



# PC-Duo Deployment Tool Guide

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## PC-Duo overview

Thank you for selecting PC-Duo remote desktop solutions.

PC-Duo remote desktop solutions provide professional features that enable helpdesk technicians, network administrators, IT managers, and software trainers to deliver professional remote support for a fraction of the cost of hosted solutions.

Some selected features include:

- ◆ **Remote Access:** Reach anyone, anywhere, anytime using firewall- and NAT-friendly remote control connections.
- ◆ **Remote Control:** Diagnose and resolve support issues without having to physically visit remote computer.
- ◆ **Remote Management:** Repair remote computers and make configuration changes in real-time and without disturbing currently logged-on user.
- ◆ **Collaboration:** Enable two or more technicians to work on the same remote computer at the same time using chat, screen-sharing and easy-to-pass remote support.

**NOTE:** Before you use PC-Duo remote desktop solutions, you should be familiar with basic network concepts, such as protocols, encryption, IP addresses, ports, and subnets.

To learn more about PC-Duo remote desktop solutions, see:

- ◆ "What's New"
- ◆ "PC-Duo solutions"
- ◆ "PC-Duo applications"
- ◆ "PC-Duo technologies"
- ◆ "PC-Duo services"
- ◆ "PC-Duo connection types"
- ◆ "PC-Duo security features"
- ◆ "PC-Duo networking features"
- ◆ "PC-Duo documentation and technical support"

## ***What's New in PC-Duo 12.7***

**Note:** Some terminology was changed in PC-Duo v12.7 in order to keep current and to be more accurate. This included changing “Terminal Services” to “Remote Desktop Services (RDS)”. This Host is now referred to as, “Host for RDS”. “PC-Duo Remote Desktop” is now simply “PC-Duo Master” or “PC-Duo Master on Demand” if launched from the Web Console.

PC-Duo 12.7 introduces the following new features and capabilities:

- **Official support for Windows 10:** This release fully supports Microsoft's Windows version 10 and the new Edge browser.
- **All new Remote Printing:** The Remote Printing feature has been completely redesigned and re-written to remove all previous restrictions. Remote Printing no longer requires matching print drivers on Host and Master; can print both from Host to Master and from Master to Host; works on all Windows operating systems (desktop and server) and editions (x86 and x64) supported by PC-Duo v12.7.
- **Master on Demand for Macintosh:** Native Macintosh application that provides Connection Window and Recording Playback functionality on the Macintosh. This application is downloaded and installed from the Web Console, and is launched when a “connect” link is selected in the Web Console.
- **Ability to export data from the Web Console:** You can now export tables directly from the Web Console to a CSV or XLSX file.
- **Asynchronous notifications in Web Console:** The Web Console introduces a way for asynchronous notifications to be delivered to the user. When a notification is available, a new “Notification” icon appears in the top-level toolbar. Clicking on it provides details.
- **Security hardened Web Console:** The Web Console has undergone a major security review and overhaul. Issues addressed include enhanced protection against Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF), Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) attack, and SQL injection attacks. (*Thanks to Ezenta A/S, ezenta.com, for working with us to improve security.*)
- **Password guessing lockout:** The PC-Duo Networking component now automatically locks out connection requests from any IP address that fails to authenticate after a certain number of attempts in a certain amount of time. This prevents scripted attempts to guess passwords.
- **Deploy and update pre-installed Master Gateway Configurations:** The Deployment Tool now allows you to define one or more Gateway configurations to deploy along with the installation of the Master. Also, there is now the ability to define a new or updated set of Gateway configurations and push them out to

existing installations of Master. Up until now, the installed Master was not ready for Gateway based connections until someone manually added a Gateway configuration.

- **Export / Import of Deployment Tool settings:** You now have the ability to export and re-import important settings for the Deployment Tool via a JSON-formatted text file. This makes copying state from one machine to another much more straightforward.
- **Remote Printing module now available for download from the Web Console:** The Remote Printing Support installation file can now be downloaded directly from the Web Console. This is extremely useful if you want to enable Remote Printing for the Host on Demand or on any machine that the Remote Printing support has not previously been installed.
- **Forms Authentication:** In addition to Windows Authentication, the Web Console now supports Forms authentication. Basic authentication is no longer supported. This makes logout and “Login As” more robust and reliable. It also enables Apple products to work more reliably with the Web Console. From an end-user’s perspective, Forms and Basic authentication methods are functionally equivalent.
- **Master auto-connect for Remote Printing is now optional:** The installed Master now has an option to not auto-connect the Remote Printing service. This appears in the Options > Master Settings dialog, in a new tab “Remote Printing”. This feature is added primarily to ensure that administrators/supervisors can continue to connect to a user/agent in a “stealth” manner, without them being alerted.
- **Selectively install Remote Printing:** The Host and Master installers now make the Remote Printing feature optional. The installer dialog provides the option, with the default to install all components. The MSIEXEC command line also allows for this option.
- **Analytics default period now covers past 24 hours:** Instead of displaying a 24-hour period covering 12:00 AM of the current day to 12:00 AM of the following day, “Analytics” reports will now default to showing the past 24-hours based on your local time zone.
- **Improved and more intuitive searching in Web Console:** The global Find Host search box now behaves more like the extremely well received installed Master “filter” functionality. In addition, search boxes throughout the WC no longer require wildcard characters (“A/\*G/\*N”) to search for a partial name.
- **Host installation default settings improvement:** In an effort to improve the user experience just out of the box, a clean installation of the PC-Duo Host will now have a default Station Name configured with the macro %NAME% instead of the machine name at time of installation. This

change will allow the Host's Station Name to automatically be updated if the machine name changes. Also, the IPX protocol will now be disabled by default.

- **Web Console's "Host Details" popup includes more information:** For convenience, and completeness, the "Host Details" dialog popup will now include the "Machine Name" and "User" information.
- **Gateway Server now verifies SPNs:** When the Gateway server service starts, it now does a check to verify the registered SPNs for the Gateway service and audit logs any issues or errors. Also, the CheckSPNs utility program now has improved messaging.
- **Re-enabled Firefox ClickOnce support:** Upon request to Vector Networks support team, a Web Console administrator can enable the Host on Demand and ClickOnce connection window to be available in the Firefox browser. Support for this browser had been halted when Microsoft withdrew their ClickOnce "addin". We can now enable use of this browser with certain caveats.
- **Improved Host status reporting logic for multiple Gateway entries:** Host logic to correctly report to a Gateway where multiple configurations refer to the same Gateway has been improved. Specifically the number of connections made by the Host to that Gateway have been reduced.
- **iOS app published to the Apple app store:** The "PROXY Remote" app for iOS has been published to the Apple app store. It includes support for Web Console Forms authentication mode, including credentials autofill. Minor defects have also been fixed around navigation and cancellation of Web Console validation while adding or editing a Web Console entry.
- **Web Console now has the option to display more rows per page:** The Web Console had previously been restricted to showing a maximum of 50 rows per page. This has been expanded to now allow for 100, 150 and 250 rows per page. The setting for this is in the Web Console "Settings" page.
- **Updated SSL/TLS support:** The latest OpenSSL libraries have been incorporated - (v1.0.2g). Customers with internet-facing Gateway Servers listening are encouraged to upgrade to this release.
- **Automatic reconnect to Hosts:** Upon an unexpected dropped connection to a Host, both the installed and Windows ClickOnce Master will automatically attempt to reconnect to the Host.
- **Host on Demand for Macintosh:** Host for Macintosh has many improvements, including improved Permission to Connect user experience and support for recording the Host.



- **Significantly smaller Host on Demand download package:** The download package for the Windows Host on Demand ClickOnce application has been reduced to almost a 3<sup>rd</sup> of its former size, allowing for much faster downloads.
- **iOS Master for iOS application:** The Master for iOS application is called, PROXY Pro Master and is compatible with iOS 9. Both 32-bit and 64-bit binaries are now built. Included are various bug-fixes and enhancements to improve stability.

Note: Version 9.0.1106 (released October 26, 2015), or later, is required in order to connect to v12.7 of the Web Console and Gateway. Earlier versions of this application will fail trying to make Host or Playback connections.

- **Expanded Host-side “toast” notifications:** The “toast”, or popup, notifications seen on the Host will now contain more information including timestamps. The “pin” behavior has also been improved to be more intuitive.
- **Smarter installation defaults:** Installation defaults have been rethought and are now optimized to provide the best experience out of the box. This includes setting clipboard to auto-share, better Host settings for the Gateway’s recording override feature, locking the workstation on disconnect for Hosts running server class operating systems. Note that upgrades will NOT have any settings changed as this pertains to fresh installs only.
- **Enhanced SSL/TLS support:** The latest OpenSSL libraries have been incorporated and stronger cipher support is enabled by default. This enables support for Perfect Forward Secrecy, but PFS may require additional configuration steps (contact support for details).
- **Enhanced encryption:** non-SSL connections use stronger key agreement parameters.
- **Local cursor option:** This is an option to show a locally drawn cursor. This feature is intended to address performance problems on network connections with very high latency.
- **Host tray icon Tooltip:** Hovering over the PC-Duo Host icon in the Windows system tray now shows the station name of the Host.

## What's New in PC-Duo 12.6

PC-Duo 12.6 introduces the following new features and capabilities:

- ◆ **Host on Demand:** New type of Host that can be launched from the Share My Desktop button on the Web Console landing page. Enables the desktop of any internet-accessible machine to be shared instantly. No local or network administrative privileges are required, and no reboot is necessary to run this new Host type. (see *PC-Duo Web Console Operating Guide*)
- ◆ **UAC Elevation (HOD Pin):** Master user can elevate Host on Demand process to high privilege level by providing administrator credentials to HOD remote desktop. This is now known as “Pinning” the HOD and will allow the HOD to survive logouts/reboots until explicitly exited. A Windows HOD instance will now launch as Pinned if the user has the necessary rights. (see *PC-Duo Web Console Operating Guide*)
- ◆ **View/Edit Host Settings from Web Console:** Host settings for any Host connected to the Gateway can be viewed and/or edited by Account Users with appropriate credentials through the Web Console. No connection window to Host desktop required (see *PC-Duo Web Console Operating Guide*)
- ◆ **WebSocket Transport (WS, WSS):** In addition to the UDP, TCP and SSL transports already available, the Gateway Server now supports WebSocket (binary WebSocket over HTTP) and Secure WebSocket (binary WebSocket over HTTPS) transports to facilitate connections through corporate firewalls (see *PC-Duo Gateway Guide*)
- ◆ **More Host Grouping Rules:** Additional grouping rules have been added to allow for more flexibility in creating custom collections of Hosts, especially when considering your AD (see *PC-Duo Gateway Guide*)
- ◆ **Support for LDAPS:** Encryption of connections between the PC-Duo Gateway and the domain controller(s) when doing Active Directory lookups.
- ◆ **Web Console support for Safari, Chrome and Firefox:** Web Console now supports Safari, Chrome and Firefox web browsers, in addition to Internet Explorer; helper apps may be required to enable Remote Desktop and other features (see *PC-Duo Web Console Installation Guide*)
- ◆ **Expanded Search for Recordings:** Web Console now provides a more robust search mechanism for identifying records on a particular Gateway.
- ◆ **Master Support for Selecting a Specific Monitor for View:** Both the installed Master and ClickOnce connection windows now have the ability to view either the entire remote desktop or to “zoom in” on just a single monitor of that remote desktop.
- ◆ **ClickOnce Connection Window can Suppress Host Mouse and Keyboard:** This mirrors the functionality previously available only with the installed Master.
- ◆ **Built-in Utility to Clear the Windows ClickOnce Cache:** The Windows operating system does not provide a convenient way to do this. We have now built this functionality into the Web Console itself.
- ◆ **Most Recent OpenSSL Library:** In order to provide the most secure SSL experience possible, the most recent (as of this release) OpenSSL library has been integrated. Hotfix releases will be made available as needed to provide even newer libraries as they become available.
- ◆ **Automatic Recording:** When this feature is enabled, all specified live Master connections to Hosts for remote control will be recorded. This is configurable in the Web Console.

◆ **Official Method and Support for Web Console Graphics Customization:**

Customization of the Web Console landing page and colors are now easier to put in place and will be maintained when the software is upgraded.

## What's New in Earlier Versions of PC-Duo 12

◆ **Web Console:** A new server-side application that enables browser-based access to the Gateway Server for configuration and administration. If On-Demand Edition key is present, Web Console will also be enabled for Remote Desktop feature (see *PC-Duo Web Console Operating Guide*)

◆ **“ClickOnce” Web Desktop:** Ability to generate a window to a remote desktop directly from the Web Console (Master not required). No administrative rights needed and no reboot required. On-Demand Edition key required for activation (see *PC-Duo Web Console Operating Guide*)

◆ **Kernel-mode Screen Capture driver:** The kernel-mode screen capture driver is now available for Windows 7, Vista and Windows 2008 Server. In many situations, the kernel-mode screen capture driver will outperform the default user-mode screen capture driver (see *PC-Duo Host Guide*)

◆ **Input Suppression:** Ability to turn off keyboard and mouse input on the remote desktop machine for Windows 7, Vista and Windows 2008 Server (see *PC-Duo Master Guide*)

◆ **Address Bindings:** Ability to bind the SSL and TCP network protocols to all addresses or to select specific addresses on the Gateway Server (see *PC-Duo Gateway Administrator Guide*)

◆ **Concurrent User License Mode:** In this mode, the Gateway will monitor the number of simultaneous Gateway users according to account type (Administrative, Master, Personal) (see *PC-Duo Web Console Operating Guide*)

◆ **Inactivity Timeouts:** To free up concurrent user licenses when users are connected to the Gateway but not active, Web Console, Master and Gateway Administrator will be automatically disconnected from the Gateway, and input control will be automatically released from Remote Desktop or Connection Window (see *PC-Duo Gateway Administrator Guide*)

◆ **Automatic Grouping of Hosts:** Ability to configure Hosts to automatically report to custom Gateway group(s) according to custom or generic rules (see *PC-Duo Gateway Administrator Guide*)

◆ **Virtual Desktop support:** Enables virtual desktop images generated in environments such as Citrix XenDesktop to include Hosts, and to have the Hosts report to Gateway until the desktop image is discarded (see *PC-Duo Host Guide*)

## What's New in PC-Duo 11.5

◆ **Windows 7 support:** PC-Duo 11.5 provides full support (remote access, remote control, remote management) for Windows 7 computers, including 32- and 64-bit platforms.

◆ **Windows Server 2008 R2 support:** PC-Duo 11.5 provides full support (remote access, remote control, remote management) for Windows Server 2008 R2 computers (64-bit platforms only).

◆ **Mac, Linux support:** PC-Duo 11.5 provides support (remote access, remote control) for Macintosh and Linux computers running VNC server software (standard on Macs).

- ◆ **Wake-on-LAN support:** PC-Duo 11.5 includes ability to turn on remote computers that are configured to listen for Wake-on-LAN signal.
- ◆ **Remote Power Scheme management:** PC-Duo 11.5 includes new remote management tools that allows Master user to view and change power scheme settings on remote computers.
- ◆ **Screen Recording Playback via URL:** PC-Duo 11.5 includes ability for Master to playback a PC-Duo screen recording from a standard web server over HTTP or HTTPS.
- ◆ **RDP compatibility:** If a remote computer is hosting an active RDP session, PC-Duo 11.5 Host will capture and provide input control to the RDP session.
- ◆ **Active Directory integration:** PC-Duo 11.5 Deployment Tool can now be used to discover computers and OUs in Active Directory domains, install new PC-Duo software, upgrade existing software, and/or push configuration changes to existing software.

## ***PC-Duo solutions***

Vector Networks provides three solutions for remote desktop support:

### **PC-Duo Express Edition**

PC-Duo Express Edition is an easy-to-use remote desktop solution that uses simple peer-to-peer connections between helpdesk technicians and end-user remote computers. It is ideally suited for smaller companies and workgroups in which the number of remote computers being supported is small and manageable.

### **PC-Duo Enterprise Edition**

PC-Duo Enterprise Edition is an enterprise-class remote desktop solution that uses a robust, scalable server to establish and maintain a secure network of connections to end-user machines. It leverages centralized administration, security and network access to simplify and automate the creation, management, and monitoring of this “network within a network”. PC-Duo Enterprise Edition is ideally suited for enterprises and corporate workgroups with large numbers of remote computers, multiple domains and/or employees with remote computers outside the network.

### **PC-Duo On-Demand Edition**

PC-Duo On-Demand Edition is a web-enabled version of the Enterprise Edition, and includes Master on Demand for on-demand access to remote desktops in place of the installed Master application.

## ***PC-Duo applications***

The PC-Duo remote desktop solutions include some or all of the following applications:

<b>PC-Duo Components</b>	<b>PC-Duo Express Edition</b>	<b>PC-Duo Enterprise Edition</b>	<b>PC-Duo On-Demand Edition</b>
PC-Duo Host	Yes	Yes	Yes
PC-Duo Host for RDS	No	Yes	Yes
PC-Duo Host for VDI	No	Yes	Yes
PC-Duo Host on Demand	No	Yes	Yes
PC-Duo Master	Yes	Yes	No
PC-Duo Gateway	No	Yes	Yes
PC-Duo Web Console	No	Yes	Yes
PC-Duo Master on Demand	No	No	Yes
PC-Duo Deployment Tool	Yes	Yes	Yes

## PC-Duo Host



PC-Duo Host runs as a Windows service on the machine on which it is installed, and supports both peer-to-peer connections as well as Gateway-managed connections. By installing PC-Duo Host on a computer in your network, you can:

- ◆ Allow technicians to make peer-to-peer remote control connections to the machine, whether someone is there or not. Each Host manages its own security settings and access rights.
- ◆ Allow or force technicians to make Gateway-managed remote support connections to the machine through a central server (PC-Duo Gateway), which will automatically enforce security settings and access rights according to policies set at the server.

The PC-Duo Host requires a Host license key.

For more information about configuring and operating PC-Duo Host, please see the *PC-Duo Host Guide*.

## PC-Duo Host for Remote Desktop Services (RDS)



PC-Duo Host for Remote Desktop Services, formerly called “Terminal Services”, is a server-side version of the PC-Duo Host designed to support Remote Desktop sessions.

The PC-Duo Host runs on the Windows Server with the Remote Desktop role, which may also include software support from Citrix. It is configured to support one or more concurrent Remote Desktop sessions. Each time a new Remote Desktop session is started, the Host injects a copy of itself into the session. This session Host will include instructions for reporting to one or more Gateways. When the Remote Desktop session is discarded, the session Host instance will also be discarded and will be automatically removed from the Gateway(s).

The PC-Duo Host for RDS requires a special Host license key that will specify the maximum number of concurrent RD sessions that can be supported on that Server.

For more information about configuring and operating PC-Duo Host, please see the *PC-Duo Host Guide*.



## PC-Duo Host for VDI



PC-Duo Virtual Desktop Image Host is a special version of the PC-Duo Host designed to support the transient nature of virtual desktops.

The PC-Duo Host for VDI can be included as part of a virtual desktop template; when one or more virtual desktop sessions are generated using this template (often to create a pool of virtual desktop images), the sessions will include a Host with all the features of the installed Host but not the permanent nature. When the virtual desktop session is discarded, the Host will also be discarded and will be removed automatically from the Gateway(s).

The PC-Duo Host for VDI requires a special Host license key that will specify the maximum number of concurrent VDI sessions that can be supported in the virtual desktop environment.

For more information about configuring and operating PC-Duo Host, please see the *PC-Duo Host Guide*.

## PC-Duo Host on Demand

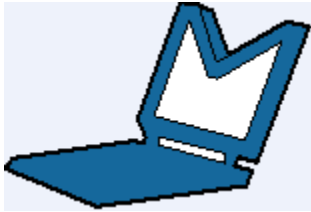


PC-Duo Host on Demand (HOD) is a streamlined version of the Host that can be launched from the Share My Desktop button on the Web Console landing page. It enables the desktop of any internet-accessible machine to be shared instantly. No local or network administrative privileges are required, and no reboot is necessary to run this special Host type.

The PC-Duo Host on Demand is hosted by the Gateway Server and is enabled by a special license key installed in the Gateway Server. When enabled, the Share My Desktop button on the Web Console landing page will light up, and end users will be able to install as many instances of HOD as they like. Each instance will report back to and be accessible through the Gateway Server from which it was served.

For more information about configuring and operating PC-Duo Host on Demand, please see the *PC-Duo Web Console Operating Guide*.

## PC-Duo Master



PC-Duo Master is a console application that technicians can use to establish remote support connections to one or more Host computers. With PC-Duo Master, you can:

- ◆ Make one or more peer-to-peer remote support connections to Host computers in your network.
- ◆ Connect to PC-Duo Gateway and make one or more Gateway-managed remote support connections to Host computers from a directory of available Hosts.
- ◆ View the entire screen of the remote computer or just a single monitor.
- ◆ Take complete control of a Host computer using the local keyboard and mouse.
- ◆ Share control of the Host computer with its end-user.
- ◆ Passively monitor the Host computer without exercising control.
- ◆ Use the clipboard transfer feature to transfer portions of text, bitmaps, and other objects between your Host and Master computers.
- ◆ Use the PC-Duo file transfer feature to copy files between your Host and Master computers.
- ◆ Use the PC-Duo remote printing feature to print locally from applications running on a remote computer or vice-versa.
- ◆ Record screen activity on the Host and play back the recording on the Master.
- ◆ Chat with end-user and any other technicians connected to the same Host.

For more information about configuring and operating PC-Duo Master, please see the *PC-Duo Master Guide*.

