Disable Internet Explorer using Task Sequence

As you might be aware Microsoft is going to retire Internet explorer soon (by next year Jun 2022). So, it is time to use this task sequence to disable IE and start using MS Edge.

I was able to get hold of the task sequence from Twitter.

https://github.com/kmohdnawaz/MN-Techforum.com/raw/main/DisableIE.zip

I am writing this post to let you know how to disable (delete) internet explorer from Windows 7, Windows 2008/2012/2016.

Vulnerability and out-of-support mean someone is using an insecure browser or a piece of software that does not support all the latest security features available. It may also mean that the company does not provide updates to mitigate known risks and address new ones discovered. In some cases, vulnerability may not be present and cannot be rolled out as a security update without mere users' consent, which leaves companies free to monitor users for potential risks.

Task Sequence has 2 steps

To Disable Internet Explorer on Windows 7 and Windows 2008/R2 Machines

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1.  dism /online /disable-feature:"Internet-Explorer-Optional-amd64"
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To Disable Internet Explorer on Windows Windows 10 and Windows Server 2012 r2/2016 Machines

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1.  Disable-WindowsOptionalFeature -FeatureName "Internet-Explorer-
    Optional-amd64" -Online
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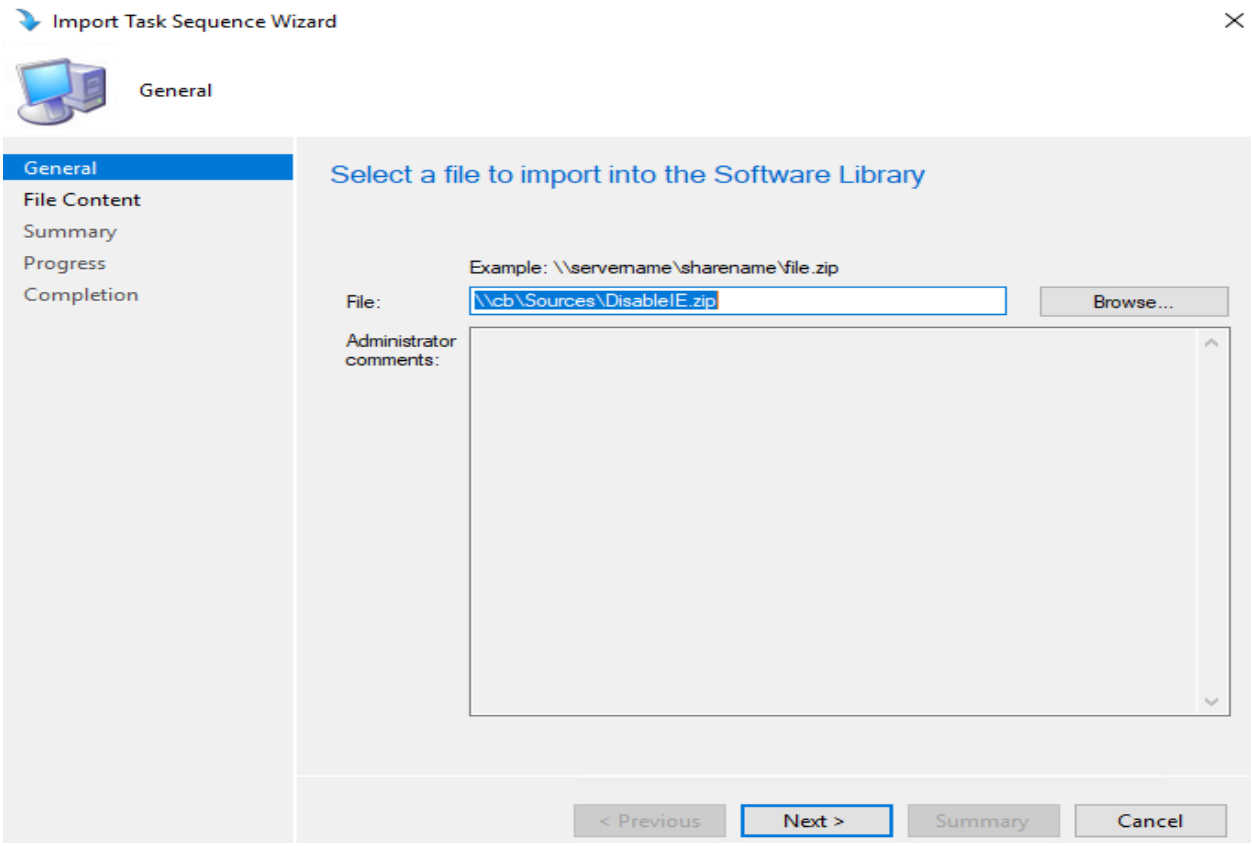
Import Task Sequence Wizard
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Select a file to import into the Software Library
