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StoreFront 2.6



Citrix StoreFront 2.6 enables you to create enterprise app stores that aggregate resources from XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box in one place. The stores you create provide your users with self-service access to their Windows desktops and applications through a single portal from all their devices. You get a single place to manage the provisioning of corporate desktops and applications to your users. Consolidating the delivery of resources through StoreFront means you no longer need to manage multiple delivery mechanisms for different applications or provide support for manual installations and updates.

The topics in this section provide information about deploying, configuring, and managing StoreFront 2.6. Readers are assumed to be familiar with Citrix Receiver, XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box.

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About StoreFront

StoreFront manages the delivery of desktops and applications from XenApp, XenDesktop, XenMobile, or VDI-in-a-Box servers in the datacenter to users' devices. StoreFront enumerates and aggregates available desktops and applications into stores. Users access StoreFront stores through Citrix Receiver directly or by browsing to a Receiver for Web or Desktop Appliance site. Users can also access StoreFront using thin clients and other end-user-compatible devices through XenApp Services site.

StoreFront keeps a record of each user's applications and automatically updates their devices, ensuring users have a consistent experience as they roam between their smartphones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers. StoreFront is an integral component of XenApp 7.x and XenDesktop 7.x but can be used with several versions of XenApp and XenDesktop.

What's new

StoreFront 2.6 includes the following new features and enhancements.

Simplified store configuration in the administration console. The updated StoreFront console simplifies the StoreFront configuration for the following features:

- User subscriptions (mandatory store)
- Set session timeout for Receiver for Web
- Show domains list in logon page

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See "Manage user subscriptions."

[Learn More >](#)

See the "Set session timeout" section.

[Learn More >](#)

See the "Configure trusted user domains" section.

Special folder redirection. You can specify that special folders are redirected to the users' local devices.

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See "Configure special folder redirection."

Unauthenticated (anonymous) users. Unauthenticated users with XenApp 7.6 and XenDesktop 7.6 can access applications and desktops without presenting credentials to StoreFront or Citrix Receiver. When unauthenticated users are enabled in XenApp or XenDesktop, you must have an unauthenticated StoreFront store to allow access for them.

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See " Create an unauthenticated store."

Receiver for Web My Apps Folder View. This new view displays the applications in a folder hierarchy and includes a breadcrumb path for unauthenticated and mandatory stores. This folder view can help your users move from Web Interface to Receiver for Web.

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See " Disable the My Apps Folder View."

Single Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) access. This feature allows you to provide access to resources internally and externally using a single FQDN.

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See " Create a single Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) to access a store internally and externally."

Kerberos-constrained delegation for XenApp 6.5. StoreFront with Kerberos-constrained delegation enables pass-through authentication, eliminating the need for the client and device to run Windows with Receiver.

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See " Configure Kerberos constrained delegation for XenApp 6.5."

XenApp Services Support smart card authentication. The StoreFront server authenticates using smart cards to XenApp Services Support sites and does not require specific versions of Receiver and operating systems.

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See the " Use smart cards with XenApp Services Support" section.

Receiver for Android, iOS, and Linux smart card authentication. New versions of Receiver support local and remote use of smart cards for accessing apps and desktops.

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See the " Use smart cards with XenApp Services Support" section.

Extensible authentication. Support for extensible authentication provides a single customization point for extension of StoreFront's form-based authentication. Worx Home

and Receiver for Web use it to authenticate with XenMobile and XenApp and XenDesktop for both internal (direct) and external (using NetScaler Gateway) access scenarios.

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See the "Configure NetScaler and StoreFront for Delegated Forms Authentication (DFA)" section.

XenApp 7.6 and XenDesktop 7.6 connection leasing. When connection leasing is enabled, the XenApp 7.6 and XenDesktop 7.6 Controllers cache information about recent user connections. If the database becomes unavailable, the Controller uses that cached information to continue supporting connections for applications and desktops that the user launched within the past two weeks.

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See "Connection leasing."

StoreFront Web API. Allows you to build custom web applications or portal integrations to access XenApp or XenDesktop apps and desktops.

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See "StoreFront Web API"

Receiver for Web access from a mobile browser. Enables touch for tablet users to verify credentials, remove apps, and restart desktops.

Updated Zero-install Receiver for HTML5 engine. Adds productivity applications including audio-video playback in XenApp and XenDesktop, clipboard across remote applications and between local and remote applications, seamless keyboard support inside Microsoft applications and desktops, and direct SSL connection.

Known issues in StoreFront 2.6

The following issues are known to exist in this release.

Activate Citrix ICA Client link might not work in non-English versions of Firefox

Some non-English versions of Firefox install the Addons Manager by default. You might not receive a response when clicking Activate the Citrix Client on the Activate the Citrix plug-in screen. There are three workarounds (the first being the preferred method) [#494376]:

- Click the block-like icon  in the address bar and choose an option for Allow <server> to run Citrix ICA Client.
- Remove or disable the Addons Manager.
 1.  Click the menu button and choose Add-ons.
 2. The Addons Manager tab opens.
 3. In the Addons Manager tab, select Extensions and click Remove or Disable on the Addons Manager page.

Third-party ad blockers might prevent users of older versions of Chrome from seeing StoreFront logon dialog boxes

This prevents a store from being accessible to users. As a workaround, users can either disable ad-blocking software or add an exception for the desired service domain to the ad-blocking software's configuration. [#319305]

Receiver for Web sites may be slow to respond on Internet Explorer 8

Users running Internet Explorer 8 may find that Receiver for Web sites containing a large number of desktops and applications are slow to respond when browsing the store or entering search terms. [#274126]

StoreFront deployed on Windows Server 2012 R2 affected by Certified Trust List (CTL) changes

Caution: Editing the registry incorrectly can cause serious problems that may require you to reinstall your operating system. Citrix cannot guarantee that problems resulting from the incorrect use of Registry Editor can be solved. Use Registry Editor at your own risk. Be sure to back up the registry before you edit it.

Windows 2012 Server does not by default send a list of trusted CAs during the SSL handshake, resulting in the Linux client failing to provide a client certificate. The changes to Windows 2012 Server are documented at [What's New in TLS/SSL \(Schannel SSP\)](#).

Windows Receiver clients will work if a CTL list is not sent to the client. For the Linux Receiver client, it is necessary to enable the CTL list as described in the above link.

The following registry edit is required:

Known issues

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\SecurityProviders\SCHANNEL

Value name: SendTrustedIssuerList

Value type: REG_DWORD

Value data: 1 (True)

[# 460064]

Fixed issues

For issues fixed in this release, see <http://support.citrix.com/article/CTX138215>.

System requirements for StoreFront 2.6

When planning your installation, Citrix recommends that you allow at least an additional 2 GB of RAM for StoreFront over and above the requirements of any other products installed on the server. The subscription store service requires a minimum of 5 MB disk space, plus approximately 8 MB for every 1000 application subscriptions. All other hardware specifications must meet the minimum requirements for the installed operating system.

Citrix has tested and provides support for StoreFront installations on the following platforms.

- Windows Server 2012 R2 Datacenter and Standard editions
- Windows Server 2012 Datacenter and Standard editions
- Windows Server 2008 R2 Service Pack 1 Enterprise and Standard editions

Upgrading the operating system version on a server running StoreFront is not supported. Citrix recommends that you install StoreFront on a new installation of the operating system. All the servers in a multiple server deployment must run the same operating system version with the same locale settings. StoreFront server groups containing mixtures of operating system versions and locales are not supported. While a server group can contain a maximum of five servers, from a capacity perspective based on simulations, there is no advantage of server groups containing more than three servers. All servers in a server group must reside in the same location.

Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) and Microsoft .NET Framework are required on the server. If either of these prerequisites is installed but not enabled, the StoreFront installer enables them before installing the product. Windows PowerShell and Microsoft Management Console, which are both default components of Windows Server, must be installed on the web server before you can install StoreFront. The relative path to StoreFront in IIS must be the same on all the servers in a group.

StoreFront uses the following ports for communications. Ensure your firewalls and other network devices permit access to these ports.

- TCP ports 80 and 443 are used for HTTP and HTTPS communications, respectively, and must be accessible from both inside and outside the corporate network.
- TCP port 808 is used for communications between StoreFront servers and must be accessible from inside the corporate network.
- A TCP port randomly selected from all unreserved ports is used for communications between the StoreFront servers in a server group. When you install StoreFront, a Windows Firewall rule is configured enabling access to the StoreFront executable. However, since the port is assigned randomly, you must ensure that any firewalls or other devices on your internal network do not block traffic to any of the unassigned TCP ports.
- TCP port 8008 is used by Receiver for HTML5, where enabled, for communications from local users on the internal network to the servers providing their desktops and

applications.

StoreFront supports both pure IPv6 networks and dual-stack IPv4/IPv6 environments.

Infrastructure requirements

Citrix has tested and provides support for StoreFront when used with the following Citrix product versions.

Citrix server requirements

StoreFront stores aggregate desktops and applications from the following products.

- XenDesktop
 - XenDesktop 7.6
 - XenDesktop 7.5
 - XenDesktop 7.1
 - XenDesktop 7
 - XenDesktop 5.6 Feature Pack 1
 - XenDesktop 5.6
 - XenDesktop 5.5
- XenApp
 - XenApp 7.6
 - XenApp 7.5
 - XenApp 6.5 Feature Pack 2
 - XenApp 6.5 Feature Pack 1 for Windows Server 2008 R2
 - XenApp 6.5 for Windows Server 2008 R2
 - XenApp 6.0 for Windows Server 2008 R2
 - XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 3 for Windows Server 2008 x64 Edition
 - XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 3 for Windows Server 2008
 - XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 3 for Windows Server 2003 x64 Edition
 - XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 3 for Windows Server 2003
 - XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 2 for Windows Server 2008 x64 Edition
 - XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 2 for Windows Server 2008

- XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 2 for Windows Server 2003 x64 Edition
 - XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 2 for Windows Server 2003
 - XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 1 for Windows Server 2003 x64 Edition
 - XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 1 for Windows Server 2003
 - XenApp 5.0 for Windows Server 2008 x64 Edition
 - XenApp 5.0 for Windows Server 2008
 - XenApp 5.0 for Windows Server 2003 x64 Edition
 - XenApp 5.0 for Windows Server 2003
 - VDI-in-a-Box
 - VDI-in-a-Box 5.3
 - VDI-in-a-Box 5.2
- For more information about requirements and limitations, see [Use StoreFront with VDI-in-a-Box](#).

NetScaler Gateway requirements

The following versions of NetScaler Gateway can be used to provide access to StoreFront for users on public networks.

- NetScaler Gateway 10.5
- NetScaler Gateway 10.1
- Access Gateway 10 Build 69.4 (the version number is displayed at the top of the configuration utility)
- Access Gateway 9.3, Enterprise Edition

Receiver for HTML5 requirements

If you plan to enable users to access desktops and applications using Receiver for HTML5 running on Receiver for Web sites, the following additional requirements apply.

For internal network connections, Receiver for HTML5 enables access to desktops and applications provided by the following products.

- XenDesktop 7.6
- XenDesktop 7.5
- XenDesktop 7.1

- XenDesktop 7
- XenApp 7.6
- XenApp 7.5
- XenApp 6.5 Feature Pack 2
- XenApp 6.5 Feature Pack 1 for Windows Server 2008 R2 (requires Hotfix XA650R01W2K8R2X64051, which is available at <http://support.citrix.com/article/CTX135757>)

For remote users outside the corporate network, Receiver for HTML5 enables access to desktops and applications through the following versions of NetScaler Gateway.

- NetScaler Gateway 10.1
- Access Gateway 10 Build 71.6014 (the version number is displayed at the top of the configuration utility)

For users connecting through NetScaler Gateway, Receiver for HTML5 enables access to desktops and applications provided by the following products.

- XenDesktop
 - XenDesktop 7.6
 - XenDesktop 7.5
 - XenDesktop 7.1
 - XenDesktop 7
 - XenDesktop 5.6
 - XenDesktop 5.5
- XenApp
 - XenApp 7.6
 - XenApp 7.5
 - XenApp 6.5 Feature Pack 2
 - XenApp 6.5 Feature Pack 1 for Windows Server 2008 R2
 - XenApp 6.5 for Windows Server 2008 R2
 - XenApp 6.0 for Windows Server 2008 R2
 - XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 3 for Windows Server 2008 x64 Edition
 - XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 3 for Windows Server 2008
 - XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 3 for Windows Server 2003 x64 Edition

- XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 3 for Windows Server 2003
- XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 2 for Windows Server 2008 x64 Edition
- XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 2 for Windows Server 2008
- XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 2 for Windows Server 2003 x64 Edition
- XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 2 for Windows Server 2003
- XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 1 for Windows Server 2003 x64 Edition
- XenApp 5.0 Feature Pack 1 for Windows Server 2003
- XenApp 5.0 for Windows Server 2008 x64 Edition
- XenApp 5.0 for Windows Server 2008
- XenApp 5.0 for Windows Server 2003 x64 Edition
- XenApp 5.0 for Windows Server 2003
- VDI-in-a-Box
 - VDI-in-a-Box 5.3
 - VDI-in-a-Box 5.2

User device requirements

StoreFront provides a number of different options for users to access their desktops and applications. Citrix Receiver users can either access stores through Citrix Receiver or use a web browser to log on to a Receiver for Web site for the store. For users who cannot install Citrix Receiver, but have an HTML5-compatible web browser, you can provide access to desktops and applications directly within the web browser by enabling Receiver for HTML5 on your Receiver for Web site.

Users with non-domain-joined desktop appliances access their desktops through their web browsers, which are configured to access Desktop Appliance sites. In the case of domain-joined desktop appliances and repurposed PCs running the Citrix Desktop Lock, along with older Citrix clients that cannot be upgraded, users must connect through the XenApp Services URL for the store.

If you plan to deliver offline applications to users, the Offline Plug-in is required in addition to Receiver for Windows. If you want to deliver Microsoft Application Virtualization (App-V) sequences to users, a supported version of the Microsoft Application Virtualization Desktop Client is also required. For more information, see [Publishing Applications for Streaming](#) and [Publishing App-V Sequences in XenApp](#). Users cannot access offline applications or App-V sequences through Receiver for Web sites.

It is assumed that all user devices meet the minimum hardware requirements for the installed operating system.

Requirements for access to stores within Citrix Receiver

The following Citrix Receiver versions can be used to access StoreFront stores from both internal network connections and through NetScaler Gateway. Connections through NetScaler Gateway can be made using both the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in and/or clientless access.

- Citrix Receiver for Windows 8/RT
- Citrix Receiver for Windows 4.1
- Citrix Receiver for Windows 3.4
- Citrix Receiver for Mac
- Citrix Receiver for iOS
- Citrix Receiver for Android 3.5
- Citrix Receiver for Linux

For lifecycle information for Citrix Receiver, see [Lifecycle Milestones for Citrix Receiver](#).

Requirements for access to stores through Receiver for Web sites

The following Citrix Receiver, operating system, and web browser combinations are recommended for users to access Receiver for Web sites from both internal network connections and through NetScaler Gateway. Connections through NetScaler Gateway can be made using both the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in and clientless access.

- Citrix Receiver for Windows 4.1
 - Windows 8.1 (32-bit and 64-bit editions)
 - Internet Explorer 11 (32-bit mode)
 - Google Chrome 33
 - Mozilla Firefox 32
 - Mozilla Firefox 31
 - Windows 8 (32-bit and 64-bit editions)
 - Internet Explorer 10 (32-bit mode)
 - Google Chrome 33
 - Google Chrome 32
 - Mozilla Firefox 32
 - Mozilla Firefox 31
 - Windows 7 Service Pack 1 (32-bit and 64-bit editions)
 - Internet Explorer 10 (32-bit mode)
 - Internet Explorer 9 (32-bit mode)
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)
 - Google Chrome 33
 - Google Chrome 32
 - Mozilla Firefox 32
 - Mozilla Firefox 31
 - Windows Embedded Standard 7 Service Pack 1 or Windows Thin PC
 - Internet Explorer 10 (32-bit mode)
 - Internet Explorer 9 (32-bit mode)
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)
 - Windows Vista Service Pack 2 (32-bit and 64-bit editions), Windows Embedded XP

- Internet Explorer 9 (32-bit mode)
- Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)
- Google Chrome 33
- Google Chrome 32
- Mozilla Firefox 32
- Mozilla Firefox 31
- Windows Embedded Standard 2009
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)
- Citrix Receiver for Windows 4.0 or Citrix Receiver for Windows 3.4
- Windows 8 (32-bit and 64-bit editions)
 - Internet Explorer 10 (32-bit mode)
 - Google Chrome 33
 - Google Chrome 32
 - Mozilla Firefox 27
 - Mozilla Firefox 26
- Windows 7 Service Pack 1 (32-bit and 64-bit editions)
 - Internet Explorer 10 (32-bit mode)
 - Internet Explorer 9 (32-bit mode)
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)
 - Google Chrome 33
 - Google Chrome 32
 - Mozilla Firefox 27
 - Mozilla Firefox 26
- Windows Embedded Standard 7 Service Pack 1 or Windows Thin PC
 - Internet Explorer 10 (32-bit mode)
 - Internet Explorer 9 (32-bit mode)
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)
- Windows Vista Service Pack 2 (32-bit and 64-bit editions), Windows Embedded XP
 - Internet Explorer 9 (32-bit mode)
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)

User device requirements

- Google Chrome 33
- Google Chrome 32
- Mozilla Firefox 27
- Mozilla Firefox 26
- Windows Embedded Standard 2009
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)
- Citrix Receiver for Mac 11.8 or Citrix Receiver for Mac 11.7
 - Mac OS X 10.9 Mavericks
 - Safari 7
 - Google Chrome 33
 - Mozilla Firefox 27
 - Mac OS X 10.8 Mountain Lion
 - Safari 6
 - Google Chrome 33
 - Mozilla Firefox 27
 - Mac OS X 10.7 Lion
 - Safari 5.1
 - Google Chrome 33
 - Mozilla Firefox 27
 - Mac OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard
 - Safari 5.0
 - Google Chrome 33
 - Mozilla Firefox 27
- Citrix Receiver for Linux 12.1 or Citrix Receiver for Linux 13
 - SuSE Linux Enterprise Desktop 12
 - Google Chrome 33
 - Mozilla Firefox 27
 - Ubuntu 12.04 (32-bit)
 - Google Chrome 33
 - Mozilla Firefox 27
- Citrix Receiver for Android 3.6 - Note: Requires users to manually open ICA file.
 - Android 4.x and 5.0

- Chrome for Android
- The default browser on the device.
- Citrix Receiver for iOS 5.9 - Note: Requires users to manually open ICA file.
 - iOS 6.1.x, 7 and 8
 - Safari

Requirements for access to desktops and applications through Receiver for HTML5

The following operating systems and web browsers are recommended for users to access desktops and applications using Receiver for HTML5 running on Receiver for Web sites. Both internal network connections and connections through NetScaler Gateway are supported. However, for connections from the internal network, Receiver for HTML5 only enables access to resources provided by specific products. Additionally, specific versions of NetScaler Gateway are required to enable connections from outside the corporate network. For more information, see [Infrastructure requirements](#).

- Browsers
 - Internet Explorer 11 (HTTP connections only)
 - Internet Explorer 10 (HTTP connections only)
 - Safari 7
 - Google Chrome 33
 - Mozilla Firefox 27
- Operating systems
 - Windows RT
 - Windows 8.1 (32-bit and 64-bit editions)
 - Windows 8 (32-bit and 64-bit editions)
 - Windows 7 Service Pack 1 (32-bit and 64-bit editions)
 - Windows Vista Service Pack 2 (32-bit and 64-bit editions)
 - Windows Embedded XP
 - Mac OS X 10.9 Mavericks
 - Mac OS X 10.8 Mountain Lion
 - Mac OS X 10.7 Lion
 - Mac OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard

- Google Chrome OS 33
- Ubuntu 12.04 (32-bit)

Requirements for access to stores through Desktop Appliance sites

The following Citrix Receiver, operating system, and web browser combinations are recommended for users to access Desktop Appliance sites from the internal network. Connections through NetScaler Gateway are not supported.

- Citrix Receiver for Windows 4.1
 - Windows 8.1 (32-bit and 64-bit editions)
 - Internet Explorer 11 (32-bit mode)
 - Windows 8 (32-bit and 64-bit editions)
 - Internet Explorer 10 (32-bit mode)
 - Windows 7 Service Pack 1 (32-bit and 64-bit editions), Windows Embedded Standard 7 Service Pack 1, or Windows Thin PC
 - Internet Explorer 9 (32-bit mode)
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)
 - Windows Embedded XP
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)
- Citrix Receiver for Windows 4.0 or Citrix Receiver for Windows 3.4
 - Windows 8 (32-bit and 64-bit editions)
 - Internet Explorer 10 (32-bit mode)
 - Windows 7 Service Pack 1 (32-bit and 64-bit editions), Windows Embedded Standard 7 Service Pack 1, or Windows Thin PC
 - Internet Explorer 9 (32-bit mode)
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)
 - Windows Embedded XP
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)
- Citrix Receiver for Windows Enterprise 3.4
 - Windows 7 Service Pack 1 (32-bit and 64-bit editions), Windows Embedded Standard 7 Service Pack 1, or Windows Thin PC
 - Internet Explorer 9 (32-bit mode)
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)
 - Windows Embedded XP
 - Internet Explorer 8 (32-bit mode)

- Citrix Receiver for Linux 12.1
 - Ubuntu 12.04 (32-bit)
 - Mozilla Firefox 27

Requirements for access to stores through XenApp Services URLs

All the versions of Citrix Receiver listed above can be used to access StoreFront stores with reduced functionality through XenApp Services URLs. In addition, you can use the older client that does not support other access methods – Citrix Receiver for Linux 12.0 (internal network connections only) – to access stores through XenApp Services URLs. Connections through NetScaler Gateway, where supported, can be made using both the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in and clientless access.

Smart card requirements

Requirement for using Receiver for Windows 4.X with smart cards

Citrix tests for compatibility with the U.S. Government Common Access Card (CAC), U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology Personal Identity Verification (NIST PIV) cards, and USB smart card tokens. You can use contact card readers that comply with the USB Chip/Smart Card Interface Devices (CCID) specification and are classified by the German Zentraler Kreditausschuss (ZKA) as Class 1 smart card readers. ZKA Class 1 contact card readers require that users insert their smart cards into the reader. Other types of smart card readers, including Class 2 readers (which have keypads for entering PINs), contactless readers, and virtual smart cards based on Trusted Platform Module (TPM) chips, are not supported.

For Windows devices, smart card support is based on Microsoft Personal Computer/Smart Card (PC/SC) standard specifications. As a minimum requirement, smart cards and card readers must be supported by the operating system and have received Windows Hardware Certification.

The following smart card and middleware combinations have been tested by Citrix as representative examples of their type. However, other smart cards and middleware can also be used. For more information about Citrix-compatible smart cards and middleware, see <http://www.citrix.com/ready>.

Middleware implementation	Smart card
HID Global ActivClient 7.0 in both GSC-IS and NIST PIV modes	CAC
HID Global ActivClient 6.2 CAC edition in GSC-IS mode	CAC NIST PIV
Gemalto Minidriver 8.3 for .NET Smart Card	Gemalto IDPrime .NET 510

SafeNet Authentication Client 8.0 for Windows	SafeNet eToken 5100
GSC-IS - (U.S.) Government Smart Card Interoperability Specifications	

Requirements for using Desktop Appliance sites with smart cards

For users with desktop appliances and repurposed PCs running the Citrix Desktop Lock, Citrix Receiver for Windows Enterprise 3.4 is required for smart card authentication. On all other Windows devices, Citrix Receiver for Windows 4.1 can be used.

Requirements for using Receiver for Android with smart cards

Smartcard authentication to NetScaler Gateway with StoreFront 2.x and XenDesktop 5.6 and above or XenApp 6.5 and above.

Supported smartcard readers:

- BaiMobile 3000MP Bluetooth Smart Card Reader

Supported smartcards:

- PIV cards
- Common Access Card

Requirements for using Receiver for iOS with smart cards

Smartcard authentication to NetScaler Gateway with StoreFront 2.x and XenDesktop 5.6 and above or XenApp 6.5 and above.

Supported smartcard readers:

- Precise Biometrics Tactivo for iPad Mini
- Precise Biometrics Tactivo for iPad (4th generation) and Tactivo for iPad (3rd generation) and iPad 2
- Thursby TSS-PK7 and PK8 Smart Card Readers
- BaiMobile 3000MP Bluetooth Smart Card Reader

Supported smartcards:

- PIV cards
- Common Access Card

Requirements for using Receiver for Linux 13.1 with smart cards and XenApp Services Support

The following smart cards and readers are supported:

Smart cards:

- Smart cards with PKCS#11 drivers for the appropriate Linux platform

Smart card readers:

- Readers that are CCID compliant

Requirements for authentication through NetScaler Gateway

The following versions of NetScaler Gateway can be used to provide access to StoreFront for users on public networks authenticating with smart cards.

- NetScaler Gateway 10.1
- Access Gateway 10 Build 69.4 (the version number is displayed at the top of the configuration utility)
- Access Gateway 9.3, Enterprise Edition

Plan your StoreFront deployment

StoreFront employs Microsoft .NET technology running on Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) to provide enterprise app stores that aggregate resources and make them available to users. StoreFront integrates with your XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box deployments, providing users with a single, self-service access point for their desktops and applications.

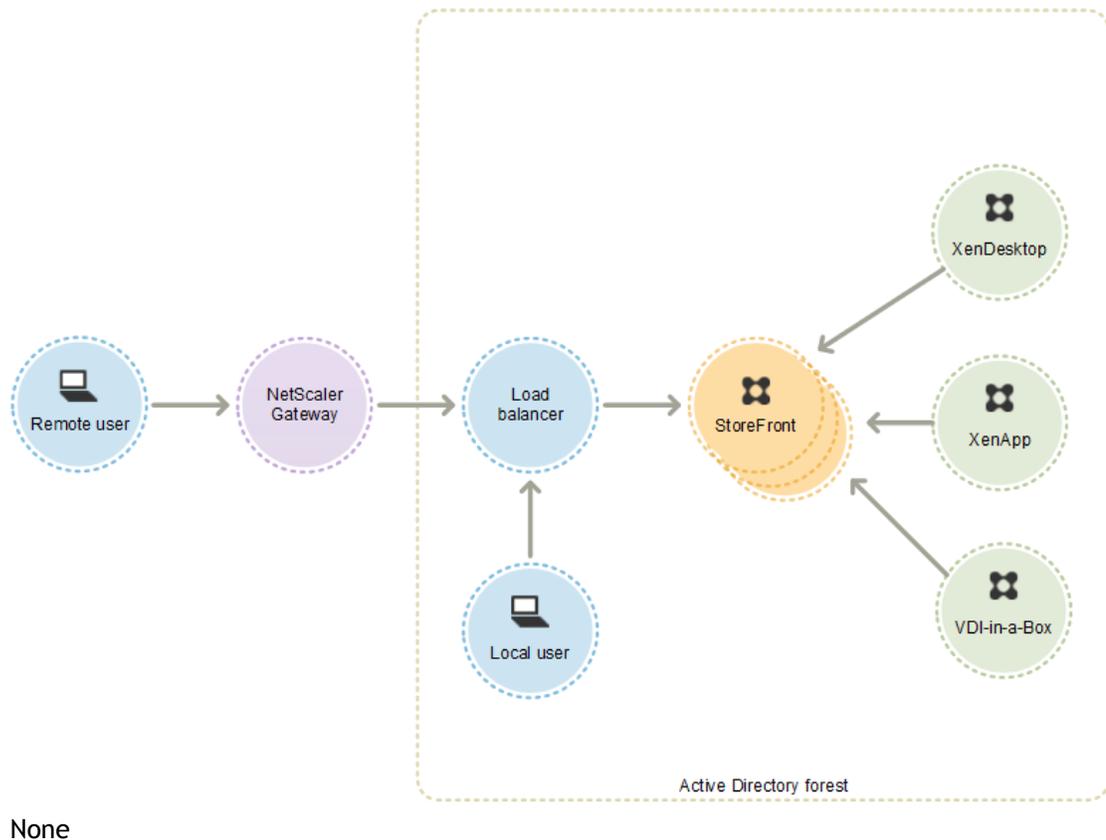
StoreFront comprises the following core components.

- The authentication service authenticates users to Microsoft Active Directory, ensuring that users do not need to log on again to access their desktops and applications. For more information, see [User authentication](#).
- Stores enumerate and aggregate desktops and applications from XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box. Users access stores through Citrix Receiver, Receiver for Web sites, Desktop Appliance sites, and XenApp Services URLs. For more information, see [User access options](#).
- The subscription store service records details of users' application subscriptions and updates their devices to ensure a consistent roaming experience. For more information about enhancing the experience for your users, see [Optimize the user experience](#).

StoreFront can be configured either on a single server or as a multiple server deployment. Multiple server deployments not only provide additional capacity, but also greater availability. The modular architecture of StoreFront ensures that configuration information and details of users' application subscriptions are stored on and synchronized between all the servers in a server group. This means that if a StoreFront server becomes unavailable for any reason, users can continue to access their stores using the remaining servers. Meanwhile, the configuration and subscription data on the failed server are automatically updated when it reconnects to the server group. Subscription data is updated when the server comes back online but you must propagate configuration changes if any were missed by the server while offline. In the event of a hardware failure that requires replacement of the server, you can install StoreFront on a new server and add it to the existing server group. The new server is automatically configured and updated with users' application subscriptions when it joins the server group.

Important: While a server group can contain a maximum of five servers, from a capacity perspective based on simulations, there is no advantage of server groups containing more than three servers.

The figure shows a typical StoreFront deployment.



None

Load balancing

For multiple server deployments, external load balancing through, for example, NetScaler or Windows Network Load Balancing is required. Configure the load balancing environment for failover between servers to provide a fault-tolerant deployment. For more information about load balancing with NetScaler, see [Load Balancing](#). For more information about Windows Network Load Balancing, see <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh831698.aspx>.

Active load balancing of requests sent from StoreFront to XenDesktop sites and XenApp farms is recommended for deployments with thousands of users or where high loads occur, such as when a large number of users log on over a short period of time. Use a load balancer with built-in XML monitors and session persistency, such as NetScaler.

Citrix recommends that in a load balanced environment, you modify the hosts file to ensure that Receiver for Web always talks to the local StoreFront server instead of the load balancer. You can also achieve this by setting up the DNS server appropriately.

Active Directory considerations

StoreFront servers must reside either within the Active Directory domain containing your users' accounts or within a domain that has a trust relationship with the user accounts domain. All the StoreFront servers in a group must reside within the same domain.

User connections

In a production environment, Citrix recommends using HTTPS to secure communications between StoreFront and users' devices. To use HTTPS, StoreFront requires that the IIS instance hosting the authentication service and associated stores is configured for HTTPS. In the absence of the appropriate IIS configuration, StoreFront uses HTTP for communications. You can change from HTTP to HTTPS at any time, provided the appropriate IIS configuration is in place.

If you plan to enable access to StoreFront from outside the corporate network, NetScaler Gateway is required to provide secure connections for remote users. Deploy NetScaler Gateway outside the corporate network, with firewalls separating NetScaler Gateway from both the public and internal networks. Ensure that NetScaler Gateway is able to access the Active Directory forest containing the StoreFront servers.

Scalability

The number of Citrix Receiver users supported by a StoreFront server group depends on the hardware you use and on the level of user activity. Based on simulated activity where users log on, enumerate their resources, and access three existing subscribed resources, a single StoreFront server with the minimum recommended specification of virtualized twin 3.6 GHz dual-core CPUs and 4 GB RAM is expected to enable up to 10,000 user connections per hour.

Based on the same simulated activity, a server group with two similarly configured servers in the group is expected to enable up to 18,000 user connections per hour. A server group with three similarly configured servers in the group would be expected to enable up to 24,000 user connections per hour. While StoreFront server groups can contain up to five servers, from a capacity perspective based on simulations, there is no advantage of server groups containing more than three servers.

As your usage patterns will be different than those simulated above, your servers might support more or fewer numbers of users connections per hour.

Important: All servers in a server group must reside in the same location. StoreFront server groups containing mixtures of operating system versions and locales are not supported.

Timeout considerations

Occasionally, network issues or other problems can occur between a StoreFront store and the servers that it contacts, causing delays or failures for users. You can use the timeout settings for a store to tune this behavior. If you specify a short timeout setting, StoreFront quickly abandons a server and tries another one. This is useful if, for example, you have configured multiple servers for failover purposes.

If you specify a longer timeout, StoreFront waits longer for a response from a single server. This is beneficial in environments where network or server reliability is uncertain and delays are common.

Receiver for Web also has a timeout setting, which controls how long a Receiver for Web site waits for a response from the store. Set this timeout setting to a value at least as long as the store timeout. A longer timeout setting allows for better fault tolerance, but users

might experience long delays. A shorter timeout setting reduces delays for users, but they might experience more failures.

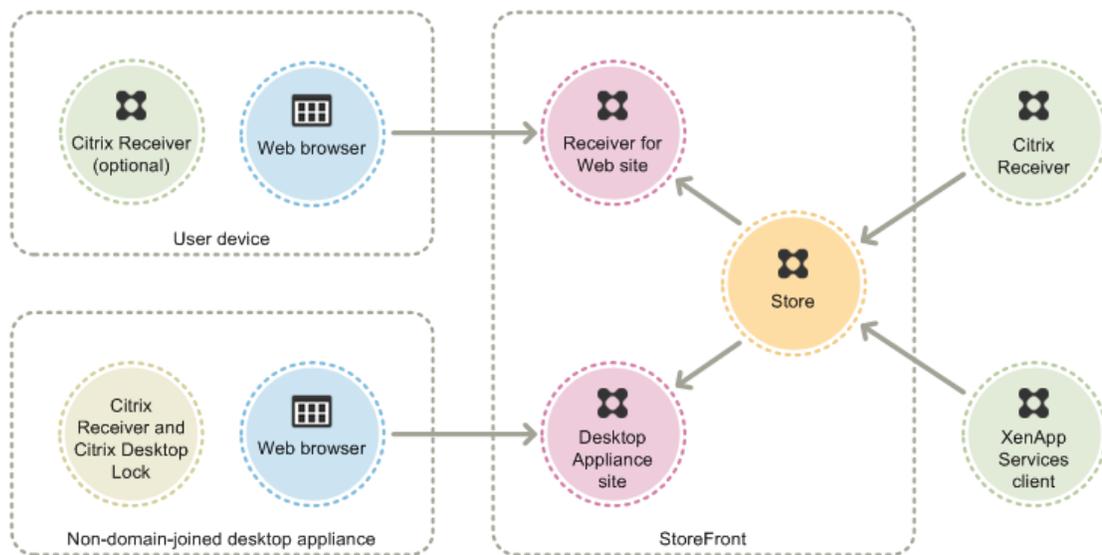
For information about setting timeouts, see [Configure store time-out duration and retry attempts](#) and [Configure communication time-out duration and retry attempts](#).

User access options

Four different methods are available for users to access StoreFront stores.

- **Citrix Receiver**—Users with compatible versions of Citrix Receiver can access StoreFront stores within the Citrix Receiver user interface. Accessing stores within Citrix Receiver provides the best user experience and the greatest functionality.
- **Receiver for Web sites**—Users with compatible web browsers can access StoreFront stores by browsing to Receiver for Web sites. By default, users also require a compatible version of Citrix Receiver to access their desktops and applications. However, you can configure your Receiver for Web sites to enable users with HTML5-compatible browsers to access their resources without installing Citrix Receiver. When you create a new store, a Receiver for Web site is created for the store by default.
- **Desktop Appliance sites**—Users with non-domain-joined desktop appliances can access their desktops through the web browsers on their appliances, which are configured to access Desktop Appliance sites in full-screen mode. When you create a new store for a XenDesktop deployment using Citrix Studio, a Desktop Appliance site is created for the store by default.
- **XenApp Services URLs**—Users of domain-joined desktop appliances and repurposed PCs running the Citrix Desktop Lock, along with users who have older Citrix clients that cannot be upgraded, can access stores using the XenApp Services URL for the store. When you create a new store, the XenApp Services URL is enabled by default.

The figure shows the options for users to access StoreFront stores.



None

Citrix Receiver

Accessing stores from within the Citrix Receiver user interface provides the best user experience and the greatest functionality. For the Citrix Receiver versions that can be used to access stores in this way, see [System requirements for StoreFront 2.6](#).

Citrix Receiver uses internal and external URLs as beacon points. By attempting to contact these beacon points, Citrix Receiver can determine whether users are connected to local or public networks. When a user accesses a desktop or application, the location information is passed to the server providing the resource so that appropriate connection details can be returned to Citrix Receiver. This enables Citrix Receiver to ensure that users are not prompted to log on again when they access a desktop or application. For more information, see [Configure beacon points](#).

After installation, Citrix Receiver must be configured with connection details for the stores providing users' desktops and applications. You can make the configuration process easier for your users by providing them with the required information in one of the following ways.

Important: By default, Citrix Receiver requires HTTPS connections to stores. If StoreFront is not configured for HTTPS, users must carry out additional configuration steps to use HTTP connections. Citrix strongly recommends that you do not enable unsecured user connections to StoreFront in a production environment. For more information, see [Configure and install Receiver for Windows using command-line parameters](#).

Provisioning files

You can provide users with provisioning files containing connection details for their stores. After installing Citrix Receiver, users open the .cr file to automatically configure accounts for the stores. By default, Receiver for Web sites offer users a provisioning file for the single store for which the site is configured. You could instruct your users to visit the Receiver for Web sites for the stores they want to access and download provisioning files from those sites. Alternatively, for a greater level of control, you can use the Citrix StoreFront management console to generate provisioning files containing connection details for one or more stores. You can then distribute these files to the appropriate users. For more information, see [Export store provisioning files for users](#).

Auto-generated setup URLs

For users running Mac OS, you can use the Citrix Receiver for Mac Setup URL Generator to create a URL containing connection details for a store. After installing Citrix Receiver, users click on the URL to configure an account for the store automatically. Enter details of your deployment into the tool and generate a URL that you can distribute to your users. For more information, see [To create and configure a setup URL](#).

Manual configuration

More advanced users can create new accounts by entering store URLs into Citrix Receiver. Remote users accessing StoreFront through NetScaler Gateway 10.1 and Access Gateway 10 enter the appliance URL. Citrix Receiver obtains the required account configuration information when the connection is first established. For connections through Access Gateway 9.3, users cannot set up accounts manually and must use one of the alternative methods above. For more information, see the Citrix Receiver documentation.

Email-based account discovery

Users who install Citrix Receiver on a device for the first time can set up accounts by entering their email addresses, provided that they download Citrix Receiver from the Citrix website or a Citrix Receiver download page hosted within your internal network. You configure Service Location (SRV) locator resource records for NetScaler Gateway or StoreFront on your Microsoft Active Directory Domain Name System (DNS) server. Users do not need to know the access details for their stores, instead they enter their email addresses during the Citrix Receiver initial configuration process. Citrix Receiver contacts the DNS server for the domain specified in the email address and obtains the details you added to the SRV resource record. Users are then presented with a list of stores that they can access through Citrix Receiver.

Configure email-based account discovery

Configure email-based account discovery to enable users who install Citrix Receiver on a device for the first time to set up their accounts by entering their email addresses. Provided that they download Citrix Receiver from the Citrix website or a Citrix Receiver download page hosted within your internal network, users do not need to know the access details for their stores when they install and configure Citrix Receiver. Email-based account discovery is not available if Citrix Receiver is downloaded from any other location, such as a Receiver for Web site, and cannot be used with Citrix Receiver Updater. For more information about creating your own Citrix Receiver download page, see <http://www.citrix.com/downloads/citrix-receiver/administration/citrix-receiver-download-page-template.html>.

During the initial configuration process, Citrix Receiver prompts users to enter either an email address or a store URL. When a user enters an email address, Citrix Receiver contacts the Microsoft Active Directory Domain Name System (DNS) server for the domain specified in the email address to obtain a list of available stores from which the user can select.

To enable Citrix Receiver to locate available stores on the basis of users' email addresses, you configure Service Location (SRV) locator resource records for NetScaler Gateway or StoreFront on your DNS server. As a fallback, you can also deploy StoreFront on a server named "discoverReceiver.*domain*," where *domain* is the domain containing your users' email accounts. If no SRV record is found in the specified domain, Citrix Receiver searches for a machine named "discoverReceiver" to identify a StoreFront server.

You must install a valid server certificate on the NetScaler Gateway appliance or StoreFront server to enable email-based account discovery. The full chain to the root certificate must also be valid. For the best user experience, install a certificate with a Subject or Subject Alternative Name entry of **discoverReceiver.*domain***, where *domain* is the domain containing your users' email accounts. Although you can use a wildcard certificate for the domain containing your users' email accounts, you must first ensure that the deployment of such certificates is permitted by your corporate security policy. Other certificates for the domain containing your users' email accounts can also be used, but users will see a

certificate warning dialog box when Citrix Receiver first connects to the StoreFront server. Email-based account discovery cannot be used with any other certificate identities.

To enable email-based account discovery for users connecting from outside the corporate network, you must also configure NetScaler Gateway with the StoreFront connection details. For more information, see [Connecting to StoreFront by Using Email-Based Discovery](#).

Add a SRV record to your DNS server

1. On the Windows Start screen, click Administrative Tools and, in the Administrative Tools folder, click DNS.
2. In the left pane of DNS Manager, select your domain in the forward or reverse lookup zones. Right-click the domain and select Other New Records.
3. In the Resource Record Type dialog box, select Service Location (SRV) and then click Create Record.
4. In the New Resource Record dialog box, enter in the Service box the host value `_citrixreceiver`.
5. Enter in the Protocol box the value `_tcp`.
6. In the Host offering this service box, specify the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) and port for your NetScaler Gateway appliance (to support both local and remote users) or StoreFront server (to support local users only) in the form *servername.domain:port*.

If your environment includes both internal and external DNS servers, you can add a SRV record specifying the StoreFront server FQDN on your internal DNS server and another record on your external server specifying the NetScaler Gateway FQDN. With this configuration, local users are provided with the StoreFront details, while remote users receive NetScaler Gateway connection information.

7. If you configured a SRV record for your NetScaler Gateway appliance, [add the StoreFront connection details to NetScaler Gateway](#) in a session profile or global setting.

Receiver for Web sites

Users with compatible web browsers can access StoreFront stores by browsing to Receiver for Web sites. When you create a new store, a Receiver for Web site is automatically created for the store. The default configuration for Receiver for Web sites requires that users install a compatible version of Citrix Receiver to access their desktops and applications. For more information about the Citrix Receiver and web browser combinations that can be used to access Receiver for Web sites, see [User device requirements](#).

By default, when a user accesses a Receiver for Web site from a computer running Windows or Mac OS X, the site attempts to determine whether Citrix Receiver is installed on the user's device. If Citrix Receiver cannot be detected, the user is prompted to download and install the appropriate Citrix Receiver for their platform. The default download location is the Citrix website, but you can also copy the installation files to the StoreFront server and provide users with these local files instead. Storing the Citrix Receiver installation files locally enables you to configure the site to offer users with older clients the option to

upgrade to the version on the server. For more information about configuring deployment of Receiver for Windows and Receiver for Mac, see [Configure Receiver for Web sites](#).

Receiver for HTML5

Receiver for HTML5 is a component of StoreFront that is integrated by default with Receiver for Web sites. You can enable Receiver for HTML5 on your Receiver for Web sites so that users who cannot install Citrix Receiver can still access their resources. With Receiver for HTML5, users can access desktops and applications directly within HTML5-compatible web browsers without needing to install Citrix Receiver. When a site is created, Receiver for HTML5 is disabled by default. For more information about enabling Receiver for HTML5, see [Configure Receiver for Web sites](#).