## PC-Duo Gateway



PC-Duo Gateway is an enterprise class server, which provides centralized administration, security and management for a network of remote support connections to Host computers in your environment.

With PC-Duo Gateway configured as the hub of your remote support network, you can:

- ◆ Organize large numbers of Host computers into logical groups for easier access and management.
- ◆ Reach remote computers outside the network, behind firewalls or NAT-devices.
- ◆ Utilize SSL for certificate-based authentication.
- ◆ Create custom access rights policies and apply them to groups to make configuration changes more quickly and efficiently.
- ◆ Monitor and manage remote support activity in real-time.
- ◆ Keep detailed records of all remote support activity in your network with comprehensive audit logs.
- ◆ Record screen activity on one or more remote computers simultaneously using PC-Duo Gateway's screen recording feature.

PC-Duo Gateway includes the PC-Duo Gateway Administrator, a tool for configuring the Gateway and for monitoring, managing and auditing remote support activity in your network.

For more information about configuring and operating PC-Duo Gateway, please see the *PC-Duo Gateway Server Guide*.

## PC-Duo Web Console

PC-Duo Web Console is a web application that provides browser-based access to the PC-Duo Gateway Server for administration and configuration. It is effectively a web-based version of the Gateway Administrator.

The Web Console also includes an optional feature called the Master on Demand, which allows on-demand access to remote desktops directly from the Web Console. It is effectively a web-based version of the Master application.

With PC-Duo Web Console:

- ◆ Administrators can access and edit all the configuration information on the Gateway Server, including Groups, Security, Permissions, etc. The Administrative web account can be used in conjunction with or instead of the standalone Gateway Administrator application.
- ◆ If the Master on Demand is enabled, Helpdesk technicians can view and access remote desktops connected to the Gateway.

For more information about configuring and operating PC-Duo Web Console, please see the *PC-Duo Web Console Operating Guide*.

For more information about installing PC-Duo Web Console, please see the *PC-Duo Web Console Installation Guide*.

## PC-Duo Master on Demand

The Master on Demand is a feature of the Web Console, which allows on-demand access to remote desktops directly from the Web Console. It is effectively a web-based version of the Master application.

With PC-Duo Master on Demand:

- ◆ Helpdesk technicians can view and access remote desktops connected to the Gateway.
- ◆ Employees can view and access their computers at work, even if they are on the road or at home. The Personal web account offers convenient, secure, reliable alternative to VPN.

To enable the Master on Demand, a special key must be entered into the Gateway Server.

For more information about configuring and operating PC-Duo Master on Demand, please see the *PC-Duo Web Console Operating Guide*.

## PC-Duo Deployment Tool

PC-Duo Deployment Tool is an easy-to-use software distribution utility that automates the deployment and installation of PC-Duo applications to remote computers in your network.

With PC-Duo Deployment Tool, you can:

- ◆ Automatically deploy an image of PC-Duo Host, Master or Gateway to one or more computers or groups of computers in your network and avoid manual effort of going to each machine.
- ◆ Create an image of PC-Duo Host, Master or Gateway with custom configuration options that can be mass deployed on large numbers of computers in your environment.
- ◆ Create and push custom configuration options for PC-Duo Host, Master or Gateway, without having to reinstall underlying software.
- ◆ Use Active Directory to find remote computers and push software and configuration settings to them.

For more information about configuring and operating PC-Duo Deployment Tool, please see the *PC-Duo Deployment Tool Guide*.

## ***PC-Duo technologies***

PC-Duo remote desktop solutions utilize highly optimized technologies to deliver speed, performance and reliability, including:

- ◆ **Highly efficient screen capture algorithms.** PC-Duo utilizes two kinds of screen capture technology:
  - ◆ Kernel-mode screen capture. This technology utilizes the PC-Duo mirror driver, which reproduces graphics drawing commands from the remote Host on the PC-Duo Master user's screen quickly and efficiently.
  - ◆ User-mode screen capture. This technology works without a mirror driver and is designed to adjust automatically to the amount of CPU and bandwidth available on the remote Host machine.
- ◆ **Streamlined communication protocol.** The PC-Duo protocol has been honed over 15 years for efficiency and reliability when sending screen capture data to another computer in real-time and receiving keyboard/mouse input.

Using these technologies, PC-Duo remote support solutions enable technicians to find and fix problems on remote computers faster and easier than ever before.

## ***PC-Duo services***

PC-Duo remote desktop solutions offer technicians a number of professional-quality services for investigating and solving problems on Host remote computers, including:

- ◆ **Remote Control:** ability to view screen activity on an end-user's remote machine, and with proper authorization, take control of and send keyboard/mouse inputs to the remote machine in real-time
- ◆ **Remote Clipboard:** ability to copy selected items on the screen of a remote machine into the clipboard on the remote machine and transfer the contents to the clipboard on the technician's machine, and vice versa
- ◆ **File Transfer:** ability to drag-and-drop files or directories on the remote machine to the technician's machine, and vice versa
- ◆ **Host-based Chat:** ability to chat with the end-user on a remote machine, and any other technicians connected to that machine
- ◆ **Remote Printing:** ability to print selected items from the remote machine to a printer attached to the technician's machine, and vice versa
- ◆ **Host Administration:** ability to view and edit configuration settings of the PC-Duo Host installed on the remote machine
- ◆ **Remote Management:** ability to generate inventory of hardware and software assets on remote machine, and to query and change certain system settings. See "Remote Management features" for more information about tools available through this service.



## PC-Duo connection types

PC-Duo services are performed over service connections between a PC-Duo Master (with appropriate access rights) and a PC-Duo Host. Service connections are established on demand, when a PC-Duo Master requests a service from a PC-Duo Host.

PC-Duo supports several different types of remote access connections:

PC-Duo Connection Types	PC-Duo Express Edition	PC-Duo Enterprise Edition	PC-Duo On-Demand Edition
RDP session sharing	Yes	Yes	Yes
Peer-to-peer connections	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gateway-managed connections	No	Yes	Yes
Firewall-friendly connections	No	Yes	Yes
RDS connections	No	Yes	Yes
VDI connections	No	Yes	Yes
VNC connections	Yes	Yes	No
Host on Demand connections	No	Yes	Yes

## RDP session sharing: Follow the active session

PC-Duo connections can be used to share an active RDP session in real-time.

If PC-Duo Host is running on a desktop-class operating system (e.g. Windows 7), and there is an active/connected RDP session being hosted on that computer, then the Host will automatically capture and provide input control to that RDP session. In essence, the Host will capture what the remote RDP session user is seeing, not what the local physical console on that machine is showing (probably the Windows login screen).

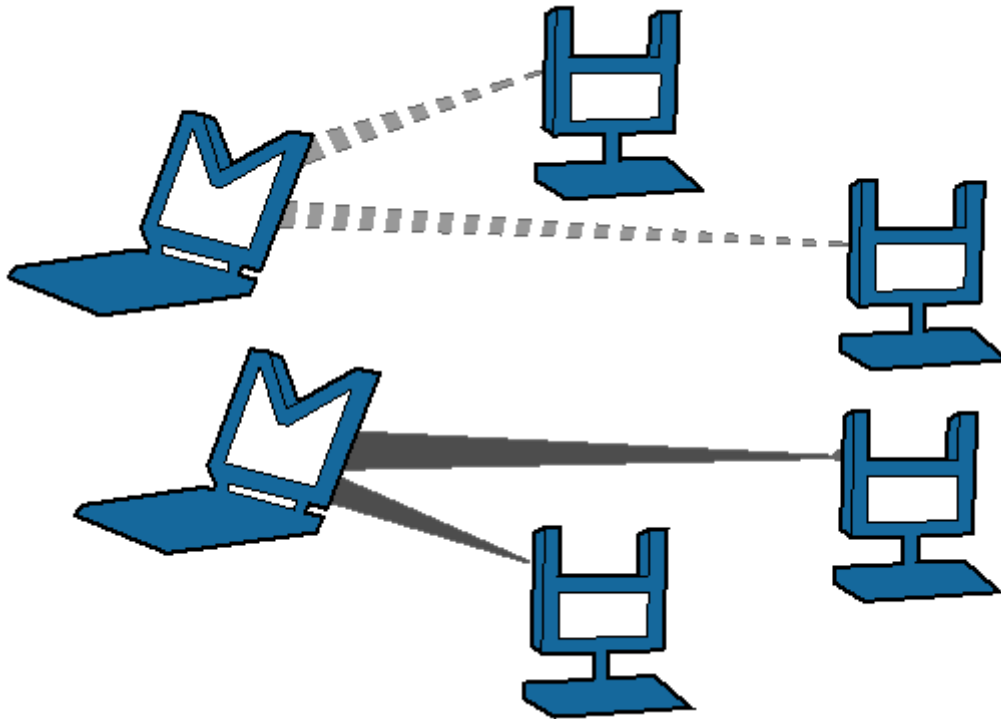
When there is no active/connected RDP session being hosted on that computer, or if an active/connected RDP session is stopped, the Host will automatically capture and provide input control to the session running on the computer and being displayed on the local console. The Host will follow the active session as it moves from RDP user back to the local console.

**Note:** feature only applies to desktop-class operating systems, which support only one active session at a time. Server-class operating systems (e.g. Windows Server 2008, 2012 or 2016) can support multiple sessions simultaneously via Remote Desktop Services; use the Host for RDS to capture and/or provide input control to one or more sessions on server-class OS.

## Peer-to-peer connections

When a computer with PC-Duo Master establishes a direct connection to a computer with PC-Duo Host, the connection that is established is a **peer-to-peer connection**.

By default, PC-Duo Master searches the network for Host computers when it starts up. Any Host computers it finds are listed on the **Peer-to-Peer Hosts** tab of the PC-Duo Master window.



### *Peer-to-peer connections from Master (M) to Host (H)*

The dotted and solid lines, shown in above depict two different sets of peer-to-peer connections between PC-Duo Masters to PC-Duo Hosts. PC-Duo's peer-to-peer connections enable the following:

- ◆ PC-Duo Master users with proper credentials can securely access Host computers within the network.
- ◆ When you permit full access to a Host computer, the PC-Duo Master user can monitor all activity on the Host computer. In addition, PC-Duo Master users with full access rights can exercise complete control over that computer.
- ◆ When the Host and Masters are in the same domain, PC-Duo Host can be configured to use the Microsoft Windows authentication service to check credentials of any PC-Duo Master users. An access control policy can allow (or deny) full or partial access for authenticated PC-Duo Master users to access services on a Host computer.

Although PC-Duo's peer-to-peer connections provide a secure solution for remote support, this solution is not recommended for large and/or highly distributed networks; instead, consider using PC-Duo Gateway for centrally managed remote support connections.

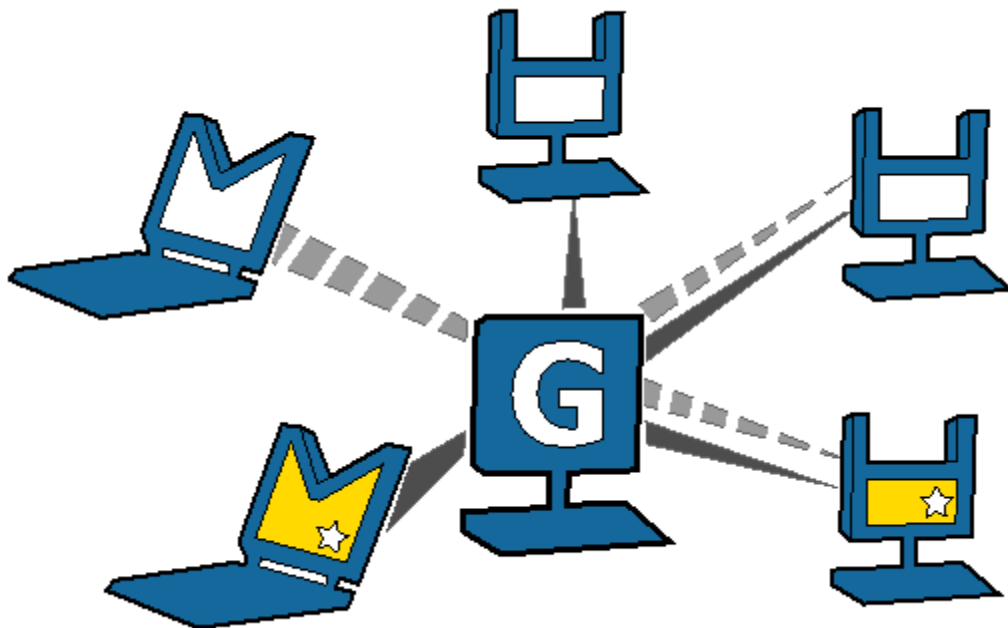
## Gateway-managed connections

When a computer with PC-Duo Master establishes a connection to a computer with PC-Duo Host through a central server (i.e. PC-Duo Gateway), the connection that is established is a **Gateway-managed connection**. In this way, the Gateway serves as a central location for managing and monitoring connections, configuration, security and reporting. Any Host computers found by the Gateway are listed on the **Gateway Hosts** tab of the PC-Duo Master window.

In large networks, the PC-Duo Gateway can be configured to manage connections with hundreds or thousands of Hosts simultaneously, enabling Masters to find and take control of Hosts instantly.

Gateway-managed connections utilize the same strong authentication and authorization that is available with PC-Duo's peer-to-peer connections. In addition, PC-Duo Gateway provides the following capabilities:

- ◆ Seamless connections from Master computers to Host computers through a PC-Duo Gateway. To the PC-Duo Master user, the connection appears as if it were a peer-to-peer connection to the Host computer, even if the Host is outside the domain and/or behind a firewall or NAT device.
- ◆ Centralized management of access rights to remote computers in your network. Once you configure your Host computers to report to the PC-Duo Gateway, you can achieve global management through a single security policy that you configure using PC-Duo Gateway Administrator.
- ◆ User-based access policies. Customize and apply access policies to individual PC-Duo Master users or groups in your network. Allow full remote access to one or more Host computers for some PC-Duo Master users, while restricting access rights for others.
- ◆ Comprehensive logging and auditing of all remote control activity within your network. With this feature, you can keep records of all remote support connections.
- ◆ Continuous screen recording. PC-Duo Gateway allows you to record screen activity on any remote Host. Efficient file compression makes 24x7 recording economical and manageable.



*Gateway (G)-managed connections from Master (M) to Host (H)*

## Firewall-friendly connections

When PC-Duo Master users need access to Hosts that are outside the domain, and/or behind a firewall or NAT-device, normal peer-to-peer or Gateway-managed connections will not work. In these cases, it is difficult to find and maintain a secure remote support connection because of dynamic port assignments and other network challenges.

For these situations, PC-Duo Gateway builds special firewall-friendly connections to these Hosts. When Hosts are outside the domain, the Hosts are programmed to automatically initiate contact with the Gateway. The Gateway will use this initial contact to build a firewall-friendly connection to the Host. In this way, the remote Host outside the domain will appear just like any Host inside the domain.

## Remote Desktop Services connections

PC-Duo provides server-side support (screen capture, input control, screen recording) for session-based virtual desktops hosted by Remote Desktop Services, formerly called "Terminal Services", on Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2012 and Windows Server 2016. Windows Server creates and hosts the Remote Desktop Services (RDS) sessions like virtual machines. A presentation technology using a display protocol such as RDP from Microsoft or ICA from Citrix is typically used to remote the session display, as well as the keyboard and mouse input, to and from an end user device (such as a thin client computer like a Wyse terminal).

PC-Duo allows technicians to capture (and if desired, record) the session presentation information at the Windows Server before it is remototed to the end user device over the RDP or ICA display protocol. PC-Duo is able to do this by injecting a Host instance into each server-side RDS session, which in turn captures and sends presentation information directly to PC-Duo Gateway for recording and/or further transmission to a PC-Duo Master.

**Note:** Because RDS sessions are captured at the Windows Server (and not at the end user device), PC-Duo Host effectively bypasses the technology used to remote the sessions to the end users, and will therefore be compatible with Microsoft Remote Desktop Services clients as well as Citrix Presentation Server (now known as XenApp) clients.

**Note:** PC-Duo only supports RDS sessions created on server-class Windows operating systems such as Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2012 and Windows Server 2016.

See the **RDS tab** in PC-Duo Host Guide for more specific configuration and setup information.

## Root Host for RDS sessions

The "Remote Desktop Services" feature of Windows Server editions allows multiple virtual desktop sessions to be active simultaneously. PC-Duo provides remote access and remote control to these sessions on the Windows Server by injecting a separate instance of the Host service into every new RDS session. A special version of the Host called the "root" Host must be loaded on the RDS server (a "root" Host is a standard Host with a special PC-Duo Host for RDS license key - see **About tab** in the *PC-Duo Host Guide* for more information); it will automatically spawn new Host instances every time a new RDS session is created.

## Transient Hosts

Each RDS session's instance of the Host will have its own unique workstationID and must be configured to report to a Gateway. When it first reports to the Gateway Server, it will be automatically managed and added to the "All Hosts" group. The Hosts for RDS are considered transient, since they go away when the RDS user logs out of his/her session. In order to keep track of transient RDS Hosts, the PC-Duo Gateway will create a new Group called "Host for RDS on <Servername>", and automatically insert transient Hosts into this Group. They are automatically deleted from the Gateway when the RDS session ends. The main purpose of this Group is to allow security to be assigned to the Hosts and RDS sessions that belong to this Group, and to provide the correct and appropriate access to the RDS-based Host instances.

**Note:** PC-Duo Host for RDS works on Windows Server editions, and requires a Gateway Server v6.10 or later.

## Recording RDS Hosts

Recordings are normally deleted from the Gateway database when their associated workstation record is deleted. Transient Host for RDS workstation records are automatically deleted from the Gateway when the RDS user logs out of his/her session. However, to prevent recordings of Host for RDS from being automatically deleted when the RDS session ends, the RDS session recordings are reassigned to an artificial permanent workstation record called "Recordings of Host for RDS". All recordings of all RDS Hosts on a given RDS server will be associated with this one record. This approach has the following advantages:

- ◆ Recordings are not orphaned
- ◆ All recordings can be kept in one place,
- ◆ RDS recordings can be kept separate from console (root Host) recordings

- ◆ Security can be configured separately for each recording.

### Limitations of Hosts for RDS

Due to technical limitations and the nature of Remote Desktop Services sessions, the following Host features are not supported.

- ◆ Keyboard and mouse suppression (requires kernel-based input stack intercept)
- ◆ Screen blanking (requires kernel-based support and physical display to blank)
- ◆ Peer-to-peer connections: all protocols are disabled, and the only connections that can be made are through a configured Gateway Server
- ◆ Kernel-mode screen capture (requires kernel-mode display support)

### VDI connections

PC-Duo provides a special version of the Host to run inside of virtual desktop images (VDI) created from virtual desktop templates in environments such as Citrix XenDesktop. If the regular Host is specified in the template, then the Host will automatically be installed when the virtual desktops are created using this template.

This works fine with Peer-to-Peer connections to the Host in the VDI, but has some complications when the Host is configured to report to one or more Gateway Servers:

- ◆ The GWS must be configured to “automatically manage new Hosts” to have the Host become available without any manual intervention.
- ◆ If the virtual desktop is discarded when the user logs out, the Host is effectively destroyed as well, but the Gateway doesn’t know this. The Host remains known to the Gateway (and managed, using a Managed Hosts license) until it is manually cleaned up by an administrator, or until the **Delete Hosts older than** feature kicks in and deletes it. (But note that setting is measured in days, default is set to 120, and setting that to a low value runs the risk of deleting conventional installed Hosts that are simply offline for a while.)

To address both of these problems, the Gateway Server supports a special version of the Host for VDI that is “transient” in nature (similar to a Host for RDS session); when the VDI Host is specified in the template, the following will occur:

- ◆ A new group, “Host for VDI”, is automatically created at the Gateway when a Host of this type first reports. All Hosts of this type are automatically managed (independent of the “automatically manage Hosts” setting), and are added to this group.
- ◆ If the virtual desktop is discarded when the user logs out, the VDI Host, because of its transient nature, will automatically be disconnected and removed from the Gateway, freeing up a Managed Host license.
- ◆ Similar to what happens when recording Host for RDS sessions, a new pseudo-host, “Recordings of Host for VDI”, is created when any of these Hosts is recorded. The recording of the VDI Host is associated with this pseudo-Host instead of with the Host workstation, and will remain in there even after the virtual desktop is discarded
- ◆ If the Gateway is in Managed Hosts licensing mode, a new license key that limits the maximum number of VDI Hosts that can be connected to the Gateway concurrently is required

## VNC connections

PC-Duo provides remote access and remote control to computers running a standard version of VNC (Virtual Network Computing) server. A VNC server is built into recent versions of the Mac OS X operating system from Apple Computer, and is also available on many versions of the Linux operating system. When properly configured, technicians can use PC-Duo Master on Windows to connect to and take control of Mac and Linux computers running standard VNC server.

PC-Duo currently supports peer-to-peer connections to VNC servers.

See "VNC Hosts" in the *PC-Duo Master Guide* for more information on configuring and connecting to VNC servers.

## Supported Platforms

PC-Duo Master can interoperate with standard VNC servers on following platforms:

- ◆ Mac OS X
- ◆ Red Hat Linux Fedora

## Host on Demand connections

PC-Duo provides remote access and remote control to computers running a streamlined version of the Host called "Host on Demand" (HOD). The Host on Demand can be accessed from the Web Console landing page by any internet-accessible machine and will enable end user to share his/her desktop instantly through the Gateway Server.

## Supported Web Browsers

PC-Duo Host on Demand is supported on following web browsers:

- ◆ Internet Explorer
- ◆ Edge
- ◆ Firefox
- ◆ Chrome
- ◆ Safari

Note that helper apps may be required to run certain features of the Web Console for browsers other than Internet Explorer or Edge.