Example: \\servername\sharename\file.zip
File:
\\cb\Sources\DisableIE.zip
Browse...
Administrator comments:
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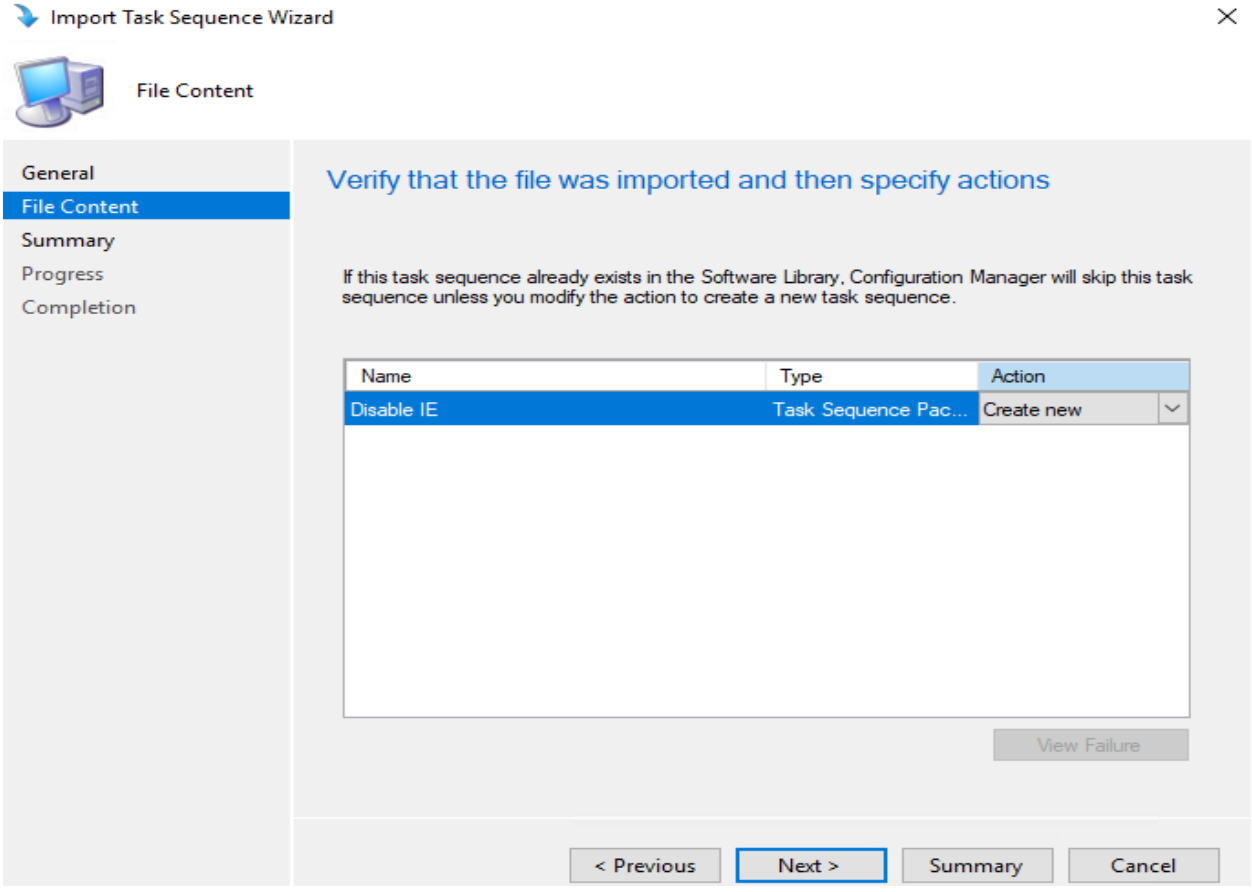
Import Task Sequence Wizard
File Content
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Completion
Verify that the file was imported and then specify actions
If this task sequence already exists in the Software Library, Configuration Manager will skip this task sequence unless you modify the action to create a new task sequence.
Name
Type
Action
Disable IE
Task Sequence Pac...
Create new
View Failure
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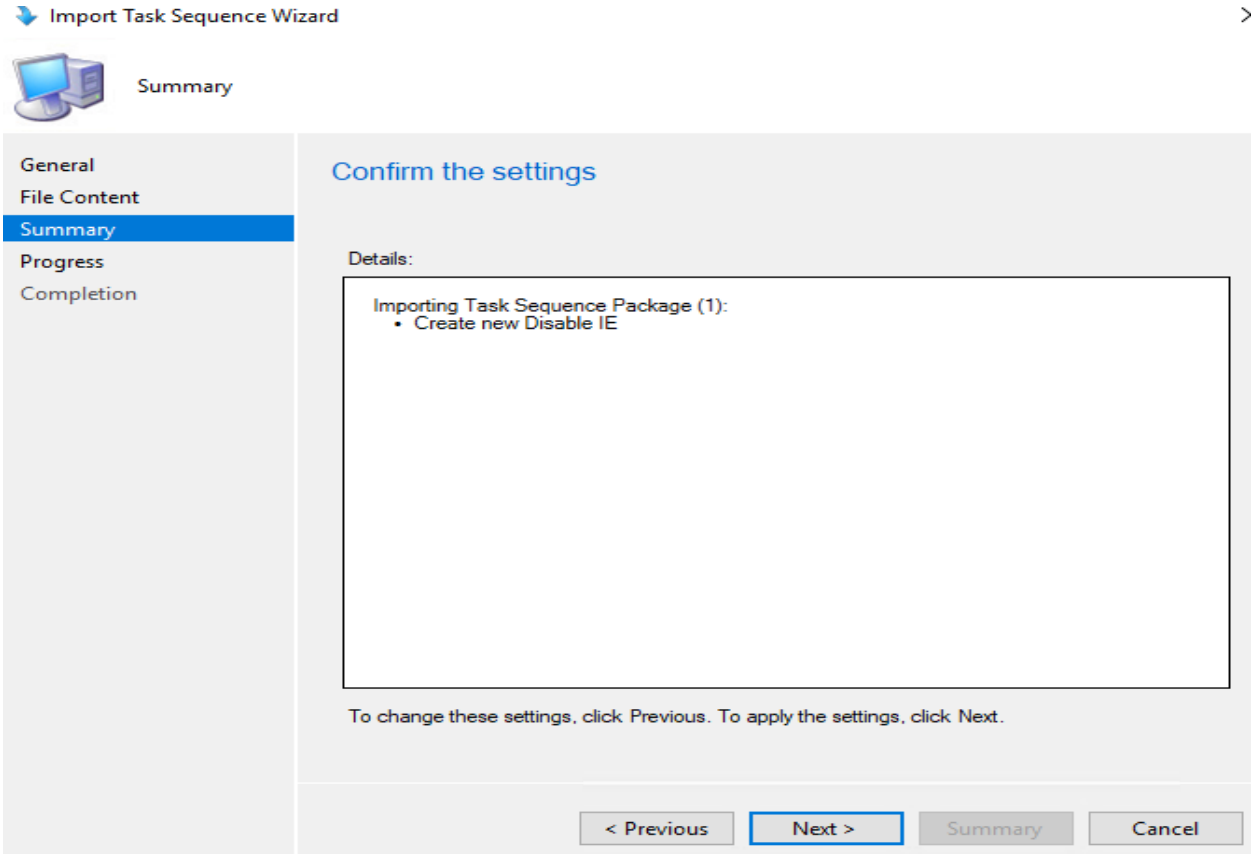
Import Task Sequence Wizard
Summary
General
