ESET PROTECT

Guide for Small and Medium-sized Businesses

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About help

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



Notes can provide valuable information, such as specific features or a link to a related topic.



This requires your attention and it should not be skipped. Usually, it provides non-critical but significant information.



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 scenario that describes a user case relevant for the topic where it is included. Examples are used to explain more complicated topics.

Convention	Meaning
Bold type	Names of interface items such as boxes and option buttons.
Italic type	Placeholders for information you provide. For example, filename or path means you type the actual path or a name of file.
Courier New	Code samples or commands.
<u>Hyperlink</u>	Provides quick and easy access to cross-referenced topics or external web location. Hyperlinks are highlighted in blue and may be underlined.
%ProgramFiles%	The Windows system directory which stores installed programs of Windows and others.

- Online Help is the primary source of help content. The latest version of Online Help will automatically be displayed when you have a working internet connection. The ESET PROTECT online help pages include four active tabs at the top navigation header: Installation/Upgrade, Administration, VA Deployment and SMB guide.
- Topics in this guide are divided into several chapters and sub-chapters. You can find relevant information by using the search field at the top.



Once you open a User Guide from the navigation bar at the top of the page, search will be limited to the contents of that guide. For example, if you open the Administrator guide, topics from the Installation/Upgrade and VA Deployment guides will not be included in search results.

- The <u>ESET Knowledgebase</u> 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.
- The <u>ESET Forum</u> provides ESET users with an easy way to get help and to help others. You can post any problem or question related to your ESET products.
- You can post your rating and/or provide a feedback on a particular topic in help: Click the **Was this information helpful?** link underneath the help page.

Introduction

This guide is intended for a small to medium-sized businesses that manage up to 250 Windows ESET endpoint products using ESET PROTECT 9.

It will explain basic concepts important for deploying and using ESET security products.

ESET PROTECT 9

ESET PROTECT 9 (formerly ESMC) is an application that allows you to manage ESET products on client workstations, servers and mobile devices in a networked environment from one central location.

The built-in task management system in ESET PROTECT allows you to install ESET security solutions on remote computers and quickly respond to new problems and detections.

ESET PROTECT does not provide protection against malicious code by itself. Protection of your environment depends on the presence of an ESET security solution such as ESET Endpoint Security on workstations.

Manageable ESET endpoint products

ESET endpoint products are primarily designed for use on workstations in a small business/enterprise environment and can be used with ESET PROTECT.

ESET PROTECT 9 is able to deploy, activate or manage the following ESET endpoint products:

Manageable via ESET PROTECT 9	Product version
ESET Endpoint Security for Windows	6.5+, 7.x, 8.x, 9.x
ESET Endpoint Antivirus for Windows	6.5+, 7.x, 8.x, 9.x
ESET Endpoint Security for macOS	6.8+
ESET Endpoint Antivirus for macOS	6.8+
ESET Endpoint Security for Android	2.x

See also the full list of manageable ESET security products.

New features in ESET PROTECT 9.0

One-click away from details

It's never been easier to quickly look at computer details or detection details and go over them. You just need to click the computer name in the **Computers** section, and a side panel with details will appear. <u>Learn More</u>

We've also used the same approach for the **Detections** section when you click a detection type. Learn More

New overview Dashboard for EDTD

We've introduced a new Dashboard where you can find useful information and statistics related to ESET Dynamic Threat Defense. <u>Learn More</u>

Automatic Product Updates

To make your life easier, we're introducing auto-updates for our security products (Windows endpoint products for the time being) with out-of-the-box enablement in the upcoming ESET Endpoint Security/Antivirus v9, rolling out in November. With auto-updates, you can effortlessly keep ESET products in your network always up to date. Learn More

Management for brute-force attack protection

In Windows endpoint products v9, we bring a new security feature that protects devices against potential guessing of credentials and establishing a remote connection. You can easily configure this feature through a policy directly from the console and create exclusions from the **Detections** section when something is blocked but shouldn't be.

ESET Full Disk Encryption improvements

You can now save precious time by easily automating the updates of ESET Full Disk Encryption modules. We've also added the option to deploy an installer with a pre-defined password and keyboard map to start the encryption. Last but not least, we've improved the user interface to show currently installed ESET Full Disk Encryption modules.

Other improvements and usability changes

You can find more details in the changelog.

ESET PROTECT components and architecture

To perform a complete deployment of the ESET security solutions portfolio, the following components must be installed:

- ESET PROTECT Server (controls the communication with client computers)
- ESET PROTECT Web Console (browser-based user interface for the ESET PROTECT Server)
- ESET Management Agent (deployed on client computers, communicates with ESET PROTECT Server)

The following supporting components are optional, we recommend that you install them for best performance of the application on the network:

- Apache HTTP Proxy
- RD Sensor (can detect unmanaged computers on the network)
- See also <u>Certificates</u> and <u>ESET PROTECT component structure</u>.

Server

The ESET PROTECT Server is the application that processes all data received from clients that connect to the Server (through the ESET Management Agent).

Agent

The ESET Management Agent is an essential part of ESET PROTECT. Client computers do not communicate with the Server directly, rather the Agent facilitates this communication. The Agent collects information from the client and sends it to the ESET PROTECT Server. If the ESET PROTECT Server sends a task to the client, it is sent to the Agent which then sends this task to the ESET endpoint product running on the client.

Web Console

ESET PROTECT Web Console is a browser-based user interface that allows you to manage ESET security solutions in your environment. It displays an overview of the status of clients on your network and can be used to deploy ESET solutions to unmanaged computers remotely. If you choose to make the web server accessible from the internet, you can use ESET PROTECT from virtually any place and device.

Apache HTTP Proxy

Apache HTTP Proxy is a service that can be used in combination with ESET PROTECT 9 to distribute installation packages and updates to client computers. It acts as a transparent proxy, meaning it caches files that have already been downloaded to minimize Internet traffic on your network.

Using Apache HTTP Proxy offers the following benefits:

• Downloads and caches the following:

ODetection engine updates

OActivation tasks, including communication with activation servers and caching of license requests

OESET PROTECT repository data

OProduct component updates—Apache proxy caches and distributes updates to endpoint clients on your network.

• Minimized internet traffic on your network.

Rogue Detection Sensor

Rogue Detection Sensor (RD Sensor) searches your network for computers not registered in ESET PROTECT. This component can locate new computers and add them in ESET PROTECT automatically.

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Rogue Detection Sensor can take up to 24 hours to locate new computers on your network.

Newly discovered machines are listed in a <u>pre-defined report</u>, making it easy to deploy ESET Management Agent to them, assign them to specific static groups and manage them via <u>tasks</u> and <u>policies</u>.

System requirements

Before you install ESET PROTECT, verify that all <u>hardware</u>, <u>operating system</u>, <u>network</u> and <u>software</u> prerequisites are met.

Hardware

ESET PROTECT Server machine should meet the following hardware recommendations in the table below.

Number of clients	ESET PROTECT Server + SQL database server					
	CPU cores	CPU clock speed (GHz)	RAM (GB)	Disk drive1	Disk IOPS2	
Up to 1,000	4	2.1	4	Single	500	
5,000	8	2.1	8		1,000	
10,000 3	4	2.1	16	Separate	2,000	
20,000	4	2.1	16		4,000	
50,000	8	2.1	32		10,000	
100,000	16	2.1	64+		20,000	

1 Single / Separate disk drive - We recommend installing the <u>database</u> on a separate drive for systems with over 10,000 clients.

2 IOPS (total I/O operations per second)

- We recommend having approximately 0.2 IOPS per connected client, but no less than 500.
- You can check your drive's IOPS using the tool <u>diskspd</u>, use the following command:

Clients number	Command				
Up to 5,000 clients	diskspd.exe -c1000M -b4K -d120 -Sh -r -z -w50 C:\testfile.dat				
Over 5,000 clients	diskspd.exe -c10000M -b4K -d600 -Sh -r -z -w50 C:\testfile.dat				

3 See the example scenario for 10,000 clients environment.

Disk drive recommendations

The disk drive is the critical factor influencing the ESET PROTECT performance.

- The SQL Server instance can share resources with the ESET PROTECT Server to maximize utilization and minimize latency. Run the ESET PROTECT server and the database server on a single machine to increase the ESET PROTECT performance.
- The performance of a SQL server is enhanced if you place database and transaction log files on separate drives, preferably separate physical SSD drives.
- If you have a single disk drive, we recommend that you use an SSD drive.
- We recommend that you use all-flash architecture. Solid-state disks (SSD) are much faster than the

standard HDD.

- If you have a high RAM configuration, SAS setup with R5 is sufficient. The tested configuration: 10x 1.2TB SAS disks in R5 - two parity group in 4+1 with no extra caching.
- The performance does not improve when using an enterprise-grade SSD with high IOPS.
- 100-GB capacity is enough for any number of clients. You may need a higher capacity if you backup the database often.
- Do not use a network drive, as its performance would slow the ESET PROTECT down.
- If you have a working multi-tier storage infrastructure that allows online storage migration, we recommend to start with shared slower tiers, and monitor your ESET PROTECT performance. If you notice read/write latency goes over 20ms, you can perform non-disruptive move on your storage layer to a faster tier to use the most cost-effective backend. You can do the same in a hypervisor (if you use the ESET PROTECT as virtual machine).

Sizing recommendations for different client counts

Below you can find the performance results for a virtual environment with a set number of clients running for one year.

The database and ESET PROTECT are running on separate virtual machines with identical hardware configurations.

CPU cores	CPU clock speed (GHz)	RAM (GB)	Performance		
			10,000 clients	20,000 clients	40,000 clients
8	2.1	64	High	High	Normal
8	2.1	32	Normal	Normal	Normal
4	2.1	32	Normal	Normal	Low
2	2.1	16	Low	Low	Insufficient
2	2.1	8	Very low (not recommended)	Very low (not recommended)	Insufficient

Operating system

The table below displays the supported Windows operating systems for each ESET PROTECT component. See also the full list of supported operating systems.

Operating System	Server	Agent	RD Sensor	MDM
Windows Server 2008 R2 x64 SP1 with $\underline{\text{KB4474419}}$ and $\underline{\text{KB4490628}}$ installed		•	✓	
Windows Server 2008 R2 CORE x64 with <u>KB4474419</u> and <u>KB4490628</u> installed		✓	✓	
Windows Storage Server 2008 R2 x64 with <u>KB4474419</u> and <u>KB4490628</u> installed		•	✓	

Operating System	Server	Agent	RD Sensor	MDM
Microsoft SBS 2011 Standard x64		✓	✓	
Microsoft SBS 2011 Essentials x64		•	✓	
Windows Server 2012 x64	1	✓	✓	1
Windows Server 2012 CORE x64	1	1	√ √	1
Windows Server 2012 R2 x64	1	1	<i>y</i>	1
Windows Server 2012 R2 CORE x64	1	1	<i>y</i>	1
	-		y	1
Windows Storage Server 2012 R2 x64	✓	✓	V	•
Windows Server 2016 x64	✓	1	✓	✓
Windows Storage Server 2016 x64	✓	•	✓	✓
Windows Server 2019 x64	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Server 2022 x64	✓	✓	✓	✓
Operating System	Server	Agent	RD Sensor	MDM
Windows 7 x86 SP1 with latest Windows updates (at least KB4474419 and KB4490628)		•	✓	
Windows 7 x64 SP1 with latest Windows updates (at least KB4474419 and KB4490628)		✓	1	
Windows 8 x86		✓	✓	
Windows 8 x64	?*	•	✓	?*
Windows 8.1 x86		✓	1	
Windows 8.1 x64	?*	✓	✓	?*
Windows 10 x86		1	/	
	?*	1	1	?*
Williaows 10 x04 (all Official releases)				
Windows 10 x64 (all official releases) Windows 10 on ARM		✓		
		✓		

^{*} Installing ESET PROTECT components on a desktop OS might not be in alignment with Microsoft licensing policy. Check the Microsoft licensing policy or consult your software supplier for details. In SMB / small network environments, we encourage you to consider a Linux ESET PROTECT installation or <u>virtual appliance</u> where applicable.

Older MS Windows systems:

- · Always have the latest service pack installed, especially on older systems, such as Server 2008 and Windows 7.
- ESET PROTECT does not support the management of computers running Windows 7 (with no SP), Widows Vista, and Windows XP.
 - Beginning March 24, 2020, ESET will no longer officially support or provide technical support for ESET PROTECT (Server and MDM) installed on the following Microsoft Windows operating systems: Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 (all versions).

We do not support illegal or pirated operating systems.



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You can run ESET PROTECT on a non-server OS without the need for ESXi. Install VMware Player on a desktop Operating System and deploy the **ESET PROTECT Virtual Appliance**.

Network

It is essential that both ESET PROTECT Server and client computers managed by ESET PROTECT have a working Internet connection so that they can reach the ESET repository and activation servers. If you prefer not to have clients connect directly to the Internet, you can use a proxy server (not the same as Apache HTTP Proxy) to facilitate communication with your network and the Internet.