See the *PC-Duo Web Console Operating Guide* for more information on enabling and configuring Host on Demand.

## PC-Duo security features

One of the most valuable aspects of PC-Duo remote desktop solutions is the ability to create and enforce fine-grained access control policies, and to easily modify them to reflect changes in your organization.

PC-Duo security features include the following:

- ◆ “Authentication”
- ◆ “Authorization”
- ◆ “Auditing”
- ◆ “Encryption”

## Authentication

In the PC-Duo model, PC-Duo applications that request information and services are considered “clients” and those that provide information and services are considered “servers”. For example, the PC-Duo Master is considered a client when it connects to and requests a list of Hosts from a PC-Duo Gateway. In turn, the PC-Duo Gateway is considered a client when it connects to and requests information from a PC-Duo Host in the same domain.

Connection	Client	Server
Peer-to-peer	Master	Host
Gateway-managed (Gateway & Host are in same domain)		
◆ Master-Gateway relationship	Master	Gateway
◆ Gateway-Host relationship	Gateway	Host
Gateway-managed (Gateway & Host are not in same domain)		
◆ Master-Gateway relationship	Master	Gateway
◆ Gateway-Host relationship	Host	Gateway

When PC-Duo Host is not in the same domain as the Gateway, the relationship is automatically reversed: The Host is programmed to be the client and will reach out to the Gateway (see [“Firewall-friendly connections”](#) for more information about PC-Duo firewall-friendly connections).

To guarantee security in the PC-Duo environment, it is critical that PC-Duo components acting as servers validate the credentials of users of PC-Duo components acting as clients before they provide access or data. The burden is placed on the client to authenticate itself to the server. PC-Duo implements two types of authentication to support this:



- ◆ “Identity Authentication”
- ◆ “Endpoint Authentication”

### Identity Authentication

In general, this operation answers the following security question: How does the server know who the client is? A PC-Duo application acting as a server will not provide access or information to any PC-Duo application acting as a client until it can validate that client's identity. PC-Duo provides the server three different methods of authenticating the identity of the PC-Duo client:

Connection	Windows authentication	Simple password	Shared-secret password
Peer-to-peer	Yes	Yes	No
Gateway-managed (Gateway & Host are in same domain)			
◆ Master-Gateway relationship	Yes	No	No
◆ Gateway-Host relationship	Yes	No	Yes
Gateway-managed (Gateway & Host are not in same domain)			
◆ Master-Gateway relationship	Yes	No	No
◆ Gateway-Host relationship	No	No	Yes

◆ **Windows authentication:** By default, a PC-Duo application acting as a server uses Windows authentication to check the Windows credentials of the client application:

- ◆ The Host will check the Windows credentials of the PC-Duo Master user in the case of a peer-to-peer connection;
- ◆ The Gateway will check the Windows credentials of the PC-Duo Master users in the Master-Gateway part of a Gateway-managed connection;
- ◆ The Host will check the Windows credentials of the user logged into the Gateway in the Gateway-Host part of a Gateway-managed connection (when Host and Gateway are in the same domain).

**NOTE:** If Host and Gateway are not in the same domain, Windows authentication will not usually be available. In that case, Host and Gateway will rely on Shared secret password.

◆ **Simple password:** Prior to making a connection, a custom password can be created on the **Security** tab of the Host and shared with PC-Duo Master user. This feature permits the PC-Duo Master user to connect to a Host without regard to PC-Duo Master user's Windows credentials.

**NOTE:** Simple password applies only to peer-to-peer connections.

◆ **Shared secret password:** In the case that the Host does not share a domain relationship with the PC-Duo Gateway, or if the Host is outside of the network and cannot contact its domain controller, Windows authentication will not usually be available. Behind the scenes, the PC-Duo Gateway and the Host will exchange a 16-byte secret password that only they will know. As a result, in all subsequent connections, the PC-Duo Gateway and Host will have some measure of authentication when they are not in the same domain. If the Host belongs to the same domain as the PC-Duo Gateway, and the Host is able to reach a domain controller, the Host will prefer to do Windows authentication instead of shared secret password.

### Endpoint Authentication

In general, this operation answers the following security question: How does the client know it is connected to the right server? Identity authentication doesn't prohibit the client from being fooled into connecting to a different server. In order to guarantee that information and services are coming from the expected server, PC-Duo supports endpoint authentication using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL).

◆ **SSL certificate authentication (PC-Duo Gateway only):** PC-Duo has implemented server endpoint authentication using SSL, which means the client will request and validate a certificate from the server before providing requested information or services. This ensures the client has connected to the right server. The following list describes where SSL authentication can and cannot be used:

- ◆ **Peer-to-peer connections:** SSL authentication is not available for peer-to-peer connections. This would require each Host (acting as server) to carry its own certificate, which would be unwieldy and costly to manage.

- ◆ **Gateway-managed connections (Host is in same domain as Gateway):** SSL authentication is available between Master (acting as client) and Gateway (acting as server). Before connecting, the Master will request and validate a certificate from the Gateway. In general, SSL between Master and Gateway would be most useful when the Master is outside the LAN and/or coming in through a corporate firewall to access the Gateway.

**NOTE:** SSL authentication is not available between the Gateway (acting as client) and the Host (acting as server). As in peer-to-peer connections, this would require each Host to carry its own certificate. SSL connections to the Host are generally not required because the Host can be configured to use a reverse connection to the Gateway, which can use SSL.

- ◆ **Gateway-managed connections (Host is not in same domain as Gateway):** When the Host is outside the LAN and/or behind a firewall or NAT-device, the Host is the client and has responsibility to contact the Gateway. SSL authentication is supported and would be appropriate to ensure that the Host is connecting to the right Gateway. The Host will validate the Gateway Server certificate before accepting the connection, ensuring that the Host is communicating with the correct Gateway Server.

In summary, SSL can be used by the Master to authenticate a Gateway, and by a Host to authenticate a Gateway when the Host is outside the domain:

Connection	Client	Server	SSL Supported
Peer-to-peer	Master	Host	No

Gateway-managed (Master & Host are in same domain)

◆ Master-Gateway relationship	Master	Gateway	Yes
◆ Gateway-Host relationship	Gateway	Host	No

Gateway-managed (Master & Host are not in same domain)

◆ Master-Gateway relationship	Master	Gateway	Yes
◆ Gateway-Host relationship	Host	Gateway	Yes

## Authorization

One of the strongest features of PC-Duo remote support solutions is the fine-grained access control. For example, to perform remote support, you must have the following:

- ◆ Proper credentials with which to connect to the Host computer
- ◆ Authorization to view the Host computer remotely
- ◆ Authorization to control the Host computer remotely

Your credentials are established when you connect to a Host computer (or to a PC-Duo Gateway), and persist until the connection breaks. You can configure access and other rights directly on the Host computer for peer-to-peer connections. Alternatively, you can use the PC-Duo Gateway to enforce custom access rights policies on PC-Duo Master users, roles, or groups for Gateway-managed connections.

## Auditing

PC-Duo Gateway provides a detailed log of connection attempts, actions and other activities that occur in the network. This log is also customizable and exportable to 3rd party reporting products using standard formats.

PC-Duo Gateway also features screen recording for any Host in contact with a Gateway, whether or not there is an active remote support connection. With this feature, PC-Duo Master users can keep a visual log of activities going on in the network.

## Encryption

To ensure privacy of communications between PC-Duo applications across the network, PC-Duo provides advanced encryption using Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) block ciphers. This protection will be automatic and transparent every time two PC-Duo 11.0 components or later are communicating with each other.

By default, PC-Duo uses AES 256-bit encryption, however other encryption options can be set, including:

- ◆ AES encryption (256-bit key)
- ◆ AES encryption (192-bit key)

- ◆ AES encryption (128-bit key)
- ◆ Triple-DES (3DES) encryption (192-bit key)

**NOTE:** PC-Duo 11.0 and later also support RC4 encryption for the sole purpose of being able to connect to older Hosts (v10.0 and earlier), which only allows RC4.

### ***Order of precedence***

When two PC-Duo components have different encryption options set, the first encryption choice in common between the two is used (going down the list in order), with preference set as follows:

- ◆ Preference set by the Host, when the Gateway requests connection to the Host
- ◆ Preference set by the Gateway, when the Master requests connection to a Host through the Gateway

## PC-Duo networking features

PC-Duo remote desktop solutions support several standard transport protocols for computer-to-computer communication, and two types of network addressing schemas.

### Network protocols

PC-Duo products support most of the standard networking and transport protocols, including:

- ◆ **IP:** IP is a general-purpose protocol supported on a wide variety of networks and servers. PC-Duo components support communications using either the TCP or UDP transport protocols running over IP. PC-Duo has established the following standard ports for use with either TCP or UDP:
  - ◆ PC-Duo Host listens on port 1505 by default
  - ◆ PC-Duo Gateway listens on port 2303 by default
- ◆ **SSL:** The SSL protocol runs above TCP/IP and below higher-level protocols such as HTTP or IMAP. Using TCP/IP on behalf of the higher-level protocols allows an SSL-enabled server to authenticate itself to an SSL-enabled client, and then establish an encrypted connection between the remote computers.
  - ◆ By default, PC-Duo Gateway listens for incoming SSL connections on port 443, but it might be appropriate to note that this can be easily changed to avoid conflicts with other server software installed on the same machine.
  - ◆ The PC-Duo Gateway now ships with a Gateway Certificate Manager to manage the creation and/or selection of a SSL security certificate for the PC-Duo Gateway.
- ◆ **WebSocket:** The WebSocket protocol runs above HTTP or HTTPS. This provides a web-proxy friendly and firewall-friendly transport. Only the Gateway Server accepts WebSocket connections; the Host can report to the Gateway this way, and the Master and other client software can connect to the Gateway this way.
  - ◆ The PC-Duo Gateway listens for incoming Secure WebSocket connections (WSS) when SSL is enabled, and uses the same port. It listens for WebSocket connections (WS) when TCP is enabled, and uses the same port.

### Network addressing schemas

The PC-Duo UDP, TCP and SSL transport protocols support the use of either IPv4 (32-bit) or IPv6 (128-bit) addresses.

### Wake-on-LAN support

PC-Duo can be used to "wake-up" remote computers that have been shut down (sleeping, hibernating, or soft off; i.e., ACPI state G1 or G2), with power reserved for the network card, but not disconnected from its power source. The network card listens for a specific packet containing its MAC address, called the *magic packet*, that is broadcast on the subnet or LAN.

In order to execute this feature, both the MAC address and the last known IP address of the remote computer must be known. Since the PC-Duo Gateway knows both of these pieces of information, it is in a position to send the Wake-on-LAN signal.

PC-Duo implements this functionality in Gateway-managed connections in two ways:

- ◆ **Implicit Wake-on-LAN:** If Gateway is asked to make a connection to a remote computer and the last status indicates that the remote computer is "Offline", the Gateway will automatically attempt to wake up the remote computer by sending appropriately configured WOL signal. If the remote computer was shut down in a state capable of receiving WOL signal, it will wake up and report to the Gateway and a connection will be established.
- ◆ **Explicit Wake-on-LAN:** A network administrator, using either PC-Duo Master or PC-Duo Gateway Administrator, can attempt to wake up a remote computer by explicitly sending the WOL signal to that machine. If the remote computer was shut down in a state capable of receiving WOL signal, it will wake up and report to the Gateway and a connection will be established.

See "Send Wake-on-LAN Signal" in the *PC-Duo Master Guide* for more information.

## ***PC-Duo documentation and technical support***

Each of the four PC-Duo components has its own guide:

- ◆ *PC-Duo Master Guide*
- ◆ *PC-Duo Host Guide*
- ◆ *PC-Duo Gateway Server Guide*
- ◆ *PC-Duo Web Console Operating Guide*
- ◆ *PC-Duo Web Console Installation Guide*
- ◆ *PC-Duo Deployment Tool Guide*

For more information about PC-Duo documentation and technical support, see:

- ◆ "Typographical conventions"
- ◆ "Technical support options"

## **Typographical conventions in documentation**

PC-Duo documentation uses typographical conventions to convey different types of information.

### ***Computer text***

Filenames, directory names, account names, IP addresses, URLs, commands, and file listings appear in a plain fixed-width font:

You can use the default domain user account named `'RemoteControlGateway'`.

In examples, text that you type literally is shown in a bold font.

To run the installation program, type **`installme`** in the command line.

### ***Screen interaction***

Text related to the user interface appears in **bold sans serif type**.

Enter your username in the **Login** field and click **OK**.

Menu commands are presented as the name of the menu, followed by the > sign and the name of the command. If a menu item opens a submenu, the complete menu path is given.

Choose **Edit > Cut**.

Choose **Edit > Paste As... > Text**.

### ***Variable text***

Variable text that you must replace with your own information appears in a fixed-width font in italics. For example, you would enter your name and password in place of ***YourName*** and ***YourPassword*** in the following interaction.

Enter your name: *YourName*  
Password: *YourPassword*

File names and computer text can also be displayed in italics to indicate that you should replace the values shown with values appropriate for your enterprise.

### **Key names**

Names of keyboard keys appear in SMALL CAPS. When you need to press two or more keys simultaneously, the key names are joined by a + sign:

Press RETURN.

Press CTRL+ALT+DEL.

### **Technical support options**

If you have any problems installing or using the PC-Duo remote support products, information and support resources are available to help:

This manual and the *Release Notes* may contain the information you need to solve your problem. Please re-read the relevant sections. You may find a solution you overlooked.

Our technical support staff can be contacted by the following means:

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## Deployment Tool Installation

PC-Duo Deployment Tool can be installed with the following considerations:

- ◆ "System requirements"
- ◆ "Microsoft Management Console requirements"
- ◆ "Target computer requirements"

## ***System requirements***

PC-Duo Deployment Tool can be installed on any computer that runs a supported operating system (OS) and matches the requirements described in this section.

### **Operating System Requirements**

Supported operating systems are:

- ◆ Windows Vista
- ◆ Windows Server 2008
- ◆ Windows 7
- ◆ Windows Server 2008 R2
- ◆ Windows 8
- ◆ Windows Server 2012
- ◆ Windows 8.1
- ◆ Windows Server 2012 R2
- ◆ Windows 10
- ◆ Windows Server 2016

PC-Duo applications are supported on both 32- and 64-bit editions of these operating systems.

### **Hardware Requirements**

The hardware requirements are:

- ◆ Minimum requirements – Same as those specified by Microsoft for the respective operating system.
- ◆ Recommended requirements – Same as those specified by Microsoft for the respective operating system.

### **Installation Requirements**

The following additional requirements are required or recommended for installation of PC-Duo Deployment Tool:

- ◆ Windows Installer 3.1 or later.
- ◆ Adobe Reader - Required for documentation.
- ◆ Microsoft Management Console 3.0 is recommended
- ◆ Local Administrator access rights – Required for the user who is installing PC-Duo Deployment Tool on the machine.
- ◆ Microsoft Core XML Services (MSXML) 6.0 – Required. If the Deployment Tool cannot find the redistributable MSXML6 system component, an error message will appear and the navigation tree will be restricted to the single root node. In this case, you must install

MSXML6 and restart the Deployment Tool. See <http://www.microsoft.com> for more information about the redistributable msxml6.msi package.

**NOTE:** *These prerequisites are met by the supported platforms, and therefore they are not included in the PC-Duo software distribution packages.*

## Operating Requirements

The following requirements are recommended for operation of PC-Duo Deployment Tool:

- ◆ Domain Administrator access rights - Because the PC-Duo Deployment Tool accesses other computers on the network, the tool should be operated with domain administrator credentials. This provides the access rights to manage all of the computers within the domain. If the PC-Duo Deployment Tool is run from an account that does not have access rights to a computer in your network, a password prompt will appear.

## **Microsoft Management Console requirements**

PC-Duo Deployment Tool uses the Microsoft Management Console (MMC).

PC-Duo Deployment Tool stores state information, such as the list of paths to the installation files, product configurations, the network places hierarchy, and the reports, via MMC.

**NOTE:** *In MMC v2.0, different users of the console file do not share state data. State information is preserved if the PC-Duo Deployment Tool is uninstalled and later reinstalled.*

## **Adding the Deployment Tool to the MMC**

PC-Duo Deployment Tool can be added to other console files in MMC by selecting **File > Add/Remove Snap-in** from the MMC menu bar. On the Standalone page of the **Add/Remove Snap-in** dialog that appears, follow these steps:

- 1 Click **Add** and select PC-Duo Deployment Tool from the list that appears.
- 2 Click **Add** and then **Close**.
- 3 Click **OK** to close the remaining dialog and complete the process.

## ***Target computer requirements***

PC-Duo Deployment Tool can be used to install or uninstall PC-Duo software (usually PC-Duo Host) on target computers that meet the following requirements:

- ◆ Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) must be installed and the service must be running. This is installed by default for Windows XP and later platforms.
- ◆ Microsoft Windows Networking must be installed and enabled
- ◆ Remote Procedure Call (RPC) must be enabled on target computers (i.e. standard administrative shares `IPC$` and `ADMIN$` must be accessible).
- ◆ Your target computers must support authentication of remote users. On computers that are not members of the domain, there is a local security policy that may prevent this. See “Sharing and security requirements for Windows” below for more information. Windows XP Home does not support authentication of remote users and therefore is not supported as a target operating system.

## **Sharing and security requirements**

Follow this procedure to set up a sharing and security policy for local accounts::

- 1 Select **Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Local Security Policy**.
- 2 Under **Security Settings > Local Policies > Security Options > Network access: Sharing and security model for local accounts**, set the value to **Classic - local users authenticate as themselves**.

## ***Installation notes***

The PC-Duo Deployment Tool is distributed as part of the *PC-Duo Express Edition* or *PC-Duo Enterprise Edition* bundles available for download from <http://www.vector-networks.com>. Unzip the contents (while preserving the directory tree structure) on your computer.

Click on the *DeploymentTool.msi* file to install the product.

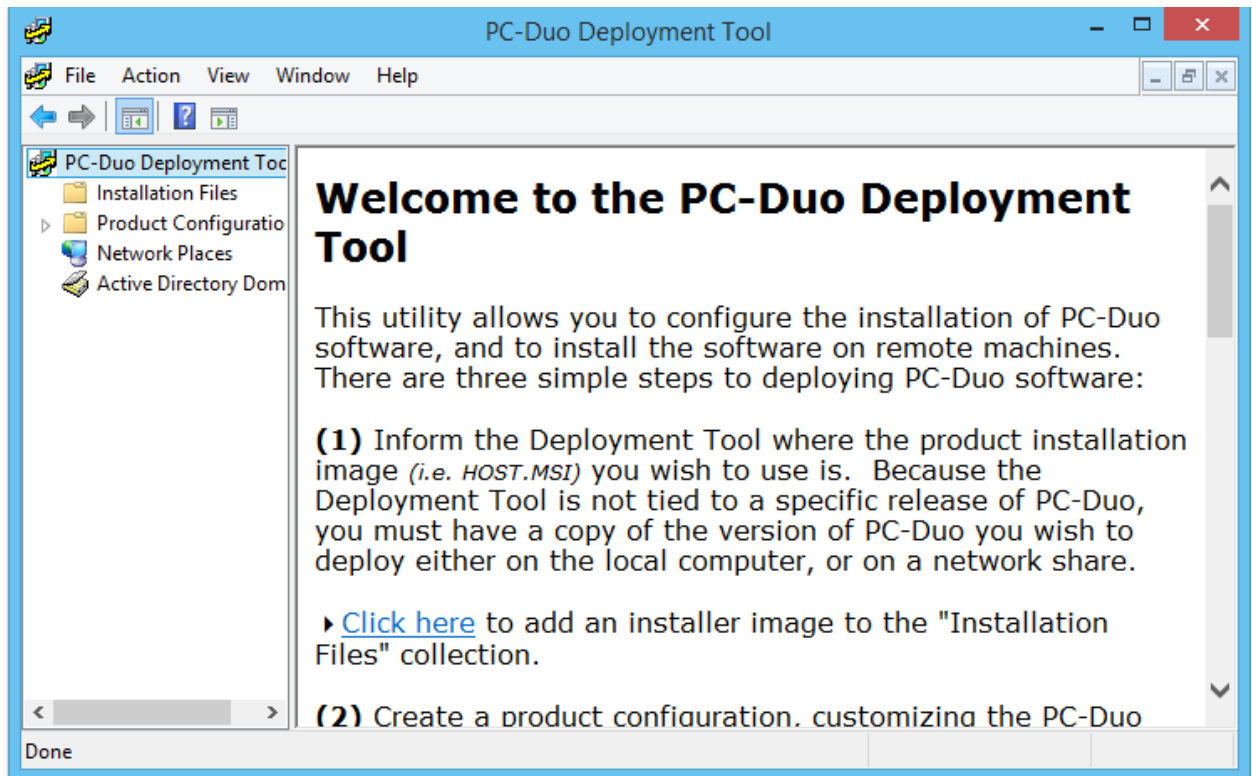
## ***Licensing***

PC-Duo Deployment Tool can be operated without a license key.

## Deployment Tool Operation

After installing PC-Duo Deployment Tool, it can be started by selecting **Start > Programs > Vector Networks > PC-Duo Deployment Tool**.

