



**Persystent Suite 6.0** 

# **Application Deployment**

### **Overview**

Persystent includes the ability to deploy applications to computers in your environment. You can deploy applications to machines on-demand, post imaging process, and install automatically based on group membership in Persystent.

### **Prerequisites**

- Application install files such as MSI or EXE or Batch or PowerShell script.
- Switches to install the application silently
- Any pre or post installation steps if required

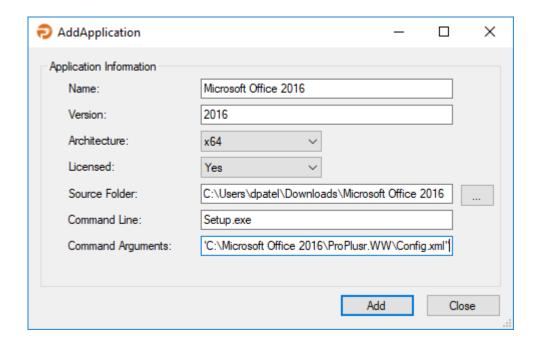




# **Adding Application in Persystent**

An application is needed to be added in Persystent in order to deploy it to machines.

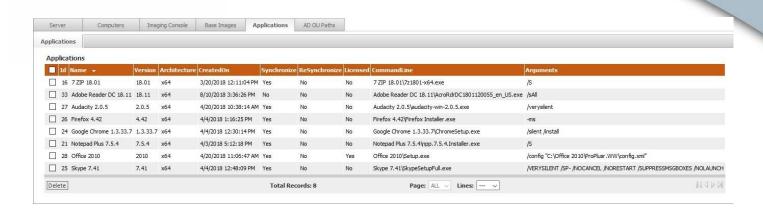
- 1. Copy all application install files in a folder. For example: Microsoft Office 2016
- 2. Make sure that the install file is located at the root of the folder in step 1.
- 3. Run PE Builder utility on the Persystent Server.
- 4. Click on Application.
- 5. Click on Add Application.
- 6. On Add Application screen enter following information about the application:
  - A. **Name** Name of the application.
  - B. **Version** Version of the application.
  - C. **Architecture** Select the architecture for the application.
  - D. **Licensed** Select if the application is licensed or not.
  - E. **Source Folder** Browse to source folder from step 1.
  - F. **Command Line** Name of the MSI or EXE or Batch or PowerShell script.
  - G. **Command Arguments** Command line arguments if any



- 7. Verify the information entered.
- 8. Click Add.
- 9. Application will be added to the Persystent Server and listed under **Applications** on the WebUI.







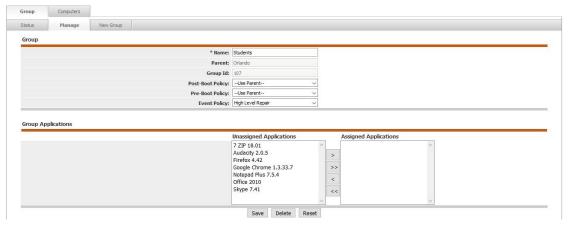




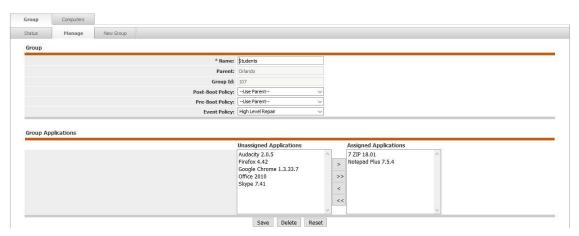
# **Assigning Application to Persystent Group**

An application can be assigned to a Persystent Group so that it will be deployed to any machine that is part of the group automatically. Persystent Agent will poll the server and install any application on the machine that has not been installed already.

- 1. Login to WebUI.
- 2. Expand Persystent Sever on the left-hand side tree.
- 3. Click on a specific group where you would like to assign the application on the left-hand side tree.
- 4. Click on Group tab.
- 5. Unassigned and Assigned applications would be listed on the page.



- 6. Select the applications that you would like to assign to the group.
- 7. Click on > button to move application to the **Assigned Applications**.