Computers managed by ESET PROTECT should be connected to the same LAN and/or should be in the same Active Directory domain as your ESET PROTECT Server. The ESET PROTECT Server must be visible by client computers. Additionally, client computers must be able to communicate with your ESET PROTECT Server to use remote deployment and the Wake-Up Call feature.

Ports used

If your network uses a firewall, see our list of possible network communication ports used when ESET PROTECT and its components are installed in your infrastructure.

Software

The following prerequisites must be met to install the ESET PROTECT Server on Windows:

- You must have a valid license.
- Microsoft .NET Framework 4 must be installed; you can install it using the Add Roles and Features Wizard.
- The ESET PROTECT Web Console requires Java/OpenJDK (64-bit).

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- ESET PROTECT supports two types of database servers: MS SQL and MySQL. We recommend that you use Microsoft SQL Server Express 2019 included with ESET PROTECT All-in-one installer for Windows. If you already have a database server and you want to use it for ESET PROTECT, make sure it meets database requirements.
- The ESET PROTECT Web Console can be run in the following web browsers:

OMozilla Firefox

OMicrosoft Edge

OGoogle Chrome

oSafari

0Opera

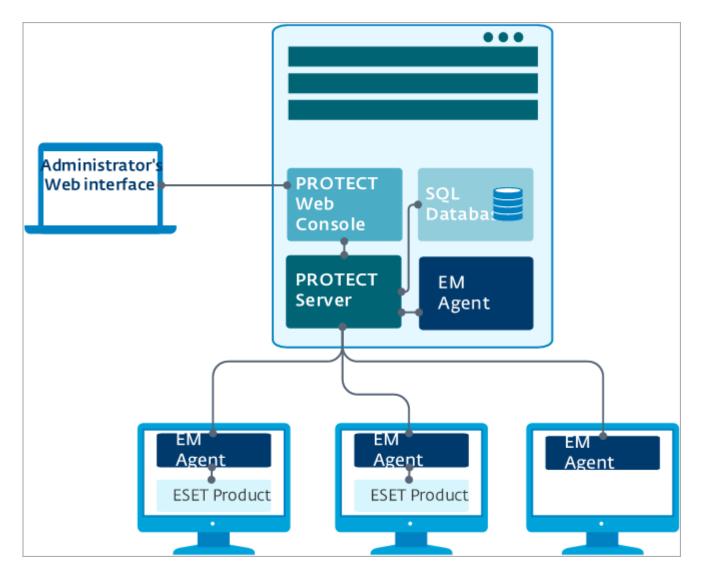
For the best experience with the ESET PROTECT Web Console we recommend that you keep your web browsers updated.

If you use Internet Explorer, ESET PROTECT Web Console will notify you that you are using an unsupported web browser.

Install the ESET PROTECT Server

ESET PROTECT component structure

To manage small to medium-sized networks (1,000 clients or fewer), a single machine with the ESET PROTECT server and all its components (supplied web server, database, and so on) installed on it is usually sufficient. You can think of it as a single server or stand-alone installation. All managed clients are connected directly to the ESET PROTECT server via the ESET Management Agent. The administrator can connect to the ESET PROTECT Web Console via a web browser from any computer on the network or run the Web Console directly from the ESET PROTECT server.



Installation

ESET PROTECT installers are available in different formats to support various installation methods:

- ESET recommends the <u>All-in-one installer</u> for small deployments on Windows.
- ESET recommends deploying a pre-configured <u>ESET PROTECT Virtual Appliance</u> (running on CentOS Linux) if you use a hypervisor. Its deployment is quick and more straightforward than installation on Windows.
- i If you are upgrading from a previous version of ESET PROTECT or ESMC 7.x, follow these instructions.

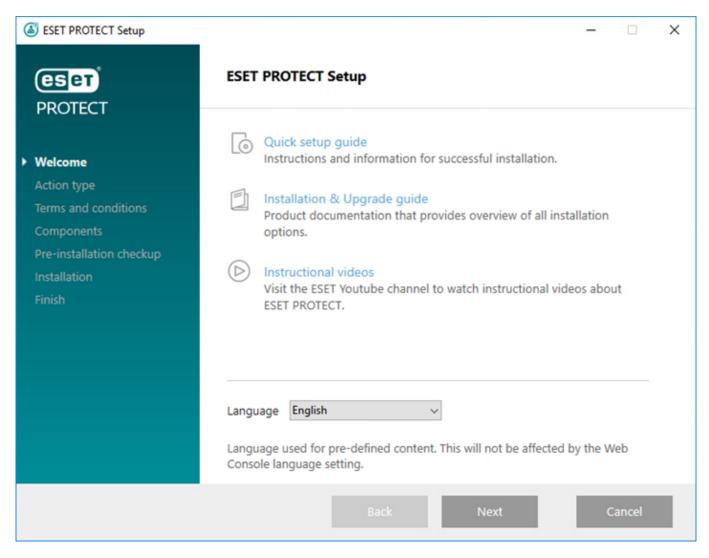
All-in-one installation of ESET PROTECT Server

- Another alternative is to deploy a pre-configured <u>ESET PROTECT Virtual Appliance</u> (if you use a hypervisor).
- If you are upgrading from a previous version of ESET PROTECT or ESMC 7.x, follow these instructions.

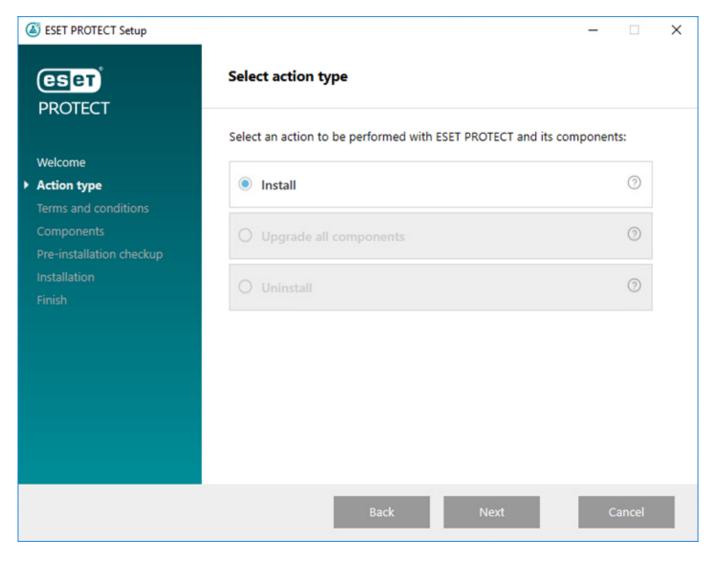
The <u>ESET PROTECT All-in-one installer</u> is available for Windows operating systems only. The All-in-one installer allows you to install all ESET PROTECT components using the ESET PROTECT installation Wizard.

1. Open the installation package. On the Welcome screen, use the Language drop-down menu to adjust the

language settings. Click Next to proceed.



2. Select Install and click Next.



- 3. Deselect the check box next to **Participate in product improvement program** if you do not agree to send crash reports and anonymous telemetry data to ESET (OS version and type, ESET product version and other product-specific information). If the check box is left selected, telemetry data and crash reports will be sent to ESET. After accepting the EULA, click **Next**.
- 4. Select the components to install and click **Next**.

Microsoft SQL Server Express

• The ESET PROTECT 9.0 All-in-one installer installs Microsoft SQL Server Express 2019 by default.

Olf you use an older Windows edition (Server 2012 or SBS 2011), Microsoft SQL Server Express 2014 will be installed by default.

OThe installer automatically generates a random password for database authentication (stored in %PROGRAMDATA%\ESET\RemoteAdministrator\Server\EraServerApplicationData\Configuration\startupcon figuration.ini).

Microsoft SQL Server Express has a 10 GB size limit for each relational database. We do not recommend using Microsoft SQL Server Express:

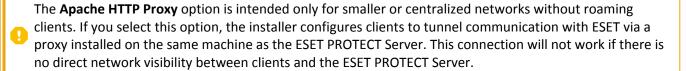
- In enterprise environments or large networks.
- If you want to use ESET PROTECT with <u>ESET Enterprise Inspector</u>.

- If you already have another <u>supported version</u> of Microsoft SQL Server or MySQL installed, or you plan to connect to a different SQL Server, deselect the check box next to **Microsoft SQL Server Express**.
- <u>Do not install SQL Server on a Domain Controller</u> (for example, Windows SBS / Essentials). We recommend that you install ESET PROTECT on a different server or do not select the SQL Server Express component during installation (this requires you to use your existing SQL or MySQL Server to run the ESET PROTECT database).

Add custom HTTPS certificate for Webconsole

- Select this option if you want to use a custom HTTPS certificate for the ESET PROTECT Web Console.
- If you do not select this option, the installer automatically generates a new Tomcat keystore (a self-signed HTTPS certificate).

Apache HTTP Proxy



- Using HTTP Proxy can save much bandwidth on data downloaded from the Internet and improve download speeds for product updates. We recommend selecting the check box next to **Apache HTTP Proxy** if you manage more than 37 computers from ESET PROTECT. You can also choose to install Apache HTTP Proxy later.
- For more information, see <u>What is Apache HTTP Proxy?</u> and <u>The differences between Apache HTTP Proxy,</u> Mirror Tool, and direct connectivity.
- Select **Apache HTTP Proxy** to install Apache HTTP Proxy, create and apply policies (named **HTTP Proxy Usage**, applied on the group **All**) for the following products:

OESET Endpoint for Windows

OESET Endpoint for macOS (OS X) and Linux

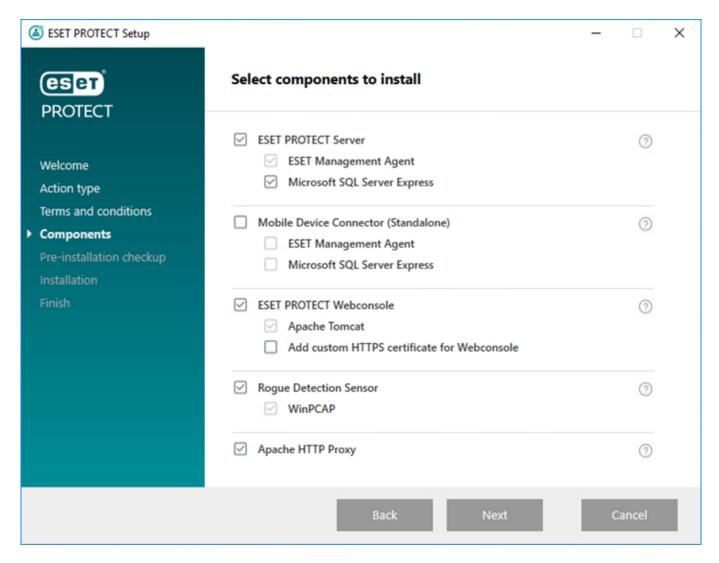
OESET Management Agent

OESET File Security for Windows Server (6+)

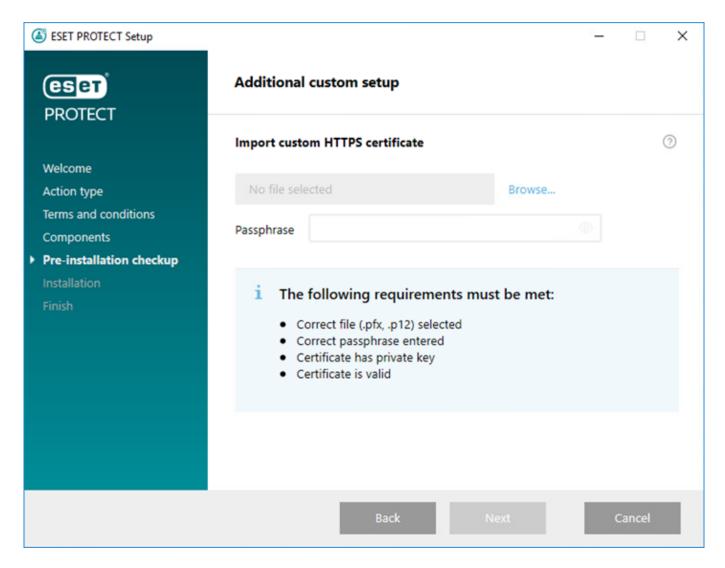
OESET Server Security for Windows (8+)

OESET Shared Local Cache

The policy enables HTTP Proxy for affected products. HTTP Proxy host is the ESET PROTECT Server's local IP address and port 3128. Authentication is disabled. You can copy these settings to another policy if you need to set up additional products.