The **PC-Duo Deployment Tool** window appears:



PC-Duo Deployment Tool has five main options, which are represented in the left-hand side navigation window:

- ◆ **"Installation Files"**, for loading PC-Duo Host, PC-Duo Gateway, or PC-Duo Master installer files to distribute via the Deployment Tool
- ◆ **"Product Configurations"**, for creating Windows Installer Transform `.mst` files with custom configuration changes that you wish to push out to remote computers via the Deployment Tool
- ◆ **"Network Places"**, for specifying target computers within your network on which to install or uninstall software on (as well as to remotely rebooting any network computer) using NetBIOS commands
- ◆ **"Active Directory Domains"**, for discovering remote computers and OUs in your domain, and for installing new PC-Duo software or upgrading older versions of existing PC-Duo software
- ◆ **"Reports"**, for viewing results of product deployment activities via the Deployment Tool

The general process for loading and distributing software via the Deployment Tool is described in the results pane:

There are five simple steps to deploying PC-Duo software:

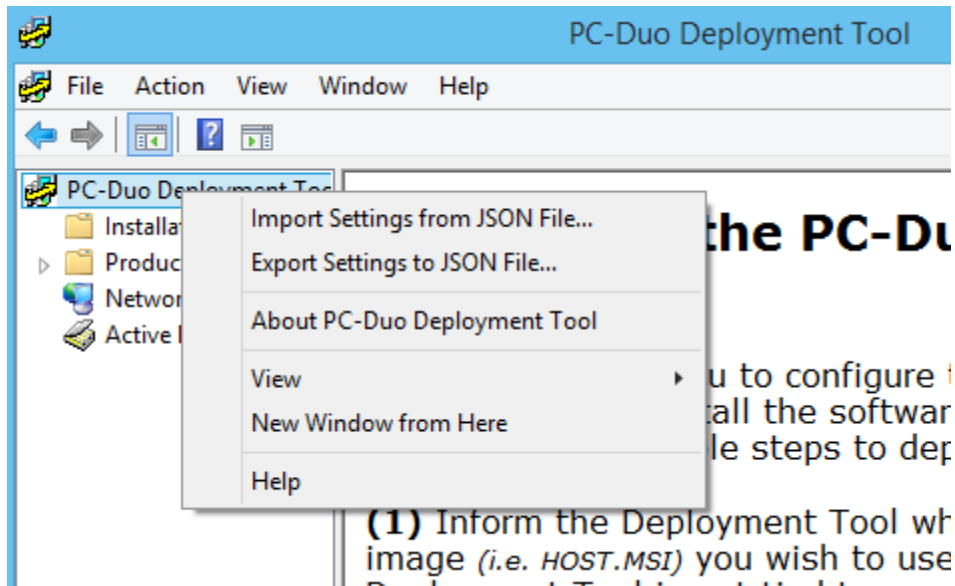
- 1 Inform the Deployment Tool where the product installation image (i.e. `HOST.MSI`) you wish to use is. Because the Deployment Tool is not tied to a specific release of PC-Duo, you must have a copy of the version of PC-Duo you wish to deploy either on the local computer, or on a network share.
- 2 Create a product configuration, customizing the PC-Duo Host or PC-Duo Master settings according to your environment. All of the Host settings are configurable at install time; in addition, installation-time information like User Name, Organization, and License Key can be specified as well.
- 3a Scan the network for domains and workgroups, then scan a domain or workgroup for computers. This allows the Deployment Tool to remember information about each computer that it gets details on, including what version of PC-Duo software is installed on that computer, and whether we have access to deploy software to it. Note that unlike the Windows Explorer, the PC-Duo Deployment Tool does not automatically refresh the "Network Places" collection; you need to manually refresh this list.  
  
- or -
- 3b Use Active Directory to locate domains, organizational units and computers. This allows the Deployment Tool to remember information about each computer that it gets details on, including what version of PC-Duo software is installed on that computer, and whether we have access to deploy software to it. As with "Network Places", the PC-Duo Deployment Tool does not automatically refresh the "Active Directory" collection; you need to manually refresh this list.
- 4 Having completed step 3a or 3b, you're almost ready to deploy PC-Duo software. Right-click on a domain or workgroup name under **Network Places**, and pick **Refresh Computer List**, in order to enumerate the computers in the domain or workgroup. Or right-click on a domain under **Active Directory** and pick **Refresh Organizational Units and Computers** to enumerate the domain. Select the domain, workgroup, or org unit, select one or more computers in the list in the result pane, then right-click and pick **Install Software...** to begin the software deployment process.
- 5 The results of each Deployment Tool task will be available in a report under the **Reports** node.

**NOTE:** *If the Deployment Tool cannot find the redistributable MSXML6 system component, an error message will appear and the navigation tree will be restricted to the single root node. In this case, you must install MSXML6 and restart the Deployment Tool. See <http://www.microsoft.com> for more information about the redistributable msxml6.msi package.*

### Export/Import Deployment Tool Settings

In addition to the five main options visible in the left-hand side navigation window you can right-click "Deployment Tool" at the top of the window and access the additional functions "Import Settings from JSON File..." and "Export Settings to JSON File..."





## Installation files

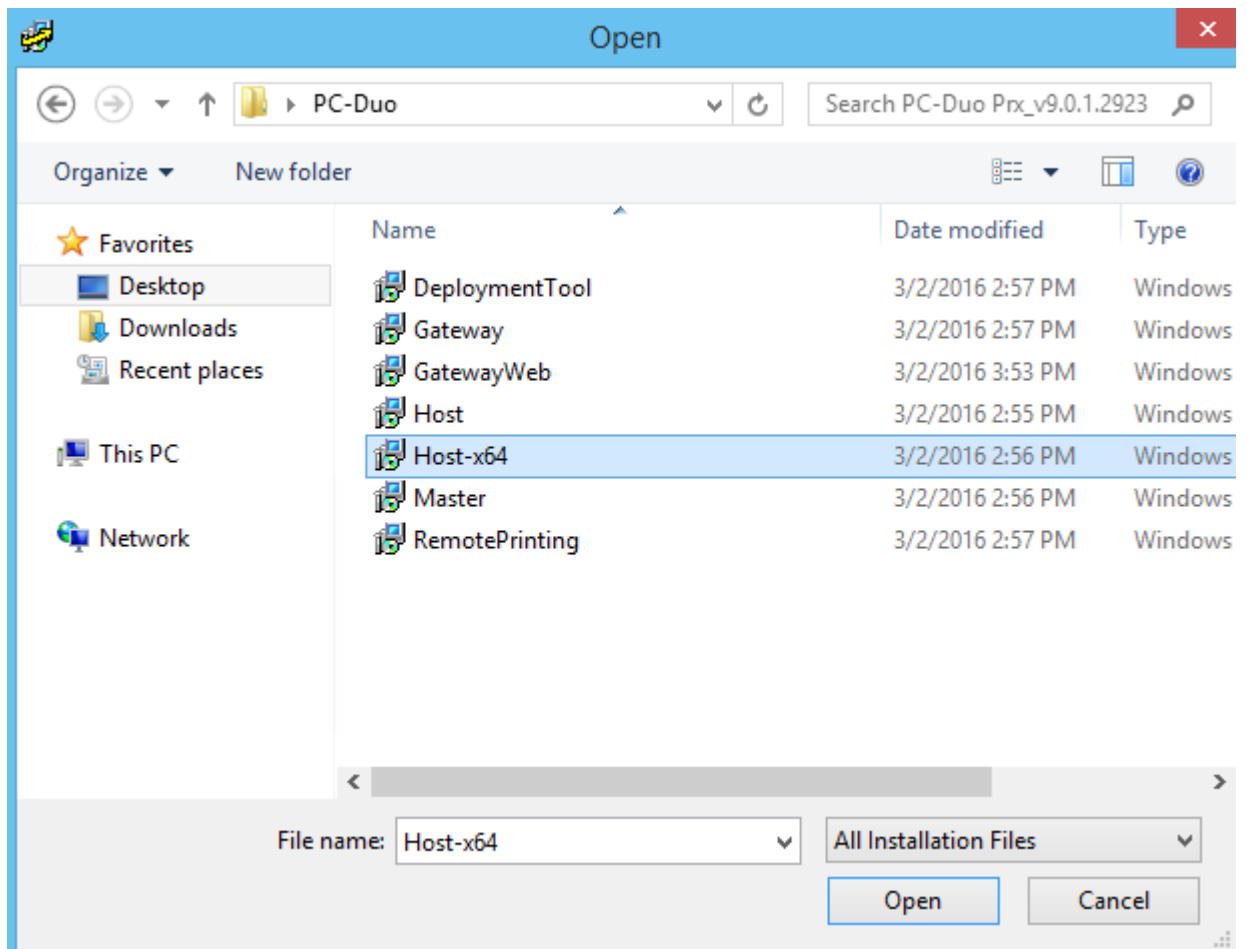
The first step of the software deployment process is to load either an original PC-Duo installer file with default configuration settings (e.g. *Host.msi* file for PC-Duo Host) or a Windows Installer Transform file with custom configuration settings (see "Product Configurations" for more information about creating and loading transform files).

## Loading PC-Duo Installer Files (.msi)

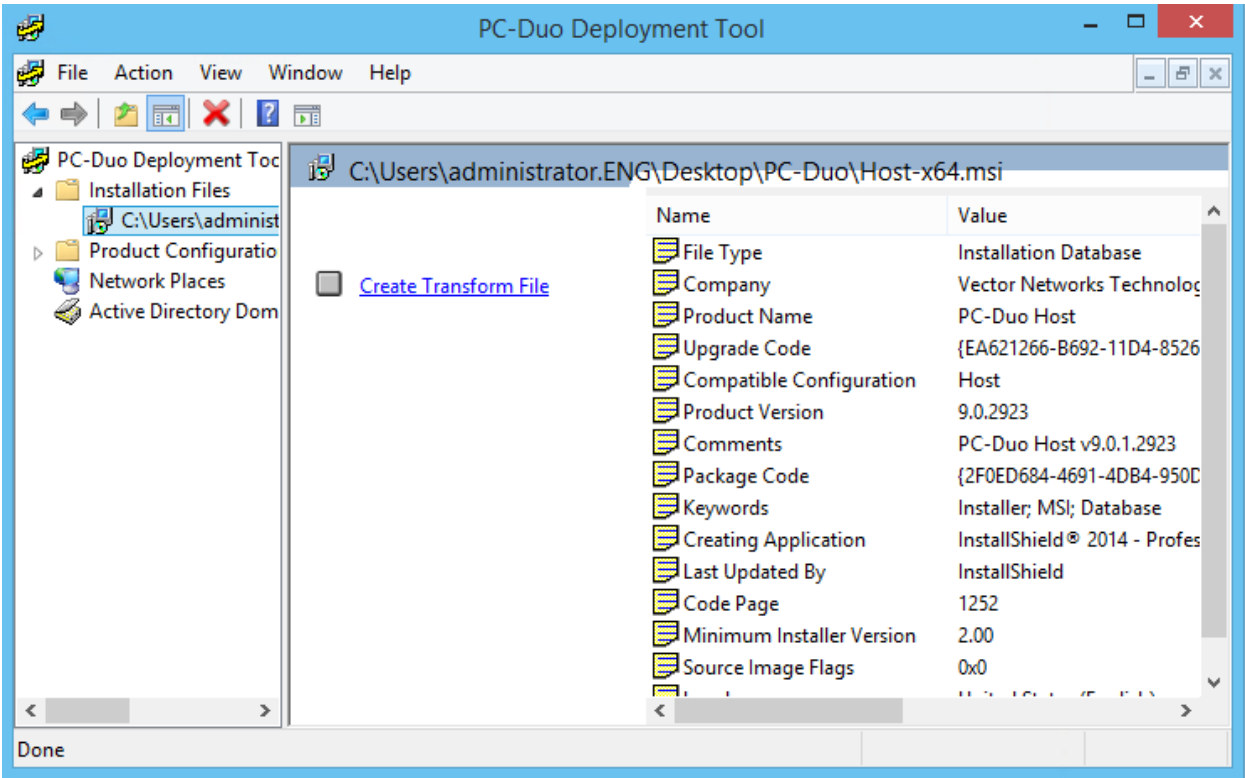
Any of the PC-Duo .msi files with default configurations can be loaded into PC-Duo Deployment Tool for distribution to target computers.

To assign one or more installer files for PC-Duo Host, PC-Duo Gateway, or PC-Duo Master, follow these steps:

- 1 Right-click on **Installation Files** in navigation tree and select **New > Installation File**.
- 2 Navigate to the directory containing the original product installer (.msi) file for either PC-Duo Host, PC-Duo Gateway, or PC-Duo Master.



3 Select the file(s), and click **Open**. The selected file will be loaded into the Deployment Tool and details will appear in results pane on the right-hand side.



## ***Product Configurations***

If you would like to change any configuration settings in the PC-Duo Installer files before you distribute them, the next step of the software deployment process is to create and load a Windows Installer Transform file with the custom settings you desire.

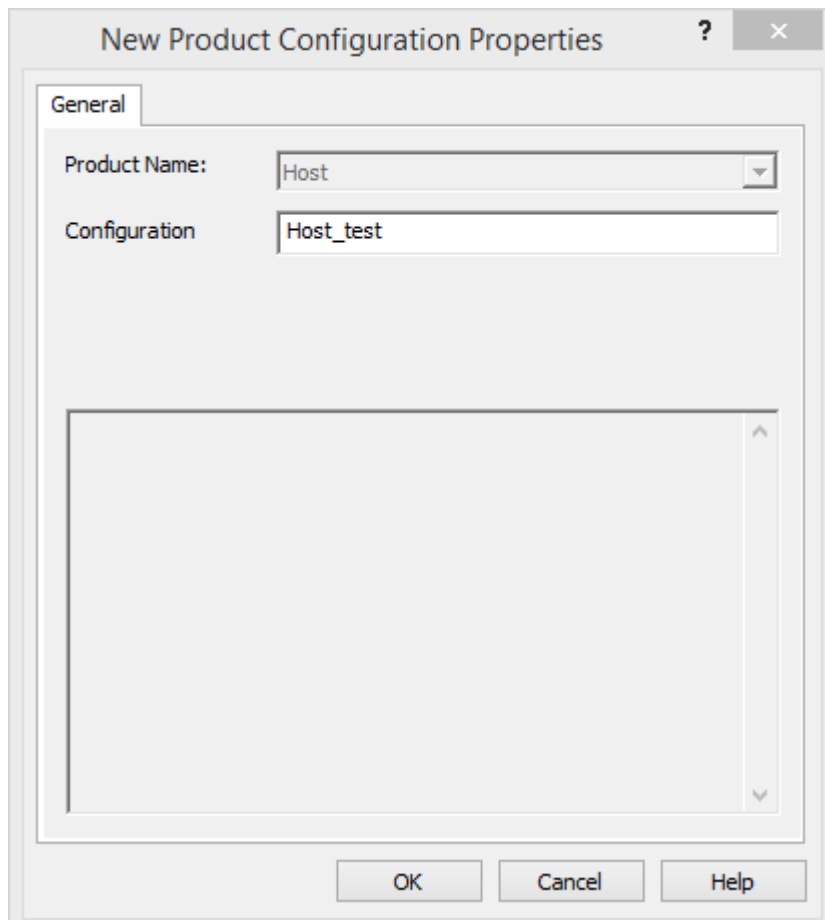
In order to create a Windows Installer Transform file, you must first create and/or edit a Product Configuration file containing the configuration changes you wish to make for a particular PC-Duo Installer file. Then you must apply these changes to a PC-Duo Installer file to create the Transform file.

### **Creating a new Product Configuration file**

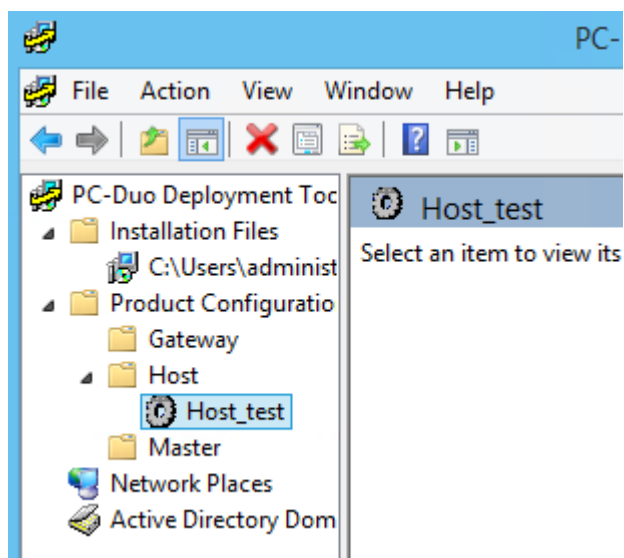
Every new Product Configuration file created in PC-Duo Deployment Tool initially has all configuration options set to default values.

To create a configuration for PC-Duo Host, Master or Gateway with default configuration options, follow these steps:

- 1 Right-click on the Product (Host, Master or Gateway) listed under **Product Configurations** for which you intend to create a default configuration.
- 2 Select **New Configuration**.
- 3 Enter a name for the configuration and click **OK**.



A new node for this named configuration appears in the left-hand navigation tree under the Product that you selected.



## Changing Configuration Settings in the Product Configuration file

Initially, the Product Configuration file starts off with all default values. To modify one or more of these, double click on the setting in the result pane and select the desired setting in the resulting popup window.

- 1 Select the configuration to modify. All configurations parameters are listed on the right-hand side of the Deployment Tool.
- 2 Double-click the configuration parameter you want to modify. When a properties dialog appears, select any options you want. If you select **Use current value or installation default**, then the parameter is assigned according to the following:

- ◆ If an existing installation with a configured value for this parameter already exists (for upgrades), the existing installation parameter value is retained.
- ◆ The default installation configuration options for the selected parameter are used either when an existing installation does not yet have a value for this parameter or for new installations.

- 3 Click **OK** when you are done.

Once you apply the change, the new setting will be reflected in the result pane of the Product Configuration file.

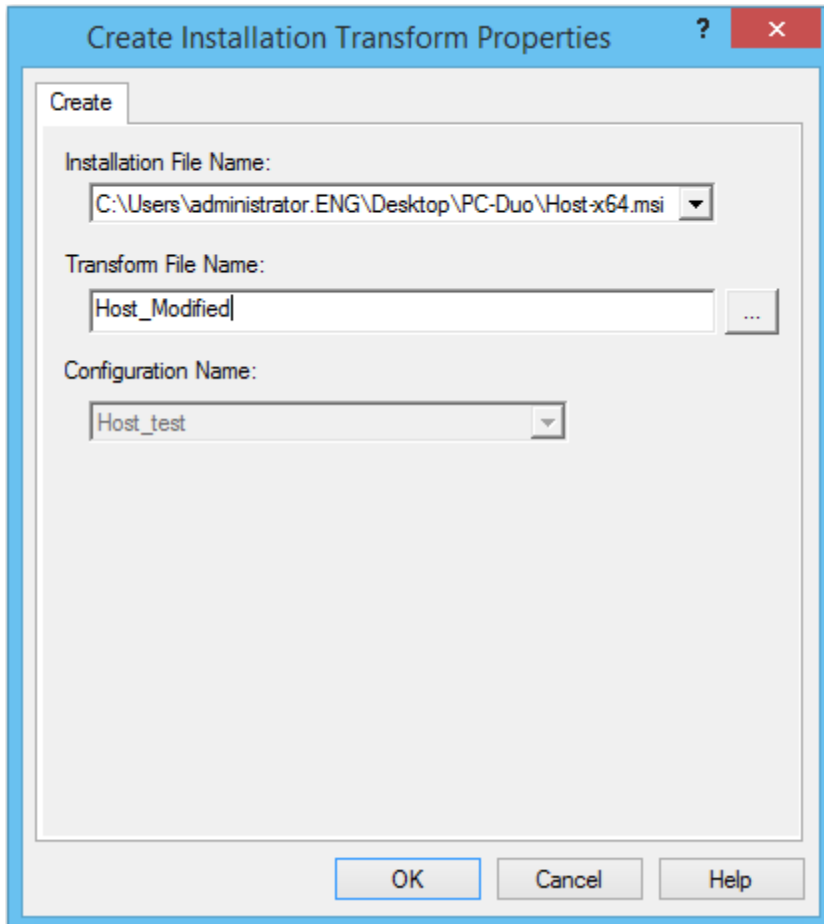
For more information about specific configuration settings for PC-Duo Host, Master or Gateway, see:

- ◆ ["Configuration options for the Host"](#)
- ◆ ["Configuration options for the Master"](#)
- ◆ ["Configuration options for the Gateway"](#)

## Creating Windows Installer Transform file

You are now ready to create a Windows Installer Transform file:

- 1 Right-click on a Product Configuration file in the navigation tree and select **New > Transform File**.
- 2 In the first dropdown box, find the original PC-Duo Installer (.msi) file corresponding to the type of Product Configuration file you selected in the left-hand navigation box (this should have been loaded in the first step of this process (see "Installation Files").
- 3 Input a filename for the new Windows Installer Transform file and click **OK** to create new Windows Installer Transform file.



The new Windows Installer Transform file will appear in the left-hand navigation under **Installation File**. Note that configuration settings that have been changed will show new setting in the Value column and Default flag will be set to "No".

You can now proceed to either Network Places or Active Directory Domains to select target computers and deploy either the original PC-Duo Installer file or the new Windows Installer Transform file.

## Create new configurations

Every new configuration created in PC-Duo Deployment Tool initially has all configuration options set to default values.

To create a configuration for PC-Duo Host, Master or Gateway with default configuration options, follow these steps:

- 1 Right-click the application (PC-Duo Host, Master or Gateway) listed under Product **Configurations** for which you intend to create a default configuration.
- 2 Select **New > Configuration**.
- 3 Enter a name for the configuration and click **OK**.

A new node for this named configuration appears in PC-Duo Deployment Tool. The configuration options currently all have default values. To modify these, follow the instructions in ["Create custom configurations"](#).