- 8. Click Save.
- Application will be deployed to all machines that are part of the group as they check-in with the Persystent Server.

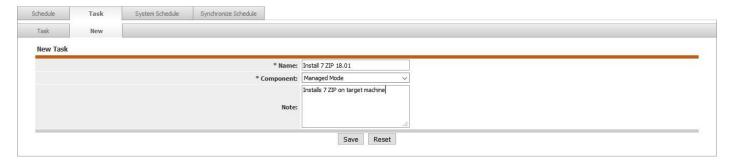




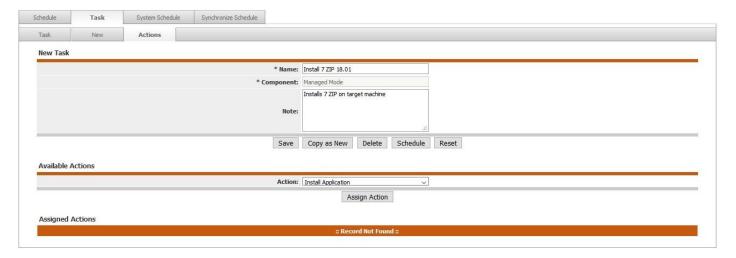
# **Deploying Application using Scheduled Task**

Application can be deployed to a machine or group of machines using schedule task.

- 1. Login to WebUI.
- 2. Click on Task on the left-hand side tree.
- 3. Click **New** tab on the right-hand side to create the new task.
- 4. Enter Task information:
  - a. Name Name of the task. For example: Install 7 ZIP 18.01
  - b. Component Select Managed Mode.
  - c. Note Enter any notes if needed.



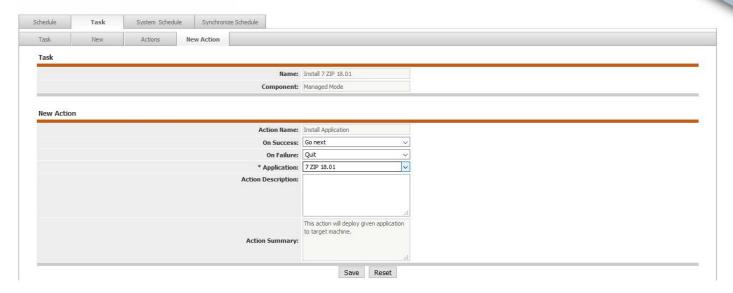
- 5. Click Save.
- 6. Select **Install Application** action from list of Actions.



- 7. Click Assign Action.
- 8. Select application to be installed on the target machine from the dropdown list.
- 9. Click Save.



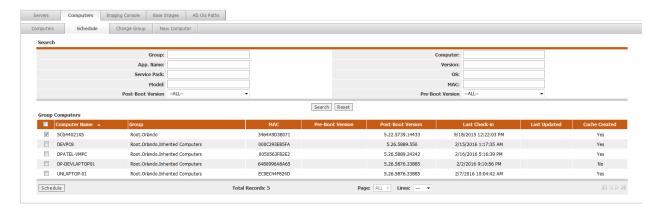




10. Task is ready to schedule on machines.

### **Scheduling Task on machines**

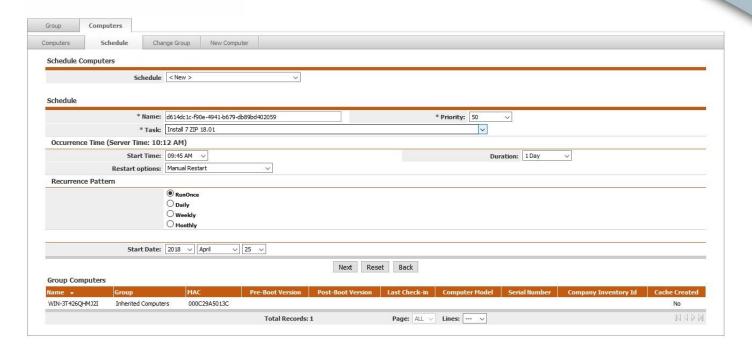
- 1. Click on the Computer Group or the Server where the computer is located.
- 2. Select computer(s) to assign the schedule and click on "Schedule" button.