To access their desktops and applications using Receiver for HTML5, users must access the Receiver for Web site with an HTML5-compatible browser. For more information about the operating systems and web browsers that can be used with Receiver for HTML5, see [User device requirements](#).

Receiver for HTML5 can be used by both users on the internal network and remote users connecting through NetScaler Gateway. For connections from the internal network, Receiver for HTML5 only supports access to desktops and applications provided by a subset of the products supported by Receiver for Web sites. Users connecting through NetScaler Gateway can access resources provided by a wider range of products if you chose Receiver for HTML5 as an option when configuring StoreFront. Specific versions of NetScaler Gateway are required for use with Receiver for HTML5. For more information, see [Infrastructure requirements](#).

For local users on the internal network, access through Receiver for HTML5 to resources provided by XenDesktop and XenApp is disabled by default. To enable local access to desktops and applications using Receiver for HTML5, you must enable the ICA WebSockets connections policy on your XenDesktop and XenApp servers. Ensure your firewalls and other network devices permit access to the Receiver for HTML5 port specified in the policy. For more information, see [WebSockets policy settings](#).

By default, Receiver for HTML5 starts desktops and applications in a new browser tab. However, when users start resources from shortcuts using Receiver for HTML5, the desktop or application replaces the Receiver for Web site in the existing browser tab rather than appearing in a new tab. You can configure Receiver for HTML5 so that resources are always started in the same tab as the Receiver for Web site. For more information, see [Configure Receiver for HTML5 use of browser tabs](#).

Resource shortcuts

You can generate URLs that provide access to desktops and applications available through Receiver for Web sites. Embed these links on websites hosted on the internal network to provide users with rapid access to resources. Users click on a link and are redirected to the Receiver for Web site, where they log on if they have not already done so. The Receiver for Web site automatically starts the resource. In the case of applications, users are also subscribed to the application if they have not subscribed previously. For more information about generating resource shortcuts, see [Configure Receiver for Web sites](#).

As with all desktops and applications accessed from Receiver for Web sites, users must either have installed Citrix Receiver or be able to use Receiver for HTML5 to access resources through shortcuts. The method used by a Receiver for Web site depends on the

site configuration, on whether Citrix Receiver can be detected on users' devices, and on whether an HTML5-compatible browser is used. For security reasons, Internet Explorer users may be prompted to confirm that they want to start resources accessed through shortcuts. Instruct your users to add the Receiver for Web site to the Local intranet or Trusted sites zones in Internet Explorer to avoid this extra step. By default, both workspace control and automatic desktop starts are disabled when users access Receiver for Web sites through shortcuts.

When you create an application shortcut, ensure that no other applications available from the Receiver for Web site have the same name. Shortcuts cannot distinguish between multiple instances of an application with the same name. Similarly, if you make multiple instances of a desktop from a single desktop group available from the Receiver for Web site, you cannot create separate shortcuts for each instance. Shortcuts cannot pass command-line parameters to applications.

To create application shortcuts, you configure StoreFront with the URLs of the internal websites that will host the shortcuts. When a user clicks on an application shortcut on a website, StoreFront checks that website against the list of URLs you entered to ensure that the request originates from a trusted website. However, for users connecting through NetScaler Gateway, websites hosting shortcuts are not validated because the URLs are not passed to StoreFront. To ensure that remote users can only access application shortcuts on trusted internal websites, configure NetScaler Gateway to restrict user access to only those specific sites. For more information, see <http://support.citrix.com/article/CTX123610>.

Customize your sites

Receiver for Web sites provide a mechanism for customizing the user interface. You can customize strings, the cascading style sheet, and the JavaScript files. You can also add a custom pre-logout or post-logout screen, and add language packs.

Important considerations

Users accessing stores through a Receiver for Web site benefit from many of the features available with store access within Citrix Receiver, such as application synchronization. When you decide whether to use Receiver for Web sites to provide users with to access your stores, consider the following restrictions.

- Only a single store can be accessed through each Receiver for Web site.
- Subscribed applications are not available on the Windows Start screen when accessing a store through a Receiver for Web site.
- File type association between local documents and hosted applications accessed through Receiver for Web sites is not available.
- Offline applications cannot be accessed through Receiver for Web sites.
- Receiver for Web sites do not support Citrix Online products integrated into stores.
- Receiver for HTML5 can be used over HTTPS connections if the VDA is XenApp 7.6 or XenDesktop 7.6 and has SSL enabled or if the user is connecting using NetScaler Gateway.

- To use Receiver for HTML5 with Mozilla Firefox over HTTPS connections, users must type `about:config` in the Firefox address bar and set the `network.websocket.allowInsecureFromHTTPS` preference to true.

Desktop Appliance sites

Users with non-domain-joined desktop appliances can access their desktops through Desktop Appliance sites. Non-domain-joined in this context means devices that are not joined to a domain within the Microsoft Active Directory forest containing the StoreFront servers.

When you create a new store for a XenDesktop deployment using Citrix Studio, a Desktop Appliance site is created for the store by default. Desktop Appliance sites are only created by default when StoreFront is installed and configured as part of a XenDesktop installation. You can create Desktop Appliance sites manually using Windows PowerShell commands. For more information, see [Configure Desktop Appliance sites](#).

Desktop Appliance sites provide a user experience that is similar to logging on to a local desktop. The web browsers on desktop appliances are configured to start in full-screen mode displaying the logon screen for a Desktop Appliance site. When a user logs on to a site, by default, the first desktop (in alphabetical order) available to the user in the store for which the site is configured starts automatically. If you provide users with access to multiple desktops in a store, you can configure the Desktop Appliance site to display the available desktops so users can choose which one to access. For more information, see [Configure Desktop Appliance sites](#).

When a user's desktop starts, it is displayed in full-screen mode, obscuring the web browser. The user is automatically logged out from the Desktop Appliance site. When the user logs off from the desktop, the web browser, displaying the Desktop Appliance site logon screen, is visible again. A message is displayed when a desktop is started, providing a link for the user to click to restart the desktop if it cannot be accessed. To enable this functionality, you must configure the Delivery Group to enable users to restart their desktops. For more information, see [Manage application and desktop delivery](#).

To provide access to desktops, a compatible version of Citrix Receiver is required on the desktop appliance. Typically, XenDesktop-compatible appliance vendors integrate Citrix Receiver into their products. For Windows appliances, the Citrix Desktop Lock must also be installed and configured with the URL for your Desktop Appliance site. If Internet Explorer is used, the Desktop Appliance site must be added to the Local intranet or Trusted sites zones. For more information about the Citrix Desktop Lock, see [Prevent user access to the local desktop](#).

Important considerations

Desktop Appliance sites are intended for local users on the internal network accessing desktops from non-domain-joined desktop appliances. When you decide whether to use Desktop Appliance sites to provide users with access to your stores, consider the following restrictions.

- If you plan to deploy domain-joined desktop appliances and repurposed PCs, do not configure them to access stores through Desktop Appliance sites. Instead, configure Citrix Receiver with the XenApp Services URL for the store. For more information, see [XenApp Services URLs](#).

- Desktop Appliance sites do not support connections from remote users outside the corporate network. Users logging on to NetScaler Gateway cannot access Desktop Appliance sites.

XenApp Services URLs

Users with older Citrix clients that cannot be upgraded can access stores by configuring their clients with the XenApp Services URL for a store. You can also enable access to your stores through XenApp Services URLs from domain-joined desktop appliances and repurposed PCs running the Citrix Desktop Lock. Domain-joined in this context means devices that are joined to a domain within the Microsoft Active Directory forest containing the StoreFront servers.

StoreFront supports pass-through authentication with proximity cards through Citrix Receiver to XenApp Services URLs. Citrix Ready partner products use the Citrix Fast Connect API to streamline user logons through Receiver for Windows to connect to stores using the XenApp Services URL. Users authenticate to workstations using proximity cards and are rapidly connected to desktops and applications provided by XenDesktop and XenApp. For more information, see [Receiver for Windows 4.0](#).

When you create a new store, the XenApp Services URL for the store is enabled by default. The XenApp Services URL for a store has the form `http[s]://serveraddress/Citrix/storename/PNAgent/config.xml`, where *serveraddress* is the fully qualified domain name of the server or load balancing environment for your StoreFront deployment and *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created. For the clients that can be used to access stores through XenApp Services URLs, see [User device requirements](#).

Important considerations

XenApp Services URLs are intended to support users who cannot upgrade to Citrix Receiver and for scenarios where alternative access methods are not available. When you decide whether to use XenApp Services URLs to provide users with access to your stores, consider the following restrictions.

- You cannot modify the XenApp Services URL for a store.
- You cannot modify XenApp Services URL settings by editing the configuration file, `config.xml`.
- XenApp Services URLs support explicit, domain pass-through, smart card authentication, and pass-through with smart card authentication. Explicit authentication is enabled by default. Only one authentication method can be configured for each XenApp Services URL and only one URL is available per store. If you need to enable multiple authentication methods, you must create separate stores, each with a XenApp Services URL, for each authentication method. Your users must then connect to the appropriate store for their method of authentication. For more information about configuring user authentication to XenApp Services URLs, see [Configure authentication for XenApp Services URLs](#).
- Workspace control is enabled by default for XenApp Services URLs and cannot be configured or disabled.

User access options

- User requests to change their passwords are routed to the domain controller directly through the XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box servers providing desktops and applications for the store, bypassing the StoreFront authentication service.

User authentication

StoreFront supports a number of different authentication methods for users accessing stores; although, not all are available depending on the user access method and their network location. For security reasons, some authentication methods are disabled by default when you create your first store. For more information about enabling and disabling user authentication methods, see [Create and configure the authentication service](#).

User name and password

Users enter their credentials and are authenticated when they access their stores. Explicit authentication is enabled by default when you create your first store. All user access methods support explicit authentication.

When a user employs NetScaler Gateway to access Receiver for Web, NetScaler Gateway handles the logon and password change at expiration. Users can make elective password changes with the Receiver for Web UI. After an elective password change, the NetScaler Gateway session terminates and the user must log on again. Receiver for Linux users can change only expired passwords.

Domain pass-through

Users authenticate to their domain-joined Windows computers, and their credentials are used to log them on automatically when they access their stores. When you install StoreFront and create your first store, domain pass-through authentication is disabled by default. Domain pass-through authentication can be enabled for users connecting to stores through Citrix Receiver and XenApp Services URLs. Receiver for Web sites support domain pass-through authentication for Internet Explorer only. Enable domain pass-through authentication in the Receiver for Web site node in the administration console and requires you to configure SSON on Receiver for Windows. Receiver for HTML5 does not support domain pass-through authentication. To use domain pass-through authentication, users require Receiver for Windows or the Online Plug-in for Windows. Pass-through authentication must be enabled when Receiver for Windows or the Online Plug-in for Windows are installed on users' devices.

Pass-through from NetScaler Gateway

Users authenticate to NetScaler Gateway and are automatically logged on when they access their stores. Pass-through from NetScaler Gateway authentication is enabled by default when you first configure remote access to a store. Users can connect through NetScaler Gateway to stores using Citrix Receiver or Receiver for Web sites. Desktop Appliance sites do not support connections through NetScaler Gateway. For more information about configuring StoreFront for NetScaler Gateway, see [Add a NetScaler Gateway connection](#). For more information about setting up NetScaler Gateway to connect to StoreFront, see [Integrating NetScaler Gateway with XenMobile App Edition](#).

StoreFront supports pass-through with the following NetScaler Gateway authentication methods.

- **Security token.** Users log on to NetScaler Gateway using passcodes that are derived from tokencodes generated by security tokens combined, in some cases, with personal identification numbers. If you enable pass-through authentication by security token only, ensure that the resources you make available do not require additional or alternative forms of authentication, such as users' Microsoft Active Directory domain credentials.
- **Domain and security token.** Users logging on to NetScaler Gateway are required to enter both their domain credentials and security token passcodes.
- **Client certificate.** Users log on to NetScaler Gateway and are authenticated based on the attributes of the client certificate presented to NetScaler Gateway. Configure client certificate authentication to enable users to log on to NetScaler Gateway using smart cards. Client certificate authentication can also be used with other authentication types to provide double-source authentication.

StoreFront uses the NetScaler Gateway authentication service to provide pass-through authentication for remote users so that they only need to enter their credentials once. However, by default, pass-through authentication is only enabled for users logging on to NetScaler Gateway with a password. To configure pass-through authentication from NetScaler Gateway to StoreFront for smart card users, delegate credential validation to NetScaler Gateway. For more information, see [Create and configure the authentication service](#).

Users can connect to stores within Citrix Receiver with pass-through authentication through a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) virtual private network (VPN) tunnel using the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in. Remote users who cannot install the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in can use clientless access to connect to stores within Citrix Receiver with pass-through authentication. To use clientless access to connect to stores, users require a version of Citrix Receiver that supports clientless access.

Additionally, you can enable clientless access with pass-through authentication to Receiver for Web sites. To do this, configure NetScaler Gateway to act as a secure remote proxy. Users log on to NetScaler Gateway directly and use the Receiver for Web site to access their applications without needing to authenticate again. For more information about configuring NetScaler Gateway as a remote proxy, see [Creating and Applying Web and File Share Links](#).

If you configure double-source authentication to NetScaler Gateway for remote users accessing stores from within Citrix Receiver, you must create two authentication policies on NetScaler Gateway. Configure RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service) as the primary authentication method and LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) as the secondary method. Modify the credential index to use the secondary authentication method in the session profile so that LDAP credentials are passed to StoreFront. When you add the NetScaler Gateway appliance to your StoreFront configuration, set the Logon type to Domain and security token. For more information, see <http://support.citrix.com/article/CTX125364>

To enable multidomain authentication through NetScaler Gateway to StoreFront, set SSO Name Attribute to userPrincipalName in the NetScaler Gateway LDAP authentication policy for each domain. You can require users to specify a domain on the NetScaler Gateway logon page so that the appropriate LDAP policy to use can be determined. When you configure the NetScaler Gateway session profiles for connections to StoreFront, do not specify a single sign-on domain. You must configure trust relationships between each of the domains.

Ensure that you allow users to log on to StoreFront from any domain by not restricting access to explicitly trusted domains only.

Where supported by your NetScaler Gateway deployment, you can use SmartAccess to control user access to XenDesktop and XenApp resources on the basis of NetScaler Gateway session policies. For more information about SmartAccess, see [Configuring SmartAccess on NetScaler Gateway](#).

Smart cards

Users authenticate using smart cards and PINs when they access their stores. When you install StoreFront and create your first store, smart card authentication is disabled by default. Smart card authentication can be enabled for users connecting to stores through Citrix Receiver, Receiver for Web, Desktop Appliance sites, and XenApp Services URLs.

Use smart card authentication to streamline the logon process for your users while also enhancing the security of user access to your infrastructure. Access to the internal corporate network is protected by certificate-based two-factor authentication using public key infrastructure. Private keys are protected by hardware controls and never leave the smart card. Your users get the convenience of accessing their desktops and applications from a range of corporate devices using their smart cards and PINs.

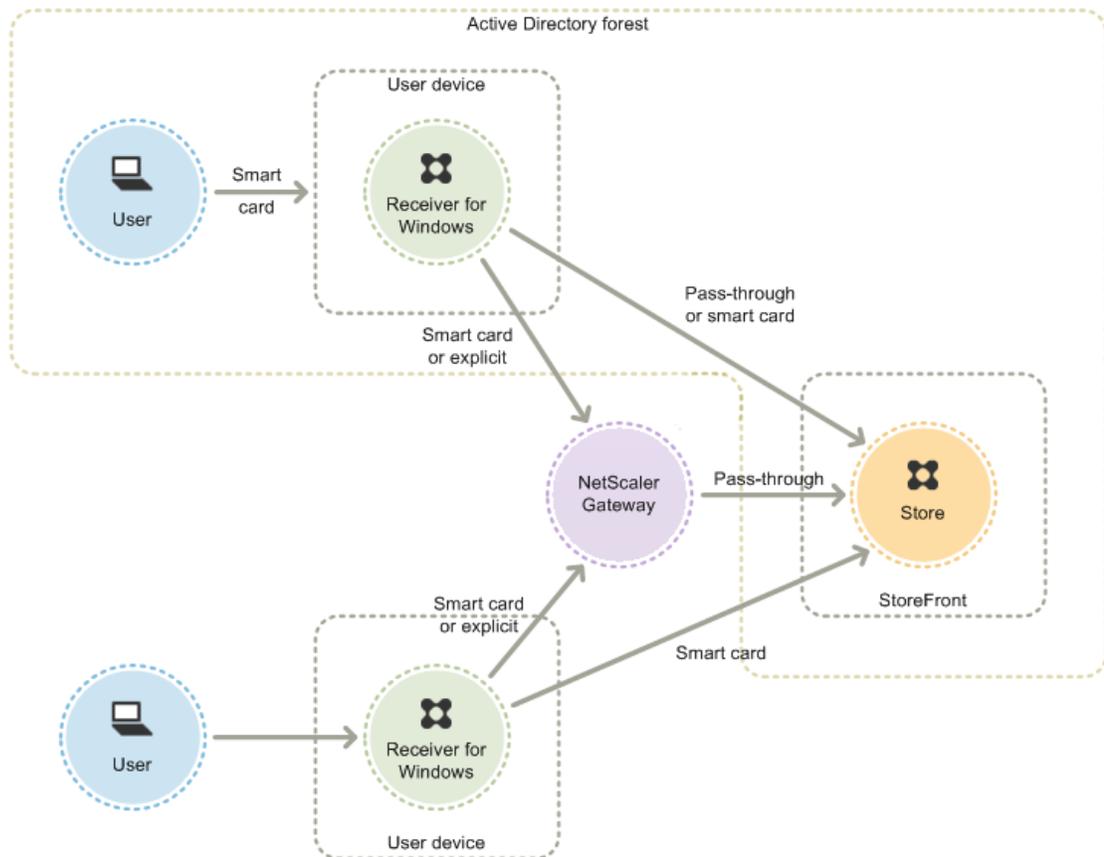
You can use smart cards for user authentication through StoreFront to desktops and applications provided by XenDesktop and XenApp.

To enable smart card authentication, users' accounts must be configured either within the Microsoft Active Directory domain containing the StoreFront servers or within a domain that has a direct two-way trust relationship with the StoreFront server domain. Multi-forest deployments involving one-way trust or trust relationships of different types, are not supported.

The configuration of smart card authentication with StoreFront depends on the user devices, the clients installed, and whether the devices are domain-joined. In this context, domain-joined means devices that are joined to a domain within the Active Directory forest containing the StoreFront servers.

Use smart cards with Receiver for Windows

Users with devices running Receiver for Windows can authenticate using smart cards, either directly or through NetScaler Gateway. Both domain-joined and non-domain-joined devices can be used, although the user experience is slightly different.



The figure shows the options for smart card authentication through Receiver for Windows.

For local users with domain-joined devices, you can configure smart card authentication so that users are only prompted for their credentials once. Users log on to their devices using their smart cards and PINs and, with the appropriate configuration in place, are not prompted for their PINs again. Users are silently authenticated to StoreFront and also when they access their desktops and applications. To achieve this, you configure Receiver for Windows for pass-through authentication and enable domain pass-through authentication to StoreFront.

In the case of non-domain-joined devices on the local network, the minimum number of logon prompts that users can receive is two. Users log on to their devices and then authenticate to Receiver for Windows using their smart cards and PINs. With the appropriate configuration in place, users are only prompted to enter their PINs again when they access their desktops and applications. To achieve this, you enable smart card authentication to StoreFront.

Because users of non-domain-joined devices log on to Receiver for Windows directly, you can enable users to fall back to explicit authentication. If you configure both smart card and explicit authentication, users are initially prompted to log on using their smart cards and PINs but have the option to select explicit authentication if they experience any issues with their smart cards.

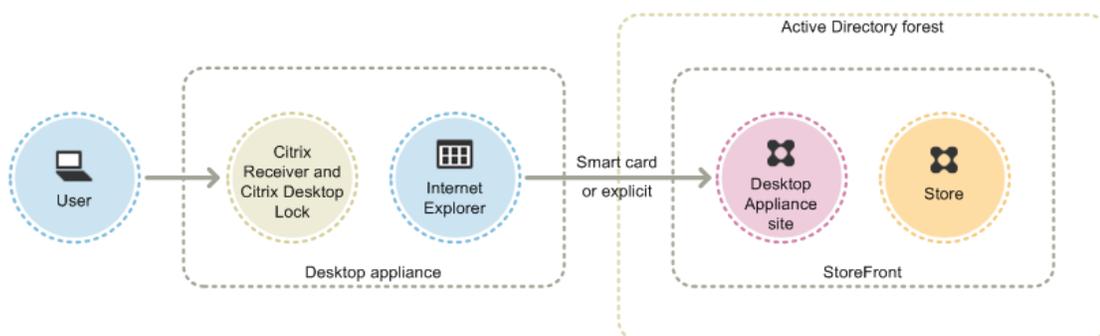
Users connecting through NetScaler Gateway must log on using their smart cards and PINs at least twice to access their desktops and applications. This applies to both domain-joined and non-domain-joined devices. Users authenticate using their smart cards and PINs, and, with the appropriate configuration in place, are only prompted to enter their PINs again when they access their desktops and applications. To achieve this, you enable pass-through

with NetScaler Gateway authentication to StoreFront and delegate credential validation to NetScaler Gateway. Then, create an additional NetScaler Gateway virtual server through which you route user connections to resources. In the case of domain-joined devices, you must also configure Receiver for Windows for pass-through authentication.

Users can log on to NetScaler Gateway using either their smart cards and PINs, or with explicit credentials. This enables you to provide users with the option to fall back to explicit authentication for NetScaler Gateway logons. Configure pass-through authentication from NetScaler Gateway to StoreFront and delegate credential validation to NetScaler Gateway for smart card users so that users are silently authenticated to StoreFront.

Use smart cards with Desktop Appliance sites

Non-domain-joined Windows desktop appliances can be configured to enable users to log on to their desktops using smart cards. The Citrix Desktop Lock is required on the appliance and Internet Explorer must be used to access the Desktop Appliance site.



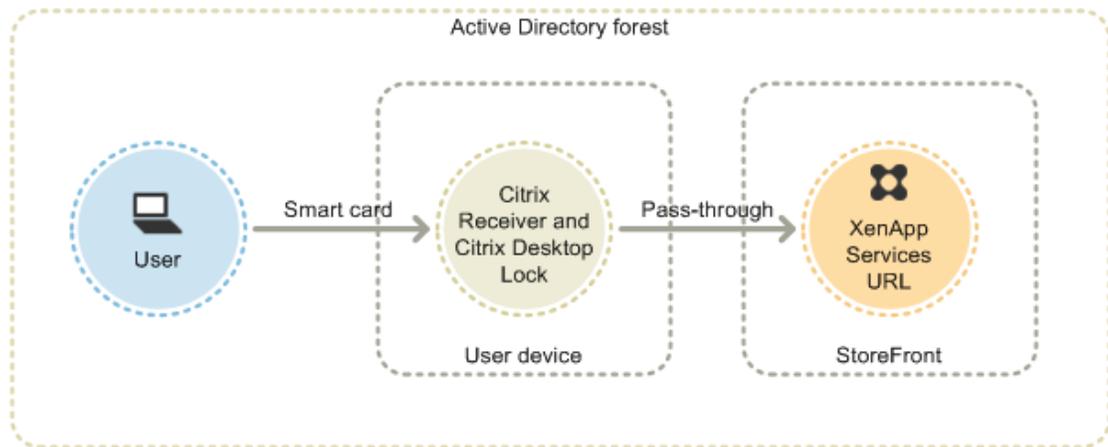
The figure shows smart card authentication from a non-domain-joined desktop appliance.

When users access their desktop appliances, Internet Explorer starts in full-screen mode displaying the logon screen for a Desktop Appliance site. Users authenticate to the site using their smart cards and PINs. If the Desktop Appliance site is configured for pass-through authentication, users are automatically authenticated when they access their desktops and applications. Users are not prompted for their PINs again. Without pass-through authentication, users must enter their PINs a second time when they start a desktop or application.

You can enable users to fall back to explicit authentication if they experience any issues with their smart cards. To do this, you configure the Desktop Appliance site for both smart card and explicit authentication. In this configuration, smart card authentication is considered to be primary access method so users are prompted for their PINs first. However, the site also provides a link that enables users to log on with explicit credentials instead.

Use smart cards with XenApp Services URLs

Users of domain-joined desktop appliances and repurposed PCs running the Citrix Desktop Lock can authenticate using smart cards. Unlike other access methods, pass-through of smart card credentials is automatically enabled when smart card authentication is configured for a XenApp Services URL.



The figure shows smart card authentication from a domain-joined device running the Citrix Desktop Lock.

Users log on to their devices using their smart cards and PINs. The Citrix Desktop Lock then silently authenticates users to StoreFront through the XenApp Services URL. Users are automatically authenticated when they access their desktops and applications, and are not prompted for their PINs again.

Use smart cards with Receiver for Web

You can enable smart card authentication to Receiver for Web from the StoreFront Administration Console.

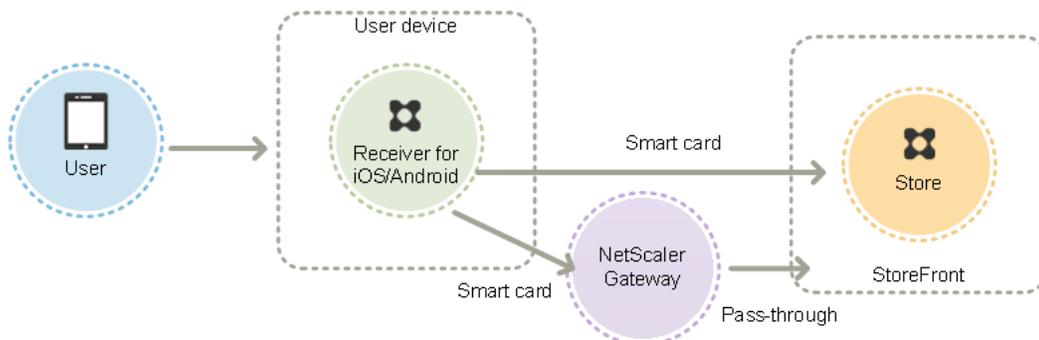
1. Select the Receiver for Web node in the left panel.
2. Select the site you want to use smart card authentication.
3. Select the Choose Authentication Methods task in the right panel.
4. Check the Smart card checkbox in the popup dialog screen and click OK.

If you enable pass-through with smart card authentication to XenDesktop and XenApp for Receiver for Windows users with domain-joined devices who do not access stores through NetScaler Gateway, this setting applies to all users of the store. To enable both domain pass-through and pass-through with smart card authentication to desktops and applications, you must create separate stores for each authentication method. Your users must then connect to the appropriate store for their method of authentication.

If you enable pass-through with smart card authentication to XenDesktop and XenApp for Receiver for Windows users with domain-joined devices accessing stores through NetScaler Gateway, this setting applies to all users of the store. To enable pass-through authentication for some users and require others to log on to their desktops and applications, you must create separate stores for each group of users. Then, direct your users to the appropriate store for their method of authentication.

Use smart cards with Receiver for iOS and Android

Users with devices running Receiver for iOS and Receiver for Android can authenticate using smart cards, either directly or through NetScaler Gateway. Non-domain-joined devices can be used.



In the case of devices on the local network, the minimum number of logon prompts that users can receive is two. When users authenticate to StoreFront or initially create the store, they are prompted for the smart card PIN. With the appropriate configuration in place, users are prompted to enter their PINs again only when they access their desktops and applications. To achieve this, you enable smart card authentication to StoreFront and install smart card drivers on the VDA.

With these Receivers you have the option of specifying smart cards OR domain credentials. If you created a store to use smart cards and you want to connect to the same store using domain credentials, you must add a separate store without turning on smart cards.

Users connecting through NetScaler Gateway must log on using their smart cards and PINs at least twice to access their desktops and applications. Users authenticate using their smart cards and PINs, and, with the appropriate configuration in place, are only prompted to enter their PINs again when they access their desktops and applications. To achieve this, you enable pass-through with NetScaler Gateway authentication to StoreFront and delegate credential validation to NetScaler Gateway. Then, create an additional NetScaler Gateway virtual server through which you route user connections to resources.

Users can log on to NetScaler Gateway using either their smart cards and PINs or with explicit credentials, depending on how you specified the authentication for the connection. Configure pass-through authentication from NetScaler Gateway to StoreFront and delegate credential validation to NetScaler Gateway for smart card users so that users are silently authenticated to StoreFront. If you want to change the authentication method, you must delete and recreate the connection.

Use smart cards with Receiver for Linux

Users with devices running Receiver for Linux can authenticate using smart cards in a similar way to users of non-domain-joined Windows devices. Even if the user authenticates to the Linux device with a smart card, Receiver for Linux has no mechanism to acquire or reuse the PIN entered.

Configure the server side components for smart cards the same way you configure them for use with the Receiver for Windows. Refer to [How To Configure StoreFront 2.x and Smart Card Authentication for Internal Users using Stores](#) and for instructions on using smart cards, see [Receiver for Linux](#) in eDocs.

The minimum number of logon prompts that users can receive is one. Users log on to their devices and then authenticate to Receiver for Linux using their smart cards and PINs. Users are not prompted to enter their PINs again when they access their desktops and applications. To achieve this, you enable smart card authentication to StoreFront.

Because users log on to Receiver for Linux directly, you can enable users to fall back to explicit authentication. If you configure both smart card and explicit authentication, users are initially prompted to log on using their smart cards and PINs but have the option to select explicit authentication if they experience any issues with their smart cards.

Users connecting through NetScaler Gateway must log on using their smart cards and PINs at least once to access their desktops and applications. Users authenticate using their smart cards and PINs and, with the appropriate configuration in place, are not prompted to enter their PINs again when they access their desktops and applications. To achieve this, you enable pass-through with NetScaler Gateway authentication to StoreFront and delegate credential validation to NetScaler Gateway. Then, create an additional NetScaler Gateway virtual server through which you route user connections to resources.

Users can log on to NetScaler Gateway using either their smart cards and PINs, or with explicit credentials. This enables you to provide users with the option to fall back to explicit authentication for NetScaler Gateway logons. Configure pass-through authentication from NetScaler Gateway to StoreFront and delegate credential validation to NetScaler Gateway for smart card users so that users are silently authenticated to StoreFront.

Smart cards for Receiver for Linux are not supported with the XenApp Services Support sites.

Once smart card support is enabled for both the server and Receiver, you can use smart cards for the following purposes:

- Smart card logon authentication. Use smart cards to authenticate users to Citrix XenApp and XenDesktop servers.
- Smart card application support. Enable smart card-aware published applications to access local smart card devices.

Use smart cards with XenApp Services Support

Users logging on to XenApp Services Support sites to launch applications and desktops can authenticate using smart cards without depending on specific hardware, operating systems, and Receivers. When a user accesses a XenApp Services Support site and successfully enters a smart card and PIN, PNA determines the user identity, authenticates the user with StoreFront, and returns the available resources.

For pass-through and smart card authentication to work, you must enable Trust requests sent to the XML service.

Use an account with local administrator permissions on the Delivery Controller to start Windows PowerShell and, at a command prompt, enter the following commands to enable the Delivery Controller to trust XML requests sent from StoreFront. The following procedure applies to XenApp 7.5 and later and XenDesktop 7.0 and later. For earlier versions, see <http://support.citrix.com/proddocs/topic/xenapp6-w2k8-admin/ps-sf-citrix-xml-service-port-se-t-v2.html> and <http://support.citrix.com/proddocs/topic/access-gateway-50/ag-50-integrat-e-wi-client-xd5-xml-trust-tsk.html>.

1. Load the Citrix cmdlets by typing `asnp Citrix*`. (including the period).
2. Type `Add-PSSnapin citrix.broker.admin.v2`.
3. Type `Set-BrokerSite -TrustRequestsSentToTheXmlServicePort $True`
4. Close PowerShell.

For information about configuring the XenApp Services Support smart card authentication method, see [Configure authentication for XenApp Services URLs](#).

Important considerations

Use of smart cards for user authentication with StoreFront is subject to the following requirements and restrictions.

- To use virtual private network (VPN) tunnels with smart card authentication, users must install the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in and log on through a web page, using their smart cards and PINs to authenticate at each step. Pass-through authentication to StoreFront with the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in is not available for smart card users.
- Multiple smart cards and multiple readers can be used on the same user device, but if you enable pass-through with smart card authentication, users must ensure that only one smart card is inserted when accessing a desktop or application.
- When a smart card is used within an application, such as for digital signing or encryption, users might see additional prompts to insert a smart card or enter a PIN. This can occur if more than one smart card has been inserted at the same time. Users who are prompted to insert a smart card when the smart card is already in the reader must click Cancel. If users are prompted for a PIN, they must enter their PINs again.
- If you enable pass-through with smart card authentication to XenDesktop and XenApp for Receiver for Windows users with domain-joined devices who do not access stores through NetScaler Gateway, this setting applies to all users of the store. To enable both domain pass-through and pass-through with smart card authentication to desktops and applications, you must create separate stores for each authentication method. Your users must then connect to the appropriate store for their method of authentication.
- If you enable pass-through with smart card authentication to XenDesktop and XenApp for Receiver for Windows users with domain-joined devices accessing stores through NetScaler Gateway, this setting applies to all users of the store. To enable pass-through authentication for some users and require others to log on to their desktops and applications, you must create separate stores for each group of users. Then, direct your users to the appropriate store for their method of authentication.
- Only one authentication method can be configured for each XenApp Services URL and only one URL is available per store. If you need to enable other types of authentication in addition to smart card authentication, you must create separate stores, each with a XenApp Services URL, for each authentication method. Then, direct your users to the appropriate store for their method of authentication.
- When StoreFront is installed, the default configuration in Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) only requires that client certificates are presented for HTTPS connections to the certificate authentication URL of the StoreFront authentication service. IIS does not request client certificates for any other StoreFront URLs. This configuration enables

you to provide smart card users with the option to fall back to explicit authentication if they experience any issues with their smart cards. Subject to the appropriate Windows policy settings, users can also remove their smart cards without needing to reauthenticate.

If you decide to configure IIS to require client certificates for HTTPS connections to all StoreFront URLs, the authentication service and stores must be collocated on the same server. You must use a client certificate that is valid for all the stores. With this IIS site configuration, smart card users cannot connect through NetScaler Gateway and cannot fall back to explicit authentication. Users must log on again if they remove their smart cards from their devices.

Optimize the user experience

StoreFront includes features designed to enhance the user experience. These features are configured by default when you create new stores and their associated Receiver for Web sites, Desktop Appliance sites, and XenApp Services URLs.

Workspace control

As users move between devices, workspace control ensures that the applications they are using follow them. Users can keep working with the same application instances across multiple devices rather than having to restart all their applications each time they log on to a new device. This enables, for example, clinicians in hospitals to save time as they move from workstation to workstation accessing patient data.

Workspace control is enabled by default for Receiver for Web sites and connections to stores through XenApp Services URLs. When users log on, they are automatically reconnected to any applications that they left running. For example, consider a user logging on to a store, either through the Receiver for Web site or the XenApp Services URL, and starting some applications. If the user then logs on to the same store using the same access method but on a different device, the running applications are automatically transferred to the new device. All the applications that the user starts from a particular store are automatically disconnected, but not shut down, when the user logs off from that store. In the case of Receiver for Web sites, the same browser must be used to log on, start the applications, and log off.

Workspace control for XenApp Services URLs cannot be configured or disabled. For more information about configuring workspace control for Receiver for Web sites, see [Configure workspace control](#).

Use of workspace control on Receiver for Web sites is subject to the following requirements and restrictions.

- Workspace control is not available when Receiver for Web sites are accessed from hosted desktops and applications.
- For users accessing Receiver for Web sites from Windows devices, workspace control is only enabled if the site can detect that Citrix Receiver is installed on users' devices or if Receiver for HTML5 is used to access resources.
- To reconnect to disconnected applications, users accessing Receiver for Web sites through Internet Explorer must add the site to the Local intranet or Trusted sites zones.
- If there is only one desktop available for a user on a Receiver for Web site that is configured to start single desktops automatically when the user logs on, that user's applications are not reconnected, regardless of the workspace control configuration.
- Users must disconnect from their applications using the same browser that was originally used to start them. Resources started using a different browser or started locally from the desktop or Start menu using Citrix Receiver cannot be disconnected or shut down by Receiver for Web sites.

Content redirection

Where users have subscribed to the appropriate application, content redirection enables local files on users' devices to be opened using subscribed applications. To enable redirection of local files, associate the application with the required file types in XenDesktop or XenApp. File type association is enabled by default for new stores. For more information, see [Disable file type association](#).

User change password

You can enable Receiver for Web site users logging on with Microsoft Active Directory domain credentials to change their passwords at any time. Alternatively, you can restrict password changes to users whose passwords have expired. This means you can ensure that users are never prevented from accessing their desktops and applications by an expired password.

If you enable Receiver for Web site users to change their passwords at any time, local users whose passwords are about to expire are shown a warning when they log on. By default, the notification period for a user is determined by the applicable Windows policy setting. Password expiry warnings are only displayed to users connecting from the internal network. For more information about enabling users to change their passwords, see [Configure the authentication service](#).

Users logging on to Desktop Appliance sites can only change expired passwords, even if you enable users to change their passwords at any time. Desktop Appliance sites do not provide controls to enable users to change their passwords after they have logged on.

When you create the authentication service, the default configuration prevents Receiver for Web site users from changing their passwords, even if the passwords have expired. If you decide to enable this feature, ensure that the policies for the domains containing your servers do not prevent users from changing their passwords. StoreFront must be able to contact the domain controller to change users' passwords.

Enabling users to change their passwords exposes sensitive security functions to anyone who can access any of the stores that use the authentication service. If your organization has a security policy that reserves user password change functions for internal use only, ensure that none of the stores are accessible from outside your corporate network.

Receiver for Web site desktop and application views

When both desktops and applications are available from a Receiver for Web site, the site displays separate desktop and application views by default. Users see the desktop view first when they log on to the site. Regardless of whether applications are also available from a Receiver for Web site, if only a single desktop is available for a user, the site starts that desktop automatically when the user logs on. You can configure which views appear for your sites and prevent Receiver for Web sites from automatically starting desktops for users. For more information, see [Configure how resources are displayed for users](#).

The behavior of the views on Receiver for Web sites depends on the types of resources being delivered. For example, users must subscribe to applications before they appear in the application view, whereas all the desktops available to a user are automatically displayed in the desktop view. For this reason, users cannot remove desktops from the

desktop view and cannot reorganize them by dragging and dropping the icons. When desktop restarts are enabled by the XenDesktop administrator, controls that enable users to restart their desktops are provided in the desktop view. If users have access to multiple instances of a desktop from a single desktop group, Receiver for Web sites differentiate the desktops for users by appending numerical suffixes to the desktop names.

For users connecting to stores within Citrix Receiver or through XenApp Services URLs, the way in which desktops and applications are displayed, and their behavior, is determined by the Citrix client being used.

Additional recommendations

When delivering applications with XenDesktop and XenApp, consider the following options to enhance the experience for users when they access their applications through your stores. For more information about delivering applications, see [Create a Delivery Group application](#).

- Organize applications into folders to make it easier for users to find what they need when browsing through the available resources. The folders you create in XenDesktop and XenApp appear as categories in Citrix Receiver. You could, for example, group applications according to type or, alternatively, create folders for different user roles in your organization.
- Ensure that you include meaningful descriptions when you deliver applications, as these descriptions are visible to users in Citrix Receiver.
- You can specify that all users have a core set of applications that cannot be removed from the Receiver home screen by appending the string `KEYWORDS:Mandatory` to the application description. Users can still use the self-service UI to add more applications or remove nonmandatory applications.
- You can automatically subscribe all users of a store to an application by appending the string `KEYWORDS:Auto` to the description you provide when you deliver the application. When users log on to the store, the application is automatically provisioned without users needing to manually subscribe.
- Advertise XenDesktop applications to users or make commonly used applications easier to find by listing them in the Featured list in Citrix Receiver. To do this, append the string `KEYWORDS:Featured` to the application description.

Note: Multiple keywords must be separated by spaces only; for example, `KEYWORDS:Auto Featured`.

- By default, XenDesktop and XenApp hosted shared desktops are treated like other desktops by Receiver for Web sites. To change this behavior, append the string `KEYWORDS:TreatAsApp` to the desktop description. The desktop is displayed in the application views of Receiver for Web sites rather than the desktop views and users are required to subscribe before they can access the desktop. In addition, the desktop is not automatically started when the user logs on to the Receiver for Web site and is not accessed with the Desktop Viewer, even if the site is configured to do this for other desktops.
- For Windows users, you can specify that the locally installed version of an application should be used in preference to the equivalent delivered instance if both are available.

To do this, append the string **KEYWORDS:prefer="application"** to the application description, where *application* is either one or more complete words in the name of the local application as given by the shortcut file name, or the absolute path including the executable file name to the local application from the \Start Menu folder. When a user subscribes to an application with this keyword, Citrix Receiver searches for the specified name or path on the user's device to determine whether the application is already installed locally. If the application is found, Citrix Receiver subscribes the user to the delivered application, but does not create a shortcut. When the user starts the delivered application from Citrix Receiver, the locally installed instance runs instead. For more information, see [Configure application delivery](#).

StoreFront high availability and multi-site configuration

StoreFront includes a number of features that combine to enable load balancing and failover between the deployments providing resources for stores. You can also specify dedicated disaster recovery deployments for increased resiliency. These features enable you to configure StoreFront deployments distributed over multiple sites to provide high availability for your stores. StoreFront high availability and multi-site configurations are set up by editing the store configuration files. Highly available multi-site configurations cannot be set up or managed using the Citrix StoreFront management console. For more information, see [Set up highly available multi-site store configurations](#).

Resource aggregation

By default, StoreFront enumerates all the deployments providing desktops and applications for a store and treats all those resources as distinct. This means that if the same resource is available from several deployments, users see an icon for each resource, which might be confusing if the resources have the same name. When you set up highly available multi-site configurations, you can group XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box deployments that deliver the same desktop or application so that identical resources can be aggregated for users. Grouped deployments do not need to be identical, but resources must have the same name and path on each server to be aggregated.

When a desktop or application is available from multiple XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box deployments configured for a particular store, StoreFront aggregates all instances of that resource and presents users with a single icon. App Controller applications cannot be aggregated. When a user starts an aggregated resource, StoreFront determines the most appropriate instance of that resource for the user on the basis of server availability, whether the user already has an active session, and the ordering you specified in your configuration.

StoreFront dynamically monitors servers that fail to respond to requests on the basis that such servers are either overloaded or temporarily unavailable. Users are directed to resource instances on other servers until communications are re-established. Where supported by the servers providing the resources, StoreFront attempts to reuse existing sessions to deliver additional resources. If a user already has an active session on a deployment that also provides the requested resource, StoreFront reuses the session if it is compatible with that resource. Minimizing the number of sessions for each user reduces the time taken to start additional desktops or applications and can allow for more efficient use of product licenses.

After checking for availability and existing user sessions, StoreFront uses the ordering specified in your configuration to determine the deployment to which the user is connected. If multiple equivalent deployments are available to the user, you can specify that users are connected either to the first available deployment or randomly to any deployment in the list. Connecting users to the first available deployment enables you to minimize the number of deployments in use for the current number of users. Randomly connecting users provides a more even distribution of users across all the available

deployments.

You can override the specified deployment ordering for individual XenDesktop and XenApp resources to define preferred deployments to which users are connected when they access a particular desktop or application. This enables you to, for example, specify that users are preferentially connected to a deployment specifically adapted to deliver a particular desktop or application, but use other deployments for other resources. To do this, append the string `KEYWORDS:Primary` to the description of the desktop or application on the preferred deployment and `KEYWORDS:Secondary` to the resource on other deployments. Where possible, users are connected to the deployment providing the primary resource, regardless of the deployment ordering specified in your configuration. Users are connected to deployments providing secondary resources when the preferred deployment is unavailable or when the user already has an active session on a non-preferred deployment.