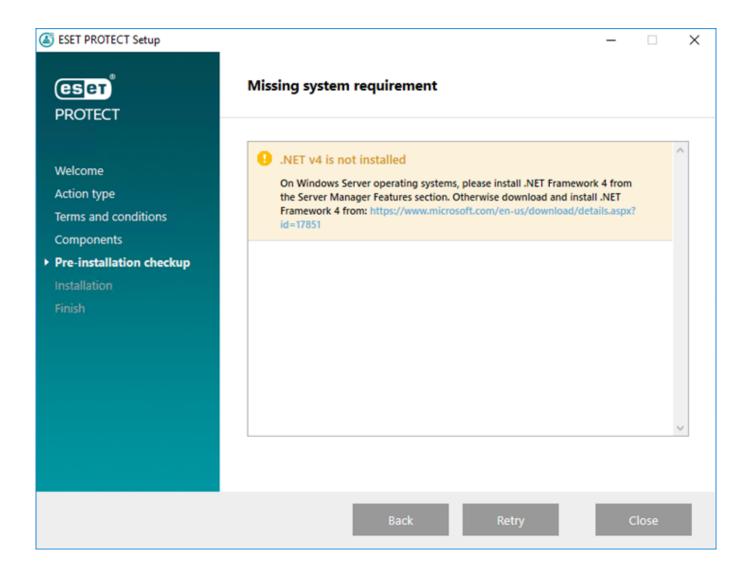
5. If you have selected **Add custom HTTPS certificate for Webconsole**, click **Browse** and select a valid Certificate (*.pfx* or .p12 file) and type its **Passphrase** (or leave the field blank if there is no passphrase). The installer will install the certificate for Web Console access on your Tomcat server. Click **Next** to continue.



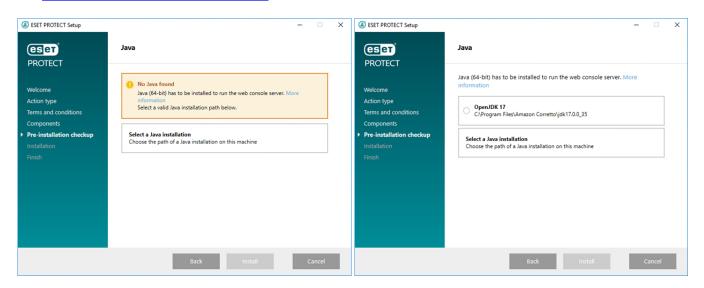
6. If errors are found during the prerequisites check, address them accordingly. Make sure your system meets all <u>prerequisites</u>.

.NET v4 is not installed

Install .NET Framework



No Java found / Java (64-bit) detected



If you have multiple Java versions installed on your system, we recommend that you uninstall older Java versions and keep only the latest supported Java version.



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a)To select the already installed Java, click **Select a Java installation**, select the folder where Java is installed (with a subfolder *bin*, for example, *C:\Program Files\Amazon Corretto\jdk1.8.0_212*) and click **OK**. The installer prompts you if you have selected an invalid path.

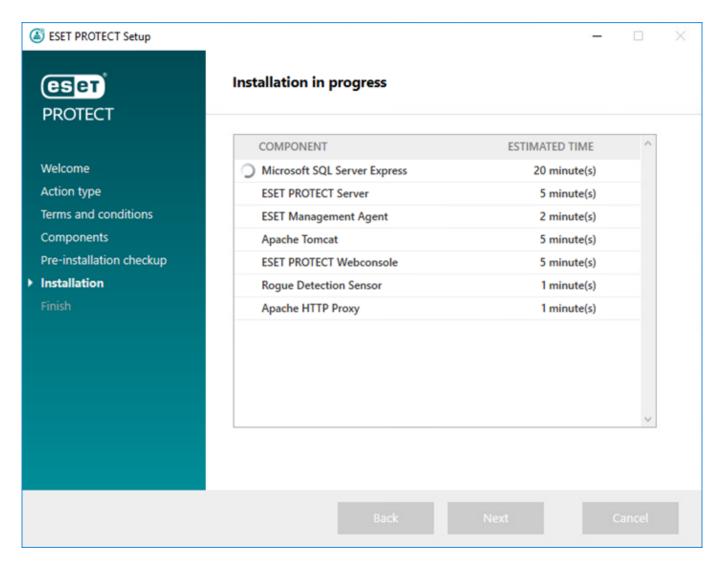
b)Click **Install** to continue or **change** to change the Java installation path.

There is only 32 MB free on a system disk

- The installer may display this notification if your system does not have enough disk space for ESET PROTECT to install.
- You must have at least 4,400 MB of free disk space to install ESET PROTECT and all its components.
- ESET Remote Administrator 5.x or older is installed on the machine

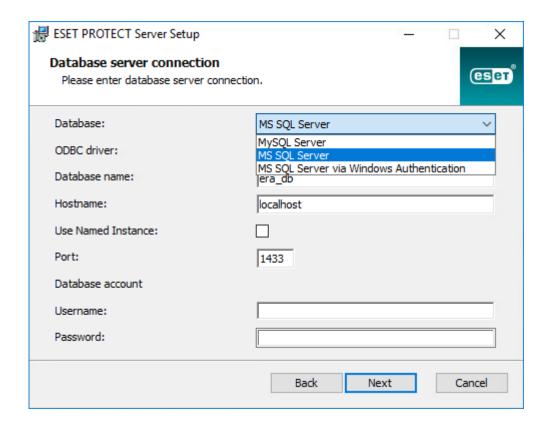
The direct upgrade is not supported - see Migration from ERA 5.x or Upgrade from ERA 6.x.

- 7. When the prerequisites check is complete and your environment meets all <u>requirements</u>, the installation will begin. Be aware that installation can take over an hour, depending on your system and network configuration.
- $\mathbf{1}$ When the installation is in progress, the ESET PROTECT installation Wizard is unresponsive.



8. If you chose to install **Microsoft SQL Server Express** in step 4, the installer will perform a database connection check. If you have an existing database server, the installer will prompt you to enter your database connection details:

Configure the connection to SQL/MySQL Server

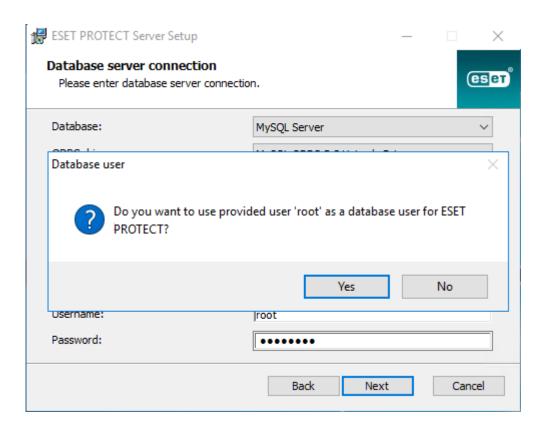


Enter your **Database name**, **Hostname**, **Port** number (you can find this information in Microsoft SQL Server Configuration Manager), and **Database account** details (**Username** and **Password**) into the appropriate fields and then click **Next**. The installer will verify the database connection. If you have an existing database from a previous ESMC/ESET PROTECT installation on your database server, it will be detected. You can choose to **Use the existing database and apply upgrade** or **Remove existing database and install a new version**.

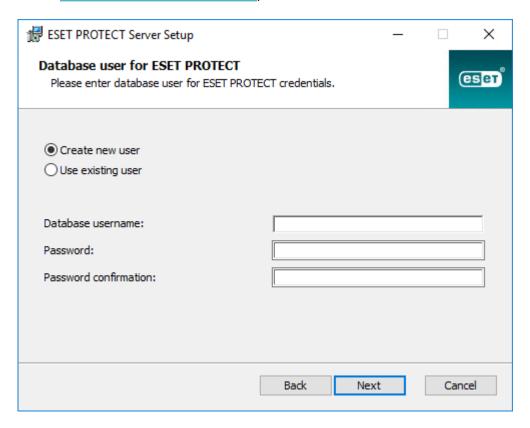
Use Named Instance - If you are using an MS SQL database, you can select the Use Named Instance check box to use a custom database instance. You can set it in the Hostname field in the form HOSTNAME\DB_INSTANCE (for example, 192.168.0.10\ESMC7SQL). For clustered database, use only the cluster name. If this option is selected, you cannot change the database connection port - the system will use default ports determined by Microsoft. To connect the ESET PROTECT Server to the MS SQL database installed in a Failover Cluster, enter the cluster name in the Hostname field.

There are two options when entering **Database account** information. You can use a **dedicated database user account** with access to the ESET PROTECT database only, or you can use an **SA account** (MS SQL) or **root account** (MySQL). If you decide to use a dedicated user account, you need to create an account with specific privileges. For details, see the <u>Dedicated database user account</u>. If you do not intend to use a dedicated user account, enter your administrator account (SA or root).

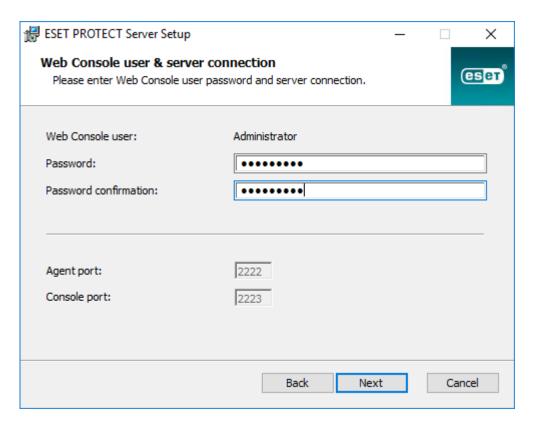
If you entered the **SA** account or **root** account in the previous window, click **Yes** to continue using the SA/root account as the ESET PROTECT database user.



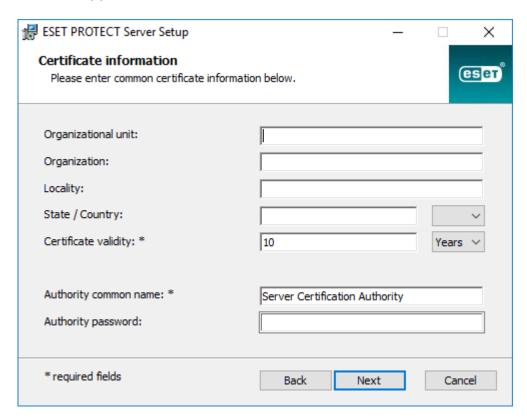
If you click **No**, you must select **Create new user** (if you have not already created one) or **Use existing user** (if you have a <u>dedicated database user account</u>).



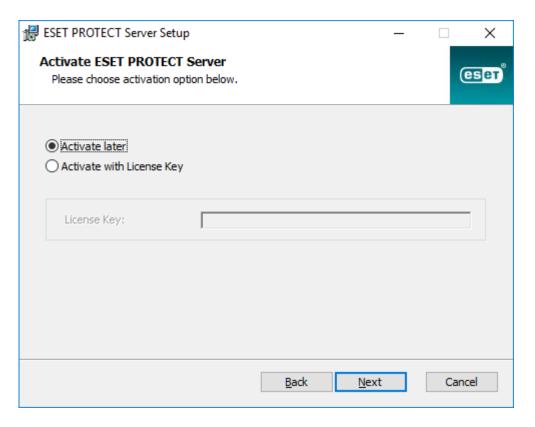
9. The installer will prompt you to enter a password for the Web Console Administrator account. This password is important – you will use it to log into the <u>ESET PROTECT Web Console</u>. Click **Next**.



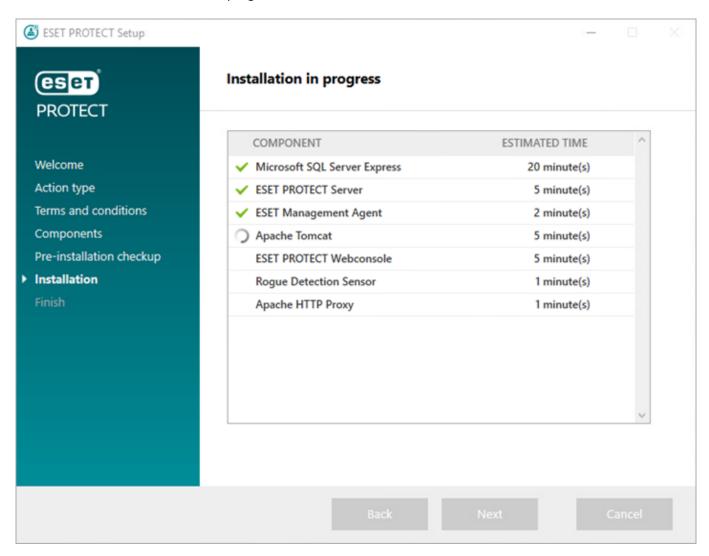
10. Leave the fields as they are or type in your corporate information to appear in the details of the ESET Management Agent and the ESET PROTECT Server certificates. If you choose to enter a password in the **Authority password** field, be sure to remember it. Click **Next**.



11. Enter the valid **License Key** (included in the new purchase email you received from ESET) and click **Next**. If you use legacy license credentials (Username and Password), <u>convert</u> the credentials to a License Key. Alternatively, you can choose to **Activate later** (see the <u>Activation</u> chapter for additional instructions).