For the PC-Duo Host product, you can also choose **New > RDS Template Configuration**. This configuration file will be applied to the Remote Desktop Services Template instead of the standard root Host settings.

*Note: Some Host settings do not apply to the Remote Desktop Services Template, and will appear disabled on the right-hand side of PC-Duo Deployment Tool.*

## Create custom configurations

After creating a named configuration for PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway, any options can be modified.

To modify a configuration in PC-Duo Deployment Tool, follow these steps: PC-Duo Deployment Tool Guide

1 Select the configuration to modify. All configurations parameters are listed on the right-hand side of PC-Duo Deployment Tool.

2 Double-click the configuration parameter you want to modify. When a properties dialog appears, select any options you want. If you select **Use current value or installation default**, then the parameter is assigned according to the following:

- ◆ If an existing installation with a configured value for this parameter already exists (for upgrades), the existing installation parameter value is retained.
- ◆ The default installation configuration options for the selected parameter are used either when an existing installation does not yet have a value for this parameter or for new installations.

3 Click **OK** when you are done.

See the following topics:

- ◆ [“Configuration options for the Master”](#)
- ◆ [“Configuration options for the Host”](#)
- ◆ [“Configuration options for the Gateway”](#)

## Configuration options for the Master

Modify the following configuration options for PC-Duo Master:

- ◆ **Gateways:** Define one or more Gateways PC-Duo Master connects to. This helps make PC-Duo Master “ready to run” immediately upon installation, for those users who connect to Hosts via PC-Duo Gateway.

NOTE: PC-Duo Master follows these rules when a set of Gateway configurations are pushed via Deployment Tool, whether at install time or via the “Update Master Settings” function:

1. New settings take effect only after Master is exited and restarted.
2. Gateways pushed via Deployment Tool are marked “read only” and cannot be modified by the end-user.
3. Gateways pushed via Deployment Tool apply to all users of the machine, but do not affect any user-defined Gateways.
4. Any previously pushed Gateway that does not appear in the new list will be deleted. Gateways are matched by protocol, address and station specifier.



5. Pushing an empty list will delete all previously pushed Gateways, provided the "Remove all gateways from settings?" checkbox is checked. Otherwise, pushing an empty list will have no effect.
6. Gateways are pushed without username or password settings, so the first time a pre-defined Gateway is used, if the logged in user does not have sufficient rights to connect to that Gateway, he or she will be prompted by PC-Duo Master to enter a set of credentials that allow him or her to connect.

- ◆ **Add/Remove in Control Panel:** Set this option to **Disable** to prevent users from modifying the PC-Duo Master configuration.
- ◆ **Installation Directory:** Specify an installation directory other than the default.
- ◆ **License:** Specify your product license here. Note that the Master does not use a "version upgrade" license, so only one license key is required – your full product or subscription upgrade key. Keys from previous versions are not accepted by the Master, and should not be entered.
- ◆ **Organization:** Change the organization name that is shown when you select **Help > About PC-Duo Master**.
- ◆ **Restart after Installation:** After installing with PC-Duo Deployment Tool, PC-Duo Master reboots only if necessary. If a reboot is required, it occurs without any prompts. You can suppress the automatic reboot without prompting by selecting **Use this value** and the **Reallysuppress** option.
- ◆ **User Name:** Change the licensee name from the default (Windows) user name with this option. This is the registered user name that is displayed when you select **Help > About PC-Duo Master**.
- ◆ **Components to Install:** Select which components will be installed with this package. "Master with all features" is the default installation, with the Master and Remote Printing support. "Master without Remote Printing support" installs the Master only.

### **Configuration options for the Host**

Most of the configuration options in the PC-Duo Host Control Panel window can be modified. These options are related to the `PHSetup` commands that you execute from a command line. For more information, see the *PC-Duo Host Guide*.

Modify the following configuration options for PC-Duo Host:

#### **Access tab**

- ◆ **Access Restrictions:** Specify the remote access policy:
  - ◆ Select **Permit connection** to permit remote connections from authenticated PC-Duo Master users to your Host computer.
  - ◆ Select **Lock out connection** to prevent any remote connections from PC-Duo Master users to your Host computer.
  - ◆ Select **Lock out or Permit connection based on time zone** to permit or refuse remote connections to your Host computer based on the day of the week and the time of day. You can specify permitted access by time when you click **Time Zone Settings**.

◆ **Connection Permissions:** You can optionally specify that you require or allow the Host computer operator to grant remote access permission to the Host computer. If you require this feature, you can change the **Grant Permission Time**. If you allow for this feature, you change the **Request Permission Time**.

- ◆ Select **No permission required** (default) to allow remote connection to your Host computer from anyone who satisfies restrictions you specify as authentication security settings.
- ◆ Select **Permission must be granted by Host** if you want to know when a remote user attempts a connection. From the **Host's user must respond within** list, select the time within which you must accept or reject a request. When a remote connection is requested, the Request Permission for Remote Desktop Window appears. You can accept or reject the request. If you do not respond within the specified time, the request is rejected automatically.
- ◆ Select **Permission requested from Host** if you want to know when a remote user attempts a connection. From the **connection continues after** list, select the time after which the connection will be made. When a remote connection is requested, the Request Permission for Remote Desktop Window appears. You can accept or reject the request. If you do not respond within the specified time, the request is accepted automatically.
- ◆ Select **Lock workstation if permission not explicitly granted** if you want the Host to lock the workstation prior to beginning a new remote control connection (if user is bypassing Host permission). This prevents the new user from "hijacking" the logged-in user's session unless he/she knows the credentials to unlock it.

◆ **Do not prompt for permission on logon or lock screen:** If "Yes", suppress any Permission for Connection dialogs when the Host console is displaying a logon or lock screen, accepting the default action. This can facilitate providing the Master access when the machine is unattended.

◆ **Grant Permission Time:** Specify the period before the time-out when you require the Host computer operator to grant remote access permission to the Host computer.

◆ **Lock Workstation on Default:** If "Yes", the workstation is locked if the "Permission to connect" dialog times out. The workstation is not locked if the console user responds to the dialog. If "No", the workstation is never locked.

◆ **Request Permission Time:** Specify the period before the time-out when you allow the Host computer operator to grant remote access permission to the Host computer.

◆ **Time Zone:** Specify the period for remote access.

#### Effects tab

◆ **Manage Visual Effects:** Specify the how visual effects features are remotely controlled.

◆ **Effects:** Sets the flags for the management of visual effects. Checking a box for a category causes that category of effects to be disabled during a connection.

#### Gateways tab

◆ **Gateways:** List the Gateways to which this Host computer reports. These PC-Duo Gateways must already be deployed in your network.

◆ **Require Gateway:** Require that all remote connections through this Host computer be conducted through the listed PC-Duo Gateway or servers.

◆ **Require Gateway for Admin:** Require that all remote administration and remote management connections to this Host computer be conducted through the listed PC-Duo Gateway or servers.

#### General tab

◆ **Beep on Connect/Disconnect:** Request to hear a quick series of three tones rising in pitch whenever a remote connection succeeds. With this option, you also hear a series of tones falling in pitch when the remote connection is terminated.

◆ **Beep While Connected?** Request to hear a short tone periodically, throughout the duration of any remote connection. You can set the interval between beeps from 0 to 9999 seconds. If you set this field to 0, then it turns the beeping off completely.

◆ **Extension Tags:** Displays any name/value pairs specifying custom information for this Host.

◆ **Host Notifications:** Sets the flags for enabling/disabling host notification popups. Checking a box enables that class of notifications. Unchecking a box disables that class of notifications.

◆ **Show icon while connected?:** Display (or hide) the PC-Duo Host tray icon when the service is running and there is an active remote connection.

◆ **Show icon while idle?:** Display (or hide) the PC-Duo Host tray icon when the service is running but there is no active remote connection.

◆ **Station Name:** Modify the name by which your Host computer identifies itself to PC-Duo Gateways or PC-Duo Master users.

Host station name macros are now supported. The Host station name can include strings in the form %MACRO%, and these macros are substituted at runtime for the correct values. This complements the \$MACRO\$ feature in PHSETUP, which provides a one-time substitution at PHSETUP runtime.

This feature may be useful when creating a Host image for deployment, either using the Deployment Tool or via imaging of the entire disk. The macro names supported are:

Macro	Description
%NAME%	Host computer machine name
%USER%	Logged in user at the Host machine console
%USERNAME%	Logged in user at the Host machine console in "<username>" only format
%VER%	Host software version number (e.g. "v5.10.2.1003")
%INTVER%	Internal Host software version number
%PID%	Process ID of the Host service
%PLATFORM%	Host operating system platform (e.g. "Win2000")
%PROT%	Network protocol (e.g. "IP" or "TCP")
%ADDR%	Network address (e.g. "192.168.0.15")
%PORT%	Network port (e.g. "1505")

### Installation group

- ◆ **Components to Install:** Select which components will be installed with this package. "Host with all features" is the default installation, with the Host and Remote Printing support. "Host without Remote Printing support" installs the Host only.
- ◆ **"Add or Remove Programs" list in Control Panel:** Setting this value to "disable" will disable the ability to Add/Remove/Modify the product via the system control panel. Do not set this value to have the product appear in the Add/Remove Programs listing.
- ◆ **Installation Directory:** Specify an alternate to the default installation directory.
- ◆ **License:** Specify your product license here. Note that the Host does not use a "version upgrade" license, so only one license key is required – your full product or subscription upgrade key. Keys from previous versions are not accepted by the Host, and should not be entered.
- ◆ **Organization:** Allows you to override the default organization with a new value.
- ◆ **Restart after Installation:** After installing with PC-Duo Deployment Tool, PC-Duo Host reboots only if necessary. Suppress the automatic reboot without prompting by selecting **Use this value** and the **Reallysuppress** option.
- ◆ **User Name:** Allows you to override the default username with a new value.

### Options tab

- ◆ **Lock Workstation on Disconnect:** Lock the Host computer when the remote user connection is terminated (it can be unlocked or restarted using Windows commands).
- ◆ **Reboot on Disconnect:** Reboot the Host computer when the remote user connection is terminated.
- ◆ **Suppress Keys:** Control how the keyboard and mouse of your Host computer behave during remote connection:
  - ◆ Select **Never suppress the local keyboard and mouse** to retain control of the Host computer's keyboard and mouse when a remote user connects to the Host.
  - ◆ Select **Suppress local input, if the Master requests it** to give a remote user control of the Host computer's keyboard and mouse when the remote user requests it. The default settings for PC-Duo Host and PC-Duo Master allow the mouse and keyboard to be shared during a connection, with each side able to use both.
  - ◆ Select **Suppress the local keyboard and mouse at system startup** to give full control of the Host computer's keyboard and mouse to the remote user who connects to the Host. This option does not permit mouse or keyboard input on the Host computer.

### Protocols tab

- ◆ **Access Restriction Addresses:** Sets the TCP/IP restricted addresses
- ◆ **Access Restriction Mode:** Sets "Grant" or "Deny" access to the Host based on TCP/IP addresses specified by "tcprestrictions"
- ◆ **Enable IPX Protocol:** Allow access to Host through IPX configuration
- ◆ **Enable TCP Protocol:** Allow access to Host through TCP configuration
- ◆ **Enable UDP/IP Protocol:** Allow access to Host through UDP configuration
- ◆ **Encrypt Connection:** Turn on encryption, as defined in Preferred Ciphers, for connections to this Host

- ◆ **Port Number for IP:** Allow access through IP protocol using this port number
- ◆ **Port Number for IPX:** Allow access through IPX protocol using this port number
- ◆ **Port Number for TCP:** Allow access through TCP protocol using this port number
- ◆ **Preferred Ciphers:** Use ciphers in order of specification in this list for encrypting connections to this Host

#### Screen tab

- ◆ **Allow Kernel Mode screen capture:** Allow Gateway connections to use kernel-mode screen capture driver, even if user-mode driver is preferred.
- ◆ **Attach Kernel Mode mirror display driver at Startup:** Attach kernel-mode driver to the desktop when Host service starts up to avoid screen flashing (applies when Allow Kernel Mode screen capture option is enabled)
- ◆ **Kernel-mode buffer size (in kilobytes):** Specify the advanced kernel mode setting of the kernel ring buffer size. Changing this from the default value is not generally recommended.
- ◆ **Kernel-mode wait timeout (in milliseconds):** Specify the advanced kernel mode setting of the kernel mode wait timeout. Changing this from the default value is not generally recommended.
- ◆ **Prefer User Mode screen capture:** Uses user-mode driver to capture screen data. This is the default option on all platforms.
- ◆ **Select User Mode Profile:** Create your own user mode profile with the following bandwidth throttling options:
  - ◆ **Description string:** Enter a name for this custom profile
  - ◆ **Image type:** Current default value is "JPEG"
  - ◆ **Image compression quality:** Specify a numeric value between 1-100, with 100 being best quality
  - ◆ **Polling frequencies** (three values -- Capture Rate, Foreground, and Background, in milliseconds): Specify three values on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the least aggressive (longest time), and 10 being the most aggressive (shortest time).
  - ◆ **Bandwidth limit:** Specify a numeric value between 5-200 kilobytes/sec, or -1 for unlimited.

#### Security tab

- ◆ **Administration Password:** Sets simple password required for administration, if Windows Authentication isn't used.
- ◆ **Administration Password Required:** If "same", then the connection password is used for administration access and any Administration Password setting is ignored. If "different", then the Administration Password is used for administration access.
- ◆ **Administration Security:** Specify PC-Duo Host administrative security settings when you use Windows security for remote connections.
- ◆ **Allow Remote Administration:** Specify whether to allow the settings to be changed by a remote administrator.
- ◆ **Host Settings Security:** Specify PC-Duo Host security settings when you use Windows security for remote connections.

- ◆ **Service Security:** Specify PC-Duo Host service security settings when you use Windows security for remote connections.

- ◆ **Use Windows Authentication:** Use Windows security for remote connection administration.

#### RDS Services tab

- ◆ **Provide Host services for Citrix XenApp 'desktop' sessions only:** Inject Host instances into virtual desktop sessions only (otherwise inject Host instances into all Remote Desktop Services sessions).

- ◆ **Remote Desktop Services Template:** Apply the settings in this Configuration file to the Remote Desktop Services Template (otherwise, the settings defined will apply to the root Host).

- ◆ **Remote Desktop Services Users:** Specify which Remote Desktop Services session users get a Host instance when they log in.

#### *Configuration options for the Gateway*

Modify the following options for PC-Duo Gateway:

- ◆ **Components to install:** Select which components will be installed with this package. "Both" installs both the Gateway Server and Gateway Administrator. "Server" installs the Gateway Server only. "Administrator" installs the Gateway Administrator only.

- ◆ **Gateway server account name:** The Gateway server account name is required for new installations and ignored for upgrades of PC-Duo Gateway. Type an alternate to the default domain account used by the PC-Duo Gateway, by selecting **Use this value**. Configure full security rights for this domain account in any PC-Duo Host configuration that uses this PC-Duo Gateway to administer all remote connections.

- ◆ **Gateway server account password:** Specify the password for the domain account used for the PC-Duo Gateway. This password is required for new installations and ignored for upgrades of PC-Duo Gateway.

- ◆ **Add/Remove Programs list in Control Panel:** Set this option to **Disable** to prevent users from modifying the PC-Duo Gateway configuration.

- ◆ **Installation Directory:** Specify a non-default installation directory.

- ◆ **License:** Specify your product license here. Note that the upgrade process preserves any previously installed licenses to deployments of PC-Duo Gateway, and none of these licenses should be deleted on the product.

- ◆ **Organization:** Change the organization name that is displayed when you right-click **Remote Control Gateway Servers > About**.

- ◆ **Restart after installation:** After installing with PC-Duo Deployment Tool, PC-Duo Gateway reboots only if necessary. If a reboot is required, it occurs without any prompts. You can suppress the automatic reboot without prompting by selecting **Use this value** and the **Reallysuppress** option.

- ◆ **User Name:** Change the licensee name from the default (Windows) user name with this option. This is the registered user name that is displayed when you right-click **Remote Control Gateway Servers > About**.

## Network Places

Once you have loaded your PC-Duo Installer file(s) and/or your Windows Installer Transform file(s), you can go to **Network Places** to specify the list of target computers for deployment. Network Places uses NetBIOS to discover and provide access to remote computers in your domain or workgroup.

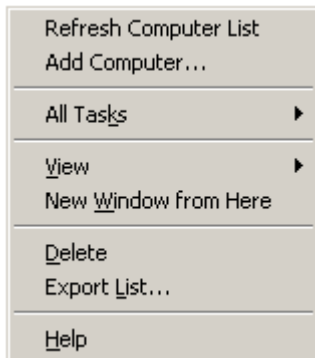
Once you select the target computers, you can use the Deployment Tool to install, uninstall PC-Duo software or push configuration settings.

## Add computer

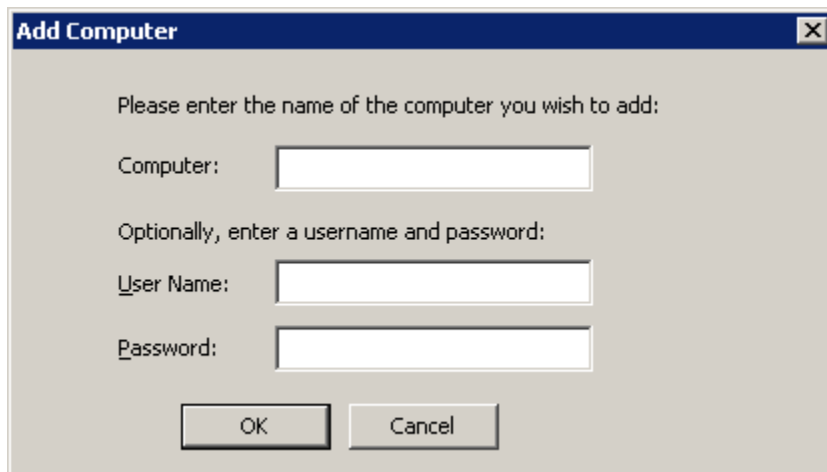
Network Places uses NetBIOS to discover and provide access to remote computers in your domain or workgroup. If the target computer(s) do not appear, you can explicitly add a computer to the Deployment Tool navigation tree.

Follow these steps add a target computer:

- 1 Right-click on the domain or workgroup that contains the target computer. Select the **Add Computer...** command:



- 2 In the dialog box that appears, enter the DNS name of the target computer or the IP address. If the account you are using doesn't have administrator privileges on the target computer, you may need to enter the credentials of an account that does.

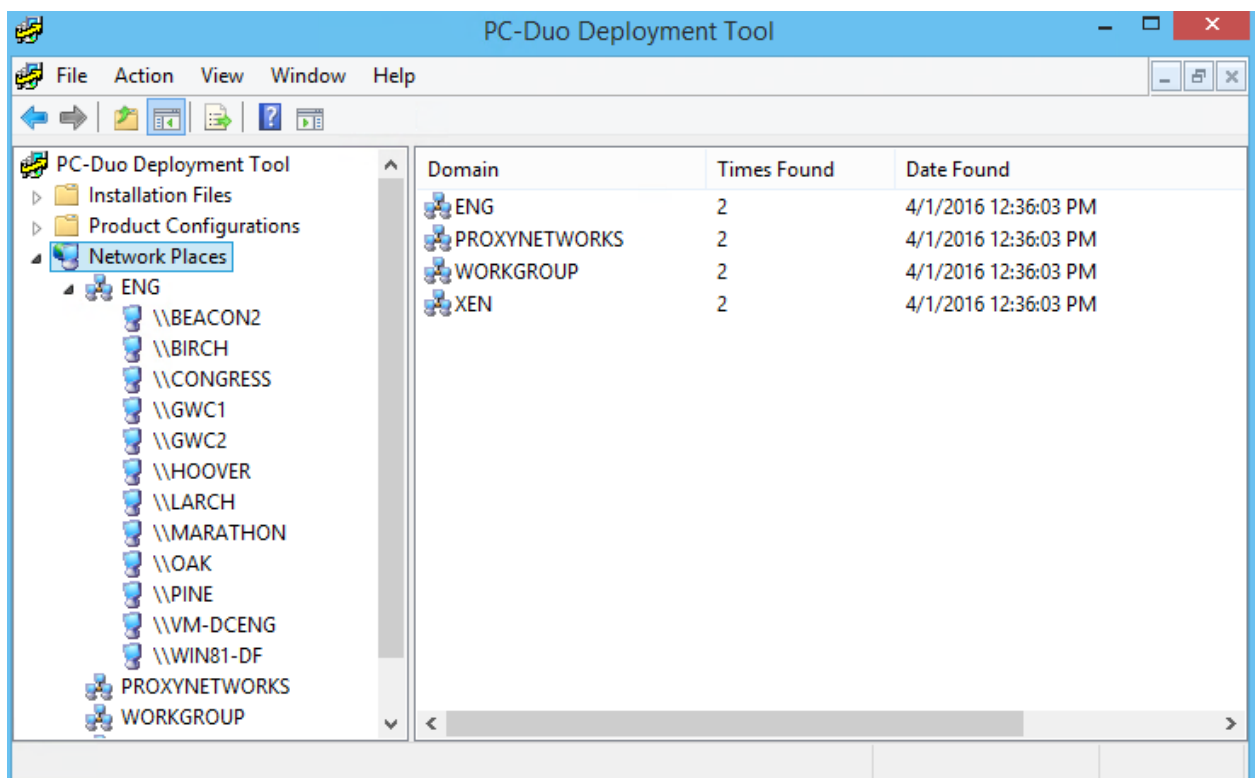


The target computer will appear under the domain or workgroup in the left pane navigation tree.

