

SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0

Quick Setup Guide

Notes, cautions, and warnings

 **NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your product.


 **CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

 **WARNING:** A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

Overview

SupportAssist Enterprise is an application that automates technical support for your Dell server, storage, and networking devices. SupportAssist Enterprise monitors your devices and proactively detects hardware issues that may occur. When a hardware issue is detected, SupportAssist Enterprise automatically opens a support case with Technical Support and sends you an email notification. SupportAssist Enterprise automatically collects the system state information required for troubleshooting the issue and sends it securely to Dell EMC. The collected system information helps Technical Support to provide you an enhanced, personalized, and efficient support experience. SupportAssist Enterprise capability also includes a proactive response from Technical Support to help you resolve the issue.

Additionally, SupportAssist Enterprise can monitor hardware issues that may occur on devices that you are managing by using OpenManage Essentials, Microsoft System Center Operations Manager, or OpenManage Enterprise - Tech Release.

 **NOTE:** In this document, the term *local system* refers to the system where SupportAssist Enterprise is installed; *remote device* refers to any other device in your environment.

This document provides information that is required to setup SupportAssist Enterprise for monitoring the local system and a single remote device.

After you successfully complete the setup:

- SupportAssist Enterprise can monitor the local system for hardware issues.
- You can use SupportAssist Enterprise to collect and send system state information from the local system or the remote device to Dell.

Download the SupportAssist Enterprise installation package

You can install SupportAssist Enterprise on a virtual machine or a PowerEdge server running either a Windows or Linux operating system.

1. Visit Dell.com/SupportAssist.
The Dell SupportAssist portal is displayed.
2. In the **Available Versions** section, click the **Learn More** link that is displayed under **SupportAssist for Enterprise Systems**.
The **SupportAssist for enterprise systems** page is displayed.
3. In the **Downloads** section, under **SupportAssist Enterprise**, perform one of the following depending on the installation package that you want to download:
 - For the Windows installation package, click the **SupportAssist Enterprise Windows management server** link.
 - For the Linux installation package, click the **SupportAssist Enterprise Linux management server** link.The **Drivers Details** page is displayed in a new web browser window.
4. In the **Available formats** section, click the **Download File** link that is displayed under **File Format: Application**.

Download of the SupportAssist Enterprise installation package is initiated.

Install SupportAssist Enterprise on Windows

1. Right-click the SupportAssist Enterprise installer package and then click **Run as administrator**.
The **Preparing to Install** page is displayed briefly, and then the **Welcome to SupportAssist Enterprise Installer** page is displayed.
2. Click **Next**.
The **License Agreement** page is displayed.
3. Read about the information that SupportAssist Enterprise collects from monitored devices, and select **I Agree**.
4. Read the **Dell End User License Agreement**, select **I Agree**, and then click **Next**.
The **Destination Folder** page is displayed.

5. The default installation folder for SupportAssist Enterprise is <Drive where SupportAssist Enterprise is installed>:\Program Files\Dell\SupportAssist. If you want to install SupportAssist Enterprise on any other location, click **Browse** and select a folder.
6. Click **Install**.
If the default SupportAssist Enterprise ports (9099 and 2424) are already in use, the **Port Settings** page is displayed. Else, the **Installing SupportAssist Enterprise** page is displayed briefly, and then the **Installation Completed** page is displayed.
7. Click **Finish** to exit the SupportAssist Enterprise installer.
The **SupportAssist Enterprise** login page opens in a web browser window.
NOTE: If the system is a member of a domain, you must enter the login user name in the [Domain\Username] format. For example, MyDomain\MyUsername. You can also use a period [.] to indicate the local domain. For example, .\Administrator.
8. Enter the Microsoft Windows operating system user name and password, and then click **Login**.
The **SupportAssist Enterprise Registration Wizard** is displayed.
NOTE: The server or virtual machine where you have installed SupportAssist Enterprise is automatically added as a device.

(Optional) Complete the registration of SupportAssist Enterprise. See [Register SupportAssist Enterprise](#).

If you want to use SupportAssist Enterprise to only collect and send system information to Dell, you may skip the registration and follow the instructions in [Start the collection of system information from a device](#).

Install SupportAssist Enterprise on Linux

Log in to the local system with root privileges.