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Confirm the settings
Details:
Importing Task Sequence Package (1):
• Create new Disable IE
To change these settings, click Previous. To apply the settings, click Next.
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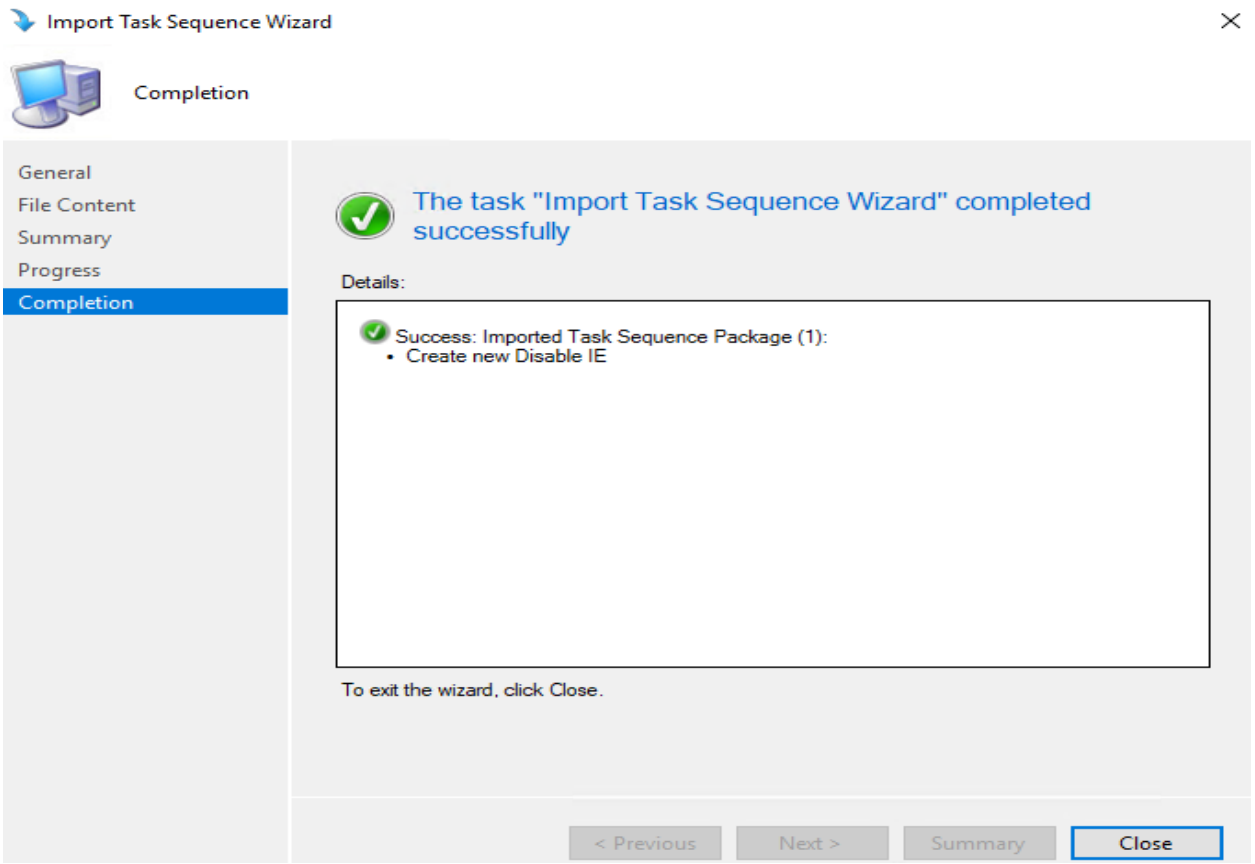
Import Task Sequence Wizard
Completion
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Completion
The task "Import Task Sequence Wizard" completed successfully
Details:
Success: Imported Task Sequence Package (1):
• Create new Disable IE
To exit the wizard, click Close.
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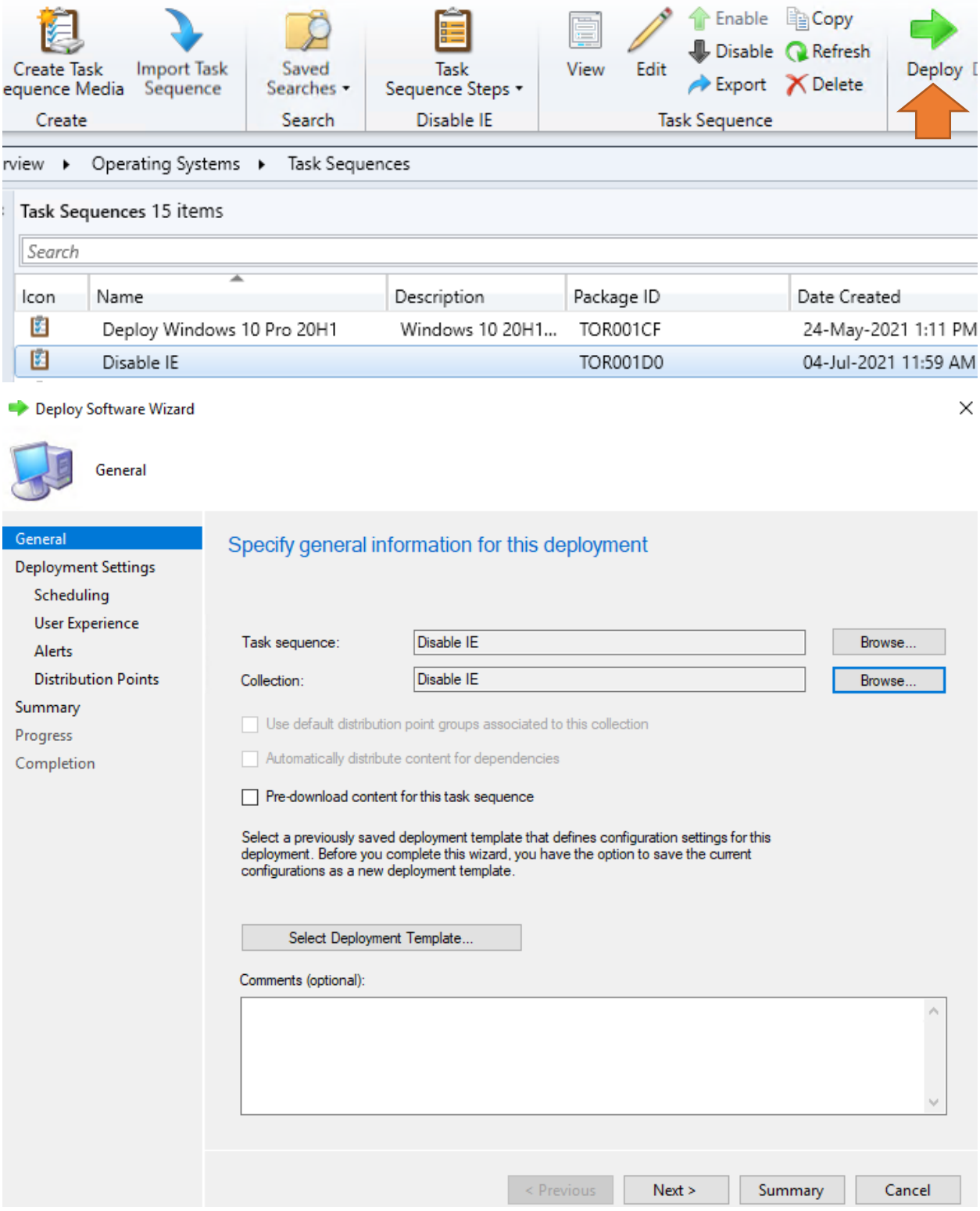
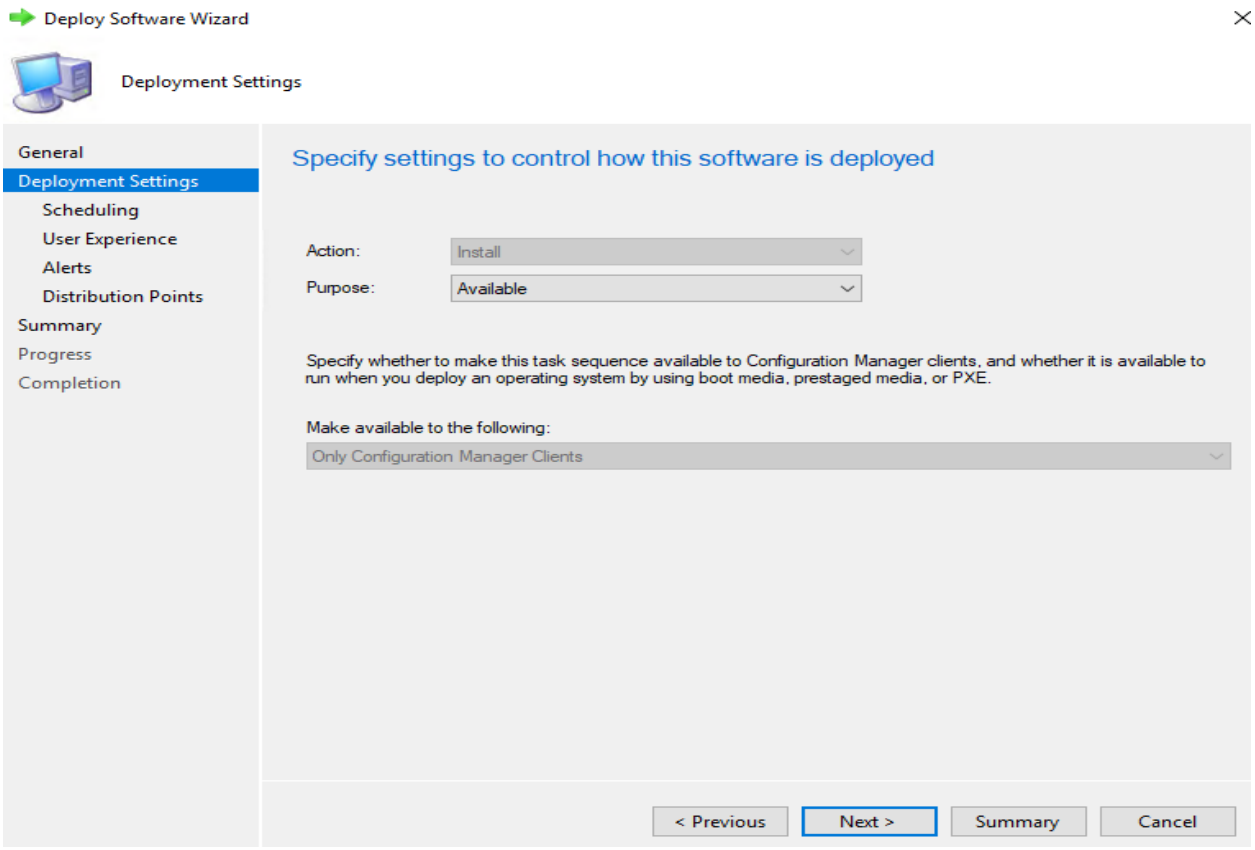
Now create a device collection for IE and add the systems (Win 7 or Win 2008 or Win 2012 or Win 2016 or Win 2019).