- 3. Select task to be scheduled from the pull-down menu and give a name to the schedule.
- Select schedule options (type of schedule, reboot options, etc.) based on requirement.







- 5. Click on "Next" button.
- 6. Click on "Confirm" to assign schedule to computer(s).
- 7. Computers will poll the server and execute the task.

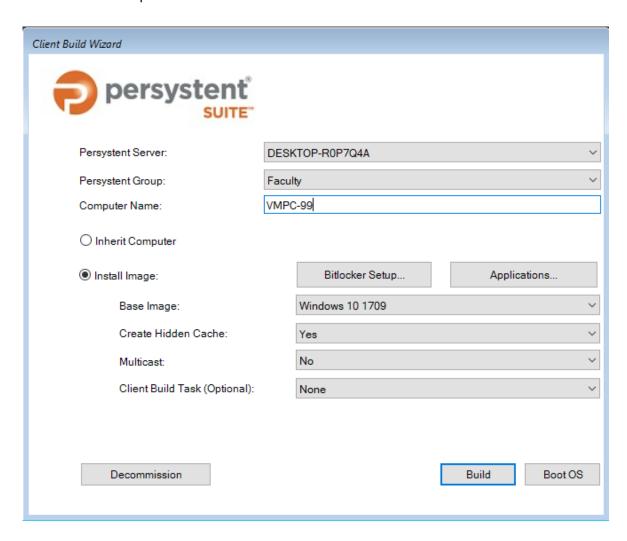




# **Deploying Application using Client Build Wizard**

Applications can be deployed post imaging by using Client Build Wizard. Select applications that you would like to install on the Client Build Wizard and they would be installed on the machine automatically post imaging process.

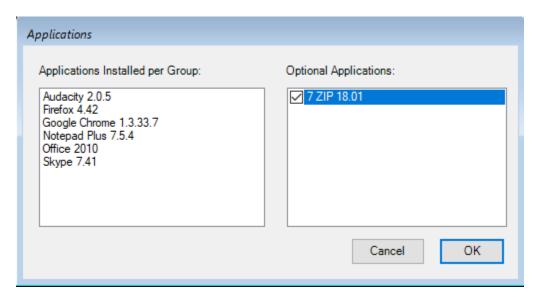
- 1. Boot computer to Persystent using PXE/CD/DVD/USB.
- 2. Computer will now boot into the pre-boot environment and will prompt you to login.
- 3. Enter the username and password that you use to log into Persystent Web Console.
- 4. The **Client Build Wizard** screen is shown and **Install Image** is selected by default. On this screen the following information can be provided:



- A. **Persystent Server** Select the Persystent Server that this computer will report to.
- B. **Persystent Group** Select the Persystent Group that this computer belongs to.
- C. **Computer Name** Enter the name to assign to this computer.
- D. Base Image The image that is being deployed.



- E. Create Hidden Cache If Yes is selected, it will create a hidden cache partition which will enable the repair functionality. If No is selected, it will install the image on the computer, but it will not create hidden cache partition and you will not be able to use repair functionality.
- F. Multicast –This option provides the ability to deploy an image to multiple computer simultaneously. If multiple computers are being imaged, use this option so that the base image is transferred once over the network rather than multiple times.
- G. Client Build Task (Optional) If a Client Build Task has been created it can be selected here. This task will be executed once the base image has been installed on the computer. This allows you to automate your imaging process.
- H. Bitlocker Setup Click on Bitlocker Setup button to configure Bitlocker and TPM settings.
- Applications Click on Applications button to select any applications that you would like to deploy post imaging process.



**NOTE** If using BitLocker, please refer to the "Technical Brief- BitLocker" document.

- 5. Click Build.
- 6. The selected base image is now being installed on the computer. Once the base image is installed successfully then it will be added to Persystent Web Console automatically. The machine will automatically install any applications selected on this wizard. At this point, the build process is complete and the computer is ready to be managed through Persystent Web Console.





# **Application Replication to other Persystent Servers**

Application replication will allow administrator to add application on the master server and then replicate them to other Persystent Server automatically. The master server should be accessible over the network from all other Persystent Servers in order for the application replication to work correctly.

