

SMS OFFLINE DISTRIBUTION

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Your advantages at a glance

- | Software distributions are independent of a physical connection to your company network
- | 100 percent reachability by integration of your notebooks into existing processes
- | No administrative privileges needed for the end-user
- | Flexibility and at the same time protection of your security standards
- | No additional training necessary
- | Integration into your Microsoft® SMS environment
- | Easy to use CD creator tool
- | Secure storage of configuration data through high level encryption
- | Flexible handling of installation conditions and expiration dates
- | Configurable period of time for which an application set is valid

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An unattended installation of software is vital for your system management. With Microsoft® Systems Management Server 2003 you are able to distribute applications and hotfixes to all of your computers with the exception of devices that are not regularly plugged into your network such as notebooks.

Notebooks are primarily in use outside of your company network and most of the time they are located outside of your manageable scope. Even if they are infrequently within your company, they get most probably locked away over night for security reasons. This way a whole group of technical equipment detracts from your established software distribution processes. Beyond simple applications this also concerns hotfixes, updates and security patches.

SMS Offline Distribution closes this gap with a solution, that offers you the possibility of distributing software offline and detached from your company network specifically on your notebooks even without the need of extra training for your users. Already approved and practiced Microsoft® SMS processes are deployed in a way that integrates seamlessly into your environment and thereby can be easily taken over.

SMS Offline Distribution enhances your processes

Your software distribution processes currently involve repackaging an application for unattended deployment and advertising it — for example — through SMS 2003. All you have to do now is using the SMS Offline Distribution CD creator tool for configuring your application sets. You can easily define when such a set expires and therefore cannot be installed by users anymore as well as the general period of validity and who exactly is allowed to install a set on which kind of system. Your configuration file will be finally encrypted and written to a CD together with your applications.

Even though this process is decoupled from SMS, the user is able to install the software provided with your application sets with limited user privileges in a controlled manner.

Specifically for the use of installing applications and hotfixes, SMS Offline Distribution cares about executing the setups with elevated privileges as well as reporting every necessary information back to SMS 2003.

Information regarding the installation time, status, finishing and of course the responsible user account will be available in your SMS environment the next time, the computer is plugged into your company network.

Software requirements

- | Microsoft® Windows XP Professional SP2 or Windows Vista
- | Microsoft® Systems Management Server 2003 or Microsoft® System Center Configuration Manager 2007
- | Microsoft® .NET Framework 2.0

Hardware requirements

- | CD-R/RW writer

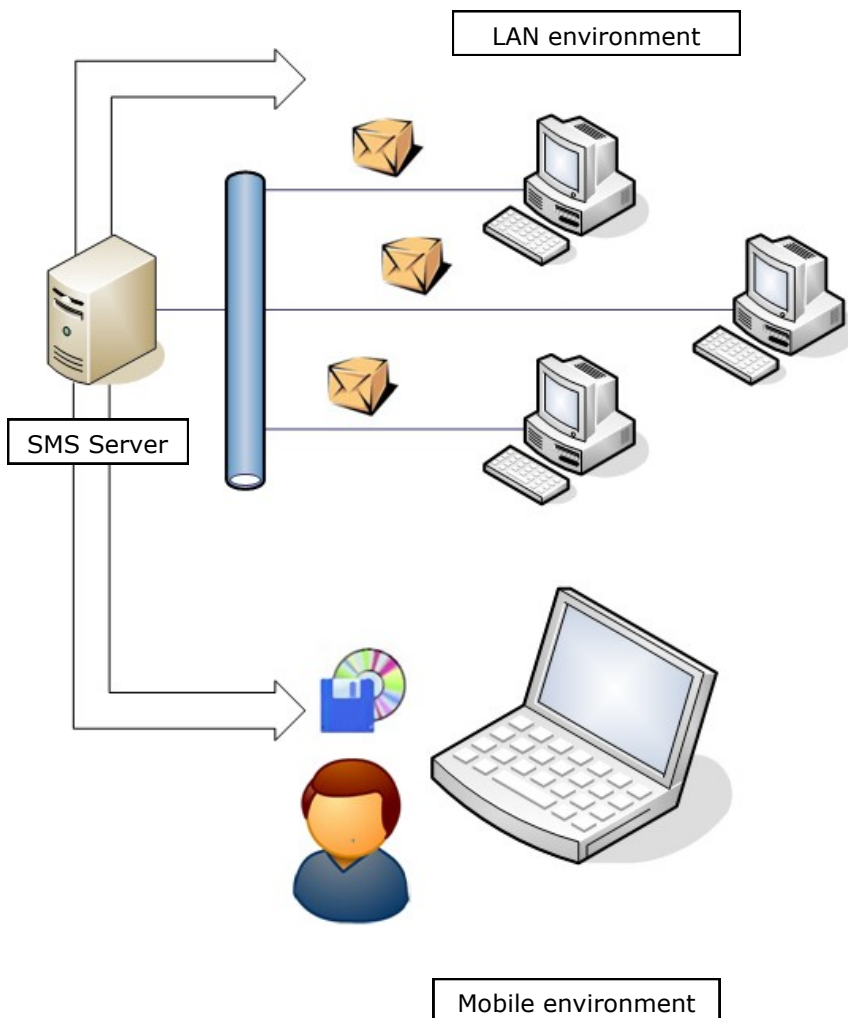


Image: SMS Offline Distribution processes

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