1. Open the terminal window.
2. Browse to the folder where the SupportAssist Enterprise installation package is available.
3. Perform one of the following:
 - Type `chmod 744 supportassistenterprise_2.0.0.bin` and press Enter.
 - Type `chmod +x supportassistenterprise_2.0.0.bin` and press Enter.
4. Type `./supportassistenterprise_2.0.0.bin` and press Enter.
The **Welcome to the Dell SupportAssist Enterprise Installer** message is displayed.
5. To continue, type `c`.
The **SupportAssist Enterprise License Agreement** is displayed.
6. Read the license agreement and type `y` to start the installation.
7. Type the user name and password of a user with root privileges, and then click **Login**.
The **SupportAssist Enterprise Registration Wizard** is displayed.
NOTE: To access SupportAssist Enterprise from a remote system, open the following web address by using a web browser:
`https://<IP address or host name of the server where SupportAssist Enterprise is installed>:5700/SupportAssist.`

(Optional) Complete the registration of SupportAssist Enterprise. See [Register SupportAssist Enterprise](#).

If you want to use SupportAssist Enterprise to only collect and send system information to Dell, you may skip the registration and follow the instructions in [Start the collection of system information from a device](#).

Open the SupportAssist Enterprise user interface

You can open the SupportAssist Enterprise user interface by using one of the following methods:

- If you are logged in to the server where SupportAssist Enterprise is installed:
 - Double-click the SupportAssist Enterprise desktop icon.
 - Open a web browser and type the address in the following format:

http://localhost:9099/SupportAssist

- NOTE:** If you entered a custom port number during the installation of SupportAssist Enterprise, you must replace 9099 with the custom port number in the web address.

- To access SupportAssist Enterprise from a remote system, open a web browser and type the address in the following format:

https://<IP address or host name of the server where SupportAssist Enterprise is installed>:5700/SupportAssist

For example, https://10.25.35.1:5700/SupportAssist

i **NOTE:** When typing the address, ensure that you type SupportAssist with the S and A in uppercase.

- If you are using Internet Explorer, the following message may be displayed: **There is a problem with this website's security certificate.** To open SupportAssist Enterprise, click **Continue to this website (not recommended).**
- If you are using Mozilla Firefox, the following message may be displayed: **This Connection is Untrusted.** To open SupportAssist Enterprise, click **I Understand the Risks,** and then click **Add Exception.** In the **Add Security Exception** window, click **Confirm Security Exception.**

The **SupportAssist Enterprise** login page is displayed in the web browser.

i **NOTE:** The recommended screen resolution for optimally viewing the SupportAssist Enterprise user interface is 1280 x 1024 or higher.

Register SupportAssist Enterprise

1. On the **Welcome** page, click **Next.**
SupportAssist Enterprise verifies connectivity to the Internet by trying to connect to **http://www.dell.com**, which then gets redirected to **https://www.dell.com.**
2. On the **Registration** page, provide the following information:
 - a. In the **Company Information** section, type the company name, and select your country or territory.
 - b. In the **Contact Information** section, type your first name, last name, phone number, alternate phone number, and email address in the appropriate fields.
 - c. From the **Time zone** list, select the time zone.
3. Click **Next.**
The **Set Up Parts Dispatch Preferences (Optional)** page is displayed.
4. Select **I agree to have parts dispatched to the following contact and shipping address,** and enter the following information:
 - a. Select one of the following:
 - **Parts Dispatch Only** — If you want only the replacement hardware component to be dispatched to your address.
 - **Parts Dispatch with Onsite Service** — If you want an onsite technician to replace the dispatched hardware component.
 - b. If you want to use the contact information provided in the **Group and Contact Information** page, click the appropriate link.
 - c. Select the preferred contact hours during which Dell can contact you, if necessary.
 - d. Select the time zone and type your shipping address in the appropriate fields.
 - e. Type any specific dispatch related information in the **Dispatch Notes** section.
i **NOTE:** If a device is moved to a different location, ensure that the dispatch preferences and shipping information are updated.
5. Click **Next.**
The **Integrate With TechDirect (Optional)** page is displayed.
6. Select **I agree to integrate SupportAssist Enterprise with TechDirect,** and perform the following:
 - a. Click **Sign In** to log in to your company's TechDirect Administrator account to get the One-Time Password (OTP).
 - b. Enter the **OTP** to verify your TechDirect account.
7. Click **Submit.**
SupportAssist Enterprise connects to Dell and completes the registration. If the registration is successful, the **Summary** page is displayed. Else, an error message is displayed. If the registration issue persists, contact your network administrator for assistance.
8. Click **Finish.**

The SupportAssist Enterprise **Site Health** page is displayed.

