters

Real-time file system protection checks all types of media and is triggered by various system events such as accessing a file. Real-time file system protection can be configured to treat newly created files differently than existing files. For example, you can configure Real-time file system protection to more closely monitor newly created files.

To ensure a minimal system footprint when using real-time protection, files that have already been scanned are not scanned repeatedly (unless they have been modified). Files are scanned again immediately after each detection engine database update. This behavior is controlled using **Smart optimization**. If **Smart optimization** is disabled, all files are scanned each time they are accessed. To modify this setting, press **F5** to open **Advanced setup** and expand **Detection engine** > **Real-time file system protection**. Click **ThreatSense parameters** > **Other** and select or deselect **Enable Smart optimization**.

# Additional ThreatSense parameters

You can modify detailed options of the **Additional ThreatSense parameters for newly created and modified files** or **Additional ThreatSense parameters for executed files**.

# ThreatSense parameters

ThreatSense is technology comprised of many complex threat detection methods. This technology is proactive, which means it also provides protection during the early spread of a new threat. It uses a combination of code analysis, code emulation, generic signatures and virus signatures which work in concert to significantly enhance system security. The scanning engine is capable of controlling several data streams simultaneously, maximizing the efficiency and detection rate. ThreatSense technology also successfully eliminates rootkits.

### NOTE

For details about automatic startup file check, see Startup scan.

ThreatSense engine setup options allow you to specify several scan parameters:

- File types and extensions that are to be scanned
- The combination of various detection methods
- Levels of cleaning, etc.

To enter the setup window, click **ThreatSense engine parameter setup** in the **Advanced setup** (**F5**) window for any module that uses ThreatSense technology (see below). Different security scenarios may require different configurations. With this in mind, ThreatSense is individually configurable for the following protection modules:

- Hyper-V scan
- OneDrive scan
- Real-time file system protection
- Malware scans
- Idle-state scanning
- Startup scan
- <u>Document protection</u>
- Email client protection
- Web access protection

ThreatSense parameters are highly optimized for each module, and their modification can significantly influence system operation. For example, changing parameters to always scan runtime packers, or enabling advanced heuristics in the Real-time file system protection module could result in a system slow-down (normally, only newly-created files are scanned using these methods). We recommend that you leave the default ThreatSense parameters unchanged for all modules except Computer scan.

Objects to scan

# This section allows you to define which computer components and files will be scanned for infiltrations.

#### **Operating memory**

Scans for threats that attack the operating memory of the system.

# **Boot sectors/UEFI**

Scans boot sectors for the presence of viruses in the MBR (Master Boot Record). In case of a Hyper-V Virtual

Machine, its disk MBR is scanned in read - only mode.

#### **Email files**

The program supports the following extensions: DBX (Outlook Express) and EML.

#### **Archives**

The program supports the following extensions: ARJ, BZ2, CAB, CHM, DBX, GZIP, ISO/BIN/NRG, LHA, MIME, NSIS, RAR, SIS, TAR, TNEF, UUE, WISE, ZIP, ACE, and many others.

# **Self-extracting archives**

Self-extracting archives (SFX) are archives needing no specialized programs – archives – to decompress themselves.

# **Runtime packers**

After being executed, runtime packers (unlike standard archive types) decompress in memory. In addition to standard static packers (UPX, yoda, ASPack, FSG, etc.), the scanner is able to recognize several additional types of packers through the use of code emulation.

#### ■ Scan options

# Select the methods used when scanning the system for infiltrations. The following options are available:

#### **Heuristics**

A heuristic is an algorithm that analyzes the (malicious) activity of programs. The main advantage of this technology is the ability to identify malicious software which did not exist, or was not known by the previous detection engine.

# Advanced heuristics/DNA signatures

Advanced heuristics consist of a unique heuristic algorithm developed by ESET, optimized for detecting computer worms and trojan horses and written in high-level programming languages. The use of advanced heuristics greatly increases the threat detection capabilities of ESET products. Signatures can reliably detect and identify viruses. Utilizing the automatic update system, new signatures are available within a few hours of a threat discovery. The disadvantage of signatures is that they only detect viruses they know (or slightly modified versions of these viruses).

#### Cleaning

The cleaning settings determine the behavior of the scanner while cleaning infected files. There are 3 levels of cleaning:

# No cleaning

Infected files will not be cleaned automatically. The program will display a warning window and allow the user to choose an action. This level is designed for more advanced users who know which steps to take in the

event of an infiltration.

# **Normal cleaning**

The program will attempt to automatically clean or delete an infected file based on a pre-defined action (depending on the type of infiltration). Detection and deletion of an infected file is signaled by a notification in the bottom-right corner of the screen. If it is not possible to select the correct action automatically, the program provides other follow-up actions. The same happens when a pre-defined action cannot be completed.

# Strict cleaning

The program will clean or delete all infected files. The only exceptions are system files. If it is not possible to clean a file, the user will be asked what type of action should be taken.

#### WARNING

If an archive contains a file or files that are infected, there are two options for dealing with the archive. In the default mode, **Normal cleaning**, the whole archive will be deleted if all the files it contains are infected. In **Strict cleaning** mode, the archive will be deleted if it contains at least one infected file, regardless of the status of the other files in the archive.

#### **IMPORTANT**

If a Hyper-V host is running on Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1, **Normal cleaning** and **Strict cleaning** are not supported. Scanning of Virtual Machine disks is done in read-only mode, no cleaning will be performed. Regardless of the cleaning level selected, the scan is always performed in read-only mode.

# **■** Exclusions

An extension is the part of a file name delimited by a period. An extension defines the type and content of a file. This section of the ThreatSense parameter setup lets you define the types of <u>files to exclude from scan</u>.

#### Other

When configuring ThreatSense engine parameters setup for a On-demand computer scan, the following options in **Other** section are also available:

# Scan alternate data streams (ADS)

Alternate data streams used by the NTFS file system are file and folder associations which are invisible to ordinary scanning techniques. Many infiltrations try to avoid detection by disguising themselves as alternate data streams.

# Run background scans with low priority

Each scanning sequence consumes a certain amount of system resources. If you work with programs that place a high load on system resources, you can activate low priority background scanning and save resources for your applications.

# Log all objects

If this option is selected, the log file will show all the scanned files, even those not infected.

#### **Enable Smart optimization**

With Smart Optimization enabled, the optimal settings are used to ensure the most efficient scanning level, while simultaneously maintaining the highest scanning speeds. The various protection modules scan intelligently, making use of different scanning methods and applying them to specific file types. If Smart Optimization is disabled, only the user-defined settings in the ThreatSense core of the particular modules are applied when performing a scan.

#### Preserve last access timestamp

Select this option to keep the original access time of scanned files instead of updating them (for example, for use with data backup systems).

# **■** Limits

The Limits section allows you to specify the maximum size of objects and levels of nested archives to be scanned:

# **Default object settings**

Enable to use default settings (no limits). ESET File Security will be ignoring your custom settings.

# Maximum object size

Defines the maximum size of objects to be scanned. The given protection module will then scan only objects smaller than the size specified. This option should only be changed by advanced users who may have specific reasons for excluding larger objects from scanning. Default value: unlimited.

#### Maximum scan time for object (sec.)

Defines the maximum time value for scanning of an object. If a user-defined value has been entered here, the protection module will stop scanning an object when that time has elapsed, regardless of whether the scan has finished. Default value: unlimited.

#### Archive scan setup

To modify archive scan settings, deselect **Default archive scan settings**.

# **Archive nesting level**

Specifies the maximum depth of archive scanning. Default value: 10. For objects detected by Mailbox transport protection, actual nesting level is +1 because archive attachment in an email is considered first level.

#### **EXAMPLE**

If you have nesting level set to 3, an archive file with nesting level 3 will only be scanned on a transport layer up to its actual level 2. Therefore, if you want to have archives scanned by Mailbox transport protection up to level 3, set the value for **Archive nesting level** to 4.

# Maximum size of file in archive

This option allows you to specify the maximum file size for files contained in archives (when they are extracted) that are to be scanned. Default value: unlimited.

# **NOTE**

We do not recommend changing the default values; under normal circumstances, there should be no reason to modify them.

# **Additional ThreatSense parameters**

#### Additional ThreatSense parameters for newly created and modified files

The probability of infection in newly-created or modified files is comparatively higher than in existing files. For this reason, the program checks these files with additional scanning parameters. Along with common signature-based scanning methods, advanced heuristics, which can detect new threats before module update is released, are also used. In addition to newly-created files, scanning is performed on self-extracting files (.sfx) and runtime packers (internally compressed executable files). By default, archives are scanned up to the 10th nesting level and are checked regardless of their actual size. To modify archive scan settings, disable **Default archive scan settings**.

# Additional ThreatSense parameters for executed files

By default, <u>Advanced heuristics</u> is used when files are executed. When enabled, we strongly recommend keeping <u>Smart optimization</u> and ESET LiveGrid® enabled to mitigate impact on system performance.

# File extenstions excluded from scanning

An extension is the part of a file name delimited by a period. The extension defines the type of a file. Normally, all files are scanned. However, if you need to exclude files with a specific extension, ThreatSense parameter setup lets you exclude files from scanning based on their extension. Excluding may be useful if scanning of certain file types prevents an application from running properly.

# EXAMPLE

To add a new extension to the list, click **Add**. Type the extension into the text field (for example tmp) and click **OK**. When you select **Enter multiple values**, you can add multiple file extensions delimited by lines, commas or semicolons (for example, choose **Semicolon** from the drop-down menu as a separator, and type edb; eml; tmp).

You can use a special symbol ? (question mark). The question mark represents any symbol (for example ?db).

### **NOTE**

To display the extension (file type) for all files in a Windows operating system, deselect **Hide extensions for known file types** under **Control Panel > Folder Options > View**.

# **Processes exclusions**

The Processes exclusions feature allows you to exclude application processes from Anti-Malware On-access scanning only. Due to the critical role of dedicated servers (application server, storage server, etc.) regular backups are mandatory to guarantee timely recovery from an incident of any kind. To improve backup speed, process integrity and service availability, some techniques that are known to conflict with file-level malware protection are used during backup. Similar problems can occur when attempting live migrations of virtual machines. The only effective way to avoid both situations is to deactivate Anti-Malware software. By excluding

specific process (for example those of the backup solution) all file operations attributed to such excluded process are ignored and considered safe, thus minimizing interference with the backup process. We recommend that you use caution when creating exclusions – a backup tool that has been excluded can access infected files without triggering an alert which is why extended permissions are only allowed in the real-time protection module.

Processes exclusions help minimize the risk of potential conflicts and improve the performance of excluded applications, which in turn has a positive effect on the overall performance and stability of the operating system. The exclusion of a process / application is an exclusion of its executable file (.exe).

You can add executable files into the list of excluded processes via **Advanced setup (F5)** > **Detection engine** > **Real-time file system protection** > **Basic** > **Processes exclusions** or using the list of running processes from the main menu **Tools** > **Running processes**.

This feature was designed to exclude backup tools. Excluding the backup tool's process from scanning not only ensures system stability, but it also does not affect backup performance as the backup is not slowed down while it is running.

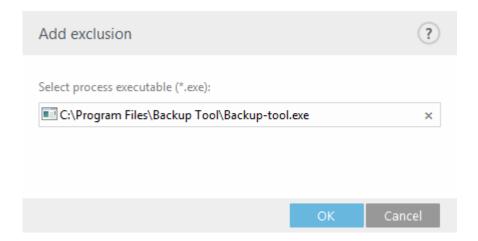
#### **EXAMPLE**

Click **Edit** to open the **Processes exclusions** management window, where you can **Add** exclusions and browse for executable file (for example *Backup-tool.exe*), which will be excluded from scanning.

As soon as the .exe file is added to the exclusions, activity of this process is not monitored by ESET File Security and no scanning is run on any file operations performed by this process.

# **IMPORTANT**

If you do not use browse function when selecting process executable, you need to manually enter a full path to the executable. Otherwise, the exclusion will not work correctly and HIPS may report errors.



You can also **Edit** existing processes or **Delete** them from exclusions.

# **NOTE**

Web access protection does not take into account this exclusion, so if you exclude the executable file of your web browser, downloaded files are still scanned. This way an infiltration can still be detected. This scenario is an example only, and we do not recommend you to create exclusions for web browsers.

# **Cloud-based protection**

ESET LiveGrid® is an advanced early warning system comprised of several cloud-based technologies. It helps detect emerging threats based on reputation and improves scanning performance by means of whitelisting. New

threat information is streamed in real-time to the cloud, which enables the ESET Malware Research Lab to provide timely response and consistent protection at all times. Users can check the reputation of running processes and files directly from the program's interface or contextual menu with additional information available from ESET LiveGrid®.

When installing ESET File Security, select one of the following options:

- You can decide not to enable ESET LiveGrid®. Your software will not lose any functionality, but in some cases ESET File Security may respond slower to new threats than detection engine database update.
- You can configure ESET LiveGrid® to submit anonymous information about new threats and where the new threatening code was detected. This file can be sent to ESET for detailed analysis. Studying these threats will help ESET update its threat detection capabilities.

ESET LiveGrid® will collect information about your computer related to newly-detected threats. This information may include a sample or copy of the file in which the threat appeared, the path to that file, the filename, the date and time, the process by which the threat appeared on your computer and information about your computer's operating system.

By default, ESET File Security is configured to submit suspicious files to the ESET Virus Lab for analysis. Files with certain extensions such as .docx or .xlsx are always excluded. You can also add other extensions if there are particular files that you or your organization want to avoid sending.

# Enable ESET LiveGrid® reputation system (recommended)

The ESET LiveGrid® reputation system improves the efficiency of ESET anti-malware solutions by comparing scanned files to a database of whitelisted and blacklisted items in the cloud.

# Enable ESET LiveGrid® feedback system

Data will be sent to the ESET Research Lab for further analysis.

#### Submit crash reports and diagnostic data

Submit data such as crash reports, modules or memory dumps.

# **Submit anonymous statistics**

Allow ESET to collect information about newly detected threats such as the threat name, date and time of detection, detection method and associated metadata, scanned files (hash, file name, origin of the file, telemetry), blocked and suspicious URL's, product version and configuration, including information about your system.

#### **Contact email (optional)**

Your contact email can be included with any suspicious files and may be used to contact you if further information is required for analysis. Please note that you will not receive a response from ESET unless more information is needed.

# ■ Submission of samples

# **Automatic submission of infected samples**

This will submit all infected samples to ESET for analysis and to improve future detection.

- All infected samples
- All samples except documents
- Do not submit

# Automatic submission of suspicious samples

Suspicious samples resembling threats, and/or samples with unusual characteristics or behavior are submitted to ESET for analysis.

- Executable -Includes executable files: .exe, .dll, .sys
- Archives Includes archive file types: .zip, .rar, .7z, .arch, .arj, .bzip2, .gzip, .ace, .arc, .cab
- Scripts Includes script file types: .bat, .cmd, .hta, .js, .vbs, .js, .ps1
- Other Includes file types: .jar, .reg, .msi, .swf, .lnk
- Possible Spam emails Improves global detection of spam.
- Documents Includes Microsoft Office documents or PDF's with active content.

# **Exclusions**

Click <u>Edit</u> option next to Exclusions in ESET LiveGrid® allows you to configure how threats are submitted to ESET Virus Labs for analysis.

# Maximum size of samples (MB)

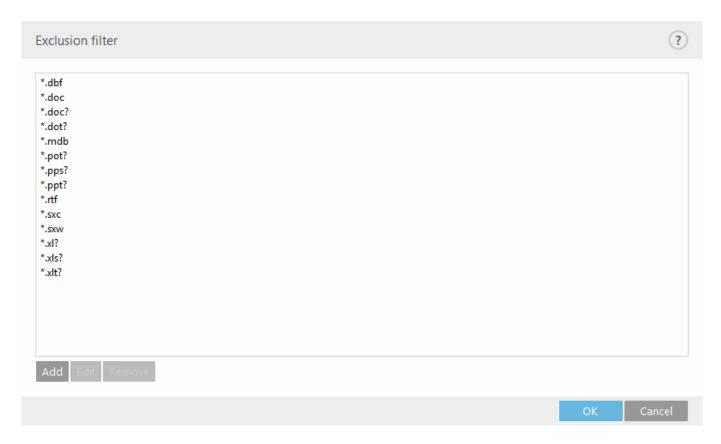
Define the maximum size of samples to be scanned.

# **ESET Dynamic Threat Defense**

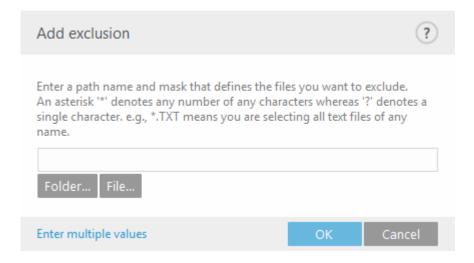
To enable <u>ESET Dynamic Threat Defense</u> service on a client machine using ESMC Web Console. In the ESET Security Management Center Web Console <u>create a new policy</u> or edit an existing one and assign it on machines where you want to use the ESET Dynamic Threat Defense.

# **Exclusion filter**

The Exclusion filter allows you to exclude certain files/folders from submission (for example, it may be useful to exclude files that may carry confidential information, such as documents or spreadsheets). The files listed will never be sent to ESET labs for analysis, even if they contain suspicious code. The most common file types are excluded by default (.doc, etc.). You can add to the list of excluded files if desired.



If you have used ESET LiveGrid® before and have disabled it, there may still be data packages to send. Even after deactivating, such packages will be sent to ESET. Once all current information is sent, no further packages will be created.



If you find a suspicious file, you can submit it for analysis to our ThreatLabs. If it is a malicious application, its detection will be added to the next detection module update.

# Malware scans

This section provides options to select scanning parameters.

### **NOTE**

This scan profile selector applies to **On-demand scan**, <u>Hyper-V scan</u> and <u>OneDrive scan</u>.

# Selected profile

A particular set of parameters used by the On-demand scanner. You can use one of the pre-defined scan profile or create a new profile. The scan profiles use different <a href="https://example.com/html/>
ThreatSense engine parameters">https://example.com/html/>
ThreatSense engine parameters</a>.

# List of profiles

To create a new one, click **Edit**. Type name for profile and click **Add**. New profile will be displayed in the **Selected profile** drop-down menu that lists existing scan profiles.

# **Scan targets**

To scan a specific target, click **Edit** and choose an option from drop-down menu or selecting specific targets from the folder (tree) structure.

