

How to connect to MDT workbench remotely

In this post, I am going to test and see, if it is possible to connect to MDT workbench from a workstation for testing and monitoring deployments. Going to install below MDT version on a workstation.

The image shows two overlapping windows from the Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (MDT) installation process. The top window is the 'Setup Wizard' and the bottom window is the 'License Agreement'.

Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (6.3.8456.1000) Setup

Welcome to the Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (6.3.8456.1000) Setup Wizard

The Setup Wizard will install Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (6.3.8456.1000) on your computer. Click Next to continue or Cancel to exit the Setup Wizard.

Buttons: Back, Next, Cancel

Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (6.3.8456.1000) License Agreement

End-User License Agreement

Please read the following license agreement carefully

MICROSOFT SOFTWARE LICENSE TERMS

MICROSOFT DEPLOYMENT TOOLKIT

IF YOU LIVE IN (OR ARE A BUSINESS WITH A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN) THE UNITED STATES, PLEASE READ THE "BINDING ARBITRATION AND CLASS ACTION WAIVER" SECTION BELOW. IT AFFECTS HOW DISPUTES ARE RESOLVED.

I accept the terms in the License Agreement

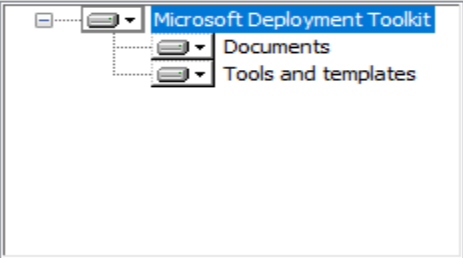
Buttons: Privacy Policy, Print, Back, Next, Cancel

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Custom Setup

Select the way you want features to be installed.

Click the icons in the tree below to change the way features will be installed.



The complete solution.

This feature requires 9KB on your hard drive. It has 2 of 2 subfeatures selected. The subfeatures require 76MB on your hard drive.

Location: C:\Program Files\Microsoft Deployment Toolkit\ Browse...

Reset Disk Usage Back Next Cancel

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Ready to install Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (6.3.8456.1000)

Click Install to begin the installation. Click Back to review or change any of your installation settings. Click Cancel to exit the wizard.

Back Install Cancel

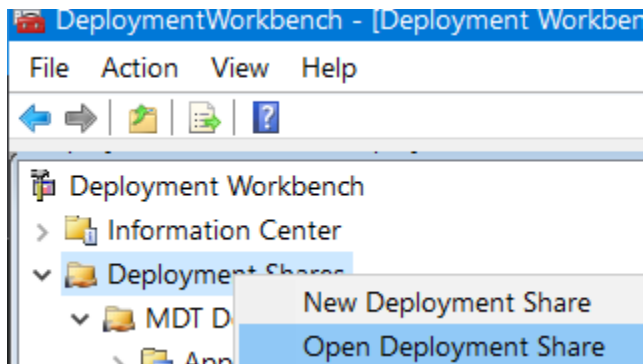
Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (6.3.8456.1000) Setup

Completed the Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (6.3.8456.1000) Setup Wizard

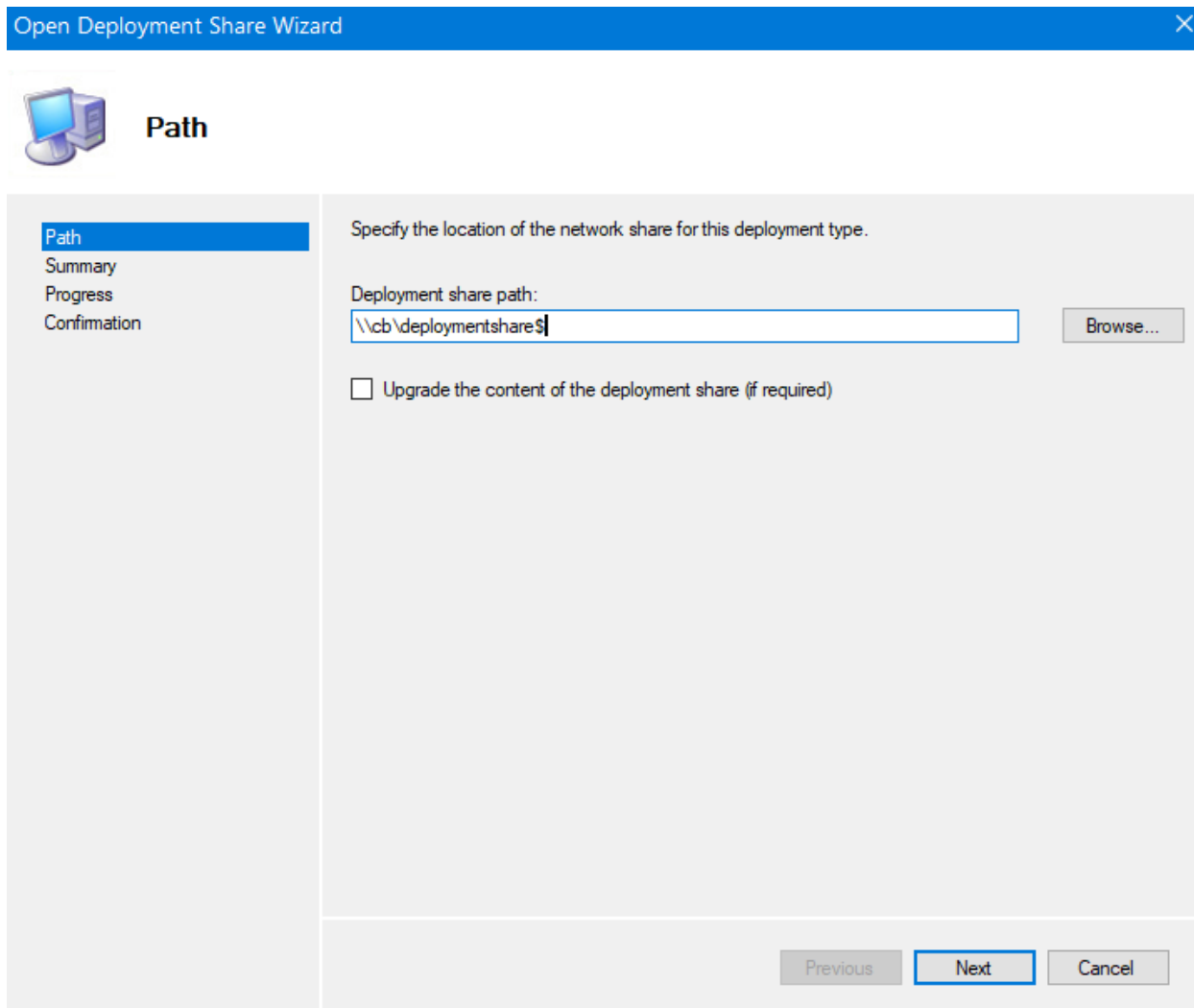
Click the Finish button to exit the Setup Wizard.