Map users to resources

By default, users accessing a store see an aggregate of all the resources available from all the deployments configured for that store. To provide different resources for different users, you can configure separate stores or even separate StoreFront deployments. However, when you set up highly available multi-site configurations, you can provide access to particular deployments on the basis of users' membership of Microsoft Active Directory groups. This enables you to configure different experiences for different user groups through a single store.

For example, you can group common resources for all users on one deployment and finance applications for the Accounts department on another deployment. In such a configuration, a user who is not a member of the Accounts user group sees only the common resources when accessing the store. A member of the Accounts user group is presented with both the common resources and the finance applications.

Alternatively, you can create a deployment for power users that provides the same resources as your other deployments, but with faster and more powerful hardware. This enables you to provide an enhanced experience for business-critical users, such as your executive team. All users see the same desktops and applications when they log on to the store, but members of the Executives user group are preferentially connected to resources provided by the power user deployment.

Subscription synchronization

If you enable your users to access the same applications from similar stores in different StoreFront deployments, users' application subscriptions must be synchronized between the server groups. Otherwise, users who subscribe to an application in a store on one StoreFront deployment might need to resubscribe to the application when they log on to a different server group. To provide a seamless experience for users moving between separate StoreFront deployments, you can configure periodic synchronization of users' application subscriptions between stores in different server groups. Choose between regular synchronization at a specific interval or schedule synchronization to occur at particular times throughout the day.

Dedicated disaster recovery resources

You can configure specific disaster recovery deployments that are not used unless all other deployments are unavailable. Typically, disaster recovery deployments are not collocated with the main deployments, provide only a subset of the resources that are normally available, and might offer a degraded user experience. When you specify that a deployment is to be used for disaster recovery, the deployment will not be used for load balancing or failover. Users cannot access desktops and applications provided by disaster recovery deployments unless all the other deployments for which the disaster recovery deployments are configured become unavailable.

When access to any other deployment is re-established, users cannot start more disaster recovery resources, even if they are already using such a resource. Users running disaster recovery resources are not disconnected from those resources when access to other deployments is restored. However, they cannot start disaster recovery resources again once they have exited these resources. Similarly, StoreFront does not attempt to reuse existing sessions with disaster recovery deployments if any other deployments have subsequently become available.

Optimal NetScaler Gateway routing

If you have configured separate NetScaler Gateway appliances for your deployments, StoreFront enables you to define the optimal appliance for users to access each of the deployments providing resources for a store. For example, if you create a store that aggregates resources from two geographical locations, each with a NetScaler Gateway appliance, users connecting through an appliance in one location can start a desktop or application in the other location. However, by default, the connection to the resource is then routed through the appliance to which the user originally connected and must therefore traverse the corporate WAN.

To improve the user experience and reduce network traffic over the WAN, you can specify the optimal NetScaler Gateway appliance for each of your deployments. With this configuration, user connections to resources are automatically routed through the appliance local to the deployment providing the resources, regardless of the location of the appliance through which the user accesses the store.

Optimal NetScaler Gateway routing can also be used in the special case where local users on the internal network are required to log on to NetScaler Gateway for endpoint analysis. With this configuration, users connect to the store through the NetScaler Gateway appliance, but there is no need to route the connection to the resource through the appliance as the user is on the internal network. In this case, you enable optimal routing, but do not specify an appliance for the deployment, so user connections to desktops and applications are routed directly and not through NetScaler Gateway. Note that you must also configure a specific internal virtual server IP address for the NetScaler Gateway appliance. Additionally, specify an inaccessible internal beacon point so that Citrix Receiver is always prompted to connect to NetScaler Gateway, regardless of the user's network location.

NetScaler Gateway global server load balancing

StoreFront supports NetScaler Gateway deployments configured for global server load balancing with multiple appliances configured with a single fully qualified domain name (FQDN). For user authentication and to route user connections through the appropriate appliance, StoreFront must be able to distinguish between the appliances. Because the appliance FQDN cannot be used as a unique identifier in a global server load balancing configuration, you must configure StoreFront with unique IP addresses for each of the appliances. Typically, this is the IP address of the NetScaler Gateway virtual server.

Important considerations

When you decide whether to set up highly available multi-site configurations for your stores, consider the following requirements and restrictions.

- Desktops and applications must have the same name and path on each server to be aggregated. In addition, the properties of aggregated resources, such as names and icons, must be the same. If this is not the case, users could see the properties of their resources change when Citrix Receiver enumerates the available resources.
- Assigned desktops, both pre-assigned and assigned-on-first-use, should not be aggregated. Ensure that Delivery Groups providing such desktops do not have the same name and path in sites that you configure for aggregation.
- App Controller applications cannot be aggregated.
- Primary deployments in the same equivalent deployment set must be identical. StoreFront only enumerates and displays to users the resources from the first available primary deployment in a set, since it is assumed that each deployment provides exactly the same resources. Configure separate equivalent deployment sets for deployments that differ even slightly in the resources they provide.
- If you configure synchronization of users' application subscriptions between stores on separate StoreFront deployments, the stores must have the same name in each server group. In addition, both server groups must reside within the Active Directory domain containing your users' accounts or within a domain that has a trust relationship with the user accounts domain.
- StoreFront only provides access to backup deployments for disaster recovery when all the primary sites in the equivalent deployment set are unavailable. If a backup deployment is shared between multiple equivalent deployment sets, all the primary sites in each of the sets must be unavailable before users can access the disaster recovery resources.

Install and set up StoreFront

To install and configure StoreFront, complete the following steps in order.

1. If you plan to use StoreFront to deliver XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box resources to users, ensure that the StoreFront server is joined to either the Microsoft Active Directory domain containing your users' accounts or a domain that has a trust relationship with the user accounts domain.

Note: StoreFront cannot be installed on a domain controller.

2. If not already present, StoreFront requires Microsoft .NET 4.5 Framework, which can be downloaded from Microsoft. You must have Microsoft .NET 4.5 installed before you can install StoreFront.
3. Optionally, if you plan to configure a multiple server StoreFront deployment, set up a load balancing environment for your StoreFront servers.

To use NetScaler for load balancing, you define a virtual server to proxy your StoreFront servers. For more information on configuring NetScaler for load balancing, see [Load Balancing Traffic on a NetScaler](#).

- a. Ensure that load balancing is enabled on your NetScaler appliance.
- b. For each StoreFront server, create individual HTTP or SSL load balancing services, as appropriate, using the StoreFront monitor type.

For more information, see [Monitoring Citrix StoreFront Stores](#).

- c. Configure the services to insert the client IP address into the X-Forwarded-For HTTP header of requests forwarded to StoreFront, overriding any global policies.

StoreFront requires users' IP addresses to establish connections to their resources. For more information, see [Inserting the IP Address of the Client in the Request Header](#).

- d. Create a virtual server and bind the services to the virtual server.
- e. On the virtual server, configure persistence on the basis of source IP address.

Persistence ensures that only the initial user connection is load balanced, after which subsequent requests from that user are directed to the same StoreFront server. For more information, see [Persistence Based on Source IP Address](#).

4. Optionally, enable the following features.

- .NET Framework 4.5 Features > .NET Framework 4.5, ASP.NET 4.5

Optionally, enable the following roles and their dependencies on the StoreFront server.

- Web Server (IIS) > Web Server > Common HTTP Features > Default Document, HTTP Errors, Static Content, HTTP Redirection
- Web Server (IIS) > Web Server > Health and Diagnostics > HTTP Logging

- Web Server (IIS) > Web Server > Security > Request Filtering, Windows Authentication
- On Windows Server 2012 servers:

Web Server (IIS) > Web Server > Application Development > .NET Extensibility 4.5, Application Initialization, ASP.NET 4.5, ISAPI Extensions, ISAPI Filters

On Windows Server 2008 R2 servers:

Web Server (IIS) > Web Server > Application Development > .NET Extensibility, Application Initialization, ASP.NET, ISAPI Extensions, ISAPI Filters
- Web Server (IIS) > Management Tools > IIS Management Console, IIS Management Scripts and Tools

The StoreFront installer checks that all the features and server roles above are enabled.

5. [Install StoreFront](#).
6. Optionally, configure Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) for HTTPS if you plan to use HTTPS to secure communications between StoreFront and users' devices.

HTTPS is required for smart card authentication. By default, Citrix Receiver requires HTTPS connections to stores. You can change from HTTP to HTTPS at any time after installing StoreFront, provided the appropriate IIS configuration is in place.

To configure IIS for HTTPS, use the Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager console on the StoreFront server to create a server certificate signed by your domain certification authority. Then, add HTTPS binding to the default website. For more information about creating a server certificate in IIS, see <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh831637.aspx#CreateCertificate>. For more information about adding HTTPS binding to an IIS site, see <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh831632.aspx#SSLBinding>.

7. Ensure your firewalls and other network devices permit access to TCP port 80 or 443, as appropriate, from both inside and outside the corporate network. In addition, ensure that any firewalls or other devices on your internal network do not block traffic to any of the unassigned TCP ports.

When you install StoreFront, a Windows Firewall rule is configured enabling access to the StoreFront executable through a TCP port randomly selected from all unreserved ports. This port is used for communications between the StoreFront servers in a server group.

8. Use the Citrix StoreFront management console to [configure your server](#).

Install StoreFront

1. Log on to the StoreFront server using an account with local administrator permissions.
2. Ensure that the required Microsoft .NET 4.5 Framework is installed on the server.
3. Browse your installation media or download package, locate CitrixStoreFront-x64.exe, and run the file as an administrator.

Note: On Windows Server 2008 R2 servers, a message may be displayed indicating that the .NET feature will be enabled. If this message appears, click Yes.

4. Read and accept the license agreement, and click Next.
5. If the Review prerequisites page appears, click Next.
6. On the Ready to install page, check the prerequisites and StoreFront components that are listed for installation and click Install.

Before the components are installed, the following roles are enabled if they are not already configured on the server.

- Web Server (IIS) > Web Server > Common HTTP Features > Default Document, HTTP Errors, Static Content, HTTP Redirection
- Web Server (IIS) > Web Server > Health and Diagnostics > HTTP Logging
- Web Server (IIS) > Web Server > Security > Request Filtering, Windows Authentication
- On Windows Server 2012 servers:
Web Server (IIS) > Web Server > Application Development > .NET Extensibility 4.5, Application Initialization, ASP.NET 4.5, ISAPI Extensions, ISAPI Filters

On Windows Server 2008 R2 servers:

Web Server (IIS) > Web Server > Application Development > .NET Extensibility, Application Initialization, ASP.NET, ISAPI Extensions, ISAPI Filters

- Web Server (IIS) > Management Tools > IIS Management Console, IIS Management Scripts and Tools

The following features are also enabled if they are not already configured.

- .NET Framework 4.5 Features > .NET Framework 4.5, ASP.NET 4.5
7. When the installation is complete, click Finish.

The Citrix StoreFront management console starts automatically so that you can [configure your server](#).

To install StoreFront at a command prompt

1. Log on to the StoreFront server using an account with local administrator permissions.
2. Ensure that all of the requirements for installation of StoreFront are met before installing StoreFront. Refer to the [installation overview](#) for details.
3. Browse your installation media or download package, locate CitrixStoreFront-x64.exe, and copy the file to a temporary location on the server.
4. At a command prompt, navigate to the folder containing the installation file and type the following command.

```
CitrixStoreFront-x64.exe [-silent] [-INSTALLDIR installationlocation]  
  [-WINDOWS_CLIENT filelocation\filename.exe]  
  [-MAC_CLIENT filelocation\filename.dmg]
```

Use the `-silent` argument to perform a silent installation of StoreFront and all the prerequisites. By default, StoreFront is installed at `C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\`. However, you can specify a different installation location using the `-INSTALLDIR` argument, where *installationlocation* is the directory in which to install StoreFront.

By default, if a Receiver for Web site cannot detect Citrix Receiver on a Windows or Mac OS X device, the user is prompted to download and install the appropriate Citrix Receiver for their platform from the Citrix website. You can modify this behavior so that users download the Citrix Receiver installation files from the StoreFront server instead. For more information, see [Make Citrix Receiver installation files available on the server](#).

If you plan to make this configuration change, specify the `-WINDOWS_CLIENT` and `-MAC_CLIENT` arguments to copy Receiver for Windows and Receiver for Mac installation files, respectively, to the appropriate location in your StoreFront deployment. Replace *filelocation* with the directory containing the installation file that you want to copy and *filename* with the name of the Citrix Receiver installation file. Receiver for Windows and Receiver for Mac installation files are included on your StoreFront installation media or download package.

Configure StoreFront

When the Citrix StoreFront management console first starts, two options are available.

- [Create a new deployment](#). Configure the first server in a new StoreFront deployment. Single-server deployments are ideal for evaluating StoreFront or for small production deployments. Once you have configured your first StoreFront server, you can add more servers to the group at any time to increase the capacity of your deployment.
- [Join existing server group](#). Add another server to an existing StoreFront deployment. Select this option to rapidly increase the capacity of your StoreFront deployment. External load balancing is required for multiple server deployments. To add a new server, you will need access to an existing server in the deployment.

Create a new deployment

1. If the Citrix StoreFront management console is not already open after installation of StoreFront, on the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. In the results pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console, click Create a new deployment.
3. Specify the URL of the StoreFront server or the load balancing environment for a multiple server deployment in the Base URL box.

If you have not yet set up your load balancing environment, enter the server URL. You can modify the base URL for your deployment at any time. For more information, see [Configure server groups](#).

4. Click Next to set up the authentication service, which authenticates users to Microsoft Active Directory.

To use HTTPS to secure communications between StoreFront and users' devices, you must configure Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) for HTTPS. In the absence of the appropriate IIS configuration, StoreFront uses HTTP for communications.

By default, Citrix Receiver requires HTTPS connections to stores. If StoreFront is not configured for HTTPS, users must carry out additional configuration steps to use HTTP connections. HTTPS is required for smart card authentication. You can change from HTTP to HTTPS at any time after configuring StoreFront, provided the appropriate IIS configuration is in place. For more information, see [Configure server groups](#).

5. On the Store Name page, specify a name for your store and click Next.

StoreFront stores aggregate desktops and applications, making them available to users. Store names appear in Citrix Receiver under users' accounts, so choose a name that gives users information about the content of the store.

6. On the Delivery Controllers page, list the infrastructure providing the resources that you want to make available in the store. To add desktops and applications to the store, follow the appropriate procedure below. You can configure stores to provide resources from any mixture of XenDesktop, XenApp, App Controller, and VDI-in-a-Box deployments. Repeat the procedures, as necessary, to add all the deployments providing resources for the store.

- [Add XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box resources to the store](#)
- [Add App Controller applications to the store](#)

7. When you have added all the required resources to the store, on the Delivery Controllers page, click Next.

8. On the Remote Access page, specify whether and how users connecting from public networks can access the store through NetScaler Gateway.

Create a new deployment

- To make the store unavailable to users on public networks, select None. Only local users on the internal network will be able to access the store.
- To make only resources delivered through the store available through NetScaler Gateway, select No VPN tunnel. Users log on directly to NetScaler Gateway and do not need to use the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in.
- To make the store and all other resources on the internal network available through a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) virtual private network (VPN) tunnel, select Full VPN tunnel. Users require the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in to establish the VPN tunnel.

If you configure remote access to the store through NetScaler Gateway, the pass-through from NetScaler Gateway authentication method is automatically enabled. Users authenticate to NetScaler Gateway and are automatically logged on when they access their stores.

9. If you enabled remote access, list the NetScaler Gateway deployments through which users can access the store. To add a NetScaler Gateway deployment, follow the appropriate procedure below. Repeat the procedures, as necessary, to add further deployments.
 - [Provide remote access to the store through a NetScaler Gateway appliance](#)
 - [Provide remote access to the store through an Access Gateway 5.0 cluster](#)
10. When you have added all your NetScaler Gateway deployments, select from the NetScaler Gateway appliances list the deployments through which users can access the store. If you enable access through multiple deployments, specify the default deployment to be used to access the store.
11. On the Remote Access page, click Create. Once the store has been created, click Finish.

After creating the store, further options become available in the Citrix StoreFront management console. For more information, see [Manage your StoreFront deployment](#).

Your store is now available for users to access with Citrix Receiver, which must be configured with access details for the store. There are a number of ways in which you can provide these details to users to make the configuration process easier for them. For more information, see [User access options](#).

Alternatively, users can access the store through the Receiver for Web site, which enables users to access their desktops and applications through a webpage. The URL for users to access the Receiver for Web site for the new store is displayed when you create the store.

When you create a new store, the XenApp Services URL is enabled by default. Users of domain-joined desktop appliances and repurposed PCs running the Citrix Desktop Lock, along with users who have older Citrix clients that cannot be upgraded, can access stores directly using the XenApp Services URL for the store. The XenApp Services URL has the form `http[s]://serveraddress/Citrix/storename/PNAgent/config.xml`, where *serveraddress* is the fully qualified domain name of the server or load balancing environment for your StoreFront deployment and *storename* is the name you specified for the store in Step 5.

You can quickly add more servers to your deployment by selecting the option to [join an existing server group](#) when installing further instances of StoreFront.

Add XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box resources to the store

Complete the following steps to make desktops and applications provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box available in the store that you create as part of the initial configuration of your StoreFront server. It is assumed that you have completed Steps 1 to 6 in the "Create a new deployment" procedure at the top of this article.

1. On the Delivery Controllers page of the Create Store wizard, click Add.
2. In the Add Delivery Controller dialog box, specify a name that will help you to identify the deployment and indicate whether the resources that you want to make available in the store are provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box.
3. Add the names or IP addresses of your servers to the Servers list. Specify multiple servers to enable fault tolerance, listing the entries in order of priority to set the failover sequence. For XenDesktop sites, give details of Delivery Controllers. In the case of XenApp farms, list servers running the Citrix XML Service. To add VDI-in-a-Box grids, specify either the grid-wide virtual IP address, if configured, or list the IP addresses of your servers.
4. Select from the Transport type list the type of connections for StoreFront to use for communications with the servers.
 - To send data over unencrypted connections, select HTTP. If you select this option, you must make your own arrangements to secure connections between StoreFront and your servers.
 - To send data over secure HTTP connections using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS), select HTTPS. If you select this option for XenDesktop and XenApp servers, ensure that the Citrix XML Service is set to share its port with Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) and that IIS is configured to support HTTPS.
 - To send data over secure connections to XenApp servers using the SSL Relay to perform host authentication and data encryption, select SSL Relay.

Note: If you are using HTTPS or the SSL Relay to secure connections between StoreFront and your servers, ensure that the names you specify in the Servers list match exactly (including the case) the names on the certificates for those servers.

5. Specify the port for StoreFront to use for connections to the servers. The default port is 80 for connections using HTTP and the SSL Relay, and 443 for HTTPS connections. In the case of XenDesktop and XenApp servers, the specified port must be the port used by the Citrix XML Service.
6. If you are using the SSL Relay to secure connections between StoreFront and XenApp servers, specify the TCP port of the SSL Relay in the SSL Relay port box. The default port is 443. Ensure that all the servers running the SSL Relay are configured to monitor the same port.

You can configure stores to provide resources from any mixture of XenDesktop, XenApp, App Controller, and VDI-in-a-Box deployments. To add further XenDesktop sites, XenApp farms, or VDI-in-a-Box grids, repeat the procedure above. To make applications managed by

App Controller available in the store, follow the steps in [Add App Controller applications to the store](#). When you have added all the required resources to the store, return to Step 7 in the "Create a new deployment" procedure at the top of this article.

Add App Controller applications to the store

Complete the following steps to make applications managed by App Controller available in the store that you create as part of the initial configuration of your StoreFront server. It is assumed that you have completed Steps 1 to 6 in the "Create a new deployment" procedure at the top of this article.

1. On the Delivery Controllers page of the Create Store wizard, click Add.
2. In the Add Delivery Controller dialog box, specify a name that will help you to identify the App Controller virtual appliance managing the applications that you want to make available in the store. Ensure that the name does not contain any spaces. Select AppController.
3. Enter the name or IP address of the App Controller virtual appliance in the Server box and specify the port for StoreFront to use for connections to App Controller. The default port is 443.

You can configure stores to provide resources from any mixture of XenDesktop, XenApp, App Controller, and VDI-in-a-Box deployments. To add applications managed by other App Controller virtual appliances, repeat the procedure above. To make desktops and applications provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box available in the store, follow the steps in [Add XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box resources to the store](#). When you have added all the required resources to the store, return to Step 7 in the "Create a new deployment" procedure at the top of this article.

Provide remote access to the store through a NetScaler Gateway appliance

Complete the following steps to configure remote access through a NetScaler Gateway appliance to the store that you create as part of the initial configuration of your StoreFront server. It is assumed that you have completed Steps 1 to 9 in the "Create a new deployment" procedure at the top of this article.

1. On the Remote Access page of the Create Store wizard, click Add.
2. In the Add NetScaler Gateway Appliance dialog box, specify a name for the appliance that will help users to identify it.

Users see the display name you specify in Citrix Receiver, so include relevant information in the name to help users decide whether to use that appliance. For example, you can include the geographical location in the display names for your NetScaler Gateway deployments so that users can easily identify the most convenient deployment for their location.

3. Enter the URL of the virtual server or user logon point (for Access Gateway 5.0) for your appliance. Specify the product version used in your deployment.

For information about creating a single Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) to access a store internally and externally, see [Create a single Fully Qualified Domain Name \(FQDN\) to access a store internally and externally](#).

4. If you are adding an Access Gateway 5.0 appliance, select from the Deployment mode list Appliance. Otherwise, specify the subnet IP address of the NetScaler Gateway appliance, if necessary. A subnet IP address is required for Access Gateway 9.3 appliances, but optional for more recent product versions.

The subnet address is the IP address that NetScaler Gateway uses to represent the user device when communicating with servers on the internal network. This can also be the mapped IP address of the NetScaler Gateway appliance. Where specified, StoreFront uses the subnet IP address to verify that incoming requests originate from a trusted device.

5. If you are adding an appliance running NetScaler Gateway 10.1, Access Gateway 10, or Access Gateway 9.3, select from the Logon type list the authentication method you configured on the appliance for Citrix Receiver users.

The information you provide about the configuration of your NetScaler Gateway appliance is added to the provisioning file for the store. This enables Citrix Receiver to send the appropriate connection request when contacting the appliance for the first time.

- If users are required to enter their Microsoft Active Directory domain credentials, select Domain.
 - If users are required to enter a tokencode obtained from a security token, select Security token.
 - If users are required to enter both their domain credentials and a tokencode obtained from a security token, select Domain and security token.
 - If users are required to enter a one-time password sent by text message, select SMS authentication.
 - If users are required to present a smart card and enter a PIN, select Smart card. If you configure smart card authentication with a secondary authentication method to which users can fall back if they experience any issues with their smart cards, select the secondary authentication method from the Smart card fallback list.
6. Complete the NetScaler Gateway authentication service URL in the Callback URL box. StoreFront automatically appends the standard portion of the URL. Click Next.

Enter the internally accessible URL of the appliance. StoreFront contacts the NetScaler Gateway authentication service to verify that requests received from NetScaler Gateway originate from that appliance.

7. If you are making resources provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box available in the store, list on the Secure Ticket Authority (STA) page URLs for servers running the STA. Add URLs for multiple STAs to enable fault tolerance, listing the servers in order of priority to set the failover sequence. If you configured a grid-wide virtual IP address for your VDI-in-a-Box deployment, you need only specify this address to enable fault tolerance.

Important: VDI-in-a-Box STA URLs must be entered in the form `https://serveraddress/dt/sta` in the Add Secure Ticket Authority URL dialog box, where *serveraddress* is the FQDN or IP address of the VDI-in-a-Box server, or the grid-wide virtual IP address.

The STA is hosted on XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box servers and issues session tickets in response to connection requests. These session tickets form the basis of authentication and authorization for access to XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box resources.

8. If you want XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box to keep disconnected sessions open while Citrix Receiver attempts to reconnect automatically, select the Enable session reliability check box. If you configured multiple STAs and want to ensure that session reliability is always available, select the Request tickets from two STAs, where available check box.

When the Request tickets from two STAs, where available check box is selected, StoreFront obtains session tickets from two different STAs so that user sessions are not interrupted if one STA becomes unavailable during the course of the session. If, for any reason, StoreFront is unable to contact two STAs, it falls back to using a single STA.

9. Click Create to add your NetScaler Gateway deployment to the list on the Remote Access page.

To add further deployments, repeat the procedure above. To configure remote access to the store through an Access Gateway 5.0 cluster, follow the steps in [Provide remote access to the store through an Access Gateway 5.0 cluster](#). When you have added all your NetScaler Gateway deployments, return to Step 10 in the "Create a new deployment" procedure at the top of this article.

Provide remote access to the store through an Access Gateway 5.0 cluster

Complete the following steps to configure remote access through an Access Gateway 5.0 cluster to the store that you create as part of the initial configuration of your StoreFront server. It is assumed that you have completed Steps 1 to 9 in the "Create a new deployment" procedure at the top of this article.

1. On the Remote Access page of the Create Store wizard, click Add.
2. In the Add NetScaler Gateway Appliance dialog box, specify a name for the cluster that will help users to identify it.

Users see the display name you specify in Citrix Receiver, so include relevant information in the name to help users decide whether to use that cluster. For example, you can include the geographical location in the display names for your NetScaler Gateway deployments so that users can easily identify the most convenient deployment for their location.

3. Enter the URL of the user logon point for your cluster and select from the Version list 5.x.
4. From the Deployment mode list, select Access Controller and click Next.

5. On the Appliances page, list the IP addresses or fully qualified domain names (FQDNs) of the appliances in the cluster and click Next.
6. On the Enable Silent Authentication page, list URLs for the authentication service running on the Access Controller servers. Add URLs for multiple servers to enable fault tolerance, listing the servers in order of priority to set the failover sequence. Click Next.

StoreFront uses the authentication service to authenticate remote users so that they do not need to re-enter their credentials when accessing stores.

7. If you are making resources provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box available in the store, list on the Secure Ticket Authority (STA) page URLs for servers running the STA. Add URLs for multiple STAs to enable fault tolerance, listing the servers in order of priority to set the failover sequence. If you configured a grid-wide virtual IP address for your VDI-in-a-Box deployment, you need only specify this address to enable fault tolerance.

Important: VDI-in-a-Box STA URLs must be entered in the form `https://serveraddress/dt/sta` in the Add Secure Ticket Authority URL dialog box, where *serveraddress* is the FQDN or IP address of the VDI-in-a-Box server, or the grid-wide virtual IP address.

The STA is hosted on XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box servers and issues session tickets in response to connection requests. These session tickets form the basis of authentication and authorization for access to XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box resources.

8. If you want XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box to keep disconnected sessions open while Citrix Receiver attempts to reconnect automatically, select the Enable session reliability check box. If you configured multiple STAs and want to ensure that session reliability is always available, select the Request tickets from two STAs, where available check box.

When the Request tickets from two STAs, where available check box is selected, StoreFront obtains session tickets from two different STAs so that user sessions are not interrupted if one STA becomes unavailable during the course of the session. If, for any reason, StoreFront is unable to contact two STAs, it falls back to using a single STA.

9. Click Create to add your NetScaler Gateway deployment to the list on the Remote Access page.

To add further clusters, repeat the procedure above. To configure remote access to the store through NetScaler Gateway 10.1, Access Gateway 10, Access Gateway 9.3, or a single Access Gateway 5.0 appliance, follow the steps in [Provide remote access to the store through a NetScaler Gateway appliance](#). When you have added all your NetScaler Gateway deployments, return to Step 10 in the "Create a new deployment" procedure at the top of this article.

Join an existing server group

Before installing StoreFront, ensure that the server you are adding to the group is running the same operating system version with the same locale settings as the other servers in the group. StoreFront server groups containing mixtures of operating system versions and locales are not supported. While a server group can contain a maximum of five servers, from a capacity perspective based on simulations, there is no advantage of server groups containing more than three servers. In addition, ensure that the relative path to StoreFront in IIS on the server you are adding is the same as on the other servers in the group.

Important: When you add a new server to a server group, StoreFront service accounts are added as members of the local administrators group on the new server. These services require local administrator permissions to join and synchronize with the server group. If you use Group Policy to prevent addition of new members to the local administrator group or if you restrict the permissions of the local administrator group on your servers, StoreFront cannot join a server group.

1. If the Citrix StoreFront management console is not already open after installation of StoreFront, on the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. In the results pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console, click Join existing server group.
3. Log on to a server in the StoreFront deployment that you wish to join and open the Citrix StoreFront management console. Select the Server Group node in the left pane of the console and, in the Actions pane, click Add Server. Make a note of the authorization code that is displayed.
4. Return to the new server and, in the Join Server Group dialog box, specify the name of the existing server in the Authorizing server box. Enter the authorization code obtained from that server and click Join.

Once joined to the group, the configuration of the new server is updated to match the configuration of the existing server. All the other servers in the group are updated with details of the new server.

To manage a multiple server deployment, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Any configuration changes you make must be propagated to the other servers in the group to ensure a consistent configuration across the deployment.

Remove a server from an existing server group

If a StoreFront server was a member of a server group and has been removed, you must run the Clear-DSCConfiguration PowerShell cmdlet to reset the StoreFront server to a factory default state. After you run the Clear-DSCConfiguration cmdlet on the disconnected server, you can add the server back to an existing server group or to a different newly created server group.

1. Open the StoreFront administration console on the primary StoreFront server that you use to manage your entire server group.
2. Select the server group node on the left pane and choose another server to remove.
3. Remove the selected server from the server group.
4. In the Actions pane, propagate changes from the server you used to disconnect one of your server group members. Any other remaining server group members are now aware that a server has been removed from the group. Until you reset the disconnected server to a factory default state, it is not aware that it is no longer a member of the group.
5. Close the administration console on the disconnected server.
6. Open a PowerShell session on your disconnected server after it has been removed from the group and import the StoreFront PowerShell modules using: &
`"$Env:PROGRAMFILES\Citrix\Receiver
StoreFront\Scripts\ImportModules.ps1"`
7. Run the `Clear-DSCconfiguration` command, which resets the server to default settings.
8. Open the StoreFront administration console and the disconnected server is reset and ready to be added to another server group.

Uninstall StoreFront

In addition to the product itself, uninstalling StoreFront removes the authentication service, stores, Receiver for Web sites, Desktop Appliance sites, and XenApp Services URLs, and their associated configurations. The subscription store service containing users' application subscription data is also deleted. In single-server deployments, this means that details of users' application subscriptions are lost. However, in multiple server deployments these data are retained on other servers in the group. Prerequisites enabled by the StoreFront installer, such as the .NET Framework features and the Web Server (IIS) role services, are not removed from the server when StoreFront is uninstalled.

1. Log on to the StoreFront server using an account with local administrator permissions.
2. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate the Citrix StoreFront tile. Right-click the tile and click Uninstall.
3. In the Programs and Features dialog box, select Citrix StoreFront and click Uninstall to remove all StoreFront components from the server.
4. In the Uninstall Citrix StoreFront dialog box, click Yes. When the uninstallation is complete, click OK.

Upgrade StoreFront

To upgrade existing StoreFront 2.0 through 2.5.x deployments to StoreFront 2.6, run the StoreFront 2.6 installation file. Releases before StoreFront 2.0 cannot be upgraded to StoreFront 2.6 directly. Instead, you must first upgrade StoreFront 1.2 to StoreFront 2.0 before upgrading to StoreFront 2.6. Similarly, you cannot upgrade Receiver Storefront 1.1 to StoreFront 2.6 directly. You must upgrade Receiver Storefront 1.1 to StoreFront 1.2 and then again to StoreFront 2.0 before finally upgrading to StoreFront 2.6. Refer to the [StoreFront 2.1 upgrade tasks](#) for more information on upgrading from previous releases of StoreFront prior to the 2.1 release.

Once the upgrade process is started, it cannot be rolled back. If the upgrade is interrupted or cannot be completed, the existing configuration is removed but StoreFront is not installed. Before starting to upgrade, you must disconnect users from the StoreFront deployment and prevent users from accessing the servers while the upgrade is in progress. This ensures that all StoreFront files are accessible by the installer during the upgrade. If any files cannot be accessed by the installer, they cannot be replaced and so the upgrade will fail, resulting in the removal of the existing StoreFront configuration. StoreFront does not support multiple server deployments containing different product versions, so all servers in a group must be updated to the upgraded version before granting access to the deployment. Concurrent upgrade is not supported for multiple server deployments, servers must be upgraded sequentially. Citrix recommends that you back up your data before upgrading.

Uninstalling StoreFront removes the authentication service, stores, users' application subscriptions, Receiver for Web sites, Desktop Appliance sites, and XenApp Services URLs. This means that if you decide to uninstall StoreFront, you must manually recreate your services, stores, and sites when you reinstall StoreFront. Upgrading also enables you to preserve your StoreFront configuration and leaves users' application subscription data intact so that users do not need to resubscribe to all of their applications.

Upgrading the operating system version on a server running StoreFront is not supported. Citrix recommends that you install StoreFront on a new installation of the operating system.

To upgrade from StoreFront 2.1 to StoreFront 2.6

1. If you are upgrading a multiple server StoreFront deployment, disable access to the deployment through the load balancing environment.

Disabling the load-balanced URL prevents users from connecting to the deployment during the upgrade. All servers in a multiple server deployment must be updated concurrently.

2. Restart the StoreFront server.

Restarting the server ensures that any file locks are cleared and that there are no Windows updates pending.

3. Run the StoreFront installation file as an administrator.

Important: Be sure that no other installations or updates are in effect while running the StoreFront upgrade.

4. Restart the StoreFront server and check that all the StoreFront services are running.

Restarting the server ensures that all caches are cleared and the StoreFront services are restarted.

5. If you are upgrading a multiple server StoreFront deployment, repeat Steps 2 to 4 for each of the remaining servers in your deployment until you have upgraded them all.

Important: Ensure you finish upgrading the current server before starting to upgrade the next. In multiple server StoreFront deployments, servers must be upgraded sequentially. Upgrading multiple servers in concurrently is not supported and can cause configuration mismatches that lead to stores, sites, and services becoming unusable.

When the upgrade process is complete on the final server in your deployment, StoreFront automatically updates the configuration of the other servers in the deployment to match that of the final server.

6. For multiple server StoreFront deployments, on each server in the deployment, open Event Viewer and, in the left pane, navigate to Applications and Services Logs > Citrix Delivery Services. Search for events logged by the Citrix Subscriptions Store Service with an Event ID of 3 and a Task Category of 2901. Ensure that an entry is logged for each store on every server in the deployment before continuing.
7. If you are upgrading a multiple server StoreFront deployment, restore access to your deployment through the load-balanced URL.

Manage your StoreFront deployment

After [initial configuration of StoreFront](#), further tasks that enable you to manage your deployment become available in the Citrix StoreFront management console. For certain advanced administration tasks, you must edit the StoreFront configuration files.

This section includes the following topics.

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Configure server groups

The tasks below enable you to modify settings for multiple-server StoreFront deployments. To manage a multiple-server deployment, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Any configuration changes you make must be propagated to the other servers in the group to ensure a consistent configuration across the deployment.

Add a server to a server group

Use the Add Server task to obtain an authorization code to enable you to join a newly installed StoreFront server to your existing deployment. While a server group can contain a maximum of five servers, from a capacity perspective based on simulations, there is no advantage of server groups containing more than three servers. For more information about adding new servers to existing StoreFront deployments, see [Join an existing server group](#).

Remove servers from a server group

Use the Remove Server task to delete servers from a multiple-server StoreFront deployment. You can remove any server in the group apart from the server on which you are running the task. Before removing a server from a multiple-server deployment, first remove the server from the load-balancing environment.

Propagate local changes to a server group

Use the Propagate Changes task to update the configuration of all the other servers in a multiple-server StoreFront deployment to match the configuration of the current server. Any changes made on other servers in the group are discarded. While running this task, you cannot make any further changes until all the servers in the group have been updated.

Important: If you update the configuration of a server without propagating the changes to the other servers in the group, you might lose those updates if you later propagate changes from different server in the deployment.

Change the base URL for a deployment

Use the Change Base URL task to modify the URL that is used as the root of the URLs for the stores and other StoreFront services hosted on a deployment. For multiple-server deployments, specify the load-balanced URL. You can use this task to change from HTTP to HTTPS at any time, provided that Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) is configured for HTTPS.

To configure IIS for HTTPS, use the Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager console on the StoreFront server to create a server certificate signed by your Microsoft Active

Directory domain certification authority. Then add HTTPS binding to the default website. For more information about creating a server certificate in IIS, see <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh831637.aspx#CreateCertificate>. For more information about adding HTTPS binding to an IIS site, see <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh831632.aspx#SSLBinding>.

Generate security keys for a server group

Use the Generate Security Keys task to generate new security keys for self-signed certificates used by a server group. When you generate new security keys, any users who are currently logged on will need to reauthenticate to their stores. As a result, this task is best carried out during periods of low user activity.

Create and configure the authentication service

Create the authentication service

Use the Create Authentication Service task to configure the StoreFront authentication service. The authentication service authenticates users to Microsoft Active Directory, ensuring that users do not need to log on again to access their desktops and applications.

You can only configure one authentication service per StoreFront deployment. This task is only available when the authentication service has not yet been configured.

To use HTTPS to secure communications between StoreFront and users' devices, you must configure Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) for HTTPS. In the absence of the appropriate IIS configuration, StoreFront uses HTTP for communications.

By default, Citrix Receiver requires HTTPS connections to stores. If StoreFront is not configured for HTTPS, users must carry out additional configuration steps to use HTTP connections. HTTPS is required for smart card authentication. You can change from HTTP to HTTPS at any time, provided the appropriate IIS configuration is in place. For more information, see [Configure server groups](#).

Important: In multiple-server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Authentication node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the Actions pane, click Create Authentication Service.
3. Specify the access methods that you want to enable for your users, and click Create.
 - Select the User name and password check box to enable explicit authentication. Users enter their credentials when they access their stores.
 - Select the Domain pass-through check box to enable pass-through of Active Directory domain credentials from users' devices. Users authenticate to their domain-joined Windows computers and are automatically logged on when they access their stores. In order to use this option, pass-through authentication must be enabled when Receiver for Windows is installed on users' devices.
 - Select the Smart card check box to enable smart card authentication. Users authenticate using smart cards and PINs when they access their stores.
 - Select the HTTP Basic check box to enable HTTP Basic authentication. Users authenticate with the StoreFront server's IIS web server.

- Select the Pass-through from NetScaler Gateway check box to enable pass-through authentication from NetScaler Gateway. Users authenticate to NetScaler Gateway and are automatically logged on when they access their stores.

To enable pass-through authentication for smart card users accessing stores through NetScaler Gateway, use the Configure Delegated Authentication task.

4. Once the authentication service has been created, click Finish.

Configure the authentication service

The authentication service authenticates users to Microsoft Active Directory, ensuring that users do not need to log on again to access their desktops and applications. You can only configure one authentication service per StoreFront deployment.

The tasks below enable you to modify settings for the StoreFront authentication service. Some advanced settings can only be changed by editing the authentication service configuration files. For more information, see [Configure StoreFront using the configuration files](#).

Important: In multiple-server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

Manage authentication methods

You can enable or disable user authentication methods set up when the authentication service was created by selecting an authentication method in the results pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the Actions pane, clicking Enable Method or Disable Method, as appropriate. To remove an authentication method from the authentication service or to add a new one, use the Add/Remove Methods task.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Authentication node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the Actions pane, click Add/Remove Methods.
3. Specify the access methods that you want to enable for your users.
 - Select the User name and password check box to enable explicit authentication. Users enter their credentials when they access their stores.
 - Select the Domain pass-through check box to enable pass-through of Active Directory domain credentials from users' devices. Users authenticate to their domain-joined Windows computers and are automatically logged on when they access their stores. In order to use this option, pass-through authentication must be enabled when Receiver for Windows is installed on users' devices.
 - Select the Smart card check box to enable smart card authentication. Users authenticate using smart cards and PINs when they access their stores.

- Select the HTTP Basic check box to enable HTTP Basic authentication. Users authenticate with the StoreFront server's IIS web server.
- Select the Pass-through from NetScaler Gateway check box to enable pass-through authentication from NetScaler Gateway. Users authenticate to NetScaler Gateway and are automatically logged on when they access their stores.

To enable pass-through authentication for smart card users accessing stores through NetScaler Gateway, use the Configure Delegated Authentication task.

Configure trusted user domains

Use the Configure Trusted Domains task to restrict access to stores for users logging on with explicit domain credentials, either directly or using pass-through authentication from NetScaler Gateway.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Authentication node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the results pane, select the appropriate authentication method. In the Actions pane, click Configure Trusted Domains.
3. Select Trusted domains only. Click Add to enter the name of a trusted domain. Users with accounts in that domain will be able to log on to all stores that use the authentication service. To modify a domain name, select the entry in the Trusted domains list and click Edit. Select a domain in the list and click Remove to discontinue access to stores for user accounts in that domain.

The way in which you specify the domain name determines the format in which users must enter their credentials. If you want users to enter their credentials in domain user name format, add the NetBIOS name to the list. To require that users enter their credentials in user principal name format, add the fully qualified domain name to the list. If you want to enable users to enter their credentials in both domain user name format and user principal name format, you must add both the NetBIOS name and the fully qualified domain name to the list.

4. If you configure multiple trusted domains, select from the Default domain list the domain that is selected by default when users log on.
5. If you want to list the trusted domains on the logon page, select the Show domains list in logon page check box.

Enable users to change their passwords

Use the Manage Password Options task to enable Receiver for Web site users logging on with domain credentials to change their passwords. When you create the authentication service, the default configuration prevents Receiver for Web site users from changing their passwords, even if the passwords have expired. If you decide to enable this feature, ensure that the policies for the domains containing your servers do not prevent users from changing their passwords. Enabling users to change their passwords exposes sensitive security functions to anyone who can access any of the stores that use the authentication service. If your organization has a security policy that reserves user password change functions for internal use only, ensure that none of the stores are accessible from outside your corporate network.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Authentication node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the results pane, select User name and password. In the Actions pane, click Manage Password Options.
3. Specify the circumstances under which Receiver for Web site users logging on with domain credentials are able to change their passwords.
 - To enable users to change their passwords whenever they want, select At any time. Local users whose passwords are about to expire are shown a warning when they log on. Password expiry warnings are only displayed to users connecting from the internal network. By default, the notification period for a user is determined by the applicable Windows policy setting. For more information about setting custom notification periods, see [Configure the password expiry notification period](#).
 - To enable users to change their passwords only when the passwords have already expired, select When expired. Users who cannot log on because their passwords have expired are redirected to the Change Password dialog box.
 - To prevent users from changing their passwords, select Never. If you select this option, you must make your own arrangements to support users who cannot access their desktops and applications because their passwords have expired.

If you enable Receiver for Web site users to change their passwords at any time, ensure that there is sufficient disk space on your StoreFront servers to store profiles for all your users. To check whether a user's password is about to expire, StoreFront creates a local profile for that user on the server. StoreFront must be able to contact the domain controller to change users' passwords.

Delegate credential validation to NetScaler Gateway

Use the Configure Delegated Authentication task to enable pass-through authentication for smart card users accessing stores through NetScaler Gateway. This task is only available when Pass-through from NetScaler Gateway is enabled and selected in the results pane.

When credential validation is delegated to NetScaler Gateway, users authenticate to NetScaler Gateway with their smart cards and are automatically logged on when they access their stores. This setting is disabled by default when you enable pass-through authentication from NetScaler Gateway, so that pass-through authentication only occurs when users log on to NetScaler Gateway with a password.

Create or remove a store

Use the Create Store task to configure additional stores. You can create as many stores as you need; for example, you can create a store for a particular group of users or to group together a specific set of resources. You can also create an unauthenticated store that allows for anonymous, or unauthenticated store. To create this type of store, refer to the [Create an unauthenticated store](#) instruction.