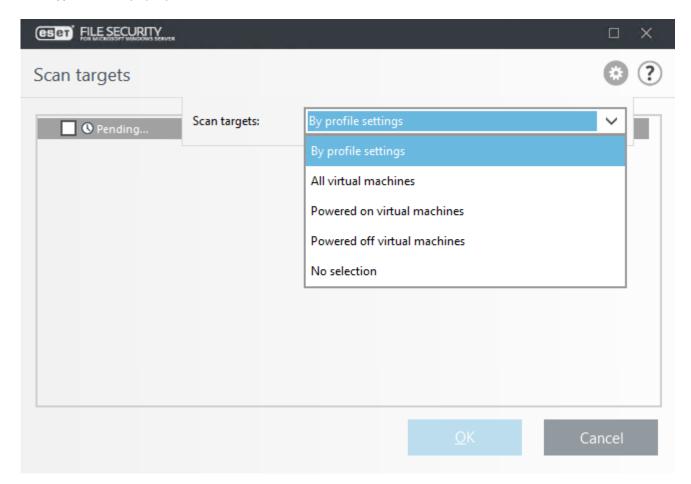
### ThreatSense parameters

Modify scan parameters for the On-demand computer scanner.

# On-Demand & Machine learning protection

Reporting is performed by detection engine and the machine learning component.

The **Hyper-V scan** pop-up window:



The Scan targets for Hyper-V drop-down menu allows you to select pre-defined scan targets:

By profile settings	Selects targets set in the selected scan profile.
All virtual machines	Selects all virtual machines.
Powered on virtual machines	Selects all online VMs.

By profile settings	Selects targets set in the selected scan profile.
Powered off virtual machines	Selects all offline VMs.
No selection	Clears all selections.

Click **Scan** to execute the scan using the custom parameters that you have set. After all scans are finished, check **Log files** > <u>Hyper-V scan</u>.

# **Profile manager**

The Scan profile drop-down menu lets you select pre-defined scan profiles.

- Smart scan
- Context menu scan
- In-depth scan
- My profile (applies to Hyper-V scan, Update profiles and OneDrive scan)

To help you create a scan profile to fit your needs, see the <u>ThreatSense engine parameters setup</u> section for a description of each parameter of the scan setup.

Profile manager is used in three places within ESET File Security.

# On-demand computer scan

Your preferred scan parameters can be saved for future scanning. We recommend that you create a different profile (with various scan targets, scan methods and other parameters) for each regularly used scan.

### **Update**

The profile editor allows users to create new update profiles. It is only necessary to create custom update profiles if your computer uses multiple means to connect to update servers.

#### Hyper-V scan

Create a new profile, select **Edit** next to **List of profiles**. New profile will be displayed in the **Selected profile** drop-down menu that lists existing scan profiles.

#### **OneDrive scan**

Create a new profile, select **Edit** next to **List of profiles**. New profile will be displayed in the **Selected profile** drop-down menu that lists existing scan profiles.

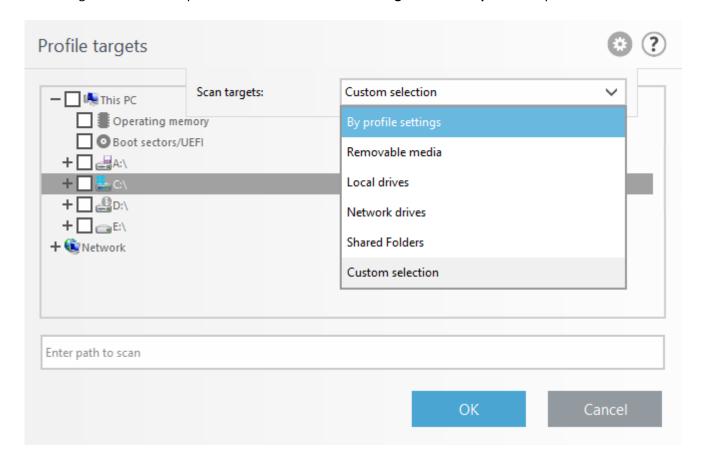
# **Profile targets**

You can specify what will be scanned for infiltrations. Choose objects (memory, boot sectors and UEFI, drives, files and folders or network) from the tree structure that lists all available targets on your system.

#### NOTE

This scan profile selector applies to **On-demand scan**, <u>Hyper-V scan</u> and <u>OneDrive scan</u>.

Click the gear icon in the top-left corner to access the **Scan targets** and **Scan profile** drop-down menus.



The **Scan targets** drop-down menu enables you to select pre-defined scan targets:

By profile settings	Selects targets set in the selected scan profile.
Removable media	Selects diskettes, USB storage devices, CD/DVD.
Local drives	Selects all system hard drives.
Network drives	Selects all mapped network drives.
Shared Folders	Selects all folders on the local server that are shared.
Custom selection	Clears all selections. Ones cleared, you can make your custom selection.

To quickly navigate to a scan target (file or folder) in order to include it for scanning, enter its path into the text field below the tree structure. The path entry is case sensitive.

The **Scan profile** drop-down menu enables you to select pre-defined scan profiles:

- Smart scan
- Context menu scan
- In-depth scan

These scan profiles use different ThreatSense engine parameters.

# Scan without cleaning

If you are only interested in scanning the system without additional cleaning actions, select **Scan without cleaning**. This is useful when you only want to obtain an overview whether there are infected items and get details about these infections, if there are any. You can choose from three cleaning levels by clicking **Setup** > **ThreatSense parameters** > **Cleaning**. Information about scanning is saved to a scan log.

# **Ignore exclusions**

When you select **Ignore exclusions**, it lets you perform a scan while ignoring <u>exclusions</u> that otherwise apply.

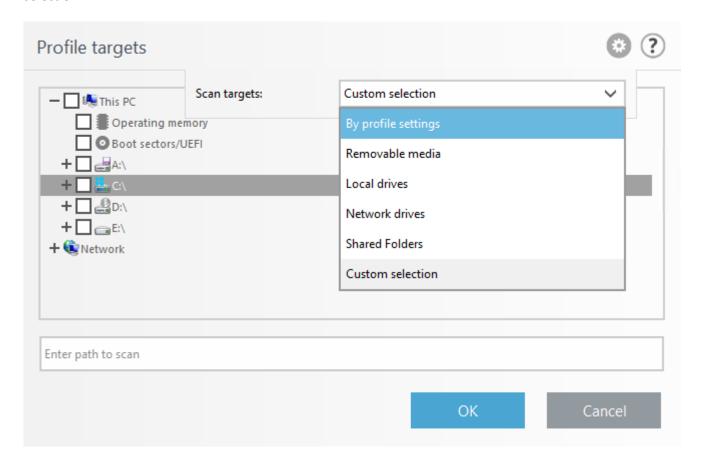
# **Scan targets**

If you only want to scan a specific target, you can use the **Custom scan** and select an option from the **Scan targets** drop-down menu or select specific targets from the folder (tree) structure.

Scan targets profile selector applies to:

- On-demand scan
- Hyper-V scan
- OneDrive scan

To quickly navigate to a scan target or to add a new target file or folder, enter it in the blank field below the folder list. This is only possible if no targets are selected in the tree structure and the **Scan targets** menu is set to **No selection**.



The **Scan targets** drop-down menu allows you to select pre-defined scan targets.

By profile settings	Selects targets set in the selected scan profile.
Removable media	Selects diskettes, USB storage devices, CD/DVD.
Local drives	Selects all system hard drives.
Network drives	Selects all mapped network drives.
Shared Folders	Selects all folders on the local server that are shared.
<b>Custom selection</b>	Clears all selections. Ones cleared, you can make your custom selection.

You can choose a profile from the <u>Scan profile</u> drop-down menu to be used for scanning chosen targets. The default profile is **Smart scan**. There are two more pre-defined scan profiles called **In-depth scan** and **Context menu scan**. These scan profiles use different <u>ThreatSense engine parameters</u>.

### The **Custom scan** pop-up window:

Computer scan		<b>②</b> ?
— ☐ ♣ This PC Scan targets:	By profile settings	~
Operating mer Scan profile:	Smart scan	~
■ O Boot sectors/L  + ■ ♣A:\	Scan without cleaning	
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+ □ ೄE:\ + <b>©</b> Network		
Enter path to scan		
	Scan	Cancel

# Scan without cleaning

If you are only interested in scanning the system without additional cleaning actions, select **Scan without cleaning**. This is useful when you only want to obtain an overview whether there are infected items and get details about these infections, if there are any. You can choose from three cleaning levels by clicking **Setup** > **ThreatSense parameters** > **Cleaning**. Information about scanning is saved to a scan log.

# Ignore exclusions

You can perform a scan while ignoring exclusions that otherwise apply.

### Scan

To execute the scan using the custom parameters that you have set.

#### **Scan as Administrator**

Allows you to execute the scan under the Administrator account. Click this if the current user doesn't have privileges to access the appropriate files to be scanned. Note that this button is not available if the current user cannot call UAC operations as Administrator.

# Idle-state scan

When the computer is in idle state, a silent computer scan is performed on all local drives. **Idle-state detection** will run when your computer is in the following states:

- Turned off screen or screen saver
- Computer lock
- User logoff

# Run even if computer is powered from battery

By default, the Idle-state scanner will not run when the computer (notebook) is operating on battery power.

# **Enable logging**

To record a computer scan output in the <u>Log files</u> section (from the main program window click Log files and select log type Computer scan from the drop-down menu).

# ThreatSense parameters

Modify scan parameters for the Idle-state scanner.

# Startup scan

By default, the automatic startup file check will be performed on system start (user logon) and after a successful module update. This scan is controlled by the <u>Scheduler configuration and tasks</u>.

Startup scan options are a part of the **System startup file check** scheduler task.

To modify Startup scan settings, navigate to **Tools** > <u>Scheduler</u>, select one of the tasks named **Automatic startup file check** (user logon or module update) and click **Edit**. Click through the wizard and in the last step, you can modify detailed options of the <u>Automatic startup</u> file check.

# **Automatic startup file check**

When creating a System startup file check scheduled task, you have several options to adjust the following parameters:

The Scan target drop-down menu specifies the scan depth for files run at system startup. Files are arranged in ascending order according to the following criteria:

- All registered files (most files scanned)
- Rarely used files
- Commonly used files
- Frequently used files
- Only the most frequently used files (least files scanned)

Two specific Scan target groups are also included:

# Files run before user logon

Contains files from locations that may be accessed without the user being logged in (includes almost all startup locations such as services, browser helper objects, winlogon notify, Windows scheduler entries, known dll's, etc.).

# Files run after user logon

Contains files from locations that may only be accessed after a user has logged in (includes files that are only run by a specific user, typically files in

HKEY CURRENT USER\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\.

Lists of files to be scanned are fixed for each aforementioned group.

### Scan priority

The level of priority used to determine when a scan will start:

- · Normal at an average system load,
- Lower at a low system load,
- Lowest when the system load is the lowest possible,
- When idle the task will be performed only when the system is idle.

# Removable media

ESET File Security provides automatic removable media (CD/DVD/USB) scanning. This module allows you to scan inserted media. This may be useful if the computer administrator wants to prevent the users from using removable media with unsolicited content.

#### Action to take after inserting removable media

Select which action will be performed when a removable media device is inserted into the computer (CD/DVD/USB).

- Do not scan No action will be performed and the New device detected window will be closed.
- Automatic device scan An on-demand computer scan of the inserted removable media device will be performed.
- Show scan options Opens the Removable media setup section.

When removable media is inserted, the following dialog will shown:

- Scan now This will trigger a scan of removable media.
- Scan later Scanning of removable media will be postponed.
- **Setup** Opens Advanced setup.
- Always use the selected option When selected, the same action will be performed when removable media is inserted another time.

In addition, ESET File Security features Device control, which allows you to define rules for the use of external devices on a given computer. More details on Device control can be found in the <u>Device control</u> section.

# **Document protection**

The Document protection feature scans Microsoft Office documents before they are opened, as well as files downloaded automatically by Internet Explorer such as Microsoft ActiveX elements. Document protection provides a layer of protection in addition to Real-time file system protection, and can be disabled to enhance performance on systems that are not exposed to a high volume of Microsoft Office documents.

# Integrate into system

This option enhances the protection of Microsoft Office documents (not required under normal circumstances).

### ThreatSense parameters

Modify parameters for the Document protection.

#### **NOTE**

This feature is activated by applications that use the Microsoft Antivirus API (for example, Microsoft Office 2000 and higher, or Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.0 and higher).

# **Hyper-V scan**

Current version of Hyper-V scan supports scanning of online or offline virtual system in Hyper-V. Supported types of scanning according to hosted Windows Hyper-V system and state of virtual system are shown here:

Virtual systems with Hyper-V feature	Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 Hyper- V	Windows Server 2012 Hyper-V	Windows Server 2012 R2 Hyper-V	Windows Server 2016 Hyper-V	Windows Server 2019 Hyper-V
Online VM	no scan	read-only	read-only	read-only	read-only
Offline VM	read-only/cleaning	read-only/cleaning	read-only/cleaning	read-only/cleaning	read-only/cleaning

# Hardware requirements

The server should have no performance issues running Virtual Machines. Scanning activity primarily uses CPU resources. To scan online VMs, free disk space is required. Disk space must be at least double the space used by checkpoints/snapshots and virtual disks.

# **Specific limitations**

- Scanning on RAID storage, Spanned Volumes and <u>Dynamic Disks</u> of are not supported due to the nature of Dynamic Disks. Therefore, we recommend that you avoid using the Dynamic Disk type in your VMs if possible.
- Scanning is always performed on the current VM and does not affect checkpoints or snapshots.
- Hyper-V running on a host in a cluster is currently not supported by ESET File Security.

• Virtual Machines on a Hyper-V host running on Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 can only be scanned in read-only mode (No cleaning), regardless of what cleaning level is selected in <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhp.2015/">ThreatSense parameters</a>.

#### NOTE

While ESET Security supports the scan of virtual disk MBRs, read-only scanning is the only method supported for these targets. This setting can be changed in **Advanced setup** (F5) > **Detection engine** > **Hyper-V scan** > ThreatSense parameters > **Boot sectors**.

# Virtual Machine to be scanned is "offline" - switched Off state

ESET File Security uses Hyper-V Management to detect and to connect to virtual disks. This way, ESET File Security has the same access to the content of the virtual disks it does when accessing data and files on any generic drive.

# Virtual Machine to be scanned is "online" - Running, Paused, Saved state

ESET File Security uses Hyper-V Management to detect virtual disks. Actual connection to these the disks is not possible. Therefore, ESET File Security creates a checkpoint/snapshot of the Virtual Machine, then connects to the checkpoint/snapshot. Once the scan is completed, the checkpoint/snapshot is deleted. This means that read-only scan can be performed because the running Virtual Machine(s) are unaffected by scan activity.

Allow up to one minute for ESET File Security to create a snapshot or checkpoint during scanning. You should take this into account when running a Hyper-V scan on a larger number of Virtual Machines.

# **Naming convention**

The module of Hyper-V Scan uses the following naming convention:

VirtualMachineName\DiskX\VolumeY

Where X is the number of disks and Y is the number of volumes. For example:

Computer\Disk0\Volume1

The number suffix is added based on the order of detection, and is identical to the order seen in the Disk Manager of the VM. This naming convention is used in the tree-structured list of targets to be scanned, in the progress bar and also in the log files.

# **Executing a scan**

- On-demand Click **Hyper-V Scan** to view a list of Virtual Machines and volumes available for scanning. Select the Virtual Machine(s), disk(s) or volume(s) you want to scan and click **Scan**.
- To create a scheduler task.
- Via ESET Security Management Center as a Client Task called <u>Server Scan</u> .
- Hyper-V scan can be managed and started via eShell.

It is possible to execute several Hyper-V scans simultaneously. You will receive a notification with a link to log files when a scan is complete.

### **Possible issues**

When executing the scan of an online Virtual Machine, a checkpoint/snapshot of the particular Virtual

Machine has to be created and during the creation of a checkpoint/snapshot some generic actions of the Virtual Machine might be limited or disabled.

- If an offline Virtual Machine is being scanned, it cannot be turned on until the scan is finished.
- Hyper-V Manager allows you to name two different Virtual Machines identically and this presents an issue when trying to differentiate the machines while reviewing the scan logs.

# **OneDrive scan**

# **■** Basic

You can configure action and quarantine

#### Action to take if file is infected:

- No action No changes in file will apply.
- **Delete** Move to <u>quarantine</u> and deletes files from OneDrive. However, files are still available in the OneDrive recycle bin.

# Quarantine infected files

When enabled, files that are marked for deletion will be put into quarantine. Deselect this setting to disable quarantine so that files do not accumulate in quarantine.

# Advanced

This part contains information about OneDrive scan registration (Application ID, Object ID on Azure portal, Certificate thumbprint). You can configure time outs and concurrent download limit.

#### ■ Profiles

To create a new profile, select **Edit** next to **List of profiles**, enter your own **Profile name** and then click **Add**. New profile will be displayed in the **Selected profile** drop-down menu that lists existing scan profiles.

The **Scan target** drop-down menu enables you to select pre-defined scan target:

- By profile Selects targets set in the selected scan profile.
- All users Selects all users.
- No selection Clears your current selection.

Click **Scan** to execute the scan using the custom parameters that you have set. After all scans are finished, check **Log files** > <u>OneDrive scan</u>.

# ThreatSense parameters

Modify scan parameters for the OneDrive scanner.

# OneDrive scan & Machine learning protection

Reporting is performed by detection engine and the machine learning component.

# **HIPS**

Host-based Intrusion Prevention System (HIPS) protects your system from malware and unwanted activity attempting to negatively affect your computer. HIPS utilizes advanced behavioral analysis coupled with the detection capabilities of network filtering to monitor running processes, files and registry keys. HIPS is separate from Real-time file system protection and is not a firewall; it only monitors processes running within the operating system.

#### WARNING

Changes to HIPS settings should only be made by an experienced user. Incorrect configuration of HIPS settings can lead to system instability.

#### **Enable Self-Defense**

ESET File Security has built-in Self-defense technology that prevents malicious software from corrupting or disabling your malware protection, so you can be sure your system is protected at all times. Changes to the Enable HIPS and Enable SD (Self-Defense) settings take effect after the Windows operating system is restarted. Disabling the entire HIPS system will also require a computer restart.

#### **Enable Protected Service**

Microsoft has introduced a concept of protected services with Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2. It prevents a service against malware attacks. Kernel of ESET File Security is running as a protected service by default. This feature is available on Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 and newer server operating systems.

# **Enable Advanced Memory Scanner**

Works in combination with Exploit Blocker to strengthen protection against malware that has been designed to evade detection by antimalware products through the use of obfuscation or encryption. Advanced Memory Scanner is enabled by default. Read more about this type of protection in the glossary ...

# **Enable Exploit Blocker**

Is designed to fortify commonly exploited application types such as web browsers, PDF readers, email clients and MS Office components. Exploit Blocker is enabled by default. Read more about this type of protection in the glossary ...