Install or upgrade OMSA on the local system

Dell OpenManage Server Administrator (OMSA) is required for monitoring hardware issues that may occur on the local system.



You must be logged in to SupportAssist Enterprise with elevated privileges. For information on the SupportAssist Enterprise user privileges, see [SupportAssist Enterprise user groups](#).

1. On the **Devices** page, select the local system.
The device overview pane is displayed at the right side of the **Devices** page.
2. From the **Tasks** list, select **Install/Upgrade OMSA**.

The **Status** column displays the status of the OMSA installation or upgrade.

Set up SupportAssist Enterprise for the local system

Installing SupportAssist Enterprise enables you to start the collection and upload of system state information from the local system. To allow SupportAssist Enterprise to monitor the local system for hardware issues, you must complete the registration and perform additional tasks.

1. Download the SupportAssist Enterprise installation package. See [Download the SupportAssist Enterprise installation package](#).
 **NOTE:** For information on the supported operating systems and minimum requirements for installing SupportAssist Enterprise, see the *SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0 User's Guide* at <https://www.dell.com/serviceabilitytools>.
2. Install SupportAssist Enterprise. See [Install SupportAssist Enterprise on Windows](#) or [Install SupportAssist Enterprise on Linux](#).
3. (Optional) Complete the registration of SupportAssist Enterprise. See [Register SupportAssist Enterprise](#).
 **CAUTION: Completing the registration is a prerequisite to receive the full benefits of SupportAssist Enterprise. Without registration, you can only use SupportAssist Enterprise to manually start the collection and upload of system state information from your devices to Dell. Until registration is completed, SupportAssist Enterprise can neither monitor your devices for hardware issues nor automatically collect system information.**
4. Perform the following if you want SupportAssist Enterprise to monitor the local system for hardware issues:
 - a. Install or upgrade OpenManage Server Administrator (OMSA) on the local system. See [Install or upgrade OMSA on the local system](#).
 - b. Configure the SNMP settings of the local system. See [Configure SNMP settings of the local system](#).
 - c. Enable monitoring of the local system. See [Enable monitoring of the local system](#).

Configure SNMP settings of the local system

Configuring the SNMP settings is required for monitoring hardware issues that may occur on the local system.

You must be logged in to SupportAssist Enterprise with elevated privileges. For information on the SupportAssist Enterprise user privileges, see [SupportAssist Enterprise user groups](#).

1. Point to **Devices** and click **View Devices**.
The **Devices** page is displayed.
2. On the **Devices** page, select the local system.
The device overview pane is displayed at the right side of the **Devices** page.
3. From the **Tasks** list, select **Configure SNMP**.

The **Status** column displays the status of the SNMP configuration.

Enable monitoring of the local system

Enabling monitoring of the local system allows SupportAssist Enterprise to detect hardware issues that may occur on the local system.

You must have registered SupportAssist Enterprise. See [Register SupportAssist Enterprise](#) on page 5.

1. [Log in to SupportAssist Enterprise](#) on page 8.

2. Point to **Devices** and click **View Devices**.
The **Devices** page is displayed.
3. Select the local system.
The device overview pane is displayed at the right side of the **Devices** page.
4. In the **Monitoring** section, select **Enable**.

Set up SupportAssist Enterprise for a remote device

- You must be logged in to SupportAssist Enterprise with elevated privileges. For information on the SupportAssist Enterprise user privileges, see [SupportAssist Enterprise user groups](#).
- The remote device must be reachable from the local system.
- You must have completed the steps listed in [Set up SupportAssist Enterprise for the local system](#).

To set up SupportAssist Enterprise for monitoring or collecting system information from a remote device, add the remote device in SupportAssist Enterprise. The following steps are applicable for adding a remote server running Windows.



i **NOTE:** You can also add a supported storage, networking, or chassis device in SupportAssist Enterprise. For detailed information on adding devices individually based on the device type, see the *SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0 User's Guide* at Dell.com/ServiceabilityTools.

