

# Software Distribution Management

VMware Workspace ONE UEM

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# Software Distribution Management for macOS and Win32 Applications

# 1

Workspace ONE UEM powered by AirWatch offers software distribution that helps you deploy macOS and Win32 applications from the **Resources** section so that you can use the application flow that exists for all the internal applications.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [Software Distribution for macOS applications](#)
- [Software Distribution of Win32 Applications](#)
- [Technical Preview: Manage Software Distribution applications used in Workflows](#)

## Software Distribution for macOS applications

Workspace ONE UEM offers a flexible deployment through the integration with Munki, a widely renowned open-source tool. All the macOS application file types (.dmg, .pkg, .mpkg) can be managed in the Internal Applications section in the UEM console (**Resources > Apps > Native > Internal**).

The flexible deployment feature resides in the **Assign** sections of the application area and offers advantages to the assigning process:

- Configure deployment assignments.
- Assign multiple deployments simultaneously.
- Order assignments so that critical deployments are not missed due to the limited bandwidth.
- Customize assignments for multiple smart groups.

## Software Distribution for macOS application Deployment Requirements

You can deploy macOS applications with the software distribution using the supported file types, platform version, and agents.

### Supported Platform Version

macOS 10.10+

## Supported File Types

PKG, DMG, MPKG

## Supported Agents

- Workspace ONE Intelligent Hub for macOS 3.0
- (Optional) Workspace ONE 1.0 native application

## Considerations

- **pkginfo metadata file generation** – You can upload all primary macOS software file types through **Resources > Apps > Internal** application. A PKG file can be a Bootstrap package, or it can be managed through a full lifecycle management. To configure advanced management features for macOS software through the integrated Open-Source Munki library, you must generate a metadata file for the application before uploading the application to the UEM console. You can generate a pkginfo metadata file using [Generate Metadata Using VMware AirWatch Admin Assistant Tool](#).
- **Third-Party Integration** – Apart from using the Admin Assistant tool to generate metadata or a pkginfo file, you can also integrate with AutoPkg and AutoPkgr tools that have a ready-made software with configuration features. They perform periodic checks for updates to the third-party software and notify the admins.
- **Migration from Munki setup to Workspace ONE UEM** – You can add the existing application with the direct link of the application on your current Munki Repository server. This method is advantageous, as there is no requirement for an actual upload of the file to Workspace ONE UEM, which uses Workspace ONE UEM File Storage space.
- **CDNs and File Storage Systems** – All deployments use a content delivery network (CDN) to deploy applications. This method has the advantage of sending the content to devices in the network and to remote devices. It also offers an increased download speed and reduces the bandwidth on the Workspace ONE UEM servers.

## Configure Workspace ONE UEM for the Software Distribution of macOS applicaton

You can configure Workspace ONE UEM to recognize the deployment of macOS applications through the software distribution method.

### Prerequisites

To initiate the software management lifecycle for macOS applications, enable the software management feature (SaaS or on-premises) on the Workspace ONE UEM console.

### Procedure

- 1 Navigate to **Settings > Devices & Users > Apple > Apple macOS > Software Management**.
- 2 Enable Software Management. At this point, make sure that you verify if the **File Storage** is enabled. If there is no file storage enabled, you are requested to enable it.

- 3 On-premises environments use a file storage system to store the large macOS applications and also use a CDN to download the applications and to reduce the bandwidth on other servers.

## Generate Metadata Using VMware AirWatch Admin Assistant Tool

The VMware Admin Assistant tool uses a Munki command-line utility to give admins an easy way to create the pkginfo metadata files that you must enforce software management.

### Prerequisites

Workspace ONE UEM requires pkginfo metadata file with the application file to manage the deployment in the UEM console.

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**Note** The VMware Admin Assistant Tool is available in the UEM console, and at <https://my.workspaceone.com/products/Workspace-ONE-Admin-Assistant-Tool/macOS/v2.0.3/awall>. The Admin Assistant is also built with an auto-update mechanism, which updates to the latest version based on the AppCast.XML file available at <https://getwsone.com/AdminAssistant/VMwareWorkspaceONEUEMAdminAssistant.xml>.

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### Procedure

- 1 Click open the Admin Assistant tool. The Assistant dialog box asks you to upload the application installer files for the Assistant to parse.
- 2 Upload an application installer file by dragging and dropping a .pkg, .dmg, .app, or .mpkg file, or browse your local files for an installer file.
  - a When you drop or select a file, the tool initiates the process. If needed, you can add more files during this time.
  - b If you select an .app file, the tool creates a .dmg containing the file.

For more information, see [Introduction to VMware Workspace ONE Admin Assistant for macOS](#).

### What to do next

After the parsing is finished, the tool prompts you to reveal the parsed metadata files in Finder. Store the metadata files in a local folder where you can easily retrieve them during the Software distribution procedure.

## Deploy Internal macOS Applications

You can deploy internal applications to your mobile network by upload internal applications with local files in the Workspace ONE UEM console.

- 1 Navigate to **Resources > Apps > Native > Internal** and select **Add Application**.
- 2 Select **Upload > Local File** and browse for the application file on your system. Select the .dmg, .pkg, or .mpkg file to upload.

### 3 Upload the required application metadata file (.plist).

To create a metadata file, download and install the VMware Workspace ONE UEM Admin Assistant Tool to your macOS computer.

### 4 Complete the **Images** tab.

| Setting       | Description  |
|---------------|--|
| Mobile Images | Upload or drag application image to display in the AirWatch Catalog for mobile devices.                  |
| Tablet Images | Upload or drag the application image to display in the AirWatch Catalog for tablets.                     |
| Icon          | Upload or drag the application image to display in the AirWatch Catalog as the icon for the application. |

### 5 Configure **Scripts** settings to run the installation, uninstallation, and verification of the application. By providing pre-install scripts and post-install scripts, you can perform additional configuration tasks or install additional items without the need of repacking the applications or software. Simply paste the script and Workspace ONE UEM formats it to be used by Munki.

| Setting                | Description   |
|------------------------|---|
| Pre-Install Script     | Define a pre-install script to run before attempting installation.  |
| Post-Install Script    | Define a post-install script to run after a successful installation.  |
| Pre-Uninstall Script   | Define a pre-uninstall script to run before an attempted uninstall.   |
| Uninstall Method       | Select from the drop-down and customize the behavior of the uninstall methods. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Remove Packages</b></li> <li>■ <b>Remove Copied items</b></li> <li>■ <b>Remove app</b></li> <li>■ <b>Uninstall script</b></li> </ul>  |
| Post Uninstall Script  | Define a post-uninstall script to run after a successful uninstall. <p><b>Note</b></p> <p>Failure of the pre-install script cancels the installation attempt and failure of the post-install script logs errors, but the install is considered complete.</p> <p>With some software, you have to configure what exactly defines a successful install or uninstall. Munki allows the software configuration through setting an Install or Uninstall Check Script.</p> |
| Install Check Script   | If present, the script runs to determine if the application must be installed. A return code of 0 means install is needed, any other return code causes install to be skipped.  |
| Uninstall Check Script | If present, the script runs to determine if the application must be uninstalled. A return code of 0 means uninstall is needed, any other return code causes uninstall to be skipped.  |