To create a store, you identify and configure communications with the servers providing the resources that you want to make available in the store. Then, optionally, you configure remote access to the store through NetScaler Gateway.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

Add desktops and applications to the store

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Stores node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the Actions pane, click Create Store.
3. On the Store Name page, specify a name for your store and click Next.

Store names appear in Citrix Receiver under users' accounts, so choose a name that gives users information about the content of the store.

4. On the Delivery Controllers page, list the infrastructure providing the resources that you want to make available in the store. Click Add.
5. In the Add Delivery Controller dialog box, specify a name that will help you to identify the deployment and indicate whether the resources that you want to make available in the store are provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box.
6. To make desktops and applications provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box available in the store, add the names or IP addresses of your servers to the Servers list. Specify multiple servers to enable fault tolerance, listing the entries in order of priority to set the failover sequence. For XenDesktop sites, give details of Delivery Controllers. In the case of XenApp farms, list servers running the Citrix XML Service. To add VDI-in-a-Box grids, specify either the grid-wide virtual IP address, if configured, or list the IP addresses of your servers.
7. Select from the Transport type list the type of connections for StoreFront to use for communications with the servers.
 - To send data over unencrypted connections, select HTTP. If you select this option, you must make your own arrangements to secure connections between StoreFront and your servers.
 - To send data over secure HTTP connections using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS), select HTTPS. If you select this option for XenDesktop and XenApp servers, ensure that the Citrix XML Service is set to share its port with Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) and that IIS is configured to support HTTPS.
 - To send data over secure connections to XenApp servers using the SSL Relay to perform host authentication and data encryption, select SSL Relay.

Note: If you are using HTTPS or the SSL Relay to secure connections between StoreFront and your servers, ensure that the names you specify in the Servers list match exactly (including the case) the names on the certificates for those servers.

8. Specify the port for StoreFront to use for connections to the servers. The default port is 80 for connections using HTTP and the SSL Relay, and 443 for HTTPS connections. In the case of XenDesktop and XenApp servers, the specified port must be the port used by the Citrix XML Service.
9. If you are using the SSL Relay to secure connections between StoreFront and XenApp servers, specify the TCP port of the SSL Relay in the SSL Relay port box. The default port is 443. Ensure that all the servers running the SSL Relay are configured to monitor

the same port.

10. Click OK. You can configure stores to provide resources from any mixture of XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box deployments. Repeat Steps 4 to 11, as necessary, to list additional deployments providing resources for the store. When you have added all the required resources to the store, click Next.
11. On the Remote Access page, specify whether and how users connecting from public networks can access the store through NetScaler Gateway.
 - To make the store unavailable to users on public networks, select None. Only local users on the internal network will be able to access the store.
 - To make only resources delivered through the store available through NetScaler Gateway, select No VPN tunnel. Users log on directly to NetScaler Gateway and do not need to use the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in.
 - To make the store and all other resources on the internal network available through an SSL virtual private network (VPN) tunnel, select Full VPN tunnel. Users require the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in to establish the VPN tunnel.

If it is not already enabled, the pass-through from NetScaler Gateway authentication method is automatically enabled when you configure remote access to the store. Users authenticate to NetScaler Gateway and are automatically logged on when they access their stores.
12. If you enabled remote access, continue to the next procedure to specify the NetScaler Gateway deployments through which users can access the store. Otherwise, on the Remote Access page, click Create. Once the store has been created, click Finish.

Provide remote access to the store through NetScaler Gateway

Complete the following steps to configure remote access through NetScaler Gateway to the store that you created in the previous procedure. It is assumed that you have completed all the preceding steps.

1. On the Remote Access page of the Create Store wizard, select from the NetScaler Gateway appliances list the deployments through which users can access the store. Any deployments you configured previously for other stores are available for selection in the list. If you want to add a further deployment to the list, click Add. Otherwise, continue to Step 13.
2. In the Add NetScaler Gateway Appliance dialog box, specify a name for the NetScaler Gateway deployment that will help users to identify it.

Users see the display name you specify in Citrix Receiver, so include relevant information in the name to help users decide whether to use that deployment. For example, you can include the geographical location in the display names for your NetScaler Gateway deployments so that users can easily identify the most convenient deployment for their location.

3. Enter the URL of the virtual server or user logon point (for Access Gateway 5.0) for your deployment. Specify the product version used in your deployment.

The fully qualified domain name (FQDN) for your StoreFront deployment must be unique and different from the NetScaler Gateway virtual server FQDN. Using the same FQDN for StoreFront and the NetScaler Gateway virtual server is not supported.

4. If you are adding an Access Gateway 5.0 deployment, continue to Step 6. Otherwise, specify the subnet IP address of the NetScaler Gateway appliance, if necessary. A subnet IP address is required for Access Gateway 9.3 appliances, but optional for more recent product versions.

The subnet address is the IP address that NetScaler Gateway uses to represent the user device when communicating with servers on the internal network. This can also be the mapped IP address of the NetScaler Gateway appliance. Where specified, StoreFront uses the subnet IP address to verify that incoming requests originate from a trusted device.

5. If you are adding an appliance running NetScaler Gateway 10.1, Access Gateway 10, or Access Gateway 9.3, select from the Logon type list the authentication method you configured on the appliance for Citrix Receiver users.

The information you provide about the configuration of your NetScaler Gateway appliance is added to the provisioning file for the store. This enables Citrix Receiver to send the appropriate connection request when contacting the appliance for the first time.

- If users are required to enter their Microsoft Active Directory domain credentials, select Domain.
 - If users are required to enter a tokencode obtained from a security token, select Security token.
 - If users are required to enter both their domain credentials and a tokencode obtained from a security token, select Domain and security token.
 - If users are required to enter a one-time password sent by text message, select SMS authentication.
 - If users are required to present a smart card and enter a PIN, select Smart card. If you configure smart card authentication with a secondary authentication method to which users can fall back if they experience any issues with their smart cards, select the secondary authentication method from the Smart card fallback list. Continue to Step 7.
6. To add an Access Gateway 5.0 deployment, indicate whether the user logon point is hosted on a standalone appliance or an Access Controller server that is part of a cluster. If you are adding a cluster, click Next and continue to Step 8.
 7. If you are configuring StoreFront for NetScaler Gateway 10.1, Access Gateway 10, Access Gateway 9.3, or a single Access Gateway 5.0 appliance, complete the NetScaler Gateway authentication service URL in the Callback URL box. StoreFront automatically appends the standard portion of the URL. Click Next and continue to Step 10.

Enter the internally accessible URL of the appliance. StoreFront contacts the NetScaler Gateway authentication service to verify that requests received from NetScaler Gateway originate from that appliance.

8. To configure StoreFront for an Access Gateway 5.0 cluster, list on the Appliances page the IP addresses or FQDNs of the appliances in the cluster and click Next.
9. On the Enable Silent Authentication page, list URLs for the authentication service running on the Access Controller servers. Add URLs for multiple servers to enable fault tolerance, listing the servers in order of priority to set the failover sequence. Click Next.

StoreFront uses the authentication service to authenticate remote users so that they do not need to re-enter their credentials when accessing stores.

10. For all deployments, if you are making resources provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box available in the store, list on the Secure Ticket Authority (STA) page URLs for servers running the STA. Add URLs for multiple STAs to enable fault tolerance, listing the servers in order of priority to set the failover sequence. If you configured a grid-wide virtual IP address for your VDI-in-a-Box deployment, you need only specify this address to enable fault tolerance.

Important: VDI-in-a-Box STA URLs must be entered in the form `https://serveraddress/dt/sta` in the Add Secure Ticket Authority URL dialog box, where *serveraddress* is the FQDN or IP address of the VDI-in-a-Box server, or the grid-wide virtual IP address.

The STA is hosted on XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box servers and issues session tickets in response to connection requests. These session tickets form the basis of authentication and authorization for access to XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box resources.

11. If you want XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box to keep disconnected sessions open while Citrix Receiver attempts to reconnect automatically, select the Enable session reliability check box. If you configured multiple STAs and want to ensure that session reliability is always available, select the Request tickets from two STAs, where available check box.

When the Request tickets from two STAs, where available check box is selected, StoreFront obtains session tickets from two different STAs so that user sessions are not interrupted if one STA becomes unavailable during the course of the session. If, for any reason, StoreFront is unable to contact two STAs, it falls back to using a single STA.

12. Click Create to add your NetScaler Gateway deployment to the list on the Remote Access page.
13. Repeat Steps 1 to 12, as necessary, to add more NetScaler Gateway deployments to the NetScaler Gateway appliances list. If you enable access through multiple deployments by selecting more than one entry in the list, specify the default deployment to be used to access the store.
14. On the Remote Access page, click Create. Once the store has been created, click Finish.

For more information about modifying settings for stores, see [Configure stores](#).

Your store is now available for users to access with Citrix Receiver, which must be configured with access details for the store. There are a number of ways in which you can provide these details to users to make the configuration process easier for them. For more information, see [User access options](#).

Alternatively, users can access the store through the Receiver for Web site, which enables users to access their desktops and applications through a webpage. The URL for users to access the Receiver for Web site for the new store is displayed when you create the store.

When you create a new store, the XenApp Services URL is enabled by default. Users of domain-joined desktop appliances and repurposed PCs running the Citrix Desktop Lock, along with users who have older Citrix clients that cannot be upgraded, can access stores directly using the XenApp Services URL for the store. The XenApp Services URL has the form `http[s]://serveraddress/Citrix/storename/PNAgent/config.xml`, where *serveraddress* is the FQDN of the server or load balancing environment for your StoreFront deployment and *storename* is the name you specified for the store in Step 3.

Remove a store

Use the Remove Store task to delete a store. When you remove a store, any associated Receiver for Web sites, Desktop Appliance sites, and XenApp Services URLs are also deleted.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

Create an unauthenticated store

Use the Create Store for Unauthenticated Users task to configure additional unauthenticated stores to support access for unauthenticated (anonymous) users. You can create as many unauthenticated stores as you need; for example, you can create an unauthenticated store for a particular group of users or to group together a specific set of resources.

Remote access through a NetScaler Gateway cannot be applied to unauthenticated stores.

This brief video shows you how to create an unauthenticated store.

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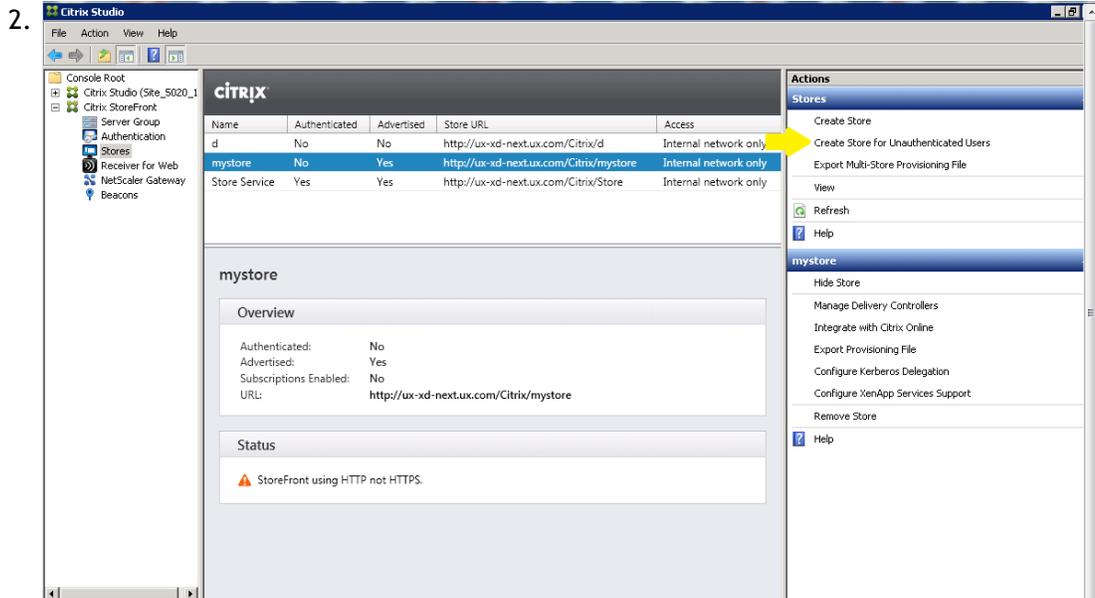
Note: StoreFront can no longer be used to provide resources from AppController.

To create an unauthenticated store, you identify and configure communications with the servers providing the resources that you want to make available in the store.

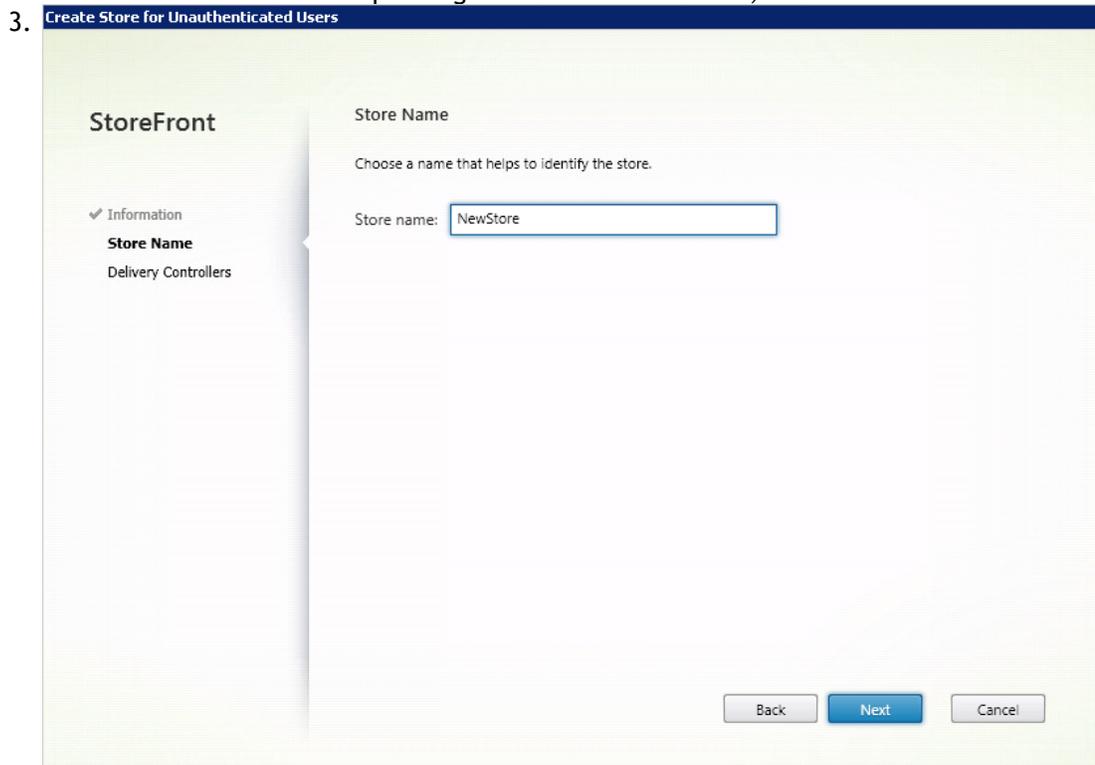
Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

Add desktops and applications to the store

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.

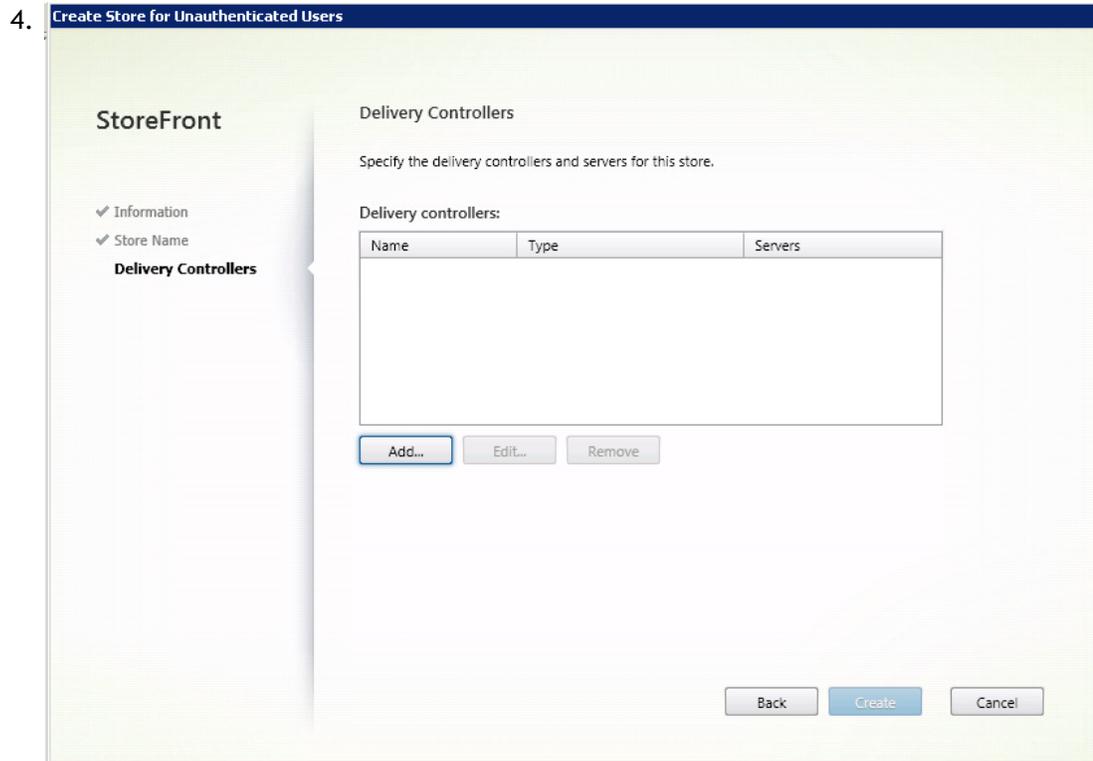


Select the Stores node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the Actions pane, click **Create Store for Unauthenticated Users**. After reading the informational screen explaining unauthenticated stores, click **Next**.

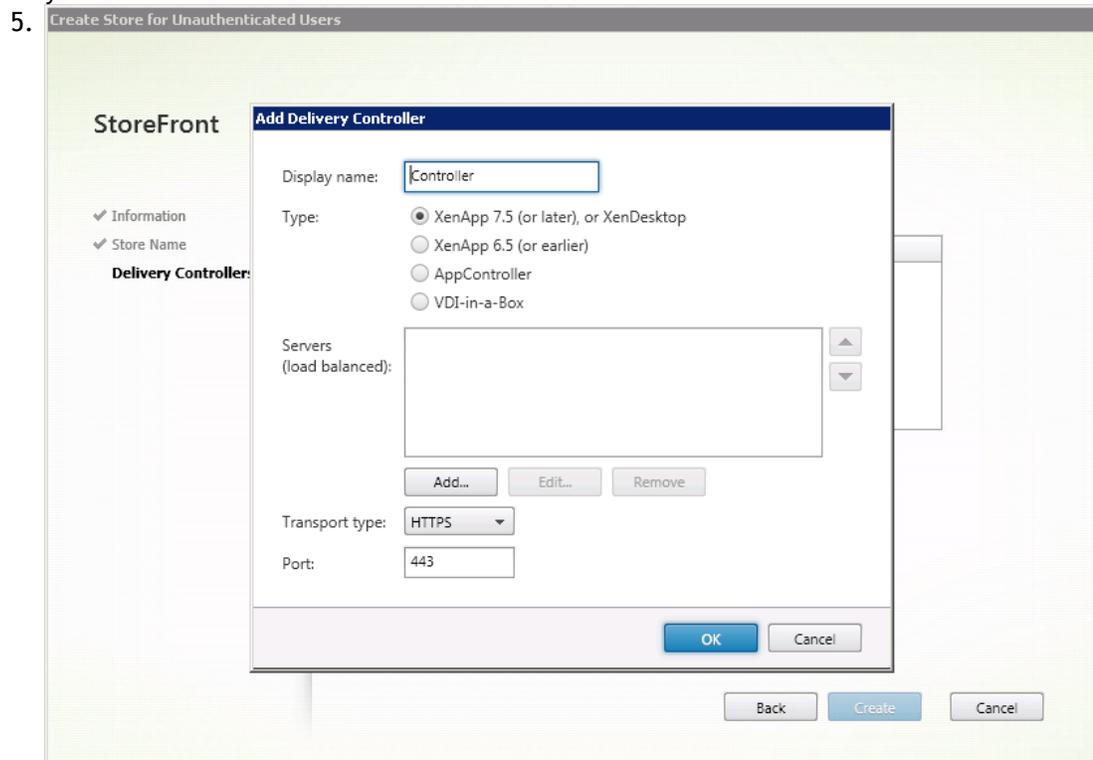


On the **Store Name** page, specify a name for your store and click **Next**. Store names appear in Citrix Receiver under users' accounts, so choose a name that gives users information about the content of the store.

Create an unauthenticated store



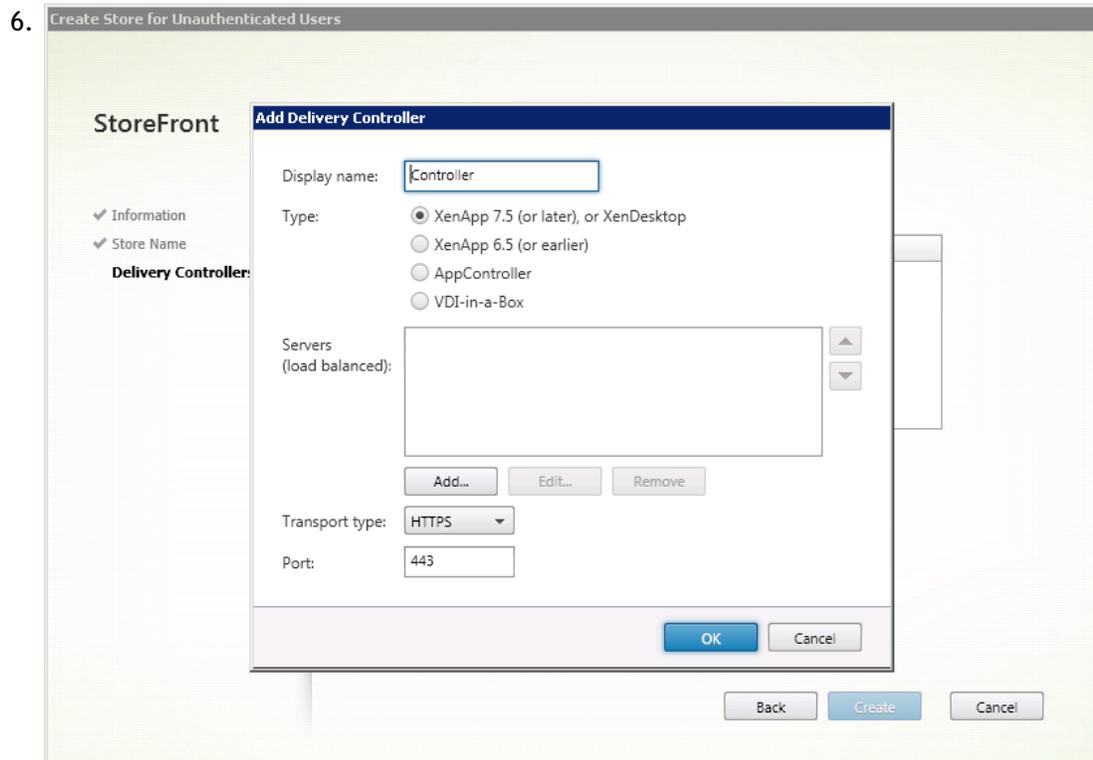
On the Delivery Controllers page, list the infrastructure providing the resources that you want to make available in the store. Click Add.



In the Add Delivery Controller dialog box, specify a name that will help you to identify the deployment and indicate whether the resources that you want to make available in the store are provided by XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box. Wh

When assigning Delivery Controllers, ensure that you are only using those which support the anonymous apps feature. Configuring your unauthenticated store with Delivery Controllers that do not support this feature may lead to no anonymous apps being available from the store.

Note: StoreFront can no longer be used to provide resources from AppController.



To make desktops and applications provided by XenApp or VDI-in-a-Box available in the store, add the names or IP addresses of your servers to the Servers list. Specify multiple servers to enable fault tolerance, listing the entries in order of priority to set the failover sequence. For XenDesktop sites, give details of Delivery Controllers. In the case of XenApp farms, list servers running the Citrix XML Service. To add VDI-in-a-Box grids, specify either the grid-wide virtual IP address, if configured, or list the IP addresses of your servers.

7. Select from the Transport type list the type of connections for StoreFront to use for communications with the servers.
 - To send data over unencrypted connections, select HTTP. If you select this option, you must make your own arrangements to secure connections between StoreFront and your servers.
 - To send data over secure HTTP connections using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS), select HTTPS. If you select this option for XenDesktop and XenApp servers, ensure that the Citrix XML Service is set to share its port with Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) and that IIS is configured to support HTTPS.

Note: If you are using HTTPS to secure connections between StoreFront and your servers, ensure that the names you specify in the Servers list match exactly (including the case) the names on the certificates for those servers.

8. Specify the port for StoreFront to use for connections to the servers. The default port is 80 for connections using HTTP and 443 for HTTPS connections. In the case of XenDesktop and XenApp servers, the specified port must be the port used by the Citrix XML Service.
9. Click OK. You can configure stores to provide resources from any mixture of XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box deployments. Repeat Steps 4 to 10, as necessary, to list additional deployments providing resources for the store. When you have added all the required resources to the store, click Create.

Your unauthenticated store is now available for use. To enable user access to the new store, Citrix Receiver must be configured with access details for the store. There are a number of ways in which you can provide these details to users to make the configuration process easier for them. For more information, see [User access options](#).

Alternatively, users can access the store through the Receiver for Web site, which enables users to access their desktops and applications through a web page. By default with unauthenticated stores, Receiver for Web displays the applications in a folder hierarchy that includes a breadcrumb path. The URL for users to access the Receiver for Web site for the new store is displayed when you create the store.

When you create a new store, the XenApp Services URL is enabled by default. Users of domain-joined desktop appliances and repurposed PCs running the Citrix Desktop Lock, along with users who have older Citrix clients that cannot be upgraded, can access stores directly using the XenApp Services URL for the store. The XenApp Services URL has the form `http[s]://serveraddress/Citrix/storename/PNAgent/config.xml`, where *serveraddress* is the FQDN of the server or load balancing environment for your StoreFront deployment and *storename* is the name you specified for the store in Step 3.

Note: In StoreFront configurations where the web.config file has been configured with the parameter `LogoffAction="terminate"`, Receiver for Web sessions accessing this unauthenticated store will not terminate. Typically, the web.config file can be found at `C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storename\`, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created. To ensure these sessions terminate properly, the XenApp server being used by this store must have the Trust XML requests option enabled as shown in [Configuring the Citrix XMS Service Port and Trust](#).

Configure stores

StoreFront stores enumerate and aggregate desktops and applications from XenDesktop, XenApp, XenMobile App Controller, and VDI-in-a-Box, making these resources available to users. The tasks in this section describe how to modify settings for your stores using the Citrix StoreFront management console. Some advanced settings can only be changed by editing the store configuration files. For more information, see [Configure StoreFront using the configuration files](#).

This section includes the following topics.

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Export store provisioning files for users

Use the Export Multi-Store Provisioning File and Export Provisioning File tasks to generate files containing connection details for stores, including any NetScaler Gateway deployments and beacons configured for the stores. Make these files available to users to enable them to configure Citrix Receiver automatically with details of the stores. Users can also obtain Citrix Receiver provisioning files from Receiver for Web sites.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile. Select the Stores node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console.
2. To generate a provisioning file containing details for multiple stores, in the Actions pane, click Export Multi-Store Provisioning File and select the stores to include in the file. Select a store in the results pane and, in the Actions pane, click Export Provisioning File to generate a file for the selected store only.
3. Click Export and save the provisioning file with a .cr extension to a suitable location on your network.

Hide and advertise stores to users

Use the Hide Store task to prevent stores being presented to users to add to their accounts when they configure Citrix Receiver through email-based account discovery or FQDN. By default, when you create a store it is presented as an option for users to add in Citrix Receiver when they discover the StoreFront deployment hosting the store. Hiding a store does not make it inaccessible, instead users must configure Citrix Receiver with connection details for the store, either manually, using a setup URL, or with a provisioning file. To resume advertising a hidden store, use the Advertise Store task.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

Manage the resources made available in stores

Use the Manage Delivery Controllers task to add and remove from stores resources provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box, and to modify the details of the servers providing these resources.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Stores node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the results pane, select a store. In the Actions pane, click Manage Delivery Controllers.
3. In the Manage Delivery Controllers dialog box, click Add to include desktops and applications from another XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box deployment in the store. To modify the settings for a deployment, select the entry in the Delivery controllers list and click Edit. Select an entry in the list and click Remove to stop the resources provided by the deployment being available in the store.
4. In the Add Delivery Controller or Edit Delivery Controller dialog box, specify a name that will help you to identify the deployment and indicate whether the resources that you want to make available in the store are provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box.
5. To make desktops and applications provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box available in the store, click Add to enter the name or IP address of a server. Depending on how the web.config file is configured, specifying multiple servers enables either load balancing or failover, as indicated in the dialog box. Load balancing is configured by default. If failover is configured, list the entries in order of priority to set the failover sequence. For XenDesktop sites, give details of Delivery Controllers. In the case of XenApp farms, list servers running the Citrix XML Service. To add VDI-in-a-Box grids, specify either the grid-wide virtual IP address, if configured, or list the IP addresses of your servers. To modify the name or IP address of a server, select the entry in the Servers list and click Edit. Select an entry in the list and click Remove to stop StoreFront contacting the server to enumerate the resources available to the user.
6. Select from the Transport type list the type of connections for StoreFront to use for communications with the servers.
 - To send data over unencrypted connections, select HTTP. If you select this option, you must make your own arrangements to secure connections between StoreFront and your servers.

- To send data over secure HTTP connections using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS), select HTTPS. If you select this option for XenDesktop and XenApp servers, ensure that the Citrix XML Service is set to share its port with Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) and that IIS is configured to support HTTPS.
- To send data over secure connections to XenApp servers using the SSL Relay to perform host authentication and data encryption, select SSL Relay.

Note: If you are using HTTPS or the SSL Relay to secure connections between StoreFront and your servers, ensure that the names you specify in the Servers list match exactly (including the case) the names on the certificates for those servers.

7. Specify the port for StoreFront to use for connections to the servers. The default port is 80 for connections using HTTP and the SSL Relay, and 443 for HTTPS connections. In the case of XenDesktop and XenApp servers, the specified port must be the port used by the Citrix XML Service.
8. If you are using the SSL Relay to secure connections between StoreFront and XenApp servers, specify the TCP port of the SSL Relay in the SSL Relay port box. The default port is 443. Ensure that all the servers running the SSL Relay are configured to monitor the same port.
9. Click OK. You can configure stores to provide resources from any mixture of XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box deployments. Repeat Steps 3 to 10, as necessary, to add or modify other deployments in the Delivery controllers list.

Manage remote access to stores through NetScaler Gateway

Use the Enable Remote Access task to configure access to stores through NetScaler Gateway for users connecting from public networks. Remote access through a NetScaler Gateway cannot be applied to unauthenticated stores.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Stores node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the results pane, select a store. In the Actions pane, click Enable Remote Access.
3. In the Enable Remote Access dialog box, specify whether and how users connecting from public networks can access the store through NetScaler Gateway.
 - To make the store unavailable to users on public networks, select None. Only local users on the internal network will be able to access the store.
 - To make only resources delivered through the store available through NetScaler Gateway, select No VPN tunnel. Users log on directly to NetScaler Gateway and do not need to use the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in.
 - To make the store and other resources on the internal network available through a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) virtual private network (VPN) tunnel, select Full VPN tunnel. Users require the NetScaler Gateway Plug-in to establish the VPN tunnel. If it is not already enabled, the pass-through from NetScaler Gateway authentication method is automatically enabled when you configure remote access to the store. Users authenticate to NetScaler Gateway and are automatically logged on when they access their stores.
4. If you enabled remote access, select from the NetScaler Gateway appliances list the deployments through which users can access the store. Any deployments you configured previously for this and other stores are available for selection in the list. If you want to add a further deployment to the list, click Add. Otherwise, continue to Step 16.
5. On the General Settings page, specify a name for the NetScaler Gateway deployment that will help users to identify it.

Users see the display name you specify in Citrix Receiver, so include relevant information in the name to help users decide whether to use that deployment. For example, you can include the geographical location in the display names for your NetScaler Gateway deployments so that users can easily identify the most convenient deployment for their location.

6. Enter the URL of the virtual server or user logon point (for Access Gateway 5.0) for your deployment. Specify the product version used in your deployment.

The fully qualified domain name (FQDN) for your StoreFront deployment must be unique and different from the NetScaler Gateway virtual server FQDN. Using the same FQDN for StoreFront and the NetScaler Gateway virtual server is not supported.

7. If you are adding an Access Gateway 5.0 deployment, continue to Step 9. Otherwise, specify the subnet IP address of the NetScaler Gateway appliance, if necessary. A subnet IP address is required for Access Gateway 9.3 appliances, but optional for more recent product versions.

The subnet address is the IP address that NetScaler Gateway uses to represent the user device when communicating with servers on the internal network. This can also be the mapped IP address of the NetScaler Gateway appliance. Where specified, StoreFront uses the subnet IP address to verify that incoming requests originate from a trusted device.

8. If you are adding an appliance running NetScaler Gateway 10.1, Access Gateway 10, or Access Gateway 9.3, select from the Logon type list the authentication method you configured on the appliance for Citrix Receiver users.

The information you provide about the configuration of your NetScaler Gateway appliance is added to the provisioning file for the store. This enables Citrix Receiver to send the appropriate connection request when contacting the appliance for the first time.

- If users are required to enter their Microsoft Active Directory domain credentials, select Domain.
- If users are required to enter a tokencode obtained from a security token, select Security token.
- If users are required to enter both their domain credentials and a tokencode obtained from a security token, select Domain and security token.
- If users are required to enter a one-time password sent by text message, select SMS authentication.
- If users are required to present a smart card and enter a PIN, select Smart card. If you configure smart card authentication with a secondary authentication method to which users can fall back if they experience any issues with their smart cards, select the secondary authentication method from the Smart card fallback list. Continue to Step 10.

9. To add an Access Gateway 5.0 deployment, indicate whether the user logon point is hosted on a standalone appliance or an Access Controller server that is part of a cluster. If you are adding a cluster, click Next and continue to Step 11.
10. If you are configuring StoreFront for NetScaler Gateway 10.1, Access Gateway 10, Access Gateway 9.3, or a single Access Gateway 5.0 appliance, complete the NetScaler Gateway authentication service URL in the Callback URL box. StoreFront automatically appends the standard portion of the URL. Click Next and continue to Step 13.

Enter the internally accessible URL of the appliance. StoreFront contacts the NetScaler Gateway authentication service to verify that requests received from NetScaler

Gateway originate from that appliance.

11. To configure StoreFront for an Access Gateway 5.0 cluster, list on the Appliances page the IP addresses or FQDNs of the appliances in the cluster and click Next.
12. On the Enable Silent Authentication page, list URLs for the authentication service running on the Access Controller servers. Add URLs for multiple servers to enable fault tolerance, listing the servers in order of priority to set the failover sequence. Click Next.

StoreFront uses the authentication service to authenticate remote users so that they do not need to re-enter their credentials when accessing stores.

13. For all deployments, if you are making resources provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box available in the store, list on the Secure Ticket Authority (STA) page URLs for servers running the STA. Add URLs for multiple STAs to enable fault tolerance, listing the servers in order of priority to set the failover sequence. If you configured a grid-wide virtual IP address for your VDI-in-a-Box deployment, you need only specify this address to enable fault tolerance.

Important: VDI-in-a-Box STA URLs must be entered in the form `https://serveraddress/dt/sta` in the Add Secure Ticket Authority URL dialog box, where *serveraddress* is the FQDN or IP address of the VDI-in-a-Box server, or the grid-wide virtual IP address.

The STA is hosted on XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box servers and issues session tickets in response to connection requests. These session tickets form the basis of authentication and authorization for access to XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box resources.

14. If you want XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box to keep disconnected sessions open while Citrix Receiver attempts to reconnect automatically, select the Enable session reliability check box. If you configured multiple STAs and want to ensure that session reliability is always available, select the Request tickets from two STAs, where available check box.

When the Request tickets from two STAs, where available check box is selected, StoreFront obtains session tickets from two different STAs so that user sessions are not interrupted if one STA becomes unavailable during the course of the session. If, for any reason, StoreFront is unable to contact two STAs, it falls back to using a single STA.

15. Click Create to add your NetScaler Gateway deployment to the list in the Enable Remote Access dialog box.
16. Repeat Steps 4 to 15, as necessary, to add more NetScaler Gateway deployments to the NetScaler Gateway appliances list. If you enable access through multiple deployments by selecting more than one entry in the list, specify the default deployment to be used to access the store.

Manage user subscriptions

Use the Enable User Subscriptions task to require users to subscribe to applications before using them.

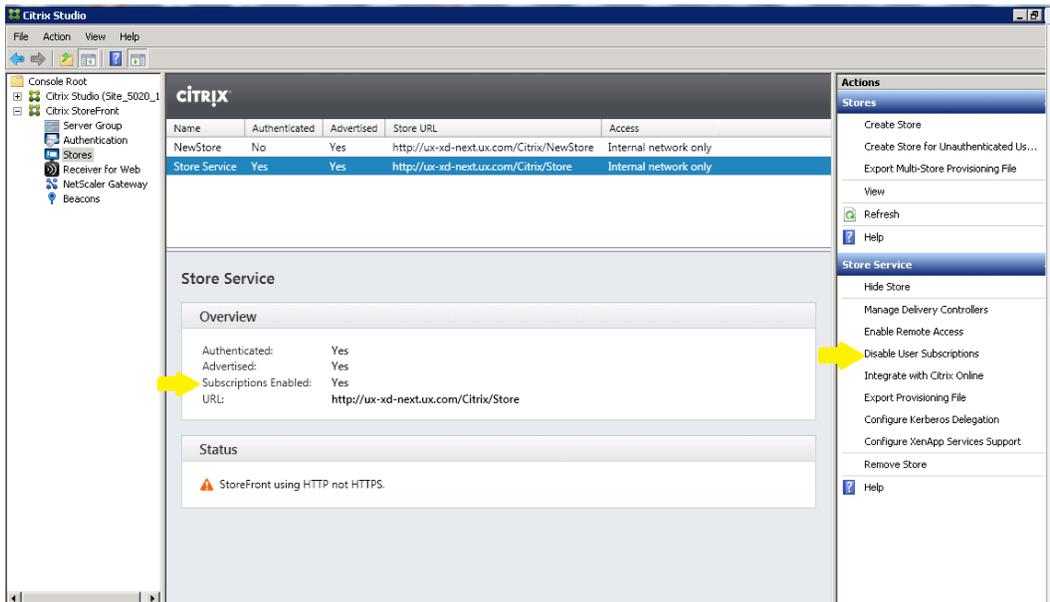
Use the Disable User Subscriptions task to enable users to receive all applications when they connect to the store.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

This brief video shows you how to enable and disable user subscriptions.

None

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.

2. 

Select the Stores node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the results pane, select a store. In the Actions pane, click Disable User Subscriptions or Enable User Subscriptions to toggle the user subscriptions feature off or on.

Integrate Citrix Online applications with stores

Use the Integrate with Citrix Online task to select the Citrix Online applications to include in a store and specify the action that Citrix Receiver takes when users subscribe to a Citrix Online application.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Stores node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the results pane, select a store. In the Actions pane, click Integrate with Citrix Online.
3. Select the Citrix Online applications that you want to include in the store and specify the action that Citrix Receiver takes when users subscribe to a Citrix Online application.
 - If you want to allow users without an account for the selected applications to visit the Citrix website and set up personal trial accounts, select Help users set up a trial account, if required.
 - If you want to prompt users to contact the system administrator to obtain an account for the selected applications, choose Ask users to contact their help desk for an account.
 - If accounts for all users are already in place for the selected applications, choose Add the app immediately.

Configure Kerberos constrained delegation for XenApp 6.5

Use the Configure Kerberos Delegation task to specify whether StoreFront uses single-domain Kerberos constrained delegation to authenticate to delivery controllers.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Stores node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the results pane, select a store. In the Actions pane, click Configure Kerberos Delegation.
3. Select or clear the Use Kerberos Delegation to authenticate to delivery controllers check box to, respectively, enable or disable Kerberos constrained delegation.

Configure the StoreFront server for delegation

Follow this procedure when StoreFront is not installed on the same machine as XenApp.

1. On the domain controller, open the MMC Active Directory Users and Computers snap-in.
2. On the View menu, click Advanced Features.
3. In the left pane, click the Computers node under the domain name and select the StoreFront server.
4. In the Action pane, click Properties.
5. On the Delegation tab, click Trust this computer for delegation to specified services only and Use any authentication protocol, and then click Add.
6. In the Add Services dialog box, click Users or Computers.
7. In the Select Users or Computers dialog box, type the name of the server running the Citrix XML Service (XenApp) in the Enter the object names to select box, click OK.
8. Select the HTTP service type from the list, click OK.
9. Apply the changes and close the dialog box.

Configure XenApp server for delegation

Configure Active Directory Trusted Delegation for each XenApp server.

1. On the domain controller, open the MMC Active Directory Users and Computers snap-in.
2. In the left pane, click the Computers node under the domain name and select the server running the Citrix XML Service (XenApp) that StoreFront is configured to contact.
3. In the Action pane, click Properties.
4. On the Delegation tab, click Trust this computer for delegation to specified services only and Use any authentication protocol, and then click Add.
5. In the Add Services dialog box, click Users or Computers.
6. In the Select Users or Computers dialog box, type the name of the server running the Citrix XML Service (XenApp) in the Enter the object names to select box, click OK.
7. Select the HOST service type from the list, click OK, and then click Add.
8. In the Select Users or Computers dialog box, type the name of the Domain Controller in the Enter the object names to select box and click OK.
9. Select the cifs and ldap service types from the list and click OK. Note: If two choices appear for the ldap service, select the one that matches the FQDN of the domain controller.
10. Apply the changes and close the dialog box.

Important considerations

When you decide whether to use Kerberos constrained delegation, consider the following information.

- Key Notes:
 - You do not need ssonsvr.exe unless doing pass-through authentication (or smart card pin pass-through authentication) without Kerberos constrained delegation.
- Storefront and Receiver for Web domain pass-through:
 - You do not need ssonsvr.exe on the client.
 - You can set the Local username and password in the Citrix icaclient.adm template to anything (controls ssonsvr.exe function).
 - The icaclient.adm template Kerberos setting is required.
 - Add the Storefront Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) to Internet Explorer trusted sites list. Check the Use local username box in the Internet Explorer security settings for the trusted zone.
 - The client must be in a domain.