Deploy the task sequence for Disable IE collection.




Deploy Software Wizard
Deployment Settings
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Specify settings to control how this software is deployed
Action:
Install
Purpose:
Available
Specify whether to make this task sequence available to Configuration Manager clients, and whether it is available to run when you deploy an operating system by using boot media, prestaged media, or PXE.
Make available to the following:
Only Configuration Manager Clients
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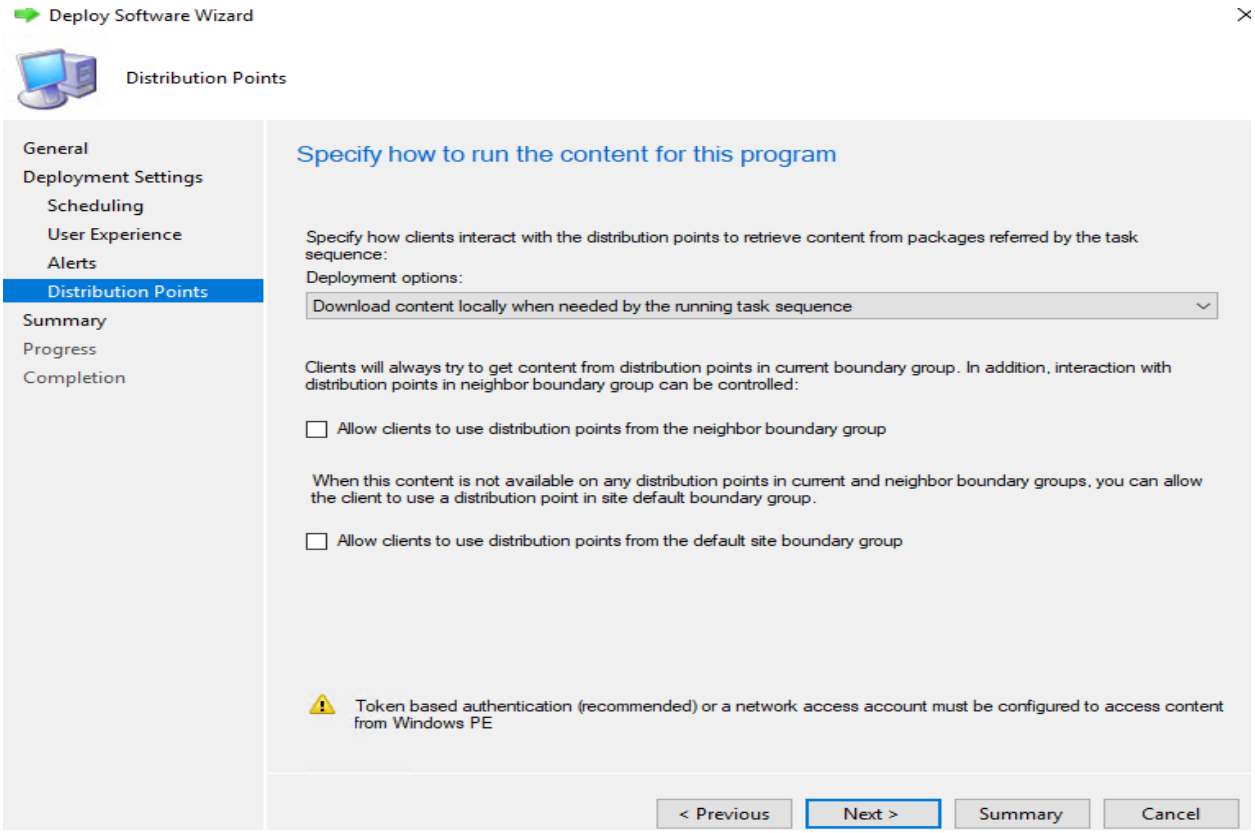
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Specify how to run the content for this program
Specify how clients interact with the distribution points to retrieve content from packages referred by the task sequence:
Deployment options:
Download content locally when needed by the running task sequence
Clients will always try to get content from distribution points in current boundary group. In addition, interaction with distribution points in neighbor boundary group can be controlled:
Allow clients to use distribution points from the neighbor boundary group
When this content is not available on any distribution points in current and neighbor boundary groups, you can allow the client to use a distribution point in site default boundary group.
Allow clients to use distribution points from the default site boundary group
Token based authentication (recommended) or a network access account must be configured to access content from Windows PE
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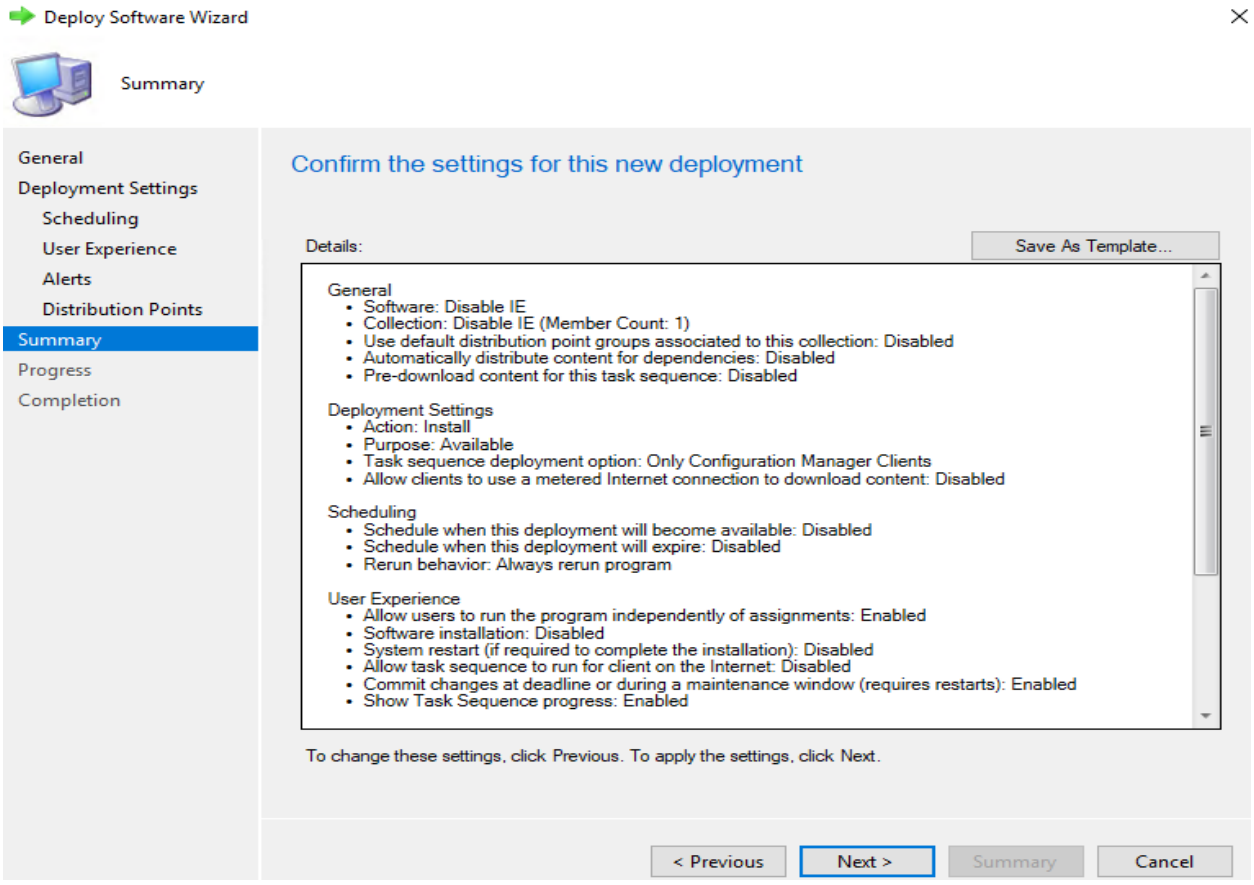
Deploy Software Wizard
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Confirm the settings for this new deployment
Details:
Save As Template...
General
• Software: Disable IE
• Collection: Disable IE (Member Count: 1)
• Use default distribution point groups associated to this collection: Disabled
• Automatically distribute content for dependencies: Disabled
• Pre-download content for this task sequence: Disabled
Deployment Settings
• Action: Install
• Purpose: Available
• Task sequence deployment option: Only Configuration Manager Clients