#### **Enable Ransomware shield**

To use this functionality enable HIPS and ESET Live Grid. Read more about Ransomware in the glossary ...

# Filtering mode

You can choose one of the following filtering modes:

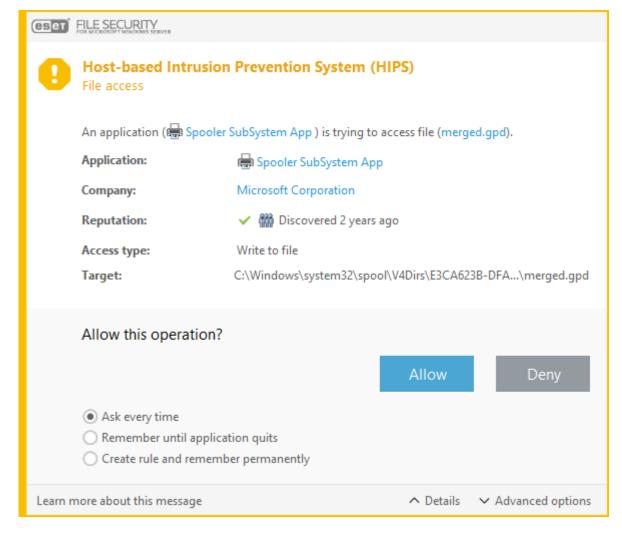
- **Automatic mode** Operations are enabled with the exception of those blocked by pre-defined rules that protect your system. Everything is allowed except actions denied by rule.
- Smart mode The user will only be notified about very suspicious events.

- Interactive mode The user will be prompted to confirm operations. Allow / deny access, Create rule, Temporarily remember this action.
- Policy-based mode Operations are blocked. Accepts only user/pre-defined rules.
- Learning mode Operations are enabled and a rule is created after each operation. Rules created in this mode can be viewed in the Rule editor, but their priority is lower than the priority of rules created manually or rules created in automatic mode. When you select Learning mode from the HIPS Filtering mode drop-down menu, the Learning mode will end at setting will become available. Select the duration for which you want to engage learning mode (the maximum duration is 14 days). When the specified duration has passed, you will be prompted to edit the rules created by HIPS while it was in learning mode. You can also choose a different filtering mode, or postpone the decision and continue using learning mode.

#### **Rules**

Rules determine which applications will be granted access to which files, parts of registry or other applications. The HIPS system monitors events inside the operating system and reacts accordingly based on rules similar to the rules used by the personal firewall. Click <u>Edit</u> to open the HIPS rule management window. If the default action for a rule is set to **Ask**, a dialog window will be displayed each time that the rule is triggered. You can choose to **Block** or **Allow** the operation. If you do not choose an action in the given time, a new action is selected based on the rules.

The dialog window allows you to create a rule based on any new action that HIPS detects and then define the conditions under which to **Allow** or **Block** that action. Click **Details** to see further information. Rules created like this are considered equal to rules created manually, so a rule created from a dialog window can be less specific than the rule that triggered that dialog window. This means that after creating such a rule, the same operation can trigger the same window.



### Ask every time

Dialog window will be displayed each time that the rule is triggered. You can choose to **Deny** or **Allow** the operation.

# Remember until application quits

Choosing an action **Deny** or **Allow** will create a temporary HIPS rule that will be used until the application in question is closed. Also, if you change filtering mode, modify rules, or when HIPS module is updated, and if you restart the system, temporary rules will be deleted.

# Create rule and remember permanently

Create a new HIPS rule. You can later modify this rule in the HIPS rule management section.

# **HIPS rule settings**

This window gives you an overview of existing HIPS rules.

Rule	User-defined or automatically chosen rule name.
Enabled	Deactivate this switch if you want to keep the rule in the list but do not want to use it.
Action	The rule specifies an action – <b>Allow</b> , <b>Block</b> or <b>Ask</b> – that should be performed if the conditions are right.

Rule	User-defined or automatically chosen rule name.
Sources	The rule will be used only if the event is triggered by an application(s).
Targets	The rule will be used only if the operation is related to a specific file, application or registry entry.
Log severity	If you activate this option, information about this rule will be written to the HIPS log.
Notify	A small pop-up window appears in the lower-right corner if an event is triggered.

Create a new rule, click **Add** new HIPS rules or **Edit** selected entries.

#### Rule name

User-defined or automatically chosen rule name.

#### **Action**

The rule specifies an action Allow, Block or Ask that should be performed if the conditions are right.

# **Operations affecting**

You must select the type of operation for which the rule will be applied. The rule will be used only for this type of operation and for the selected target. The rule consists of parts that describe the conditions triggering this rule.

# **Source applications**

The rule will be used only if the event is triggered by this application(s). Select **Specific applications** from drop-down menu and click **Add** to add new files or folders or you can select **All applications** from the drop-down menu to add all applications.

#### NOTE

Some operations of specific rules pre-defined by HIPS cannot be blocked and are allowed by default. In addition, not all system operations are monitored by HIPS. HIPS monitors operations that may be considered unsafe.

Descriptions of important operations:

# File operations:

Delete file	Application is asking for permission to delete the target file.
Write to file	Application is asking for permission to write to the target file.
Direct access to disk	Application is trying to read from or write to the disk in a non-standard way that will circumvent common Windows procedures. This may result in files being modified without the application of corresponding rules. This operation may be caused by malware trying to evade detection, backup software trying to make an exact copy of a disk, or a partition manager trying to reorganize disk volumes.
Install global hook	Refers to calling the SetWindowsHookEx function from the MSDN library.
Load driver	Installation and loading of drivers onto the system.

The rule will only be used if the operation is related to this target. Select **Specific files** from the drop-down menu and click **Add** to add new files or folders. Alternatively, you can select **All files** from the drop-down menu to add all applications.

# **Application operations:**

Debug another application	Attaching a debugger to the process. While debugging an application, many details of its behavior can be viewed and modified and its data can be accessed.
Intercept events from another application	The source application is attempting to catch events targeted at a specific application (for example a keylogger trying to capture browser events).
Terminate/suspend another application	Suspending, resuming or terminating a process (can be accessed directly from Process Explorer or the Processes window).
Start new application	Starting of new applications or processes.
Modify state of another application	The source application is attempting to write into the target applications' memory or run code on its behalf. This functionality may be useful to protect an essential application by configuring it as a target application in a rule blocking the use of this operation.

The rule will only be used if the operation is related to this target. Select **Specific applications** from the drop-down menu and click **Add** to add new files or folders. Alternatively, you can select **All applications** from the drop-down menu to add all applications.

# **Registry operations:**

Modify startup settings	Any changes in settings that define which applications will be run at Windows startup.  These can be found, for example, by searching for the Run key in the Windows  Registry.
Delete from registry	Deleting a registry key or its value.
Rename registry key	Renaming registry keys.
Modify registry	Creating new values of registry keys, changing existing values, moving data in the database tree or setting user or group rights for registry keys.

The rule will only be used if the operation is related to this target. Select **Specific entries** from the drop-down menu and click **Add** to add new files or folders. Alternatively, you can select **All entries** from the drop-down menu to add all applications.

# NOTE

You can use wildcards with certain restrictions when entering a target. Instead of a particular key the \* (asterisk) symbol can be used in registry paths. For example HKEY\_USERS\\*\software can mean HKEY\_USER\.default\software but not

HKEY USERS\S-1-2-21-2928335913-73762274-491795397-7895\.default\software.

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\system\ControlSet\* is not a valid registry key path. A registry key path containing \\* defines "this path, or any path on any level after that symbol". This is the only way of using wildcards for file targets. First, the specific part of a path will be evaluated, then the path following the wildcard symbol (\*).

#### WARNING

You may receive a notification if you create an overly generic rule.

# **HIPS advanced settings**

The following options are useful for debugging and analyzing an application's behavior:

# Drivers always allowed to load

Selected drivers are always allowed to load regardless of configured filtering mode, unless explicitly blocked by user rule. Drivers shown in this list will always be allowed to load regardless of HIPS filtering mode, unless explicitly blocked by user rule. You can **Add** new driver, **Edit** or **Delete** selected driver from the list.

#### NOTE

Click **Reset** if you do not want drivers that you have added manually to be included. This can be useful if you have added several drivers and you cannot delete them from the list manually.

# Log all blocked operations

All blocked operations will be written to the HIPS log.

### Notify when changes occur in Startup applications

Displays a desktop notification each time an application is added to or removed from system startup.

# **Update configuration**

This section specifies update source information like the update servers being used and authentication data for these servers.

### NOTE

For updates to be downloaded properly, it is essential that you fill in all update parameters correctly. If you use a firewall, ensure that your ESET program is allowed to communicate with the internet (for example, HTTP communication).

### **■** Basic

#### Select default update profile

Choose existing or create new profile that will be applied by default for updates.

# Clear update cache

If you experience problems with an update, click **Clear** to clear the temporary update cache.

# Set maximum detection engine age automatically / Maximum detection engine age (days)

Allows you to set maximum days after which the detection engine age will be reported as out of date. The default value is 7.

# **Module Rollback**

If you suspect that a new update of detection engine and/or program modules may be unstable or corrupt,

you can rollback to the previous version and disable updates for a set period of time. Alternatively, you can enable previously disabled updates if you had postponed them indefinitely. ESET File Security records snapshots of detection engine and program modules for use with the Rollback feature. In order to create detection engine snapshots, leave Create snapshots of modules enabled.

# **Number of locally stored snapshots**

Defines the number of previous module snapshots stored.

**■** Profiles

To create a custom update profile, select **Edit** next to **List of profiles**, enter your own **Profile name** and click **Add**. **Select profile to edit** and modify parameters for **module updates** types or create an **Update mirror**.

# Updates

Select the type of update to use from the drop-down menu:

- **Regular update** By default, the Update type is set to Regular update to ensure that update files will automatically be downloaded from the ESET server with the least network traffic.
- **Pre-release update** Are updates that have gone through thorough internal testing and will be available to the general public soon. You can benefit from enabling pre-release updates by having access to the most recent detection methods and fixes. However, pre-release updates might not be stable enough at all times and SHOULD NOT be used on production servers and workstations where maximum availability and stability is required.
- **Delayed update** Allows updating from special update servers providing new versions of virus databases with a delay of at least X hours (that is, databases tested in a real environment and therefore considered as stable).

# Ask before downloading update

When a new update is available, you will be prompted before downloading it.

# Ask if an update file size is greater than (KB)

If the update file size is greater than the value specified in the field, a notification will be displayed.

# Disable notification about successful update

Turns off the system tray notification at the bottom right corner of the screen. It is useful to select this option if a full-screen application is running. Note that Presentation mode will turn off all notifications.

# **Modules updates**

Module updates are set to **Choose automatically** by default. The update server is the location where updates are stored. If you use an ESET server, we recommend that you leave the default option selected.

# When using a local HTTP server - also known as a Mirror - the update server should be set as follows: http://computer\_name\_or\_its\_IP\_address:2221

When using a local HTTP server with SSL - the update server should be set as follows: https://computer\_name\_or\_its\_IP\_address:2221

# When using a local HTTP server - also known as a Mirror - the update server should be set as follows: http://computer\_name\_or\_its\_IP\_address:2221

When using a local shared folder - the update server should be set as follows: \\computer\_name\_or\_its\_IP\_address\\shared\_folder

# **Enable more frequent updates of detection signatures**

Detection engine will be updated in shorter intervals. Disabling this option may negatively impact detection rate

# Allow module updates from removable media

Update from removable media if contains created mirror. When **Automatic** selected, updates will run in the background. If you want to show update dialogs select **Always ask**.

#### **Program component update**

Use the **Update mode** drop-down menu to choose how ESET File Security component updates are applied when a new update is available. Component updates usually modify existing features, but may also include new features. Depending on chosen update mode, the component update can be performed automatically without an intervention or confirmation. Alternatively, you can choose to be notified before the updates are installed. A server restart may be required after the component update. The following update modes are available:

- **Ask before update** You will be prompted to confirm or refuse product updates when they are available. This is the default option. A server restart may be required after the component update.
- **Auto-update** Component updates will be downloaded and installed automatically. Keep in mind that server restart may be required.
- **Never update** Component updates will not be performed at all. We recommend you this option because it enables you to run the component updates manually and restart your server during scheduled maintenance window.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Auto-update mode restarts your server automatically after the component update has been completed.

### Connection options

# **Proxy Server**

To access the proxy server setup options for a given update profile, click the **Proxy mode** and select one of the three following options:

- Do not use proxy server No proxy server will be used by ESET File Security when performing updates.
- Use global proxy server settings Proxy server configuration specified in the Advanced setup (F5)> Tools > Proxy server will be used.
- Connection through a proxy server Use this option if:

A proxy server should be used to update ESET File Security that is different from the proxy server specified in the global settings (Tools > <a href="Proxy server">Proxy server</a>). If so, the settings should be specified here: Proxy server address, communication Port (3128 by default), plus Username and Password for the proxy server if required.

The proxy server settings were not set globally, but ESET File Security will connect to a proxy server for updates.

Your computer is connected to the internet via a proxy server. The settings are taken from Internet Explorer during program installation, but if they are subsequently changed (for example, if you change your ISP), check that the HTTP proxy settings listed in this window are correct. Otherwise the program will not be able to connect to the update servers.

#### **NOTE**

Authentication data such as **Username** and **Password** is intended for accessing the proxy server. Complete these fields only if a Username and Password are required. Please note that these fields are not for your Username/Password for ESET File Security, and should only be completed if you know you need a password to access the internet via a proxy server.

# Use direct connection if proxy is not available

If a product is configured to utilize HTTP Proxy and the proxy is unreachable, the product will bypass the proxy and communicate directly with ESET servers.

#### Windows shares

When updating from a local server running Windows, authentication for each network connection is required by default.

#### Connect to LAN as

To configure your account, select one of the following options:

- **System account (default)** Use the system account for authentication. Typically, no authentication process takes place if there is no authentication data supplied in the main update setup section.
- **Current user** Select this option to ensure that the program authenticates using the currently logged-in user account. The drawback of this solution is that the program is not able to connect to the update server if no user is currently logged in.
- **Specified user** Select this option to use a specific user account for authentication. Use this method when the default system account connection fails. Be aware that the specified user account must have access to the update files directory on the local server. If the user does not have access, the program will not be able to establish a connection or download updates.

#### WARNING

When either **Current user** or **Specified user** is selected, an error may occur when changing the identity of the program to the desired user. We recommend entering the LAN authentication data in the main update setup section. In this update setup section, the authentication data should be entered as follows: domain\_name\user (if it is a workgroup, enter workgroup\_name\name) and password. When updating from the HTTP version of the local server, no authentication is required.

# Disconnect from server after update

To force a disconnect if a connection to the server remains active even after updates have been downloaded.

# ■ Update mirror

Configuration options for the local Mirror server are located in the **Advanced setup (F5)** in the **Update > Profiles > Update Mirror** tab.

# **Update rollback**

If you click **Rollback**, you have to select a time interval from the drop-down menu that represents the period of time that the detection engine database and program module updates will be paused.

Select **Until revoked** to postpone regular updates indefinitely until you restore update functionality manually. Because it represents a potential security risk, we do not recommend selecting this option.

The detection engine database version is downgraded to the oldest available and stored as a snapshot in the local computer file system.

# **Scheduled Task - Update**

If you wish to update the program from two update servers, then it is necessary to create two different update profiles. If the first one fails to download update files, then the program automatically switches to the alternative one. This is suitable, for example, for notebooks that normally update from a local LAN update server, but their owners often connect to the internet using other networks. Therefore, if the first profile fails, the second one will automatically download update files from the ESET update servers.

#### **EXAMPLE**

The steps below will walk you through a task to edit existing Regular automatic update.

- 1.In the main **Scheduler** screen, select task **Update** with name **Regular automatic update** and click **Edit** the configuration wizard will be open.
- 2.Set the scheduler task to run, select one of the following <u>timing options</u> to define when you want the scheduled task to run.
- 3.If you want to prevent the task from being executed when the system is running on battery power (for example UPS), click the switch next to **Skip task when running on battery power**.
- 4. Select <u>update profile</u> to use for update. Select an action to perform if the scheduled task execution fails for any reason.
- 5. Click **Finish** to apply the task.

# **Update mirror**

# Open ESET File Security

Press F5 > Update > Profiles > Update mirror



ESET File Security allows you to create copies of update files that can be used to update other workstations on the network. The use of a "mirror" - a copy of the update files in the LAN environment is convenient because the update files do not need to be downloaded from the vendor update server repeatedly by each workstation. Updates are downloaded to the local mirror server and then distributed to all workstations to avoid the risk of network traffic overload. Updating client workstations from a Mirror optimizes network load balance and saves Internet connection bandwidth.

# Update mirror

#### Create update mirror

Activates mirror configuration options.

# Storage folder

Click **Clear** if you want to change a defined default folder to store mirrored files *C:\ProgramData\ESET\ESET Security\mirror*. Click **Edit** to browse for a folder on the local computer or shared network folder. If authorization for the specified folder is required, authentication data must be entered in the Username and Password fields. If the selected destination folder is located on a network disk running the Windows NT/2000/XP operating system, the username and password specified must have write privileges for the selected folder.

The username and password should be entered in the format *Domain/User* or *Workgroup/User*. Please remember to supply the corresponding passwords.

# **Program component update**

#### **Files**

When configuring the Mirror you can specify the language versions of updates you want to download. Languages selected must be supported by the mirror server configured by the user.

# **Update components automatically**

Allows for the installation of new features and updates to existing features. An update can be performed automatically without user intervention, or you can choose to be notified. After a product update has been installed, a computer restart may be required.

#### Update components now

Updates your program components to the latest version.

# □ HTTP server

# Server port

Default port is set to 2221. Change this value if you are using different port.

#### **Authentication**

Defines the method of authentication used for accessing update files. The following options are available: **None**, **Basic** and **NTLM**.

- Select Basic to use base64 encoding with basic username and password authentication.
- The **NTLM** option provides encoding using a safe encoding method. For authentication, the user created on the workstation sharing the update files is used.
- The default setting is **None**, which grants access to the update files with no need for authentication.

#### WARNING

If you want to allow access to the update files via the HTTP server, the Mirror folder must be located on the same computer as the ESET File Security instance creating it.

#### **SSL for HTTP server**

Append your **Certificate chain file**, or generate a self-signed certificate if you want to run HTTP server with HTTPS (SSL) support. The following certificate types are available: PEM, PFX and ASN. For additional security, you can use HTTPS protocol to download update files. It is almost impossible to track data transfers and login credentials using this protocol.