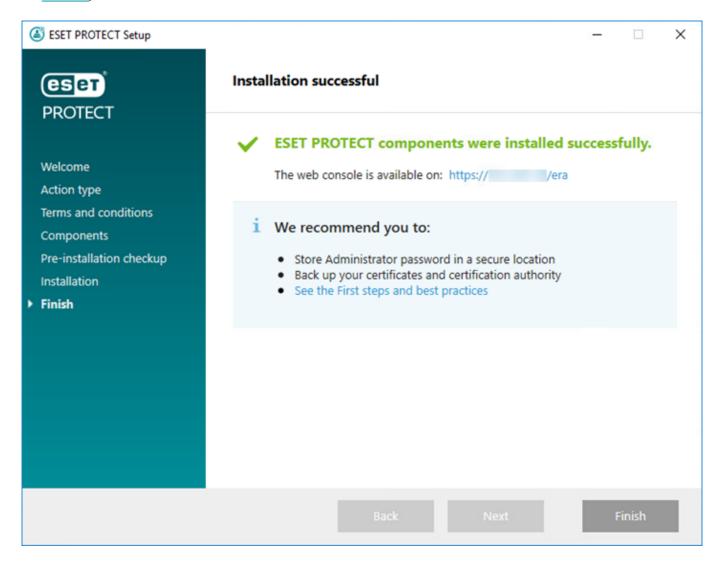
12. You will see the installation progress.



13. If you selected to install the Rogue Detection Sensor, you will see the installation windows for the

WinPcap driver. Make sure to select the check box Automatically start the WinPcap driver at boot time.

14. When the installation is complete, "ESET PROTECT components were installed successfully" will be displayed in addition to your ESET PROTECT Web Console URL address. Click the URL to open the Web Console, or click **Finish**.



If the installation is not successful:

• Review the installation log files in the All-in-one installation package. The logs directory is the same as the directory for the All-in-one installer, for example:

C:\Users\Administrator\Downloads\x64\logs\

• See <u>Troubleshooting</u> for additional steps to resolve your issue.

Post-installation steps

After you install ESET PROTECT, you can start the configuration.

First steps after ESET PROTECT server deployment

1.Connect to the **ESET PROTECT Web Console**.

- 2. Read the Startup Wizard instructions.
- 3.Add your license(s).
- 4.Deploy the ESET Management Agent and ESET endpoint products to computers in your network.
- $oldsymbol{1}$ The $^{ extstyle U^c}$ Status Overview can help you with the initial configuration of ESET PROTECT.

With the ESET PROTECT server installed on your server and ESET endpoint solutions installed on clients, you can start managing your network. Refer to the <u>Administrator Guide</u> for more information on how you can manage ESET Endpoint products.

Additional recommended steps

- Use <u>notifications</u> and <u>reports</u> to monitor the status of client computers in your environment, for example, if you want to receive a notification about certain events or view or download a report.
- Configure an <u>SMTP server</u> connection. This configuration is optional if you want to receive <u>notifications</u> or <u>reports</u> by email. You can configure ESET PROTECT Server to send notifications to your <u>Syslog server</u>.
- Create a new ESET PROTECT Web Console user.

Deploy ESET Management Agent and ESET endpoint products

After the successful installation of ESET PROTECT, it is necessary to deploy the ESET Management Agent and ESET endpoint products to computers in your network.

Deployment consists of the following steps:

- 1. Create the deployment package
- 2. Install the deployment package

See also <u>other deployment options</u>. For larger networks, we recommend that you use <u>ESET Remote Deployment</u> Tool.

Deployment package creation

The procedure of creating an All-in-one installer (including ESET Management Agent and an ESET security product) package is similar to a <u>Startup Wizard</u>.

Click Other Deployment Options in the Quick Links section of the menu bar. In the Deploy Agent window, click Create installer under Create All-in-one installer (Windows only). The Create All-in-one installer window will open.



The installer package is an .exe file and is valid for Microsoft Windows operating systems only.

Basic

Deselect the check box **Participate in product improvement program** if you do not agree to send crash reports and anonymous telemetry data to ESET (OS version and type, ESET product version and other product-specific information). If the check box is left selected, telemetry data and crash reports will be sent to ESET.

Package contents - Select the check box(es) from the following options:

- Management Agent If you do not select other items in the Package contents, the installer will include only the ESET Management Agent. Select this option if you want to install the ESET security product on the client computer later, or if the client computer already has an ESET security product installed.
- **Security Product** Include the ESET security product with the ESET Management Agent. Select this option if the client computer does not have any ESET security product installed and you want to install it with the ESET Management Agent.
- Full Disk Encryption Encryption option is visible only with active **ESET Full Disk Encryption** license.
- Enterprise Inspector Agent Include ESET Enterprise Inspector Connector in the installer.

Security Product

- 1. License (Optional) you can add a license using one of the methods described in <u>License Management</u>. If you already have existing licenses in <u>License Management</u>, simply choose the license that will be used to activate the ESET security product during the installation. If you do not choose a license, you can create an installer without it and <u>activate the product later</u>. Addition/removal of a license is only allowed to be done by the Administrator whose home group is set to **All** and who has **Write** permission on licenses in that group.
- 2. Product Select an ESET security product that will be installed together with ESET Management Agent.
- If you do not see any product installation files, make sure you have the repository set to **AUTOSELECT**. For more information, see the **Advanced settings** section of <u>Server settings</u>.
- 3. Language Select the language version of the ESET security product installer.
- 4. Optionally, you can select a **Policy** that will be applied on the ESET security product during its installation.
- 5. Protection settings select the check box next to the setting to enable it for the installer:

oEnable The ESET LiveGrid® feedback system (recommended)

oEnable detection of potentially unwanted applications - Read more in our Knowledgebase article.

Select the check box next to **Do not define Protection settings right now (not recommended)** if you do not want to define the protection settings for the installer and you want to set them via policy later.

6. Select the check box I accept the terms of the application End User License Agreement and acknowledge the Privacy Policy. See End User License Agreement (EULA), Terms of Use and Privacy Policy for ESET products for more information.

Enterprise Inspector Agent

ESET Enterprise Inspector Agent requirements:

- You must have a ESET Enterprise Inspector license to activate ESET Enterprise Inspector Connector.
- A compatible ESET security product installed on the managed computer.
- 1. **License** (optional) ESET recommends that you select the ESET Enterprise Inspector license to activate ESET Enterprise Inspector Connector during the installation. If you create the installer without the license, you can activate ESET Enterprise Inspector Agent later.
- 2. **Product/Version** Select the version of ESET Enterprise Inspector Connector. The latest available version is preselected.
- 3. **Configuration Policy** (optional) Select an existing ESET Enterprise Inspector Connector policy to apply policy settings during the ESET Enterprise Inspector Connector installation.
- 4. Select the check box I accept the terms of the application End User License Agreement and acknowledge the Privacy Policy. See End User License Agreement (EULA), Terms of Use and Privacy Policy for ESET products for more information.
- 5. Type the ESET Enterprise Inspector **Server hostname** and the connection **port** specified during the ESET Enterprise Inspector server installation (the default port is 8093).
- 6. Select the **Certification Authority** for connection to the ESET Enterprise Inspector server.

Certificate

A Peer Certificate and ESET PROTECT Certification Authority are chosen automatically based on the available certificates. To use a different certificate than the one automatically selected, click **ESET PROTECT Certificate** to see a list of available certificates and then select the one you want to use. To use your own <u>Custom certificate</u>, click the radio button and upload a *.pfx* certificate file.

Enter your **Certificate passphrase** if needed. For example, if you have specified the passphrase during the installation of ESET PROTECT, or if you are using a Custom certificate with a passphrase. Otherwise, leave the **Certificate passphrase** field blank.



The certificate passphrase must not contain the following characters: " \ These characters cause a critical error during the initialization of the Agent.

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Be aware that it is possible to extract the **Certificate passphrase** because it is embedded in the .exe file.

Advanced

In this section, you can customize the All-in-one installer package:

- 1. Optionally, you can change the **Name** and enter a **Description** for the package installer.
- 2. Click Select tags to assign tags.
- 3. **Parent group (optional)** Select the Parent group where the computer will be placed after installation. You can select an existing static group or create a new static group to which the device will be assigned after the installer is deployed.
- 4. **ESET AV Remover** Select the check box to uninstall or completely remove other antivirus programs on the target device.
- 5. **Initial installer configuration (Optional)** Use this option to apply <u>configuration policy</u> to ESET Management Agent. Click **Select** under **Agent configuration (optional)** and choose from the list of available policies. If none of the pre-defined policies are suitable, you can create a <u>new policy</u> or customize the existing ones.
- 6. **Server hostname (optional)** Type the ESET PROTECT Server hostname or IP address. If necessary, you can specify the **Port** number (default is 2222).
- 7. If you use an HTTP Proxy, select the check box **Enable HTTP Proxy settings** and specify the Proxy settings (**Host, Port, Username** and **Password**) to set ESET Management Agent connection to Proxy to enable communication forwarding between ESET Management Agent and ESET PROTECT Server. The **Host** field is the address of the machine where the <a href="http://http

The communication protocol between Agent and ESET PROTECT Server does not support authentication. Any proxy solution used for forwarding Agent communication to ESET PROTECT Server that requires authentication will not work.

If you choose to use a non-default port for the Web Console or Agent, it may require a firewall adjustment. Otherwise, the installation may fail.

Enable **Use direct connection if HTTP proxy is not available** if you want to allow this fallback option.

- 8. Click Finish.
- 9. Download the generated All-in-one installation package. Select the version you want to deploy:

ODownload 32-bit version (for example, PROTECT_Installer_x86_en_US.exe)

ODownload 64-bit version (for example, PROTECT_Installer_x64_en_US.exe)

o**Download ARM64 version** (for example, *PROTECT_Installer_arm64.exe*) - You cannot install the x86 or x64 version of ESET Management Agent or ESET security product on Windows ARM64.

All data downloaded from the repository (ESET repository or a custom repository mirror) is digitally signed by ESET and ESET PROTECT Server verifies file hashes and PGP signatures. ESET PROTECT Server generates the All-in-one installer locally. Therefore, the All-in-one installer is not digitally signed, which might generate a web browser warning during the installer download or generate an operating system alert and prevent the installation on systems where unsigned installers are blocked.

The ESET Endpoint Antivirus/Security installer created in ESET PROTECT 8.1 and later supports Windows 10 Enterprise for Virtual Desktops and Windows 10 multi-session mode.

10. Run the installation package file on a client computer. It will install the ESET Management Agent and the ESET security product on the device and connect the device to ESET PROTECT. For step-by-step instructions, see the <u>deployment package installation</u>. You can <u>run the installation package in silent mode</u> to hide the setup wizard window.

Deployment package installation

You can create this installer package in ESET PROTECT.

The installer package installs the ESET Management Agent, and the package can also install these components (if selected during the installer package creation):

- ESET security product (for endpoint or server)
- ESET Full Disk Encryption
- ESET Inspect Connector
- The installer package comes via .exe file and is only valid for Windows operating system.
- If you run the installer on a client machine where ESET security product or ESET Management Agent is already installed, the installer will upgrade it to the version in the installer.
- You must execute the installer using the built-in Administrator account or a domain Administrator account (if the built-in Administrator account is disabled). Any other user, even a member of the Administrators group, will not have sufficient access rights. Therefore, you need to use the built-in Administrator account. You cannot complete the installation under any other user account than the local or domain Administrator.
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 - Be aware that it is possible to extract sensitive data (for example, the Certificate passphrase) because it is embedded in the installer.
 - The ESET Endpoint Antivirus/Security installer created in ESET PROTECT 8.1 and later supports Windows 10 Enterprise for Virtual Desktops and Windows 10 multi-session mode.

Installation process

- If you want to run the installer without displaying a dialog, follow the silent installation instructions.
- If an error has occurred during installation, see the <u>troubleshooting section</u> for the most common installation errors.
- 1. Run the installer package.

Make sure to uninstall any third-party security product from your computer before installing the ESET security product.

• If you selected to include **ESET AV Remover** when creating the installation package, **ESET AV Remover** will help you uninstall or completely remove third-party security software:

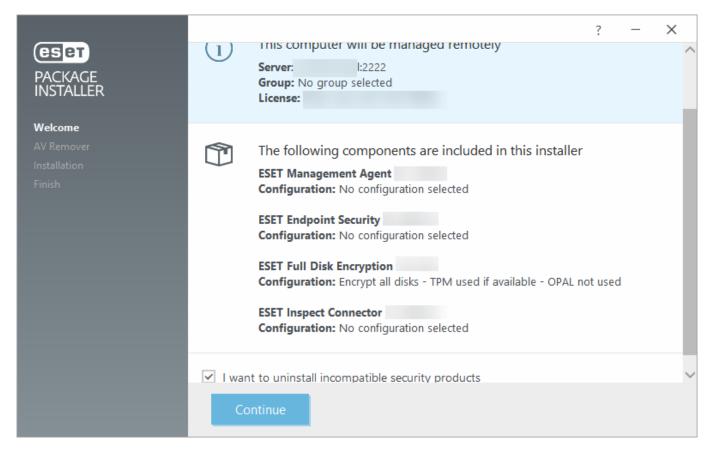
a)Select the I want to uninstall incompatible security products check box to remove/uninstall third-party security software running or installed on your computer. Check the list of supported software.

b)Click Continue.

c)After scanning installed applications, select the check box next to the application(s) you want to remove and click **Remove**. See our <u>Knowledgebase article</u> about ESET AV Remover for details.

d)Once ESET AV Remover uninstalls third-party security software, or if you have not removed any application, click **Continue to installation**.

