

Create a task to sync ESET Security Management Center with Active Directory (7.x)

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Issue

- A synchronization task is required to sync the ESET Security Management Center (ESMC) Virtual Appliance or ESMC for Linux with Active Directory.
- If automatic synchronization fails in ESMC for Windows Server, you can use a task to sync ESMC with your Active Directory
- Configure communication between your ESMC Virtual Appliance and your existing Active Directory.
- No agent icon next to computer name and inability to push install.

Solution

Prerequisites

For the Active Directory (AD) sync task to run effectively, it is important that all AD objects that will be synced and their corresponding DNS and reverse DNS records are correct on all servers. Any inconsistency in these items can result in incorrect sorting of AD objects or excess AD objects being placed in the **Lost and Found** group.

Solution

1. [Open ESET Security Management Center Web Console](#) (ESMC Web Console) in your web browser and log in.
2. Click **More** → **Server Tasks** → **Static Group Synchronization** and then click **New**.



Figure 1-1

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1. Type a **Name** for your new task into the appropriate field and select **Static Group Synchronization** (selected by default) from the drop-down menu. We recommend that you select the check box next to **Run task immediately after finish** for the fastest response time.



Figure 1-2

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1. Click **Settings** and click **Select** under **Static Group Name**. Select the static group that will receive new computers and users from Active Directory and then click **OK**.



Figure 1-3

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1. In the **Server Connection Settings** section, type the following information into the corresponding fields:
 - **Server:** Type the Servername or IP address of your domain controller.

- **Login:** Type the login credentials for your domain controller in the format **username@DOMAIN** or **username**. If you are running the ESMC Server on Windows, use the format **DOMAIN\username**.

Type the domain in all capital letters

Be sure to type the domain in all capital letters, as this formatting is required in order to properly authenticate queries to an Active Directory server.

- **Password:** Type the password used to log on to your domain controller.



Figure 1-4

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You can also pre-set the Active Directory settings in **More → Server Settings → Advanced Settings → Active Directory**.

1. Select the check box next to **Use LDAP instead Active Directory**.
2. The **LDAP Parameters** settings will be displayed. Click **Select** under **Presets** and select **Active Directory**.



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1. Select the check box next to **Use Simple Authentication**.



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Computer Description Attribute field in ESMC 7

The **Computer Description Attribute** field is available when configuring LDAP. Only attributes of the type **Directory String** can be used.

Attribute	Example
dNSHostName	windows10.admin.mydomain
cn	WINDOWS10
name	WINDOWS10
operatingSystem	Windows 10 Enterprise N
operatingSystemVersion	10.0
sAMAccountName	WINDOWS10\$
servicePrincipalName	windows10.admin.mydomain
description	Default container for upgraded computer accounts

2. Click **Browse** next to **Distinguished Name**. Your Active Directory tree will be displayed. Select the top entry to sync all groups with ESMC, or select only the specific groups that you want to add. Click **OK** when you are finished.



Figure 1-7

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1. Click **Finish**. Your new task will be displayed in the list of tasks on the right and will run at the time you specified.