## Specify target computers for install or uninstall

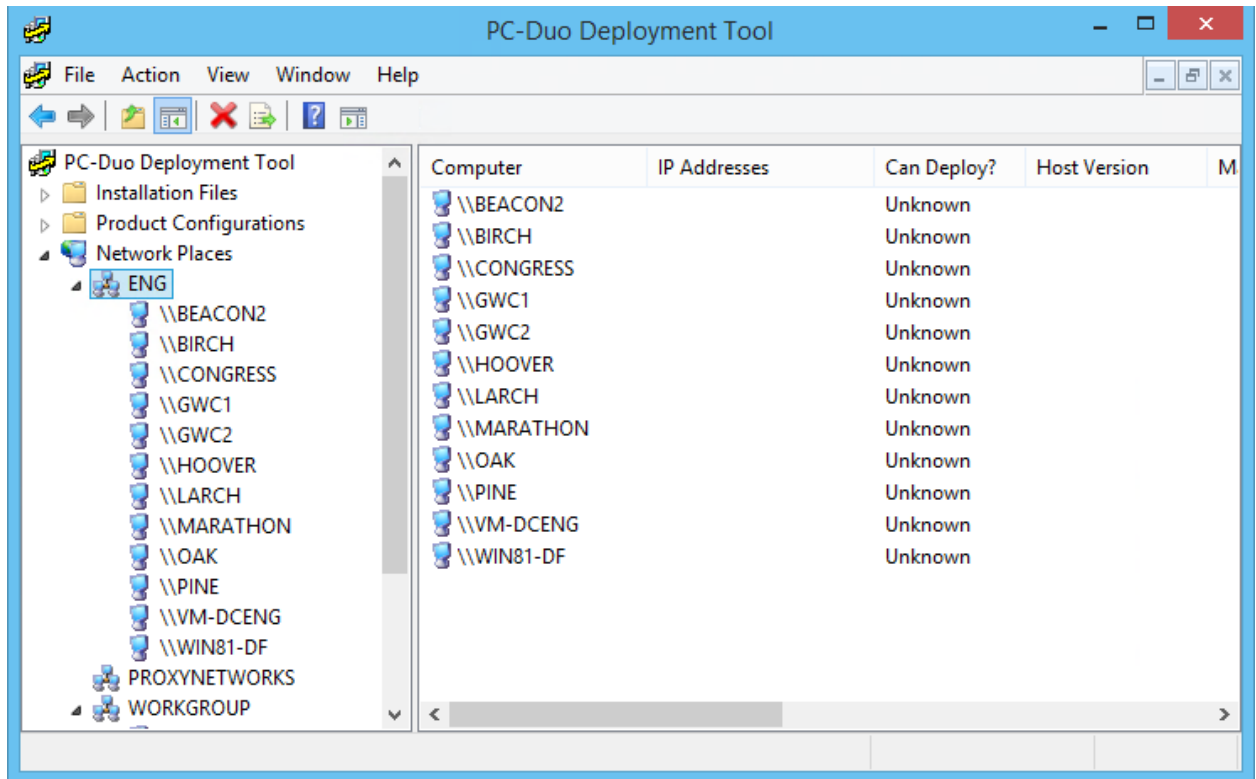
To update the list the domains and workgroups, right-click **Network Places** and select **Refresh Domain/Workgroup List**. Information appears in the left and right panes:

- ◆ The left pane provides each domain and workgroup name only.
- ◆ The right pane provides the name of each domain and workgroup, along with additional columns for the number of times it was found, the date it was found, and the number of computers in it.

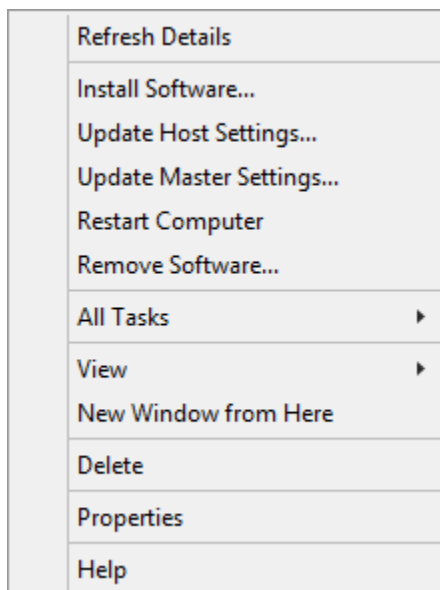




To obtain information about the computers in a domain or workgroup, right-click the domain or workgroup and select **Refresh Computer List**. Then expand the domain or workgroup to see the computers in it.



Select one or more computers in the results pane, right-click on one of the highlighted computers to bring up the context menu. It is recommended that you click on Refresh Details first, to ensure that necessary requirements are in place for other tasks.



## Refresh Details

Click **Refresh Details** to refresh the deployment details for the selected computer(s). Check to see if a version of the software you are interested in deploying is already on the target computer(s). Also, check to see if the prerequisites for deployment are met (click on **show details** to see the state of specific requirements, including access to WMI and RPC (IPC\$). If prerequisites for deployment are met, the **Can Deploy?** field will indicate "Yes". If these are not met, you must enable them in order for the Deployment Tool to access the remote computer (see "Target computer requirements").

A prompt for credentials may appear, if you are not logged in with the proper credentials to view or modify one or more of your network computers. It is recommended that you use domain administrator credentials with the Deployment Tool (see "Operating requirements").

The screenshot shows the PC-Duo Deployment Tool window. The left pane displays a tree view of network places, with 'ENG\CONGRESS' selected. The right pane shows the details for this computer, including a table of basic information and a list of actions.

### Computer: ENG\CONGRESS

Basic Information	
Host version	8.10.2623
Master version	Not Installed
Gateway version	Not Installed
Operating System	Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 Standard (64-bit) sp0
IP Addresses	
Can Deploy?	Yes

Click to [show details](#) for "Can Deploy", or click to [hide details](#).

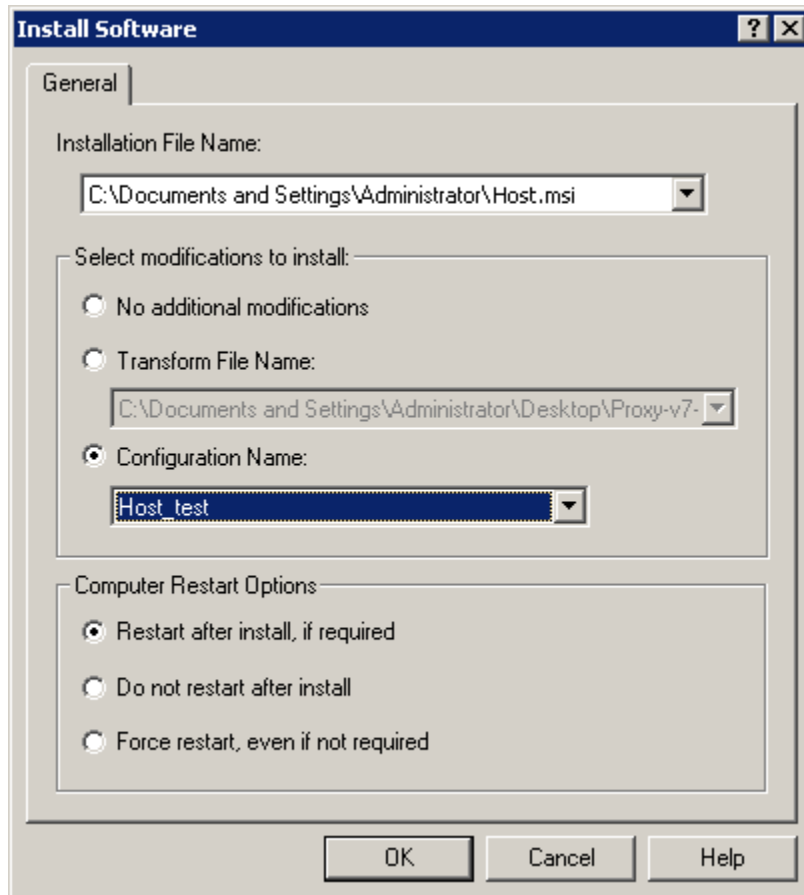
### Actions for selected computer:

- Click to [Refresh Details](#) about computer ENG\CONGRESS
- Click to [Install Software](#) to computer ENG\CONGRESS
- Click to [Update Host Settings](#) on computer ENG\CONGRESS
- Click to [Update Master Settings](#) on computer ENG\CONGRESS

Done

## Install Software

If the **Can Deploy?** field value is "Yes", then you can proceed to install software on that target computer. Click **Install Software** to install one of your configurations on the selected computer. The **Install Software** window appears.



◆ To install a default .msi configuration file for either PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway on the selected computer, select the preloaded PC-Duo Installer file under **Installation File Name**, and select **No additional modifications**.

◆ To install a customized .msi configuration file for PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway on the selected computer, select the preloaded PC-Duo Installer file under **Installation File Name**, and select a preloaded Product Configuration file under **Configuration Name**.

◆ To install an .mst configuration file for PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway on the selected computer, create an .mst file from your custom Product Configuration file. Then select the PC-Duo Installer file under **Installation File Name**, and select the Windows Installer Transform file under **Transform File Name**.

Select one of the **Computer Restart Options** before clicking **OK**.

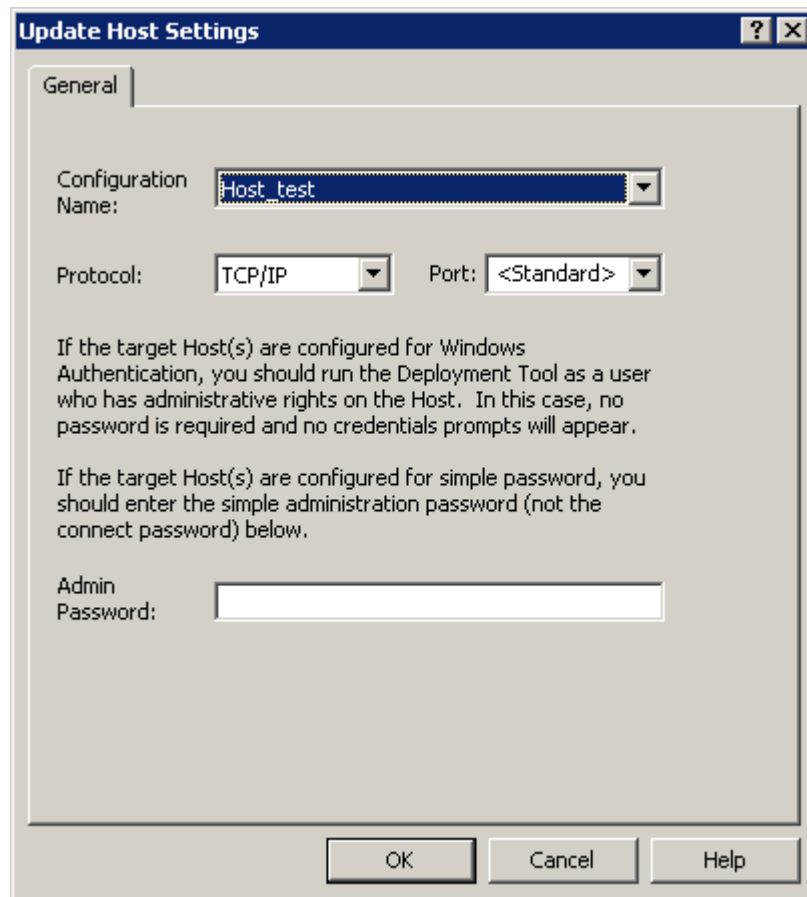
The Deployment Tool will proceed to deploy the specified PC-Duo Installer file with any additional modifications, and will generate a deployment report that will appear under **Reports**.

## Update Host Settings

If PC-Duo Host is installed on the target computer(s), the Deployment Tool can be used to change Host settings without having to reinstall the Host software itself (e.g. add a Gateway entry to Gateway tab on one or more target computers).

Follow these steps to update Host settings:

- 1 Create a new Product Configuration file and include the new Host settings you wish to push to the target computer(s) (see "Product Configurations")
- 2 Click **Update Host Settings** and in the popup dialog box, select the Product Configuration file you created above in the dropdown box next to **Configuration Name**.
- 3 By default, PC-Duo Host is set to listen on port 1505 over TCP/IP; if the Host on the remote computer you are trying to reach has been configured to listen on a different protocol/port combination, enter the new values.
- 4 You should be using a domain account that has administrative rights on the remote computer you are trying to reach (such as Domain Administrator credentials). If the Host on the target computer is configured for simple password authentication, you can enter the password here.
- 5 Click **OK** to push the Host settings specified in the Product Configuration file to the target computer.



The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Update Host Settings". It has a "General" tab selected. The dialog contains the following elements:

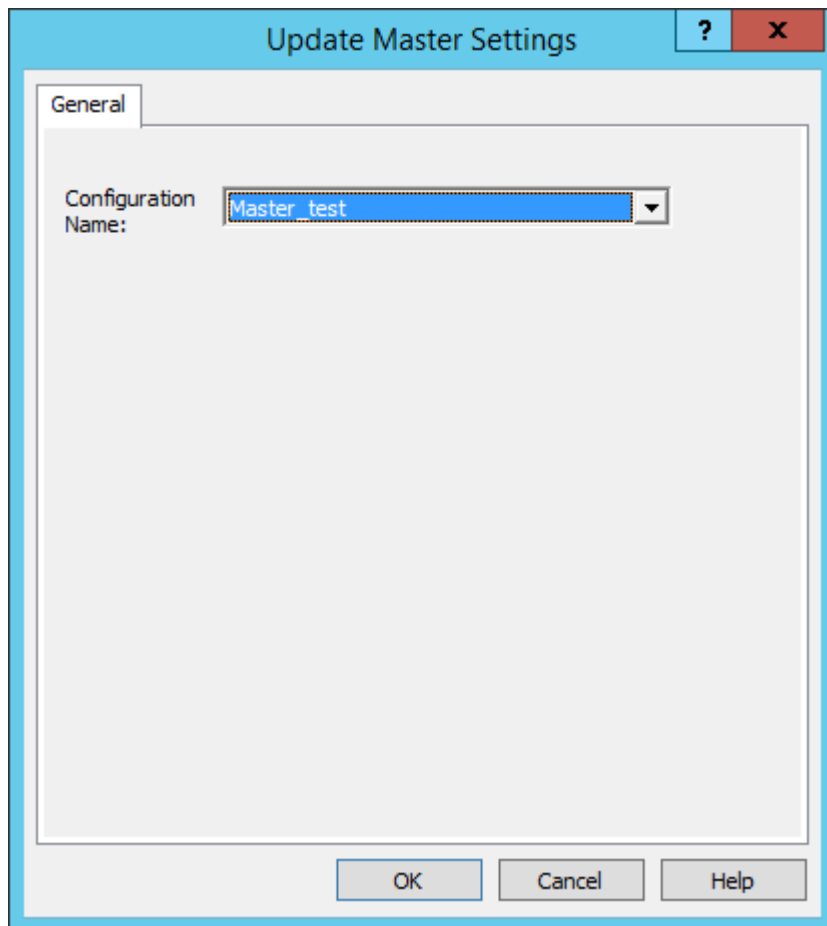
- Configuration Name:** A dropdown menu with "Host\_test" selected.
- Protocol:** A dropdown menu with "TCP/IP" selected.
- Port:** A dropdown menu with "<Standard>" selected.
- Instructions:** Two paragraphs of text explaining authentication requirements. The first paragraph states that for Windows Authentication, the user must have administrative rights and no password is required. The second paragraph states that for simple password authentication, a simple administration password (not a connect password) must be entered below.
- Admin Password:** A text input field.
- Buttons:** "OK", "Cancel", and "Help" buttons at the bottom.

## Update Master Settings

If PC-Duo Master is installed on the target computer(s), the Deployment Tool can be used to change some Master settings without having to reinstall the Master software itself (e.g. add a Gateway entry to the Gateway Hosts tab on one or more target computers).

Follow these steps to update Master settings:

- 1 Create a new Product Configuration file and include the new Master settings you wish to push to the target computer(s) (see "Product Configurations"). At this time only the "Gateways" setting is supported.
- 2 Check to see if the prerequisites for Update Master Settings, (which are the same as for software deployment), are met (click on **show details** to see the state of specific requirements, including access to WMI and RPC (IPC\$). If prerequisites for deployment are met, the **Can Deploy?** field will indicate "Yes". If these are not met, you must enable them in order for the Deployment Tool to access the remote computer (see "Target computer requirements").
- 3 Click **Update Master Settings** and in the popup dialog box, select the Product Configuration file you created above in the dropdown box next to **Configuration Name**.
- 4 Click **OK** to push the Master settings specified in the Product Configuration file to the target computer.

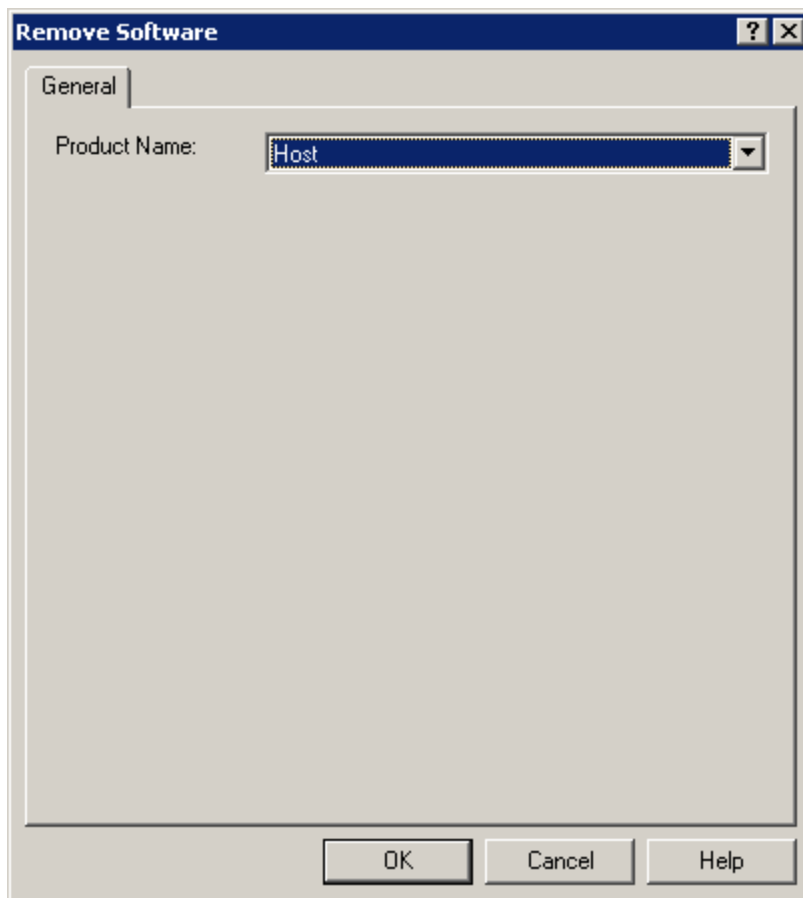


## Restart Computer

Click **Restart** to restart the target computer.

## Remove Software

Click **Remove Software** to remove PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway on the selected computer. The Remove Software window appears. Select the product to remove and click **OK**. The Deployment Tool will attempt to uninstall and delete any PC-Duo Installer files or Windows Installer Transform files corresponding to the type of software you have selected.



## Upgrade Software

If older version of PC-Duo software is installed on target computer(s), and a newer version is loaded into the Deployment Tool, the Deployment Tool will attempt to execute a product upgrade when **Install Software** is selected.