The **Private key type** is set to **Integrated** by default (and therefore the Private key file option is disabled by default). This means that the private key is a part of the selected certificate chain file.

# Connection options

#### Windows shares

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#### Disconnect from server after update

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# **Network protection**

#### **Enable Network attack protection (IDS)**

Allows you to configure access to some of the services running on your computer from the Trusted zone and enable/disable detection of several types of attacks and exploits that might be used to harm your computer.

#### **Enable Botnet protection**

Detects and blocks communication with malicious command and control servers based on typical patterns when the computer is infected and a bot is attempting to communicate

# **IDS** exceptions

You can think of Intrusion Detection System (IDS) exceptions as network protection rules. Click <u>edit</u> to define IDS exceptions.

#### Intrusion detection:

# Protocol SMB - Detects and blocks various security problems in SMB protocol

**Protocol RPC** - Detects and blocks various CVEs in the remote procedure call system developed for the Distributed Computing Environment (DCE).

**Protocol RDP** - Detects and blocks various CVEs in the RDP protocol (see above).

**Block unsafe address after attack detection** - IP addresses that have been detected as sources of attacks are added to the Blacklist to prevent connection for a certain period of time.

**Display notification after attack detection** - Turns on the system tray notification at the bottom right corner of the screen.

**Display notifications also for incoming attacks against security holes** - Alerts you if attacks against security holes are detected or if an attempt is made by a threat to enter the system this way.

# **Packet inspection:**

Allow incoming connection to admin shares in SMB protocol - The administrative shares (admin shares) are the default network shares that share hard drive partitions (C\$, D\$, ...) in the system together with the system folder (ADMIN\$). Disabling connection to admin shares should mitigate many security risks. For example, the Conficker worm performs dictionary attacks in order to connect to admin shares.

**Deny old (unsupported) SMB dialects** - Deny SMB sessions that use an old SMB dialect unsupported by IDS. Modern Windows operating systems support old SMB dialects due to backward compatibility with old operating systems such as Windows 95. The attacker can use an old dialect in an SMB session in order to evade traffic inspection. Deny old SMB dialects if your computer does not need to share files (or use SMB communication in general) with a computer with an old version of Windows.

**Deny SMB sessions without extended security** - Extended security can be used during the SMB session negotiation in order to provide a more secure authentication mechanism than LAN Manager Challenge/Response (LM) authentication. The LM scheme is considered weak and is not recommended for use.

Allow communication with the Security Account Manager service - For more information about this service see [MS-SAMR] ...

Allow communication with the Local Security Authority service - For more information about this service see [MS-LSAD] [MS-LSAT] [MS-LSAT] [MS-LSAT]

**Allow communication with the Remote Registry service** - For more information about this service see [MS-RRP]

Allow communication with the Service Control Manager service - For more information about this service see [MS-SCMR] ☑.

Allow communication with the Server service - For information about this service see [MS-SRVS] .

Allow communication with the other services - Other MSRPC services.

# **IDS** exceptions

Intrusion Detection System (IDS) exceptions are essentially network protection rules. The exceptions are evaluated from top to bottom. IDS exceptions editor allows you to customize network protection behavior upon various IDS exceptions. First matching exception is applied, for each action type (Block, Notify, Log) separately. **Top/Up/Down/Bottom** allows you to adjust the priority level of exceptions. To create a new IDS exception, click **Add**. Click **Edit** to modify an existing IDS exception, or **Delete** to remove it.

Choose **Alert** type from the drop-down list. Specify the **Threat name** and **Direction**. Browse for an **Application** you want to create the exception for. Specify a list of IP addresses (IPv4 or IPv6) or subnets. For multiple entries use comma as a delimiter.

Configure **Action** for IDS exception by selecting one of the options from the drop-down menu (**Default, Yes, No**). Do this for each Action type (**Block, Notify, Log**).

#### **EXAMPLE**

If want a notification to be displayed in case of an IDS exception alert, as well as have the time of the event logged, leave the **Block** action type **Default** and for the other two action types (**Notify** and **Log**) choose **Yes** from the drop-down menu.

# **Temporary IP address blacklist**

View a list of IP addresses that have been detected as the source of attacks and added to the blacklist to block connections for a certain period of time. Shows **IP address** that have been locked.

# **Block reason**

Shows type of attack that has been prevented from the address (for example TCP Port Scanning attack).

#### **Timeout**

Shows time and date when the address will expire from the blacklist.

# Remove / Remove all

Removes selected IP address from the temporary blacklist before it will expire or removes all addresses from the blacklist immediately.

# Add exception

Adds a firewall exception into IDS filtering for selected IP address.

# Web and email

You can configure protocol filtering, Email client protection, Web access protection and Anti-phishing to protect your server during internet communication.

# **Email client protection**

Controls all email communication, protects against malicious code and lets you choose the action taken when an infection is detected.

# Web access protection

Monitors the communication between web browsers and remote servers and complies with the HTTP and HTTPS rules. This feature also allows you to block, allow or exclude certain <u>URL addresses</u>.

#### **Protocol filtering**

Offers advanced protection for application protocols and it is provided by the ThreatSense scanning engine. This control works automatically, regardless of whether a web browser or an email client is used. It also works for encrypted (SSL/TLS) communication.

# **Anti-Phishing protection**

Allows you to block web pages known to distribute phishing content.

# **Protocol filtering**

Malware protection for application protocols is provided by the ThreatSense scanning engine, which integrates multiple advanced malware scanning techniques. Protocol filtering works automatically, regardless of the Internet browser or email client used. If protocol filtering is enabled, ESET File Security will be checking communications that uses the SSL/TLS protocol, go to **Web and email** > <u>SSL/TLS</u>.

# **Enable application protocol content filtering**

If you disable protocol filtering, note that many ESET File Security components (**Web access protection**, **Email protocols protection** and **Anti-Phishing protection**) depend on it and not all their features will be available.

# **Excluded applications**

To exclude the communication of specific network-aware applications from content filtering, select them in the list. HTTP/POP3 communication of the selected applications will not be checked for threats. Enables you to exclude specific applications from protocol filtering. Click **Edit** and **Add** to select an executable from the list of applications to exclude it from protocol filtering.

# **IMPORTANT**

We recommend only using this option for applications that do not work properly with their communication being checked.

#### **Excluded IP addresses**

Allows you to exclude specific remote addresses from protocol filtering. IP addresses in this list will be excluded from protocol content filtering. HTTP/POP3/IMAP communication from/to the selected addresses will not be checked for threats.

#### **IMPORTANT**

We recommend that you only use this option for addresses that are known to be trustworthy.

Click Edit and Add to specify IP address, address range or subnet to which the exclusion will be applied. When you

select **Enter multiple values**, you can add multiple IP addresses delimited by newlines, commas or semicolons. When multiple selection is enabled, addresses will be shown in the list of excluded IP addresses.

**NOTE** 

Exclusions are useful when protocol filtering causes compatibility issues.

# Web and email clients

Because of the enormous amount of malicious code circulating the Internet, safe Internet browsing is a very important aspect of computer protection. Web browser vulnerabilities and fraudulent links help malicious code enter the system unnoticed, which is why ESET File Security focuses on web browser security. Each application accessing the network can be marked as an Internet browser. Applications that already use protocols for communication or applications from selected paths can be added to the list of Web and email clients.

# SSL/TLS

ESET File Security is capable of checking for threats in communications that use the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) / Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol.

You can use various scanning modes to examine SSL protected communications with trusted certificates, unknown certificates, or certificates that are excluded from SSL-protected communication checking.

## **Enable SSL/TLS protocol filtering**

If protocol filtering is disabled, the program will not scan communications over SSL/TLS. The Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) / Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol filtering mode is available in following options:

- Automatic mode Select this option to scan all SSL/TLS protected communications except communications protected by certificates excluded from checking. If a new communication using an unknown, signed certificate is established, you will not be notified and the communication will automatically be filtered. When you access a server with an untrusted certificate that is marked as trusted (it is on the trusted certificates list), communication to the server is allowed and the content of the communication channel is filtered.
- Interactive mode If you enter a new SSL/TLS protected site (with an unknown certificate), an action selection dialog is displayed. This mode allows you to create a list of SSL/TLS certificates that will be excluded from scanning.
- Policy mode All SSL/TLS connections are filtered, except configured exclusions.

### List of SSL/TLS filtered application

Add filtered application and set one of the scan actions. The List of SSL/TLS filtered applications can be used to customize ESET File Security behavior for specific applications, and to remember actions chosen if **Interactive mode** is selected in **SSL/TLS protocol filtering mode**.

#### List of known certificates

Allows you to customize ESET File Security behavior for specific SSL certificates. The list can be viewed and managed by clicking <u>Edit</u> next to **List of known certificates**.

#### **Exclude communication with trusted domains**

To exclude communication using Extended validation certificates from protocol checking (internet banking).

### Block encrypted communication utilizing the obsolete protocol SSL v2

Communication using this earlier version of the SSL protocol will automatically be blocked.

#### **Root certificate**

For SSL/TLS communication to work properly in your browsers/email clients, it is essential that the root certificate for ESET be added to the list of known root certificates (publishers). Add the root certificate to known browsers should be enabled. Select this option to automatically add the ESET root certificate to known browsers (for example, Opera and Firefox). For browsers using the system certification store, the certificate is added automatically (for example, in Internet Explorer).

To apply the certificate to unsupported browsers, click **View Certificate** > **Details** > **Copy to File**... and manually import it into the browser.

# **Certificate validity**

## If the certificate cannot be verified using the TRCA certificate store

In some cases, a website certificate cannot be verified using the **Trusted Root Certification Authorities** (TRCA) store. This means that the certificate is signed by someone (for example, the administrator of a web server or a small business) and considering this certificate as trusted is not always a risk. Most large businesses (for example banks) use a certificate signed by the TRCA. If **Ask about certificate validity** is selected (selected by default), the user will be prompted to select an action to take when encrypted communication is established. You can select **Block communication that uses the certificate** to always terminate encrypted connections to sites with unverified certificates.

#### If the certificate is invalid or corrupt

This means that the certificate expired or was incorrectly signed. In this case, we recommend that you leave **Block communication that uses the certificate** selected.

# List of known certificates

To customize ESET File Security behavior for specific Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) / Transport Layer Security (TLS) certificates, and to remember actions chosen if **Interactive mode** is selected in <u>SSL/TLS</u> protocol filtering mode. You can configure selected certificate or **Add** a certificate from a URL or File. Once you are in Add certificate window, click URL or File and specify the certificate URL or browse for a certificate file. The following fields will automatically be filled using data from the certificate:

- Certificate name name of the certificate.
- Certificate issuer name of the certificate creator.
- **Certificate subject** the subject field identifies the entity associated with the public key stored in the subject public key field.

#### **Access action**

- Auto to allow trusted certificates and ask for untrusted ones.
- **Allow or Block** to allow/block communication secured by this certificate regardless of its trustworthiness.
- Ask to receive a prompt when a specific certificate is encountered.

#### Scan action

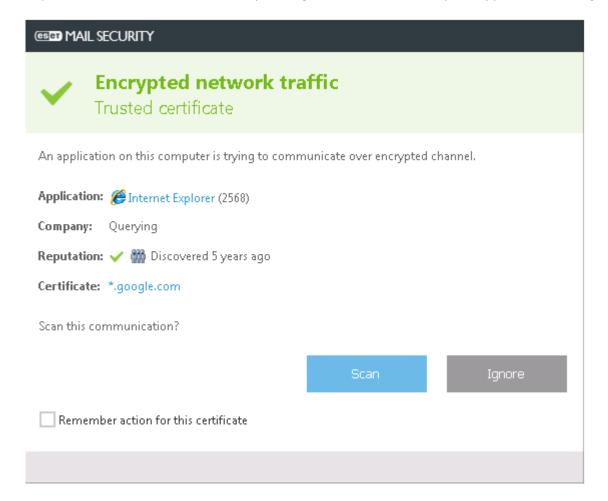
- Auto to scan in automatic mode and ask in interactive mode.
- Scan or Ignore to scan or ignore communication secured by this certificate.
- Ask receive a prompt when a specific certificate is encountered.

# **Encrypted SSL communication**

If your system is configured to use SSL protocol scanning, a dialog window prompting you to choose an action will be displayed in two situations:

First, if a website uses an unverifiable or invalid certificate, and ESET File Security is configured to ask the user in such cases (by default yes for unverifiable certificates, no for invalid ones), a dialog box will ask you whether to **Allow** or **Block** the connection.

Second, if **SSL protocol filtering mode** is set to **Interactive mode**, a dialog box for each website will ask whether to **Scan** or **Ignore** the traffic. Some applications verify that their SSL traffic is not modified nor inspected by anyone, in such cases ESET File Security must **Ignore** that traffic to keep the application working.



In both cases, the user can choose to remember the selected action. Saved actions are stored in the <u>List of known</u> certificates.

# **Email client protection**

Integration of ESET File Security with email clients increases the level of active protection against malicious code in email messages. If your email client is supported, integration can be enabled in ESET File Security. When integration is activated, the ESET File Security toolbar is inserted directly into the email client (toolbar for newer versions of Windows Live Mail is not inserted), allowing for more efficient email protection.

# **Email client integration**

Email clients that are currently supported include Microsoft Outlook, Outlook Express, Windows Mail and Windows Live Mail. Email protection works as a plug-in for these programs. The main advantage of the plug-in is that it is independent of the protocol used. When the email client receives an encrypted message, it is decrypted and sent to the virus scanner. Even if integration is not enabled, email communication is still protected by the email client protection module (POP3, IMAP). For a complete list of supported email clients and their versions, refer to the following Knowledgebase article .

# Disable checking upon inbox content change

If you are experiencing a system slowdown when working with your email client (MS Outlook only). This may occur when retrieving an email from the Kerio Outlook Connector Store, for example.

## **Enable email protection by client plugins**

Lets you disable email client protection without removing integration into your email client. You can disable all plugins at once, or disable selectively the following:

- Received email Toggles checking of received messages.
- Sent email Toggles checking of sent messages.
- · Read email Toggles checking of read messages.

# Action to be performed on infected email

- **No action** If enabled, the program will identify infected attachments, but will leave emails without taking any action.
- Delete email The program will notify the user about infiltration(s) and delete the message.
- **Move email to the Deleted items folder** Infected emails will be moved automatically to the Deleted items folder.
- Move email to the folder Infected emails will be moved automatically to the specified folder.
- Folder Specify the custom folder where you want to move infected emails when detected.

### Repeat scan after update

Toggles rescanning after a detection engine update.

### Accept scan results from other modules

If this is selected, the email protection module accepts scan results of other protection modules (POP3, IMAP protocols scanning).

# **Email protocols**

### **Enable email protection by protocol filtering**

The IMAP and POP3 protocols are the most widespread protocols used to receive email communication in an email client application. ESET File Security provides protection for these protocols regardless of the email client used.

ESET File Security also supports the scanning of IMAPS and POP3S protocols, which use an encrypted channel to transfer information between server and client. ESET File Security checks communication utilizing the SSL (Secure Socket Layer), and TLS (Transport Layer Security) protocols. The program will only scan traffic on ports defined in Ports used by IMAPS / POP3S protocol, regardless of operating system version.

## IMAPS / POP3S scanner setup

Encrypted communications will not be scanned when default settings are in use. To enable the scanning of encrypted communication, navigate to <u>SSL/TLS protocol checking</u>.

The port number identifies what type of port it is. Here are the default email ports for:

Port name	Port numbers	Description
POP3	110	Default POP3 non-encrypted port.
IMAP	143	Default IMAP non-encrypted port.
Secure IMAP (IMAP4-SSL)	585	Enable SSL/TLS protocol filtering. Multiple port numbers must be delimited by a comma.
IMAP4 over SSL (IMAPS)	993	Enable SSL/TLS protocol filtering. Multiple port numbers must be delimited by a comma.
Secure POP3 (SSL-POP)	995	Enable SSL/TLS protocol filtering. Multiple port numbers must be delimited by a comma.

# **Alerts and notifications**

Email protection provides control of email communications received through the POP3 and IMAP protocols. Using the plug-in for Microsoft Outlook and other e-mail clients, ESET File Security provides control of all communications from the email client (POP3, MAPI, IMAP, HTTP). When examining incoming messages, the program uses all the advanced scanning methods included in the ThreatSense scanning engine. This means that detection of malicious programs takes place even before being matched against the virus detection database. Scanning of POP3 and IMAP protocol communications is independent of the email client used.

After an email has been checked, a notification with the scan result can be appended to the message. You can elect to **Append tag messages to received and read mail**, **Append note to the subject of received and read infected email** or **Append tag messages to sent email**. Be aware that on rare occasions tag messages may be omitted in problematic HTML messages or if messages are forged by malware. The tag messages can be added to received and read email, sent email or both. The available options are:

- Never No tag messages will be added at all.
- **To infected email only** Only messages containing malicious software will be marked as checked (default).
- To all scanned email The program will append messages to all scanned email.

#### Append note to the subject of sent infected email

Disable this if you do not want email protection to include a virus warning in the subject of an infected email. This feature allows for simple, subject-based filtering of infected emails (if supported by your email program). It also increases the level of credibility for the recipient and if an infiltration is detected, provides valuable information about the threat level of a given email or sender.

#### Template added to the subject of infected email

Edit this template if you wish to modify the subject prefix format of an infected email. This function will replace the message subject Hello with a given prefix value [virus] to the following format: [virus] Hello. The variable %VIRUSNAME% represents the detected threat.

# MS Outlook toolbar

Microsoft Outlook protection works as a plug-in module. After ESET File Security is installed, this toolbar containing the malware protection options is added to Microsoft Outlook:

### **ESET File Security**

Click on icon opens the main program window of ESET File Security.

#### **Rescan messages**

Allows you to launch email checking manually. You can specify messages that will be checked and you can activate rescanning of received email. For more information see <a href="Email client protection">Email client protection</a>.

#### Scanner setup

Displays the **Email client protection** setup options.

# **Outlook Express and Windows Mail toolbar**

Outlook Express and Windows Mail protection works as a plug-in module. After ESET File Security is installed, this toolbar containing the malware protection options is added to Outlook Express or Windows Mail:

#### **ESET File Security**

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#### Rescan messages

Enables you to launch email checking manually. You can specify messages that will be checked and you can activate rescanning of received email. For more information see <a href="Email client protection"><u>Email client protection</u></a>.

#### Scanner setup

Displays the **Email client protection** setup options.

#### **Customize appearance**

The appearance of the toolbar can be modified for your email client. Deselect the option to customize appearance independent of email program parameters.

- Show text displays descriptions for icons.
- Text to the right option descriptions are moved from the bottom to the right side of icons.
- Large icons displays large icons for menu options.