### **Setting up Master Server**

A master image server needs to be dedicated in the Persystent WebUI so that all other Persystent Servers can replicate base images.

- 1. Login to the Persystent WebUI.
- 2. Click on the Persystent Server on the tree which is going to be Master Server.
- 3. Click on the Server tab.
- 4. Click on the Manage tab.
- 5. Scroll down to **Server Policy** section.



- 6. Change the setting for "Is this is a Master Server" to "Yes".
- 7. Set the "Image/Application Sync Frequency to other servers" to desired setting (default setting is 15 Minutes).
- 8. Restart "Persystent Repository Service" on this server.

### Setting up Child Server

A master image server needs to be dedicated in the Persystent WebUI so that all other Persystent Servers can replicate base images.

- 1. Login to the Persystent WebUI.
- 2. Click on the Persystent Server on the tree which is going to be Child Server.
- 3. Click on the Server tab.
- 4. Click on the **Manage** tab.
- 5. Scroll down to **Server Policy** section.



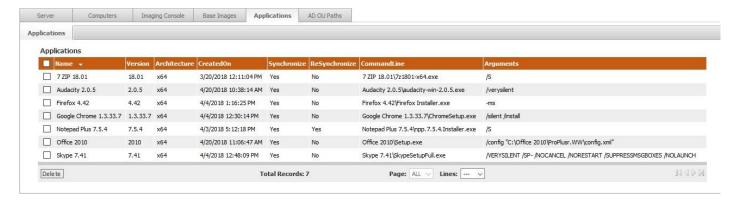


- 6. Change the setting for "Image/Application Sync to this server" to "Enabled".
- 7. Restart "Persystent Repository Service" on this server.
- 8. Repeat steps 1 8 for all other child servers.

### **Set Application to Be Replicated**

All applications by default are set not be replicated. It is a good practice to test the applications first and then set it to be replicated to other servers. Here are steps to set an application to be replicated to other servers.

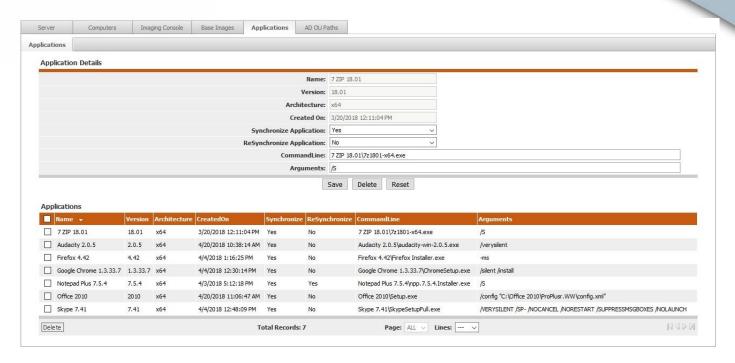
- 1. Login to the Persystent WebUI.
- 2. Click on the Persystent Server on the tree which is dedicated as master server.
- 3. Click on "Applications" tab. All available applications will be listed.



- 4. Click on the application that needs to be replicated to other servers.
- 5. Change the setting "Synchronize Application" to "Yes".
- 6. Click Save.







7. Application will be synchronized to other servers based on the policy.

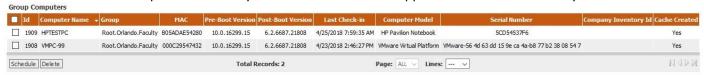




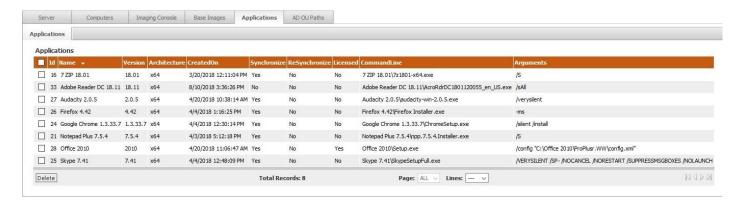
# **Application Installation History**

Application installation history from each computer is updated on the Persystent Web Console. You can view status of each application installation for every computer.