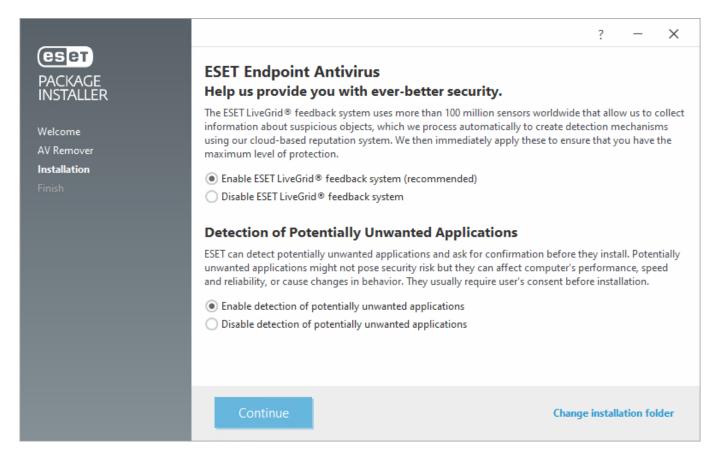
• If you do not use any third-party security product on your local computer, click **Continue**.



2. **Protection settings** - select the check box next to the setting to enable it for the installer:

oEnable The ESET LiveGrid® feedback system (recommended)

oEnable detection of potentially unwanted applications - Read more in our Knowledgebase article.



3. After the installation is complete, click **Done**. The ESET security product will open automatically. You can check the status log

(*C:\ProgramData\ESET\RemoteAdministrator\Agent\EraAgentApplicationData\Logs\status.html* this location is hidden by default) on the client machine to make sure the ESET Management Agent is working properly. If there are problems with the installed ESET Management Agent (for example, it is not connecting to the ESET PROTECT Server), see Agent connection troubleshooting.

Troubleshooting

If an error has occurred during installation, see the <u>troubleshooting section</u> for the most common installation errors.

Other deployment methods

You can deploy the ESET Management Agent and ESET endpoint products separately and in multiple ways.

Deploy the ESET Management Agent

Local deployment:

• <u>All-in-one installer</u> - The package contains the ESET Management Agent and an ESET security product.

- Agent Live Installer
- Download the Agent from the ESET website and use server-assisted installation or offline installation.

Remote deployment (recommended for larger networks):

- ESET Remote Deployment Tool Deploy the All-in-one installer remotely.
- Group Policy Object (GPO)
- Agent Deployment Server task

Deploy ESET endpoint products

After the ESET Management Agent is deployed, you can install an ESET endpoint product directly from ESET PROTECT in two ways:

- Using the Software install task
- · Locally, using the standard ESET product installation

ESET Remote Deployment Tool

The ESET Remote Deployment Tool is a convenient way to distribute the <u>installer package</u> created by ESET PROTECT to deploy ESET Management Agent and ESET security products remotely on computers over a network.

The ESET Remote Deployment Tool is available for free on the ESET <u>website</u> as a standalone ESET PROTECT Component. The deployment tool is meant mainly for deployment on small to medium networks and is executed under admin privileges.



The ESET Remote Deployment Tool is dedicated to deploy ESET Management Agent to client computers with <u>supported</u> Microsoft Windows operating systems only.

ESET Remote Deployment Tool prerequisites



For remote deployments, verify all client computers have an internet connection.

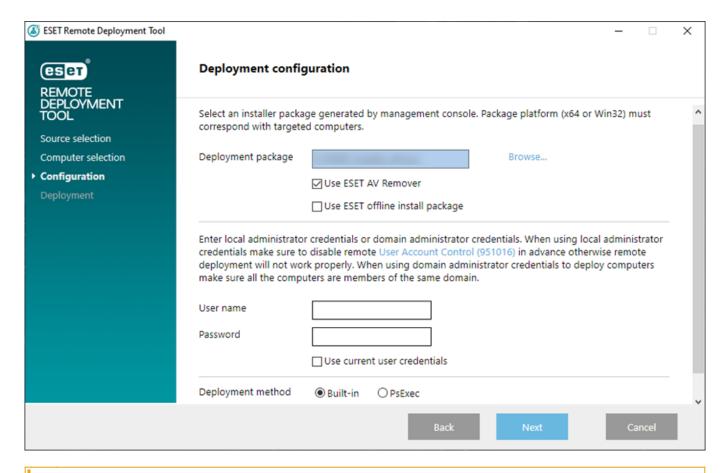
The following prerequisites must be met to use ESET Remote Deployment Tool on Windows:

- ESET PROTECT Server and the ESET PROTECT Web Console must be installed (on a Server computer).
- Appropriate ports must be opened. See <u>ports used for remote deployment of ESET Management Agent to</u> a target computer with Windows OS.
- The names of installation packages must include string "x86" or "x64". Otherwise the deployment will not work.
- A bundle (All-in-one) installer package must be created and downloaded to your local drive.
- It is necessary to have permissions to <u>create All-in-one installer</u>.

The deployment may fail due to a number of reasons. In case of any problems with deployment, read the <u>Troubleshooting chapter</u> or <u>verified example scenarios of ESET Management Agent deployment</u>.

To deploy ESET Management Agents on client computers follow these steps:

- 1. Download the ESET Remote Deployment Tool from the ESET website.
- 2. Make sure all prerequisites are met.
- 3. Run the ESET Remote Deployment Tool on the client computer.
- 4. Select Add computers manually. You will need to manually enter the list of hostnames or IP addresses.
- 5. Enter the hostnames or IP addresses and click **Next**. Each IP address or hostname must be on a new line.
- Make sure that all selected computers have the same platform (64-bit or 32-bit operating systems).
 - 6. Selected computers for remote deployment will be displayed. Make sure all computers are added and then click **Next**.
 - 7. Click **Browse** and select the bundle installer package you created in <u>ESET PROTECT</u> or <u>ESET PROTECT Cloud</u> Web Console. You can also select **Use ESET offline install package** (.dat file) created from the ESET PROTECT Live Installer. If you do not have any additional security applications installed on your local computer, deselect the check box next to **Use ESET AV Remover**. ESET AV Remover can remove <u>certain applications</u>.
 - 8. Enter login credentials for the target computers. If computers are members of a domain, enter **domain administrator credentials**. If you log in with **local administration credentials**, it is necessary to <u>disable remote UAC on the target computers</u>. Optionally, you can select the check box next to **Use current user credentials** and login credentials will be automatically completed.
 - 9. **Deployment method** is used to execute programs on remote machines. **Built-in** method is a default setting which supports Windows error messages. **PsExec** is a third-party tool and it is an alternative to the built-in method. Select one of these options and click **Next**.



If you have selected **PsExec**, the deployment will fail, because the tool is unable to accept the **PsExec** EULA. For a successful deployment, open the command line and run the **PsExec** command manually.

10. When the installation is started, "Success" will be displayed. Click **Finish** to complete the deployment. If deployment fails, you can export a list of failed computers. Click **Browse** next the **Export failed computers** field, select a .txt file to which you want to save the list and then click **Export failed computer**.



You can check the status log (*C:\ProgramData\ESET\RemoteAdministrator\Agent\Logs\status.html*) on the client machine to make sure ESET Management Agent is working properly.

Other methods how to deploy ESET Management Agents by ESET Remote Deployment Tool

- <u>Active Directory</u> Provide Active Directory credentials. This option includes an export of Active Directory structure for subsequent import to ESET PROTECT.
- <u>Scan Network</u> Provide IP ranges to scan computers in the network.

• Import list - Provide list of hostnames or IP addresses.

Troubleshooting

The deployment may fail due to a number of reasons. In case of any problems with deployment, read the Troubleshooting chapter or verified example scenarios of ESET Management Agent deployment.

ESET PROTECT Web Console

Log in to the ESET PROTECT Web Console

On your local Windows server (the machine hosting your Web Console):

Click Start > All Programs > ESET > ESET PROTECT Web Console.

• From any place with internet access to your web server, type the URL in the following format (Replace yourservername" with the actual name or IP address of your web server): https://yourservername/era/

A log-in screen opens in your default web browser. If an SSL certificate warning is displayed, add the certificate exception to your web browser.



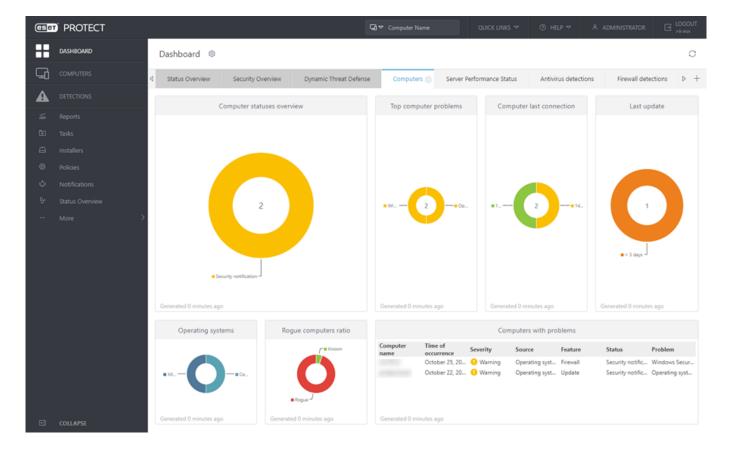
Use a <u>supported web browser</u> to connect to the ESET PROTECT Web Console.

When you log into the Web Console for the first time, a Startup Wizard for ESET PROTECT is displayed, and you can use the wizard to deploy ESET Management agents to computers in your network.

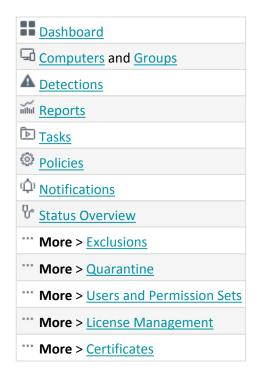
ESET PROTECT Web Console user interface

The ESET PROTECT Web Console user interface consists of several parts:

- You can use the **Search** tool at the top of the ESET PROTECT Web Console.
- Click Quick Links to perform some of the most commonly used Web Console actions.
- If you need help when working with ESET PROTECT, click the Help in the top right corner and click <Current topic> - Help. The respective help window for the current page is displayed.
- The upper right corner displays the current user with the user session timeout countdown. You can click Logout to log out at any time. When a session times out (because of user inactivity), you must log in again.
- The main menu on the left side of Web Console contains tools that administrators can use to manage client security solutions and ESET PROTECT server settings. You can use the tools under More to configure your network environment and minimize maintenance needs. You can also configure notifications and dashboards to stay aware of the network status.

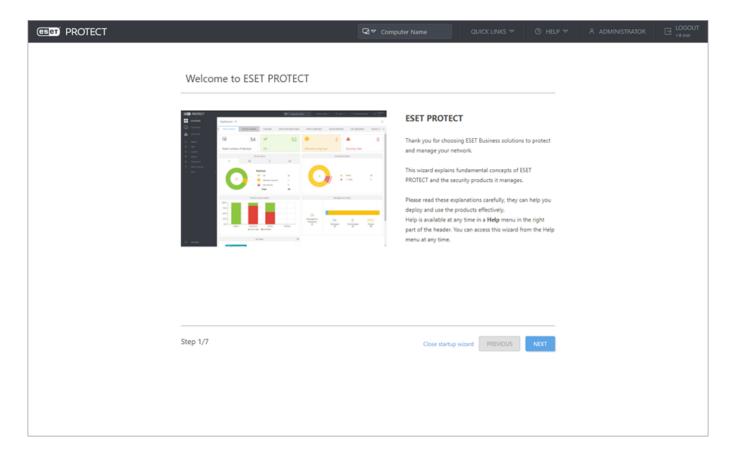


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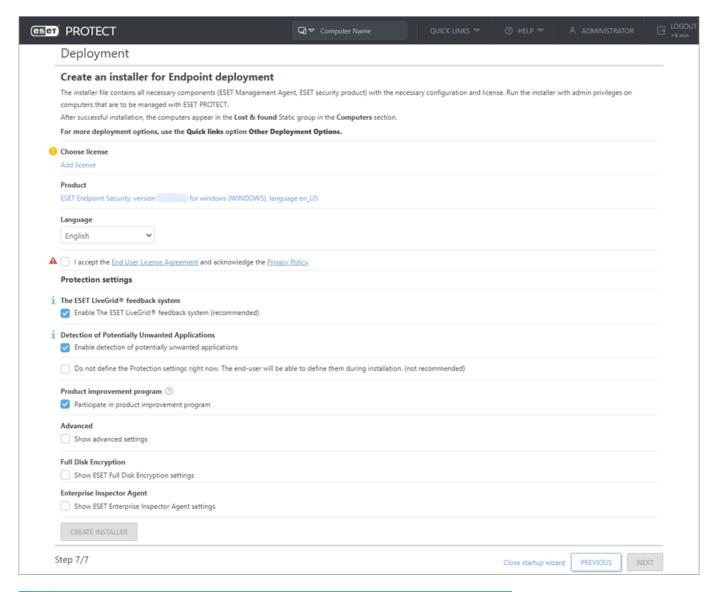


Startup Wizard

When you log into the Web Console for the first time, a **Startup Wizard** for ESET PROTECT will appear and you can use it to deploy ESET Management Agents to computers in your network. The wizard will give you a basic explanation of important ESET PROTECT Web Console sections.