# **Confirmation dialog**

This notification serves to verify that the user really wants to perform the selected action, which should eliminate possible mistakes. The dialog also offers the option to disable confirmations.

# **Rescan messages**

The ESET File Security toolbar integrated in email clients enables users to specify several options for email checking. The option **Rescan messages** offers two scanning modes:

- All messages in the current folder Scans messages in the currently displayed folder.
- Selected messages only Scans only messages marked by the user.
- **Rescan already scanned messages** Provides the user with the option to run another scan on messages that have been scanned before.

# Web access protection

Web access protection works by monitoring communication between web browsers and remote servers to protect you from online threats, and complies with HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) and HTTPS (encrypted communication) rules.

Access to web pages known to contain malicious content is blocked before content is downloaded. All other web pages are scanned by the ThreatSense scanning engine when they are loaded and blocked if malicious content is detected. Web access protection offers two levels of protection, blocking by blacklist and blocking by content.

■ Basic

We strongly recommend that you leave **Web access protection** enabled. This option can also be accessed from the main program window of ESET File Security by navigating to **Setup** > **Web and email** > **Web access protection**.

## **Enable advanced scanning of browser scripts**

By default, all JavaScript programs executed by web browsers will be checked by the detection engine.

Web protocols

Allows you to configure monitoring for these standard protocols which are used by most Internet browsers. By default, ESET File Security is configured to monitor the HTTP protocol used by most Internet browsers.

ESET File Security also supports HTTPS protocol checking. HTTPS communication uses an encrypted channel to

transfer information between server and client. ESET File Security checks communication utilizing the Secure Socket Layer (SSL), and Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocols. The program will only scan traffic on ports defined in **Ports used by HTTPS protocol**, regardless of operating system version.

Encrypted communication will be not scanned when default settings are in use. To enable the scanning of encrypted communication **Advanced setup (F5)** > **Web and email** > <u>SSL/TLS</u>.

## **ThreatSense parameters**

Configure settings such as types of scan (emails, archives, exclusions, limits, etc.) and detection methods for Web access protection.

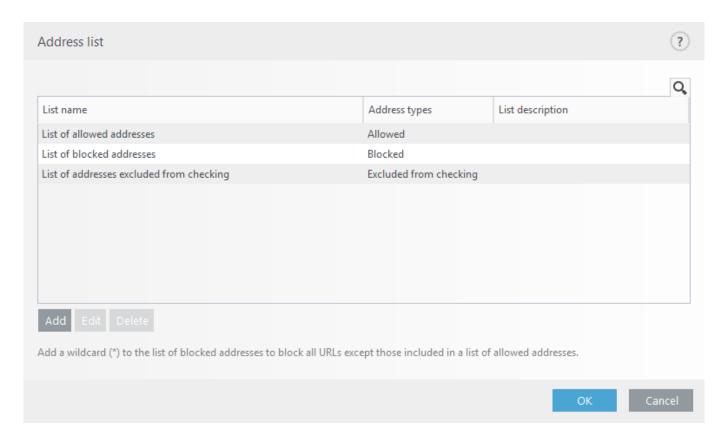
# **URL** address management

The URL address management allows you to specify HTTP addresses to block, allow or exclude from checking. Websites in the List of blocked addresses will not be accessible unless they are also included in the List of allowed addresses. Websites in the List of addresses excluded from checking are not scanned for malicious code when accessed. <a href="SSL/TLS protocol filtering">SSL/TLS protocol filtering</a> must be enabled if you want to filter HTTPS addresses in addition to HTTP web pages. Otherwise, only the domains of HTTPS sites that you have visited will be added, the full URL will not be.

One list of blocked addresses may contain addresses from some external public blacklist, and a second one may contain your own blacklist, which makes it easier to update the external list while keeping yours intact.

Click **Edit** and **Add** to <u>create a new address list</u> in addition to the pre-defined ones. This can be useful if you want to logically split different groups of addresses. By default, the following three lists are available:

- List of addresses excluded from checking No checking for malicious code will be performed for any address added to this list.
- List of allowed addresses If Allow access only to HTTP addresses in the list of allowed addresses is enabled and the list of blocked addresses contains \* (match everything), the user will be allowed to access addresses specified in this list only. The addresses in this list are allowed even if they are included in the list of blocked addresses.
- List of blocked addresses The user will not be allowed to access addresses specified in this list unless they also occur in the list of allowed addresses.



You can **Add** a new URL address into the list. You can also enter multiple values with separator. Click **Edit** to modify an existing address in the list, or **Delete** to delete it. Deleting is only possible for addresses created with **Add**, not the ones that were imported.

In all lists, the special symbols \* (asterisk) and ? (question mark) can be used. The asterisk represents any number or character, while the question mark represents any one character. Particular care should be taken when specifying excluded addresses because the list should only contain trusted and safe addresses. Similarly, it is necessary to ensure that the symbols \* and ? are used correctly in this list.

#### NOTE

If you want to block all HTTP addresses except addresses present in the active List of allowed addresses, add \* to the active List of blocked addresses.

# **Create new list**

The list will include the desired URL addresses/domain masks that will be blocked, allowed or excluded from checking. When creating a new list, specify the following:

- Address list type Choose the type (Excluded from checking, Blocked or Allowed) from the drop-down list.
- **List name** Specify the name of the list. This field will be grayed out when editing one of the three predefined lists.
- List description Type a short description for the list (optional). Will be grayed out when editing one of three pre-defined list.
- List active Use the switch to deactivate the list. You can activate it later when required.

- **Notify when applying** If you want to be notified when a particular list is used in evaluation of an HTTP / HTTPS site that you visited. A notification will be issued if a website is blocked or allowed because it is included in the list of blocked or allowed addresses. The notification will contain the name of the list containing the specified website.
- **Logging severity** Choose the logging severity (None, Diagnostic, Information or Warning) from the drop-down list. Records with **Warning** verbosity can be collected by ESET Security Management Center.

ESET File Security enables user to block access to specified websites and prevent the Internet browser from displaying their content. Furthermore, it allows user to specify addresses, which should be excluded from checking. If the complete name of the remote server is unknown, or the user wishes to specify a whole group of remote servers, so-called masks can be used to identify such a group.

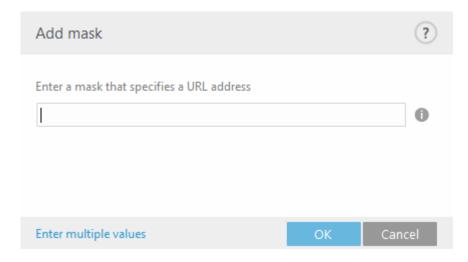
The masks include the symbols? and \*:

- use? to substitute a symbol
- use \* to substitute a text string

#### **FXAMPLE**

\*.c?m applies to all addresses where the last part begins with the letter c, ends with the letter m and contains an unknown symbol in between them (.com, .cam, etc.).

A leading \*. sequence is treated specially if used at the beginning of a domain name. First, the \* wildcard cannot represent a slash character ('/') in this case. This is to avoid circumventing the mask, for example the mask \*.domain.com will not match https://anydomain.com/anypath#.domain.com (such a suffix can be appended to any URL without affecting the download). And second, the \*. also matches an empty string in this special case. This is to make it possible to match the whole domain including any subdomains using a single mask. For example the mask \*.domain.com also matches https://domain.com. Using \*domain.com would be incorrect, as that would also match https://anotherdomain.com.



#### **Enter multiple values**

Add multiple URL addresses delimited by new lines, commas or semicolons. When multiple selection is enabled, addresses will be shown in the list.

#### **Import**

Text file with URL addresses to import (separate values with a line break, for example \* . txt using encoding UTF-8).

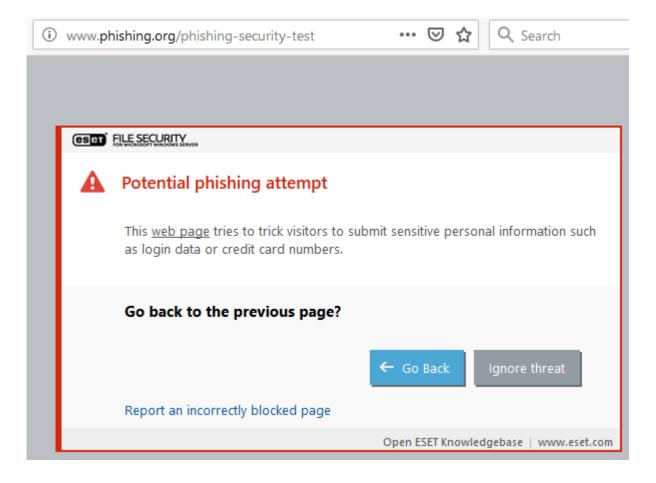


# **Anti-Phishing web protection**

The term phishing defines a criminal activity that uses social engineering (the manipulation of users in order to obtain confidential information). Phishing is often used to gain access to sensitive data such as bank account numbers, PIN numbers and more.

ESET File Security includes anti-phishing protection, which blocks web pages known to distribute this type of content. We strongly recommend that you enable Anti-Phishing in ESET File Security. Visit our <a href="Monthstyle="Monthstyle-left: 150%">Knowledgebase</a> article of for more information on Anti-Phishing protection in ESET File Security.

When you access a recognized phishing website, the following dialog will be displayed in your web browser. If you still want to access the website, click **Ignore threat** (not recommended).



#### **NOTE**

Potential phishing websites that have been whitelisted will expire after several hours by default. To allow a website permanently, use the <u>URL</u> address management tool.

### Report a phishing site 2

If you run across a suspicious website that appears to be phishing or otherwise malicious, you can report it to ESET for analysis. Before submitting a website to ESET, make sure it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- the website is not detected at all
- the website is incorrectly detected as a threat. In this case, you can Report a false-positive phishing site 🗹

Alternatively, you can submit the website by email. Send your email to <a href="mailto:samples@eset.com">samples@eset.com</a>. Remember to use a descriptive subject and enclose as much information about the website as possible (for example, the website that referred you there, how you learned of this website, etc.).

# **Device control**

ESET File Security includes automatic device (CD/DVD/USB/) control. This module allows you to scan, block or adjust extended filters/permissions and define a user's ability to access and work with a given device. This may be useful if the computer administrator wants to prevent the use of devices containing undesirable content.

#### **NOTE**

When you enable device control using **Integrate into system** switch, the Device control feature of ESET File Security will be activated. However, a restart your system is required for this change to take effect.

Device control will become active, allowing you to edit their settings. If a device blocked by an existing rule is detected, a notification window will be displayed and access to the device will not be granted.

#### **Rules**

A Device control <u>rule</u> defines the action that will be taken when a device meeting the rule criteria is connected to the computer.

# Groups

When you click <u>Edit</u>, you can manage Device groups. Create a new Device group or select an existing one to add or remove devices from the list.

#### NOTE

You can view device control log entries in Log files.

# **Device rules**

Specific devices can be allowed or blocked by user, user group, or any of several additional parameters that can be specified in the rule configuration. The list of rules contains several descriptions of a rule such as its name, the type of external device, the action to perform when a device is detected, and log severity.

You can **Add** a new rule or modify settings of an existing one. Enter a description of the rule into the **Name** field for better identification. Click the switch next to **Rule enabled** to disable or enable this rule; this can be useful if you don't want to delete the rule permanently.

# **Apply during**

You can limit rules using Time slots. Create the time slot first, it will then appear in the drop-down menu.

## **Device type**

Choose the external device type from the drop-down menu (Disk storage/Portable device/Bluetooth/FireWire/...). The types of devices are inherited from the operating system and can be seen in the system Device manager assuming the device is connected to the computer. Storage devices include external disks or conventional memory card readers connected via USB or FireWire. Smart card readers include all readers of smart cards with an embedded integrated circuit, such as SIM cards or authentication cards. Examples of imaging devices are scanners or cameras, these devices do not provide information about users, only about their actions. This means that imaging devices can only be blocked globally.

#### **Action**

Access to non-storage devices can either be allowed or blocked. In contrast, rules for storage devices allow you to select one of the following rights settings:

- Read/Write Full access to the device will be allowed.
- Block Access to the device will be blocked.
- Read Only Only read access to the device will be allowed.
- Warn Each time that a device is connected, the user will be notified if it is allowed/blocked, and a log entry will be made. Devices are not remembered, a notification will still be displayed upon subsequent connections of the same device.

### **NOTE**

Note that not all rights (actions) are available for all device types. If a device has storage space, all four actions are made available. For non-storage devices, there are only two (for example **Read Only** is not available for Bluetooth, so Bluetooth devices can only be allowed or blocked).

Additional parameters shown below can be used to fine-tune rules and tailor them to devices. All parameters are case-insensitive:

- **Vendor** Filter by vendor name or ID.
- Model The given name of the device.
- **Serial** External devices usually have their own serial numbers. In the case of a CD/DVD, this is the serial number of the given media, not the CD drive.

### **NOTE**

If these three descriptors are empty, the rule will ignore these fields when matching. Filtering parameters in all text fields are case-insensitive and no wildcards (\*, ?) are supported.

In order to figure out the parameters of a device, create a rule to allow that type of device, connect the device to your computer and then review the device details in the <u>Device control log</u>.

Choose the **Logging severity** from the drop-down list:

• Always - Logs all events.

- Diagnostic Logs information needed to fine-tune the program.
- Information Records informative messages, including successful update messages, plus all records above
- Warning Records critical errors and warning messages.
- None No logs will be recorded.

Rules can be limited to certain users or user groups by adding them to the **User list**. Click **Edit** to manage the User list.

- Add Opens the Object types: Users or Groups dialog window that allows you to select desired users.
- **Delete** Deletes the selected user from the filter.

#### NOTE

All devices can be filtered by user rules (for example imaging devices do not provide information about users, only about invoked actions).

The following functions are available:

#### Edit

Lets you modify the name of a selected rule or parameters for the devices contained therein (vendor, model, serial number).

# Copy

Creates a new rule based on the parameters of the selected rule.

## **Delete**

If you want to delete the selected rule. Alternatively, you can use the check box next to a given rule to disable it. This can be useful if you don't want to delete a rule permanently so that you can use it in the future.

# **Populate**

Provides an overview of all currently connected devices with the following information: device type, device vendor, model and serial number (if available). When you select a device (from the list of Detected devices) and click **OK**, a rule editor window appears with pre-defined information (you can adjust all the settings).

Rules are listed in order of priority with higher-priority rules at the top. You can select multiple rules and apply actions, such as deleting or moving them up or down the list by clicking **Top/Up/Down/Bottom** (arrow buttons).

# **Device groups**

The Device groups window is divided into two parts. The right part of the window contains a list of devices that belong to a respective group and the left part of the window contains a list of existing groups. Select the group that contains the devices you want to display in the right pane.

You can create different groups of devices for which different rules will be applied. You can also create a single group of devices that are set to **Read/Write** or **Read-only**. This ensures that unrecognized devices will be blocked by Device control when connected to your computer.

#### WARNING

Having an external device connected to your computer may pose a security risk.

The following functions are available:

#### Add

Create a new device group by entering its name or add a device to an existing group (optionally, you can specify details such as vendor name, model and serial number) depending on where in the window you clicked the button.

#### **Edit**

Lets you modify the name of a selected group or parameters for the devices contained therein (vendor, model, serial number).

#### **Delete**

Deletes the selected group or device depending on where in the window you clicked. Alternatively, you can use the check box next to a given rule to disable it. This can be useful if you do not want to delete a rule permanently so that you can use it in the future.

#### **Import**

Imports a serial number list of devices from a file.

#### **Populate**

Provides an overview of all currently connected devices with the following information: device type, device vendor, model and serial number (if available). When you select a device (from the list of Detected devices) and click **OK**, a rule editor window appears with pre-defined information (you can adjust all the settings).

When you are done with customization click **OK**. Click **Cancel** to leave the **Device groups** window without saving your changes.

#### **NOTE**

Please note that not all rights (actions) are available for all device types. If a device has storage space, all four actions are made available. For non-storage devices, there are only two (for example, Read Only is not available for Bluetooth, so Bluetooth devices can only be allowed or blocked).

# **Tools configuration**

You can customize advanced settings for the following:

- Time slots
- ERA/ESMC scan targets
- Override mode
- ESET CMD
- ESET RMM
- <u>License</u>
- WMI Provider

- Log files
- Proxy server
- Email notifications
- Presentation mode
- Diagnostics
- Cluster

# **Time slots**

Time slots are used within <u>Device control rules</u>, limiting the rules when they are being applied. Create a time slot and select it when adding new or modifying existing rules (**Apply during** parameter). This enables you to define commonly used time slots (work time, weekend, etc.) and reuse them easily without redefining the time ranges for every rule. A time slot should be applicable to any relevant type of rule that supports time-based control.

# **Microsoft Windows update**

Windows updates provide important fixes to potentially dangerous vulnerabilities and improve the general security level of your computer. For this reason, it is vital that you install Microsoft Windows updates as soon as they become available. ESET File Security notifies you about missing updates according to the level you specify. The following levels are available:

- No updates No system updates will be offered for download.
- Optional updates Updates marked as low priority and higher will be offered for download.
- Recommended updates Updates marked as common and higher will be offered for download.
- Important updates Updates marked as important and higher will be offered for download.
- Critical updates Only critical updates will be offered for download.

Click **OK** to save changes. The System updates window will be displayed after status verification with the update server. Sytem update information may not be immediately available after saving changes.

# **ESET CMD**

This is a feature that enables advanced ecmd commands. It allows you to export and import settings using the command line (ecmd.exe). Until now, it was only possible to export settings using the <u>GUI</u>. ESET File Security configuration can be exported to an *.xml* file.

When you have enabled ESET CMD, there are two authorization methods available:

- **None** No authorization. We do not recommend this method because it allows importation of any unsigned configuration, which is a potential risk.
- **Advanced setup password** A password is required to import a configuration from an .xml file, this file must be signed (see singing .xml configuration file further down). The password specified in <u>Access Setup</u> must be provided before a new configuration can be imported. If you do not have access setup enabled, your password does not match or the .xml configuration file is not signed, the configuration will not be

imported.

Once ESET CMD is enabled, you can use the command line to import or export ESET File Security configurations. You can do it manually or create a script for the purpose of automation.

#### **IMPORTANT**

To use advanced ecmd commands, you need to run them with administrator privileges, or open a Windows Command Prompt (cmd) using **Run as administrator**. Otherwise, you will get **Error executing command.** message. Also, when exporting a configuration, the destination folder must exist. The export command still works when the ESET CMD setting is switched off.

#### **EXAMPLE**

Export settings command:

ecmd /getcfg c:\config\settings.xml

Import settings command:

ecmd /setcfg c:\config\settings.xml

#### **NOTE**

Advanced ecmd commands can only be run locally. Executing the client task **Run command** using ESET Security Management Center will not work.