6 Configure the **Deployment** tab settings.

| Setting                  | Description   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Blocking                 | <p>Enable <b>Blocking Applications</b> to define any applications or processes that might block the clean installation of a managed macOS application.</p> <p>Defined applications that must be closed before the installation to prevent those applications from being quit unexpectedly before saving. Additionally, the end users are notified on the device by the Workspace ONE Intelligent Hub to close the defined applications.</p> <p>Disable <b>Blocking Applications</b> to override any blocking behavior and continue with the installation. If there is an app open which blocks the installation, it will be automatically closed.</p> <hr/> <p>List the blocking applications that must be closed. If the app is in the /Applications/ folder, it can be defined as the app name and the path is automatically discovered. For example, "Firefox" or "Firefox.app".</p> <p>Optionally the full path to the exact process can be used, but is not advised if end users do not can easily quit the app. As a result you must not block any faceless background apps or helper apps.</p> |
| Restart Action           | <p>Select the restart action for the application. The available actions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>None</b></li> <li>■ <b>Require Shutdown</b></li> <li>■ <b>Require Restart</b></li> <li>■ <b>Recommend Restart</b></li> <li>■ <b>Require Logout</b></li> </ul>  |
| Condition                | <p>Define the condition for the application to be installed on the device.</p>  |
| Desired State Management | <p>Currently when installing macOS software, administrators can enable or disable the Desired State Management settings based on the business needs. Desired State Management is enabled by default to enforce the application management during the macOS software installation.</p> <p>If enabled, and if the end user deletes the app, the application is automatically reinstalled on the next Hub sync.</p> <p>If disabled, and if the end user deletes the app, the application is not automatically reinstalled, unless pushed from the Workspace ONE UEM console or Catalog.</p>  |

7 Configure the **Terms of Use** tab.

8 Terms of use states specifically how users are expected to use the application. When the application pushes to devices, users view the terms of use that they must accept to use the application. If users do not accept, they cannot access the application.

9 Select **Save & Assign**.

## Using macOS Software Distribution Scripts for additional Configuration

Use macOS software distribution scripts to perform additional configurations or validation of tasks in the **Script** section of the **Add or Edit Application** page of the console.

By inserting scripts, you can:

- Avoid repacking installers by using pre-install scripts.
- Avoid post-install user prompts by scripting additional configurations.
- Perform validation.

- Customize the uninstallation.

The following table provides exit code behavior for each script type.

| Script Type            | Exit Code 0 Behavior   | Other exit Code Behavior             |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Pre-Install            | Continue Install       | Skip Install                         |
| Post-Install           | Successfully Installed | Installed Successfully with Warnings |
| Pre-Uninstall          | Continue Uninstall     | Skip Uninstall                       |
| Post-Uninstall         | Uninstall Successfully | Uninstall successfully with Warnings |
| Install Check Script   | Install is Needed      | Skip Install                         |
| Uninstall Check Script | Uninstall is Needed    | Skip Uninstall                       |

## macOS Software Distribution Conditions

macOS software distribution conditions are a set of attributes provided by the integrated open-source Munki library for determining the install applicability. Conditions are defined at a per-application level and are evaluated before download and install of the software.

There are some built-in conditions supported by Munki.

Conditions are written in the format:

```
machine_type == "laptop" AND os_vers BEGINSWITH "10.7"
```

### Conditional Comparison Attributes

| Attribute     | Type             | Description  | Example Comparison                       |
|---------------|------------------|--|--|
| hostname      | String           | Hostname   | hostname=="Lobby imac"                   |
| arch          | String           | Processor architecture. For example: 'powerpc', 'i386', 'x86_64' | arch=="x86_64"                           |
| os_vers       | String           | Full OS Version. For example: "10.7.2"                           | os_vers BEGINSWITH "10.7"                |
| os_vers_major | Integer          | Major OS Version. For example: '10'                              | os_vers_major == 10                      |
| os_vers_minor | Integer          | Minor OS Version. For example: '7'                               | os_vers_minor == 7                       |
| os_vers_patch | Integer          | Point release version. For example: '2'                          | os_vers_patch >=2                        |
| machine_model | String           | 'MacMini1,1', 'iMac4,1', 'MacBookPro8,2'                         | machine_model == "iMac4,1"               |
| machine_type  | String           | 'laptop' or 'desktop'  | machine_type == "laptop"                 |
| ipv4_address  | Arrays of string | Contains current IPv4 addresses for all interfaces.              | ANY ipv4_address CONTAINS '192.168.161.' |
| munki_version | String           | Full version of the installed munkitools                         | munki_version LIKE '*0.8.3*'             |

|               |                 |   |   |
|---------------|-----------------|---|---|
| serial_number | String          | Machine serial number   | serial_number == "W9999999U2P"                |
| date          | UTC date string | Date and time. Note the special syntax required to cast a string into an NSDate object. | date > CAST("2013-01-02T00:00:00Z", "NSDate") |

## Assign Applications to your macOS Devices

Once you configure an application, add a single assignment or multiple assignments. If you add multiple assignments, prioritize the importance of the assignment by moving its place in the list up for most important or down for least important.

- 1 Navigate to **Resources > Apps > Native > Internal** or **Public**.
- 2 Upload an application and select **Save & Assign** or select the application and choose **Assign** from the actions menu.
- 3 Select **Add Assignment** and complete the following options.

| Setting                                    | Description  |
|--|--|
| Select Assignment Groups                   | Type a smart group name to select the groups of devices to receive the assignment.   |
| App Delivery Method                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>On Demand</b> – Deploys content to a catalog or other deployment Hub and lets the device user decide if and when to install the content.<br/><br/>This option is the best choice for content that is not critical to the organization. Allowing users to download the content when they want helps conserve bandwidth and limits unnecessary traffic.</li> <li>■ <b>Automatic</b> – Deploys content to a catalog or other deployment Hub on a device upon enrollment. After the device enrolls, the Workspace ONE Intelligent Hub automatically installs the app without needing user interaction.<br/><br/>This option is the best choice when it is critical to your organization and its mobile users.</li> </ul> |
| Deployment Begins On Internal Applications | <p>Set a day of the month and a time of day for the deployment to start.</p> <p>The <b>Priority</b> setting governs which deployments push first. Workspace ONE UEM then pushes deployments according to the <b>Effective</b> configuration.</p> <p>To set a beginning date with enough bandwidth for successful deployment, consider the traffic patterns of your network .</p>   |

- 4 Select **Add**.
- 5 Use the **Move Up** and **Move Down** options to order assignments if you have more than one. Place critical assignments at the top of the list. This configuration displays as the **Priority**. The **Priority** setting takes precedence when there are conflicting deployments assigned to a single device.
- 6 Select **Save & Publish**.

## Manage your macOS Software Distribution Updates

Once the macOS application or software is deployed, the deployed application or software can be managed from the Workspace ONE UEM console. You can manage updates by uploading a new version of the file onto the UEM console.

- 1 Navigate to **Resources > Apps > Native**.
- 2 Select the application that you want to update.
- 3 On the top right of the **Details** page, select **Add Version**.
- 4 Upload the installer and the .pkginfo file of the new version.
- 5 If necessary, perform additional changes and then **Save**.
- 6 Select **Save & Assign**.

## Install macOS Applications using Munki

Munki uses information from the pkginfo file and looks for the software items to decide whether or not a given item must be installed. To create a functional pkginfo item, understand the methods used by Munki to check the list of software items.

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**Important** Most of the content under this section are from the Munki website.

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### Methods

In the order of precedence, Munki uses the following methods to determine if the given item needs to be installed (or removed):

- 1 Install macOS Applications using the Check Script
- 2 Install macOS Applications using the Install Items
- 3 Install macOS Applications using the Receipts

When combining these methods, only the highest priority method is used. For example, if a given pkginfo item has both an "installs" list and a "receipts" list, the receipts is ignored for purposes of determining the installation status. Even in this case, though, receipts may be used when removing an item, as they help Munki determine exactly which files were installed.