If **No additional modifications** is selected, existing configuration settings will be retained, while new product configuration values are specified for new features. If either a

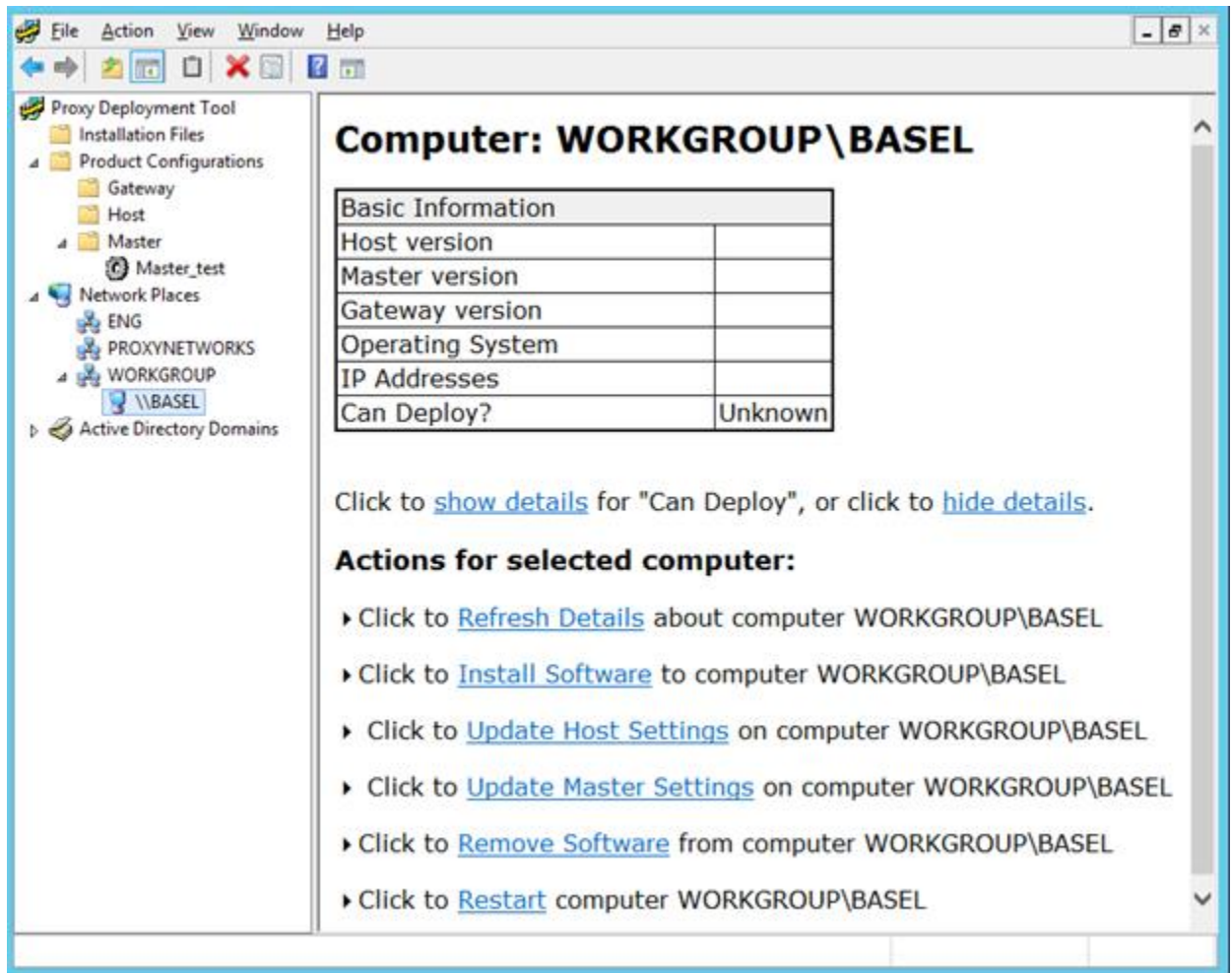
Transform file or Product Configuration file is specified, new settings will replace existing settings during the upgrade.

## Install/uninstall Host, Master or Gateway

PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway can be deployed to any selected computer by viewing its details.

Rather than deploying a configuration one-at-a-time, multiple workstations can be selected in the right-hand results view when you select a domain or workgroup name in the tree. After multi-selecting the desired workstations (by pressing Shift+Click and Ctrl+Click), right-click and select any of the options available on a single computer, for example, **Refresh Details**, **Install Software**, **Restart Computer**, or **Remove Software**.

To view the details of a selected computer in your domain or workgroup, right-click the computer and select **Refresh Details**.



Use the window to perform the following tasks:

- ◆ "Refresh details"
- ◆ "Install software"
- ◆ "Update Host Settings"
- ◆ "Update Master Settings"
- ◆ "Remove software"

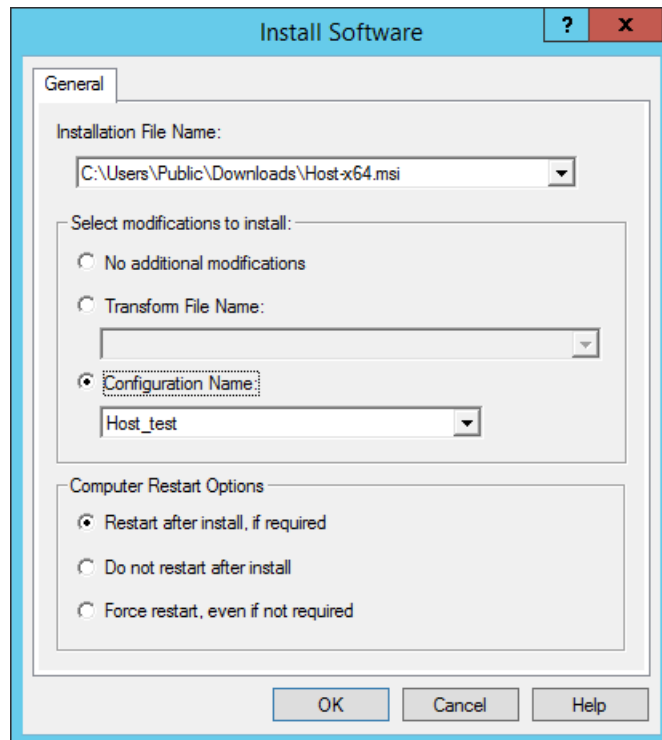
◆ "Restart"

### **Refresh details**

Click **Refresh Details** to refresh the deployment details for the selected computer.

### **Install software**

Click **Install Software** to install one of your configurations on the selected computer. The **Install Software window** appears.



- ◆ To install a default .msi configuration file for either PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway on the selected computer, select the installation file under Installation File Name, and do not change any Select modifications to install settings.
- ◆ To install a customized .msi configuration file for PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway on the selected computer, select the installation file under Installation File Name, and select a customized named configuration under Configuration Name.
- ◆ To install an .mst configuration file for PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway on the selected computer, create an .mst file from your customized configuration. Then select the installation file under Installation File Name, and select a file name under Transform File Name.
- ◆ Select one of the Computer Restart Options before clicking OK.

### **Remove software**

Click **Remove Software** to remove PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway on the selected computer. The Remove Software window appears. Select the product to remove and click **OK**.

### **Restart**

Click **Restart** to restart the selected computer.



## Active Directory Domains

Once you have loaded your PC-Duo Installer file(s) and/or your Windows Installer Transform file(s), you can go to **Active Directory Domains** to specify the list of target computers for deployment. Once you select the target computers, you can use the Deployment Tool to install, uninstall PC-Duo software or push configuration settings.

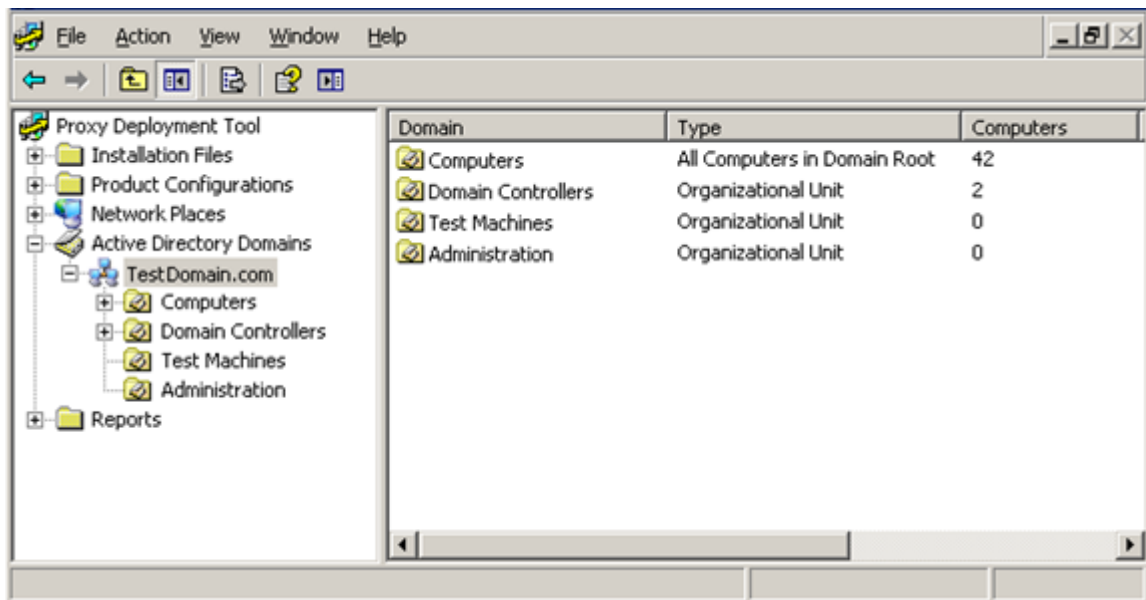
### Specify target computers for install or uninstall

Active Directory Domains uses Active Directory to discover and provide access to remote computers in your domain or in a foreign domain that you specify.

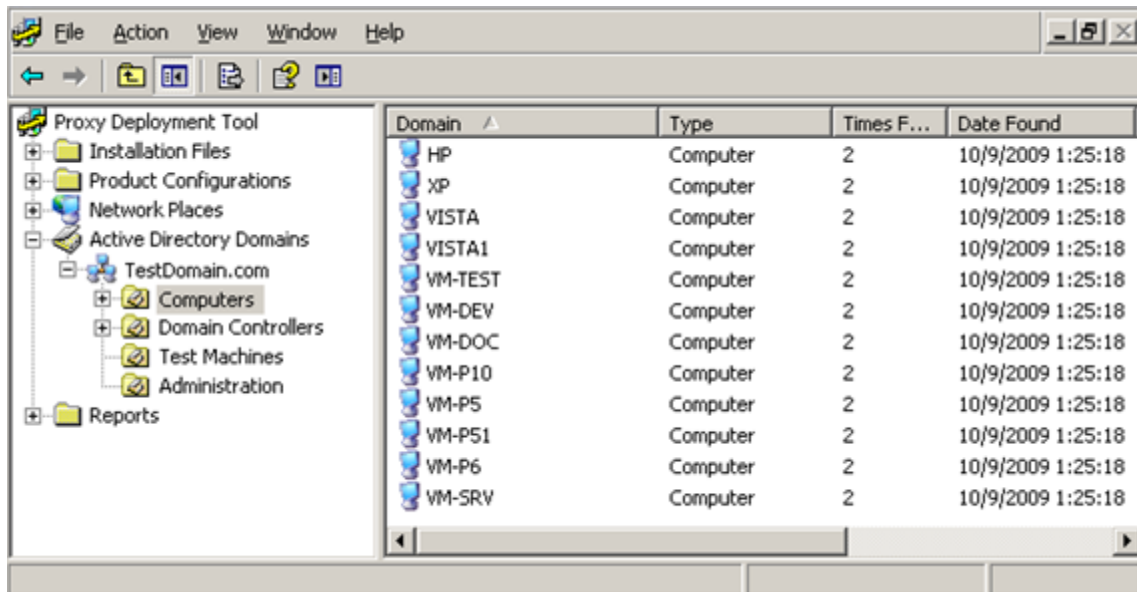
To list the domains in your domain, right-click **Active Directory Domains** and select **Refresh Local Domains**. To list the domains in a foreign domain, right-click **Active Directory Domains** and select **Add Foreign Domains...** Enter domain credentials to get access to the foreign domain.

Any domains discovered will appear in the lefthand navigation window:

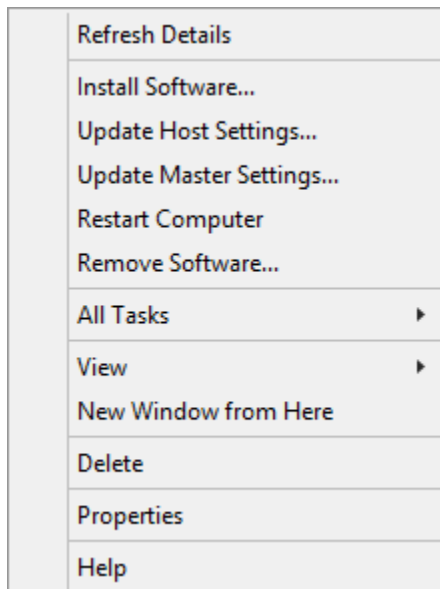
- ◆ The left pane provides each domain
- ◆ The right pane provides the name of each domain, along with additional columns for the number of times it was found, the date it was found, and the number of computers in it.



To obtain information about the computers in a domain, right-click the domain and select **Refresh Organizational Units and Computers**. Then expand the domain to see the computers in it.



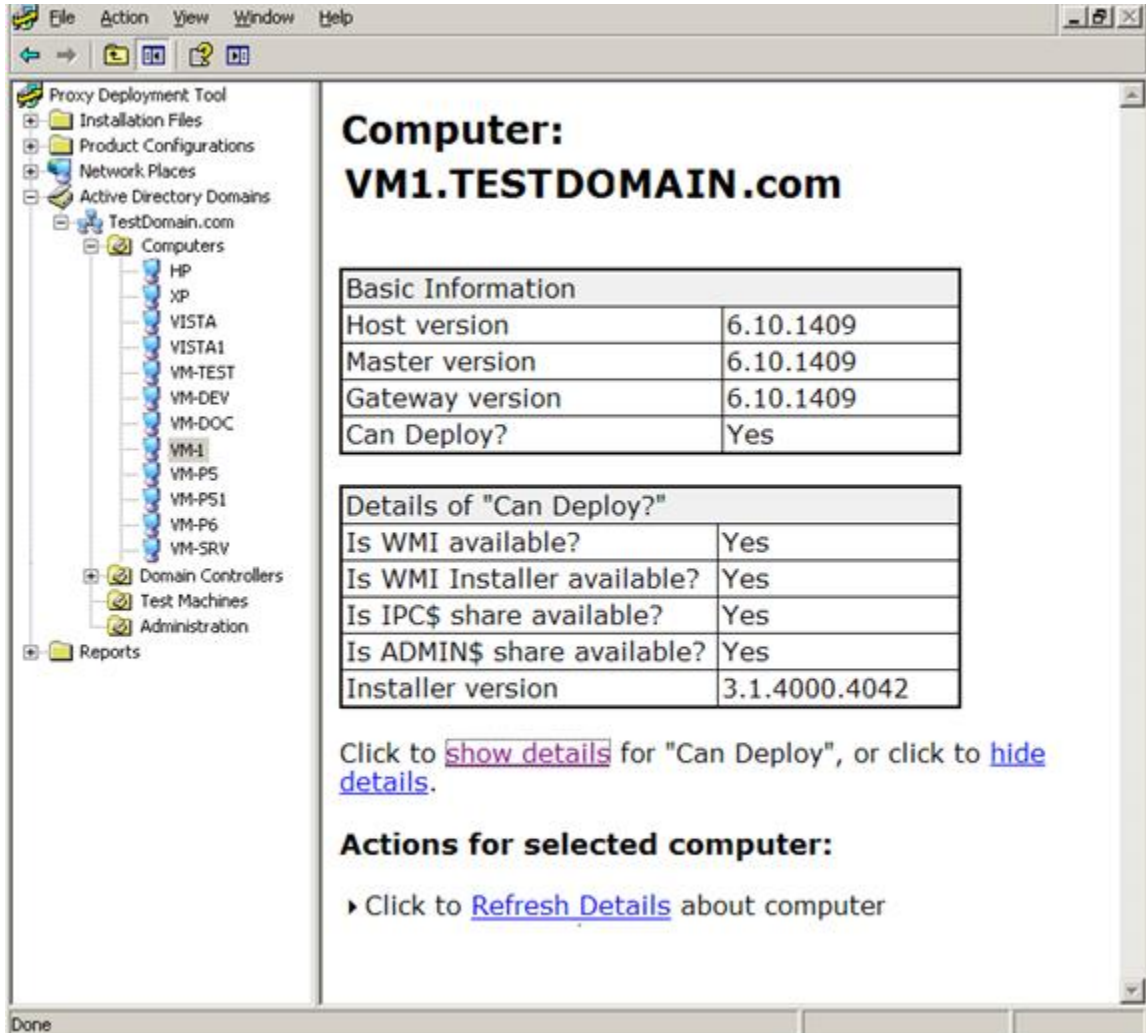
Select one or more computers in the results pane, right-click on one of the highlighted computers to bring up the context menu. It is recommended that you click on Refresh Details first, to ensure that necessary requirements are in place for other tasks.



## Refresh Details

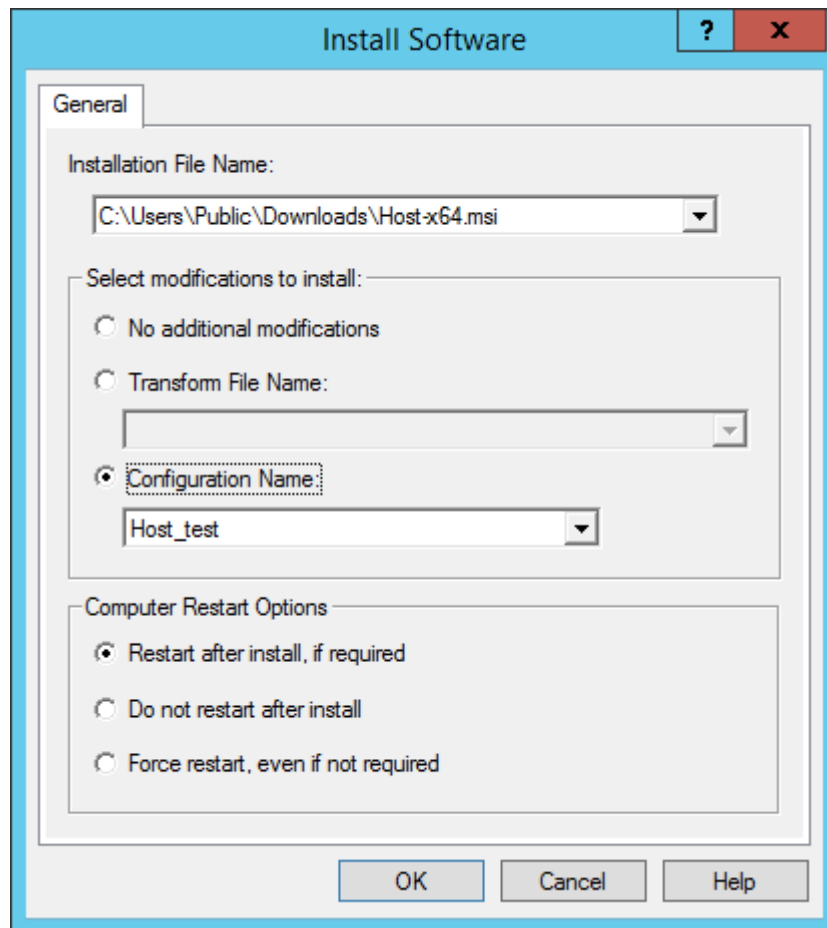
Click **Refresh Details** to refresh the deployment details for the selected computer(s). Check to see if a version of the software you are interested in deploying is already on the target computer(s). Also, check to see if the prerequisites for deployment are met (click on **show details** to see the state of specific requirements, including access to WMI and RPC (IPC\$). If prerequisites for deployment are met, the **Can Deploy?** field will indicate "Yes". If these are not met, you must enable them in order for the Deployment Tool to access the remote computer (see "Target computer requirements").

A prompt for credentials may appear, if you are not logged in with the proper credentials to view or modify one or more of your network computers. It is recommended that you use domain administrator credentials with the Deployment Tool (see "Operating requirements").



## Install Software

If the **Can Deploy?** field value is "Yes", then you can proceed to install software on that target computer. Click **Install Software** to install one of your configurations on the selected computer. The **Install Software** window appears.



◆ To install a default .msi configuration file for either PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway on the selected computer, select the preloaded PC-Duo Installer file under **Installation File Name**, and select **No additional modifications**.

◆ To install a customized .msi configuration file for PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway on the selected computer, select the preloaded PC-Duo Installer file under **Installation File Name**, and select a preloaded Product Configuration file under **Configuration Name**.

◆ To install an .mst configuration file for PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway on the selected computer, create an .mst file from your custom Product Configuration file. Then select the PC-Duo Installer file under **Installation File Name**, and select the Windows Installer Transform file under **Transform File Name**.

Select one of the **Computer Restart Options** before clicking **OK**.

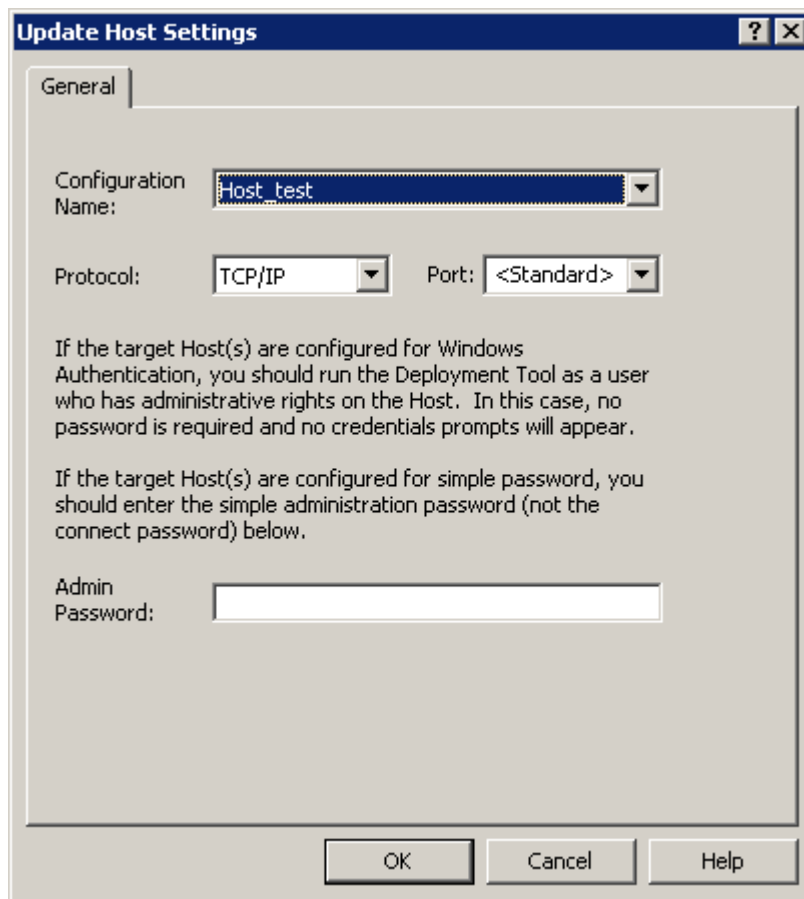
The Deployment Tool will proceed to deploy the specified PC-Duo Installer file with any additional modifications, and will generate a deployment report that will appear under Reports.

