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How to re-deploy ESET Management Agent over an existing password protected Agent

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Issue

User needs to reinstall ESET Management Agent over an existing ESET Management Agent which is protected by a known password.

Details

Solution

To create an installer which can override a password-protected agent, you have to create a new (or modify existing) Live installer script.

- 1. <u>Create the Live installer script</u>, but do not deploy it on a computer yet.
- 2. Extract the downloaded file ESMCAgentInstaller.zip
- 3. Open the ESMCAgentInstaller.bat in a simple text editor like Notepad.
- 4. Find the section between lines 95 and 105 where the parameters shown below are selected.

95	echo.Dim params: params =	"/qr /i """ ^& packageLocation ^& """ /l*v ""%temp%\ra-agent-install.log""" ^&
96	echo.	" ALLUSERS=1 REBOOT=ReallySuppress" ^&
97	echo.	" P_CONNECTION_CHOSEN=Host" ^&
98	echo.	" P HOSTNAME=""!server hostname!""" ^&
99	echo.	" P PORT=""!server port!""" ^&
100	echo.	" P CERT PATH=""!peer cert path!""" ^&
101	echo.	" P CERT PASSWORD=""!peer cert pwd!""" ^&
102	echo.	" P CERT PASSWORD IS BASE64=YES" ^&
103	echo.	" P INITIAL STATIC GROUP=""!initial sg token!""" ^&
104	echo.	" P ENABLE TELEMETRY=""!enable telemetry!""" ^&
105	echo.	" P LOAD CERTS FROM FILE AS BASE64=YES"

Figure 1-1

1. Add a line between lines 102 and 103 as seen in the image below. Substitute the example password secret%123 with the password of your existing ESET Management Agent. Be careful about the escape characters. Special characters (not letters and numbers) must be "escaped" with the escape character to interpret them correctly to the system.

More information on escaping characters

95	echo.Dim params: params =	<pre>"/qr /i """ ^& packageLocation ^& """ /l*v ""%temp%\ra-agent-install.log""" ^&</pre>
96	echo.	" ALLUSERS=1 REBOOT=ReallySuppress" ^4_
97	echo.	" P_CONNECTION_CHOSEN=Host" ^&
98	echo.	" P_HOSTNAME=""!server_hostname!""" ^&
99	echo.	" P_PORT=""!server_port!""" ^&
100	echo.	" P_CERT_PATH=""!peer_cert_path!""" ^&
101	echo.	" P_CERT_PASSWORD=""!peer_cert_pwd!""" ^&
102	echo.	" P CERT PASSWORD IS BASE64=YES" ^&
103	echo.	" PASSWORD=""secret%%123""" ^&
104	echo.	" P_INITIAL_STATIC_GROUP=""!initial_sg_token!""" ^&_
105	echo.	" P ENABLE TELEMETRY=""!enable telemetry!""" ^&
106	echo.	" P LOAD CERTS FROM FILE AS BASE64=YES"

Figure 1-2

- 1. Save the changes in the file.
- 2. Use this modified installer for the Agent re-installation according to steps 7 9 from the article KB6739.