### Install macOS Applications using the Check Script

A pkginfo item may optionally contain an **installcheck\_script**. Install check script provides a method for determining if an software item needs to be installed, where providing **installs/receipts** is inadequate or impractical.

Command-line tools typically installed through port (macports) or Python modules installed using easy\_install or pip are prime examples as they provide no easy method for determining their installed version.

An install check\_script should be written such that an exit code of 0 indicates that the item is currently not installed and should therefore be installed. All non-zero exit codes indicate that the item is installed.

An example of installcheck\_script illustrating a check to determine if the current version of the argparse Python module is installed.

```
#!/bin/sh# Grab current version of installed python moduleversion="$(python -c 'import argparse;print
argparse.__version__' 2>/dev/null)"# Compare with the version we want to installif [ ${version:-0} <
1.2.1 ]; thenexit 0elseexit 1fi
```

Optionally, an explicit **uninstallcheck\_script** can be provided to determine whether or not a software item should be removed. In this case, the script with an exit code of 0 indicate that the item is currently installed and that removal should occur. All non-zero exit codes indicate that the item is not installed.

## Install macOS Applications using the Install Items

The install items list is generated by the VMware AirWatch Admin Assistant for some types of installation items(.dmg), but not for Apple packages (.pkg or .mpkg). You can generate (or modify) this list and is the most flexible mechanism for determining the installation status.

The **installs** list can contain any number of items such as applications, preference panes, frameworks, or other bundle-style items, info.plists, simple directories, or files. You can use any combination of items to help Munki determine if an item is installed or not.

An example of an auto-generated "installs" list for Firefox 6.0

```
<key>installs</key><array><dict><key>CFBundleIdentifier</key><string>org.mozilla.firefox</string><key>CFBundleName</
key><string>Firefox</string><key>CFBundleShortVersionString</key><string>6.0</string><key>minosversion</key><string>10.5</
string><key>path</key><string>Applications/Firefox.app</string><key>type</key><string>application</string></dict></array>
```

To determine if Firefox 6 is installed or not, Munki checks for an application with a CFBundleIdentifier of org.mozilla.firefox and if found, verifies that its version (CFBundleShortVersionString) is at least 6.0. If Munki cannot find the application or its version is lower than 6.0, it considers Firefox-6.0 as not installed. Installs lists can contain multiple items. If any item is missing or has an older version, the item is considered not installed. You can manually generate items to add to an **installs** list using the following pkginfo:

```
/Library/Application\ Support/AirWatch/Data/Munki/bin/makepkginfo -f /Library/Interne
t\ Plug-Ins/Flash\ Player.plugin
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/Prope
rtyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
```

```

<key>installs</key>
<array>

  <dict>

    <key>CFBundleShortVersionString</key>
    <string>10.3.183.5</string>
    <key>path</key>
    <string>/Library/Internet Plug-Ins/Flash Player.plugin</string>
    <key>type</key>
    <string>bundle</string>

  </dict>

</array>

</dict>
</plist>

```

Copy and paste the entire **installs** key and value, or copy the `dict` value and add it to an existing `installs` list inside your `pkginfo` file. Munki checks for the existence of `/Library/Internet Plug-Ins/Flash Player.plugin` and if found, check its version. If the version is lower than 10.3.183.5, the item is considered not installed. You can generate `installs` items for any filesystem item, but Munki only knows how to determine the versions for bundle-style items that contain an `Info.plist` or `version.plist` with the version information.

For other filesystem items, Munki can only determine the existence of a non-bundle directory, or can calculate a checksum (for files). For files with checksums, the test fails (and therefore the item is considered not installed) if the checksum for the file on disk does not match the checksum in the `pkginfo`.

```

<key>installs</key>
<array>

  <dict>

    <key>md5checksum</key>
    <string>087fe4805b63412ec3ed559b0cd9be71</string>
    <key>path</key>
    <string>/private/var/db/dslocal/nodes/MCX/computergroups/loginwindow.plist</string>
    <key>type</key>
    <string>file</string>

  </dict>

</array>

```

If you want Munki to only check for the existence of a file and do not care about its contents, remove the generated md5checksum information in the installs item info. Make sure the provided path is intact.

```
<key>installs</key>
<array>

  <dict>
    <key>path</key>
    <string>/private/var/db/dslocal/nodes/MCX/computergroups/loginwindow.plist
  </string>
    <key>type</key>

    <string>file</string>

  </dict>

</array>
```

## Install macOS Applications using the Receipts

When an Apple-style package is installed, you can generate a receipt on the machine. Metapackages generate multiple receipts. The VMware AirWatch Admin Assistant adds the names and versions of those receipts to a receipts array in the pkginfo for a package.

Following is a receipts array for the Avid LE QuickTime codecs, version 2.3.4.

```
<key>receipts</key>
<array>

  <dict>

    <key>filename</key>
    <string>AvidCodecsLE.pkg</string>
    <key>installed_size</key>
    <integer>1188</integer>
    <key>name</key>
    <string>AvidCodecsLE</string>
    <key>packageid</key>
    <string>com.avid.avidcodecsle</string>
    <key>version</key>
    <string>2.3.4</string>

  </dict>

</array>
```

If Munki is using the receipts array to determine the installation status, it verifies for the existence and the version of each receipt in the array. If any receipt is missing or has a lower version number than the version specified for that receipt in the receipts array, the item is considered not installed. Only if every receipt is present and all versions are the same as the ones in the pkginfo (or higher) is the item considered installed. To troubleshoot issues, use the `pkgutil` tool to examine the installed receipts.

```
# pkgutil --pkg-info com.avid.avidcodecsle
No receipt for 'com.avid.avidcodecsle' found at '/'.
```

In this case, the receipt for the Avid LE QuickTime codecs was not found on this machine. A common complication with receipts is, with many metapackages, the installation logic results in only a subset of the subpackages being installed. Generally, the receipts list contains a receipt for every subpackage in a metapackage (and needs this info if Munki is asked to remove the software item based on package receipts). But if it is normal and expected that not every subpackage is installed, Munki marks the item as not currently installed and offer to install it again and again. One solution for this issue is to add an optional key with the value of true to the receipts that are optionally installed. Munki does not consider these receipts when determining installation status.

```
<key>receipts</key>
<array>

  <dict>

    <key>filename</key>
    <string>mandatory.pkg</string>
    <key>installed_size</key>
    <integer>1188</integer>
    <key>name</key>
    <string>Mandatory</string>
    <key>packageid</key>
    <string>com.foo.mandatory</string>
    <key>version</key>
    <string>1.0</string>

  </dict>
  <dict>

    <key>filename</key>
    <string>optional.pkg</string>
    <key>installed_size</key>
    <integer>1188</integer>
    <key>name</key>
    <string>Optional</string>
    <key>optional</key>
    <true/>
    <key>packageid</key>
```

```

    <string>com.foo.optional</string>
    <key>version</key>
    <string>1.0</string>

  </dict>

</array>

```

Another solution for this situation is to provide the `installs` array with the lists items that are installed by the package. Munki can use the `installs` array information instead of the receipts to determine the installation status.

## Troubleshooting macOS Software Distribution Deployment

This section helps you understand how to troubleshoot problems related to the macOS software distribution process. It also details you on the path to verify the logs.

### Troubleshooting Issues

- How to verify on the device locally that an application is assigned?

