



Install and Configure the TS Agent

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Install or Upgrade the TS Agent

Before you begin

- Confirm that the TS agent is supported in your environment, as described in [Server and System Environment Requirements](#).
- End all current user sessions as described in [Ending a Current User Session](#).

Step 1 Log in to your server as a user with Administrator privileges.

Step 2 Download the TS agent package from the Support site: `TSAgent-1.3.0.exe`.

Note Download the update directly from the site. If you transfer the file by email, it might become corrupted.

Step 3 Right-click `TSAgent-1.3.0.exe` and choose **Run as Administrator**.

Step 4 Click **Install** and follow the prompts to install or upgrade the TS agent. You are required to reboot the computer before you can use the TS agent.

What to do next

- Confirm the TS agent is running as discussed in [Viewing the Status of the TS Agent Service Component](#).
- Start the TS agent as discussed in [Starting and Stopping the TS Agent Processes](#).
- Configure the TS agent as discussed in [Configure the TS Agent, on page 2](#).

If you're upgrading from an earlier TS agent version, and you're using Citrix Provisioning, you must enter **6910** in the **Reserve Port(s)** field after you upgrade.



Note If the TS agent installer reports that the .NET Framework failed, run Windows Update and try installing the TS agent again.

Start the TS Agent Configuration Interface

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If there is a TS agent shortcut on your desktop, double-click on the shortcut. Otherwise, use the following procedure to launch the TS agent configuration interface.

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- Step 1** Log in to your server as a user with Administrator privileges.
- Step 2** Open `C:\Program Files (x86)\Cisco\Terminal Services Agent`.
- Step 3** View the program files for the TS agent.

Note The program files are view-only. Do not delete, move, or modify these files.

- Step 4** Double-click the `TSAgentApp` file to start the TS agent.
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Configure the TS Agent

Use the TS agent interface to configure the TS agent. You must save your changes and reboot the server for your changes to take effect.

Before you begin

- If you are connecting to the System, configure and enable one or more Active Directory realms targeting the users your server is monitoring, as described in the *Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center Configuration Guide*.
- If you are connecting to the System, configure a user account with REST VDI privileges.
You must create the REST VDI role in the management center as discussed in [Creating the REST VDI Role, on page 7](#).
- If you are already connected to the System and you are updating your TS agent configuration to connect to a different management center, you must end all current user sessions before saving the new configuration. For more information, see [Ending a Current User Session](#).
- Synchronize the time on your TS agent server with the time on your System.
- Review and understand the configuration fields, as described in [TS Agent Configuration Fields, on page 3](#).

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- Step 1** On the server where you installed the TS agent, start the TS agent as described in [Start the TS Agent Configuration Interface, on page 2](#).

- Step 2** Click **Configure**.
- Step 3** Navigate to the General settings section of the tab page.
- Step 4** Enter a **Max User Sessions** value.
- Step 5** Choose the **Server NIC** to use for port translation and communications.
- If the server's IP address changes later, you are prompted to save the configuration and reboot the server to make the change effective.
- Step 6** Enter **System Ports** and **User Ports** values. In a valid configuration, the system and user port ranges do not overlap.
- Step 7** Enter **Reserve Port(s)** values as a comma-separated list.
- Reserve Port(s)** is automatically populated with expected values for the Citrix MA Client (2598), Citrix Provisioning (6910), and Windows Terminal Server (3389) ports. You must exclude the Citrix MA Client and Windows Terminal Server ports.
- If you're using Citrix Provisioning and you're upgrading from an earlier TS agent version, you must enter **6910** in this field.
- Step 8** Navigate to the REST API Connection settings section of the tab.
- Step 9** Enter **Hostname/IP Address** and **Port** values.
- The management center requires **Port 443**.
- Step 10** Enter the **Username** and **Password**.
- Step 11** Optionally, repeat steps 9 and 10 in the second row of fields to configure a standby (failover) connection.
- Step 12** Click **Test** to test the REST API connection between the TS agent and the system.
- If you have a primary and secondary management center configured, the test connection to the secondary fails. This is expected behavior. The TS agent communicates with the active management center at all times. If the primary fails over and becomes the inactive management center, the TS agent communicates with the secondary (now active) management center.
- Step 13** Click **Save** and confirm that you want to reboot the server.
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TS Agent Configuration Fields

The following fields are used to configure the settings on a TS agent.