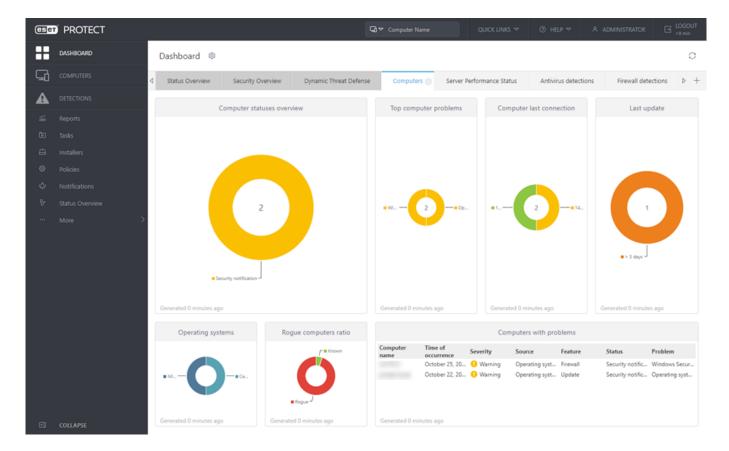
The last step of the Startup Wizard called **Deployment** helps you create an All-in-one installer package (containing the ESET Management Agent and ESET security product). You can also <u>create an All-in-one Agent installer</u> without using the wizard by clicking **Other Deployment Options** in the **Quick Links** section.



1 You can view the Startup Wizard again by clicking Help > Startup Wizard.

Dashboard

Dashboard is the default screen that displays after the user logs into the ESET PROTECT Web Console. It displays pre-defined reports about your network. You can switch between dashboards using the tabs on the top menu bar. Each dashboard consists of several reports.



You can customize your dashboards (except the **Status Overview**, **Security Overview** and **Dynamic Threat Defense**) by adding <u>reports</u>, modifying existing reports, resizing, moving and re-arranging reports. This flexibility allows you to create a comprehensive overview of ESET PROTECT and its objects (<u>computers</u>, <u>groups</u>, <u>tasks</u>, <u>policies</u>, <u>users</u>, etc.).

The following dashboards come pre-configured in ESET PROTECT:

- **Status Overview** Basic dashboard window with the key information about your ESET PROTECT network. This dashboard cannot be modified.
- **Security Overview** This dashboard provides an overview of unresolved detections reported in the last 7 days, including their severity, detection method, resolution status and top 10 computers/users with detections. This dashboard cannot be modified.
- **Dynamic Threat Defense** If you are using the <u>ESET Dynamic Threat Defense</u>, you can find here an overview of useful ESET Dynamic Threat Defense reports.
- **Computers** This dashboard gives you an overview of client machines their protection status, operating systems, update status, etc.
- **Server Performance Status** This dashboard lets you view information about the ESET PROTECT server itself server load, clients with problems, CPU load, database connections, etc.
- **Antivirus detections** Here you can see reports from the anti-virus module of the client security products active detections, detections in the last 7/30 days and so on.
- **Firewall detections** Firewall events of the connected clients according to their severity, time of reporting, etc.
- ESET applications This dashboard lets you view information about installed ESET applications.

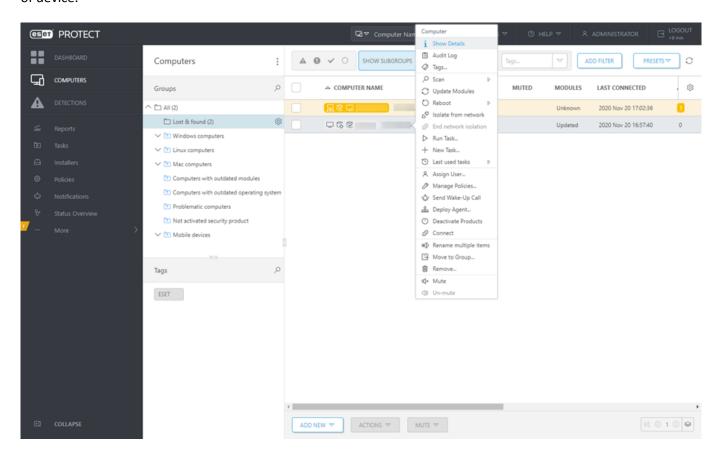
• **Cloud-based protection** - This dashboard gives you an overview of cloud-based protection reports (ESET LiveGrid® and if you have the eligible license, also ESET Dynamic Threat Defense).

Computers

All client computers that are reachable by ESET PROTECT are displayed in Computers and organized by groups. Clicking a group from the list (left pane) displays the members (clients) of this group in the right pane. You can drag-and-drop clients to move them between groups.

Manage computers

Click a device to open a new menu with actions available for that device. You can also select the check box next to a device and click **Actions** on the bottom bar. The **Actions** menu displays different options depending on the type of device.



Filter computers

If you cannot find a specific computer in the list and know it is in your ESET PROTECT infrastructure, make sure to disable all filters.

You can filter the clients (computers) using the filters at the top of the page:

- Select the Show Subgroups check box to show subgroups of the currently selected group.
- Clicking **Add Filter** shows the available filtering criteria. A few predefined filters are also available and quickly accessible.

You can click Add Filter > Product Category and select from the available categories:

oAll Devices - Display all client computers without filtering. You can use a combination of all the above filtering options when narrowing down the view.

OESET Protected - Display clients protected by an ESET product.

OESET PROTECT - Display individual ESET PROTECT components such as Agent, RD Sensor, and Proxy.

OOther - Display only client computers running the selected product (Shared Local Cache, Virtual Security Appliance, or Enterprise Inspector).

- You can use the status icons to filter clients by the severity of issues detected (red for errors, vellow for warnings, red green for notices, and gray for unmanaged computers). The status icon represents the current status of a specific client computer and the ESET solution installed on it. You can hide or show the status icons of different severity to evaluate clients on your network by status. For example, to see only the computers with warnings, activate only the yellow icon (the rest of the icons must be inactive). To see both warnings and errors, activate the red and yellow status icons. Unmanaged computers (clients on the network that do not have the ESET Management Agent or an ESET security product installed) usually appear in the Lost & found static group.
- You can also click the header of a column to sort computers by that attribute.

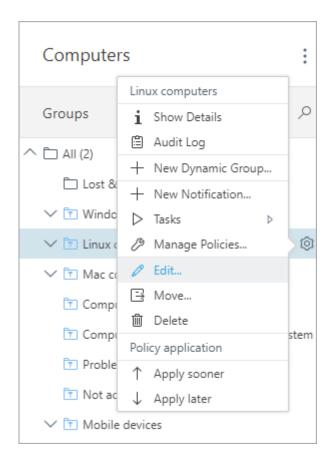
Last Connected displays the date and time of last connection of the managed device. A green dot indicates that the computer connected less than 10 minutes ago. The **Last Connected** information gets highlighted to indicate that the computer is not connecting:

OYellow (error) - computer is not connecting for 2-14 days.

ORed (warning) - computer is not connecting for more than 14 days.

Groups

You can manage groups from Computers. Groups enable you to organize endpoints on your network so that you can assign policies and tasks to them systematically. The setting applies to all the group members. Computers that are members of a group are listed on the right pane. Click the gear icon next to a group name to see the available group actions and group details.



There are two types of groups: static groups and dynamic groups.

Static Groups

- Static groups are groups of selected client computers and other objects.
- All mobile and computer devices are located in a static group.
- You can manually select which endpoints belong to any static group.
- An object can only be present in one static group.
- Static groups play an important role in the ESET PROTECT security model.

Dynamic Groups

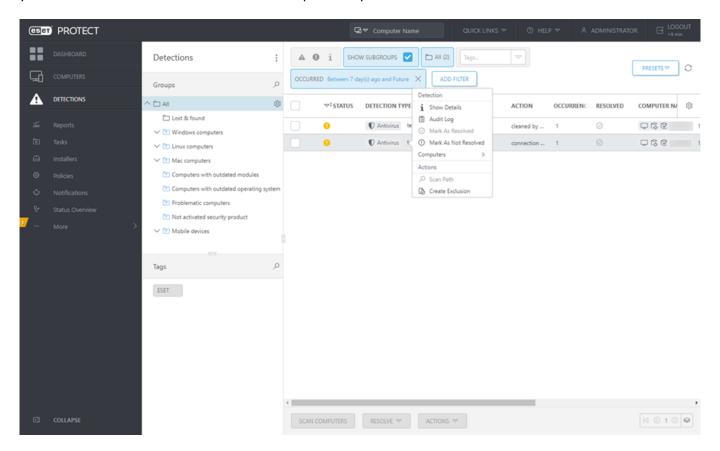
- You can understand dynamic groups as custom filters where one can set rules to filter computers accordingly.
- Dynamic groups are template-based and automatically include endpoints that meet the criteria established in your template.
- If a client device does not meet the criteria, it is automatically removed from the dynamic group.
- A computer can be in various dynamic groups at the same time or in none at all.

Knowledgebase articles are available to help you <u>add computers to static groups</u>, <u>create new dynamic group templates</u>, and <u>assign a policy to a group</u>.

You can find additional information on groups in Groups.

Detections

To access detection reports, click **Detections** in the Web Console menu on the left. The **Detections** panel gives you an overview of all detections found on computers in your network.



You can browse groups and view detections on members of a given group. You can filter the view; all detection types from the last seven days are visible by default. Detections can be **Marked as resolved** in the **Detections** section or under details for a specific client.

Detections are aggregated by time and other criteria to simplify their resolution. Detections older than 24 hours are aggregated automatically every midnight. You can identify aggregated detections by the X/Y (resolved items/total items) value in the **Resolved** column. You can see the list of aggregated detections in the **Occurrences** tab in detection details.

You can find the quarantined detections in "More > Quarantine.

Exclusions

You can exclude selected item(s) in **Detections** from being detected in the future. Click a detection and select **Create Exclusion**. You can exclude only **Pantivirus** detections and **Firewall** detections - <u>IDS rules</u>. You can create an exclusion and apply it to more computers and groups.

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The *** More > Exclusions section contains all created exclusions, increases their visibility, and simplifies their management.

Detections in archives

If one or more detections are found in an archive, the archive and each detection inside the archive are reported in **Detections**.



Excluding an archive file that contains a detection does not exclude the detection. You must exclude the individual detections inside the archive. The maximum file size for files contained in archives is 3 GB.

The excluded detections will not be detected anymore, even if they occur in another archive or are unarchived.

Ransomware Shield

ESET business products (version 7 and later) include Ransomware Shield. This new security feature is a part of HIPS and protects computers from ransomware. When ransomware is detected on a client computer, you can view the detection details in the ESET PROTECT Web Console under **Detections**. To filter only ransomware detections, click Add Filter > Scanner > Anti-Ransomware scanner. For more information about Ransomware Shield, see the ESET Glossary.

You can remotely configure Ransomware Shield from the ESET PROTECT Web Console using the Policy settings for your ESET business product:

- Enable Ransomware Shield The ESET business product automatically blocks all the suspicious applications that behave like ransomware.
- Enable Audit Mode When you enable the Audit Mode, detections identified by the Ransomware Shield are reported in the ESET PROTECT Web Console, but the ESET security product does not block them. The administrator can decide to block the reported detection or exclude it by selecting Create Exclusion. This Policy setting is available only via ESET PROTECT Web Console.

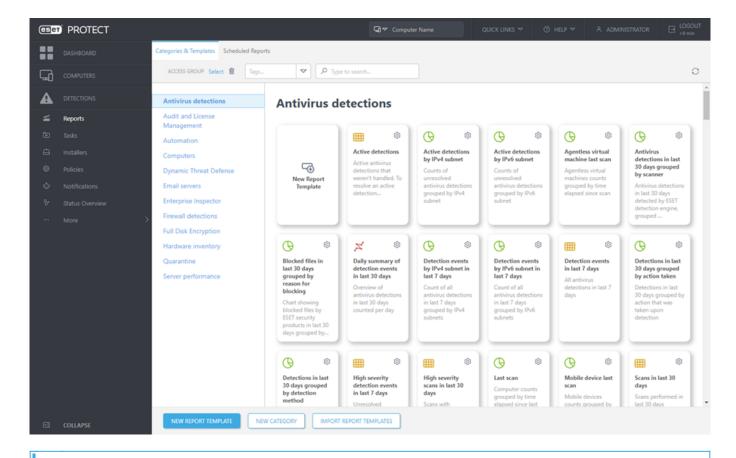


By default, Ransomware Shield blocks all applications with potential ransomware behavior, including legitimate applications. We recommend that you Enable Audit Mode for a short period on a new managed computer, so that you can exclude legitimate applications that are detected as ransomware based on their behavior (false positives). We do not recommend that you use the Audit Mode permanently, because ransomware on the managed computers is not automatically blocked when Audit Mode is enabled.