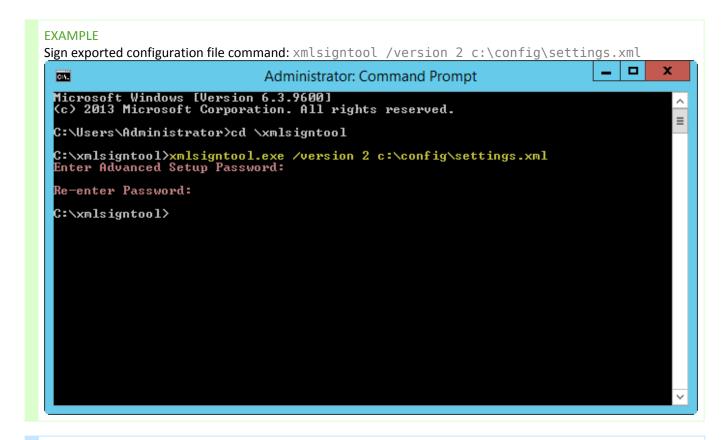
Signing an .xml configuration file:

- 1.Download XmlSignTool executable.
- 2. Open a Windows Command Prompt (cmd) using Run as administrator.
- 3. Navigate to the location of xmlsigntool. exe
- 4. Execute a command to sign the .xml configuration file, usage: xmlsigntool /version 1|2 <xml\_file\_path>

#### **IMPORTANT**

Value of the parameter /version depends on the version of your ESET File Security. Use /version 2 for ESET File Security 7 and newer.

5.Enter and Re-enter your <u>Advanced Setup</u> Password when prompted by the XmlSignTool. Your .xml configuration file is now signed and can be used to import on another instance of ESET File Security with ESET CMD using the password authorization method.



#### NOTE

If your <u>Access Setup</u> password changes and you want to import a configuration that was signed earlier with an old password, you can sign the .xml configuration file again using your current password. This allows you to use an older configuration file without exporting it to another machine running ESET File Security before the import.

# **ESET RMM**

Remote monitoring and management (RMM) is the process of supervising and controlling software systems (such as those on desktops, servers and mobile devices) by means of a locally installed agent that can be accessed by a management service provider.

#### **Enable RMM**

Enables Remote monitoring and management command are functional. You must have administrator privileges to use RMM utility.

#### Working mode

Select the working mode of RMM from the drop-down menu:

- Safe separation only If you want to enable RMM interface for safe and read only operations
- All operations If you want to enable RMM interface for all operations

#### **Authorization method**

Set the RMM authorization method from the drop-down menu:

• None -No application path check will be performed, you can run ermm.exe from any application

• Application path - Specify application which is allowed to run ermm.exe

Default ESET Endpoint Security installation contains file *ermm.exe* located in ESET File Security (default path *c:\Program Files\ESET\ESET File Security*). *ermm.exe* exchange data with RMM Plugin, which communicates with RMM Agent, linked to a RMM Server.

- ermm.exe Command line utility developed by ESET that allows managing of Endpoint products and communication with any RMM Plugin.
- RMM Plugin A third party application running locally on Endpoint Windows system. The plugin was designed to communicate with specific RMM Agent (e.g. Kaseya only) and with *ermm.exe*.
- RMM Agent A third party application (e.g. from Kaseya) running locally on Endpoint Windows system. Agent communicates with RMM Plugin and with RMM Server.
- RMM Server Running as a service on a third party server. Supported RMM systems are by Kaseya, Labtech, Autotask, Max Focus and Solarwinds N-able.

Visit our Knowledgebase article 

for more information on ESET RMM in ESET File Security.

# **ESET Direct Endpoint Management plugins for third-party RMM solutions**

RMM Server is running as a service on a third-party server. For more information see the following ESET Direct Endpoint Management online user guides:

- ESET Direct Endpoint Management Plug-in for ConnectWise Automate
- ESET Direct Endpoint Management Plugin for DattoRMM
- ESET Direct Endpoint Management for Solarwinds N-Central
- ESET Direct Endpoint Management for NinjaRMM

# License

ESET File Security connects to the ESET License server a few times per hour to preform checks. The **Interval check** parameter is set to **Automatic** by default. If you want to decrease network traffic caused by licensing checks, change the Interval check to **Limited** and the licensing check will be done only once a day (also after server restart).

With the Interval check set to **Limited**, all license-related changes done to your ESET File Security via ESET Business Account and ESET MSP Administrator may take up to one day to apply.

# **WMI Provider**

Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) is the Microsoft implementation of Web-Based Enterprise Management (WBEM), which is an industry initiative to develop a standard technology for accessing management information in an enterprise environment.

For more information on WMI, see

http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/aa384642(v=vs.85).aspx 🗹

#### **ESET WMI Provider**

The purpose of the ESET WMI Provider is to allow for the remote monitoring of ESET products in an enterprise environment without requiring any ESET-specific software or tools. By exposing the basic product, status and statistics information via WMI, we greatly expand the possibilities of enterprise administrators when monitoring the ESET products. Administrators can take advantage of the number of access methods offered by WMI (command line, scripts and third-party enterprise monitoring tools) to monitor the state of their ESET products.

The current implementation provides read-only access to basic product information, installed features and their protection status, statistics of individual scanners, and product log files.

The WMI Provider allows for the use of standard Windows WMI infrastructure and tools to read the state of the product and product logs.

# **Provided data**

All the WMI classes related to ESET product are located in the "root\ESET" namespace. The following classes, which are described in more detail below, are currently implemented:

#### General

- ESET Product
- ESET\_Features
- ESET\_Statistics

#### Logs

- ESET\_ThreatLog
- ESET EventLog
- ESET\_ODFileScanLogs
- ESET\_ODFileScanLogRecords
- ESET\_ODServerScanLogs
- ESET\_ODServerScanLogRecords
- ESET\_HIPSLog
- ESET\_URLLog
- ESET\_DevCtrlLog
- ESET\_GreylistLog
- ESET\_MailServeg
- ESET\_HyperVScanLogs
- ESET\_HyperVScanLogRecords

# **ESET\_Product class**

There can only be one instance of the ESET\_Product class. Properties of this class refer to basic information about your installed ESET product:

- ID Product type identifier, for example, "emsl"
- Name Name of the product, for example, "ESET Mail Security"
- FullName Full name of the product, for example, "ESET Mail Security for IBM Domino"
- Version Product version, for example, "6.5.14003.0"
- VirusDBVersion Version of the virus database, for example, "14533 (20161201)"
- VirusDBLastUpdate Timestamp of the last update of the virus database. The string contains the

timestamp in WMI datetime format. for example, "20161201095245.000000+060"

- LicenseExpiration License expiration time. The string contains timestamp in WMI datetime format
- **KernelRunning** Boolean value indicating whether the ekrn service is running on the machine, for example, "TRUE"
- **StatusCode** Number indicating the protection status of the product: 0 Green (OK), 1 Yellow (Warning), 2 Red (Error)
- StatusText Message describing the reason for a non-zero status code, otherwise it is null

### **ESET\_Features class**

The ESET\_Features class has multiple instances, depending on the number of product features. Each instance contains:

- Name Name of the feature (list of names is provided below)
- Status Status of the feature: 0 inactive, 1 disabled, 2 enabled

A list of strings representing currently recognized product features:

- CLIENT\_FILE\_AV Real-time file system anti-virus protection
- CLIENT\_WEB\_AV Client web anti-virus protection
- CLIENT\_DOC\_AV Client document anti-virus protection
- CLIENT\_NET\_FW Client personal firewall
- CLIENT\_EMAIL\_AV Client email anti-virus protection
- CLIENT\_EMAIL\_AS Client email anti-spam protection
- **SERVER\_FILE\_AV** Real-time anti-virus protection of files on the protected file server product, for example, files in SharePoint's content database in the case of ESET File Security
- **SERVER\_EMAIL\_AV** Anti-virus protection of emails of protected server product, for example, emails in MS Exchange or IBM Domino
- **SERVER\_EMAIL\_AS** Anti-spam protection of emails of protected server product, for example, emails in MS Exchange or IBM Domino
- SERVER\_GATEWAY\_AV Anti-virus protection of protected network protocols on the gateway
- SERVER GATEWAY AS Anti-spam protection of protected network protocols on the gateway

#### **ESET\_Statistics class**

The ESET\_Statistics class has multiple instances, depending on the number of scanners in the product. Each instance contains:

- Scanner String code for the particular scanner, for example, "CLIENT\_FILE"
- Total Total number of files scanned
- Infected Number of infected files found
- Cleaned Number of cleaned files
- **Timestamp** Timestamp of the last change of this statistics. In WMI datetime format, for example, "20130118115511.000000+060"
- **ResetTime** Timestamp of when the statistics counter was last reset. In WMI datetime format, for example, "20130118115511.000000+060"

List of strings representing currently recognized scanners:

- CLIENT FILE
- CLIENT\_EMAIL

- CLIENT\_WEB
- SERVER\_FILE
- SERVER EMAIL
- SERVER\_WEB

### **ESET\_ThreatLog class**

The ESET\_ThreatLog class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record from the "Detected threats" log. Each instance contains:

- ID Unique ID of this scan log record
- **Timestamp** Creation timestamp of the log (in the WMI date/time format)
- **LogLevel** severity of the log record expressed as a number in the [0-8]. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- Scanner Name of the scanner that created this log event
- ObjectType Type of object that produced this log event
- ObjectName Name of the object that produced this log event
- Threat Name of the threat that has been found in the object described by ObjectName and ObjectType properties
- Action Action performed after the threat was identified
- User User account that caused this log event to be generated
- Information Additional description of the event
- Hash Hash of the object that produced this log event

#### ESET\_EventLog

The ESET\_EventLog class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record from the "Events" log. Each instance contains:

- ID Unique ID of this scan log record
- **Timestamp** Creation timestamp of the log (in the WMI date/time format)
- **LogLevel** Severity of the log record expressed as a number in the [0-8] interval. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- Module Name of the module that created this log event
- Event Description of the event
- User User account that caused this log event to be generated

### **ESET\_ODFileScanLogs**

The ESET\_ODFileScanLogs class has multiple instances, each one representing an on-demand file scan record. This is equivalent to the GUI "On-demand computer scan" list of logs. Each instance contains:

- ID Unique ID of this scan log record
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log (in the WMI date/time format)
- Targets Target folders/objects of the scan
- TotalScanned Total number of objects scanned
- Infected Number of infected objects found
- Cleaned Number of objects cleaned
- Status Status of the scan process

#### ESET\_ODFileScanLogRecords

The ESET\_ODFileScanLogRecords class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record in one of the scan logs represented by instances of the ESET\_ODFileScanLogs class. Instances of this class provide log records of all the on-demand scans/logs. When instance of a particular scan log are required only, they must be filtered by the LogID property. Each class instance contains:

- **LogID** ID of the scan log this record belongs to (ID of one of the instances of the ESET\_ODFileScanLogs class)
- ID Unique ID of this scan log record
- **Timestamp** Creation timestamp of the log (in the WMI date/time format)
- **LogLevel** Severity of the log record expressed as a number [0-8]. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- Log The actual log message

#### ESET\_ODServerScanLogs

The ESET\_ODServerScanLogs class has multiple instances, each one representing a run of the on-demand server scan. Each instance contains:

- ID Unique ID of this scan log record
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log (in the WMI date/time format)
- Targets Target folders/objects of the scan
- TotalScanned Total number of objects scanned
- · Infected Number of infected objects found
- Cleaned Number of objects cleaned
- RuleHits Total number of rule hits
- Status Status of the scan process

# ESET\_ODServerScanLogRecords

The ESET\_ODServerScanLogRecords class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record in one of the scan logs represented by instances of the ESET\_ODServerScanLogs class. Instances of this class provide log records of all the on-demand scans/logs. When instance of a particular scan log are required only, they must be filtered by the LogID property. Each class instance contains:

- **LogID** ID of the scan log this record belongs to (ID of one of the instances of the ESET\_ ODServerScanLogs class)
- ID Unique ID of this scan log record
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log record (in the WMI date/time format)
- **LogLevel** Severity of the log record expressed as a number in the [0-8] interval. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- Log The actual log message

# ESET\_SmtpProtectionLog

The ESET\_SmtpProtectionLog class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record from the "Smtp protection" log. Each instance contains:

• ID - Unique ID of this scan log record

- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log record (in the WMI date/time format)
- **LogLevel** Severity of the log record expressed as a number [0-8]. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- HELODomain Name of the HELO domain
- IP Source IP address
- Sender Email sender
- Recipient Email recipient
- ProtectionType Type of protection used
- Action Action performed
- Reason Reason for action
- TimeToAccept Number of minutes after which the email will be accepted

# **ESET\_HIPSLog**

The ESET\_HIPSLog class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record from the "HIPS" log. Each instance contains:

- ID Unique ID of this log record
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log record (in the WMI date/time format)
- **LogLevel** Severity of the log record expressed as a number in the [0-8] interval. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- Application Source application
- Target Type of operation
- Action Action taken by HIPS, e.g. allow, deny, etc.
- Rule Name of the rule responsible for the action
- AdditionalInfo

#### ESET\_URLLog

The ESET\_URLLog class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record from the "Filtered websites" log. Each instance contains:

- ID Unique ID of this log record
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log record (in the WMI date/time format)
- **LogLevel** Severity of the log record expressed as a number [0-8]. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- URL The URL
- Status What happened to URL, e.g. "Blocked by Web control"
- Application Application that tried to access the URL
- User User account the application was running under

### ESET\_DevCtrlLog

The ESET\_DevCtrlLog class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record from the "Device control" log. Each instance contains:

- ID Unique ID of this log record
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log record (in the WMI date/time format)

- **LogLevel** Severity of the log record expressed as a number [0-8]. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- Device Device name
- User User account name
- UserSID User account SID
- **Group** User group name
- GroupSID User group SID
- Status What happened to the device, e.g. "Writing blocked"
- DeviceDetails Additional info regarding the device
- EventDetails Additional info regarding the event

### ESET\_MailServerLog

The ESET\_MailServerLog class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record from the "Mail server" log. Each instance contains:

- ID Unique ID of this log record
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log record (in the WMI date/time format)
- **LogLevel** Severity of the log record expressed as a number [0-8]. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- IPAddr Source IP address
- **HELODomain** Name of the HELO domain
- Sender Email sender
- Recipient Email recipient
- Subject E-mail subject
- **ProtectionType** Protection type that has performed the action described by the current log record, i.e. malware, antispam or rules.
- Action Action performed
- Reason The reason why was the action performed on the object by the given ProtectionType.

# **ESET\_HyperVScanLogs**

The ESET\_HyperVScanLogs class has multiple instances, each one representing a run of the Hyper-V file scan. This is equivalent to the GUI "Hyper-V scan" list of logs. Each instance contains:

- ID Unique ID of this log record
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log record (in the WMI date/time format)
- Targets Target machines/disks/volumes of the scan
- TotalScanned Total number of objects scanned
- Infected Number of infected objects found
- Cleaned Number of objects cleaned
- Status Status of the scan process

#### ESET\_HyperVScanLogRecords

The ESET\_HyperVScanLogRecords class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record in one of the scan logs represented by instances of the ESET\_HyperVScanLogs class. Instances of this class provide log records of all the Hyper-V scans/logs. When instance of a particular scan log are required only, they must be filtered by the LogID property. Each class instance contains:

- **LogID** ID of the scan log this record belongs to (ID of one of the instances of the ESET\_HyperVScanLogs class)
- ID Unique ID of this log record
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log record (in the WMI date/time format)
- **LogLevel** Severity of the log record expressed as a number [0-8]. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- Log The actual log message

## ESET\_NetworkProtectionLog

The ESET\_NetworkProtectionLog class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record from the "Network protection" log. Each instance contains:

- ID Unique ID of this log record
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log record (in the WMI date/time format)
- **LogLevel** Severity of the log record expressed as a number [0-8]. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- Event Event triggering network protection action
- Action Action performed by network protection
- Source Source address of network device
- Target Destination address of network device
- Protocol Network communication protocol
- RuleOrWormName Rule or worm name related to the event
- Application Application that initiated the network communication
- User User account that caused this log event to be generated

### **ESET\_SentFilesLog**

The ESET\_SentFilesLog class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record from the "Sent files" log. Each instance contains:

- ID Unique ID of this log record
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log record (in the WMI date/time format)
- **LogLevel** Severity of the log record expressed as a number [0-8]. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- Sha1 Sha-1 hash of sent file
- File Sent File
- Size Sent file size
- Category Sent file category
- Reason Reason of sending the file
- SentTo ESET department the file was sent to
- User User account that caused this log event to be generated

### **ESET\_OneDriveScanLogs**

The ESET\_OneDriveScanLogs class has multiple instances, each one representing a run of the OneDrive scan. This is equivalent to the GUI "OneDrive scan" list of logs. Each instance contains:

- ID Unique ID of this OneDrive log
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log (in the WMI date/time format)
- Targets Target folders/objects of the scan
- TotalScanned Total number of objects scanned
- Infected Number of infected objects found
- Cleaned Number of objects cleaned
- Status Status of the scan process

## ESET\_OneDriveScanLogRecords

The ESET\_OneDriveScanLogRecords class has multiple instances, each one representing a log record in one of the scan logs represented by instances of the ESET\_OneDriveScanLogs class. Instances of this class provide log records of all the OneDrive scans/logs. When instance of a particular scan log are required only, they must be filtered by the LogID property. Each instance contains:

- **LogID** ID of the scan log this record belongs to (ID of one of the instances of the ESET\_OneDriveScanLogs class)
- ID Unique ID of this OneDrive log
- Timestamp Creation timestamp of the log (in the WMI date/time format)
- **LogLevel** Severity of the log record expressed as a number [0-8]. Values correspond to the following named levels: Debug, Info-Footnote, Info, Info-Important, Warning, Error, SecurityWarning, Error-Critical, SecurityWarning-Critical
- Log The actual log message

# **Accessing Provided Data**

Here are a few examples of how to access ESET WMI data from Windows command line and PowerShell, which should work from any current Windows operating system. There are, however, many other ways of accessing the data from other scripting languages and tools.

# **Command line without scripts**

The wmic command line tool can be used to access various pre-defined or any custom WMI classes.