General Settings

Table 1: General Settings Fields

Field	Description
Reserve Port(s)	<p>The port(s) you want the TS agent to ignore. Enter the ports you want to exclude as a comma-separated list.</p> <p>The TS agent automatically populates Reserve Port(s) with default port values for Citrix Provisioning (3389), Citrix MA Client (2598), Citrix Provisioning (6910), and Windows Terminal Server (3389). If you do not exclude the proper ports, applications requiring those ports might fail.</p> <p>The value you specify in the TS agent Reserve Port(s) field must match one of the ports in the Citrix Provisioning First and Last UDP port numbers ports.</p> <p>Caution Failure to specify the correct port will cause clients to fail to boot.</p> <p>Note If a process on your server is using or listening in on a port that is not in the System Ports range, you must manually exclude that port using the Port(s) field.</p> <p>Note If there is a client application installed on your server and the application is configured to bind to a socket using a specific port number, you must use the Reserve Port(s) field to exclude that port from translation.</p>
Max User Sessions	<p>The maximum number of user sessions you want the TS agent to monitor. A single server can run several user sessions at a time.</p> <p>This version of the TS agent supports 29 user sessions by default, up to a maximum of 29 user sessions.</p>
Server NIC	<p>This version of the TS agent supports using a single network interface controller (NIC) for translation and server-system communications. If two or more valid NICs are present on the server, the TS agent performs port translation only on the address you specify during configuration.</p> <p>The TS agent automatically populates this field with the IPv4 address and/or IPv6 address for each NIC on the server where the TS agent is installed. A valid NIC must have a valid IPv4 or IPv6 address, or one of each type; a valid NIC cannot have multiple addresses of the same type.</p> <p>Note If the server's IP address changes, you are prompted to save the configuration and reboot the server to make the change effective.</p> <p>Note You must disable router advertisement messages on any devices connected to your server. If router advertisements are enabled, the devices may assign IPv6 addresses to NICs on your server and invalidate the NICs for use by the TS agent.</p>

Field	Description
System Ports	<p>The port range you use for system processes. The TS agent ignores this active Start port to indicate where you want to begin the range. Configure a Range value to indicate the number of ports you want to designate for each individual system process.</p> <p>Cisco recommends a Range value of 5000 or more. If you notice the TS agent running out of ports for system processes, increase your Range value.</p> <p>Note If a system process requires a port that falls outside your designated range, add the port to the Exclude Port(s) field. If you do not identify these system processes in the System Ports range or exclude it, system processes will fail.</p> <p>The TS agent automatically populates the End value using the following formula: $([Start\ value] + [Range\ value]) - 1$ </p> <p>If your entries cause the End value to exceed the Start value of User Ports, you must adjust your Start and Range values.</p>
User Ports	<p>The port range you want to designate for users. Configure a Start port to indicate where you want to begin the range. Configure a Range value to indicate the number of ports you want to designate for TCP or UDP connections in each individual user session.</p> <p>Note ICMP traffic is passed without being port mapped.</p> <p>Cisco recommends a Range value of 1000 or more. If you notice the TS agent running out of ports for user traffic, increase your Range value.</p> <p>Note When the number of ports used exceeds the value of Range, user traffic will be dropped.</p> <p>The TS agent automatically populates the End value using the following formula: $[Start\ value] + ([Range\ value] * [Max\ User\ Sessions\ value]) - 1$ </p> <p>If your entries cause the End value to exceed 65535, you must adjust your Start and Range values.</p>
Ephemeral Ports	<p>Enter a range of ephemeral ports (also referred to as <i>dynamic ports</i>) to allow the TS agent to monitor.</p>

Field	Description
Unknown Traffic Communication	<p>Check Permit to allow the TS agent to permit traffic over System ports; however, does not track port usage. System ports are used by the Local System account or user accounts. (A local user account exists only on the TS agent server; it has no corresponding Active Directory account.) You can choose this option to permit the following types of traffic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit traffic run by the Local System account (such as Server Message Block) instead of being blocked. The management center identifies this traffic as coming from the Unknown user because the user does not exist in Active Directory. <p>Enabling this option also enables you to successfully test the connection with the management center if you log in to the TS agent server using a local system account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a user or system session exhausts all available ports in its range, the TS agent uses the traffic over ephemeral ports. This option enables the traffic; the management center identifies the traffic as coming from the Unknown user. <p>This is especially useful when System ports are needed for keeping system components such as domain controller updates, authentications, Windows Management Instrumentation queries, and so on.</p> <p>Uncheck to block traffic on system ports.</p>

REST API Connection Settings

You can configure a connection primary and, optionally, standby (failover) system appliances:

- If your system appliance is standalone, leave the second row of REST API Connection fields blank.
- If your system appliance is deployed with a standby (failover) appliance, use the first row to configure a connection to the primary appliance and the second row to configure a connection to the standby (failover) appliance.

Table 2: REST API Connection Settings Fields

Field	Description
Hostname/IP Address	The hostname or IP address for the system appliance.
Port	The port the system uses for REST API communications. (The management center uses port 443.)
Username and Password	<p>The credentials for the connection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The System requires a username and password for a user with REST VDI permissions at the management center. For more information about configuring this user, see <i>Secure Firewall Management Center Configuration Guide</i>.

Creating the REST VDI Role

To connect the TS agent to the management center, your user must have the REST VDI role. The REST VDI is not defined by default. You must create the role and assign it to any user that is used in the TS agent configuration.

For more information about users and roles, see the *Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center Configuration Guide*.

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- Step 1** Log in to the management center as a user with permissions to create roles.
 - Step 2** Click **System > Users**.
 - Step 3** Click the **User Roles** tab.
 - Step 4** On the User Roles tab page, click **Create User Role**.
 - Step 5** In the Name field, enter `REST_VDI`.
The role name is not case-sensitive.
 - Step 6** In the Menu-Based Permissions section, check **REST VDI** and make sure **Modify REST VDI** is also checked.
 - Step 7** Click **Save**.
 - Step 8** Assign the role to the user that is used in the TS agent configuration.
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