- Enable the Domain pass-through authentication method on the StoreFront server and enable for Receiver for Web.
- Storefront, Receiver for Web, and smart card authentication with PIN prompt:
 - You do not need ssonsvr.exe on the client.
 - Smart card authentication was configured.
 - You can set the Local username and password in the Citrix icaclient.adm template to anything (controls ssonsvr.exe function).
 - The icaclient.adm template Kerberos setting is required.
 - Enable the Smart card authentication method on the StoreFront server and enable for Receiver for Web.
 - To ensure smart card authentication is chosen, do not check the Use local username box in the Internet Explorer security settings for the StoreFront site zone.
 - The client must be in a domain.
- NetScaler Gateway, StoreFront, Receiver for Web, and smart card authentication with PIN prompt:
 - You do not need ssonsvr.exe on the client.
 - Smart card authentication was configured.
 - You can set the Local username and password in the Citrix icaclient.adm template to anything (controls ssonsvr.exe function).
 - The icaclient.adm template Kerberos setting is required.
 - Enable the Pass-through from NetScaler Gateway authentication method on the StoreFront server and enable for Receiver for Web.
 - To ensure smart card authentication is chosen, do not check the Use local username box in the Internet Explorer security settings for the StoreFront site zone.
 - The client must be in a domain.
 - Configure NetScaler Gateway for smart card authentication and configure an additional vServer for launch using StoreFront HDX routing to route the ICA traffic through the unauthenticated NetScaler Gateway vServer.
- Receiver for Windows (AuthManager), smart card authentication with PIN prompt, and StoreFront:
 - You do not need ssonsvr.exe on the client.
 - You can set the Local username and password in the Citrix icaclient.adm template to anything (controls ssonsvr.exe function).
 - The icaclient.adm template Kerberos setting is required.
 - The client must be in a domain.

- Enable the Smart card authentication method on the StoreFront server.
- Receiver for Windows (AuthManager), Kerberos, and StoreFront:
 - You do not need ssonsvr.exe on the client.
 - You can set the Local username and password in the Citrix icaclient.adm template to anything (controls ssonsvr.exe function).
 - The icaclient.adm template Kerberos setting is required.
 - Check the Use local username box in the Internet Explorer security settings for the trusted zone.
 - The client must be in a domain.
 - Enable the Domain pass-through authentication method on the StoreFront server.
 - Ensure this registry key is set:

Caution: Editing the registry incorrectly can cause serious problems that may require you to reinstall your operating system. Citrix cannot guarantee that problems resulting from the incorrect use of Registry Editor can be solved. Use Registry Editor at your own risk. Be sure to back up the registry before you edit it.

For 32-bit machines: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Citrix\AuthManagerProtocols\integratedwindows\SSONCheckEnabled

For 64-bit machines: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Citrix\AuthManagerProtocols\integratedwindows\SSONCheckEnabled

Configure support for connections through XenApp Services URLs

Use the Configure XenApp Services Support task to configure access to your stores through XenApp Services URLs. Users of domain-joined desktop appliances and repurposed PCs running the Citrix Desktop Lock, along with users who have older Citrix clients that cannot be upgraded, can access stores directly using the XenApp Services URL for the store. When you create a new store, the XenApp Services URL is enabled by default.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Stores node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the results pane, select a store. In the Actions pane, click Configure XenApp Services Support .
3. Select or clear the Enable XenApp Services Support check box to, respectively, enable or disable user access to the store through the displayed XenApp Services URL.

The XenApp Services URL for a store has the form `http[s]://serveraddress/Citrix/storename/PNAgent/config.xml`, where *serveraddress* is the fully qualified domain name of the server or load balancing environment for your StoreFront deployment and *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

4. If you enable XenApp Services Support, optionally specify a default store in your StoreFront deployment for users with the Citrix Online Plug-in.

Specify a default store so that your users can configure the Citrix Online Plug-in with the server URL or load-balanced URL of the StoreFront deployment, rather than the XenApp Services URL for a particular store.

Configure two StoreFront stores to share a common subscription datastore

As of version 2.0, StoreFront no longer uses an SQL database to maintain its subscription data. Citrix replaced the SQL database with a Windows datastore that requires no additional configuration when StoreFront is first installed. The installation installs the Windows datastore locally on each StoreFront server. In StoreFront server group environments, each server also maintains a copy of the subscription data used by its store. This data is propagated to other servers to maintain user subscriptions across the whole group. By default, StoreFront creates a single datastore for each store. Each subscription datastore is updated independently from each other store.

Where different configuration settings are required, it is common for administrators to configure StoreFront with two distinct stores; one for external access to resources using Netscaler Gateway and another for internal access using the corporate LAN. You can configure both “external” and “internal” stores to share a common subscription datastore by making a simple change to the store web.config file.

In the default scenario involving two stores and their corresponding subscription datastores, a user must subscribe to the same resource twice. Configuring the two stores to share a common subscription database improves and simplifies the roaming experience when users access the same resource from inside or outside the corporate network. With a shared subscription datastore it does not matter whether they use the “external” or “internal” store when they initially subscribe to a new resource.

- Each store has a web.config file located in C:\inetpub\wwwroot\citrix*<storename>*.
- Each store web.config contains a client endpoint for the Subscription Store Service.

```
<clientEndpoint uri="net.pipe://localhost/Citrix/Subscriptions/1__Citrix_<StoreName>" authenticationMode="Basic" />
```

The subscription data for each Store is located in:

```
C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService\AppData\Roaming\Citrix\SubscriptionsStore\1__Citrix_<StoreName>
```

For two stores to share a subscription datastore, you need only point one store to the subscription service end point of the other store. In the case of a server group deployment, all servers have identical pairs of stores defined and identical copies of the shared datastore they both share.

Note: The XenApp, XenDesktop and AppC controllers configured on each store must match exactly; otherwise, an inconsistent set of resource subscriptions on one store compared to another might occur. Sharing a datastore is supported only when the two stores reside on the same StoreFront server or server group deployment.

StoreFront subscription datastore endpoints

1. On a single StoreFront deployment, open the external store web.config file using Notepad and search for the clientEndpoint. For example:

Configure two StoreFront stores to share a common subscription datastore

```
<subscriptionsStoreClient enabled="true">  
<clientEndpoint uri="net.pipe://localhost/Citrix/Subscriptions/1__Citrix_External" authenticationMode="None" />  
<clientCertificate thumbprint="0" />  
</clientEndpoint>  
</subscriptionsStoreClient>
```

2. Change the external to match the internal store endpoint:

```
<subscriptionsStoreClient enabled="true">  
<clientEndpoint uri="net.pipe://localhost/Citrix/Subscriptions/1__Citrix_Internal" authenticationMode="None" />  
<clientCertificate thumbprint="0" />  
</clientEndpoint>  
</subscriptionsStoreClient>
```

3. If using StoreFront server group then propagate any changes made to the web.config file of the primary node to all other nodes.

Both stores are now set to share the internal store subscription datastore.

Create a Receiver for Web site

Use the Create Website task to add Receiver for Web sites, which enable users to access stores through a webpage.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Receiver for Web node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the Actions pane, click Create Website.
3. Select the store for which you want to create the Receiver for Web site. To create a site for a store hosted on another server, select Remote store and specify the URL of the remote store.
4. If you want to alter the URL to which users will browse to access the Receiver for Web site, make the required changes in the Website path box. Click Create and then, once the site has been created, click Finish.

The URL for users to access the Receiver for Web site is displayed. For more information about modifying settings for Receiver for Web sites, see [Configure Receiver for Web sites](#).

By default, when a user accesses a Receiver for Web site from a computer running Windows or Mac OS X, the site attempts to determine whether Citrix Receiver is installed on the user's device. If Citrix Receiver cannot be detected, the user is prompted to download and install the appropriate Citrix Receiver for their platform from the Citrix website. For more information about modifying this behavior, see [Disable detection and deployment of Citrix Receiver](#).

The default configuration for Receiver for Web sites requires that users install a compatible version of Citrix Receiver to access their desktops and applications. However, you can enable Receiver for HTML5 on your Receiver for Web sites so that users who cannot install Citrix Receiver can still access resources. For more information, see [Configure Receiver for Web sites](#).

Configure Receiver for Web sites

Receiver for Web sites enable users to access stores through a webpage. The tasks below enable you to modify settings for your Receiver for Web sites. Some advanced settings can only be changed by editing the site configuration files. For more information, see [Configure Receiver for Web sites using the configuration files](#).

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

Choose authentication methods

Use the Choose Authentication Methods task to assign authentication methods for users connecting to the Receiver for Web site. This action allows you to specify a subset of authentication methods for each Receiver for Web site.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Receiver for Web node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and select the relevant store that you want to modify from the results pane.
3. In the Actions pane, click Choose Authentication Method to specify the access methods that you want to enable for your users. If a desired authentication method is not available for selection, verify that it is enabled in the Authentication node before configuring Receiver for Web site authentication methods.
 - Select the User name and password check box to enable explicit authentication. Users enter their credentials when they access their stores.
 - Select the Domain pass-through check box to enable pass-through of Active Directory domain credentials from users' devices. Users authenticate to their domain-joined Windows computers and are automatically logged on when they access their stores. In order to use this option, pass-through authentication must be enabled when Receiver for Windows is installed on users' devices. Note that Domain pass-through for Receiver for Web is limited to Windows operating systems using Internet Explorer.
 - Select the Smart card check box to enable smart card authentication. Users authenticate using smart cards and PINs when they access their stores.
 - Select the Pass-through from NetScaler Gateway check box to enable pass-through authentication from NetScaler Gateway. Users authenticate to NetScaler Gateway and are automatically logged on when they access their stores.
4. Once the authentication method has been selected, click OK.

For more information about modifying settings for authentication methods, see [Configure the authentication service](#).

Add resource shortcuts to other websites

Use the Add Shortcuts to Websites task to provide users with rapid access to desktops and applications from websites hosted on the internal network. You generate URLs for resources available through the Receiver for Web site and embed these links on your websites. Users click on a link and are redirected to the Receiver for Web site, where they log on if they have not already done so. The Receiver for Web site automatically starts the resource. In the case of applications, users are also subscribed to the application if they have not subscribed previously.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Receiver for Web node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the results pane, select a site. In the Actions pane, click Add Shortcuts to Websites.
3. Click Add to enter the URL for a website on which you plan to host shortcuts. URLs must be specified in the form `http[s]://hostname[:port]`, where *hostname* is the fully qualified domain name of the website host and *port* is the port used for communication with the host if the default port for the protocol is not available. Paths to specific pages on the website are not required. To modify a URL, select the entry in the Websites list and click Edit. Select an entry in the list and click Remove to delete the URL for a website on which you no longer want to host shortcuts to resources available through the Receiver for Web site.
4. Click Get app shortcuts and then click Save when you are prompted to save your configuration changes.
5. Log on to the Receiver for Web site and copy the URLs you require to your website.

Change the store for a Receiver for Web site

Use the Change Store task to switch the store that users access through a Receiver for Web site. Only a single store can be accessed through each site. To switch to a store hosted on another server, select Remote store and specify the URL of the remote store.

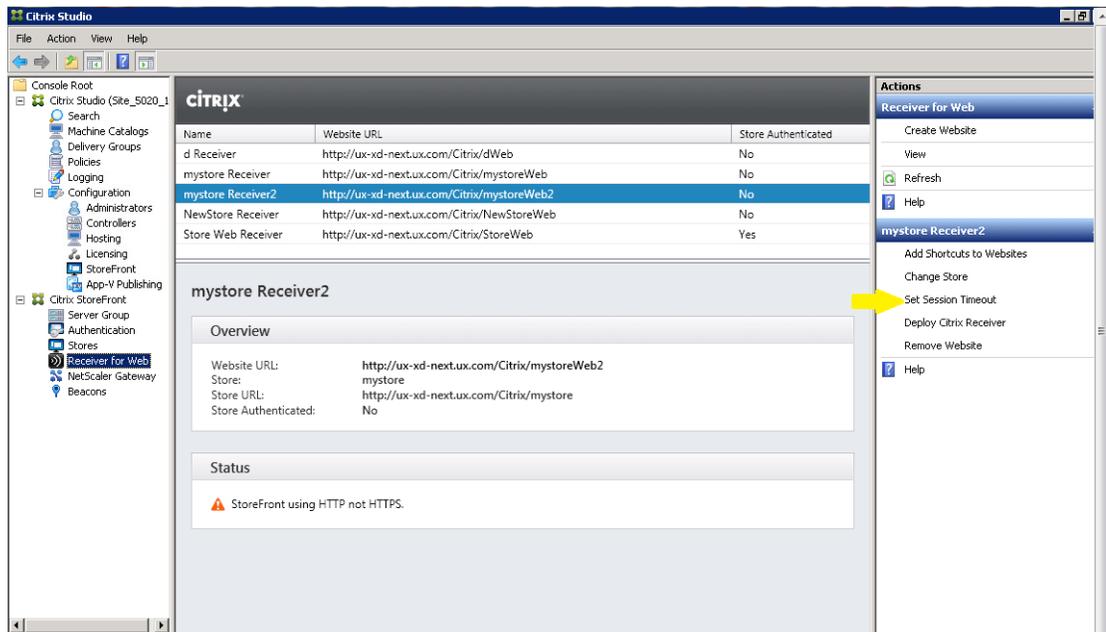
Set session timeout

By default, user sessions on Receiver for Web sites time out after 20 minutes of inactivity. When a session times out, users can continue to use any desktops or applications that are already running but must log on again to access Receiver for Web site functions such as subscribing to applications.

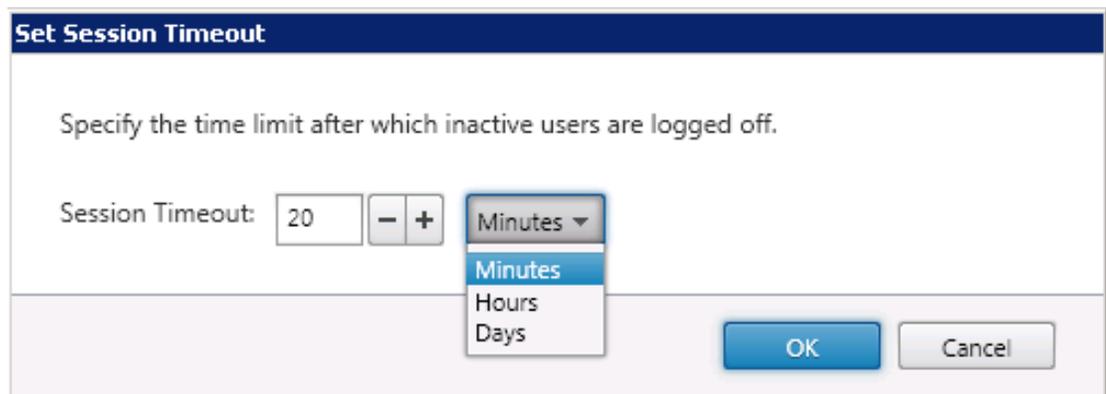
This short video shows you how to change the session timeout value.

Session timeout video: None

Use the Set Session Timeout task to change the session timeout value.



You can choose minutes, hours, or days from a dropdown menu. The minimum value for all time intervals is 1. The maximum equates to 1 year for each time interval.



Configure site behavior for users without Citrix Receiver

Use the Deploy Citrix Receiver task to configure the behavior of a Receiver for Web site when a Windows or Mac OS X user without Citrix Receiver installed accesses the site. By default, Receiver for Web sites automatically attempt to determine whether Citrix Receiver is installed when accessed from computers running Windows or Mac OS X. For more information about modifying this behavior, see [Disable detection and deployment of Citrix Receiver](#).

If Citrix Receiver cannot be detected, the user is prompted to download and install the appropriate Citrix Receiver for their platform. The default download location is the Citrix

website, but you can also copy the installation files to the StoreFront server and provide users with these local files instead. For more information, see [Make Citrix Receiver installation files available on the server](#).

For users who cannot install Citrix Receiver, you can enable Receiver for HTML5 on your Receiver for Web sites. Receiver for HTML5 enables users to access desktops and applications directly within HTML5-compatible web browsers without needing to install Citrix Receiver. Both internal network connections and connections through NetScaler Gateway are supported. However, for connections from the internal network, Receiver for HTML5 only enables access to resources provided by specific products. Additionally, specific versions of NetScaler Gateway are required to enable connections from outside the corporate network. For more information, see [Infrastructure requirements](#).

For local users on the internal network, access through Receiver for HTML5 to resources provided by XenDesktop and XenApp is disabled by default. To enable local access to desktops and applications using Receiver for HTML5, you must enable the ICA WebSockets connections policy on your XenDesktop and XenApp servers. XenDesktop and XenApp use port 8008 for Receiver for HTML5 connections. Ensure your firewalls and other network devices permit access to this port. For more information, see [WebSockets policy settings](#).

Receiver for HTML5 can only be used with Internet Explorer over HTTP connections. To use Receiver for HTML5 with Mozilla Firefox over HTTPS connections, users must type `about:config` in the Firefox address bar and set the `network.websocket.allowInsecureFromHTTPS` preference to true.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Receiver for Web node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the results pane, select a site. In the Actions pane, click Deploy Citrix Receiver.
3. Specify the response of the Receiver for Web site if Citrix Receiver cannot be detected on a user's device.
 - If you want the site to prompt the user to download and install the appropriate Citrix Receiver for their platform, select Install locally. Users must install Citrix Receiver to access desktops and applications through the site.
 - If you want the site to prompt the user to download and install Citrix Receiver but fall back to Receiver for HTML5 if Citrix Receiver cannot be installed, select Use Receiver for HTML5 if local install fails. Users without Citrix Receiver are prompted to download and install Citrix Receiver every time they log on to the site.
 - If you want the site to enable access to resources through Receiver for HTML5 without prompting the user to download and install Citrix Receiver, select Always use Receiver for HTML5. With that option selected, users always access desktops and applications on the site through Receiver for HTML5, provided they use an HTML5-compatible browser. Users without an HTML5-compatible browser have to install the native Citrix Receiver.

Remove Receiver for Web sites

Use the Remove Website task to delete a Receiver for Web site. When you remove a site, users can no longer use that webpage to access the store.

Add a NetScaler Gateway connection

Use the Add NetScaler Gateway Appliance task to add NetScaler Gateway deployments through which users can access your stores. You must enable the pass-through from NetScaler Gateway authentication method before you can configure remote access to your stores through NetScaler Gateway. For more information about configuring NetScaler Gateway for StoreFront, see [Integrating NetScaler Gateway with XenMobile App Edition](#).

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the NetScaler Gateway node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the Actions pane, click Add NetScaler Gateway Appliance.
3. On the General Settings page, specify a name for the NetScaler Gateway deployment that will help users to identify it.

Users see the display name you specify in Citrix Receiver, so include relevant information in the name to help users decide whether to use that deployment. For example, you can include the geographical location in the display names for your NetScaler Gateway deployments so that users can easily identify the most convenient deployment for their location.

4. Enter the URL of the virtual server or user logon point (for Access Gateway 5.0) for your deployment. Specify the product version used in your deployment.

The fully qualified domain name (FQDN) for your StoreFront deployment must be unique and different from the NetScaler Gateway virtual server FQDN. Using the same FQDN for StoreFront and the NetScaler Gateway virtual server is not supported.

5. If you are adding an Access Gateway 5.0 deployment, continue to Step 7. Otherwise, specify the subnet IP address of the NetScaler Gateway appliance, if necessary. A subnet IP address is required for Access Gateway 9.3 appliances, but optional for more recent product versions.

The subnet address is the IP address that NetScaler Gateway uses to represent the user device when communicating with servers on the internal network. This can also be the mapped IP address of the NetScaler Gateway appliance. Where specified, StoreFront uses the subnet IP address to verify that incoming requests originate from a trusted device.

6. If you are adding an appliance running NetScaler Gateway 10.1, Access Gateway 10, or Access Gateway 9.3, select from the Logon type list the authentication method you configured on the appliance for Citrix Receiver users.

The information you provide about the configuration of your NetScaler Gateway appliance is added to the provisioning file for the store. This enables Citrix Receiver to

send the appropriate connection request when contacting the appliance for the first time.

- If users are required to enter their Microsoft Active Directory domain credentials, select Domain.
 - If users are required to enter a tokencode obtained from a security token, select Security token.
 - If users are required to enter both their domain credentials and a tokencode obtained from a security token, select Domain and security token.
 - If users are required to enter a one-time password sent by text message, select SMS authentication.
 - If users are required to present a smart card and enter a PIN, select Smart card. If you configure smart card authentication with a secondary authentication method to which users can fall back if they experience any issues with their smart cards, select the secondary authentication method from the Smart card fallback list. Continue to Step 8.
7. To add an Access Gateway 5.0 deployment, indicate whether the user logon point is hosted on a standalone appliance or an Access Controller server that is part of a cluster. If you are adding a cluster, click Next and continue to Step 9.
 8. If you are configuring StoreFront for NetScaler Gateway 10.1, Access Gateway 10, Access Gateway 9.3, or a single Access Gateway 5.0 appliance, complete the NetScaler Gateway authentication service URL in the Callback URL box. StoreFront automatically appends the standard portion of the URL. Click Next and continue to Step 11.

Enter the internally accessible URL of the appliance. StoreFront contacts the NetScaler Gateway authentication service to verify that requests received from NetScaler Gateway originate from that appliance.

9. To configure StoreFront for an Access Gateway 5.0 cluster, list on the Appliances page the IP addresses or FQDNs of the appliances in the cluster and click Next.
10. On the Enable Silent Authentication page, list URLs for the authentication service running on the Access Controller servers. Add URLs for multiple servers to enable fault tolerance, listing the servers in order of priority to set the failover sequence. Click Next.

StoreFront uses the authentication service to authenticate remote users so that they do not need to re-enter their credentials when accessing stores.

11. For all deployments, if you are making resources provided by XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box available in the store, list on the Secure Ticket Authority (STA) page URLs for servers running the STA. Add URLs for multiple STAs to enable fault tolerance, listing the servers in order of priority to set the failover sequence. If you configured a grid-wide virtual IP address for your VDI-in-a-Box deployment, you need only specify this address to enable fault tolerance.

Important: VDI-in-a-Box STA URLs must be entered in the form `https://serveraddress/dt/sta` in the Add Secure Ticket Authority URL dialog box, where *serveraddress* is the FQDN or IP address of the VDI-in-a-Box server, or the grid-wide virtual IP address.

The STA is hosted on XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box servers and issues session tickets in response to connection requests. These session tickets form the basis of authentication and authorization for access to XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box resources.

12. If you want XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box to keep disconnected sessions open while Citrix Receiver attempts to reconnect automatically, select the Enable session reliability check box. If you configured multiple STAs and want to ensure that session reliability is always available, select the Request tickets from two STAs, where available check box.

When the Request tickets from two STAs, where available check box is selected, StoreFront obtains session tickets from two different STAs so that user sessions are not interrupted if one STA becomes unavailable during the course of the session. If, for any reason, StoreFront is unable to contact two STAs, it falls back to using a single STA.

13. Click Create to add details of your NetScaler Gateway deployment. Once the deployment has been added, click Finish.

For more information about updating the details of your deployments, see [Configure NetScaler Gateway connection settings](#).

To provide access to stores through NetScaler Gateway, one internal beacon point and at least two external beacon points are required. Citrix Receiver uses beacon points to determine whether users are connected to local or public networks and then selects the appropriate access method. By default, StoreFront uses the server URL or load-balanced URL of your deployment as the internal beacon point. The Citrix website and the virtual server or user logon point (for Access Gateway 5.0) URL of the first NetScaler Gateway deployment you add are used as external beacon points by default. For more information about changing beacon points, see [Configure beacon points](#).

To enable users to access your stores through NetScaler Gateway, ensure that you [configure remote user access](#) for those stores.

Configure NetScaler Gateway connection settings

The tasks below enable you to update details of the NetScaler Gateway deployments through which users access your stores. For more information about configuring NetScaler Gateway for StoreFront, see [Integrating NetScaler Gateway with XenMobile App Edition](#).

If you make any changes to your NetScaler Gateway deployments, ensure that users who access stores through these deployments update Citrix Receiver with the modified connection information. Where a Receiver for Web site is configured for a store, users can obtain an updated Citrix Receiver provisioning file from the site. Otherwise, you can [export a provisioning file](#) for the store and make this file available to your users.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

Change general NetScaler Gateway settings

Use the Change General Settings task to modify the NetScaler Gateway deployment names shown to users and to update StoreFront with changes to the virtual server or user logon point URL, and the deployment mode of your NetScaler Gateway infrastructure.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the NetScaler Gateway node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the results pane, select a NetScaler Gateway deployment. In the Actions pane, click Change General Settings.
3. Specify a name for the NetScaler Gateway deployment that will help users to identify it.

Users see the display name you specify in Citrix Receiver, so include relevant information in the name to help users decide whether to use that deployment. For example, you can include the geographical location in the display names for your NetScaler Gateway deployments so that users can easily identify the most convenient deployment for their location.

4. Enter the URL of the virtual server or user logon point (for Access Gateway 5.0) for your deployment. Specify the product version used in your deployment.

The fully qualified domain name (FQDN) for your StoreFront deployment must be unique and different from the NetScaler Gateway virtual server FQDN. Using the same FQDN for StoreFront and the NetScaler Gateway virtual server is not supported.

5. If your deployment is running Access Gateway 5.0, continue to Step 7. Otherwise, specify the subnet IP address of the NetScaler Gateway appliance, if necessary. A subnet IP address is required for Access Gateway 9.3 appliances, but optional for more recent product versions.

The subnet address is the IP address that NetScaler Gateway uses to represent the user device when communicating with servers on the internal network. This can also be the mapped IP address of the NetScaler Gateway appliance. Where specified, StoreFront uses the subnet IP address to verify that incoming requests originate from a trusted device.

6. If your appliance is running NetScaler Gateway 10.1, Access Gateway 10, or Access Gateway 9.3, select from the Logon type list the authentication method you configured on the appliance for Citrix Receiver users.

The information you provide about the configuration of your NetScaler Gateway appliance is added to the provisioning file for the store. This enables Citrix Receiver to send the appropriate connection request when contacting the appliance for the first time.

- If users are required to enter their Microsoft Active Directory domain credentials, select Domain.
 - If users are required to enter a tokencode obtained from a security token, select Security token.
 - If users are required to enter both their domain credentials and a tokencode obtained from a security token, select Domain and security token.
 - If users are required to enter a one-time password sent by text message, select SMS authentication.
 - If users are required to present a smart card and enter a PIN, select Smart card. If you configure smart card authentication with a secondary authentication method to which users can fall back if they experience any issues with their smart cards, select the secondary authentication method from the Smart card fallback list.
7. If your deployment consists of NetScaler Gateway 10.1, Access Gateway 10, Access Gateway 9.3, or a single Access Gateway 5.0 appliance, complete the NetScaler Gateway authentication service URL in the Callback URL box. StoreFront automatically appends the standard portion of the URL.

Enter the internally accessible URL of the appliance. StoreFront contacts the NetScaler Gateway authentication service to verify that requests received from NetScaler Gateway originate from that appliance.

Manage Access Gateway 5.0 appliances

Use the Manage Appliances task to add, edit, or remove from StoreFront the IP addresses or FQDNs of the appliances in your Access Gateway 5.0 cluster.

Enable silent user authentication through Access Controller

Use the Enable Silent Authentication task to add, edit, or remove URLs for the authentication service running on the Access Controller servers for your Access Gateway 5.0 cluster. Enter URLs for multiple servers to enable fault tolerance, listing the servers in order of priority to set the failover sequence. StoreFront uses the authentication service to authenticate remote users so that they do not need to re-enter their credentials when accessing stores.

Manage Secure Ticket Authorities

Use the Secure Ticket Authority task to update the list of Secure Ticket Authorities (STAs) from which StoreFront obtains user session tickets and to configure session reliability. The STA is hosted on XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box servers and issues session tickets in response to connection requests. These session tickets form the basis of authentication and authorization for access to XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box resources.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the NetScaler Gateway node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the results pane, select a NetScaler Gateway deployment. In the Actions pane, click Secure Ticket Authority.
3. Click Add to enter the URL for a server running the STA. Specify URLs for multiple STAs to enable fault tolerance, listing the servers in order of priority to set the failover sequence. If you configured a grid-wide virtual IP address for your VDI-in-a-Box deployment, you need only specify this address to enable fault tolerance. To modify a URL, select the entry in the Secure Ticket Authority URLs list and click Edit. Select a URL in the list and click Remove to stop StoreFront obtaining session tickets from that STA.

Important: VDI-in-a-Box STA URLs must be entered in the form `https://serveraddress/dt/sta` in the Add Secure Ticket Authority URL dialog box, where *serveraddress* is the FQDN or IP address of the VDI-in-a-Box server, or the grid-wide virtual IP address.

4. If you want XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box to keep disconnected sessions open while Citrix Receiver attempts to reconnect automatically, select the Enable session reliability check box. If you configured multiple STAs and want to ensure that session reliability is always available, select the Request tickets from two STAs, where available check box.

When the Request tickets from two STAs, where available check box is selected, StoreFront obtains session tickets from two different STAs so that user sessions are not interrupted if one STA becomes unavailable during the course of the session. If, for any reason, StoreFront is unable to contact two STAs, it falls back to using a single STA.

Remove NetScaler Gateway deployments

Use the Remove NetScaler Gateway Appliance task to delete the details of a NetScaler Gateway deployment from StoreFront. Once a NetScaler Gateway deployment is removed, users are no longer be able to access stores through that deployment.

Configure beacon points

Use the Manage Beacons task to specify URLs inside and outside your internal network to be used as beacon points. Citrix Receiver attempts to contact beacon points and uses the responses to determine whether users are connected to local or public networks. When a user accesses a desktop or application, the location information is passed to the server providing the resource so that appropriate connection details can be returned to Citrix Receiver. This ensures that users are not prompted to log on again when they access a desktop or application.

For example, if the internal beacon point is accessible, this indicates that the user is connected to the local network. However, if Citrix Receiver cannot contact the internal beacon point and receives responses from both the external beacon points, this means that the user has an Internet connection but is outside the corporate network. Therefore, the user must connect to desktops and applications through NetScaler Gateway. When the user accesses a desktop or application, the server providing the resource is notified to provide details of the NetScaler Gateway appliance through which the connection must be routed. This means that the user does not need to log on to the appliance when accessing the desktop or application.

By default, StoreFront uses the server URL or load-balanced URL of your deployment as the internal beacon point. The Citrix website and the virtual server or user logon point (for Access Gateway 5.0) URL of the first NetScaler Gateway deployment you add are used as external beacon points by default.

If you change any beacon points, ensure that users update Citrix Receiver with the modified beacon information. Where a Receiver for Web site is configured for a store, users can obtain an updated Citrix Receiver provisioning file from the site. Otherwise, you can [export a provisioning file](#) for the store and make this file available to your users.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. On the Windows Start screen or Apps screen, locate and click the Citrix StoreFront tile.
2. Select the Beacons node in the left pane of the Citrix StoreFront management console and, in the Actions pane, click Manage Beacons.
3. Specify the URL to use as the internal beacon point.
 - To use the server URL or load-balanced URL of your StoreFront deployment, select Use the service URL.
 - To use an alternative URL, select Specify beacon address and enter a highly available URL within your internal network.
4. Click Add to enter the URL of an external beacon point. To modify a beacon point, select the URL in the External beacons list and click Edit. Select a URL in the list and click Remove to stop using that address as a beacon point.

Configure beacon points

You must specify at least two highly available external beacon points that can be resolved from public networks. The beacon URLs should be fully qualified domain names e.g. `http://domain.com` and not the abbreviated NetBIOS name e.g. `http://domain`. This enables Citrix Receiver to determine whether users are located behind an Internet paywall, such as in a hotel or Internet café. In such cases, all the external beacon points connect to the same proxy.

Configure smart card authentication

This topic gives an overview of the tasks involved in setting up smart card authentication for all the components in a typical StoreFront deployment. For more information and step-by-step configuration instructions, see the documentation for the individual products.

Prerequisites

- Ensure that accounts for all users are configured either within the Microsoft Active Directory domain in which you plan to deploy your StoreFront servers or within a domain that has a direct two-way trust relationship with the StoreFront server domain.
- If you plan to enable pass-through with smart card authentication, ensure that your smart card reader types, middleware type and configuration, and middleware PIN caching policy permit this.
- Install your vendor's smart card middleware on the virtual or physical machines running the Virtual Delivery Agent that provide users' desktops and applications. For more information about using smart cards with XenDesktop, see [Authenticate securely with smart cards](#).
- Before continuing, ensure that your public-key infrastructure is configured appropriately. Check that certificate to account mapping is configured correctly for your Active Directory environment and that user certificate validation can be performed successfully.

Configure NetScaler Gateway

- On your NetScaler Gateway appliance, install a signed server certificate from a certification authority. For more information, see [Installing and Managing Certificates](#).
- Install on your appliance the root certificate of the certification authority issuing your smart card user certificates. For more information, see [To install a root certificate on NetScaler Gateway](#).
- Create and configure a virtual server for client certificate authentication. Create a certificate authentication policy, specifying SubjectAltName:PrincipalName for user name extraction from the certificate. Then, bind the policy to the virtual server and configure the virtual server to request client certificates. For more information, see [Configuring and Binding a Client Certificate Authentication Policy](#).
- Bind the certification authority root certificate to the virtual server. For more information, see [To add a root certificate to a virtual server](#).
- To ensure that users do not receive an additional prompt for their credentials at the virtual server when connections to their resources are established, create a second virtual server. When you create the virtual server, disable client authentication in the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) parameters. For more information, see [Configuring Smart Card Authentication](#).

You must also configure StoreFront to route user connections to resources through this additional virtual server. Users log on to the first virtual server and the second virtual server is used for connections to their resources. When the connection is established, users do not need to authenticate to NetScaler Gateway but are required to enter their PINs to log on to their desktops and applications. Configuring a second virtual server for user connections to resources is optional unless you plan to enable users to fall back to explicit authentication if they experience any issues with their smart cards.

- Create session policies and profiles for connections from NetScaler Gateway to StoreFront and bind them to the appropriate virtual server. For more information, see [Access to StoreFront Through NetScaler Gateway](#).
- If you configured the virtual server used for connections to StoreFront to require client certificate authentication for all communications, you must create a further virtual server to provide the callback URL for StoreFront. This virtual server is used only by StoreFront to verify requests from the NetScaler Gateway appliance and so does not need to be publically accessible. A separate virtual server is required when client certificate authentication is mandatory because StoreFront cannot present a certificate to authenticate. For more information, see [Creating Additional Virtual Servers](#).

Configure StoreFront

- You must use HTTPS for communications between StoreFront and users' devices to enable smart card authentication. Configure Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) for HTTPS by obtaining an SSL certificate in IIS and then adding HTTPS binding to the default website. For more information about creating a server certificate in IIS, see <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh831637.aspx#CreateCertificate>. For more information about adding HTTPS binding to an IIS site, see <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh831632.aspx#SSLBinding>.
- If you want to require that client certificates are presented for HTTPS connections to all StoreFront URLs, configure IIS on the StoreFront server.

When StoreFront is installed, the default configuration in IIS only requires that client certificates are presented for HTTPS connections to the certificate authentication URL of the StoreFront authentication service. This configuration is required to provide smart card users with the option to fall back to explicit authentication and, subject to the appropriate Windows policy settings, enable users to remove their smart cards without needing to reauthenticate.

When IIS is configured to require client certificates for HTTPS connections to all StoreFront URLs, smart card users cannot connect through NetScaler Gateway and cannot fall back to explicit authentication. Users must log on again if they remove their smart cards from their devices. To enable this IIS site configuration, the authentication service and stores must be collocated on the same server, and a client certificate that is valid for all the stores must be used. Moreover, this configuration where IIS is requiring client certificates for HTTPS connections to all StoreFront URLs, will conflict with authentication for Receiver for Web clients. For this reason, this configuration should be used when Receiver for Web client access is not required.

If you are installing StoreFront on Windows Server 2012, note that non-self-signed certificates installed in the Trusted Root Certification Authorities certificate store on the server are not trusted when IIS is configured to use SSL and client certificate authentication. For more information about this issue, see <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2802568>.

- Install and configure StoreFront. Create the authentication service and add your stores, as required. If you configure remote access through NetScaler Gateway, do not enable virtual private network (VPN) integration. For more information, see [Install and set up StoreFront](#).
- Enable smart card authentication to StoreFront for local users on the internal network. For smart card users accessing stores through NetScaler Gateway, enable the pass-through with NetScaler Gateway authentication method and ensure that StoreFront is configured to delegate credential validation to NetScaler Gateway. If you plan to enable pass-through authentication when you install Receiver for Windows on domain-joined user devices, enable domain pass-through authentication. For more information, see [Configure the authentication service](#).

To allow Receiver for Web client authentication with smart cards, you must enable the authentication method per Receiver for Web site. For more information, see the [Configure Receiver for Web sites](#) instruction.

If you want smart card users to be able to fall back to explicit authentication if they experience any issues with their smart cards, do not disable the user name and

password authentication method. For more information about the user device configurations for which falling back to explicit authentication is available, see [Use smart cards with StoreFront](#).

- If you plan to enable pass-through authentication when you install Receiver for Windows on domain-joined user devices, edit the default.ica file for the store to enable pass-through of users' smart card credentials when they access their desktops and applications. For more information, see [To enable pass-through with smart card authentication for Receiver for Windows](#).
- If you created an additional NetScaler Gateway virtual server to be used only for user connections to resources, configure optimal NetScaler Gateway routing through this virtual server for connections to the deployments providing the desktops and applications for the store. For more information, see [Configure optimal NetScaler Gateway routing for a store](#).
- To enable users of non-domain-joined Windows desktop appliances to log on to their desktops using smart cards, enable smart card authentication to your Desktop Appliance sites. For more information, see [Configure Desktop Appliance sites](#).

Configure the Desktop Appliance site for both smart card and explicit authentication to enable users to log on with explicit credentials if they experience any issues with their smart cards.

- To enable users of domain-joined desktop appliances and repurposed PCs running the Citrix Desktop Lock to authenticate using smart cards, enable pass-through with smart card authentication to your XenApp Services URLs. For more information, see [Configure authentication for XenApp Services URLs](#).

Configure user devices

- Ensure that your vendor's smart card middleware is installed on all user devices.
- For users with non-domain-joined Windows desktop appliances, install Receiver for Windows Enterprise using an account with administrator permissions. Configure Internet Explorer to start in full-screen mode displaying the Desktop Appliance site when the device is powered on. Note that Desktop Appliance site URLs are case sensitive. Add the Desktop Appliance site to the Local intranet or Trusted sites zone in Internet Explorer. Once you have confirmed that you can log on to the Desktop Appliance site with a smart card and access resources from the store, install the Citrix Desktop Lock. For more information, see [To install the Desktop Lock](#).
- For users with domain-joined desktop appliances and repurposed PCs, install Receiver for Windows Enterprise using an account with administrator permissions. Configure Receiver for Windows with the XenApp Services URL for the appropriate store. Once you have confirmed that you can log on to the device with a smart card and access resources from the store, install the Citrix Desktop Lock. For more information, see [To install the Desktop Lock](#).
- For all other users, install the appropriate version of Citrix Receiver on the user device. To enable pass-through of smart card credentials to XenDesktop and XenApp for users with domain-joined devices, use an account with administrator permissions to install Receiver for Windows at a command prompt with the /includeSSON option. For more information, see [Configure and install Receiver for Windows using command-line parameters](#).

Ensure that Receiver for Windows is configured for smart card authentication either through a domain policy or a local computer policy. For a domain policy, use the Group Policy Management Console to import the Receiver for Windows Group Policy Object template file, icaclient.adm, onto the domain controller for the domain containing your users' accounts. To configure an individual device, use the Group Policy Object Editor on that device to configure the template. For more information, see [Configure Receiver with the Group Policy Object template](#).

Enable the Smart card authentication policy. To enable pass-through of users' smart card credentials, select Use pass-through authentication for PIN. Then, to pass users' smart card credentials through to XenDesktop and XenApp, enable the Local user name and password policy and select Allow pass-through authentication for all ICA connections. For more information, see [ICA Settings Reference](#).

If you enabled pass-through of smart card credentials to XenDesktop and XenApp for users with domain-joined devices, add the store URL to the Local intranet or Trusted sites zone in Internet Explorer. Ensure that Automatic logon with the current user name and password is selected in the security settings for the zone.

- Where necessary, provide users with connection details for the store (for users on the internal network) or NetScaler Gateway appliance (for remote users) using an appropriate method. For more information about providing configuration information to your users, see [Citrix Receiver](#).

Enable pass-through with smart card authentication for Receiver for Windows

You can enable pass-through authentication when you install Receiver for Windows on domain-joined user devices. To enable pass-through of users' smart card credentials when they access desktops and applications hosted by XenDesktop and XenApp, you edit the default.ica file for the store.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Use a text editor to open the default.ica file for the store, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storename\App_Data\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.
2. To enable pass-through of smart card credentials for users who access stores without NetScaler Gateway, add the following setting in the [Application] section.

```
DisableCtrlAltDel=Off
```

This setting applies to all users of the store. To enable both domain pass-through and pass-through with smart card authentication to desktops and applications, you must create separate stores for each authentication method. Then, direct your users to the appropriate store for their method of authentication.

3. To enable pass-through of smart card credentials for users accessing stores through NetScaler Gateway, add the following setting in the [Application] section.

```
UseLocalUserAndPassword=On
```

This setting applies to all users of the store. To enable pass-through authentication for some users and require others to log on to access their desktops and applications, you must create separate stores for each group of users. Then, direct your users to the appropriate store for their method of authentication.

Set up highly available multi-site store configurations

For stores that aggregate resources from multiple deployments, particularly geographically dispersed deployments, you can configure load balancing and failover between deployments, mapping of users to deployments, and specific disaster recovery deployments to provide highly available resources. Where you have configured separate NetScaler Gateway appliances for your deployments, you can define the optimal appliance for users to access each of the deployments. If you deploy NetScaler Gateway in a global server load balancing configuration, you must update the store configuration with details for each of the appliances.

This section includes the following topics.

- [Configure load balancing, failover, disaster recovery, and user mapping for a store](#)
- [Configure subscription synchronization](#)
- [Configure optimal NetScaler Gateway routing for a store](#)
- [To configure a store for NetScaler Gateway global server load balancing](#)
- [Examples of highly available multi-site store configurations](#)

Configure load balancing, failover, disaster recovery, and user mapping for a store

To set up load balancing, failover, disaster recovery, and user mapping, you edit the store configuration files. After configuring load balancing, failover, disaster recovery, and user mapping for a store, some tasks become unavailable in the Citrix StoreFront management console to prevent misconfiguration.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Ensure that you have configured the store with details of all the XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box deployments that you want to use in your configuration, including disaster recovery deployments. For more information about adding deployments to stores, see [Manage the resources made available in stores](#).
2. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the store, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storename\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.
3. Locate the following section in the file.

```
<resourcesWingConfigurations>
  <resourcesWingConfiguration name="Default" wingName="Default" />
</resourcesWingConfigurations>
```

4. Specify your configuration as shown below.

```
<resourcesWingConfigurations>
  <resourcesWingConfiguration name="Default" wingName="Default">
    <userFarmMappings>
      <clear />
      <userFarmMapping name="user_mapping">
        <groups>
          <group name="domain\usergroup" sid="securityidentifier" />
          <group ... />
          ...
        </groups>
      </userFarmMapping>
    </userFarmMappings>
    <equivalentFarmSets>
      <equivalentFarmSet name="setname" loadBalanceMode="{LoadBalanced | Failover}"
        aggregationGroup="aggregationgroupname">
        <primaryFarmRefs>
          <farm name="primaryfarmname" />
          <farm ... />
        </primaryFarmRefs>
      </equivalentFarmSet>
    </equivalentFarmSets>
  </resourcesWingConfiguration>
</resourcesWingConfigurations>
```

```
...
</primaryFarmRefs>
<backupFarmRefs>
  <farm name="backupfarmname" />
  <farm ... />
...
</backupFarmRefs>
</equivalentFarmSet>
<equivalentFarmSet ... >
...
</equivalentFarmSet>
</equivalentFarmSets>
</userFarmMapping>
<userFarmMapping>
...
</userFarmMapping>
</userFarmMappings>
</resourcesWingConfiguration>
</resourcesWingConfigurations>
```

Use the following elements to define your configuration.

userFarmMapping

Specifies groups of deployments and defines the load balancing and failover behavior between those deployments. Identifies deployments to be used for disaster recovery. Controls user access to resources by mapping Microsoft Active Directory user groups to the specified groups of deployments.

groups

Specifies the names and security identifiers (SIDs) of Active Directory user groups to which the associated mapping applies. User group names must be entered in the format *domain\usergroup*. Where more than one group is listed, the mapping is only applied to users who are members of all the specified groups. To enable access for all Active Directory user accounts, set the group name to Everyone.

equivalentFarmSet

Specifies a group of equivalent deployments providing resources to be aggregated for load balancing or failover, plus an associated group of disaster recovery deployments. The *loadBalanceMode* attribute determines the allocation of users to deployments. Set the value of the *loadBalanceMode* attribute to *LoadBalanced* to randomly assign users to deployments in the equivalent deployment set, evenly distributing users across all the available deployments. When the value of the *loadBalanceMode* attribute is set to *Failover*, users are connected to the first available deployment in the order in which they are listed in the configuration, minimizing the number of deployments in use at any given time. Specify names for aggregation groups to identify equivalent deployment sets providing resources to be aggregated. Resources provided by equivalent deployment sets belonging to the same aggregation group are aggregated. While deployments within an equivalent deployment set must be identical, deployments aggregated from different sets do not need to provide exactly the same resources. To specify that the deployments defined in a particular equivalent deployment set should not be aggregated with others, set the aggregation group name to *None*.

primaryFarmRefs

Specifies a set of equivalent XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box deployments providing identical resources. Enter the names of deployments that you have already added to the store. The names of the deployments you specify must match exactly the names you entered when you added the deployments to the store.

optimalGatewayForFarms

Specifies groups of deployments and defines the optimal NetScaler Gateway appliances for users to access resources provided by these deployments. Typically, the optimal appliance for a deployment is collocated in the same geographical location as that deployment. You only need to define optimal NetScaler Gateway appliances for deployments where the appliance through which users access StoreFront is not the optimal appliance.