• Allow clients to use a metered Internet connection to download content: Disabled
Scheduling
• Schedule when this deployment will become available: Disabled
• Schedule when this deployment will expire: Disabled
• Rerun behavior: Always rerun program
User Experience
• Allow users to run the program independently of assignments: Enabled
• Software installation: Disabled
• System restart (if required to complete the installation): Disabled
• Allow task sequence to run for client on the Internet: Disabled
• Commit changes at deadline or during a maintenance window (requires restarts): Enabled
• Show Task Sequence progress: Enabled
To change these settings, click Previous. To apply the settings, click Next.
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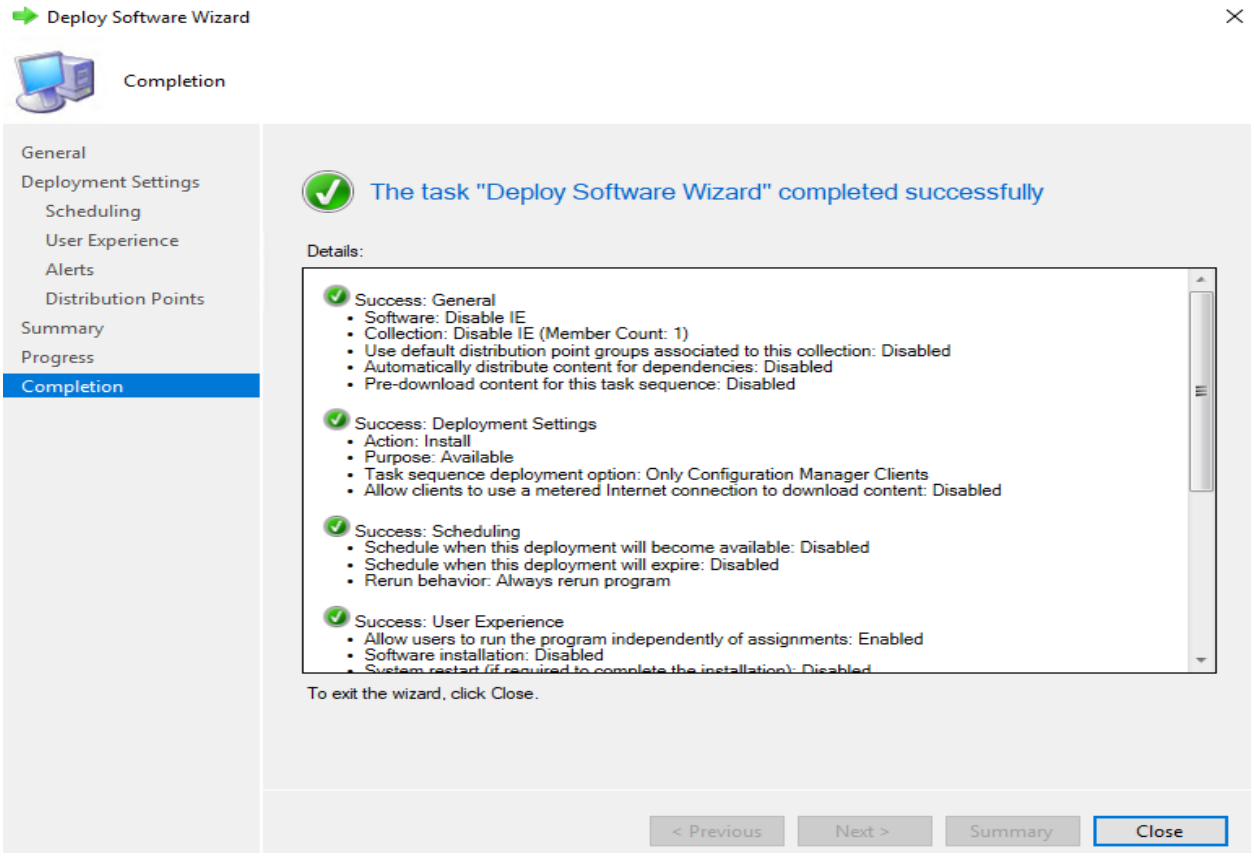
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The task "Deploy Software Wizard" completed successfully
Details:
Success: General
• Software: Disable IE
• Collection: Disable IE (Member Count: 1)
• Use default distribution point groups associated to this collection: Disabled