All assigned applications are shown in `/Library/Application\ Support/Workspace ONE UEM/Data/Munki/Munki_Repo/manifests/device_manifest.plist` in the `managed_installs` array.

Furthermore, all assigned applications have their corresponding `pkginfo` stored in the catalog `plist` at `/Library/Application\ Support/Workspace ONE UEM/Data/Munki/Munki_Repo/catalogs/device_catalog.plist`.

- How to verify on the console that an application is assigned?

In the internal applications **List View** page, select the application to go to the application **Details** page. Then select the **Devices** tab. This page shows the application install statuses for all assigned and enrolled devices.

- How to get direct access to Munki logs?

Munki Logs can be directly accessed on the device in the path:

`/Library/Application\ Support/Workspace ONE UEM/Data/Munki/Managed\Installs/Logs/`, where they are saved as `ManagedSoftwareUpdate.log` files.

- Where to look for device report data on the UEM console?

The UEM console reports data from the device in a few locations.

- Navigate to **Resources > Apps > Native > Internal**. Select an application and access **Application Details > Devices** tab to view the install statuses for each device.
- Navigate to **Devices & Users > Devices > List View** and select a device to access **Device Details > Troubleshooting** tab. You can view the activities performed on the device and filtering options to show the information relating to the software distribution.

## Uninstalling the Software distribution of your macOS application

There are multiple methods available for the uninstallation of software and the appropriate method is selected by default by the VMware Admin Assistant tool based on the file type. If needed, you can override the default with any of the following methods.

### Remove Copied Items

The Remove Copied Items method is primarily used for DMG file types, where it pulls from the `items_to_copy` array[dicts] array in the `pkginfo` file and deletes all file paths in the array.

Future Console release shows the paths in the `items_to_copy` array in the UI.

### Remove App

The Remove App method pulls from the `installs` array [dicts] in the `pkginfo` file and deletes all file paths in the array.

Future Console release shows the paths in the `installs` array in the UI.

### Remove Packages

The Remove Packages method is used primarily for PKG file types. This method:

- Uses receipts and analyzes the packages to remove.
  - Tries to determine what all files were installed through Bom file
  - Deletes receipt
- Removes non-associated packages only

Future Console release shows the receipts that the Munki checks for in the UI.

### Uninstall Script

Uninstall scripts are written in a shell script. This method is:

- Used for any installer type
- Used to perform a custom uninstall operation. If you have a customized deployment for an application, then write a corresponding uninstall script to remove the custom configurations.

## Software Distribution of Win32 Applications

With software distribution, Workspace ONE UEM can deploy Win32 applications from the **Resources** section so that you can use the application flow that exists for all internal applications.

If you have scripting needs, use the product provisioning feature described in the *VMware Workspace ONE UEM Product Provisioning for Windows Desktop Guide* on the VMware Docs site at <https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-Workspace-ONE-UEM/index.html>.

## Software Distribution for Win32 Application Deployment Requirements

To deploy Win32 applications with the software distribution, use supported file types, operating systems, and platforms.

### Supported Platforms

The supported platform to deploy Win32 Applications is Windows Desktop.

### Supported File Types

- MSI
- EXE
- ZIP

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**Note** If using a ZIP file, compress application packages that are 4GB or larger using 7-Zip. Workspace ONE UEM does not decompress ZIP packages containing application packages of 4GB or larger when compressed using the native Windows zip compressor.

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### File Storage and CDN

File storage needs to be enabled for the distribution of applications larger than 200MB. Configuring file storage manually is only applicable to on-premises customers. It is configured automatically for SaaS customers. It also includes certain reports, internal application deployment, and Workspace ONE UEM managed content. When you enable file storage for any of these functionalities, it is applied to the others automatically. For more information, see [Installation / File Path](#) in the System Settings guide.

Workspace ONE supports integration with Akamai CDN for distributing app packages. Configuring CDN manually is only applicable to on-premises customers. It is configured automatically for SaaS customers. CDN integration enables fast downloads for devices distributed across different geographic locations as well as reduces the load on your Workspace ONE Device Services servers. For more information, see Akamai CDN Integration Guide.

### Enable Software Package Deployment

Software distribution is now turned on by default in the Workspace ONE UEM console for all customers. By default, customers get up to 25 GB of storage for applications in the database. On-prem customers can adjust this capacity from **Groups & Settings > All Settings > Admins > Storage**.

## File Storage for your Win32 Applications

Configuring file storage manually is only applicable to on-premises customers. It is configured automatically for SaaS customers. It also includes certain reports, internal application deployment, and Workspace ONE UEM-managed content. When you enable file storage for any of these functionalities, it is applied to the others automatically. For more information, see [Installation / File Path](#) in the System Settings guide.

## Troubleshooting your Win32 Application using Patch Updates

You can use patches to update and fix Win32 applications. Workspace ONE UEM supports additive and cumulative patches. In certain cases, a cumulative patch might trigger the system to create a version of an application.

**Cumulative Patches and System Deployment Behavior:** When you apply a cumulative patch by editing an application, the system creates a version of the application with the new patch applied. It makes the non-patched version inactive and creates and deploys the patched version of the application to devices.

**Patch Restrictions:** Workspace ONE UEM does not support patches that do not update the version, and the upgrade code must match the Win32 MSI application.

## Win32 Application Installation Behavior, Software Distribution or Product Provisioning

Workspace ONE UEM console includes different ways you can deploy Win32 applications. Select various installation combinations for software distribution or use product provisioning.

### Product Provisioning Alternative

It is a best practice to deploy Win 32 applications from **Resources**. However, if you have tried deploying the application with **Resources** and you are not able to meet your needs, as an alternative method you can complete the deployment onto your devices using **Product Provisioning**.

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**Note** Users do not receive User Account Control (UAC) prompts for all the applications that only require standard permissions.

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### Win32 Application Installation Behavior Using Resources

Refer the table to understand Win 32 Application Installation Behavior for all the apps that require admin privileges.

**Configuring Win32**

| <b>Application from Resources</b>  | <b>Install Context Settings In the Workspace ONE UEM console</b>   | <b>User is an Admin</b>   | <b>User is a standard user</b>   |
|--|--|---|--|
| Navigate to <b>Resources &gt; Apps &gt; Native &gt; Internal</b> select <b>Add Application</b> | Navigate to <b>Deployment options &gt; How To Install</b> and set <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Install Context = Device</b></li> <li>■ <b>Admin Privileges = Yes</b></li> </ul> The settings indicate that the app is configured for all the users on each of your devices and the user account has an elevated access token to install the application.          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Install Context</b> set to <b>Device</b></li> <li>■ <b>Admin Privileges</b> set to <b>Yes</b></li> <li>■ User is an admin</li> </ul> The installation completes without any prompt. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Install Context</b> set to <b>Device</b></li> <li>■ <b>Admin Privileges</b> set to <b>Yes</b></li> <li>■ User is a standard user</li> </ul> The installation completes without any prompt. |
| Navigate to <b>Resources &gt; Apps &gt; Native &gt; Internal</b> select <b>Add Application</b> | Navigate to <b>Deployment options &gt; How To Install</b> and set <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Install Context = Device</b></li> <li>■ <b>Admin Privileges = No</b></li> </ul> The settings indicate that the app is configured for all the users on each of your devices and the user account need not have an elevated access token to install the application. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Install Context</b> set to <b>Device</b></li> <li>■ <b>Admin Privileges</b> set to <b>No</b></li> <li>■ User is an admin</li> </ul> The installation completes without any prompt.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Install Context</b> set to <b>Device</b></li> <li>■ <b>Admin Privileges</b> set to <b>No</b></li> <li>■ User is a standard user</li> </ul> The installation completes without any prompt.  |
| Navigate to <b>Resources &gt; Apps &gt; Native &gt; Internal</b> select <b>Add Application</b> | Navigate to <b>Deployment options &gt; How To Install</b> and set <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Install Context = User</b></li> <li>■ <b>Admin Privileges = Yes</b></li> </ul> The settings indicate that the app is configured for all the users on each of your devices and the user account has an elevated access token to install the application.            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Install Context</b> set to <b>User</b></li> <li>■ <b>Admin Privileges</b> set to <b>Yes</b></li> <li>■ User is an admin</li> </ul> The installation completes without any prompt.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Install Context</b> set to <b>User</b></li> <li>■ <b>Admin Privileges</b> set to <b>Yes</b></li> <li>■ User is a standard user</li> </ul> The installation fails.                          |
| Navigate to <b>Resources &gt; Apps &gt; Native &gt; Internal</b> select <b>Add Application</b> | Navigate to <b>Deployment options &gt; How To Install</b> and set <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Install Context = User</b></li> <li>■ <b>Admin Privileges = No</b></li> </ul> The settings indicate that the app is configured for all the users on each of your devices and the user account need not have an elevated access token to install the application.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Install Context</b> set to <b>User</b></li> <li>■ <b>Admin Privileges</b> set to <b>No</b></li> <li>■ User is an admin</li> </ul> The installation completes with prompt.           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Install Context</b> set to <b>User</b></li> <li>■ <b>Admin Privileges</b> set to <b>No</b></li> <li>■ User is a standard user</li> </ul> The installation fails.                           |