## Update Host Settings

If PC-Duo Host is installed on the target computer(s), the Deployment Tool can be used to change Host settings without having to reinstall the Host software itself (e.g. add a Gateway entry to Gateway tab on one or more target computers).

Follow these steps to update Host settings:

- 1 Create a new Product Configuration file and include the new Host settings you wish to push to the target computer(s) (see "Product Configurations")
- 2 Click **Update Host Settings** and in the popup dialog box, select the Product Configuration file you created above in the dropdown box next to **Configuration Name**.
- 3 By default, PC-Duo Host is set to listen on port 1505 over TCP/IP; if the Host on the remote computer you are trying to reach has been configured to listen on a different protocol/port combination, enter the new values.
- 4 You should be using a domain account that has administrative rights on the remote computer you are trying to reach (such as Domain Administrator credentials). If the Host on the target computer is configured for simple password authentication, you can enter the password here.
- 5 Click **OK** to push the Host settings specified in the Product Configuration file to the target computer.



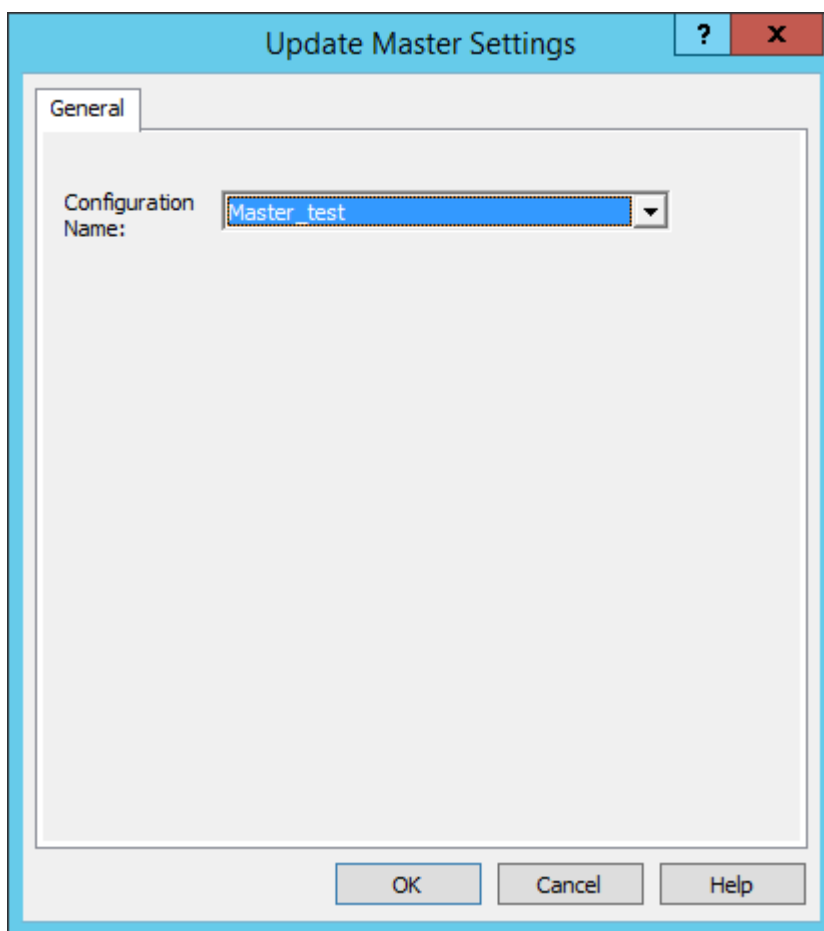
## Update Master Settings

If PC-Duo Master is installed on the target computer(s), the Deployment Tool can be used to change some Master settings without having to reinstall the Master software itself (e.g. add a Gateway entry to the Gateway Hosts tab on one or more target computers).

Follow these steps to update Master settings:

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- 1 Create a new Product Configuration file and include the new Master settings you wish to push to the target computer(s) (see "Product Configurations"). At this time only the "Gateways" setting is supported.
- 2 Check to see if the prerequisites for Update Master Settings, (which are the same as for software deployment), are met (click on **show details** to see the state of specific requirements, including access to WMI and RPC (IPC\$). If prerequisites for deployment are met, the **Can Deploy?** field will indicate "Yes". If these are not met, you must enable them in order for the Deployment Tool to access the remote computer (see "Target computer requirements").
- 3 Click **Update Master Settings** and in the popup dialog box, select the Product Configuration file you created above in the dropdown box next to **Configuration Name**.
- 4 Click **OK** to push the Master settings specified in the Product Configuration file to the target computer.

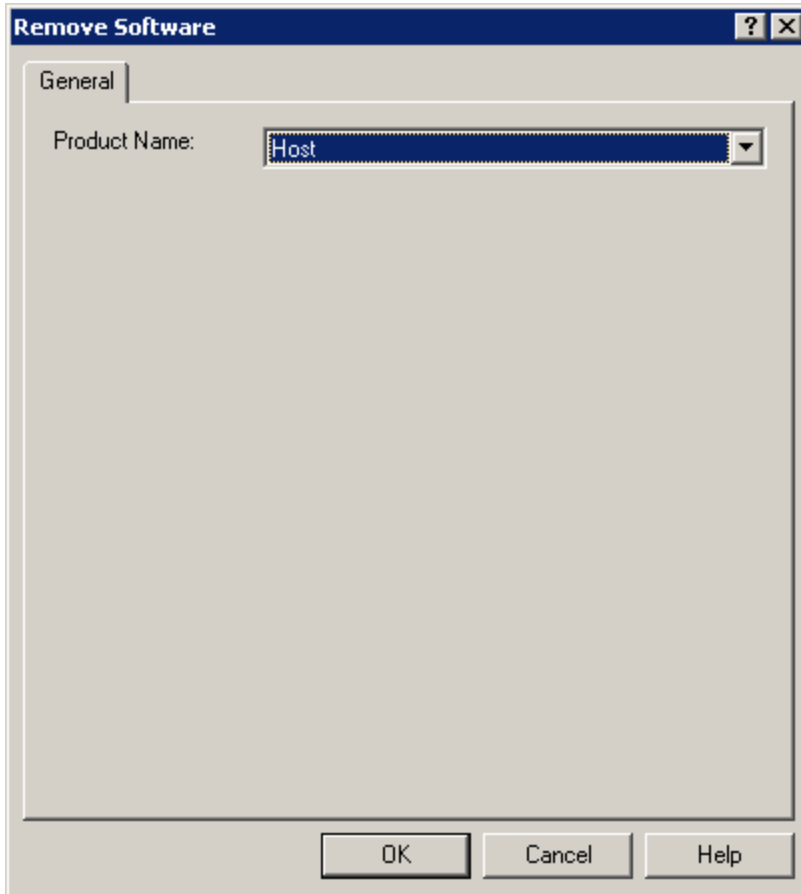


## Restart Computer

Click **Restart** to restart the target computer.

## Remove Software

Click **Remove Software** to remove PC-Duo Host, Master, or Gateway on the selected computer. The Remove Software window appears. Select the product to remove and click **OK**. The Deployment Tool will attempt to uninstall and delete any PC-Duo Installer files or Windows Installer Transform files corresponding to the type of software you have selected.



## Upgrade Software

If older version of PC-Duo software is installed on target computer(s), and a newer version is loaded into the Deployment Tool, the Deployment Tool will attempt to execute a product upgrade when **Install Software** is selected.

If **No additional modifications** is selected, existing configuration settings will be retained, while new product configuration values are specified for new features. If either a Transform file or Product Configuration file is specified, new settings will replace existing settings during the upgrade.

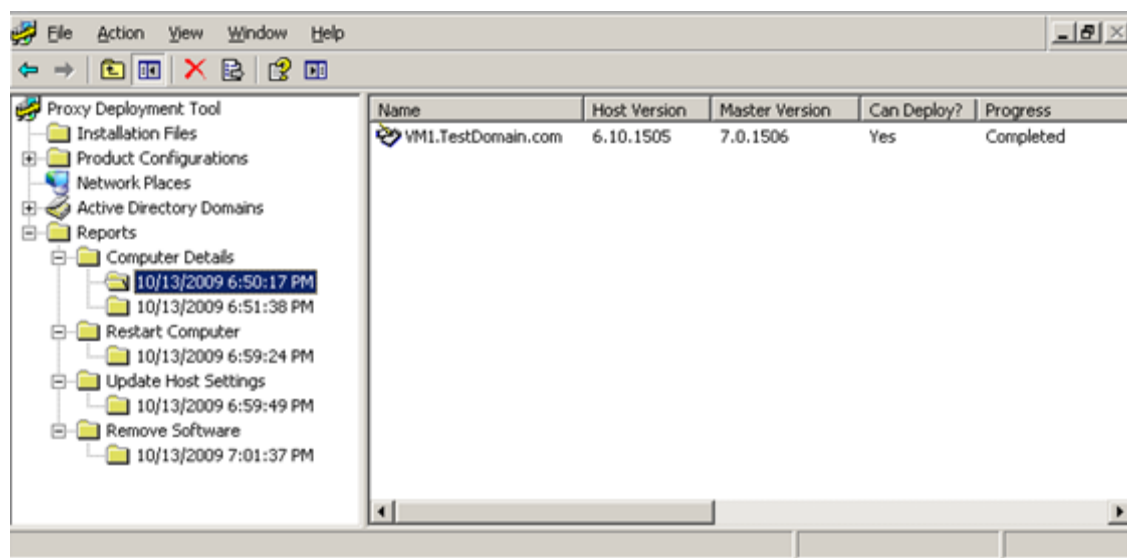
## Reports

The Deployment Tool generates a brief summary for each action taken in either **Network Places** or Active Directory Domains, and stores the summary in a time-stamped folder under **Reports**.

The **Reports** folder can contain summaries for each of the five different types of action available, including:

- ◆ **Computer Details** folder which shows results of **Refresh Details** action.
- ◆ **Software Installations** folder which shows results of **Install Software** action.
- ◆ **Remove Software** folder which shows results of **Remove Software** action.
- ◆ **Restart Computer** folder which shows results of **Restart Computer** action.
- ◆ **Update Host Settings** folder which shows results of **Update Host Settings** action.
- ◆ **Update Master Settings** folder which shows results of **Update Master Settings** action.

In the example, below, a summary of a successful **Refresh Details** action for computer VM1 in the TestDomain domain is shown:

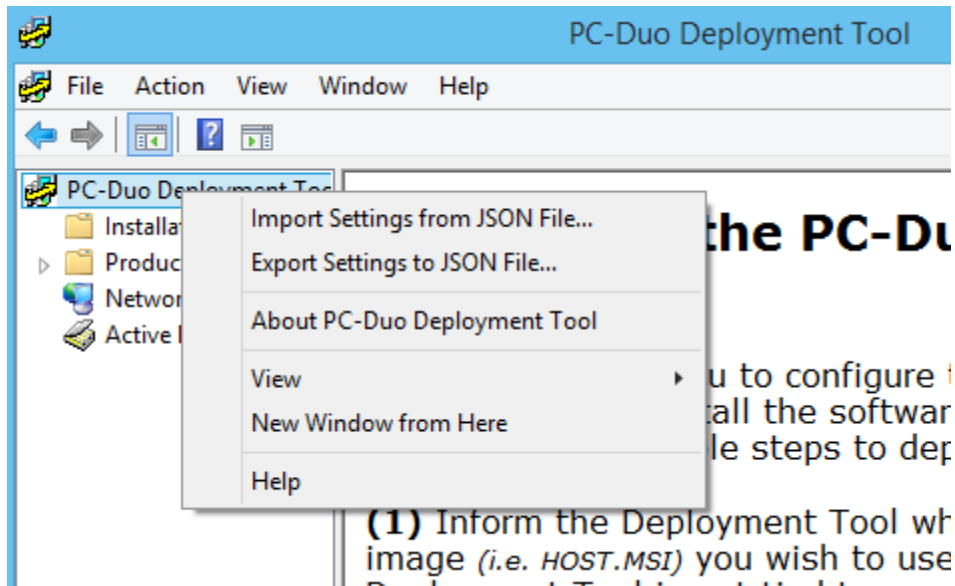


### ***Import/Export Deployment Tool Settings***

PC-Duo Deployment Tool versions 12.7 and later support export and import of important settings such as Installation Files and Product Configurations to and from text files in JSON format. This lets you back-up your work after defining a number of product configurations or import them to a new machine.

Right-click "Deployment Tool" at the top of the left-hand side navigation window to access these important functions:





## Export Settings to JSON File

This option will open a Save As dialog box to let you specify the name and location of the file to which you would like to export Deployment Tool settings. The settings saved are the list of Installation Files you have configured, and the product configurations you have created.

The Installation Files are saved by name only – if you re-import these settings at a later time or on another computer, it is up to you to make sure the listed files appear in their proper place in the file system of the importing computer.

Product Configurations however are stored in their entirety. The settings are stored in a human-readable and human-editable text format based on the JSON format (Javascript Object Notation).

Note that passwords such as the Host Connection Password or Host Administrative Password are stored in an encrypted form that depends on the local machine encryption key. This means such passwords cannot be decrypted if the settings are imported on a different machine.

## Import Settings from JSON File

This option will open a File Open dialog box to let you select a previously created JSON file containing a set of Deployment Tool settings (see previous section “Export Settings to JSON File”).

Importing a previously created JSON file will append the names of any Installation Files contained in the file, to the existing list of Installation Files in your Deployment Tool. And it will import the definition of any Product Configurations contained in the file and append them to the existing list of Product Configurations in your Deployment Tool.

Note that Installation Files are stored by name only – it is up to you to make sure the listed files appear in their proper place in the file system of the importing computer.



## Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting tips are provided for the following issues:

- ◆ "Authentication failure"
- ◆ "Trouble installing software or refreshing details"
- ◆ "Trouble installing/removing software to/from a computer"
- ◆ "Generate unique HostIDs"
- ◆ "Remove duplicate HostIDs"

### ***Authentication failure***

If you experience authentication failure, carefully check your authentication credentials. You must have administration rights on the target computer to install software.

### ***Trouble installing software or refreshing details***

The local security policy Network access: Sharing and security model for local accounts can prevent remote access to the administrative shares and WMI.

It is possible that you cannot refresh details or install the software on a target networked computer that is a workgroup member.

See [“Target computer requirements”](#) for the correct configuration details.

## ***Trouble installing/removing software to/from a computer***

If you address all requirements in “[Target computer requirements](#)”, you should not have any problems installing or removing software.

If you are unable to install or remove software from a target computer, confirm that the following are installed and active on the target computer:

- ◆ Microsoft Networking `IPC$` share: Check that this share is displayed on the target computer.
- ◆ Microsoft Networking `ADMIN$` share: Check that this share is displayed on the target computer. To do this, open Windows Explorer and type `\\<target_machine>\admin$` and check to see that you don't get any type of access error.
- ◆ Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI): Check that the WMI service is started. You can test that the target machine has WMI available and installed properly by using Microsoft's built-in tool WMIC. In a command prompt, type "WMIC". From the resulting prompt, type the following command to confirm WMI access:

```
wmic /node:<target machine> /user:<username> /password:<password>
```

## Generate unique HostIDs

Each PC-Duo Host installation is identified by a unique identifier, called the HostID. This identifier is used by the PC-Duo Gateway to identify a Host, even as other information about the Host, such as the machine name, may change. This identifier contains no additional information and has no use other than to allow the PC-Duo Gateway to identify individual Hosts on the network. The HostID is a *GUID*, a 16-byte number with a text representation like "{C8E645A4-AF10-46f7-838B-A75105C8AA13}".

Issues arise with operating system imaging, the process by which an operating system is installed on one machine and then replicated to other remote computers. Typically, a third-party utility program, such as Symantec Norton Ghost <sup>™</sup> or PowerQuest Drive Image, is used for operating system imaging.

If PC-Duo Host is installed on an operating system that is then imaged, all of the remote computers will end up with the same HostID. PC-Duo Gateway will recognize the first Host it sees with this HostID, but ignore any others with the same HostID. The result is that many Hosts will not show up in the PC-Duo Gateway directory.

There are two strategies for dealing with this issue:

- ◆ The preferred solution is to prepare the Host installation for imaging before creating the operating system snapshot to be duplicated. Just as you use the Microsoft-provided "SysPrep" utility to prepare the operating system, you can use the PC-Duo Host "HostPrep" utility to prepare the Host before imaging. This is described in the next section.
- ◆ If a deployment has been completed and duplicate HostIDs exist on the network, the PC-Duo Host "RmHostID" utility can be used to remove the duplicate HostIDs and cause the affected remote computers to be assigned a new (and unique) ID. This is described later in this document.

## Prepare the Host and operating system for imaging

PC-Duo Host includes a utility program named `hostprep.exe` to address issues with operating system imaging. The Hostprep utility is available in the *PC-Duo Utilities* file.

To avoid the problem of having duplicate HostIDs, you must run the `hostprep` utility to delete the ID before the operating system image is captured.

**NOTE:** *You must prepare the Host software for imaging just before you use the Microsoft-provided SysPrep utility to prepare the operating system.*

After the machine is set up and all Host settings are configured, and immediately before running the Microsoft-provided SysPrep utility, run the `hostprep.exe` utility from a command prompt. The optional command line argument "`-y`" can be used to avoid a prompt to continue. When HostPrep runs, it stops the Host service and prepares the Host for imaging. It is critical that the Host service not restart before the operating system image is captured because when the Host starts, it undoes the actions completed by the HostPrep utility.

For more information about operating system imaging, please see the Microsoft TechNet Desktop Deployment Center at

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/desktopdeployment/>

## HostPrep command line syntax

HostPrep accepts a command line flags that control its behavior:

- ◆ -y do not ask for confirmation; default is to prompt before continuing
- ◆ -yes same as '-y'
- ◆ -guid deletes the HostID only, but does not prepare the settings
- ◆ -restart restarts the Host Service when compute; should only be used with '-guid'

To prepare an installation for imaging, run `hostprep.exe` with no arguments, and press the "y" key when prompted.

To delete the HostID on the local computer and cause a new one to be assigned immediately, run the command line "`hostprep.exe -guid -restart`".

HostPrep runs on all of the operating systems supported by the PC-Duo Host.

## Remove duplicate HostIDs

The RmHostID utility is available in the *PC-Duo Utilities* file.

The RmHostID utility runs on one computer and searches one or more computers for Host installations that have a specified HostID. If a matching HostID is found, the HostID is deleted and the Host Service restarted so that a new ID will be assigned. This utility can be used to “clean up” Host installations with duplicate IDs on a LAN.

## RmHostID command line syntax

RmHostID accepts command line flags that control its behavior:

- ◆ -p prompt for confirmation before deleting HostID
- ◆ -prompt same as ‘-p’
- ◆ -? displays help text describing how to use RmHostID

RmHostID expects two arguments (in addition to any flags) on its command line. The first argument specifies which HostIDs should be considered duplicates, and therefore should be deleted. The second argument specifies which machine or remote computers should be examined.

The HostID specification (first argument) can be one of:

- ◆ A specific GUID, in the form “{C8E645A4-AF10-46f7-838B-A75105C8AA13}”
- ◆ A star (“\*”), signifying that all HostIDs found should be deleted
- ◆ An at sign (“@”) followed immediately by a filename. This causes the specified file to be read, and each line should contain a single GUID.

The machine’s specification (second argument) can be one of:

- ◆ If the machine specification is missing, the local machine is checked
- ◆ A specific machine name, as either a NetBIOS machine name or a DNS name
- ◆ A star (“\*”), which instructs RmHostID to enumerate all remote computers on the network
- ◆ An at sign (“@”) followed immediately by a filename. This causes the specified file to be read, and each line should contain a single machine name (as either a NetBIOS machine name or a DNS name).

Examples:

- ◆ RmHostId {078A9A01-6931-42A3-9371-EA00F1DC7D99} \*

This example enumerates the remote computers on the network, and deletes the HostID of any installations that match the specified ID.

- ◆ RmHostId {078A9A01-6931-42A3-9371-EA00F1DC7D99} MACHINE04

This example connects to the one machine named “Machine04”, and deletes the HostID on that machine if and only if it matches the specified ID.

- ◆ RmHostId \* MACHINE04

This example connects to the one machine “Machine04”, and deletes the HostID unconditionally, because “\*” was specified as the HostID pattern.



### ◆ RmHostId GUIDS.TXT \*

This example enumerates the remote computers on the network, and deletes the HostID of any installations that match any of the IDs specified in the GUIDS.TXT file.

### ◆ Example GUIDS.TXT file:

- ◆ {078A9A01-6931-42A3-9371-EA00F1DC7D99}
- ◆ {078A9A02-6931-42A3-9371-EA00F1DC7D99}

## Requirements for RmHostID

The user must be logged in as Administrator, or otherwise have access permissions to the ADMIN\$ share on the Host remote computers.

The Host remote computers must allow remote access to the Service Control Manager and to the Registry. Typically, this means that Microsoft File & Printer Sharing is enabled and that these services are not blocked by a firewall.

Enumerating remote computers on the network with “\*” can take some time; this utility uses the same algorithm and APIs to enumerate the network as the PC-Duo Deployment Tool.

Host GUIDs can be obtained by copying from:

- ◆ the Host Control Panel **Gateways** tab
- ◆ the Gateway Administrator Host Properties **General** tab
- ◆ the registry on an affected machine in HKCR\Proxy.Host\HostID\GUID