1. Point to **Devices** and click **View Devices**.
The **Devices** page is displayed.
2. Click **Add Devices**.
The **Add Single Device** window is displayed.
3. From the **Device Type** list, ensure that **Server / Hypervisor** is selected.
4. Type the IP address or host name of the server in the appropriate field.
i **NOTE:** Dell recommends that you enter the host name of the server. If the host name is not available, you can enter the IP address of the server.
5. If desired, type a name for the device in the appropriate field.
The name you enter is used to represent the device in SupportAssist Enterprise. If you do not enter a name, the IP address or host name that you have entered is used to represent the device.
6. From the **Account Credentials** list, select **Create Account**, and then click **Create**.
The **Add Account Credentials** window is displayed.
7. In the **Name** field, type a unique name for the Account Credentials.
8. From the **Device Type** list, ensure that **Server / Hypervisor** is selected.
9. From the **Operating System** type list, select **Windows**.
10. Enter the user name and password of the remote device in the appropriate fields.
11. Click **Save**.
12. Click **Next**.
The **Discovering Device** page is displayed until SupportAssist Enterprise identifies the device.
If the device is discovered successfully, the **Assign Device Group** page is displayed. Otherwise, an appropriate error message is displayed.
13. If desired, from the **Assign Other Group** list, select a device group to which you want to assign the device.
14. Click **Finish**.
The device is added to the device inventory and the **Summary** page is displayed.
15. Click **OK** to close the **Add Single Device** wizard.

Viewing cases and devices

1. To view the support cases that are open for the devices you have added in SupportAssist Enterprise, point to **Cases** and click **View Cases**.
2. To view the devices that you have added in SupportAssist Enterprise, point to **Devices** and click **View Devices**.

You can also view the status of the SupportAssist Enterprise functionality on each monitored device on the **Devices** page. If

there is an issue with the device setup or configuration, the device displays a  warning or  error status. The error status may be displayed as a link that you can click to view a description of the issue and the possible resolution steps.

System information collection settings

By default, SupportAssist Enterprise automatically collects system information from devices at periodic intervals. System information is also automatically collected when a support case is created for an issue that is detected on a device. If the security policy of your company restricts sending some or all of the collected system information outside of your company network, you can use the configuration options available in SupportAssist Enterprise to:

- Disable the automatic collection of system information from devices when a support case is created or updated
- Disable the periodic collection of system information from all devices
- Disable the collection of identity information from all devices
- Disable the collection of software information from devices
- Disable the automatic upload of collections

For more information on the system information collection settings, see the “Configuring collection settings” section in the *SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0 User’s Guide* at Dell.com/ServiceabilityTools.

Log in to SupportAssist Enterprise

1. [Open the SupportAssist Enterprise user interface](#) on page 4.
2. Enter the username and password of a user account that has elevated or normal privileges in SupportAssist Enterprise. For information about the SupportAssist Enterprise user privileges, see [SupportAssist Enterprise user groups](#) on page 9.
3. Click **Login**.

The SupportAssist Enterprise **Site Health** page is displayed.

Start the collection of system information from a remote device

You can use SupportAssist Enterprise to collect and send the system information from a device to Dell.

You must be logged in to SupportAssist Enterprise with elevated privileges. For information on the SupportAssist Enterprise user privileges, see [SupportAssist Enterprise user groups](#).

1. Point to **Devices** and click **View Devices**.
The **Devices** page is displayed.
2. Select a device from which you want to collect and send the system information to Dell.
The **Start Collection** link is enabled.
3. Click **Start Collection**.


The **Name/IP address** column on the **Devices** page displays a progress indicator and message that indicate the status of the collection and upload of the system information.

Upload a collection from a disconnected site

When internet connectivity is available, SupportAssist Enterprise automatically collects and sends system information from your devices to Dell. If the server where SupportAssist Enterprise is installed does not have internet connectivity, you can choose to manually upload collections to Dell.

1. Perform a collection from the device. See [Start the collection of system information from a device](#).
2. If the collection was performed by SupportAssist Enterprise:
 - For storage, networking, or multiple device collections only — On the **Collections** page, select the collection, and in the collection overview pane, click **Download File**.

- For other device collections, depending on the operating system, you can access the collection .zip file at the following location:
 - Windows — <Drive where SupportAssist Enterprise is installed>:\Program Files\Dell\SupportAssist\reports
 - Linux — /opt/dell/supportassist/reports
 - If the collection was performed by a Remote Collector, log in to the server where the Remote Collector is installed. Depending on the operating system, you can access the collection .zip file at the following location:
 - Windows — <System drive of the remote system>:\Program Files\Dell\SupportAssist\reports
 - Linux — /opt/dell/supportassist/reports
3. Copy and paste the collection .zip file to another system that has internet connectivity.
 4. Visit <https://techdirect.dell.com/fileUpload/>. The **Dell EMC Technical Support File Upload** page is displayed.
 5. Type the Service Tag of the device.
 6. Type your company name, contact name, Service Request #, email address, Dell contact email, and address in the appropriate fields.