- 1. Login to the WebUI.
- 2. Expand the Persystent Server on the left-hand side tree.
- 3. Click on the Computer Group or the Server where the computer is located.
- 4. Click on the computer for which you would like to see the application installation history.



- 5. Click on the **History** tab.
- 6. Click on the **Application History** tab.
- 7. Application history will be displayed based on when the computer had installed each application.







## **Installing Application using Notifier Agent**

Applications can be installed by user using Notifier Agent on the client machine. User can only install unlicensed applications and if the policy is enabled to allow user to install applications.

### Setting Policy to allow application install using Notifier Agent

- 1. Login to the WebUI.
- 2. Click on "Post Boot" policy on the left-hand side tree.
- 3. Click on the desired policy from the list of Available Post-Boot Policies.
- 4. Make sure that "Show Notifier Agent" is set to Enabled.
- 5. Make sure that "Allow Application installs using Notifier Agent" is set to Enabled.

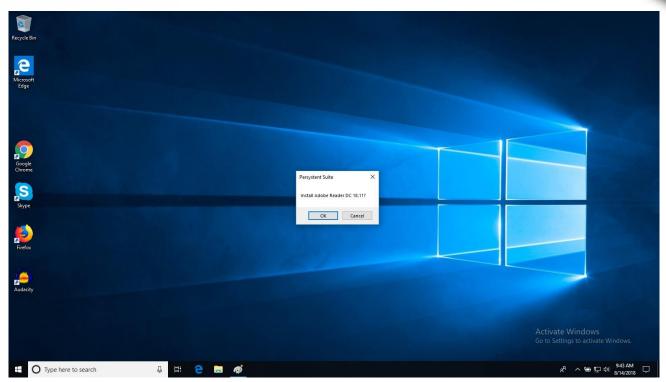
### **Installing Application using Notifier Agent**

- 1. Login to the client machine.
- 2. Right click on Persystent Notifier Agent icon from the task bar.
- 3. Click on "Install Application".
- 4. Click on one of the available applications to be installed on the machine.



5. Click **OK** to install selected application.





6. Application install will be started and notification will be shown to the user that the application install is in progress.



7. Notification will be shown to the user once the application has been installed.







8. Application installation history will be sent to the WebUI for reporting purpose.

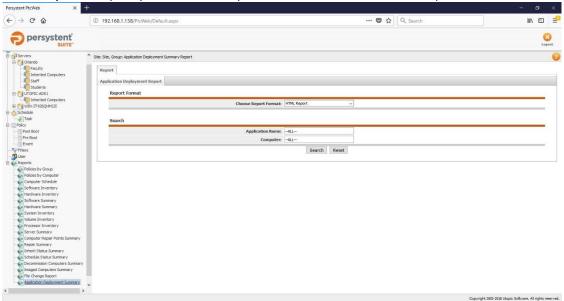




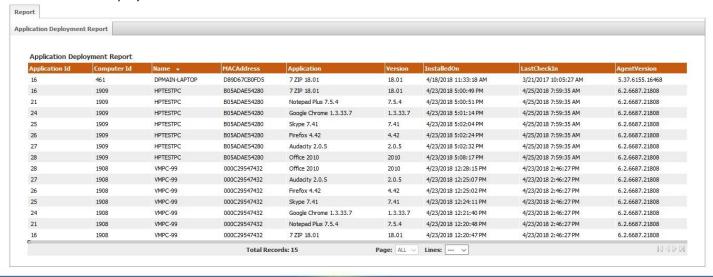
# **Application Installation Report**

Application installation report can be run to view status of all or specific installation of an application. This report can be exported to EXCEL.

- 1. Login to the WebUI.
- Expand Reports.
- 3. Click on Application Deployment Summary report.
- 4. Search options:
  - a. Application Name Specify name of an application or leave it blank for all applications.
  - b. **Computer** Specify name of a computer or leave it blank for all computers.



- 5. Select desired report option
  - a. HTML Report Results are displayed in the WebUI.
  - b. MS Excel (XLS) Results are exported in excel format.
- 6. Click Search.
- 7. Results are displayed in selected format.







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