**Win32 Application Installation Behavior Using Product Provisioning**

It is a best practice to deploy Win 32 applications from **Resources**. However, if you have tried deploying the application with **Resources** and you are not able to meet your needs, as an alternative method you can complete the deployment onto your devices using **Product Provisioning**.

If you are configuring Win32 applications using product provisioning, you can use the following table to understand the combinations of **Install** and **Run** manifest and the context of the command. You can select install or run at the system level, user level, or admin account level. Based on the selections made, your installation can vary.

Refer the table to understand the Win32 Application Installation Behavior Using Product Provisioning

Table 1-1. Win32 Application Installation Behavior Using Product Provisioning

| Configuring Win32 Application  | Install/ Run Settings in the Products Provisioning in the UEM console  | User is an Admin   | User is a standard user  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Navigate to <b>Devices &gt; Provisioning &gt; Components &gt; Files/ Actions</b> and select <b>Add Files/Actions</b> . | Navigate to <b>Manifest</b> tab and set<br>■ <b>Action(s) To Perform = Install/ Run</b><br>■ <b>Execution Context = System</b> | ■ <b>Action(s) To Perform = Install/ Run</b><br>■ <b>Execution Context = System</b><br>■ User is an admin<br>The installation completes without any prompt.    | ■ <b>Action(s) To Perform = Install/ Run</b><br>■ <b>Execution Context = System</b><br>■ User is a standard user<br>The installation completes without any prompt. |
| Navigate to <b>Devices &gt; Provisioning &gt; Components &gt; Files/ Actions</b> and select <b>Add Files/Actions</b>   | Navigate to <b>Manifest</b> tab and set<br>■ <b>Action(s) To Perform = Install/ Run</b><br>■ <b>Execution Context = Admin</b>  | ■ <b>Action(s) To Perform = Install/ Run</b><br>■ <b>Execution Context = Admin</b><br>■ The user is an admin<br>The installation completes without any prompt. | ■ <b>Action(s) To Perform = Install/ Run</b><br>■ <b>Execution Context = Admin</b><br>■ User is a standard user<br>The installation completes with prompt.         |
| Navigate to <b>Devices &gt; Provisioning &gt; Components &gt; Files/ Actions</b> and select <b>Add Files/Actions</b>   | Navigate to <b>Manifest</b> tab and set<br>■ <b>Action(s) To Perform = Install/ Run</b><br>■ <b>Execution Context = User</b>   | ■ <b>Action(s) To Perform = Install/ Run</b><br>■ <b>Execution Context = User</b><br>■ User is an admin<br>The installation completes without any prompt.      | ■ <b>Action(s) To Perform = Install/ Run</b><br>■ <b>Execution Context = User</b><br>■ User is a standard user<br>The installation fails.                          |

## Add Windows applications from the Enterprise Application Repository

Enterprise application Repository in Workspace ONE UEM console allows you to easily set up common applications. You can add internal applications on your network with an external application repository and manage the applications with Workspace ONE UEM. Once the applications are added to the application Repository, they can then be distributed and installed on devices.

Complete the following steps to add an application using Enterprise Application Repository.

### Procedure

- 1 Navigate to **Resources > Apps > Internal > From Enterprise App Repository** .
- 2 Search and select the internal application.

- 3 Select **Next**.
- 4 Edit the **Application Name** or **Managed By** if necessary, and select **Next**.

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**Note** You can get email and console notifications when a new version of an existing app in your catalog becomes available. You can click on add application from the console notification and it automatically takes you through the steps to update and distribute the new version of your application. You can also enable notifications for the existing EAR apps by editing them from your **Apps and Books** section.

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You can review the summary before adding the application. You can edit some fields later through the application list view.

- 5 Select **Save**.

## Upload and Configure Win32 Files for Software Distribution

Software Distribution in Workspace ONE UEM allows you to deliver Windows applications and adhere to the application life-cycle. Software Distribution enables your organization to deploy applications, track the installation statuses, debug and troubleshoot installation issues, and maintain applications with ease. You can upload Win32 applications as either main files or dependency files. You can use the same process for EXE, MSI, and ZIP files. If you are using a ZIP file, you can compress the application packages that are 4GB or larger using 7-Zip. Workspace ONE UEM does not decompress ZIP packages containing application packages of 4GB or larger when compressed using the native Windows zip compressor. Software Distribution engine (SFD) requires an MSI file or an EXE file inside the ZIP file to deploy a PowerShell script file.

Complete the following steps to upload Win32 Files for Software Distribution:

### Procedure

- 1 Navigate to **Resources > Apps > Native > Internal** and select **Add Application**.
- 2 Select **Upload**.
- 3 Select **Local File** and select the application to upload.
- 4 Select an answer to **Is this a dependency file**.
  - Select **Yes** to tag a dependency file and associate it to Win32 applications. Examples of dependency files are libraries and frameworks.
  - Select **Continue** to go to the next phase in the life cycle.