 **NOTE:** If you do not have a Service Request number, contact Technical Support to open a service request.
 7. Click **Choose File** and browse to select the collection .zip file.
 8. Click **Submit**.

Managing SupportAssist Enterprise alerts in TechDirect

Dell EMC TechDirect is a centralized support portal that enables administrators in your organization to manage alerts that are created by SupportAssist Enterprise. By default, SupportAssist Enterprise automatically forwards alerts that qualify for support case creation or parts dispatch to Dell. Using TechDirect, you can set rules that allow you to review and determine if the alerts need to be forwarded to Dell for case creation or parts dispatch. For more information on setting up TechDirect to receive alerts from SupportAssist Enterprise, see the *SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0 User's Guide* at Dell.com/ServiceabilityTools.

SupportAssist Enterprise user groups

SupportAssist Enterprise maintains security rights through the following user groups that are created during the installation of SupportAssist Enterprise:

- **SupportAssistAdmins** — Members of this group have elevated or administrative privileges required for performing both basic and advanced functions in SupportAssist Enterprise.
 - When SupportAssist Enterprise is installed on Windows, members of the Local Administrators group are automatically added to the **SupportAssistAdmins** user group.
 - When SupportAssist Enterprise is installed on Linux, root users are automatically added to the **SupportAssistAdmins** user group. Members of the Linux root group also have elevated privileges in SupportAssist Enterprise.
- **SupportAssistUsers** — Members of this group have normal privileges required for performing only basic functions in SupportAssist Enterprise.
 - When SupportAssist Enterprise is installed on Windows, members of the Windows Users group are automatically added to the **SupportAssistUsers** user group.
 - When SupportAssist Enterprise is installed on Linux, members of the Linux users group have normal privileges in SupportAssist Enterprise.

You can also add users to either of the SupportAssist Enterprise user groups based on your requirement. For more information on the SupportAssist Enterprise user groups, see the *SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0 User's Guide* at Dell.com/ServiceabilityTools.

Related documents and resources

In addition to this guide you can access the following documents that provide more information on SupportAssist Enterprise and the other related products.

Table 1. Related documents

| Document title | How to access the document |
|---|--|
| <i>SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0 Online Help</i> | Click the help icon in the SupportAssist Enterprise user interface. |
| <i>SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0 User's Guide</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit Dell.com/ServiceabilityTools. 2. Click SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0. 3. Click Manuals. |
| <i>SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0 Quick Setup Guide</i> | |
| <i>SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0 Support Matrix</i> | |
| <i>SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0 Reportable Items</i> | |
| <i>SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0 Release Notes</i> | |
| <i>SupportAssist Enterprise Version 2.0 REST API Guide</i> | |
| <i>OpenManage Server Administrator Installation Guide</i> | Visit Dell.com/OpenManageManuals and click OpenManage Server Administrator . |
| <i>OpenManage Server Administrator User's Guide</i> | |
| <i>iDRAC User's Guide</i> | Visit Dell.com/idracmanuals . |
| <i>TechDirect User's Guide for ProSupport Plus Reporting</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit Dell.com/ServiceabilityTools. 2. Click ProSupport Plus Reporting. 3. Click Manuals. |

Video tutorials

You can access the following video tutorials to learn about the features of SupportAssist Enterprise. To access the video tutorials, visit the [Dell TechCenter Channel](#).

- SupportAssist Enterprise: Installing and Registering (Windows)
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Installing and Registering (Linux)
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Checking for Cases
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Testing Case Creation
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Monitoring the Local System
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Adding Devices
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Case Management
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Managing Device Groups
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Testing Network Connectivity
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Viewing Collections
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Collecting System Information
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Uploading Collections from a Disconnected Site
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Setting up OpenManage Essentials adapter
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Setting up System Center Operations Manager adapter
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Setting up Remote Collector
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Creating Account Credentials
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Creating Credential Profiles
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Creating Device Discovery Rule
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Managing SupportAssist Enterprise Alerts in TechDirect
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Performing Deep Discovery
- SupportAssist Enterprise: Setting up Automated Dispatch

SupportAssist community

You can ask peer-to-peer questions on the Dell SupportAssist Enterprise [community forum](#).

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