To display complete info about product on the local machine:

```
wmic /namespace:\\root\ESET Path ESET Product
```

To display product version number only of the product on the local machine:

```
wmic /namespace:\\root\ESET Path ESET_Product Get Version
```

To display complete info about product on a remote machine with IP 10.1.118.180:

```
wmic /namespace:\\root\ESET /node:10.1.118.180 /user:Administrator Path ESET Product
```

## **PowerShell**

Get and display complete info about product on the local machine:

```
Get-WmiObject ESET_Product -namespace 'root\ESET'
```

Get and display complete info about product on a remote machine with IP 10.1.118.180:

\$cred = Get-Credential # promts the user for credentials and stores it in the
variable
Get-WmiObject ESET\_Product -namespace 'root\ESET' -computername '10.1.118.180' -cred
\$cred

# **ERA/ESMC** scan targets

This functionality lets <u>ESET Security Management Center</u> use scan target (On-demand mailbox database scan and <u>Hyper-V scan</u>) when running the **Server Scan** client task on a server with ESET File Security. ERA/ESMC scan targets setting is available only if you have ESET Management Agent installed, otherwise it will be grayed out.

When you enable **Generate target list** ESET File Security creates a list of available scan targets. This list is generated periodically, according to your **Update period**.

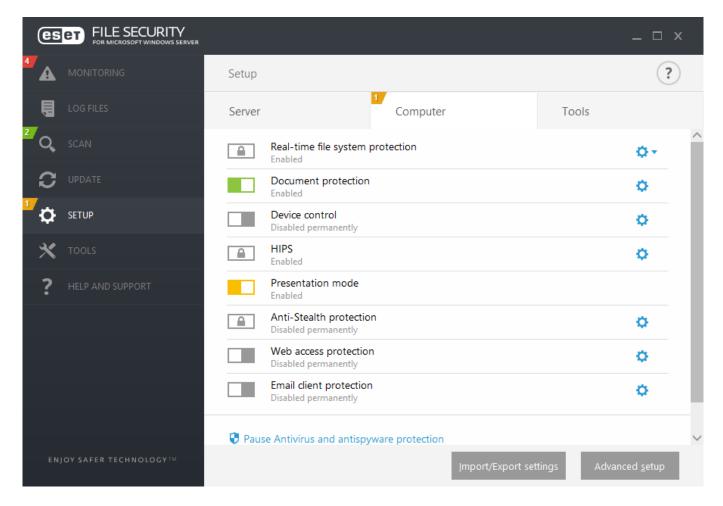
#### **NOTE**

When **Generate target list** is enabled for the first time, it takes ESET Security Management Center about half of the specified **Update period** to pick it up. So if **Update period** is set to 60 minutes, it'll take ESMC about 30 minutes to receive the list of scan targets. If you need ESET Security Management Center to collect the list earlier, set the update period to a smaller value. You can always increase it later.

When ESET Security Management Center runs a **Server Scan** client task, it will collect the list and you will be asked to select scan targets for <u>Hyper-V scan</u> on that particular server.

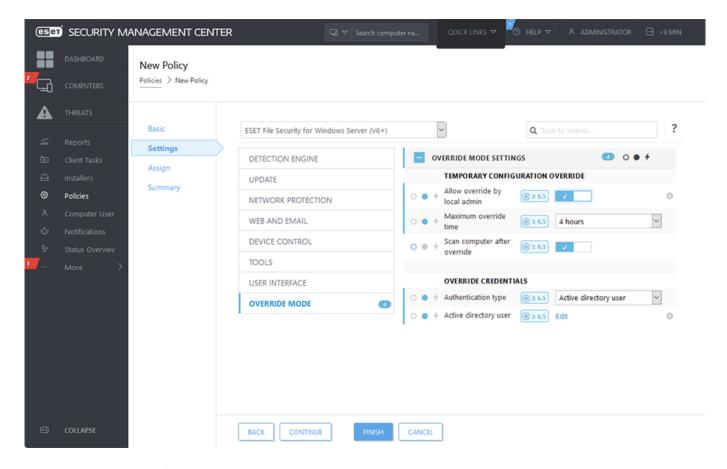
# Override mode

If you have ESET Security Management Center policy applied to ESET File Security, you'll see a lock icon instead of enable/disable switch on Setup page and a lock icon next to the switch in Advanced setup window.

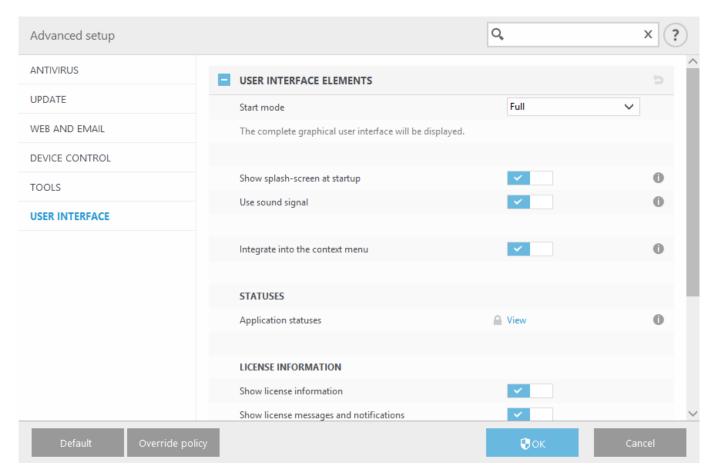


Normally, settings that are configured via ESET Security Management Center policy cannot be modified. Override mode allows you to temporarily unlock these settings. However, you need to enable **Override mode** using ESET Security Management Center policy.

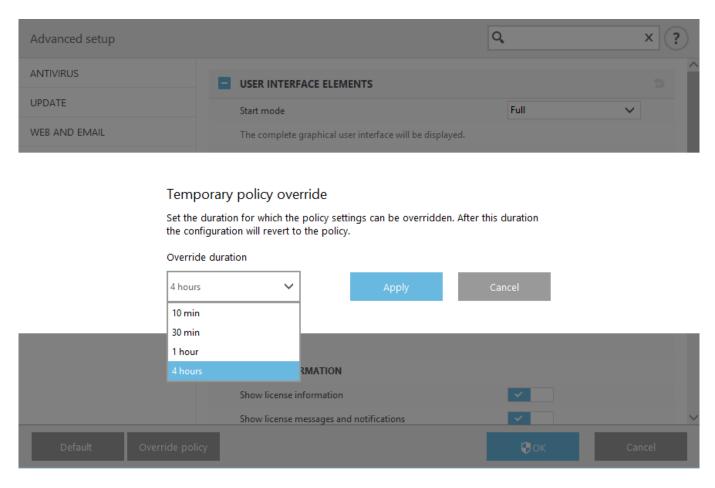
Log into <u>ESMC Web Console</u> , navigate to **Policies**, select and edit existing policy that is applied to ESET File Security or create a new one. In **Settings**, click **Override Mode**, enable it and configure the rest of its settings including Authentication type (**Active directory user** or **Password**).



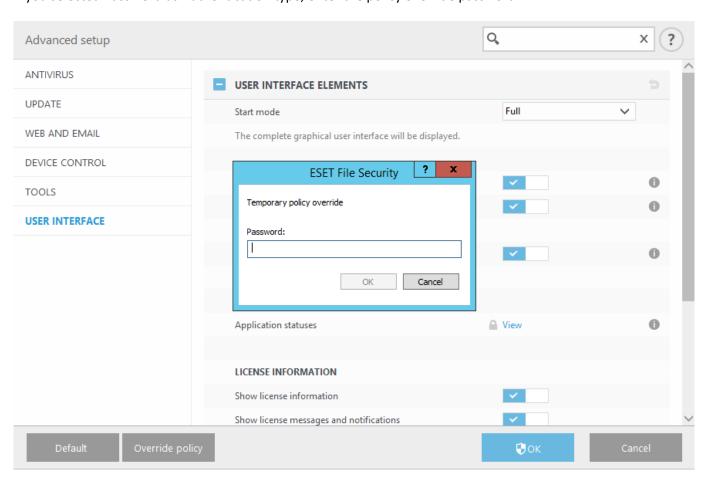
Once the policy is modified, or new policy is applied to ESET File Security, Override policy button will appear in Advanced setup window.



Click Override policy button, set the duration and click Apply.



If you selected **Password** as Authentication type, enter the policy override password.



Once the Override mode expires, any configuration changes you've made will revert back to original ESET Security

Management Center policy settings. You'll see a notification before the Override expires.

You can **End override** mode anytime before it expires on **Monitoring page** or in **Advanced setup** window.

# Log files

This section lets you modify configuration of ESET File Security logging.

Logging filter

Produces a significant amount of data because all the logging options are enabled by default. We recommend you to selectively disable logging of the components which are not useful or related to the problem.

#### NOTE

To start the actual logging you need to turn on general **Diagnostic logging** on product level in main menu **Setup** > <u>Tools</u>. Once the logging itself is turned on, ESET File Security will collect detailed logs according to what features are enabled in this section.

Use the switches to enable or disable particular feature. This options also be combined depending on the availability of individual components in the ESET File Security.

• Cluster diagnostic logging - Cluster logging will be included in general diagnostic logging.

# ■ Log files

Define how the logs will be managed. This is important mostly to prevent the disk being used up. Default settings allow for automatic deletion of older logs in order to save disk space.

### Automatically delete records older than (days)

Log entries older than the specified number of days will get deleted.

# Automatically delete old records if log size exceeded

When log size exceeds **Max log size** [**MB**], old log records will be deleted until **Reduced log size** [**MB**] is reached.

# Back up automatically deleted records

Automatically deleted log records and files will be backed up to the specified directory and optionally compressed as ZIP files.

### **Back up diagnostic logs**

Will back up automatically deleted diagnostic logs. If not enabled, diagnostic log records are not backed up.

#### **Backup folder**

Folder where log backups will be stored. You can enable compressed log backups using ZIP.

#### Optimize log files automatically

When engaged, log files will automatically be defragmented if the fragmentation percentage is higher than value specified in the **If the number of unused records exceeds (%)** field. Click **Optimize** to begin defragmenting the log files. All empty log entries are removed to improve performance and log processing speed. This improvement can be observed especially if the logs contain a large number of entries.

#### **Enable text protocol**

To enable the storage of logs in another file format separate from Log files:

- Target directory The directory where log files will be stored (only applies to **Text/CSV**). Each log section has its own file with a pre-defined file name (for example, *virlog.txt* for Detected threats section of Log files, if you use plain text file format to store logs).
- **Type** If you select the **Text** file format, logs will be stored in a text file; data will be separated by tabs. The same applies to comma-separated **CSV** file format. If you choose **Event**, logs will be stored in the Windows Event log (can be viewed using Event Viewer in Control panel) as opposed to file.
- Delete all log files Erases all stored logs currently selected in the Type drop-down menu.

#### **NOTE**

In order to help resolve issues more quickly, ESET Technical Support may ask you to provide logs from your computer. <u>ESET Log Collector</u> of makes it easy for you to collect the information needed. For more information about ESET Log Collector, see our <u>Knowledgebase article</u>.

# **Proxy server**

In large LAN networks, the connection of your computer to the internet can be mediated by a proxy server. If this is the case, the following settings need to be defined. If you do not define the settings, the program will not be able to update itself automatically. In ESET File Security, proxy server setup is available in two different sections within the **Advanced setup** window (**F5**):

1.Advanced setup (F5) > Update > Profiles > Updates > Connection options > <u>HTTP Proxy</u>
This setting applies for the given update profile and is recommended for laptops that often receive modules from different locations.

#### 2.Advanced setup (F5) > Tools > Proxy server

Specifying the proxy server at this level defines global proxy server settings for all of ESET File Security. Parameters here will be used by all modules that connect to the internet.

To specify proxy server settings for this level, turn on the **Use proxy server** switch and then enter the address of the proxy server into the **Proxy server** field, along with the **Port** number of the proxy server.

### Proxy server requires authentication

If network communication via proxy server requires authentication, enable this option and specify **Username** and **Password**.

### **Detect proxy server**

Click **Detect** to automatically detect and populate proxy server settings. The parameters specified in Internet Explorer will be copied.

**NOTE** 

This feature does not retrieve authentication data (username and password); you must supply it.

### Use direct connection if proxy is not available

If a product is configured to utilize HTTP Proxy and the proxy is unreachable, the product will bypass the proxy and communicate directly with ESET servers.

# **Notifications**

Notifications on the Desktop and balloon tips are informative only, and do not require user interaction. They are displayed in the notification area at the bottom right corner of the screen. More detailed options, such as notification display time and window transparency can be modified below. Turn the **Do not display notifications when running applications in full screen mode** switch on to suppress all non-interactive notifications.

#### Show notification about successful update

When an update is successful, a pop-up notification will be displayed.

## Send event notifications by email

Enable to activate email notifications.

# **Application notifications**

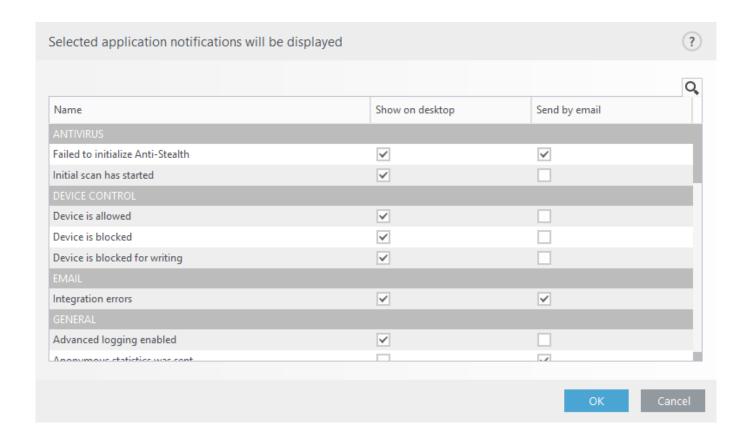
Click Edit to enable or disable display application notifications.

# **Application notifications**

You can configure ESET File Security notifications to be shown on desktop and/or be sent by email.

#### **NOTE**

For email notifications, make sure to enable **Send event notifications by email** in **Basic** section, then configure SMTP server and other details as needed.



# **Desktop notifications**

You can configure how threat alerts and system notifications (such as successful update messages) are handled by ESET File Security. For example, the display time **Duration** and **Transparency** of system tray notifications (this applies only to the systems that support system tray notifications).

**Minimum verbosity of events to display** drop-down menu enables you to select the severity level of alerts and notification. The following options are available:

- Diagnostic Logs information needed to fine-tune the program and all records above.
- **Informative** Records informative messages, including successful update messages, plus all records above.
- Warnings Records critical errors and warning messages.
- Errors Errors such as "Error downloading file" and critical errors will be recorded.
- Critical Logs only critical errors.

The **On multi-user systems, display notifications on the screen of this user** field specifies which user will receive system and other notifications on systems allowing multiple users to connect at the same time. Normally, this would be a system or network administrator. This option is especially useful for terminal servers, provided that all system notifications are sent to the administrator.

# **Email notifications**

ESET File Security can automatically send notification emails if an event with the selected verbosity level occurs.

#### NOTE

SMTP servers with TLS encryption are supported by ESET File Security.

#### **SMTP** server

The name of the SMTP server used for sending alerts and notifications. This is typically the name of your Microsoft Exchange Server.

### Username and password

If the SMTP server requires authentication, these fields should be filled in with a valid username and password to access the SMTP server.

#### Sender address

Enter sender's address that will appear in the header of notification emails. This is what the recipient will see in the **From** field.

#### **Recipient address**

Specify recipient's email address **To** whom notifications will be delivered.

#### **Enable TLS**

Enable alert and notification messages supported by TLS encryption.

### **Email settings**

### Minimum verbosity for notifications

Specifies the minimum verbosity level of notifications to be sent.

# Interval after which new notification emails will be sent (min)

Interval in minutes after which new notification will be sent via email. Set this value to 0 if you want to send those notifications immediately.

#### Send each notification in a separate email

When enabled, the recipient will receive a new email for each individual notification. This may result in a large number of emails being received in a short period of time.

# **Message format**

Communications between the program and a remote user or system administrator are done via emails or LAN messages (using the Windows messenger service). The default format of the alert messages and notifications will be optimal for most situations. In some circumstances, you may need to change the message format of event messages.

#### Format of event messages

Format of event messages that are displayed on remote computers.

#### Format of threat warning messages

Threat alert and notification messages have a pre-defined default format. We advise against changing this format. However, in some circumstances (for example, if you have an automated email processing system), you may need to change the message format.

Keywords (strings separated by % signs) are replaced in the message by the actual information as specified. The following keywords are available:

- %TimeStamp% Date and time of the event.
- %Scanner% Module concerned.
- %ComputerName% Name of the computer where the alert occurred.
- %ProgramName% Program that generated the alert.
- %InfectedObject% Name of infected file, message, etc.
- %VirusName% Identification of the infection.
- %ErrorDescription% Description of a non-virus event.

The keywords **%InfectedObject%** and **%VirusName%** are only used in threat warning messages, and **%ErrorDescription%** is only used in event messages.

#### Charset

You can choose encoding from the drop-down menu. Email message will be converted according to the selected character encoding.

## **Use Quoted-printable encoding**

The email message source will be encoded to Quoted-printable (QP) format which uses ASCII characters and can correctly transmit special national characters by email in 8-bit format (áéíóú).

# **Customization**

This message will be shown in the footer of all selected notifications.

## **Default notification message**

A default message to be shown in the notification footer.

#### **Threats**

#### Do not close malware notifications automatically

Enables malware notifications to stay on screen until you close them manually.

#### Use default message

You can turn off default message and specify custom **Treat notification message** that will be displayed when a threat is blocked.

# Threat notification message

Enter a custom message to display when a threat is blocked.

# **Presentation mode**

Presentation mode is a feature for users that demand uninterrupted usage of their software, do not want to be disturbed by pop-up windows, and want to minimize CPU usage. Presentation mode can also be used during presentations that cannot be interrupted by activity of ESET File Security. When enabled, all pop-up windows are disabled and scheduled tasks are not run. System protection still runs in the background but does not require any user interaction.

### Enable Presentation mode when running applications in full-screen mode automatically

Presentation mode is activated automatically whenever you run a full-screen application. With Presentation mode engaged, you will not be able to see notifications or a status change of your ESET File Security.

#### Disable Presentation mode automatically after

To define the amount of time in minutes after which Presentation mode will automatically be disabled.

# **Diagnostics**

Diagnostics provides application crash dumps of ESET processes (for example, *ekrn*). If an application crashes, a dump will be generated. This can help developers debug and fix various ESET File Security problems.

Click the drop-down menu next to **Dump type** and select one of three available options:

- Disable To disable this feature.
- **Mini** (default) Records the smallest set of useful information that may help identify why the application crashed unexpectedly. This kind of dump file can be useful when space is limited. However, because of the limited information included, errors that were not directly caused by the thread that was running at the time of the problem may not be discovered by an analysis of this file.
- **Full** Records all the contents of system memory when the application stops unexpectedly. A complete memory dump may contain data from processes that were running when the memory dump was collected.