## 5 Configure the **Details** tab options.

Workspace ONE UEM cannot parse data from an EXE or ZIP file. Enter the information for the EXE and ZIP files on this tab. The system parses the listed information for MSI files.

| Details Setting                         | Details Description  |
|---|--|
| <b>Name</b>                             | Enter a name for the application.  |
| <b>Managed By</b>                       | View the organization group (OG) that the application belongs to in your Workspace ONE UEM OG hierarchy.   |
| <b>Application ID</b>                   | Represents the application with a unique string. This option is pre-populated and was created with the application.<br>Workspace ONE UEM uses the string to identify the application in systems like application whitelists and blacklists.  |
| <b>Actual File Version</b>              | If you are using Workspace ONE UEM console 2005 or above, you can enter the actual file version of the application.<br>If you are using a Workspace ONE UEM console version prior to 2005, the version number displays the coded version of the application set by the application's developer. When you add an application version, the version field appears as read only for the newer version that is added.   |
| <b>Build Version</b>                    | Displays an alternate "File Version" for some applications.<br>This entry ensures Workspace ONE UEM records all version numbers coded for applications because developers have two places within some applications they can code a version number.   |
| <b>Version</b>                          | If you are using Workspace ONE UEM console 2005 or above, you can enter the actual file version of the application.<br><br><b>Note</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ If you want the existing applications in the Workspace ONE UEM catalog to display version information that is consistent with the version you are deploying, you must create a new application in the catalog and provide the appropriate actual version information, and then choose to retire the existing application.</li> <li>■ You can edit the application version only when you initially upload the zip or exe file. Once you save, the application version is not editable unless you add a new application version.</li> </ul> <p>If you are using a Workspace ONE UEM console version prior to 2005, the version number displays the internal version of the application set by the Workspace ONE UEM console.</p> |
| <b>Supported Processor Architecture</b> | Select the bit-architecture value for applicable Windows applications.   |
| <b>Is Beta</b>                          | Tags the application as still under development and testing, a BETA version.   |
| <b>Update Notifications</b>             | Enable this to get notifications when a new version of an existing app in your catalog becomes available.  |
| <b>Change Log</b>                       | Enter notes in this text box to provide comments and notes to other admins concerning the application.   |

| Details Setting         | Details Description   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Categories</b>       | Provide a category type in the text box to help identify how the application can help users.<br>You can configure custom application categories or keep the application's pre-coded category.   |
| <b>Minimum OS</b>       | Select the oldest OS that you want to run this application.   |
| <b>Supported Models</b> | Select all the models that you want to run this application.  |
| <b>Default Scheme</b>   | Indicates the URL scheme for supported applications. The application is packaged with the scheme, so Workspace ONE UEM parses the scheme and displays the value in this field.<br>A default scheme offers many integration features for your internal applications, including but not limited to the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Use the scheme to integrate with other platform and web applications.</li> <li>■ Use the scheme to receive messages from other applications and to initiate specific requests.</li> <li>■ Use the scheme to start Apple iOS applications in the AirWatch Container.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Description</b>      | Describe the purpose of the application.<br>Do not use '<' + String in the Description, as you might encounter an Invalid HTML content error.   |
| <b>Keywords</b>         | Enter words that might describe features or uses for the application. These entries are like tags and are specific to your organization.  |
| <b>URL</b>              | Enter the URL from where you can download the application and get information about it.   |
| <b>Support Email</b>    | Enter an email to receive suggestions, comments, or issues concerning the application.  |
| <b>Support Phone</b>    | Enter a number to receive suggestions, comments, or issues concerning the application.  |
| <b>Internal ID</b>      | Enter an identification string, if one exists, that the organization uses to catalog or manage the application.   |
| <b>Copyright</b>        | Enter the publication date for the application.   |

- 6 Complete the **Files** tab options by uploading dependencies, transforms, patches, and uninstallation processes.

| File                                     | Description  | Configurations  |
|--|--|---|
| <b>App Dependencies</b><br>MSI, EXE, ZIP | The environment and devices need these applications to run the Win32 application.  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Select dependency files in the <b>Select Dependent Applications</b> option.</li> <li>2 Enable the system to apply dependencies in a specified order. The system works from top to bottom.</li> </ol> |
| <b>App Transforms</b><br>MST file type   | These files control the installation of the application and can add or prevent components, configurations, and processes during the process. | Select <b>Add</b> to browse to the MST file on the network.   |

| File                                | Description   | Configurations   |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>App Patches</b><br>MSP file type | <p>These files add changes that are fixes, updates, or new features to applications. The two types are additive and cumulative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Additive</b> – Includes only changes developed after the latest version of the application or the last additive patch.</li> <li>■ <b>Cumulative</b> – Includes the entire application including any changes since the latest version of the application or the last patches.</li> </ul> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Select <b>Add</b>.</li> <li>2 Identify the patch as cumulative or additive.</li> <li>3 Select <b>File</b> to browse to the MSP file on the network.</li> </ol>  |
| <b>App Uninstall Process</b>        | <p>These scripts instruct the system to uninstall an application under specific circumstances. Customized scripts are optional for MSI files.</p>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Select the <b>Use Custom Script</b> option.</li> <li>2 Select to upload or enter a script to the system for <b>Custom Script Type</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Select <b>Upload</b> and browse to the script file on the network.</li> <li>■ Select <b>Input</b> and enter the custom script.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> |

**7 Complete the settings in **Deployment Options > When To Install.****

This tab instructs the system to install the application with specific criteria. The system can parse information for MSI files. However, for EXE and ZIP files, the system requires you to enter this information.

- a Select **Data Contingencies > Add** and complete the options that depend on the criteria type you select.

Set contingencies for instruction and completion scenarios.

- Instruction – Contingencies instruct the system to install applications when the device meets specific criteria.
- Completion – Contingencies identify when an installation is complete.

| Setting - App  | Description - App  |
|--|--|
| <b>Criteria Type</b><br><b>App exists</b><br><b>App does not exist</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Instruction – Configure the system to install the application when a specific application is or is not on devices.</li> <li>■ Completion – Configure the system to identify the installation is complete when a specific application is or is not on devices.</li> </ul> Workspace ONE UEM checks for the existence of the application but it does not deploy the application to devices. |
| <b>Application Identifier</b>  | Enter the application identifier so the system can recognize the existence or non-existence of the auxiliary application.<br><br>This value is also known as the product code of the application.  |
| <b>Version</b>   | Enter the specific version.  |

| Setting - File   | Description - File  |
|--|---|
| <b>Criteria Type</b><br><b>File exists</b><br><b>File does not exist</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Instruction – Configure the system to install the application when a specific file is or is not on devices.</li> <li>■ Completion – Configure the system to identify the installation is complete when a specific file is or is not on devices.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Path</b>  | Enter the path on the device where you want the system to look for the file and include the filename.   |
| <b>Version</b>   | Enter the specific version.   |
| <b>Modified On</b>   | Enter the date the file was last modified.  |

| Setting - Registry   | Description - Registry  |
|--|---|
| <b>Criteria Type</b><br><b>Registry exists</b><br><b>Registry does not exist</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Instruction – Configure the system to install the application when a specific registry is or is not on devices.</li> </ul> |

| Setting - Registry        | Description - Registry  |
|---------------------------|---|
|                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Completion – Configure the system to identify the installation is complete when a specific registry is or is not on devices.</li> </ul>  |
| Path                      | Enter the path on the device where the system can find the keys and values. Include the entire path, beginning with HKLM\ or HKCU\.   |
| Configure Registry Values | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Value Name</b>- Enter the name of the key. This container object stores the value and it displays in the file structure of the device.</li> <li>■ <b>Valut Type</b>- Select the type of key displayed in the file structure of the device.</li> <li>■ <b>Value Data</b> - Enter the value of key. The name-data pairs stored in the key display in the file structure of the device.</li> </ul> |

- b Set the disk space devices must have available for the system to install the application for **Disk Space Required**.
- c Set the battery power devices must have available for the system to install the application for **Device Power Required**.
- d Set the random access memory devices must have available for the system to install the application for **RAM Required**.