Back Finish Cancel

To connect to MDT workbench remotely – right click Deployment share – Open Deployment Share



Now type in the MDT server and deploymentshare path





Summary

- Path
- Summary**
- Progress
- Confirmation

All of the necessary details have been specified. Please review the values below.

Details:

Path: \\cb\deploymentshare\$
Upgrade: False

Click next to execute the requested action.

Previous

Next

Cancel



Confirmation

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The process completed successfully.

Performing the operation "New drive" on target "Name: DS001 Provider: MicrosoftDeploymentToolkit\MI"
Performing the operation "open" on target "deployment share".
Deployment share at "\\cb\deploymentshare\$" opened successfully.
Adding MDT drive DS001 to the persisted drive list.
Successfully added MDT drive DS001 to the persisted drive list.



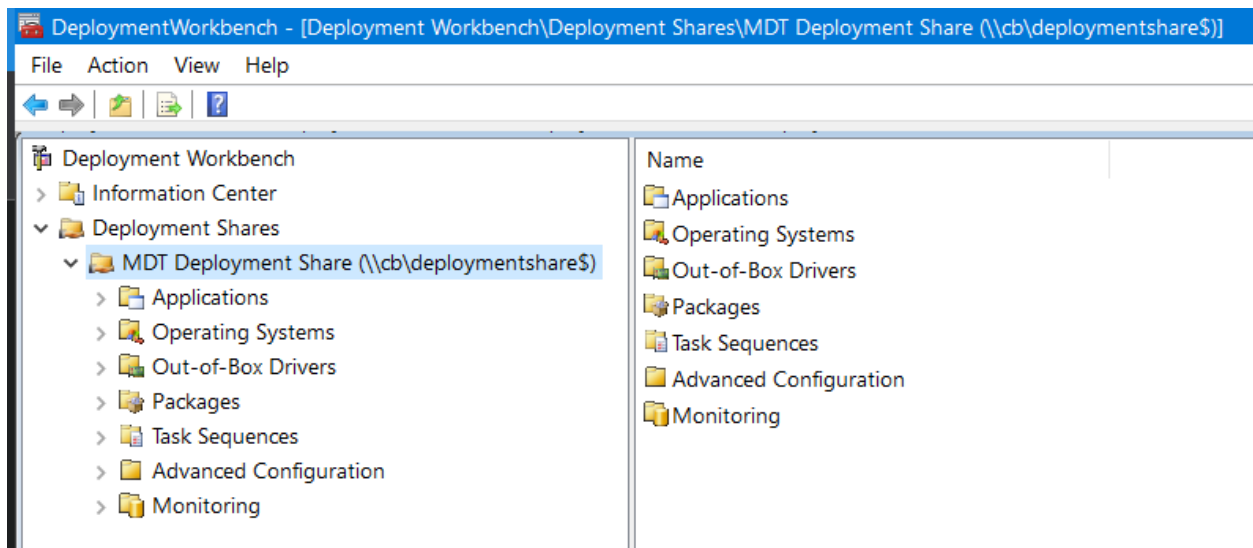
Save Output...

View Script

Previous

Finish

Cancel



Now you have access (**read only**) to the workbench. This is useful for tech to monitor and see how the deployment share is setup and help the consultant during image testing.

Thanks

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