Configure subscription synchronization

To configure periodic pull synchronization of users' application subscriptions from stores in different StoreFront deployments, you execute Windows PowerShell commands.

Note: The StoreFront and PowerShell consoles cannot be open at the same time. Always close the StoreFront admin console before using the PowerShell console to administer your StoreFront configuration. Likewise, close all instances of PowerShell before opening the StoreFront console.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

When establishing your subscription synchronization, note that the configured Delivery Controllers must be named identically between the synchronized Stores and that the Delivery Controller names are case sensitive. Failing to duplicate the Delivery Controller names exactly may lead to users having different subscriptions across the synchronized Stores.

1. Use an account with local administrator permissions to start Windows PowerShell and, at a command prompt, type the following commands to import the StoreFront modules.

```
Import-Module "installationlocation\Management\Cmdlets\UtilsModule.psm1"  
Import-Module "installationlocation\Management\Cmdlets\  
SubscriptionSyncModule.psm1"
```

Where *installationlocation* is the directory in which StoreFront is installed, typically C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\.

2. To specify the remote StoreFront deployment containing the store to be synchronized, type the following command.

```
Add-DSSubscriptionsRemoteSyncCluster -clusterName deploymentname  
-clusterAddress deploymentaddress
```

Where *deploymentname* is a name that helps you identify the remote deployment and *deploymentaddress* is the externally accessible address of the StoreFront server or load-balanced server group for the remote deployment.

3. To specify the remote store with which to synchronize users' application subscriptions, type the following command.

```
Add-DSSubscriptionsRemoteSyncStore -clusterName deploymentname  
-storeName storename
```

Where *deploymentname* is the name that you defined for the remote deployment in the previous step and *storename* is the name specified for both the local and remote stores when they were created. To synchronize application subscriptions between the stores, both stores must have the same name in their respective StoreFront deployments.

4. To configure synchronization to occur at a particular time every day, type the following command.

```
Add-DSSubscriptionsSyncSchedule -scheduleName  
  synchronizationname -startTime hh:mm
```

Where *synchronizationname* is a name that helps you identify the schedule you are creating. Use the `-startTime` setting to specify a time of day at which you want to synchronize subscriptions between the stores. Configure further schedules to specify additional synchronization times throughout the day.

5. Alternatively, to configure regular synchronization at a specific interval, type the following command.

```
Add-DSSubscriptionsSyncReoccurringSchedule -scheduleName  
  synchronizationname -startTime hh:mm:ss -repeatMinutes interval
```

Where *synchronizationname* is a name that helps you identify the schedule you are creating. Use the `-startTime` setting to specify the delay in hours, minutes, and seconds before the new schedule becomes active once created. For *interval*, specify the time in minutes between each synchronization.

6. Add the Microsoft Active Directory domain machine accounts for each StoreFront server in the remote deployment to the local Windows user group CitrixSubscriptionSyncUsers on the current server.

This will allow the servers in the remote deployment to access the subscription store service on the local deployment once you have configured a synchronization schedule on the remote deployment. The CitrixSubscriptionSyncUsers group is automatically created when you import the subscription synchronization module in Step 1. For more information about modifying local user groups, see <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc772524.aspx>.

7. If your local StoreFront deployment consists of multiple servers, use the Citrix StoreFront management console to propagate the configuration changes to the other servers in the group.

For more information about propagating changes in a multiple server StoreFront deployment, see [Configure server groups](#).

8. Repeat Steps 1 to 7 on the remote StoreFront deployment to configure a complementary subscription synchronization schedule from the remote deployment to the local deployment.

When configuring the synchronization schedules for your StoreFront deployments, ensure that the schedules do not lead to a situation where the deployments are attempting to synchronize simultaneously.

9. To start synchronizing users' application subscriptions between the stores, restart the subscription store service on both the local and remote deployments. At a Windows PowerShell command prompt on a server in each deployment, type the following command.

```
Restart-DSSubscriptionsStoreSubscriptionService
```

10. To remove an existing subscription synchronization schedule, type the following command. Then, propagate the configuration change to the other StoreFront servers in the deployment and restart the subscription store service.

```
Remove-DSSubscriptionsSchedule -scheduleName synchronizationname
```

Where *synchronizationname* is the name that you specified for the schedule when you created it.

11. To list the subscription synchronization schedules currently configured for your StoreFront deployment, type the following command.

```
Get-DSSubscriptionsSyncScheduleSummary
```

Configure optimal NetScaler Gateway routing for a store

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

Use PowerShell to configure optimal NetScaler Gateway routing for a store

Configure optimal NetScaler Gateway routing to optimize the handling of ICA connection routing from the HDX engine to published resources such as XenDesktop VDAs or XenApp or XenDesktop published applications using StoreFront. Typically, the optimal gateway for a site is collocated in the same geographical location.

You need only define optimal NetScaler Gateway appliances for deployments where the appliance through which users access StoreFront is not the optimal gateway. If launches should be directed back through the gateway making the launch request, StoreFront does this automatically.

Example scenario

1 x UK Gateway -> 1 x UK StoreFront	-> UK Apps and Desktops local -> US Apps and Desktops used only for UK failover
1 x US Gateway-> 1 x UK StoreFront	-> US Apps and Desktops local -> UK Apps and Desktops used only for US failover

A UK gateway provides remote access to UK hosted resources such as apps and desktops using a UK StoreFront.

The UK storefront has both a UK based and US based NetScaler Gateway defined and UK and US farms in its delivery controller list. UK users access remote resources through their geographically collocated gateway, StoreFront, and farms. If their UK resources become unavailable, they can connect to US resources as a temporary failover alternative.

Without optimal gateway routing all ICA launches would pass through the UK gateway that made the launch request regardless of where the resources are geographically located. By default, gateways used to make launch requests are identified dynamically by StoreFront when the request is made. Optimal gateway routing overrides this and

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forces US connections through the gateway closest to the US farms that provides apps and desktops.

Note: You can map only a single optimal gateway per site for each StoreFront store.

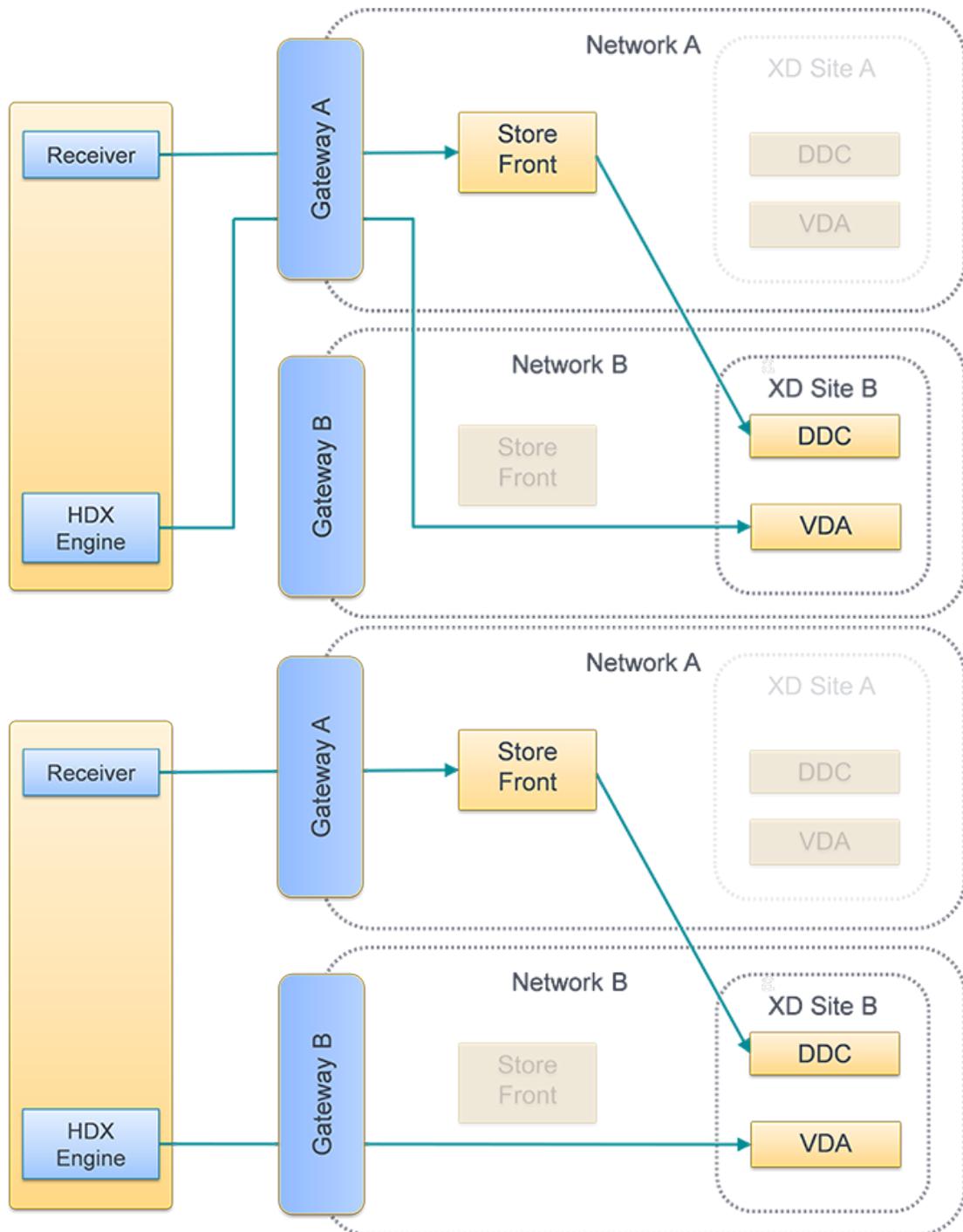


Figure 1. Suboptimal gateway routing Figure 2. Optimal gateway routing

PowerShell API parameters

Parameter	Description
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Configure optimal NetScaler Gateway routing for a store

-SiteId (Int)	Site ID within IIS. This is typically 1 for the site in IIS where StoreFront is installed by default.
-ResourcesVirtualPath (String)	Path to the store that is to be configured to have a farm to optimal gateway mapping. Example: "/Citrix/Store"
-GatewayName (String)	Name given to identify the Netscaler Gateway within StoreFront. Example 1: ExternalGateway Example 2: InternalGateway
-Hostnames (String Array)	Specifies the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) and port of the optimal NetScaler Gateway appliance. Example1 for standard vServer port 443: gateway.example.com Example2 for nonstandard vServer port 500: gateway.example.com:500
-Farms (String Array)	Specifies a set of (typically collocated) XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box deployments that share a common optimal NetScaler Gateway appliance. A farm can contain just a single delivery controller or multiple delivery controller that provides published resources. You can configure a XenDesktop site in StoreFront under delivery controllers as "XenDesktop". This represents a single farm. This could contain multiple delivery controllers in its failover list: Example: "XenDesktop" XenDesktop-A.example.com XenDesktop-B.example.com XenDesktop-C.example.com
-AllFarms	Use in place of the -Farms parameter to create an optimal gateway for all of the farms defined within StoreFront.
-staUrls (String Array)	Specifies the URLs for XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box servers running the Secure Ticket Authority (STA). If using multiple farms, list the STA servers on each using a comma separated list: Example: "http://xenapp-a.ptd.com/scripts/ctxsta.dll","http://xendesktop-a.ptd.com/scripts/ctxsta.dll"
-StasUseLoadBalancing (Boolean)	Set to true: randomly obtains session tickets from all STAs, evenly distributing requests across all the STAs. Set to false: users are connected to the first available STA in the order in which they are listed in the configuration, minimizing the number of STAs in use at any given time.

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-StasBypassDuration	Set the time period, in hours, minutes, and seconds, for which an STA is considered unavailable after a failed request. Example: 00.02:00:00
-EnableSessionReliability (Boolean)	Set to true: keeps disconnected sessions open while Receiver attempts to reconnect automatically. If you configured multiple STAs and want to ensure that session reliability is always available, set the value of the useTwoTickets attribute to true to obtain session tickets from two different STAs in case one STA becomes unavailable during the session.
-UseTwoTickets (Boolean)	Set to true: obtains session tickets from two different STAs in case one STA becomes unavailable during the session. Set to false: uses only a single STA server.
-EnabledOnDirectAccess (Boolean)	Set to true: ensures that when local users on the internal network log on to StoreFront directly, connections to their resources are still routed through the optimal appliance defined for the farm. Set to false: connections to resources are not routed through the optimal appliance for the farm unless users access StoreFront through a NetScaler Gateway.

Note: When PowerShell scripts span multiple lines such as shown below, each line must end with the backtick control character (`).

Copy the following code examples into the Windows PowerShell Integrated Scripting Environment (ISE) to validate the code using the dynamic compiler before you run it.

Configure an optimal gateway for a farm

Example:

Create or overwrite OptimalGatewayForFarms mappings for the store Internal.

```
& "$Env:PROGRAMFILES\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\Scripts\ImportModules.ps1"
```

```
Set-DSOptimalGatewayForFarms -SiteId 1  
    -ResourcesVirtualPath "/Citrix/Internal" `  
    -GatewayName "gateway1" `  
    -Hostnames "gateway1.example.com:500" `  
    -Farms "XenApp","XenDesktop" `  
    -StaUrls  
    "https://xenapp.example.com/scripts/ctxsta.dll","https://xendesktop.example.com/scripts/ctxsta.dll" `  
    -StasUseLoadBalancing $false `  
    -StasBypassDuration 00.02:00:00 `  
    -EnableSessionReliability $false `  
    -UseTwoTickets $false `  
    -EnabledOnDirectAccess $true
```

Example:

This script returns configured OptimalGatewayForFarms for the store called Internal.

```
Get-DSOptimalGatewayForFarms -SiteId 1 -ResourcesVirtualPath "/Citrix/Internal"
```

Example:

Remove all optimal gateway for farms mappings for store called Internal.

```
Remove-DSOptimalGatewayForFarms -SiteId 1 -ResourcesVirtualPath "/Citrix/Internal"
```

Configure a NULL gateway for a farm

Example:

This script prevents all ICA launches from passing through a gateway for the list of specified farms for the store called Internal.

```
Set-DSFarmsWithNullOptimalGateway -SiteId 1 -ResourcesVirtualPath /Citrix/Store -Farms "Farm1","Farm2"
```

Example:

This script returns all farms that are configured to prevent ICA launches from passing through a gateway for a store called Internal.

```
Get-DSFarmsWithNullOptimalGateway -SiteId 1 -ResourcesVirtualPath "/Citrix/Internal"
```

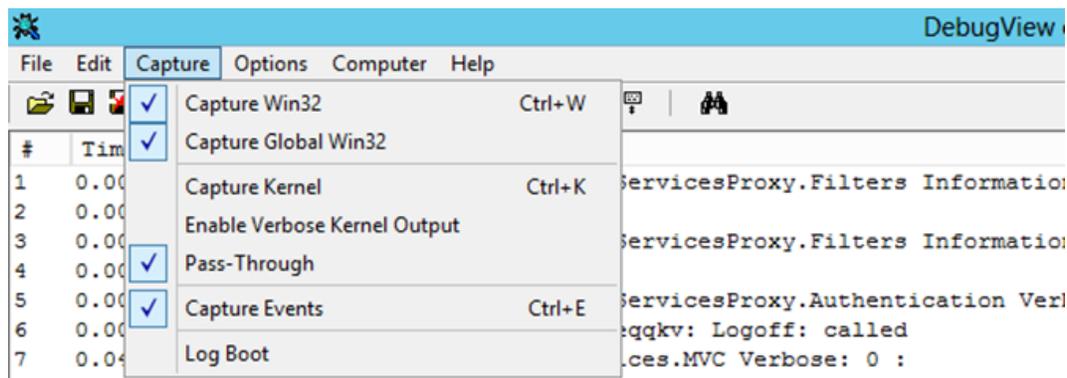
Determine if your OptimalGatewayForFarms mappings are being used by StoreFront

1. Enable StoreFront tracing on all server group nodes using PowerShell by running:

```
& "$Env:PROGRAMFILES\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\Scripts\ImportModules.ps1"
```

```
#Traces output is to c:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver Storefront\admin\trace\  
Set-DSTraceLevel -All -TraceLevel Verbose
```

2. Open the Debug View tool on the desktop of a StoreFront server. If you are using a storefront server group, you might have to do this on all nodes to ensure you obtain traces from the node that receives the launch request.
3. Enable Capture Global Win32 events.



4. Save the trace output as a .log file and open the file with Notepad. Search for the log entries shown in the example scenarios below.

5. Turn tracing off afterwards, as it consumes a lot of disk space on your StoreFront servers.

Set-DSTraceLevel -All -TraceLevel Off

Tested optimal gateway scenarios

- External client logs on Gateway1. Launch is directed through the designated optimal gateway Gateway2 for the farm Farm2.

Set-DSOptimalGatewayForFarms -onDirectAccess=false

Farm2 is configured to use the optimal gateway Gateway2.

Farm2 has optimal gateway on direct access disabled.

The optimal gateway Gateway2 will be used for the launch.

- Internal client logs on using StoreFront. Launch is directed through the designated optimal gateway Gateway1 for the farm Farm1.

Set-DSOptimalGatewayForFarms -onDirectAccess=true

No dynamically identified gateway in request. StoreFront was contacted directly.

Farm1 is configured to use the optimal gateway Gateway1.

Farm1 has optimal gateway on direct access enabled.

The optimal gateway Gateway1 will be used for the launch.

- Internal client logs on using Gateway1. Launches of resources on Farm1 are prevented from passing through any gateway and StoreFront is contacted directly.

Set-DSFarmsWithNullOptimalGateway

Dynamically identified gateway in request: Gateway1

Farm1 is configured to not use a gateway. No gateway will be used for launch.

Use the web.config file to configure optimal NetScaler Gateway routing for a store

To configure optimal NetScaler Gateway appliances for your deployments, you edit the store configuration files.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the store, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storename\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.
2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<optimalGatewayForFarmsCollection />
```

3. Specify the optimal NetScaler Gateway routing for your deployments as shown below.

```
<optimalGatewayForFarmsCollection>
  <optimalGatewayForFarms enabledOnDirectAccess="{true | false}">
    <farms>
      <farm name="farmname" />
      ...
    </farms>
    <optimalGateway key="_" name="deploymentname" stasUseLoadBalancing="{true | false}"
      stasBypassDuration="hh:mm:ss" enableSessionReliability="{true | false}"
      useTwoTickets="{true | false}">
      <hostnames>
        <add hostname="appliancefqdn:port" />
      </hostnames>
      <staUrls>
        <add staUrl="https://stapath/scripts/ctxsta.dll" />
        ...
      </staUrls>
    </optimalGateway>
  </optimalGatewayForFarms>
</optimalGatewayForFarms>
...
</optimalGatewayForFarms>
</optimalGatewayForFarmsCollection>
```

Use the following elements to define your configuration.

optimalGatewayForFarms

Specifies groups of deployments and defines the optimal NetScaler Gateway appliances for users to access resources provided by these deployments. Typically, the optimal appliance for a deployment is collocated in the same geographical location as that deployment. You only need to define optimal NetScaler Gateway appliances for deployments where the appliance through which users access StoreFront is not the optimal appliance. Set the value of the `enabledOnDirectAccess` attribute to true to ensure that when local users on the internal network log on StoreFront directly, connections to their resources are still routed through the optimal appliance for the deployment. When the value of the `enabledOnDirectAccess` attribute is set to false, connections to resources are not routed through the optimal appliance for the deployment unless users access StoreFront through NetScaler Gateway.

farms

Specifies a set of, typically collocated, XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box deployments that share a common optimal NetScaler Gateway appliance. Enter the names of deployments that you have already added to the store. The names of the deployments you specify must match exactly the names you entered when you added

the deployments to the store.

optimalGateway

Specifies details of the optimal NetScaler Gateway appliance for users to access resources provided by the listed deployments. Enter a name for the NetScaler Gateway appliance that enables you to identify it. Set the value of the `stasUseLoadBalancing` attribute to true to randomly obtain session tickets from all STAs, evenly distributing requests across all the STAs. When the value of the `stasUseLoadBalancing` attribute is set to false, users are connected to the first available STA in the order in which they are listed in the configuration, minimizing the number of STAs in use at any given time. Use the `stasBypassDuration` attribute to set the time period, in hours, minutes, and seconds, for which an STA is considered unavailable after a failed request. To keep disconnected sessions open while Citrix Receiver attempts to reconnect automatically, set the value of the `enableSessionReliability` attribute to true. If you configured multiple STAs and want to ensure that session reliability is always available, set the value of the `useTwoTickets` attribute to true to obtain session tickets from two different STAs in case one STA becomes unavailable during the session.

hostnames

Specifies the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) and port of the optimal NetScaler Gateway appliance.

staUrls

Specifies the URLs for XenDesktop, XenApp, and VDI-in-a-Box servers running the Secure Ticket Authority (STA). For XenDesktop and XenApp servers, *stapath* is the fully FQDN or IP address of the server. In the case of VDI-in-a-Box servers, *stapath* is the fully qualified domain name or IP address of the VDI-in-a-Box server, or the grid-wide virtual IP address, followed by `/dt/sta`.

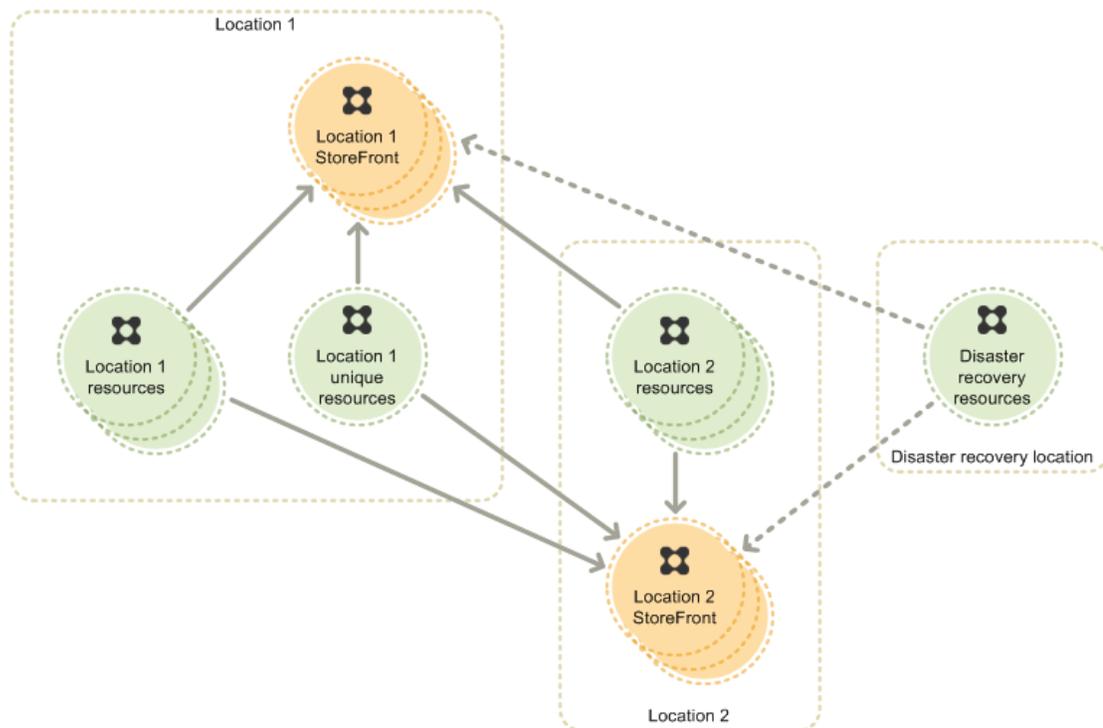
To configure a store for NetScaler Gateway global server load balancing

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1. Use the Enable Remote Access task to configure the store with details of your load-balanced NetScaler Gateway deployment. For more information, see [Manage remote access to stores through NetScaler Gateway](#).
2. When prompted for the NetScaler Gateway URL, enter the load-balanced URL for the deployment. For the subnet IP address, specify the virtual server IP address for one of the appliances in your deployment.
3. Repeat the process using exactly the same settings except for the display name and the subnet IP address. For the subnet IP address, enter the virtual server IP address for another appliance in your deployment.
4. Continue until you have added entries for all the appliances in your load-balanced NetScaler Gateway deployment. Each entry should be identical except for the display name and the subnet IP address.

Examples of highly available multi-site store configurations

StoreFront enables you to configure load balancing and failover between the deployments providing resources for stores, map users to deployments, and designate specific disaster recovery deployments for increased resiliency. To illustrate how you can configure StoreFront deployments distributed over multiple sites to provide high availability for your stores, consider the example configuration below.



The figure shows an example highly available multi-site configuration.

The example consists of two main locations, each with separate, load-balanced groups of StoreFront servers, providing desktops and application for users. A third location provides disaster recovery resources that are only intended to be used in the event that all resources provided by both the other locations are unavailable. Location 1 contains a group of identical deployments (XenDesktop sites, XenApp farms, or VDI-in-a-Box grids) providing exactly the same desktops and applications. Location 2 consists of a similar group of identical deployments delivering largely the same resources provided in Location 1, but with a few differences. Some specific resources that are not available in Location 2 are provided by a separate unique deployment in Location 1.

Example — Load balancing and failover

In this example, you want users at both locations to be able to log on to their local StoreFront servers and access desktops and applications provided locally, where possible. In the event that local resources are not available, either due to a failure or capacity issues, users must be automatically and silently redirected to resources delivered from the other location. If all resources provided by both locations are unavailable, users must be able to continue working with a subset of the most business-critical desktops and applications.

To achieve this user experience, you configure the store in Location 1 as shown below.

```
<resourcesWingConfigurations>
  <resourcesWingConfiguration name="Default" wingName="Default">
    <userFarmMappings>
      <clear />
      <userFarmMapping name="user_mapping">
        <groups>
          <group name="Everyone" sid="S-1-1-0" />
        </groups>
        <equivalentFarmSets>
          <equivalentFarmSet name="Location1" loadBalanceMode="LoadBalanced"
            aggregationGroup="AggregationGroup1">
            <primaryFarmRefs>
              <farm name="Location1Deployment1" />
              <farm name="Location1Deployment2" />
              <farm name="Location1Deployment3" />
            </primaryFarmRefs>
            <backupFarmRefs>
              <farm name="DisasterRecoveryDeployment" />
            </backupFarmRefs>
          </equivalentFarmSet>
          <equivalentFarmSet name="Location2" loadBalanceMode="Failover"
            aggregationGroup="AggregationGroup1">
            <primaryFarmRefs>
              <farm name="Location2Deployment1" />
              <farm name="Location2Deployment2" />
              <farm name="Location2Deployment3" />
            </primaryFarmRefs>
            <backupFarmRefs>
              <farm name="DisasterRecoveryDeployment" />
            </backupFarmRefs>
          </equivalentFarmSet>
          <equivalentFarmSet name="Location1Unique"
            loadBalanceMode="LoadBalanced" aggregationGroup="">
            <primaryFarmRefs>
              <farm name="Location1UniqueDeployment" />
            </primaryFarmRefs>
            <backupFarmRefs>
              </backupFarmRefs>
            </equivalentFarmSet>
          </equivalentFarmSets>
        </userFarmMapping>
      </userFarmMappings>
    </resourcesWingConfiguration>
```

</resourcesWingConfigurations>

There is a single mapping available to all users, listing the Location 1 deployments first and the Location 2 deployments second. In both cases, the disaster recovery deployment is configured as the backup and all the deployments are assigned to the same aggregation group. The configuration of the store in Location 2 is almost identical, differing only in that the order in which the deployments are listed is reversed such that the Location 2 deployments are listed first. In both cases, the deployment providing the Location 1 unique resources is listed last with no backup deployment or aggregation group defined.

When users at Location 1 log on to their local store, StoreFront contacts a Location 1 deployment to enumerate the desktops and applications available. Because the `loadBalanceMode` attribute is set to `LoadBalanced`, the exact deployment contacted is selected randomly to evenly distribute requests across the available deployments. If the selected Location 1 deployment is unavailable, StoreFront randomly selects another Location 1 deployment to contact.

In the case of the Location 2 deployments, the `loadBalanceMode` attribute is set to `Failover`. This means that StoreFront always contacts the deployments in the specified order. As a result, resources are enumerated from Location 2 Deployment 1 for every user request until Deployment 1 stops responding. Subsequent requests are then routed to Deployment 2 until Deployment 1 becomes available again. This minimizes the number of deployments in use at Location 2 at any given time.

When a response is received from a Location 1 deployment, StoreFront does not contact any further Location 1 deployments. Including all the Location 1 deployments in a single `<equivalentFarmSet>` element specifies that these deployments provide exactly the same resources. Similar behavior also occurs during enumeration of the Location 2 resources. Finally, the Location 1 unique deployment is contacted, although since there is no alternative in this case, the unique resources are not enumerated if the deployment is unavailable.

Where a desktop or application with the same name and path on the server is available from both Location 1 and Location 2, StoreFront aggregates these resources and presents users with a single icon. This behavior is a result of setting the `aggregationGroup` attribute to `AggregationGroup1` for both the Location 1 and Location 2 deployments. Users clicking on an aggregated icon are typically connected to the resource in their location, where available. However, if a user already has an active session on another deployment that supports session reuse, the user is preferentially connected to the resource on that deployment to minimize the number of sessions used.

Because an aggregation group is not specified for the Location 1 unique resources, users see separate icons for each of the unique resources. In this example, none of the unique resources are available on the other deployments. However, if a desktop or application with the same name and path on the server were available from another deployment, users would see two icons with the same name.

Only when resources cannot be enumerated from any of the Location 1 or Location 2 deployments does StoreFront contact the disaster recovery deployment. Because the same disaster recovery deployment is configured for both Location 1 and Location 2, all of these deployments must be unavailable before StoreFront will attempt to enumerate the disaster recovery resources. In this example, a disaster recovery alternative is not configured for the Location 1 unique deployment, so the availability of the unique deployment does not affect this determination.

Example — User mapping

In this example, you want to provide different mixtures of resources for different users on the basis of their membership of Microsoft Active Directory user groups. Standard users in Location 1 and Location 2 only need access to the desktops and applications provided locally. These users do not need to access resources in the other locations. You also have a group of power users for whom you want to provide access to all the available resources, including the Location 1 unique resources, with high availability and disaster recovery. For this example, it is assumed that Location 1 and Location 2 share a common Active Directory domain.

To achieve this user experience, you configure the stores in both locations as shown below.

```
<resourcesWingConfigurations>
  <resourcesWingConfiguration name="Default" wingName="Default">
    <userFarmMappings>
      <clear />
      <userFarmMapping name="UserMapping1">
        <groups>
          <group name="Location1Users"
            sid="S-1-5-21-1004336348-1177238915-682003330-1001" />
        </groups>
        <equivalentFarmSets>
          <equivalentFarmSet name="Location1" loadBalanceMode="LoadBalanced"
            aggregationGroup="AggregationGroup1">
            <primaryFarmRefs>
              <farm name="Location1Deployment1" />
              <farm name="Location1Deployment2" />
              <farm name="Location1Deployment3" />
            </primaryFarmRefs>
            <backupFarmRefs>
              <farm name="DisasterRecoveryDeployment" />
            </backupFarmRefs>
          </equivalentFarmSet>
        </equivalentFarmSets>
      </userFarmMapping>
      <userFarmMapping name="UserMapping2">
        <groups>
          <group name="Location2Users"
            sid="S-1-5-21-1004336348-1177238915-682003330-1002" />
        </groups>
        <equivalentFarmSets>
          <equivalentFarmSet name="Location2" loadBalanceMode="Failover"
            aggregationGroup="AggregationGroup1">
            <primaryFarmRefs>
              <farm name="Location2Deployment1" />
              <farm name="Location2Deployment2" />
              <farm name="Location2Deployment3" />
            </primaryFarmRefs>
            <backupFarmRefs>
              <farm name="DisasterRecoveryDeployment" />
            </backupFarmRefs>
          </equivalentFarmSet>
        </equivalentFarmSets>
      </userFarmMapping>
    </userFarmMappings>
  </resourcesWingConfiguration>
</resourcesWingConfigurations>
```

```
</userFarmMapping>
<userFarmMapping name="UserMapping3">
  <groups>
    <group name="Location1Users"
      sid="S-1-5-21-1004336348-1177238915-682003330-1001" />
    <group name="Location2Users"
      sid="S-1-5-21-1004336348-1177238915-682003330-1002" />
  </groups>
  <equivalentFarmSets>
    <equivalentFarmSet name="Location1Unique"
      loadBalanceMode="LoadBalanced" aggregationGroup="">
      <primaryFarmRefs>
        <farm name="Location1UniqueDeployment" />
      </primaryFarmRefs>
      <backupFarmRefs>
      </backupFarmRefs>
    </equivalentFarmSet>
  </equivalentFarmSets>
</userFarmMapping>
</userFarmMappings>
</resourcesWingConfiguration>
</resourcesWingConfigurations>
```

Instead of creating a mapping that applies to all users, as in the load balancing and failover example, you create mappings for specific user groups. The main Location 1 deployments are mapped to the domain user group for Location 1 users. Similarly, the Location 2 deployments are mapped to the Location 2 user group. The mapping for the Location 1 unique resources specifies both user groups, which means that users must be members of both groups to access the unique resources.

Users who are members of the Location 1 user group see only resources from Location 1 when they log on to a store, even if that store is in Location 2. Likewise, Location 2 user group members are only presented with resources from Location 2. Neither group have access to the Location 1 unique resources. Domain users who are not members of either group can log on to the store, but do not see any desktops or applications.

To give your power users access to all the resources, including the unique resources, you add them to both user groups. When users who are members of both the Location 1 and Location 2 user groups log on to the store, they see an aggregate of the resources available from both locations, plus the Location 1 unique resources. As in the load balancing and failover example, the Location 1 and Location 2 deployments are assigned to the same aggregation group. The resource aggregation process functions in exactly the same way as described for the load balancing and failover example.

Disaster recovery also operates as described in the load balancing and failover example. Users only see the disaster recovery resources when all the Location 1 and Location 2 deployments are unavailable. Unfortunately, this means that there are some scenarios when standard users are not able to access any desktops or applications. For example, if all the deployments in Location 1 are unavailable, but the Location 2 deployments are still accessible, StoreFront does not enumerate the disaster recovery resources. So, users who are not members of the Location 2 user group do not see any resources in the store.

To resolve this issue, you would need to configure separate disaster recovery deployments for the Location 1 and Location 2 mappings. You would then add the disaster recovery deployments to the same aggregation group to aggregate the disaster recovery resources

for your power users.

Example — Subscription synchronization

In the load balancing and failover and user mapping examples, users moving between Location 1 and Location 2 would benefit from synchronization of their application subscriptions between the two deployments. For example, a user based in Location 1 could log on to the StoreFront deployment in Location 1, access the store, and subscribe to some applications. If the same user then traveled to Location 2 and accessed the similar store provided by the Location 2 StoreFront deployment, the user would need to resubscribe to all the applications again to access them from Location 2. By default, StoreFront deployments in each location maintain details of users' application subscriptions separately.

To ensure that users need to subscribe only to applications in one location, you can configure subscription synchronization between the stores of the two StoreFront deployments.

Important: The StoreFront and PowerShell consoles cannot be open at the same time. Always close the StoreFront admin console before using the PowerShell console to administer your StoreFront configuration. Likewise, close all instances of PowerShell before opening the StoreFront console.

Delivery Controller names are case sensitive. Failing to duplicate the Delivery Controller names exactly may lead to inaccurate resource IDs across subscription synchronization stores.

1. Both stores must have the same name in both deployment locations. For example GlobalStore in Location 1 - London and Location 2 - New York could be configured as:

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Name	Authenticated	Advertised	Store URL	Access
GlobalStore	Yes	Yes	http://london.citrix.com/Citrix/GlobalStore	Internal and external networks
LocalStore	Yes	Yes	http://london.citrix.com/Citrix/LocalStore	Internal network only

GlobalStore

Overview

Authenticated:	Yes
Advertised:	Yes
Subscriptions Enabled:	Yes
URL:	http://london.citrix.com/Citrix/GlobalStore

The screenshot shows the Citrix StoreFront configuration interface. At the top, there is a table listing the configured stores:

Name	Authenticated	Advertised	Store URL	Access
GlobalStore	Yes	Yes	http://newyork.citrix.com/Citrix/GlobalStore	Internal and external netwo...
LocalStore	Yes	Yes	http://newyork.citrix.com/Citrix/LocalStore	Internal network only

Below the table, there is a section for the 'GlobalStore' configuration. Under the 'Overview' tab, the following details are shown:

- Authenticated: Yes
- Advertised: Yes
- Subscriptions Enabled: Yes
- URL: http://newyork.citrix.com/Citrix/GlobalStore

2. Ensure the Delivery Controllers configured within the “GlobalStore” store have the same names and are case sensitive.

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Delivery Controllers' configuration window. It contains a table for specifying delivery controllers and servers for the store:

Name	Type	Servers
GlobalXenApp	XenApp	camsrossl-xa65
GlobalXenDesktop	XenDesktop	camsrossl-xa76a

Below the table, there are three buttons: 'Add...', 'Edit...', and 'Remove'.

3. Start a new PowerShell session on a StoreFront server in Location 1 - London and run these commands:

```
# Import the required StoreFront modules
Import-Module "C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\Scripts\ImportModules.ps1"

# Add the New York cluster as one to synchronize from.
# The clusterName is used to identify the cluster.
# The clusterAddress is either the address of the single
# StoreFront server when not in a group or the loadbalanced address when it is.
# The storeFriendlyNames is the display name of the store.

Add-DSSubscriptionsRemoteSyncClusterAndStores -clusterName "NewYork"
-clusterAddress "newyork.citrix.com" -storeFriendlyNames @("GlobalStore")
```

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```
# Add the servers from the New York deployment on the
# XenDesktop domain to the Windows permissions group on the
# London1 server.
```

```
Add-DSLocalGroupMember -GroupName "CitrixSubscriptionsSyncUsers"
-AccountName "my.xendesktop.com/newyork1$"
Add-DSLocalGroupMember -GroupName "CitrixSubscriptionsSyncUsers"
-AccountName "my.xendesktop.com/newyork2$"
```

```
# Add a schedule to pull subscription data from New York to London starting at 18:00
# repeating every 24 hours.
```

```
Add-DSSubscriptionsSyncReoccurringSchedule -scheduleName "SyncFromNewYork" -startTime "18:00:00"
-repeatMinutes 1440
```

```
# Restart the synchronization service and propagate settings to the other servers in the
# London deployment.
```

```
Restart-Service "CitrixSubscriptionsStore"
Start-DSConfigurationReplicationClusterUpdate
Get-DSSubscriptionsRemoteClusterSyncSummary
Get-DSSubscriptionsSyncScheduleSummary
```

4. Close the PowerShell session.

5. Start a PowerShell session on a server in Location 2 - New York and run the following commands:

```
# Import the required StoreFront modules
Import-Module "C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\Scripts\ImportModules.ps1"
```

```
# Add the London cluster as one to synchronize from.
# The clusterName is used to identify the cluster.
# The clusterAddress is either the address of the single
# StoreFront server when not in a group or the loadbalanced address when it is.
# The storeFriendlyNames is the display name of the store.
```

```
Add-DSSubscriptionsRemoteSyncClusterAndStores -clusterName "London"
-clusterAddress "london.citrix.com" -storeFriendlyNames @("GlobalStore")
```

```
# Add the servers from the London deployment on the
# XenDesktop domain to the Windows permissions group on the NewYork1 server.
```

```
Add-DSLocalGroupMember -GroupName "CitrixSubscriptionsSyncUsers"
-AccountName "my.xendesktop.com/london1$"
Add-DSLocalGroupMember -GroupName "CitrixSubscriptionsSyncUsers"
-AccountName "my.xendesktop.com/london2$"
```

```
# Add a schedule to pull subscription data from London to New York starting at 20:00
# repeating every 24 hours.
```

```
Add-DSSubscriptionsSyncReoccurringSchedule -scheduleName "SyncFromNewYork" -startTime "20:00:00"
-repeatMinutes 1440
```

```
# Restart the synchronization service and propagate settings to the other servers in
```

```
# the New York deployment.  
  
Restart-Service "CitrixSubscriptionsStore"  
Start-DSCConfigurationReplicationClusterUpdate  
Get-DSSubscriptionsRemoteClusterSyncSummary  
Get-DSSubscriptionsSyncScheduleSummary
```

Example — Optimal NetScaler Gateway routing

In this example, you want to configure separate NetScaler Gateway appliances in Location 1 and Location 2. Because Location 1 resources are available to users in Location 2, you want to ensure that user connections to Location 1 resources are always routed through the NetScaler Gateway appliance in Location 1, regardless of the way in which users access the store. A similar configuration is required for Location 2.

In the case of the Location 1 unique resources, you have made these desktops and applications accessible only to local users on the internal network. However, you still require users to authenticate to NetScaler Gateway to access a store. So, you want to ensure that user connections to Location 1 unique resources are not routed through NetScaler Gateway, despite the fact that users connect to the stores through NetScaler Gateway.

To achieve this user experience, you configure the stores in both locations as shown below.

```
<optimalGatewayForFarmsCollection>  
  <optimalGatewayForFarms enabledOnDirectAccess="true">  
    <farms>  
      <farm name="Location1Deployment1" />  
      <farm name="Location1Deployment2" />  
      <farm name="Location1Deployment3" />  
    </farms>  
    <optimalGateway key="_" name="Location1Appliance" stasUseLoadBalancing="false"  
      stasBypassDuration="02:00:00" enableSessionReliability="true"  
      useTwoTickets="false">  
      <hostnames>  
        <add hostname="location1appliance.example.com" />  
      </hostnames>  
      <staUrls>  
        <add staUrl="https://location1appliance.example.com/scripts/ctxsta.dll" />  
      </staUrls>  
    </optimalGateway>  
  </optimalGatewayForFarms>  
  <optimalGatewayForFarms enabledOnDirectAccess="true">  
    <farms>  
      <farm name="Location2Deployment1" />  
      <farm name="Location2Deployment2" />  
      <farm name="Location2Deployment3" />  
    </farms>  
    <optimalGateway key="_" name="Location2Appliance" stasUseLoadBalancing="false"  
      stasBypassDuration="02:00:00" enableSessionReliability="true"  
      useTwoTickets="false">
```

```
<hostnames>
  <add hostname="location2appliance.example.com" />
</hostnames>
<staUrls>
  <add staUrl="https://location2appliance.example.com/scripts/ctxsta.dll" />
</staUrls>
</optimalGateway>
</optimalGatewayForFarms>
<optimalGatewayForFarms enabledOnDirectAccess="false">
  <farms>
    <farm name="Location1UniqueDeployment" />
  </farms>
</optimalGatewayForFarms>
</optimalGatewayForFarmsCollection>
```

You map the main Location 1 deployments to the NetScaler Gateway appliance in Location 1. This configuration ensures that users always connect to Location 1 resources through the NetScaler Gateway appliance in that location, even for users that logged on to the store through the appliance in Location 2. A similar mapping is configured for Location 2. For both deployments, you set the value of the `enabledOnDirectAccess` attribute to true to route all connections to resources through the optimal appliance specified for the deployment, even for local users on the internal network who log on to StoreFront directly. As a result, the responsiveness of remote desktops and applications is improved for local users because data do not traverse the corporate WAN.