**8 Complete the settings in Deployment Options > How To Install.**

Define the installation behavior on devices. While configuring the Win32 applications in the Workspace ONE UEM console, you have different combinations that you can select while setting the **Install Context** and **Admin Privileges** under the **Deployment** tab. Your installation process might vary based on the settings.

| Setting         | Description  |
|-----------------|--|
| Install Context | <p>Select how the system applies the installation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Device- Define the installation by the device and all the users of that device.</li> <li>■ User- Define the installation by particular user accounts (enrolled).</li> </ul>  |
| Install Command | <p>Enter a command to control the installation of the application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>MSI</b>- The system automatically populates the installation commands, and the commands include patches and transforms.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Patches- To update the order in which the patches install on devices, update their listed order in the install command.</li> <li>■ Transforms- The order in which the system applies transforms is set when you assign the application. You see a placeholder name for the transform until you associate the transform during the assignment process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>EXE and ZIP</b>- Populate the install command and specify the patch names and their order of application in the command. You must also enter the install command that triggers the installation of the Win32 application.</li> </ul> <p>If you do not package the patches and transforms in the EXE or ZIP file and you add them separately, ensure to add the patch filenames and the transform lookup text boxes in the install command.</p> |

| Setting                            | Description  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Admin Privileges</b>            | Set the installation to bypass admin privilege requirements.   |
| <b>Device Restart</b>              | <p>The values for <b>Device Restart</b> options for Win32 applications allow the user to defer the device reboot for "x" days with a maximum limit of 7 days. The values allow admins to have a much better control over the application management lifecycle. Admins can choose to force restart applications or create application restarts that require the user engagement and provides a friendly user experience while installing the admin mandated applications.</p> <p>By default, <b>Device Restart</b> is set to <b>User engaged Restart</b> that allows you to configure the <b>Restart Deadline</b> for each application. To set the <b>Restart Deadline</b>, enter the deadline date. You can also choose <b>Do Not Restart</b> or <b>Force Restart</b> options if you choose not to the restart or force the device restart.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Note</b> Restart deadline has a maximum limit of 7 days.</p> |
| <b>Retry Count</b>                 | Enter the number of times the system attempts to install the application after an unsuccessful attempt.  |
| <b>Retry Interval</b>              | Enter the time, in minutes, the system waits when it tries to install the application after an unsuccessful attempt.   |
| <b>Install Timeout</b>             | Enter the maximum time, in minutes, the system allows the installation process to run without success.   |
| <b>Installer Reboot Exit Code</b>  | <p>Enter the code the installer outputs to identify a reboot action.</p> <p>Review the entry for <b>Device Restart</b>. If you selected to <b>Do not restart</b> but you enter a reboot exit code, the system considers the installation a success after the reboot completes even though the Device Restart settings do not require a restart for success.</p>  |
| <b>Installer Success Exit Code</b> | Enter the code the installer outputs to identify a successful installation.  |

9 Complete the settings in **Deployment Options > When To Call Install Complete**.

Configure Workspace ONE UEM to identify the successful installation of Win32 applications. The system requires this information for EXE and ZIP files.

- a Configure the system to use specific criteria to recognize the completion of the installation process for **Use Additional Criteria**.
- b To identify the installation completion or use custom scripts, add a specific criteria for **Identify Application By**.

| Setting - Defining Criteria - App                                      | Description - Defining Criteria - App  |
|--|--|
| <b>Criteria Type</b><br><b>App exists</b><br><b>App does not exist</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Instruction – Configure the system to install the application when a specific application is or is not on devices.</li> <li>■ Completion – Configure the system to identify the installation is complete when a specific application is or is not on devices.</li> </ul> Workspace ONE UEM checks for the existence of the application but it does not deploy the application to devices. |
| <b>Application Identifier</b>  | Enter the application identifier so the system can recognize the existence or non-existence of the auxiliary application.<br>This value is also known as the product code of the application.  |
| <b>Version</b>   | Enter the specific version.  |

| Setting - Defining Criteria - File                                       | Description - Defining Criteria - File  |
|--|---|
| <b>Criteria Type</b><br><b>File exists</b><br><b>File does not exist</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Instruction – Configure the system to install the application when a specific file is or is not on devices.</li> <li>■ Completion – Configure the system to identify the installation is complete when a specific file is or is not on devices.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Path</b>  | Enter the path on the device where you want the system to look for the file and include the filename.   |
| <b>Version</b>   | Enter the specific version.   |
| <b>Modified On</b>   | Enter the date the file was last modified.  |

| Setting - Defining Criteria - Registry   | Description - Defining Criteria - Registry  |
|--|---|
| <b>Criteria Type</b><br><b>Registry exists</b><br><b>Registry does not exist</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Instruction – Configure the system to install the application when a specific registry is or is not on devices.</li> <li>■ Completion – Configure the system to identify the installation is complete when a specific registry is or is not on devices.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Path</b>  | Enter the path on the device where the system can find the keys and values. Include the entire path, beginning with HKLM\ or HKCU\.   |
| <b>Configure Registry Values</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Value Name-</b> Enter the name of the key. This container object stores the value and it displays in the file structure of the device.</li> <li>■ <b>Valut Type-</b> Select the type of key displayed in the file structure of the device.</li> </ul>           |

| Setting - Defining Criteria - Registry | Description - Defining Criteria - Registry  |
|--|---|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Value Data - Enter the value of key. The name-data pairs stored in the key display in the file structure of the device.</li> </ul> |
| Setting - Using Custom Script          | Description - Using Custom Script   |
| Script Type                            | Select the type of script.  |
| Command to Run the Script              | Enter the value that triggers the script. Custom Script Type.<br>For example, you can run a script such as<br><b>powershell -executionpolicy bypass -file script.ps1</b>  |
| Custom Script File                     | Select <b>Upload</b> and navigate to the custom script file on the network.   |
| Success Exit                           | Enter the code that the script outputs to identify the successful installation.   |

**Note** If you are required to edit the **When to Call Installation Complete** criteria after an app has been deployed, select the **Edit** button in this section. Enter the Admin PIN to complete the action. If you change the criteria to a value that is invalid, the app will be removed from all the systems where it is deployed. Be cautious while editing the **Call Installation Complete** criteria.

10 Select **Save & Assign** to configure flexible deployment options.

## Deploy your Office 365 ProPlus with Workspace ONE UEM using Software Distribution

You can deploy Office 365 ProPlus with Workspace ONE UEM using the Office Configuration Service Provider (CSP), perform a full office install using software distribution or use a light office install using software distribution. The following use case explains deploying Office 365 ProPlus as a full office install using software distribution. The use case covers prerequisites such as downloading the files ahead of time per your XML, creating a Office.zip file, and then uploading the file to the Workspace ONE UEM console.

Complete the following steps to deploy Office 365 ProPlus in Workspace ONE UEM console using software distribution.

### Prerequisites

Complete the following steps to create a Office.zip file.

- 1 Create a working folder. For example, create c:\Office.
- 2 Go to [config.office.com](https://config.office.com) to create your XML file.
  - a Here is an example. Copy and paste the following sample configuration into a text file:

```
<Configuration ID="9cc840fd-62b9-49b0-9295-d6310d26df31">
<Add OfficeClientEdition="64" Channel="Monthly" ForceUpgrade="TRUE">
<Product ID="0365ProPlusRetail">
```

```

<Language ID="en-us" />
<ExcludeApp ID="Groove" />
</Product>
</Add>
<Property Name="SharedComputerLicensing" Value="0" />
<Property Name="PinIconsToTaskbar" Value="TRUE" />
<Property Name="SCLCacheOverride" Value="0" />
<Updates Enabled="TRUE" />
<RemoveMSI />
</Configuration>

```

- b Save the XML file as `configuration.xml` in a folder.
- 3 Download the [Office Deployment Tool](#) and run `officedeploymenttool.exe`.
- 4 Extract files to your working directory. For example, `c:\Office`. The tool downloads several sample XMLs you can edit or you can use the one that you have already created from the web tool.
- 5 You can choose to automate the next step by creating a simple command file and name it as `Download.cmd`. Edit the command file and add the following text:

```

@echo off
pushd %~dp0
echo Downloading Office 365 Pro Plus Retail x64 source files
setup.exe /download configuration.xml

```

- 6 Double-click `Download.cmd` to begin the download. A new Office is created and the command window closes after the download is complete.
- 7 (Optional) If you want to have an uninstall command in the Workspace ONE UEM console, create a `uninstall.xml` file, and paste the following text in the configuration XML file.

```

<Configuration>
<Remove>
<Product ID="0365ProPlusRetail">
<Language ID="en-us"/>
</Product>
</Remove>
<Display Level="None" AcceptEULA="TRUE"/>
</Configuration>

```

- 8 Once the download is complete, select all your files and add them to a compressed zip folder.