Reports

Reports allow you to access and filter data from the database in a convenient way. Reports have categories, and each category includes a short description.

To access reports, click Reports in the Web Console menu on the left, select the desired report template (a tile with a description and action) for which you want to view the report, and click the (gear icon) > Generate Now.



By default, all report templates are only accessible to the administrator. Other <u>users</u> cannot see or use these templates unless assigned sufficient permission (or unless templates are in another location).

To receive reports via email, you must configure an SMTP server connection properly.

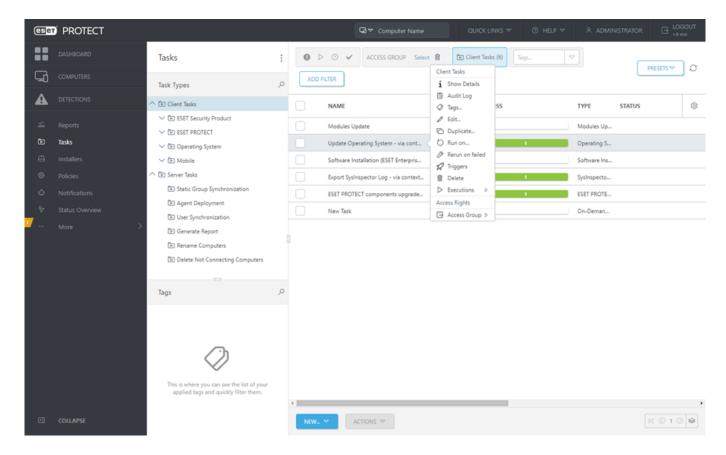
See the ESET <u>Knowledgebase article</u> for step-by-step instructions to configure automated reports in ESET PROTECT.

Tasks

You can use tasks to manage the ESET PROTECT server, client computers, and ESET products. Tasks can automate routine jobs. Task targets can be individual <u>computers</u> and <u>groups</u>.

Tasks enable you to assign specific procedures to individual clients or groups of clients.

In addition to the **Tasks** window, you can create tasks from context menus in <u>Computers</u>. To see the status of executed tasks, click **Tasks**, and observe whether tasks have finished successfully.



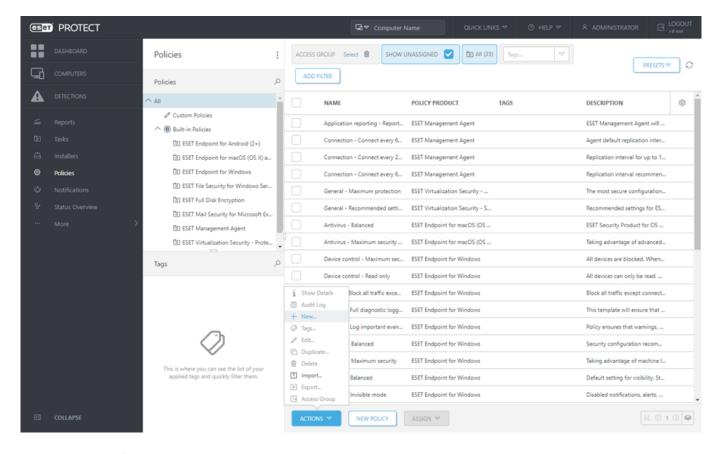
The <u>Tasks</u> section of the ESET PROTECT Administrator Guide contains information about how to create, assign, and schedule new tasks.

The ESET Knowledgebase has examples of procedures to configure specific tasks, such as:

- Send a wake-up call to client computers to execute a task immediately in ESET PROTECT.
- Change the agent connection interval for client computers in ESET PROTECT.
- Use a Software Install client task to deploy or upgrade ESET endpoint products.
- Synchronize ESET PROTECT with Active Directory.

Policies

You can use policies to manage client computers. Policies are sets of configuration rules you can apply to ESET products running on client computers so that you can avoid configuring each client's ESET product manually. You can apply a policy directly to individual <u>computers</u> and <u>groups</u>. You can also assign multiple policies to a computer or a group.



Follow the steps from the ESET Knowledgebase article to create a new policy and assign it to a group.

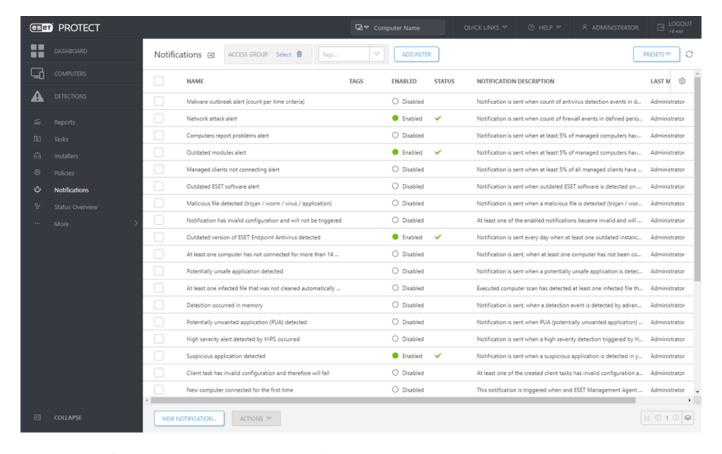
Policies are applied in the order that static groups are arranged. This rule is not valid for dynamic groups, where child dynamic groups are traversed first so that you can apply policies with greater impact at the top of the group tree and apply more specific policies for subgroups.

ESET recommends that you assign more generic policies (for example, the update server) to groups that are higher within the group tree. You should assign more specific policies (for example, device control settings) farther down in the group tree.

Refer to the <u>Policies section</u> of the ESET PROTECT Administrator Guide to learn more about managing and applying policies and about policy removal rules.

Notifications

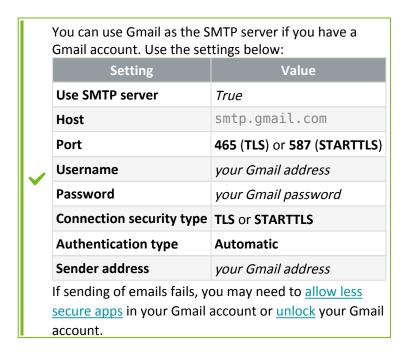
You can configure automatic notifications based on specific events such as reported detections, out-of-date endpoints, and more. See the <u>Notifications</u> section of the ESET PROTECT Administrator guide or our <u>Knowledgebase article</u> for more information about how to configure and manage notifications.



To receive notifications via email, you need to configure an SMTP server connection properly.

ESET PROTECT can automatically send email reports and notifications. Enable **Use SMTP server**, click **More** > **Server Settings** > **Advanced Settings** > **SMTP Server** and specify the following:

- Host Hostname or an IP address of your SMTP server
- Port SMTP uses port 25 by default, but you can change it if your SMTP server uses a different port.
- **Username** If your SMTP server requires authentication, specify the SMTP user account name (do not include the domain as this will not work).
- Password The password associated with the SMTP user account
- **Connection security type** Specify the connection type, the default is **Not secured**, but if your SMTP server allows for secure connections, choose TLS or STARTTLS. If you want to make your connection more secure, use a STARTTLS or a SSL/TLS extension, because they use a separate port for encrypted communication.
- Authentication type The default is set to **No authentication**. However, you can select the appropriate Authentication type from the drop-down list (for example, Login, CRAM-MD5, CRAM-SHA1, SCRAM-SHA1, NTLM, or Automatic)
- **Sender address** Specify the sender address that will be displayed in the header of notification emails (From:)
- **Test SMTP** server This is to make sure the SMTP settings are correct. Click **Send test email** to open a pop-up window. Type the recipient's email address, and the test email message will be sent via the SMTP server to this address. Check the recipient's mailbox to verify that the test email was delivered.

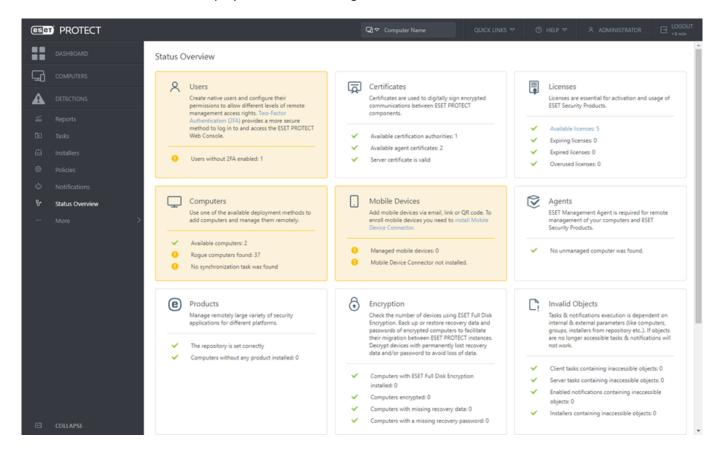


Status overview

The ESET PROTECT server performs periodic diagnostics checkups.

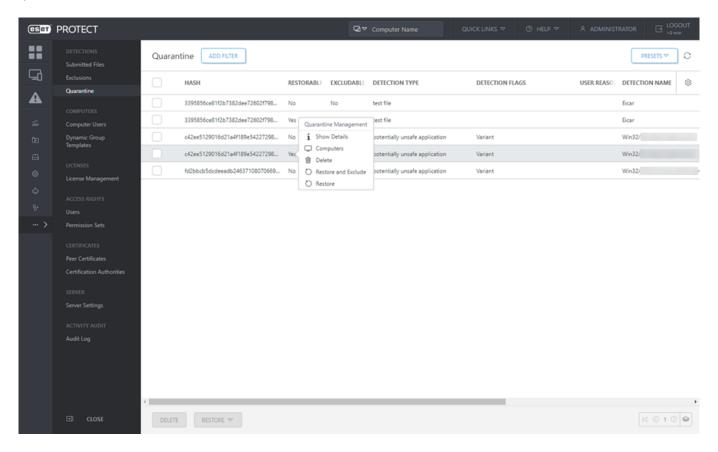
1.Click **Status Overview** to see detailed status information about ESET PROTECT. Use the **Status Overview** to see usage statistics and the general status of your ESET PROTECT. It can also help you with the initial configuration of ESET PROTECT.

2. Click a section tile to display a taskbar on the right with actions.



Quarantine

The Quarantine section is in the Web Console under *** More > Quarantine. This section shows all files quarantined on client devices.



You should quarantine files if you cannot clean them, if it is not safe or advisable to delete them, or an ESET product falsely detects them.

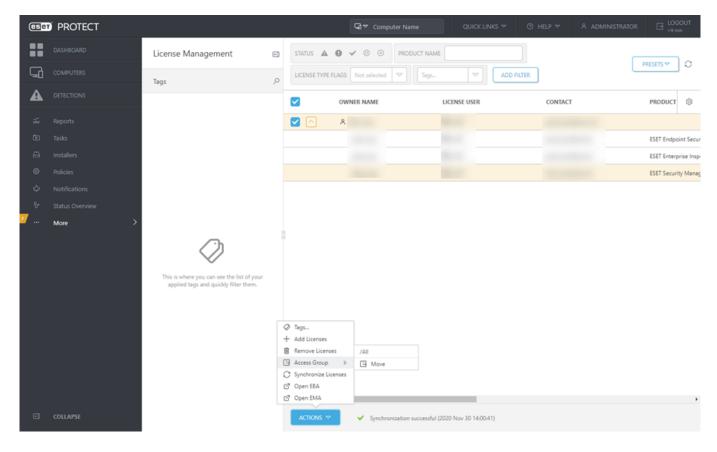
Not all detections found on client devices are moved to quarantine. Detections that are not quarantined include:

- Detections that cannot be deleted
- Detections that are suspicious based on their behavior, but are not identified as malware, for example, PUAs

See also the ESET Knowledgebase article about quarantine management.

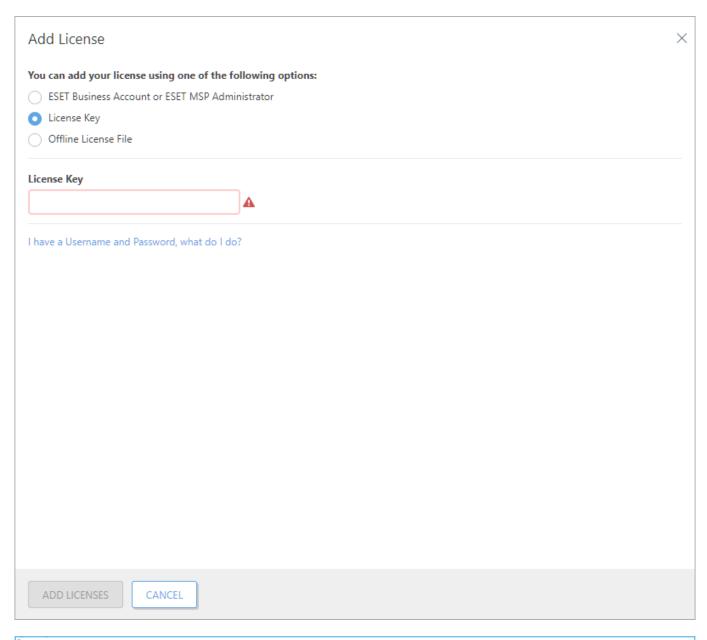
License management

Select "More > License Management to manage your licenses.