For the Location 1 unique resources, you configure a mapping for the deployment but do not specify a NetScaler Gateway appliance. This configuration ensures that connections to Location 1 unique resources are not routed through NetScaler Gateway, even for users that logged on to the store through NetScaler Gateway. As a result, only local users on the internal network can access these desktops and applications.

You must also configure a specific internal virtual server IP address for the appliance and an inaccessible internal beacon point. Making the internal beacon point inaccessible to local users prompts Citrix Receiver to access stores through NetScaler Gateway from devices connected to the internal network. This enables you, for example, to apply NetScaler Gateway endpoint analysis to local users on the internal network without the overhead of routing all user connections to resources through the appliance.

Configure StoreFront using the configuration files

This section describes additional configuration tasks that cannot be carried out using the Citrix StoreFront management console.

- [Enable ICA file signing](#)
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Enable ICA file signing

StoreFront provides the option to digitally sign ICA files so that versions of Citrix Receiver that support this feature can verify that the file originates from a trusted source. When file signing is enabled in StoreFront, the ICA file generated when a user starts an application is signed using a certificate from the personal certificate store of the StoreFront server. ICA files can be signed using any hash algorithm supported by the operating system running on the StoreFront server. The digital signature is ignored by clients that do not support the feature or are not configured for ICA file signing. If the signing process fails, the ICA file is generated without a digital signature and sent to Citrix Receiver, the configuration of which determines whether the unsigned file is accepted.

To be used for ICA file signing with StoreFront, certificates must include the private key and be within the allowed validity period. If the certificate contains a key usage extension, this must allow the key to be used for digital signatures. Where an extended key usage extension is included, it must be set to code signing or server authentication.

For ICA file signing, Citrix recommends using a code signing or SSL signing certificate obtained from a public certification authority or from your organization's private certification authority. If you are unable to obtain a suitable certificate from a certification authority, you can either use an existing SSL certificate, such as a server certificate, or create a new root certification authority certificate and distribute it to users' devices.

ICA file signing is disabled by default in stores. To enable ICA file signing, you edit the store configuration file and execute Windows PowerShell commands. For more information about enabling ICA file signing in Citrix Receiver, see [ICA File Signing to protect against application or desktop launches from untrusted servers](#).

Note: The StoreFront and PowerShell consoles cannot be open at the same time. Always close the StoreFront admin console before using the PowerShell console to administer your StoreFront configuration. Likewise, close all instances of PowerShell before opening the StoreFront console.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Ensure that the certificate you want to use to sign ICA files is available in the Citrix Delivery Services certificate store on the StoreFront server and not the current user's certificate store.
2. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the store, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storename\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.
3. Locate the following section in the file.

```
<certificateManager>  
  <certificates>  
    <clear />
```

```
<add ... />
...
</certificates>
</certificateManager>
```

4. Include details of the certificate to be used for signing as shown below.

```
<certificateManager>
  <certificates>
    <clear />
    <add id="certificateid" thumb="certificatethumbprint" />
    <add ... />
    ...
  </certificates>
</certificateManager>
```

Where *certificateid* is a value that helps you to identify the certificate in the store configuration file and *certificatethumbprint* is the digest (or thumbprint) of the certificate data produced by the hash algorithm.

5. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<icaFileSigning enabled="False" certificateId="" hashAlgorithm="sha1" />
```

6. Change the value of the enabled attribute to True to enable ICA file signing for the store. Set the value of the certificateId attribute to the ID you used to identify the certificate, that is, *certificateid* in Step 4.
7. If you want to use a hash algorithm other than SHA-1, set the value of the hashAlgorithm attribute to sha256, sha384, or sha512, as required.
8. Using an account with local administrator permissions, start Windows PowerShell and, at a command prompt, type the following commands to enable the store to access the private key.

```
Add-PSSnapin Citrix.DeliveryServices.Framework.Commands
$certificate = Get-DSCertificate "certificatethumbprint"
```

```
Add-DSCertificateKeyReadAccess -certificate $certificates[0] -accountName "IIS APPPOOL\Citrix Delivery"
```

Where *certificatethumbprint* is the digest of the certificate data produced by the hash algorithm.

Configure communication time-out duration and retry attempts

By default, requests from StoreFront to a server providing resources for a store time out after 30 seconds. The server is considered unavailable after two unsuccessful communication attempts. To change these settings, you edit the configuration file for the store.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config files for the store, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\Authentication\ and C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storename\ directories, respectively, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<farmset ... serverCommunicationAttempts="2" communicationTimeout="30"
connectionTimeout="6" ... >
```

3. Change the value of the serverCommunicationAttempts attribute to the set the number of unsuccessful communication attempts before the server is considered to be unavailable. Use the communicationTimeout attribute to set the time limit in seconds for a response from the server. Set the time limit in seconds for StoreFront to resolve the address of the server by changing the value of the connectionTimeout attribute.

Configure the password expiry notification period

If you enable Receiver for Web site users to change their passwords at any time, local users whose passwords are about to expire are shown a warning when they log on. By default, the notification period for a user is determined by the applicable Windows policy setting. To set a custom notification period for all users, you edit the configuration file for the authentication service.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the authentication service, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\Authentication\ directory.
2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<explicitBL ... allowUserPasswordChange="Always"  
  showPasswordExpiryWarning="Windows" passwordExpiryWarningPeriod="10" ... >
```

3. Ensure that the allowUserPasswordChange attribute is set to Always to enable password expiry notifications. Change the value of the showPasswordExpiryWarning attribute to Custom to apply a specific password expiry notification period to all users. Use the passwordExpiryWarningPeriod attribute to set the password expiry notification period in days. Receiver for Web site users connecting from the local network whose passwords are due to expire within the specified time period are shown a warning when they log on.

Disable file type association

By default, file type association is enabled in stores so that content is seamlessly redirected to users' subscribed applications when they open local files of the appropriate types. To disable file type association, you edit the store configuration file.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the store, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storename\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<farmset ... enableFileTypeAssociation="on" ... >
```

3. Change the value of the enableFileTypeAssociation attribute to off to disable file type association for the store.

Enable socket pooling

Socket pooling is disabled by default in stores. When socket pooling is enabled, StoreFront maintains a pool of sockets, rather than creating a socket each time one is needed and returning it to the operating system when the connection is closed. Enabling socket pooling enhances performance, particularly for Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) connections. To enable socket pooling, you edit the store configuration file.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the store, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storename\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<farmset ... pooledSockets="off" ... >
```

3. Change the value of the pooledSockets attribute to on to enable socket pooling for the store.

Customize the Citrix Receiver logon dialog box

When Citrix Receiver users log on to a store, no title text is displayed on the logon dialog box, by default. You can display the default text “Please log on” or compose your own custom message. To display and customize the title text on the Citrix Receiver logon dialog box, you edit the files for the authentication service.

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1. Use a text editor to open the UsernamePassword.tfrm file for the authentication service, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\Authentication\App_Data\Templates\ directory.

2. Locate the following lines in the file.

```
@* @Heading("ExplicitAuth:AuthenticateHeadingText") *@
```

3. Uncomment the statement by removing the leading and trailing leading `@*` and trailing `*@`, as shown below.

```
@Heading("ExplicitAuth:AuthenticateHeadingText")
```

Citrix Receiver users see the default title text “Please log on”, or the appropriate localized version of this text, when they log on to stores that use this authentication service.

4. To modify the title text, use a text editor to open the ExplicitAuth.resx file for the authentication service, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\Authentication\App_Data\resources\ directory.
5. Locate the following elements in the file. Edit the text enclosed within the `<value>` element to modify the title text that users see on the Citrix Receiver logon dialog box when they access stores that use this authentication service.

```
<data name="AuthenticateHeadingText" xml:space="preserve">  
  <value>My Company Name</value>  
</data>
```

To modify the Citrix Receiver logon dialog box title text for users in other locales, edit the localized files ExplicitAuth.*languagecode*.resx, where *languagecode* is the locale identifier.

Prevent Receiver for Windows from caching passwords

By default, Receiver for Windows stores users' passwords when they log on to StoreFront stores. To prevent Receiver for Windows, but not Receiver for Windows Enterprise, from caching users' passwords, you edit the files for the authentication service.

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1. Use a text editor to open the `inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\Authentication\App_Data\Templates\UsernamePassword.tfrm` file.

2. Locate the following line in the file.

```
@SaveCredential(id: @GetTextValue("saveCredentialsId"), labelKey: "ExplicitFormsCommon:SaveCredent
```

3. Comment the statement as shown below.

```
<!-- @SaveCredential(id: @GetTextValue("saveCredentialsId"), labelKey: "ExplicitFormsCommon:SaveCred
```

Receiver for Windows users must enter their passwords every time they log on to stores that use this authentication service. This setting does not apply to Receiver for Windows Enterprise.

Configure server bypass behavior

To improve performance when some of the servers providing resources become unavailable, StoreFront temporarily bypasses servers that fail to respond. While a server is being bypassed, StoreFront ignores that server and does not use it to access resources. Use these parameters to specify the duration of the bypass behavior:

- `bypassDuration` specifies the time in minutes that StoreFront bypasses an individual server after a failed attempt to contact that server. The default is 60 minutes.
- `allFailedBypassDuration` specifies a reduced duration in minutes that StoreFront uses instead of `bypassDuration` if all servers for a particular Delivery Controller are being bypassed. The default is 0 minutes.

Considerations when specifying `allFailedBypassDuration`

Setting a larger `allFailedBypassDuration` reduces the impact of unavailability of a particular Delivery Controller; however, it has the negative effect that resources from this Delivery Controller are unavailable to users for the specified duration after a temporary network outage or server unavailability. Consider the use of larger `allFailedBypassDuration` values when many Delivery Controllers have been configured for a Store, particularly for nonbusiness-critical Delivery Controllers.

Setting a smaller `allFailedBypassDuration` increases the availability of resources served by that Delivery Controller but increases the possibility of client-side timeouts if many Delivery Controllers are configured for a store and several of them become unavailable. It is worth keeping the default 0-minute value when not many farms are configured and for business-critical Delivery Controllers.

To change the bypass parameters for a Store

Important: In multiple-server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Use a text editor to open the `web.config` file for the store, which is typically located in the `C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storename\` directory, where `storename` is the name specified for the store when it was created.
2. Locate the following element in the file for the Delivery Controller you want to configure:

```
<farm name="deliverycontrollername" ... allFailedBypassDuration="0" ... >
```

3. Change the value of the `allFailedBypassDuration` attribute to the maximum number of minutes that StoreFront should allow all servers from the specified Delivery Controller to be bypassed.

4. If desired, add (or update if the attribute is already present) the `bypassDuration` attribute to specify the number of minutes an individual server should be bypassed when StoreFront fails to contact that server.

Configure Receiver for Web sites using the configuration files

This section describes additional configuration tasks for Receiver for Web sites that cannot be carried out using the Citrix StoreFront management console.

- [Configure how resources are displayed for users](#)
- [Make Citrix Receiver installation files available on the server](#)
- [Disable detection and deployment of Citrix Receiver](#)
- [Configure workspace control](#)
- [Stop offering provisioning files to users](#)
- [Configure Receiver for HTML5 use of browser tabs](#)
- [Configure store time-out duration and retry attempts](#)
- [Configure session duration](#)

Configure how resources are displayed for users

When both desktops and applications are available from a Receiver for Web site, separate desktop and application views are displayed by default. Users see the desktop view first when they log on to the site. If only a single desktop is available for a user, regardless of whether applications are also available from a site, that desktop starts automatically when the user logs on. To change these settings, you edit the site configuration file.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the Receiver for Web site, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storenameWeb\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<uiViews showDesktopsView="true" showAppsView="true" defaultView="desktops" />
```

3. Change the value of the showDesktopsView and showAppsView attributes to false to prevent desktops and applications, respectively, being displayed to users, even if they are available from the site. When both the desktop and application views are enabled, set the value of the defaultView attribute to apps to display the application view first when users log on to the site.

4. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<userInterface ... autoLaunchDesktop="true">
```

5. Change the value of the autoLaunchDesktop attribute to false to prevent Receiver for Web sites from automatically starting a desktop when a user logs on to the site and only a single desktop is available for that user.

When the autoLaunchDesktop attribute is set to true and a user for whom only one desktop is available logs on, that user's applications are not reconnected, regardless of the workspace control configuration.

Note: To enable Receiver for Web sites to start their desktops automatically, users accessing the site through Internet Explorer must add the site to the Local intranet or Trusted sites zones.

Disable the My Apps Folder View

By default, Receiver for Web displays the My Apps Folder View for unauthenticated (access for unauthenticated users) and mandatory (all published applications are available in the Home screen without users subscribing to them) stores. This view displays applications in a folder hierarchy and includes a breadcrumb path.

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1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the Receiver for Web site, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storenameWeb\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<userInterface enableAppsFolderView="true">
```

3. Change the value of the enableAppsFolderView attribute to false to disable Receiver for Web My Apps Folder View.

Make Citrix Receiver installation files available on the server

By default, when a user accesses a Receiver for Web site from a computer running Windows or Mac OS X, the site attempts to determine whether Citrix Receiver is installed on the user's device. If Citrix Receiver cannot be detected, the user is prompted to download and install the appropriate Citrix Receiver for their platform from the Citrix website.

If you copy Receiver for Windows and Receiver for Mac installation files to the StoreFront server, you can configure the site to provide users with these local files rather than redirecting them to the Citrix website. When Citrix Receiver installation files are available on the StoreFront server, you can also configure the site to offer users with older clients the option to upgrade to the version on the server. To configure deployment of Receiver for Windows and Receiver for Mac, you run Windows PowerShell scripts and edit the site configuration file.

Note: These changes cannot be reverted. Make a copy of the default setting to refer to. The StoreFront and PowerShell consoles cannot be open at the same time. Always close the StoreFront admin console before using the PowerShell console to administer your StoreFront configuration. Likewise, close all instances of PowerShell before opening the StoreFront console.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Copy the Receiver for Windows and Receiver for Mac installation files to \Receiver Clients\Windows\ and \Receiver Clients\Mac\ directories, respectively, in the StoreFront installation, which is typically located at C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\.

You also have the option to copy Citrix Receiver installation files to the server when installing StoreFront at a command prompt. For more information, see [To install StoreFront at a command prompt](#).

2. Using an account with local administrator permissions, start Windows PowerShell and, at a command prompt, type the following commands to update StoreFront with the Citrix Receiver installation file names.

```
& "installationlocation\Scripts\UpdateWindowsReceiverLocation.ps1"  
-ClientLocation "Windows\filename.exe"
```

```
& "installationlocation\Scripts\UpdateMacOSReceiverLocation.ps1"  
-ClientLocation "Mac\filename.dmg"
```

Where *installationlocation* is the directory in which StoreFront is installed, typically C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\, and *filename* is the name of the Citrix Receiver installation file.

3. On the StoreFront server, use a text editor to open the web.config file for the Receiver for Web site, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storenameWeb\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

4. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<pluginAssistant ... upgradeAtLogin="false">
```

5. Set the value of the upgradeAtLogin attribute to true to offer users with older clients the option to upgrade to the versions available on the server.

Disable detection and deployment of Citrix Receiver

By default, when a user accesses a Receiver for Web site from a computer running Windows or Mac OS X, the site attempts to determine whether Citrix Receiver is installed on the user's device. If Citrix Receiver cannot be detected, the user is prompted to download and install the appropriate Citrix Receiver for their platform from the Citrix website. To disable detection and deployment of Receiver for Windows and Receiver for Mac for the Receiver for Web site, you edit the site configuration file.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the Receiver for Web site, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storenameWeb\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<pluginAssistant enabled="true" ... >
```

3. Change the value of the enabled attribute to false to disable detection and deployment of Citrix Receiver for the site.

Configure workspace control

Workspace control lets applications follow users as they move between devices. This enables, for example, clinicians in hospitals to move from workstation to workstation without having to restart their applications on each device. Workspace control is enabled by default for Receiver for Web sites. To disable or configure workspace control, you edit the site configuration file.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the Receiver for Web site, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storenameWeb\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.
2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<workspaceControl enabled="true" autoReconnectAtLogon="true"  
  logoffAction="disconnect" showReconnectButton="false"  
  showDisconnectButton="false" />
```

3. Change the value of the enabled attribute to false to disable workspace control for the site. Set the value of the autoReconnectAtLogon attribute to false to prevent automatic reconnection of users to any applications that they left running. To automatically shut down users' applications when they log off from the site, set the value of the logoffAction attribute to terminate. Set logoffAction to none to leave users' applications running and active when they log off from the site.

By default, autoReconnectAtLogon is set to true and logoffAction is set to disconnect. This configuration enables a user to log on to a site, start their applications, then log on to the same site using a different device and have those resources automatically transferred to the new device. All the applications that the user starts from a particular site are left running but are automatically disconnected when the user logs off from that site, provided that the same browser instance is used to log on, start the resources, and log off. If there is only one desktop available for a user on a Receiver for Web site that is configured to start single desktops automatically when the user logs on, that user's applications are not reconnected, even if the autoReconnectAtLogon attribute is set to true.

Disable automatic reconnection of applications at logon to enable users to choose whether they want their applications to follow them from device to device. If you disable automatic reconnection of applications at logon, ensure that the Connect link is enabled so that users can manually reconnect to applications that they left running.

4. Change the value of the showReconnectButton attribute to true to display on the site the Connect link, which enables users to manually reconnect to applications that they left running. Set the value of the showDisconnectButton attribute to true to display the Disconnect link, which enables users to manually disconnect from applications without

shutting them down.

By default, the Connect and Disconnect links do not appear on sites. Enable the links and disable automatic reconnection of applications at logon to enable users to choose whether they want their applications to follow them from device to device.

Stop offering provisioning files to users

By default, Receiver for Web sites offer provisioning files that enable users to configure Citrix Receiver automatically for the associated store. The provisioning files contain connection details for the store that provides the resources on the site, including details of any NetScaler Gateway deployments and beacons configured for the store. To stop offering Citrix Receiver provisioning files to users, you edit the site configuration file.

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1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the Receiver for Web site, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storenameWeb\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<receiverConfiguration enabled="true" ... />
```

3. Change the value of the enabled attribute to false to remove from the site the option for users to download a provisioning file.

Configure Receiver for HTML5 use of browser tabs

By default, Receiver for HTML5 starts desktops and applications in a new browser tab. However, when users start resources from shortcuts using Receiver for HTML5, the desktop or application replaces the Receiver for Web site in the existing browser tab rather than appearing in a new tab. To configure Receiver for HTML5 so that resources are always started in the same tab as the Receiver for Web site, you edit the site configuration file.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the Receiver for Web site, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storenameWeb\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.
2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<html5 ... singleTabLaunch="false" />
```
3. Change the value of the singleTabLaunch attribute to true to start desktops and applications with Receiver for HTML5 in the same browser tab as the Receiver for Web site instead of opening a new tab.

Configure store time-out duration and retry attempts

By default, requests from a Receiver for Web site to the associated store time out after one minute. The store is considered unavailable after two unsuccessful communication attempts. To change these settings, you edit the site configuration file.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the Receiver for Web site, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storenameWeb\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<communication attempts="2" timeout="00:01:00">
```

3. Change the value of the attempts attribute to set the number of unsuccessful communication attempts before the store is considered to be unavailable. Use the timeout attribute to set the time limit in hours, minutes, and seconds for a response from the store.

Configure session duration

Once authenticated, users can, by default, access XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box resources for up to eight hours without needing to log on again. By default, user sessions on Receiver for Web sites time out after 20 minutes of inactivity. When a session times out, users can continue to use any desktops or applications that are already running, but must log on again to access Receiver for Web site functions such as subscribing to applications. To change these settings, you edit the site configuration file.

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1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the Receiver for Web site, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storenameWeb\ directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<authentication tokenLifeTime="08:00:00" ... />
```

3. Change the value of the tokenLifeTime attribute to set the time in hours, minutes, and seconds for which users, once authenticated to XenDesktop, XenApp, or VDI-in-a-Box can continue to use resources provided by that deployment.

4. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<sessionState timeout="20" />
```

5. Use the timeout attribute to set the time in minutes for which a Receiver for Web site session can remain idle before the user is required to log on again to access the site.

Configure Desktop Appliance sites

The tasks below describe how to create, remove, and modify Desktop Appliance sites. To create or remove sites, you execute Windows PowerShell commands. Changes to Desktop Appliance site settings are made by editing the site configuration files.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

Note: The StoreFront and PowerShell consoles cannot be open at the same time. Always close the StoreFront admin console before using the PowerShell console to administer your StoreFront configuration. Likewise, close all instances of PowerShell before opening the StoreFront console.

To create or remove Desktop Appliance sites

Only a single store can be accessed through each Desktop Appliance site. You can create a store containing all the resources you want to make available to users with non-domain-joined desktop appliances. Alternatively, create separate stores, each with a Desktop Appliance site, and configure your users' desktop appliances to connect to the appropriate site.

1. Use an account with local administrator permissions to start Windows PowerShell and, at a command prompt, type the following command to import the StoreFront modules.

```
& "installationlocation\Scripts\ImportModules.ps1"
```

Where *installationlocation* is the directory in which StoreFront is installed, typically C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\.

2. To create a new Desktop Appliance site, type the following command.

```
Install-DSDesktopAppliance -FriendlyName sitename -SiteId iisid  
-VirtualPath sitopath -UseHttps {$False | $True}  
-StoreUrl storeaddress [-EnableMultiDesktop {$False | $True}]  
[-EnableExplicit {$True | $False}] [-EnableSmartCard {$False | $True}]  
[-EnableEmbeddedSmartCardSSO {$False | $True}]
```

Where *sitename* is a name that helps you to identify your Desktop Appliance site. For *iisid*, specify the numerical ID of the Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) site hosting StoreFront, which can be obtained from the Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager console. Replace *sitopath* with the relative path at which the site should be created in IIS, for example, /Citrix/DesktopAppliance. Note that Desktop Appliance site URLs are case sensitive.

Indicate whether StoreFront is configured for HTTPS by setting `-UseHttps` to the appropriate value.

To specify the absolute URL of the store service used by the Desktop Appliance Connector site, use `StoreUrl` *storeaddress*. This value is displayed for the Store summary in the administration console.

By default, when a user logs on to a Desktop Appliance site, the first desktop available to the user starts automatically. To configure your new Desktop Appliance site to enable users to choose between multiple desktops, if available, set `-EnableMultiDesktop` to `$True`.

Explicit authentication is enabled by default for new sites. You can disable explicit authentication by setting the `-EnableExplicit` argument to `$False`. Enable smart card authentication by setting `-EnableSmartCard` to `$True`. To enable pass-through with smart card authentication, you must set both `-EnableSmartCard` and `-EnableEmbeddedSmartCardSSO` to `$True`. If you enable explicit and either smart card or pass-through with smart card authentication, users are initially prompted to log on with a smart card, but can fall back to explicit authentication if they experience any issues with their smart cards.

The optional arguments configure settings that can also be modified after the Desktop Appliance site has been created by editing the site configuration file.

Example:

Create a Desktop Appliance Connector site at virtual path `/Citrix/DesktopAppliance1` in the default IIS web site.

```
Install-DSDesktopAppliance `
-FriendlyName DesktopAppliance1 `
-SiteId 1 `
-VirtualPath /Citrix/DesktopAppliance1 `
-UseHttps $false `
-StoreUrl https://serverName/Citrix/Store `
-EnableMultiDesktop $true `
-EnableExplicit $true `
-EnableSmartCard $true `
-EnableEmbeddedSmartCardSSO $false
```

3. To remove an existing Desktop Appliance site, type the following command.

```
Remove-DSDesktopAppliance -SiteId iisid -VirtualPath sitepath
```

Where *iisid* is the numerical ID of the IIS site hosting StoreFront and *sitepath* is the relative path of the Desktop Appliance site in IIS, for example, `/Citrix/DesktopAppliance`.

4. To list the Desktop Appliance sites currently available from your StoreFront deployment, type the following command.

Get-DSDesktopAppliancesSummary

To configure user authentication

Desktop Appliance sites support explicit, smart card, and pass-through with smart card authentication. Explicit authentication is enabled by default. If you enable explicit and either smart card or pass-through with smart card authentication, the default behavior initially prompts users to log on with a smart card. Users who experience issues with their smart cards are given the option of entering explicit credentials. If you configure IIS to require client certificates for HTTPS connections to all StoreFront URLs, users cannot fall back to explicit authentication if they cannot use their smart cards. To configure the authentication methods for a Desktop Appliance site, you edit the site configuration file.

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the Desktop Appliance site, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storenameDesktopAppliance directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<explicitForms enabled="true" />
```

3. Change the value of the enabled attribute to false to disable explicit authentication for the site.

4. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<certificate enabled="false" useEmbeddedSmartcardSso="false"  
  embeddedSmartcardSsoPinTimeout="00:00:20" />
```

5. Set the value of the enabled attribute to true to enable smart card authentication. To enable pass-through with smart card authentication, you must also set the value of the useEmbeddedSmartcardSso attribute to true. Use the embeddedSmartcardSsoPinTimeout attribute to set the time in hours, minutes, and seconds for which the PIN entry screen is displayed before it times out. When the PIN entry screen times out, users are returned to the logon screen and must remove and reinsert their smart cards to access the PIN entry screen again. The time-out period is set to 20 seconds by default.

To enable users to choose between multiple desktops

By default, when a user logs on to a Desktop Appliance site, the first desktop (in alphabetical order) available to the user in the store for which the site is configured starts automatically. If you provide users with access to multiple desktops in a store, you can configure the Desktop Appliance site to display the available desktops so users can choose which one to access. To change these settings, you edit the site configuration file.

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the Desktop Appliance site, which is typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storenameDesktopAppliance directory, where *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<resources showMultiDesktop="false" />
```

3. Change the value of the showMultiDesktop attribute to true to enable users to see and select from all the desktops available to them in the store when they log on to the Desktop Appliance site.

Configure authentication for XenApp Services URLs

XenApp Services URLs enable users of domain-joined desktop appliances and repurposed PCs running the Citrix Desktop Lock, along with users who have older Citrix clients that cannot be upgraded, to access stores. When you create a new store, the XenApp Services URL is enabled by default. The XenApp Services URL for a store has the form `http[s]://serveraddress/Citrix/storename/PNAgent/config.xml`, where *serveraddress* is the fully qualified domain name of the server or load balancing environment for your StoreFront deployment and *storename* is the name specified for the store when it was created.

XenApp Services URLs support explicit, domain pass-through, and pass-through with smart card authentication. Explicit authentication is enabled by default. You can change the authentication method, but only one authentication method can be configured for each XenApp Services URL. To enable multiple authentication methods, create separate stores, each with a XenApp Services URL, for each authentication method. To change the authentication method for a XenApp Services URL, you run a Windows PowerShell script.

Note: The StoreFront and PowerShell consoles cannot be open at the same time. Always close the StoreFront admin console before using the PowerShell console to administer your StoreFront configuration. Likewise, close all instances of PowerShell before opening the StoreFront console.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

Use an account with local administrator permissions to start Windows PowerShell and, at a command prompt, enter one of the following commands to configure the user authentication method for users accessing the store through the XenApp Services URL.

```
& "installationlocation\Scripts\EnablePnaForStore.ps1" -SiteId iisid  
-ResourcesVirtualPath storepath -LogonMethod {prompt | sson | smartcard_sson | smartcard_prompt}
```

Where *installationlocation* is the directory in which StoreFront is installed, typically `C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\`. For *iisid*, specify the numerical ID of the Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) site hosting StoreFront, which can be obtained from the Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager console. Replace *storepath* with the relative path to the store in IIS, for example, `/Citrix/Store`. To enable explicit authentication, set the `-LogonMethod` argument to `prompt`. For domain pass-through, use `sson` and for pass-through with smart card authentication, set the argument to `smartcard_sson`.

XenApp Services Support smart card authentication method

Configure authentication for XenApp Services URLs

```
& "installationlocation\Scripts\EnablePnaForStore.ps1" -SiteId iisid  
-ResourcesVirtualPath storepath -LogonMethod smartcard_prompt
```

The *installationlocation* is the directory in which StoreFront is installed, typically
C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\.

Replace *storepath* with the relative path to the store in IIS, for example, /Citrix/Store.

For domain pass-through with smart card authentication, set the argument to
smartcard_prompt.

Create a single Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) to access a store internally and externally

Note: To use this feature with native desktop receivers, the following versions are required.

- Windows Receiver 4.2
- MAC Receiver 11.9

You can provide access to resources from within your corporate network and from the Internet through a NetScaler Gateway and simplify the user experience by creating a single FQDN for both internal and roaming external clients.

Creating a single FQDN is helpful to users who configure any of the native Receivers. They need remember only a single URL whether they are currently connected to an internal or public network.

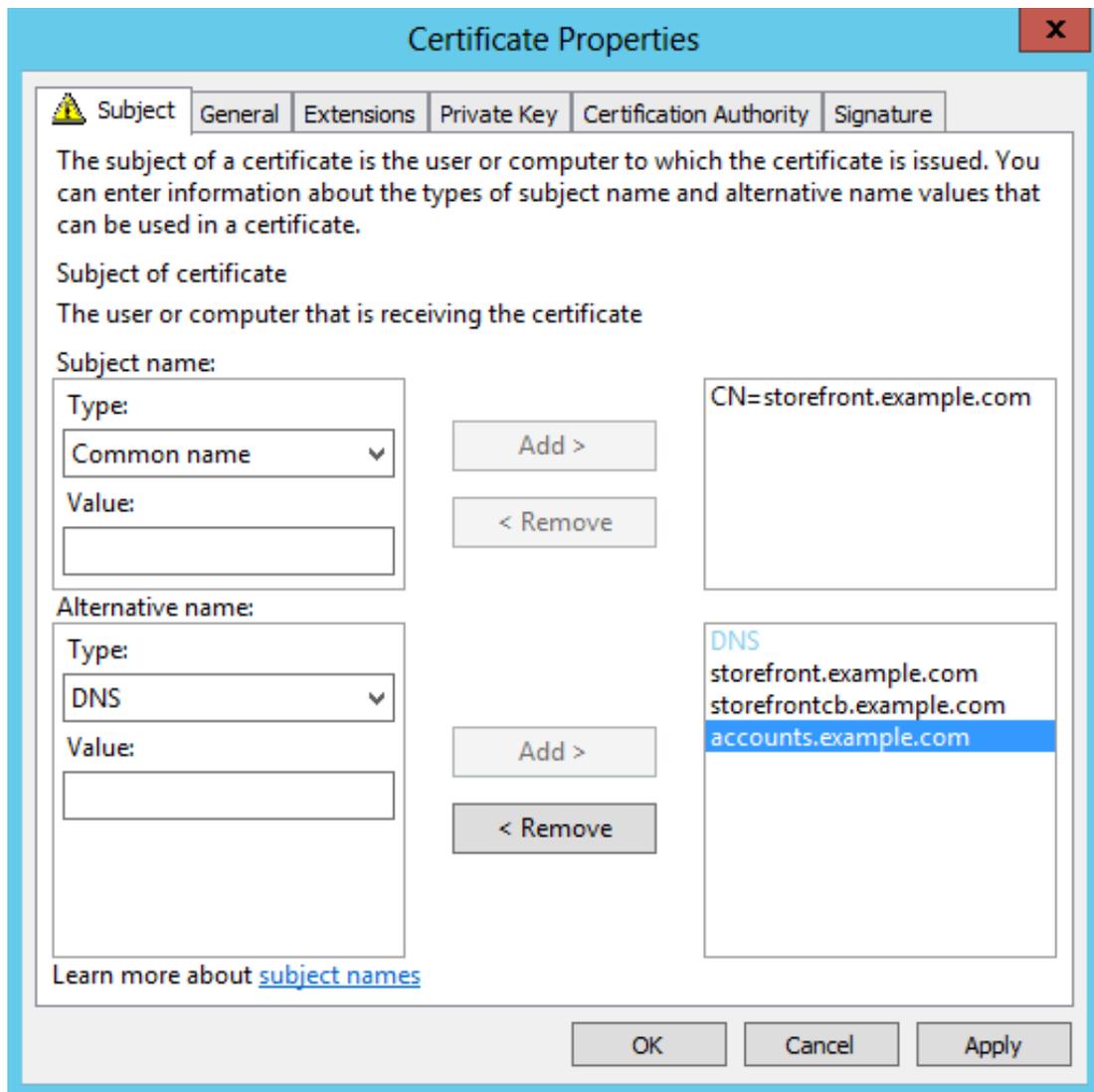
StoreFront beacons for native Receivers

Citrix Receiver attempts to contact beacon points and uses the responses to determine whether users are connected to local or public networks. When a user accesses a desktop or application, the location information is passed to the server providing the resource so that appropriate connection details can be returned to Citrix Receiver. This ensures that users are not prompted to log on again when they access a desktop or application. For information about configuring beacon points, see [Configure beacon points](#).

Configure the NetScaler Gateway vServer and SSL Certificate

The shared FQDN resolves either to an external firewall router interface IP or NetScaler Gateway vServer IP in the DMZ when external clients try to access resources from outside of the corporate network. Ensure the Common Name and Subject Alternative Name fields of the SSL certificate contain the shared FQDN to be used to access the store externally. By using a third party root CA such as Verisign instead of an enterprise Certification Authority (CA) to sign the gateway certificate, any external client automatically trusts the certificate bound to the gateway vServer. If you use a third party root CA such as Verisign, no additional root CA certificates need to be imported on to external clients.

To deploy a single certificate with the Common Name of the shared FQDN to both the NetScaler Gateway and the StoreFront server, consider whether you want to support remote discovery. If so, make sure the certificate follows the specification for the Subject Alternative Names.



NetScaler Gateway vServer example certificate: storefront.example.com

1. Ensure that the shared FQDN, the callback URL, and the accounts alias URL are included in the DNS field as Subject Alternative Name (SANs).
2. Ensure that the private key is exportable so the certificate and key can be imported into the NetScaler Gateway.
3. Sign the certificate using a third party CA such as Verisign or an enterprise root CA for your organization.

Two-node server group example SANs:

- storefront.example.com (mandatory)
- storefrontcb.example.com (mandatory)
- accounts.example.com (mandatory)
- storefrontserver1.example.com (optional)

storefrontserver2.example.com (optional)

Sign the Netscaler Gateway vServer SSL certificate using a Certification Authority (CA)

Based on your requirements, you have two options for choosing the type of CA signed certificate.

- Option 1 – Third Party CA signed certificate: If the certificate bound to the Netscaler Gateway vServer is signed by a trusted third party, external clients will likely NOT need any root CA certificates copied to their trusted root CA certificate stores. Windows clients ship with the root CA certificates of the most common signing agencies. Examples of commercial third party CAs that could be used include DigiCert, Thawte, and Verisign. Note that mobile devices such as iPads, iPhones, and Android tablets and phones might still require the root CA to be copied onto the device to trust the NetScaler Gateway vServer.
- Option 2 – Enterprise Root CA signed certificate: If you choose this option, every external client requires the enterprise root CA certificate copied to their trusted root CA stores. If using portable devices with native Receiver installed, such as iPhones and iPads, create a security profile on these devices.

Import the root certificate into portable devices

- iOS devices can import .CER x.509 certificate files using email attachments, because accessing the local storage of iOS devices is usually not possible.
- Android devices require the same .CER x.509 format. The certificate can be imported from the device local storage or email attachments.

External DNS: storefront.example.com

Ensure that the DNS resolution provided by your organization's Internet service provider resolves to the externally facing IP of the firewall router on the outside edge of DMZ or to the NetScaler Gateway vServer VIP.

Split view DNS

- When split-view DNS is correctly configured, the source address of the DNS request should send the client to the correct DNS A record.
- When clients roam between public and corporate networks, their IP should change. Depending on the network to which they are currently connected, they should receive the correct A record when they query storefront.example.com.

Import certificates issued from a Windows CA to NetScaler Gateway

WinSCP is a useful and free third party tool to move files from a Windows machine to a NetScaler Gateway file system. Copy certificates for import to the /nsconfig/ssl/ folder within the NetScaler Gateway file system. You can use the OpenSSL tools on the NetScaler Gateway to extract the certificate and key from a PKCS12/PFX file to create two separate .CER and .KEY X.509 files in PEM format that can be used by the NetScaler Gateway

1. Copy the PFX file into /nsconfig/ssl on the NetScaler Gateway appliance or VPX.
2. Open the NetScaler Gateway command line interface.

3. To switch to the FreeBSD shell, type Shell to exit the NetScaler Gateway command line interface.
4. To change directory, use `cd /nsconfig/ssl`.
5. Run `openssl pkcs12 -in <imported cert file>.pfx -nokeys -out <certfilename>.cer` and enter the PFX password when prompted.
6. Run `openssl pkcs12 -in <imported cert file>.pfx -nocerts -out <keyfilename>.key`
7. Enter the PFX password when prompted and then set a private key PEM passphrase to protect the .KEY file.
8. To ensure that the .CER and .KEY files were successfully created inside /nsconfig/ssl/, run `ls -al`.
9. To return to the NetScaler Gateway command line interface, type Exit.

Native Windows/Mac Receiver Gateway session policy

```
REQ.HTTP.HEADER User-Agent CONTAINS CitrixReceiver && REQ.HTTP.HEADER  
X-Citrix-Gateway EXISTS
```

Receiver for Web Gateway session policy