#### Procedure

- 1 In the upper-right corner of the Workspace ONE UEM console, select **Add**.
- 2 Select **Internal Application**.
- 3 Select **Upload**.
- 4 Browse for the `Office.zip` file and click **Save**.
- 5 Select **No** for **Is this a dependency app?**

- 6 Select **Continue**.
- 7 Configure the application details.
  - a Navigate to the **Details** tab.
  - b Enter a name for your application as **Office 365 Pro Plus**.
  - c Enter the uploaded by **[name]** on **[date]** in the **Change Log**.
  - d Select **64-bit** for the **Supported Processor Architecture** if you are running on a 64-bit operating system.
- 8 Configure the application files.
  - a Navigate to the **Files** tab.
  - b Scroll down to find the **App Uninstall Process** section.
  - c Select **Input** for the **Custom Script Type**.
  - d Enter **setup.exe /CONFIGURE uninstall.xml** in the **Uninstall Command** text box.
- 9 Complete the application deployment process.
  - a Navigate to **Deployment Options** .
  - b Scroll down until you see the option for **Install Command**.
  - c In the **Install Command** text box, enter the following command :  
**setup.exe /CONFIGURE configuration.xml**.
- 10 Scroll down to find the **When To Call Install Complete** section.
  - a Select **Defining Criteria** for **Identity Application By**.
  - b Select **Add**.
  - c In the **Criteria Type** drop-down , select **File Exists**.
  - d Enter the **Path**.

Here is an example. Enter the path of Outlook.exe : C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\root\Office16\OUTLOOK.EXE.
  - e Select **Add** to save the detection criteria.
- 11 Select **Save and Assign**.
- 12 Select **Add Assignment** to add the assignment group.
  - a Select the **Select Assignment Groups** search box and select **All Devices**.
  - b Select **Auto** for the **App Delivery Method**.
  - c Select **Show** for **Display in App Catalog**.
  - d Select **Enabled** for **Make App MDM Managed if User Installed**.
  - e Select **Add**.

To control the deployment of applications, you can either add a single assignment or multiple assignments. If you add multiple assignments, prioritize the importance of the assignment by moving its place in the list up for most important or down for least important.

**13** Click **Save and Publish**.

## Working with Win32 App Dependency Files

Dependency files in the software distribution are applications that are necessary for a Win32 application to function. Examples include framework packages and libraries. Although you upload them like a file and you can view them in the **List View**, they have reduced features.

### Dependency File Features

- Dependency file does not have assignments of their own. The applications to which they are associated give the dependency files their assignments.
- Every dependency file is a separate file and the system does not create versions for the file.
- The system cannot parse information from dependency files so you must enter details such as uninstallation processes.
- Dependency files have reduced options on the Deployment Options tab.
- You cannot associate patches or transforms to dependency files.
- You can view the dependency files by setting the filters as **Windows Desktop** apps and **Dependencies**.
- If you modify the application manifest to add or remove the application dependencies, the software distribution agent installs or uninstalls the dependencies. Currently, the application must first be uninstalled and then reinstalled for the changes to take effect. If the reinstalled application is User Installed, it becomes Managed, and it is removed upon unenrollment.

### Delete Considerations

Before you delete a dependency, ensure that other applications are not associated to it. When you delete the dependency file, the system removes its association from all applications. Devices newly assigned to the application do not get the dependency. Deletion does not remove the dependency from devices that had the application previous to deletion.

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This feature works for devices that meet these caveats.

- Devices that enrolled or were assigned after you enabled this option and did not have the application installed.
- Devices that enrolled or were assigned after you enabled this option and did have the application installed with a status of user-installed.

This feature does not support the management assumption process on devices that meet these caveats.

- Devices that enrolled or were assigned before you enabled this option and have the application installed with a status of user-installed.
- Devices that are employee owned. If users have BYODs, you cannot assume management of Win32 applications on these devices.

## User-Installed Win32 Application Workflow

When you enable **Make App MDM Managed if User Installed** for Win32 applications, the system processes the command to assume management of the Win32 application.

If you enable **Make App MDM Managed if User Installed**, the management assumption process begins with an install command.

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**Note** If you disable the option and the user installs the application, the system marks the application as user-installed.

- 1 Workspace ONE UEM sends install commands to all the enrolled devices after publication.
  - 2 The device responds and confirms the acceptance of the app installation command.
  - 3 The system checks if the **Make App MDM Managed if User Installed** for the Win32 application is enabled and the administrator is assuming management.
  - 4 The system looks for the application on the device. If the application is already installed, the system downloads the installer to the app management cache. This step is required for management tasks such as app updates and app removal.
  - 5 If the application is not installed, the system installs the application as per the configured deployment options.
  - 6 The device reports the status of the application as managed to the console.
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# Technical Preview: Manage Software Distribution applications used in Workflows

You can now create a workflow for any of your Windows and macOS software distribution applications.

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**Note** Workspace ONE UEM offers Freestyle Orchestrator Workflows as a tech preview feature for our SaaS customers. For more information, see [What is Freestyle Orchestrator](#).

Technical preview features are not fully tested and some functionality may not work as expected. However, these previews help Workspace ONE UEM improve current functionality and develop future enhancements. The content in this section applies only to customers who are participating in the technical preview. If you are participating in the tech preview feature and you intend to use an application or a specific version of an app in workflows, consider the following properties:

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## Newly added applications and the default policy

The app assignment section of your software distribution application, displays a **Workflow** assignment tab. If you are uploading an application for the first time, the workflow tab is empty as there are no workflows associated with the application. You must create at least one assignment rule for the application to be picked as **default policy** to use the application in the workflows. The properties specified in the default policy are used by all the devices that receive this application version through any workflow. If you want to override the policy for a group of users, you can create additional assignments and prioritize them over the default policy.

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**Note** Default policy ignores the deployment properties such as **deployment mode, deployment begins on**, as Workflow drives some of these properties.

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## Considerations while adding new version of the application

If you are using **Latest version** option for a particular app in your workflow and you add a version of this app to your inventory, direct app assignments, default policies, and workflow assignments is copied over from the previous version. Canceling the assignment without publishing the changes to the end-user devices will not recognize the newly added version as the **latest**. If and when the assignments for the newly added version are published, a new version of the workflows that contains this application is published to the devices.

## Considerations while deleting or retiring the application

Retiring or deleting a version of your application that is used in workflows is not allowed if you are using a specific version in your workflows. These actions are allowed only if you use the option **latest version**.

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**Note** When you retire the latest version (V2) of your app, and make its lower version (V1) as the latest, all the devices that receive the highest version (V2) is not impacted. However, the devices that receive the workflow after the action, will receive the older version (V1) as its latest.

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