To add a new license to ESET PROTECT:

- 1.Click "More > License Management and click Actions > Add Licenses.
- 2. Select the method you want to use to add your new license(s):
 - a.**ESET Business Account or ESET MSP Administrator** Synchronize the licenses from your <u>ESET Business Account</u> or <u>ESET MSP Administrator</u> account with the ESET PROTECT Web Console. You can import the complete structure of your ESET Business Account, including the distribution of license seats among the <u>sites</u>.
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Users and permission sets

ESET PROTECT security model

These are key terms used in the security model:

Term	Explanation
Home group	The home group is where all objects (devices, tasks, templates, and so on) a user creates are automatically stored. Each user must only have one home group.
Object	Each object (computer, task, policy, report, or notification) is in a <u>static group</u> . Access to objects is by groups, not users (providing access by group makes it easy to accommodate multiple users, for example, if one user is on holiday).

Term	Explanation
Access group	An access group is a static group that enables users to filter the object location based on access rights.
Administrator	An administrator is a user with the home group All and a full permission set over the group.
Access right	The right to access an object or to execute a task is assigned with a permission set.
Permission set	A permission set represents the permissions for users who access the ESET PROTECT Web Console. A permission set defines what a user can see or do in the ESET PROTECT Web Console. A user can be assigned multiple permission sets. Permission sets are applied only to objects in defined static groups.
Functionality	Functionality is one type of object or action. Typically, functionality gets these values: Read , Write , or Use . The combination of functionality applied to an access group is called a permission set.

For more detailed information, see Access Rights in the ESET PROTECT Administration Guide.

Create a new ESET PROTECT Web Console user

A <u>fresh ESET PROTECT setup</u> initially has a default **administrator** (a user with the home group **All** and access to everything) as the only user.



ESET does not recommend using the default administrator user account. You should <u>create another</u> <u>administrator account</u>. You can also create additional users with narrower access rights based on your desired competencies.

Certificates

Certificates

Certificates are an essential part of ESET PROTECT. They serve for secure communication between ESET PROTECT components and the ESET PROTECT server and to establish a secure connection of the ESET PROTECT Web Console. You can manage ESET PROTECT certificates in *** More > Peer Certificates.



You can use certificates that are automatically generated during **ESET PROTECT installation**.

Certification authorities

A certification authority legitimizes certificates distributed from your network. In an enterprise setting, a public key serves for an automatic association of client software with the ESET PROTECT server to enable the remote installation of ESET products. You can manage ESET PROTECT certification authorities in *** More > Certification Authorities.



All peer certifications must be valid and signed by the same certification authority to ensure that all components can communicate correctly.

For more information about certificates and the certification authority, read the ESET <u>Knowledgebase article</u> or <u>Online Help.</u>

Help and support

ESET is constantly working to update and improve ESET PROTECT and ESET endpoint products.

oThe <u>ESET Knowledgebase</u> is a searchable repository of support articles designed to help you resolve issues and answer questions.

oThe <u>ESET user Forum</u> is monitored by ESET staff and allows ESET users to share issues they are having and find solutions.

oThe <u>ESET Knowledgebase video channel</u> contains video walkthroughs of common procedures for ESET products.

OVisit <u>ESET Support News</u> and Customer Advisories for the latest announcements about ESET product features and upgrades.

OYou can <u>open a case with ESET Customer Care</u> at any time if you are not able to resolve an issue or find the answer to your question.

You can also refer to the ESET PROTECT <u>Installation guide</u> (including upgrade, migration and troubleshooting), <u>Administration guide</u> (ESET PROTECT management with ESET PROTECT Web Console) and <u>Virtual Appliance guide</u> (ESET PROTECT in a hypervisor) for more detailed information.

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- 15. **Technical support**. ESET or third parties commissioned by ESET shall provide technical support at their own discretion, without any guarantees or declarations. No technical support will be provided after the Software or any of its features reaches the End of Life date defined in the EOL Policy. The End User shall be required to back up all existing data, software and program facilities prior to the provision of technical support. ESET and/or third parties commissioned by ESET cannot accept liability for damage or loss of data, property, software or hardware or loss of profits due to the provision of technical support. ESET and/or third parties commissioned by ESET reserve the right to decide that resolving the problem is beyond the scope of technical support. ESET reserves the right to refuse, suspend or terminate the provision of technical support at its own discretion. License information, Information and other data in compliance with Privacy Policy may be required for the purpose of technical support provision.
- 16. **Transfer of the License**. The Software can be transferred from one Computer to another, unless contrary to the terms of the Agreement. If not contrary to the terms of the Agreement, the End User shall only be entitled to

permanently transfer the License and all rights ensuing from this Agreement to another End User with the Provider's consent, subject to the condition that (i) the original End User does not retain any copies of the Software; (ii) the transfer of rights must be direct, i.e. from the original End User to the new End User; (iii) the new End User must assume all the rights and obligations incumbent on the original End User under the terms of this Agreement; (iv) the original End User has to provide the new End User with documentation enabling verification of the genuineness of the Software as specified under Article 17.

- 17. **Verification of the genuineness of the Software.** The End User may demonstrate entitlement to use the Software in one of the following ways: (i) through a license certificate issued by the Provider or a third party appointed by the Provider; (ii) through a written license agreement, if such an agreement was concluded; (iii) through the submission of an e-mail sent by the Provider containing licensing details (user name and password). License information and End User identification data in compliance with Privacy Policy may be required for the purpose of Software genuineness verification.
- 18. **Licensing for public authorities and the US Government**. The Software shall be provided to public authorities, including the United States Government, with the license rights and restrictions described in this Agreement.

19. Trade control compliance.

- a) You will not, directly or indirectly, export, re-export, transfer or otherwise make available the Software to any person, or use it in any manner, or be involved in any activity, that could result in ESET or its holding companies, its subsidiaries, and the subsidiaries of any of its holding companies, as well as entities controlled by its holding companies ("Affiliates") being in violation of, or being subject to, negative consequences under trade control laws which include:
- i. any laws that control, restrict, or impose licensing requirements on export, re-export or transfer of goods, software, technology, or services, issued or adopted by any government, state or regulatory authority of the United States of America, Singapore, the United Kingdom, the European Union or any of its Member States, or any country in which obligations under the Agreement are to be performed, or in which ESET or any of its Affiliates are incorporated or operate, and
- ii. any economic, financial, trade or other, sanction, restriction, embargo, import or export ban, prohibition on transfer of funds or assets or on performing services, or equivalent measure imposed by any government, state or regulatory authority of the United States of America, Singapore, the United Kingdom, the European Union or any of its Member States, or any country in which obligations under the Agreement are to be performed, or in which ESET or any of its Affiliates are incorporated or operate.

(legal acts referred to in points i, and ii. above together as "Trade Control Laws").

- b) ESET shall have the right to suspend its obligations under, or terminate, these Terms with immediate effect in the event that:
- i. ESET determines that, in its reasonable opinion, the User has breached or is likely to breach provision of Article 19 a) of the Agreement; or
- ii. the End User and/or the Software become subject to Trade Control Laws and, as a result, ESET determines that, in its reasonable opinion, the continued performance of its obligations under the Agreement could result in ESET or its Affiliates being in violation of, or being subject to negative consequences under, Trade Control Laws.
- c) Nothing in the Agreement is intended, and nothing should be interpreted or construed, to induce or require either party to act or refrain from acting (or to agree to act or refrain from acting) in any manner which is inconsistent with, penalized, or prohibited under any applicable Trade Control Laws.

- 20. **Notices**. All notices and returns of the Software and Documentation must be delivered to: ESET, spol. s r. o., Einsteinova 24, 85101 Bratislava, Slovak Republic, without prejudice to ESET's right to communicate to You any changes to this Agreement, Privacy Policies, EOL Policy and Documentation in accordance with art. 22 of the Agreement. ESET may send You emails, in-app notifications via Software or post the communication on our website. You agree to receive legal communications from ESET in electronic form, including any communications on change in Terms, Special Terms or Privacy Policies, any contract proposal/acceptance or invitations to treat, notices or other legal communications. Such electronic communication shall be deemed as received in writing, unless applicable laws specifically require a different form of communication.
- 21. **Applicable law**. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Slovak Republic. The End User and the Provider hereby agree that the principles of the conflict of laws and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods shall not apply. You expressly agree that any disputes or claims ensuing from this Agreement with respect to the Provider or any disputes or claims relating to use of the Software shall be settled by Bratislava I District Court and You expressly agree to the said court exercising jurisdiction.
- 22. **General provisions**. Should any of the provisions of this Agreement be invalid or unenforceable, this shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of the Agreement, which shall remain valid and enforceable under the conditions stipulated therein. This Agreement has been executed in English. In case any translation of the Agreement is prepared for the convenience or any other purpose or in any case of a discrepancy between language versions of this Agreement, the English version shall prevail.

ESET reserves the right to make changes to the Software as well as to revise terms of this Agreement, its Annexes, Addendums, Privacy Policy, EOL Policy and Documentation or any part thereof at any time by updating the relevant document (i) to reflect changes to the Software or to how ESET does business, (ii) for legal, regulatory or security reasons, or (iii) to prevent abuse or harm. You will be notified about any revision of the Agreement by email, in-app notification or by other electronic means. If You disagree with the proposed changes to the Agreement, You may terminate it in accordance with Art. 10 within 30 days after receiving a notice of the change. Unless You terminate the Agreement within this time limit, the proposed changes will be deemed accepted and become effective towards You as of the date You received a notice of the change.

This is the entire Agreement between the Provider and You relating to the Software and it supersedes any prior representations, discussions, undertakings, communications or advertising relating to the Software.

ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT

Forwarding of Information to the Provider. Additional provisions apply to the Forwarding of Information to the Provider as follows:

The Software contains functions which collect data about the installation process, the Computer and/or the platform on which the Software is installed, information about the operations and functionality of the Software and information about managed devices (hereinafter referred to as "Information") and then send them to the Provider. The Information may contain data (including randomly or accidentally obtained personal data) concerning managed devices. By activating this function of the Software, Information may be collected and processed by the Provider as specified in Privacy Policy and in compliance with relevant legal regulations.

The Software requires a component installed on managed computer, which enables transfer of information between managed computer and remote management software. Information, which are subject to transfer contains management data such as hardware and software information of managed computer and managing instructions from the remote management software. Other content of data transferred from managed computer shall be determined by the settings of software installed on managed computer. The content of instructions from management software shall be determined by settings of remote management software.

Privacy policy

ESET, spol. s r. o., having its registered office at Einsteinova 24, 851 01 Bratislava, Slovak Republic, registered in the Commercial Register administered by Bratislava I District Court, Section Sro, Entry No 3586/B, Business Registration Number: 31333532 as a Data Controller ("ESET" or "We") would like to be transparent when it comes to processing of personal data and privacy of our customers. To achieve this goal, We are publishing this Privacy Policy with the sole purpose of informing our customer ("End User" or "You") about following topics:

- Processing of Personal Data,
- Data Confidentiality,
- Data Subject's Rights.

Processing of Personal Data

Services provided by ESET implemented in our product are provided under the terms of End User License Agreement ("EULA"), but some of them might require specific attention. We would like to provide You with more details on data collection connected with the provision of our services. We render various services described in the EULA and product documentation such as update/upgrade service, ESET LiveGrid®, protection against misuse of data, support, etc. To make it all work, We need to collect the following information:

- Management of ESET security products requires and locally stores information such as seat ID and name, product name, license information, activation and expiration information, hardware and software information concerning managed computer with ESET security product installed. Logs concerning activities of managed ESET security products and devices are collected and available in order to facilitate managing and supervising features and services without automated submission to ESET.
- Information concerning installation process, including platform on which our product is installed and information about the operations and functionality of our products such as hardware fingerprint, installation IDs, crash dumps, license IDs, IP address, MAC address, configuration settings of product which may also include managed devices.
- Licensing information such as license ID and personal data such as name, surname, address, email address is required for billing purposes, license genuineness verification and provision of our services.
- Contact information and data contained in your support requests may be required for service of support. Based on the channel You choose to contact us, We may collect your email address, phone number, license information, product details and description of your support case. You may be asked to provide us with other information to facilitate service of support such as generated log files.
- Data concerning usage of our service are completely anonymous by the end of session. No personally identifiable information is stored after the session ends.

Data Confidentiality

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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