```
REQ.HTTP.HEADER User-Agent NOTCONTAINS CitrixReceiver && REQ.HTTP.HEADER Referer  
EXISTS
```

cVPN and Smart Access Settings

Enable smart access mode on the NetScaler Gateway vServer properties page. Universal Licenses are required for every concurrent user who accesses remote resources.

Receiver profile

Create a single FQDN to access a store internally and externally

Configure NetScaler Gateway Session Profile x

Name*

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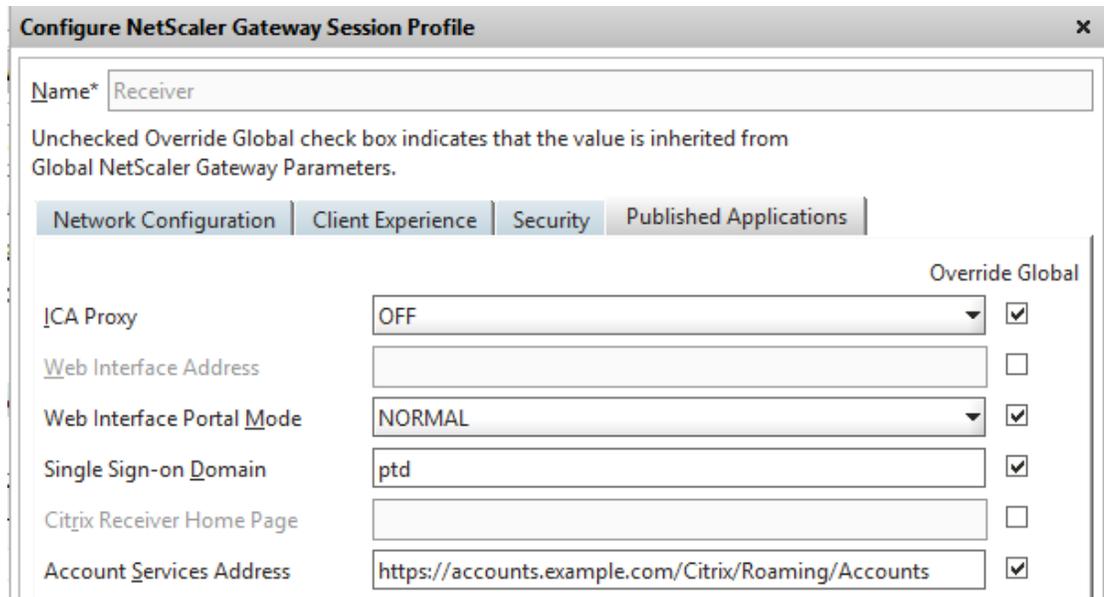
Network Configuration | Client Experience | Security | Published Applications

		Override Global
Home Page	<input type="text" value="none"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Display Home Page <input type="checkbox"/>
URL for Web-Based Email	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Split Tunnel	<input type="text" value="OFF"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Session Time-out (mins)	<input type="text" value="60"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Client Idle Time-out (mins)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clientless Access	<input type="text" value="On"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clientless Access URL Encoding	<input type="text" value="Clear"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clientless Access Persistent Co...	<input type="text" value="ALLOW"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plug-in Type	<input type="text" value="Windows/Mac OS X"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Sign-on to Web Applications		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Credential Index	<input type="text" value="PRIMARY"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KCD Account	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Sign-on with Windows		<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Client Cleanup Prompt		<input type="checkbox"/>

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Configure the session profile accounts service URL to be `https://accounts.example.com/Citrix/Roaming/Accounts` NOT `https://storefront.example.com/Citrix/Roaming/Accounts`.

Create a single FQDN to access a store internally and externally



Configure NetScaler Gateway Session Profile x

Name* Receiver

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Network Configuration | Client Experience | Security | **Published Applications**

Override Global

ICA Proxy	OFF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Web Interface Address		<input type="checkbox"/>
Web Interface Portal Mode	NORMAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Single Sign-on Domain	ptd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Citrix Receiver Home Page		<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Services Address	https://accounts.example.com/Citrix/Roaming/Accounts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Also add this URL as an additional `<allowedAudiences>` in the authentication and roaming web.config files on the StoreFront server. For more information, see the "Configure the StoreFront server host base URL, gateway, and SSL certificate" section below.

Receiver for Web profile

Create a single FQDN to access a store internally and externally

Configure NetScaler Gateway Session Profile x

Name*

Unchecked Override Global check box indicates that the value is inherited from Global NetScaler Gateway Parameters.

	Override Global
Home Page <input type="text" value="none"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Display Home Page	<input type="checkbox"/>
URL for Web-Based Email <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Split Tunnel <input type="text" value="OFF"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Session Time-out (mins) <input type="text" value="60"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Client Idle Time-out (mins) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clientless Access <input type="text" value="On"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clientless Access URL Encoding <input type="text" value="Clear"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clientless Access Persistent Co... <input type="text" value="ALLOW"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plug-in Type <input type="text" value="Windows/Mac OS X"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Sign-on to Web Applications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Credential Index <input type="text" value="PRIMARY"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KCD Account <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Sign-on with Windows	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Client Cleanup Prompt	<input type="checkbox"/>

[Advanced](#)

Configure NetScaler Gateway Session Profile x

Name*

Unchecked Override Global check box indicates that the value is inherited from Global NetScaler Gateway Parameters.

	Override Global
ICA Proxy <input type="text" value="OFF"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Web Interface Address <input type="text" value="https://storefront.example.com/Citrix/StoreWeb"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Web Interface Portal Mode <input type="text" value="NORMAL"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Single Sign-on Domain <input type="text" value="example"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Citrix Receiver Home Page <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Services Address <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ICA Proxy & Basic Mode settings

Enable basic mode on the NetScaler Gateway vServer properties page. Only a Netscaler platform license is required.

Receiver profile

Configure NetScaler Gateway Session Profile ✕

Name*

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Network Configuration | Client Experience | Security | Published Applications

		Override Global
Home Page	<input type="text" value="none"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Display Home Page
URL for Web-Based Email	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Split Tunnel	OFF	<input type="checkbox"/>
Session Time-out (mins)	60	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Client Idle Time-out (mins)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clientless Access	Off	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clientless Access URL Encoding	Clear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clientless Access Persistent Co...	DENY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plug-in Type	Java	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Configure NetScaler Gateway Session Profile ✕

Name*

Unchecked Override Global check box indicates that the value is inherited from Global NetScaler Gateway Parameters.

Network Configuration | Client Experience | Security | Published Applications

		Override Global
ICA Proxy	ON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Web Interface Address	https://storefront.example.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Web Interface Portal Mode	NORMAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Single Sign-on Domain	ptd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Citrix Receiver Home Page	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Services Address	https://storefront.example.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Receiver for Web profile

Configure NetScaler Gateway Session Profile x

Name*

Unchecked Override Global check box indicates that the value is inherited from Global NetScaler Gateway Parameters.

Override Global

Home Page	<input type="text" value="https://storefront.ptd.com/Citrix/StoreWeb"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Display Home Page	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
URL for Web-Based Email	<input type="text"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Split Tunnel	<input type="text" value="OFF"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Session Time-out (mins)	<input type="text" value="60"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Client Idle Time-out (mins)	<input type="text"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clientless Access	<input type="text" value="Off"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clientless Access URL Encoding	<input type="text" value="Clear"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clientless Access Persistent Co...	<input type="text" value="DENY"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plug-in Type	<input type="text" value="Windows/Mac OS X"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Sign-on to Web Applications			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Configure NetScaler Gateway Session Profile x

Name*

Unchecked Override Global check box indicates that the value is inherited from Global NetScaler Gateway Parameters.

Override Global

ICA Proxy	<input type="text" value="ON"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Web Interface Address	<input type="text" value="https://storefront.example.com/Citrix/StoreWeb"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Web Interface Portal Mode	<input type="text" value="NORMAL"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Single Sign-on Domain	<input type="text" value="ptd"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Citrix Receiver Home Page	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Account Services Address	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Configure the StoreFront server host base URL, gateway, and SSL certificate

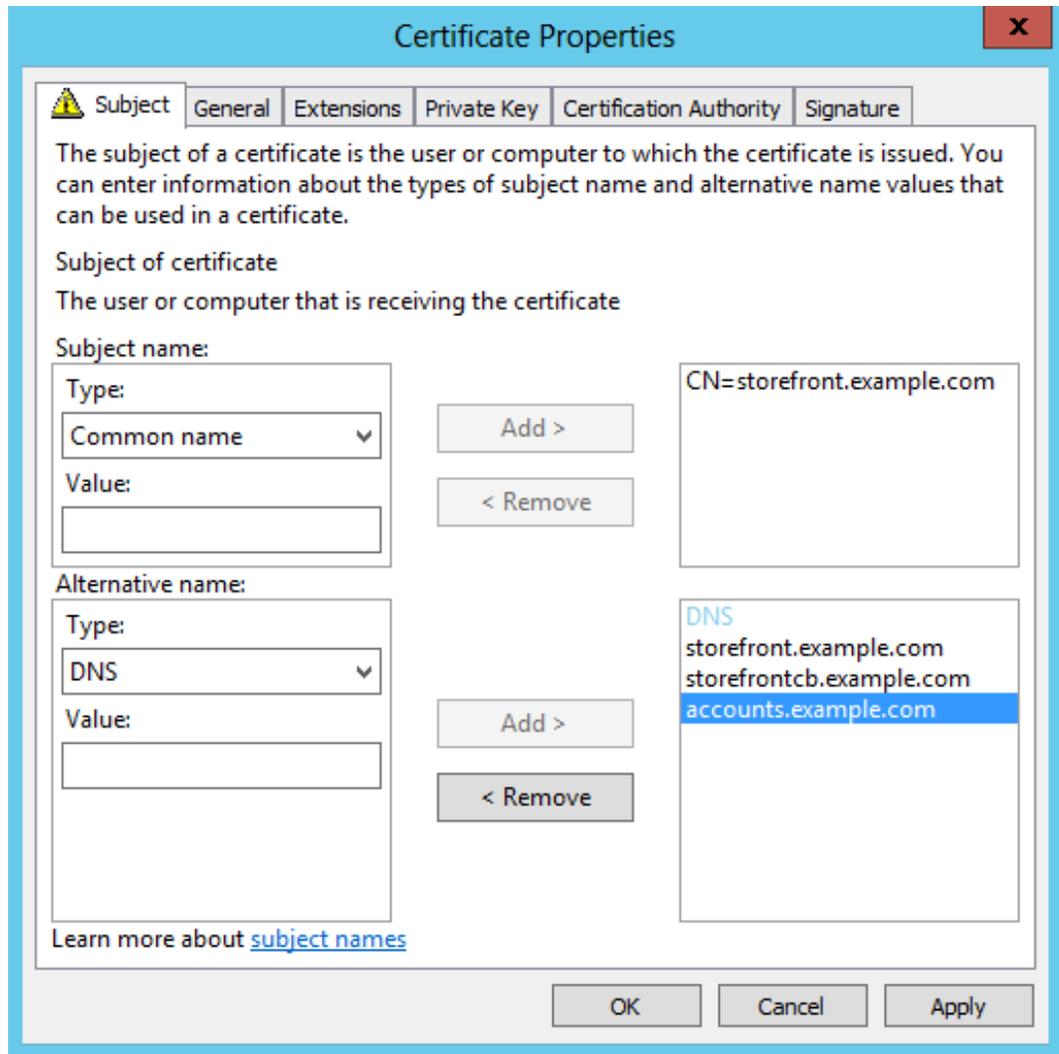
The same shared FQDN that resolves to the NetScaler Gateway vServer should also resolve directly to the StoreFront load balancer, if a StoreFront cluster was created or a single StoreFront IP that hosts the store.

Internal DNS: Create three DNS A records.

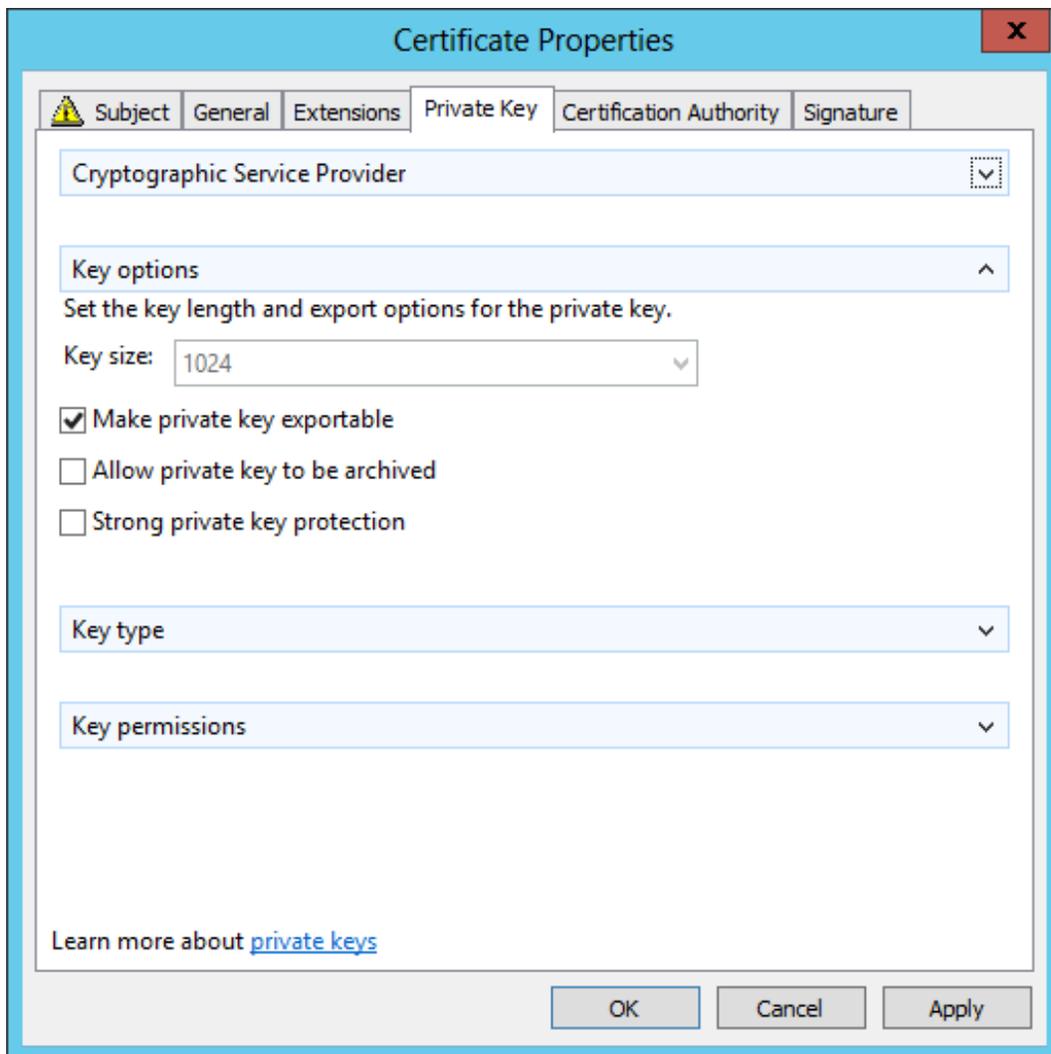
- storefront.example.com should resolve to the storefront load balancer or single StoreFront server IP.
- storefrontcb.example.com should resolve to the gateway vServer VIP so if a firewall exists between the DMZ and the enterprise local network, allow for this.
- accounts.example.com – create as a DNS alias for storefront.example.com. It also resolves to the load balancer IP for the StoreFront cluster or a single StoreFront server IP.

StoreFront server example certificate: storefront.example.com

1. Create a suitable certificate for the StoreFront server or server group before installing StoreFront.
2. Add the shared FQDN to the Common name and DNS fields. Ensure this matches the FQDN used in the SSL certificate bound to the NetScaler Gateway vServer that you created earlier or use the same certificate bound to the NetScaler Gateway vServer.
3. Add the accounts alias (accounts.example.com) as another SAN to the certificate. Note that the accounts alias used in the SAN is the one used in the Netscaler Gateway Session Profile in the earlier procedure - **Native Receiver Gateway session policy and profile**.

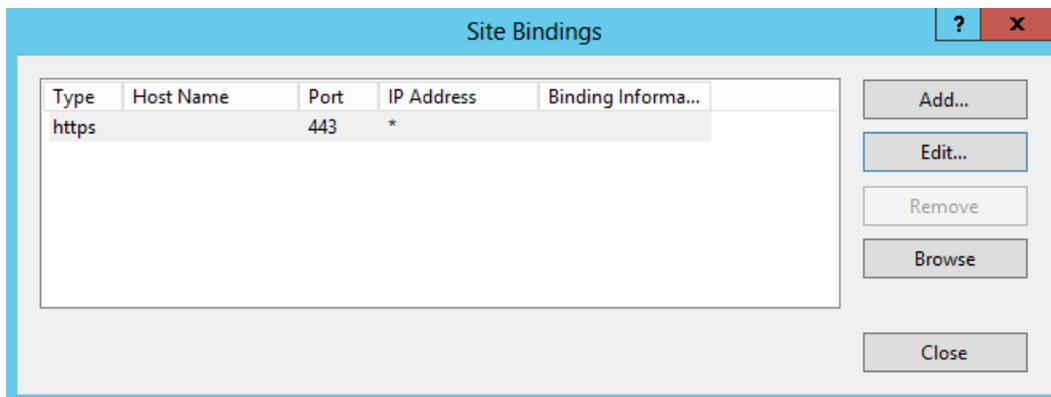


4. Ensure that the private key is exportable so the certificate can be transferred to another server or to multiple StoreFront server group nodes.



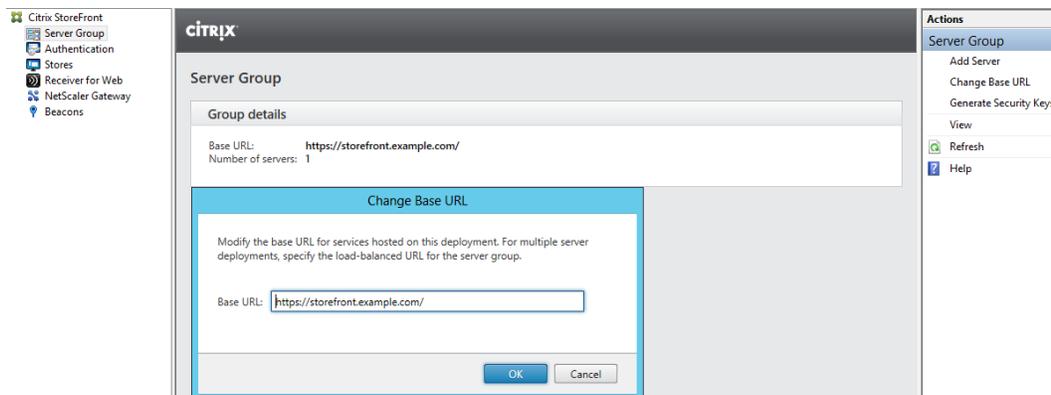
5. Sign the certificate using a third party CA such as VeriSign, your enterprise root CA, or intermediate CA.
6. Export the certificate in PFX format including the private key.
7. Import the certificate and private key into the StoreFront server. If deploying a Windows NLB StoreFront cluster, import the certificate into every node. If using an alternative load balancer such as a Netscaler LB vServer, import the certificate there instead.
8. Create an HTTPS binding in IIS on the StoreFront server and bind the imported SSL certificate to it.

Create a single FQDN to access a store internally and externally



9. Configure the host base URL on the StoreFront server to match the already chosen shared FQDN.

Note: StoreFront always auto selects the last Subject Alternative Name in the list of SANs within the certificate. This is merely a suggested host base URL to assist StoreFront administrators and is usually correct. You can manually set it to any valid `HTTPS://<FQDN>` provided it exists within the certificate as a SAN. Example: `https://storefront.example.com`



Configure the Gateway on the StoreFront server: storefront.example.com

1. Type the shared FQDN into the gateway configuration text box under Netscaler Gateway URL.
2. Type the callback FQDN into the gateway configuration dialogue under Callback URL.

The display name is visible to users in Citrix Receiver preferences.

Display name:

NetScaler Gateway URL:

Version:

Subnet IP address:
(optional)

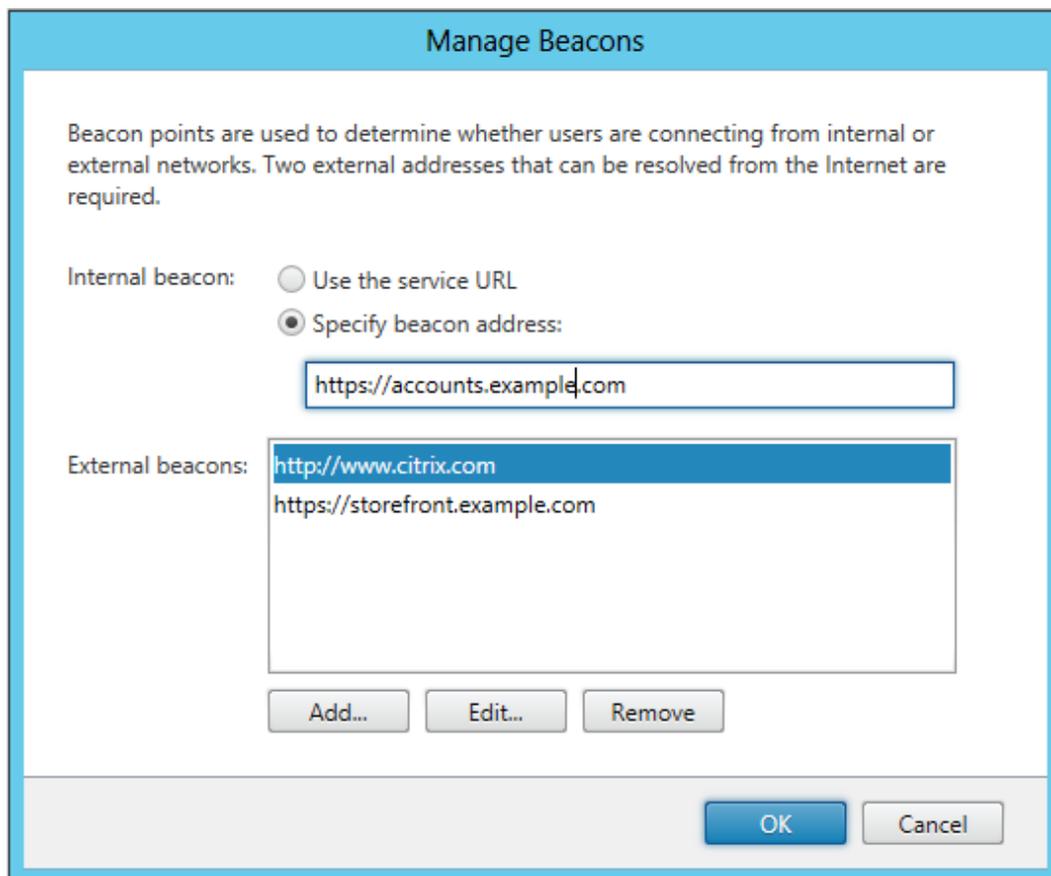
Logon type:

Smart card fallback:

Callback URL:
(optional)

OK Cancel

3. Type a list of Secure Ticket Authority (STA) servers that matches the list of delivery controllers already configured within the store node.
4. Enable remote access for the store.
5. Manually set the internal beacon to the accounts alias (accounts.example.com) and it must not be resolvable from outside the gateway. This FQDN must be distinct from the external beacon that is shared by the StoreFront hostbase URL and NetScaler Gateway vServer (storefront.example.com). DO NOT use the shared FQDN, as this creates a situation where both the internal and external beacons are identical.



6. Note that if you want to support discovery using FQDNs, follow these steps. If the provisioning file configuration is enough or if you are using only Receiver for Web, you can skip the following steps.

Add an additional `<allowedAudiences>` entry in `C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\Authentication\web.config`. There are two `<allowedAudiences>` entries in the authentication `web.config` file. Only the first entry in the file for the Authentication Token Producer requires you to add an additional `<allowedAudience>`.

7. Perform a search for the `<allowedAudiences>` string. Locate the following entry below and add the line shown in bold, save, and close the `web.config` file.

```
<service id="abd6f54b-7d1c-4a1b-a8d7-14804e6c8c64" displayName="Authentication Token Producer">
.....
.....
  <allowedAudiences>
    <add name="https-storefront.example.com" audience="https://storefront.example.com/" />
    <add name="https-accounts.example.com" audience="https://accounts.example.com/" />
  </allowedAudiences>
```

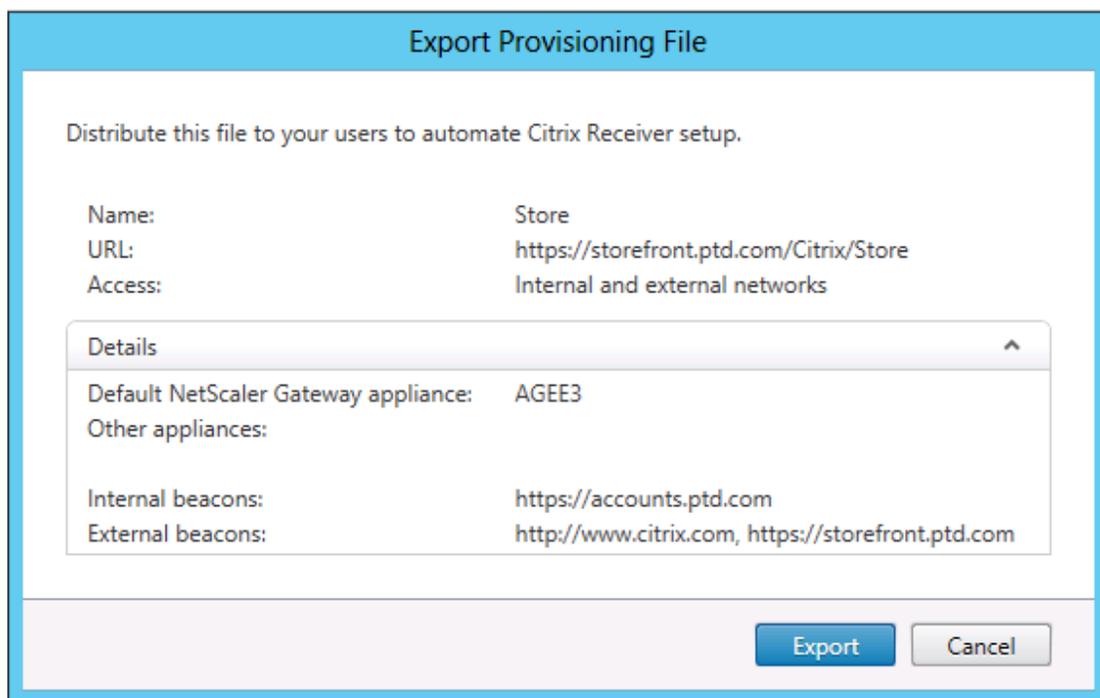
8. In `C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\Roaming\web.config`. Locate the following entry below and add the line shown in bold, save, and close the `web.config` file.

```
<tokenManager>
  <services>
    <clear />
```

Create a single FQDN to access a store internally and externally

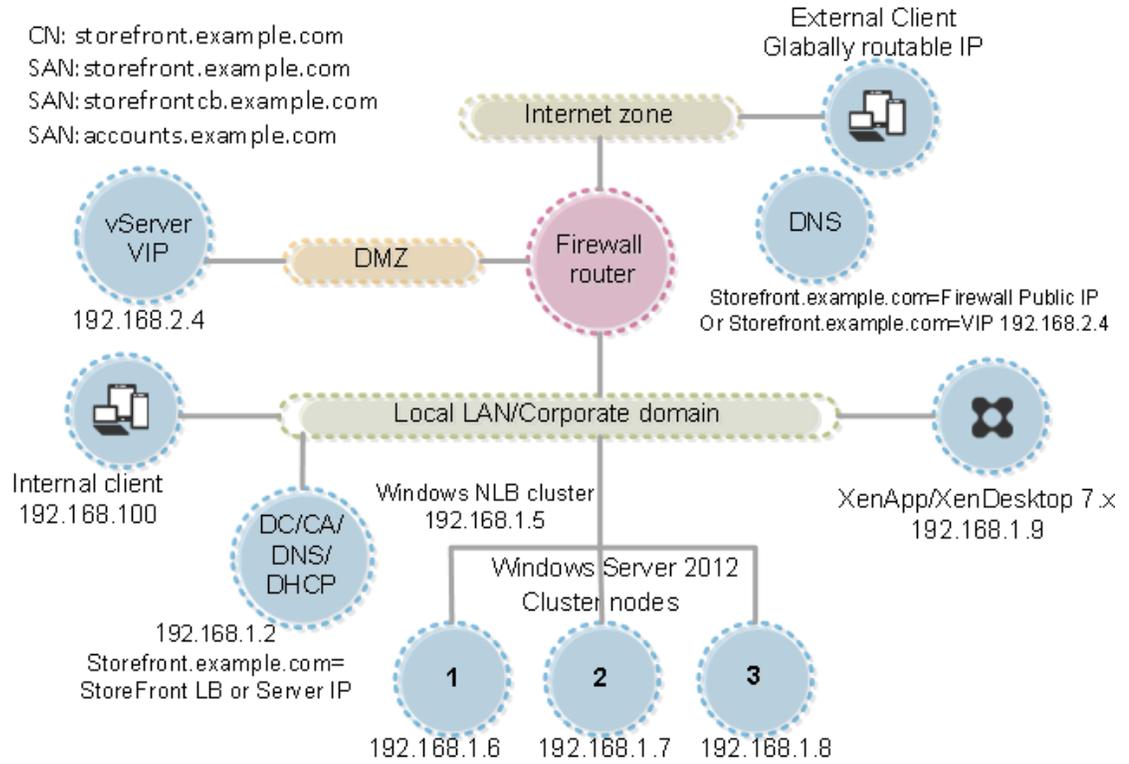
```
.....  
.....  
</trustedIssuers>  
<allowedAudiences>  
  <add name="https-storefront.example.com" audience="https://storefront.example.com/" />  
  <add name="https-accounts.example.com" audience="https://accounts.example.com/" />  
</allowedAudiences>  
</service>  
</services>  
</tokenManager>
```

Alternatively, it is possible to export the native receiver .CR provisioning file for the store. This eliminates the need for First Time Use configuration of native Receivers. Distribute this file to all Windows and MAC Receiver clients.



If a Receiver is installed on the client, the .CR file type is recognized and double clicking on the provisioning file triggers it to be automatically imported.

Create a single FQDN to access a store internally and externally



Configure NetScaler and StoreFront for Delegated Forms Authentication (DFA)

Extensible authentication provides a single customization point for extension of NetScaler's and StoreFront's form-based authentication. To achieve an authentication solution using the Extensible Authentication SDK, you must configure Delegated Form Authentication (DFA) between NetScaler and StoreFront. The Delegated Forms Authentication protocol allows generation and processing of authentication forms, including credential validation, to be delegated to another component. For example, NetScaler delegates its authentication to StoreFront, which then interacts with a third party authentication server or service.

Installation recommendations

- To ensure communication between NetScaler and StoreFront is protected, use HTTPS instead of HTTP protocol.
- For cluster deployment, ensure that all the nodes have the same server certificate installed and configured in IIS HTTPS binding prior to configuration steps.
- Ensure that Netscaler has the issuer of StoreFront's server certificate as a trusted certificate authority when HTTPS is configured in StoreFront.

StoreFront cluster installation considerations

- Install a third party authentication plugin on all the nodes prior to joining them up together.
- Configure all the Delegated Forms Authentication related settings on one node and propagate the changes to the others. See the "Enable Delegated Forms Authentication."

Enable Delegated Forms Authentication

Because there is no GUI to setup Citrix pre-shared key setting in StoreFront, use the PowerShell console to install Delegated Forms Authentication.

1. Install Delegated Forms Authentication. It is not installed by default and you need to install it using the PowerShell console.

```
PS C:\Users\administrator.PTD.000> cd 'C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\Scripts'  
PS C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\Scripts> & .\ImportModules.ps1  
Adding snapins  
Importing modules  
Loading 'C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\Admin\Citrix.DeliveryServices.ConfigurationProvider'  
Loading 'C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\Admin\Citrix.DeliveryServices.ConfigurationProvider'
```

```
PS C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\Scripts> Install-DSDFAServer
Id : bf694fbc-ae0a-4d56-8749-c945559e897a
ClassType : e1eb3668-9c1c-4ad8-bbae-c08b2682c1bc
FrameworkController : Citrix.DeliveryServices.Framework.FileBased.FrameworkController
ParentInstance : 8dd182c7-f970-466c-ad4c-27a5980f716c
RootInstance : 5d0cdc75-1dee-4df7-8069-7375d79634b3
TenantId : 860e9401-39c8-4f2c-928d-34251102b840
Data : {}
ReadOnlyData : {[Name, DelegatedFormsServer], [Cmdlet, Add-DSWebFeature], [Snapin, Citrix.DeliveryServices.Web.Commands], [Tenant, 860e9401-39c8-4f2c-928d-34251102b840]}
ParameterData : {[FeatureClassId, e1eb3668-9c1c-4ad8-bbae-c08b2682c1bc], [ParentInstance, 8dd182c7-f970-466c-ad4c-27a5980f716c], [TenantId, 860e9401-39c8-4f2c-928d-34251102b840]}
AdditionalInstanceDependencies : {b1e48ef0-b9e5-4697-af9b-0910062aa2a3}
IsDeployed : True
FeatureClass : Citrix.DeliveryServices.Framework.Feature.FeatureClass
```

2. Add Citrix Trusted Client. Configure the shared secret key (passphrase) between StoreFront and Netscaler. Your passphrase and client ID must be identical to what you configured in NetScaler.

```
PS C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\Scripts> Add-DSCitrixPSKTrustedClient -clientId netscaler
```

3. Set the Delegated Forms Authentication conversation factory to route all the traffic to the custom form. To find the conversation factory, look for ConversationFactory in C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\Authentication\web.config. This is an example of what you might see.

```
<example connectorURL="http://Example.connector.url:8080/adapters-sf-aaconnector-webapp">
  <routeTable order="1000">
    <routes>
      <route name="StartExampleAuthentication" url="Example-Bridge-Forms/Start">
        <defaults>
          <add param="controller" value="ExplicitFormsAuthentication" />
          <add param="action" value="AuthenticateStart" />
          <add param="postbackAction" value="Authenticate" />
          <add param="cancelAction" value="CancelAuthenticate" />
          <add param="conversationFactory" value="ExampleBridgeAuthentication" />
          <add param="changePasswordAction" value="StartChangePassword" />
          <add param="changePasswordController" value="ChangePassword" />
          <add param="protocol" value="CustomForms" />
        </defaults>
      </route>
    </routes>
  </routeTable>
</example>
```

4. In PowerShell, set the Delegated Forms Authentication conversation factory. In this example, to ExampleBridgeAuthentication.

```
PS C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\Scripts> Set-DSDFAProperty -ConversationFactory Example
```

PowerShell's arguments are not case-sensitive: -ConversationFactory is identical to -conversationfactory.

Uninstall StoreFront

Before you uninstall StoreFront, uninstall any third party authentication plugin, as it will impact the functionality of StoreFront.

Configure Resource Filtering

This topic explains how to filter enumeration resources based on resource type and keywords. You can use this type of filtering in conjunction with the more advanced customization offered by the Store Customization SDK. Using this SDK, you can control which apps and desktops are displayed to users, modify access conditions, and adjust launch parameters. For more information, see the Store Customization SDK.

Note: The StoreFront and PowerShell consoles cannot be open at the same time. Always close the StoreFront admin console before using the PowerShell console to administer your StoreFront configuration. Likewise, close all instances of PowerShell before opening the StoreFront console.

Configure filtering

Configure the filter using PowerShell cmdlets defined within the StoresModule. Use the following PowerShell snippet to load the required modules:

```
$dsInstallProp = Get-ItemProperty `
-Path HKLM:\SOFTWARE\Citrix\DeliveryServicesManagement -Name InstallDir
$dsInstallDir = $dsInstallProp.InstallDir
& $dsInstallDir\..\Scripts\ImportModules.ps1
```

Filter by type

Use this to filter the resource enumeration by resource type. This is an inclusive filter, meaning it removes any resources that are not of the specified types from the resource enumeration result. Use the following cmdlets:

Set-DSResourceFilterType: Sets up enumeration filtering based on resource types.

Get-DSResourceFilterType: Gets the list of resource types that Storefront is allowed to return in enumeration.

Note: Resource types are applied before keywords.

Filter by keywords

Use this to filter resources based on keywords, such as resources derived from XenApp, XenDesktop or VDI-in-a-Box. Keywords are generated from mark-up in the description field of the corresponding resource.

The filter can operate either in inclusive or exclusive mode, but not both. The inclusive filter allows enumeration of resources matching the configured keywords and removes non matching resources from the enumeration. The exclusive filter removes resources matching the configured keywords from the enumeration. Use the following cmdlets:

Set-DSResourceFilterKeyword: Sets up enumeration filtering based on resource keywords.

Get-DSResourceFilterKeyword: Gets the list of filter keywords.

The following keywords are reserved and must not be used for filtering:

- Auto
- Mandatory

Examples

This command will set filtering to exclude workflow resources from enumeration:

```
Set-DSResourceFilterKeyword -SiteId 1 -VirtualPath "/Citrix/Store" -ExcludeKeywords @("WFS")
```

This example will set allowed resource types to applications only:

```
Set-DSResourceFilterType -SiteId 1 -VirtualPath "/Citrix/Store" -IncludeTypes @("Applications")
```

Configure special folder redirection

With Special Folder Redirection configured, users can map Windows special folders for the server to those on their local computers. Special folders refer to standard Windows folders, such as \Documents and \Desktop, which are always presented in the same way regardless of the operating system.

Configure special folder redirection using PowerShell.

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Command

```
Set-DSClientSettings
```

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
SiteId	long	IIS site ID of the store.
VirtualPath	string	Virtual path of the store.
SpecialFolderRedirectionAllowed	bool	true to enable special folder redirection; false to disable.

Example1:

Enable special folder redirection for a store named Store.

```
Set-DSClientSettings -SiteId 1 -VirtualPath /Citrix/Store -  
SpecialFolderRedirectionAllowed $true
```

Example2:

Disable special folder redirection for a store named Store.

```
Set-DSClientSettings -SiteId 1 -VirtualPath /Citrix/Store -  
SpecialFolderRedirectionAllowed $false
```

Manage subscription data

Manage subscription data for a store using PowerShell cmdlets.

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Export subscription data

You can create a snapshot of a store's subscription data using the following PowerShell cmdlets to create a subscription data file:

```
Add-PSSnapin Citrix.DeliveryServices.SubscriptionsManagement.Commands
```

```
Export-DSSStoreSubscriptions -StoreName StoreName -FilePath DataFile
```

When managing a multiple-server deployment, you can run these PowerShell cmdlets on any server within the StoreFront server group.

Restore subscription data

You can restore a store's subscription data to a previously saved snapshot using the following PowerShell cmdlets:

```
Add-PSSnapin Citrix.DeliveryServices.SubscriptionsManagement.Commands
```

```
Restore-DSSStoreSubscriptions -StoreName StoreName -FilePath DataFile
```

This command restores the subscription data to the state when the export data file was produced, and it removes any existing subscriptions before adding the subscription data found in the data file.

When managing a multiple-server deployment, you can run these PowerShell cmdlets on any server within the StoreFront server group.

Import subscription data

You can update a store's subscription data from a previously exported data file using the following PowerShell cmdlets:

```
Add-PSSnapin Citrix.DeliveryServices.SubscriptionsManagement.Commands
```

```
Import-DSSStoreSubscriptions -StoreName StoreName -FilePath FilePath
```

This command allows subscription data to be transferred from one store to another, and it retains existing subscriptions before adding/updating subscription data from the imported data file.

When managing a multiple-server deployment, you can run these PowerShell cmdlets on any server within the StoreFront server group.

Purge subscription data for a store

A folder and datastore containing subscription data exists for each store.

1. Stop the Citrix Subscriptions Store service on the StoreFront server.
2. Locate subscription store database folder on each StoreFront server in the new location.

```
C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService\AppData\Roaming\Citrix\SubscriptionsStore\1__Citrix_<StoreName>
```

3. Delete the contents of this folder, but do not delete the folder.
4. Restart the Citrix Subscriptions Store service on all StoreFront servers in the deployment.

Subscription data file details

The subscription data file is a text file containing one line per user subscription. Each line is a tab-separated sequence of values:

```
<user-identifier> <resource-id> <subscription-id>  
<subscription-status> <property-name> <property-value>  
<property-name> <property-value> ...
```

where:

- *<user-identifier>* – Required. A sequence of characters identifying the user. This is the user's Windows Security Identifier.
- *<resource-id>* – Required. A sequence of characters identifying the subscribed resource.
- *<subscription-id>* – Required. A sequence of characters uniquely identifying the subscription. This value is not used (although, a value must be present in the data file).
- *<subscription-status>* – Required. The status of the subscription: subscribed or unsubscribed.
- *<property-name>* and *<property-value>* – Optional. A sequence of zero or more pairs of *<property-name>* and *<property-value>* values. These represent properties associated with the subscription by a StoreFront client (typically a Citrix Receiver). A property with multiple values that is represented by multiple name/value pairs with the same name (for example, "... MyProp A MyProp B" represents the property MyProp with values A, B).

Example:

```
S-0-0-00-0000000000-0000000000-0000000000-0000 XenApp.Excel  
21EC2020-3AEA-4069-A2DD-08002B30309D Subscribed dazzle:position 1
```

Size of subscription data on the Storefront server's disk

Subscription Datastore Size	
No of Records	Size MB
0	6.02
1000	7.02
10000	40.00
100000	219.00
200000	358.00
500000	784.00
800000	1213.02
1000000	1497.15
1300000	1919.15
1500000	2205.15
1700000	2487.15
2000000	2915.15

Size of import and export .txt files

Subscriptions Import/Export.txt	
No of Records	Size MB
0	0.00
1000	0.13
10000	1.30
100000	12.80
200000	25.60
500000	64.10
800000	102.00
1000000	128.00
1300000	166.00
1500000	192.00
1700000	218.00
2000000	256.00

Secure your StoreFront deployment

This topic highlights areas that may have an impact on system security when deploying and configuring StoreFront.

Certificates in StoreFront

Server certificates are used for machine identification and transport security in StoreFront. If you decide to enable ICA file signing, StoreFront can also use certificates to digitally sign ICA files.

Authentication services and stores each require certificates for token management. StoreFront generates a self-signed certificate when an authentication service or store is created. Self-signed certificates generated by StoreFront should not be used for any other purpose.

To enable email-based account discovery for users installing Citrix Receiver on a device for the first time, you must install a valid server certificate on the StoreFront server. The full chain to the root certificate must also be valid. For the best user experience, install a certificate with a Subject or Subject Alternative Name entry of **discoverReceiver.domain**, where *domain* is the Microsoft Active Directory domain containing your users' email accounts. Although you can use a wildcard certificate for the domain containing your users' email accounts, you must first ensure that the deployment of such certificates is permitted by your corporate security policy. Other certificates for the domain containing your users' email accounts can also be used, but users will see a certificate warning dialog box when Citrix Receiver first connects to the StoreFront server. Email-based account discovery cannot be used with any other certificate identities. For more information, see [Configure email-based account discovery](#).

If your users configure their accounts by entering store URLs directly into Citrix Receiver and do not use email-based account discovery, the certificate on the StoreFront server need only be valid for that server and have a valid chain to the root certificate.

StoreFront communications

In a production environment, Citrix recommends using the Internet Protocol security (IPsec) or HTTPS protocols to secure data passing between StoreFront and your servers. IPsec is a set of standard extensions to the Internet Protocol that provides authenticated and encrypted communications with data integrity and replay protection. Because IPsec is a network-layer protocol set, higher level protocols can use it without modification. HTTPS uses the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocols to provide strong data encryption.

The SSL Relay can be used to secure data traffic between StoreFront and XenApp servers. The SSL Relay is a default component of XenApp that performs host authentication and data encryption.

Citrix recommends securing communications between StoreFront and users' devices using NetScaler Gateway and HTTPS. To use HTTPS, StoreFront requires that the Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) instance hosting the authentication service and associated stores is configured for HTTPS. In the absence of the appropriate IIS configuration, StoreFront uses HTTP for communications. Citrix strongly recommends that you do not enable unsecured user connections to StoreFront in a production environment.

Note: SSL 2.0 is enabled by default in IIS. As this protocol is now deprecated, Citrix recommends disabling SSL 2.0 on StoreFront servers. For more information about disabling protocols in IIS, see <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/187498>.

StoreFront security separation

If you deploy any web applications in the same web domain (domain name and port) as StoreFront, then any security risks in those web applications could potentially reduce the security of your StoreFront deployment. Where a greater degree of security separation is required, Citrix recommends that you deploy StoreFront in a separate web domain.

ICA file signing

StoreFront provides the option to digitally sign ICA files using a specified certificate on the server so that versions of Citrix Receiver that support this feature can verify that the file originates from a trusted source. ICA files can be signed using any hash algorithm supported by the operating system running on the StoreFront server, including SHA-1 and SHA-256. For more information, see [Enable ICA file signing](#).

User change password

You can enable Receiver for Web site users logging on with Active Directory domain credentials to change their passwords, either at any time or only when they have expired. However, this exposes sensitive security functions to anyone who can access any of the stores that use the authentication service. If your organization has a security policy that reserves user password change functions for internal use only, ensure that none of the stores are accessible from outside your corporate network. When you create the authentication service, the default configuration prevents Receiver for Web site users from changing their passwords, even if they have expired. For more information, see [Optimize the user experience](#).

Troubleshoot StoreFront

When StoreFront is installed or uninstalled, the following log files are created by the StoreFront installer in the C:\Windows\Temp\ directory. The file names reflect the components that created them and include time stamps.

- Citrix-DeliveryServicesRoleManager-*.log—Created when StoreFront is installed interactively.
- Citrix-DeliveryServicesSetupConsole-*.log—Created when StoreFront is installed silently and when StoreFront is uninstalled, either interactively or silently.
- CitrixMsi-CitrixStoreFront-x64-*.log—Created when StoreFront is installed and uninstalled, either interactively or silently.

StoreFront supports Windows event logging for the authentication service, stores, and Receiver for Web sites. Any events that are generated are written to the StoreFront application log, which can be viewed using Event Viewer under either Application and Services Logs > Citrix Delivery Services or Windows Logs > Application. You can control the number of duplicate log entries for a single event by editing the configuration files for the authentication service, stores, and Receiver for Web sites.

The Citrix StoreFront management console automatically records tracing information. By default, tracing for other operations is disabled and must be enabled manually. Logs created by Windows PowerShell commands are stored in the \Admin\logs\ directory of the StoreFront installation, typically located at C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\. The log file names contain command actions and subjects, along with time stamps that can be used to differentiate command sequences.

Important: In multiple server deployments, use only one server at a time to make changes to the configuration of the server group. Ensure that the Citrix StoreFront management console is not running on any of the other servers in the deployment. Once complete, [propagate your configuration changes to the server group](#) so that the other servers in the deployment are updated.

To configure log throttling

1. Use a text editor to open the web.config file for the authentication service, store, or Receiver for Web site, which are typically located in the C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\Authentication\, C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storename\, and C:\inetpub\wwwroot\Citrix\storenameWeb\ directories, respectively, where storename is the name specified for the store when it was created.
2. Locate the following element in the file.

```
<logger duplicateInterval="00:01:00" duplicateLimit="10">
```

By default, StoreFront is configured to limit the number of duplicate log entries to 10 per minute.

3. Change the value of the duplicateInterval attribute to set the time period in hours, minutes, and seconds over which duplicate log entries are monitored. Use the duplicateLimit attribute to set the number of duplicate entries that must be logged within the specified time interval to trigger log throttling.

When log throttling is triggered, a warning message is logged to indicate that further identical log entries will be suppressed. Once the time limit elapses, normal logging resumes and an informational message is logged indicating that duplicate log entries are no longer being suppressed.

To enable tracing

Caution: The StoreFront and PowerShell consoles cannot be open at the same time. Always close the StoreFront admin console before using the PowerShell console to administer your StoreFront configuration. Likewise, close all instances of the PowerShell before opening the StoreFront console.

1. Use an account with local administrator permissions to start Windows PowerShell and, at a command prompt, type the following commands and restart the server to enable tracing.

```
Add-PSSnapin Citrix.DeliveryServices.Framework.Commands
```

```
Set-DSTraceLevel -All -TraceLevel Verbose
```

Allowed values for *-TraceLevel* are, in increasing levels of tracing detail: *Off*, *Error*, *Warning*, *Info*, *Verbose*.

StoreFront automatically captures Error trace messages. Due to the large amount of data that can potentially be generated, tracing may significantly impact the performance of StoreFront, so it is recommended that the *Info* or *Verbose* levels are not used unless specifically required for troubleshooting.

2. To disable tracing, type the following commands and restart the server.

```
Add-PSSnapin Citrix.DeliveryServices.Framework.Commands
```

```
Set-DSTraceLevel -All -TraceLevel Off
```

When tracing is enabled, tracing information is written in the \Admin\Trace\ directory of the StoreFront installation located at C:\Program Files\Citrix\Receiver StoreFront\.