#### **Target directory**

Directory where the dump during the crash will be generated.

# Open diagnostics folder

Click **Open** to open this directory within a new *Windows Explorer* window.

## Create diagnostic dump

Click **Create** to create diagnostic dump files in the Target directory.

#### Advanced logging

#### **Enable Device control advanced logging**

Record all events that occur in Device control to allow diagnosing and solving problems.

### **Enable Kernel advanced logging**

Record all events that occur in ESET kernel service (ekrn) to allow diagnosing and solving problems.

#### **Enable Licensing advanced logging**

Record all product communication with license server.

### **Enable Network protection advanced logging**

Record all network data passing through network protection in PCAP format in order to help developers diagnose and fix the problems related to network protection.

### **Enable Operating System advanced logging**

Additional information about Operating system such as running processes, CPU activity, disc operations will be gathered.

#### **Enable Protocol filtering advanced logging**

Record all data passing through Protocol filtering engine in PCAP format in order to help developers diagnose and fix the problems related to Protocol filtering.

### **Enable Update engine advanced logging**

Record all events that occur during update process to help developers diagnose and fix the problems related to Update engine.

# **Technical support**

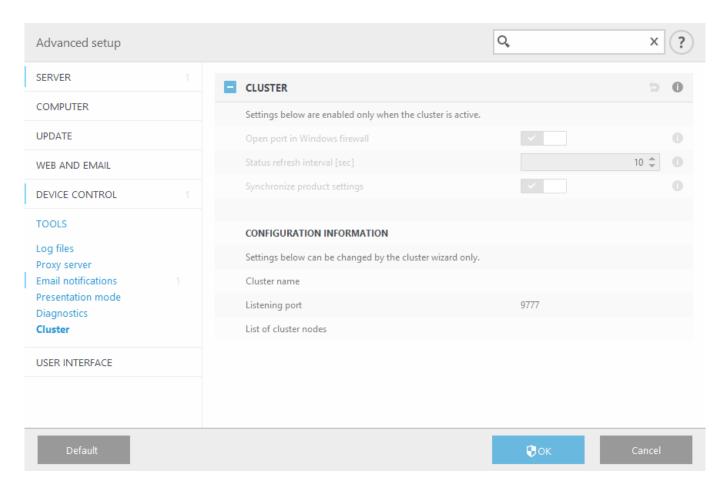
## Submit system configuration data

Select **Always submit** not to be prompted before submitting your ESET File Security configuration data to customer care, or use **Ask before submission**.

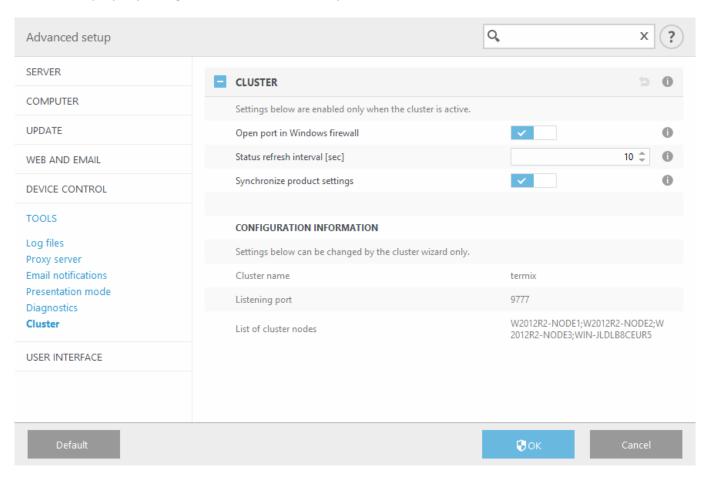
# Cluster

Enable Cluster is automatically enabled when the ESET Cluster is configured. You can disable it manually in the **Advanced setup (F5)** window by clicking the switch icon (for example, when you need to change configuration without affecting other nodes in the ESET Cluster). This switch only enables or disables the ESET Cluster functionality. To set up or destroy the cluster, to use the <u>Cluster wizard</u> or **Destroy** the cluster located in the **Tools** > **Cluster** section of the main program window.

ESET Cluster not configured and disabled:



# ESET Cluster properly configured with its details and options:



# **User interface**

Configure the Graphical user interface (GUI) behavior of ESET File Security. You can adjust the program's visual appearance and effects.

### User interface elements

Use the GUI start mode drop-down menu to select from the following Graphical user interface (GUI) start modes:

- Full The complete GUI will be displayed.
- **Terminal** No notifications or alerts will be displayed. GUI can only be started by the Administrator. The user interface should be set to Terminal if graphical elements slow the performance of your computer or cause other problems. You may also want to turn off the GUI on a Terminal server. For more information about ESET File Security installed on Terminal server, see <u>Disable GUI on Terminal Server</u> topic.

#### Show splash-screen at startup

Disable this option if you prefer not to have the splash-screen displayed when GUI of your ESET File Security starts, for example when logging into the system.

#### Use sound signal

ESET File Security plays a sound when important events occur during a scan, for example, when a threat is discovered or when the scan has finished.

### Integrate into the context menu

When enabled, ESET File Security control elements are integrated into the context menu. The context menu is displayed after right-clicking an object (file). The menu lists all of the actions that you can perform on an object.

#### **Application statuses**

Click <u>Edit</u> to select statuses that are displayed in the <u>Monitoring</u> window. Alternatively, you can use <u>ESET</u>
<u>Security Management Center policies</u> to configure your application statutes. An application status will also be displayed if your product is not activated or if your license has expired.

## License Information / Show license information

When enabled, messages and notifications about your license will be displayed.

# Alerts and message boxes

By configuring Alerts and notifications, you can change the behavior of detected threat alerts and system notifications. These can be customized to fit your needs. If you choose not to display some notifications, they will be displayed in the <u>Disabled messages and statuses</u> area. Here you can check their status, show more details or remove them from this window.

#### Access setup

You can prevent any unauthorized changes using the Access setup tool to ensure that security remains high.

#### **ESET Shell**

You can configure access rights to product settings, features and data via eShell by changing the ESET Shell execution policy.

#### System tray icon

Revert all settings in this section

# Alerts and message boxes

You can configure how threat alerts and system notifications (such as successful update messages) are handled by ESET File Security. For example, the display time **Duration** and **Transparency** of system tray notifications (this applies only to the systems that support system tray notifications).

# **Display interactive alerts**

Disable this feature, if you want to prevent ESET File Security from displaying alerts in Windows notification area.

#### List of interactive alerts

Useful for automation. Deselect **Ask user** for items you want to automate, and choose what action will be taken instead of the alert window waiting for you interaction.

**Message boxes** are used to display short text messages or questions.

#### Close message boxes automatically

To close pop-up windows automatically after a certain period of time. If they are not closed manually, alert windows are automatically closed after the specified time period elapses.

#### **Confirmation messages**

When you click **Edit**, a pop-up window will open with a list of confirmation messages that ESET File Security displays before an action is performed. Use the check boxes to customize your preferences for confirmation messages.

# **Access setup**

For maximum security of your system, it is essential that ESET File Security is correctly configured. Any unqualified modifications may result in issues or even a loss of important data. To avoid unqualified modifications, you can have your ESET File Security configuration password protected.

#### **IMPORTANT**

If you are uninstalling ESET File Security while using access setup password protection, you will be prompted to enter the password. You will otherwise not be able to uninstall ESET File Security.

## **Password protect settings**

Locks/unlocks the program's setup parameters. Click to open the **Password setup** window.

#### Set password

To set or change a password to protect setup parameters, click **Set**. To protect the setup parameters of ESET File Security in order to avoid unauthorized modification, a new password must be set. When you want to change an existing password, type your old password in the **Old password** field, enter your new password in the **New password** and **Confirm password** fields and then click **OK**. This password will be required for any future modifications to ESET File Security.

#### Require full administrator rights for limited administrator accounts

Select this option to prompt the current user (who does not have administrator's rights) to enter administrator account credentials when modifying certain parameters, such as disabling protection modules.

#### **NOTE**

If the Access Setup password changes and you want to import an existing .xml configuration file (that was signed before the password change) using the <u>ESET CMD</u> command line, make sure to sign it again using your current password. This allows you to use older configuration file without the need to export it on the other machine running ESET File Security before the import.

# **ESET Shell**

You can configure access rights to product settings, features and data via eShell by changing the **ESET Shell execution policy**. The default setting is **Limited scripting**, but you can change it to Disabled, Read-only or Full access if needed.

#### Disabled

eShell cannot be used at all. Only the configuration of eShell itself is allowed - in ui eshell context. You can customize the appearance of eShell, but cannot access product settings or data.

#### **Read only**

eShell can be used as a monitoring tool. You can view all settings in both Interactive and Batch mode, but you cannot modify any settings or features or modify any data.

#### **Limited scripting**

In Interactive mode, you can view and modify all settings, features and data. In Batch mode eShell will function as if you were in Read-only mode; however, if you use signed batch files, you will be able to edit settings and modify data.

#### **Full access**

Access to all settings is unlimited in both Interactive and Batch mode (when running batch files). You can view and modify any setting. You must use an administrator account to run eShell with full access. If UAC is enabled, elevation is also required.

# **Disable GUI on Terminal Server**

This chapter describes how to disable the GUI of ESET File Security running on Windows Terminal Server for user sessions.

Normally, the ESET File Security GUI starts up every time a remote user logs onto the server and creates a terminal session. This is usually undesirable on Terminal Servers. If you want to turn off the GUI for terminal sessions, you can do so via <a href="mailto:eShell">eShell</a> by running set ui ui gui-start-mode none command. This will put the GUI into terminal mode. These are the two available modes for GUI startup:

```
set ui ui gui-start-mode full
set ui ui gui-start-mode none
```

If you want to find out what mode is currently in use, run the command get ui ui gui-start-mode.

### NOTE

If you have installed ESET File Security on a Citrix server, we recommend that you use the settings described in our <u>Knowledgebase article</u> .

# **Disabled messages and statuses**

### **Confirmation messages**

Shows you a list of confirmation messages that you can select to display or not to display.

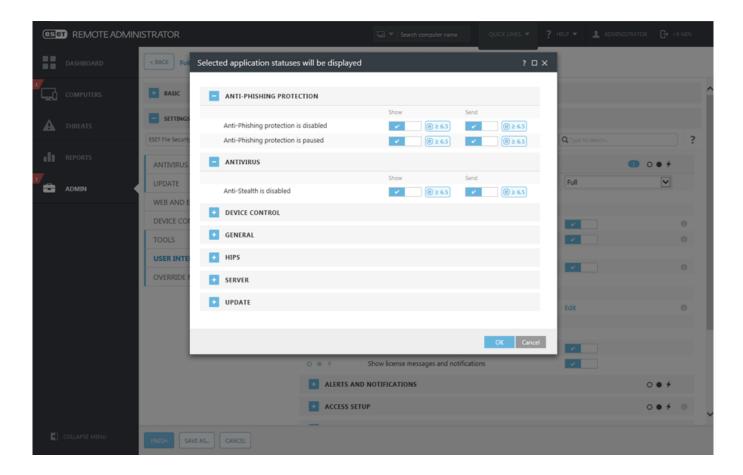
## **Application statuses settings**

Allows you to enable or disable display status in the Monitoring page in main menu.

# **Application statuses settings**

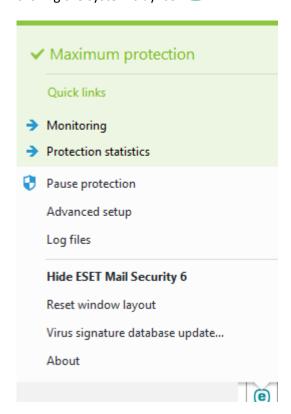
This dialog window lets you select or deselect which application statuses will be or will not be displayed. For example, when you pause Antivirus and antispyware protection that will result in a change of protection status which will appear in <a href="Monitoring">Monitoring</a> page. An application status will also be displayed if your product is not activated or if your license has expired.

Application statuses can be managed via <u>ESET Security Management Center policies</u> . Categories and statutes are shown in a list with two options **Show** and **Send** the status. Send column for application statuses is visible only in <u>ESET Security Management Center policy</u> configuration. ESET File Security shows settings with lock icon. You can use <u>Override mode</u> to temporarily change Application statuses.



# **System tray icon**

Serves as a quick access to frequently used items and features of ESET File Security. These are available by right-clicking the system tray icon .



#### More information

Opens Monitoring page to show you the current protection status and messages.

#### **Pause protection**

Displays the confirmation dialog box that disables Antivirus and antispyware protection, which guards against attacks by controlling file, web and email communication. When you temporarily pause the Antivirus and antispyware protection using the system tray icon (a), the Pause protection dialog box will appear. This will disable malware-related protection for the chosen period of time. To disable protection permanently, you can do so in Advanced setup. Use caution when disabling protection, your system will be exposed to threats.

#### Advanced setup

Use this option to enter the Advanced setup.

#### Log files

Contains information about all important program events that have occurred and provide an overview of detected threats.

### **Hide ESET File Security**

Hide the ESET File Security window from the screen.

#### **Reset window layout**

Resets the ESET File Security window to its default size and position on the screen.

# **Check for updates**

Starts updating modules to ensure your level of protection against malicious code.

#### <u>About</u>

Provides system information, details about the installed version of ESET File Security and the installed program modules as well as your license expiration date. Information about your operating system and system resources can be found at the bottom of the page.

# **Revert to default settings**

You can restore settings to their default values within **Advanced setup**. There are two options. You can revert everything to default or revert settings only for a particular section (settings in other sections will remain unchanged).

# **Revert all settings**

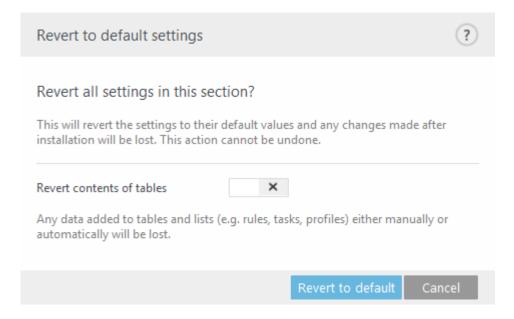
All settings in all sections of advanced setup will be restored to the state they were after you have installed ESET File Security. You can think of it as *Restore Factory Defaults*.

#### **NOTE**

Once you click Revert to default, all changes that have been made will be lost. This action cannot be undone.

#### Revert all settings in this section

Reverts module settings in selected section to values. Any changes you have made in this section will be lost.



#### **Revert contents of tables**

When enabled, the rules, tasks or profiles, which were added manually or automatically, will be lost.

# Help and support

ESET File Security contains troubleshooting tools and support information that will assist you in solving issues that you may encounter.

#### Help

# Search ESET Knowledgebase 2

The ESET Knowledgebase contains answers to the most frequently asked questions as well as recommended solutions for various issues. Regularly updated by ESET technical specialists, the Knowledgebase is the most powerful tool for resolving various types of problems.

## Open help

Launches online help pages for ESET File Security.

#### Find quick solution

Select this to find solutions to the most frequently encountered problems. We recommend that you read this section before contacting technical support.

#### **Technical Support**

#### Submit support request **2**

If you cannot find an answer to your problem, you can also use this form located on the ESET website to quickly contact our Technical Support department.

#### **Details for Technical Support**

Display details information (Product name, Product version, etc.) for Technical Support.

## **Support Tools**

#### Threat encyclopedia 🗹

Links to the ESET Threat Encyclopedia, which contains information about the dangers and symptoms of different types of infiltration.

#### ESET Log Collector 2

Log Collector is an application that automatically collects information, such as configuration and logs from your server in order to help resolve issues more quickly.

## Detection Engine history 2

Links to ESET Virus radar, which contains information about versions of the ESET detection modules.

# ESET Specialized Cleaner

The ESET Specialized Cleaner is a removal tool for common malware infections such as Conficker, Sirefef, Necurs, etc.

#### **Product and License information**

#### Activate product / Change license 2

Click to launch the Product activation window. Select one of the available methods to activate ESET File Security.

## **About ESET File Security**

Displays information about your copy of ESET File Security.

# **Submit support request**

In order to provide assistance as quickly and accurate as possible, ESET requires information about your ESET File Security configuration, detailed system information, running processes (ESET SysInspector log file) and registry data. ESET will only use this data to provide technical assistance to the customer. This setting can also be configured from the Advanced setup (F5) > Tools > Diagnostics > Technical Support.

#### NOTE

If you choose to submit system data you must fill and submit the web form, otherwise your ticket will not be created and your system data will be lost.

When you submit the web form, your system configuration data will be sent to ESET. Select **Always submit this information** to remember this action for this process.

#### Don't submit data 🗹

Use this option if you do not wish to submit data. You will be redirected to ESET Technical Support web page.

# **About ESET File Security**

This window provides details about the installed version of ESET File Security. The top part of the window contains information about your operating system and system resources, the current user and full computer name.

### **Installed components**

Contain information about modules, to view a list of installed components and their details. Click **Copy** to copy the list to your clipboard. This may be useful during troubleshooting or when contacting Technical Support.

# **Glossary**

Visit Glossary Z page for more information about technical terms, threats and internet security.

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ESET is a company operating worldwide via affiliated entities or partners as part of our distribution, service and support network. Information processed by ESET may be transferred to and from affiliated entities or partners for performance of the EULA such as provision of services or support or billing. Based on your location and service You choose to use, We might be required to transfer your data to a country with absence of adequacy decision by the European Commission. Even in this case, every transfer of information is subject to regulation of data protection legislation and takes place only if required. Standard Contractual Clauses, Binding Corporate Rules or another appropriate safeguard must be established without any exception.

We are doing our best to prevent data from being stored longer than necessary while providing services under the EULA. Our retention period might be longer than the validity of your license just to give You time for easy and comfortable renewal. Minimized and pseudonymized statistics and other data from ESET LiveGrid® may be further processed for statistical purposes.

ESET implements appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure a level of security which is appropriate to potential risks. We are doing our best to ensure the ongoing confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of processing systems and Services. However, in case of data breach resulting in a risk to your rights and freedoms, We are ready to notify supervisory authority as well as data subjects. As a data subject, You have a right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority.

# **Data Subject's Rights**

ESET is subject to regulation of Slovak laws and We are bound by data protection legislation as part of European Union. Subject to conditions laid down by applicable data protection laws, You are entitled to following rights as a data subject:

- right to request access to your personal data from ESET,
- right to rectification of your personal data if inaccurate (You also have the right to have the incomplete personal data completed),
- right to request erasure of your personal data,
- right to request restriction of processing your personal data,
- right to object to processing,
- right to lodge a complaint as well as,
- right to data portability.

If You would like to exercise your right as a data subject or You have a question or concern, send us a message at:

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