• Automatically distribute content for dependencies: Disabled
• Pre-download content for this task sequence: Disabled
Success: Deployment Settings
• Action: Install
• Purpose: Available
• Task sequence deployment option: Only Configuration Manager Clients
• Allow clients to use a metered Internet connection to download content: Disabled
Success: Scheduling
• Schedule when this deployment will become available: Disabled
• Schedule when this deployment will expire: Disabled
• Rerun behavior: Always rerun program
Success: User Experience
• Allow users to run the program independently of assignments: Enabled
• Software installation: Disabled
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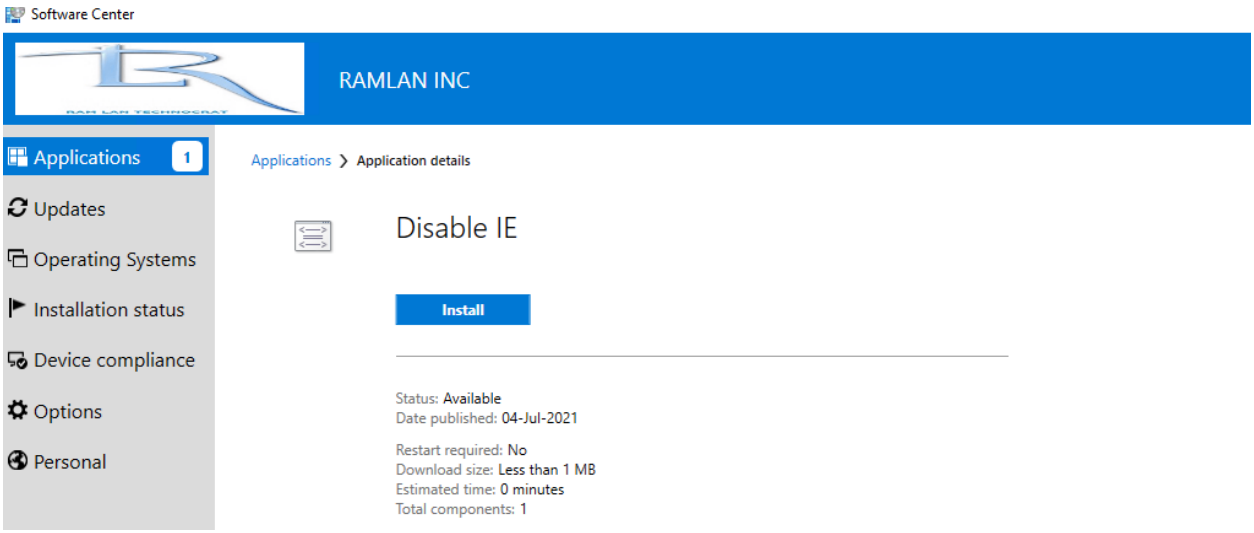
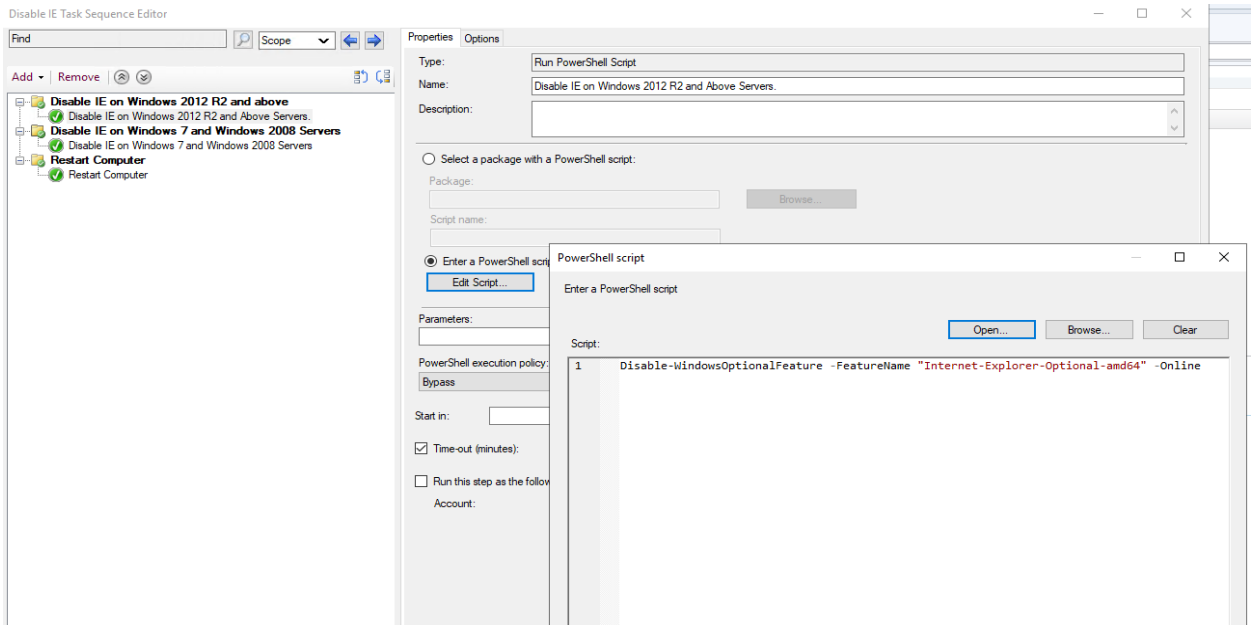
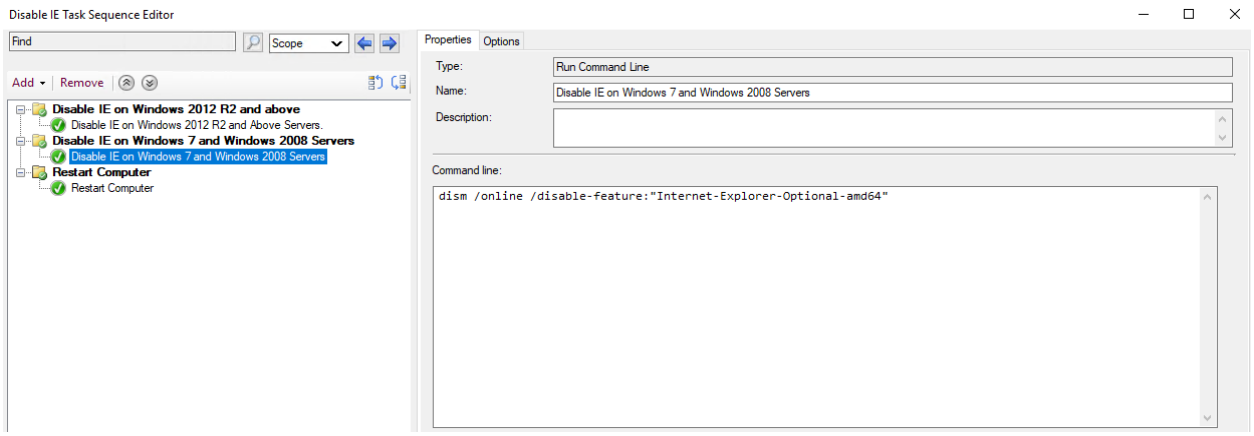
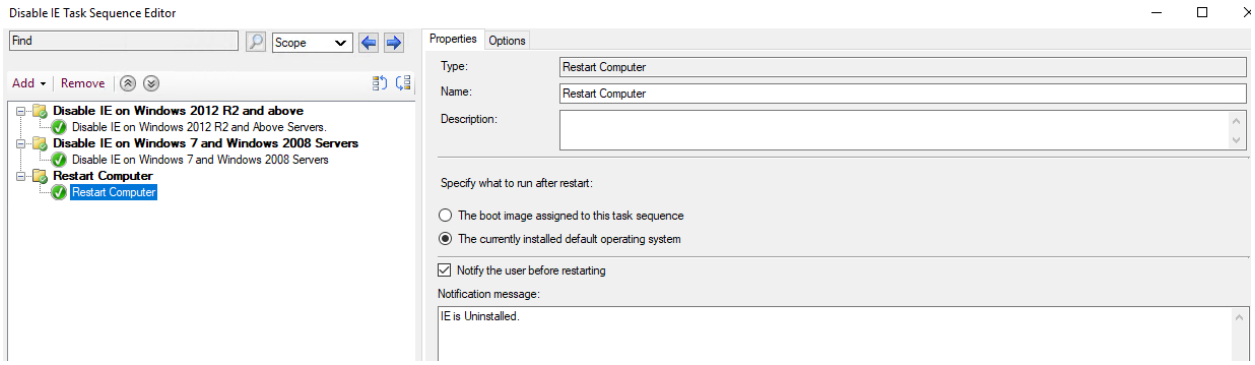
Open Software Center – Run Disable IE task sequence



This is how the task sequence looks:







This concludes deploying Disable IE task sequence.

Thanks

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