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Chapter 1: About this guide

Guide overview

The Citrix Administrator Guide provides information about the hardware, software, and network requirements for deploying Dragon Professional, Dragon Legal, or Dragon Law Enforcement with Virtual App (formerly XenApp) or Virtual Desktop (formerly XenDesktop).



Audience

This guide is intended for administrators who manage the Citrix server or the Citrix Workspace (formerly Citrix Receiver) on client computers.

Additional resources

The following resources are available in addition to this guide to help you manage your Dragon installation.

Documentation

| Document | Description | Location |
|---|---|--|
| <i>Dragon Release Notes</i> | New Dragon features, system requirements, client upgrade instructions, and known issues. | Dragon client Help. Do the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. When Dragon is open, click the Help icon () on the DragonBar, and then select Help Topics.2. Click Get started.3. Click Dragon release notes. |
| <i>Dragon Client Installation Guide</i> | Instructions for installing and configuring Dragon clients. | Dragon Support web site |
| Dragon client Help | Commands and instructions for dictating, correcting, and more with the Dragon client. | When Dragon is open, click the Help icon () on the DragonBar, and then select Help Topics . |
| <i>Nuance Management Center Server Installation and Configuration Guide</i> | Instructions for installing and configuring the Nuance Management Center (NMC) server, database, and console, and instructions for configuring single sign-on authentication. | Dragon Support web site |

| Document | Description | Location |
|---|--|--|
| <i>Nuance Management Center Administrator Guide</i> | Information on creating and maintaining objects and managing Dragon clients from the Nuance Management Center (NMC) console. | Dragon Support web site |
| Nuance Management Center Help | Online Help specific to the Nuance Management Center (NMC) console interface. | When the NMC console is open, click the NMC Help button. |

Support

The Dragon Support web site provides many resources to assist you with your Dragon installation, like forums and a searchable knowledgebase. For more information on Support offerings, see the Dragon Support web site at:

<https://www.nuance.com/dragon/support/dragon-naturallyspeaking.html>

Chapter 2: Introduction

About dictation with Virtual Desktop (formerly XenDesktop) and Virtual App (formerly XenApp)

Users initiate the dictation process by launching Dragon remotely from a client computer, and then launching a target application in which to dictate. Your Citrix deployment must be configured correctly to allow Dragon to communicate with the target application.

When both applications are running, the user dictates into a microphone connected to the client computer that has been pre-configured to route audio into Dragon on the Citrix server. Dragon receives the audio and transcribes the dictation into text, which it transmits to the destination application.

For more information on configuring audio settings, see [“Configure audio settings for Citrix clients” on page 12](#).

Chapter 3: Getting started

Before you begin

Review the following before you install and configure your Citrix server.

Installation and configuration checklists

Choose the checklist appropriate for your installation type.

Installing Dragon before installing the Citrix Workspace (formerly Citrix Receiver)




Choose this checklist if you are installing Dragon first, then the Citrix Workspace (formerly Citrix Receiver).

| Task | Reference |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verify that your Citrix server meets the system requirements. | See System requirements section below. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Select a Citrix deployment option and configure your server. | “Citrix deployment options” on page 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Install Dragon on the Citrix server. | <i>Dragon Client Installation Guide</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publish the Dragon app, or the desktop where you installed Dragon. | “Publishing Dragon from a Citrix server” on page 9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Configure your Citrix server as needed and allow Dragon to work with user microphones. | “Configuring your server” on page 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Configure client computers to ensure they can access and use Dragon. | “Configuring clients to use Dragon on the Citrix server” on page 11 |

Installing the Citrix Workspace (formerly Citrix Receiver) before installing Dragon

Choose this checklist if you are installing the Citrix Workspace (formerly Citrix Receiver) first, then Dragon.

| Task | Reference |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verify that your Citrix server meets the system requirements. | See System requirements section below. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Select a Citrix deployment option and configure your server. | “Citrix deployment options” on page 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Configure client computers to ensure they can access and use Dragon. | “Configuring clients to use Dragon on the Citrix server” on page 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Install the PowerMic Citrix Client Extension on all clients. | “Configuring clients to use Dragon on the Citrix server” on page 11 |

| | Task | Reference |
|---|---|---|
|  | Install the Dragon Client Update for Citrix utility on all clients. | “Configuring clients to use Dragon on the Citrix server” on page 11 |
|  | Use setup.exe to install Dragon on the Citrix server. | <i>Dragon Client Installation Guide</i> |
|  | Publish the Dragon app, or the desktop where you installed Dragon. | “Publishing Dragon from a Citrix server” on page 9 |

System requirements

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| RAM | Minimum: 4 GB for all operating systems. |
| CPU | Minimum: 2.2 GHz Intel® dual core or equivalent AMD processor. Faster processors yield faster performance. |
| Free hard disk space | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12GB (includes downloaded installation files) |
| Supported operating systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows 10 (32-bit and 64-bit) and 11 (64-bit) Windows Server 2016 Windows Server 2019 Windows Server 2022 |
| Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Edge or the current version of Chrome, Edge or Firefox for online Help and for installation if installing from the Web Microsoft .NET Framework version 4.5.2 or later. Generally, the .NET Framework is pre-installed on Windows 10 and 11 computers. If you do not have it installed, you are prompted to install it during Dragon's installation. Nuance does not provide the .NET Framework with your installation; you must download the installation file from microsoft.com. Microsoft Visual C++ 2019 Runtime If you do not have it installed, you are prompted to install it during Dragon's installation. NMS Mode: If you are using a Dragon edition where Nuance Management Center/NMS mode is enabled to help you manage and monitor your system, you'll need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An internet connection to connect to the Nuance Management Center (NMC) Server A Nuance Management Center login and password to log in to Dragon <p>Your Administrator provisions a Dragon user account in Nuance Management Center for you and assigns the appropriate license. You'll use this login and</p> |

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| | <p>password to log in to the Dragon client.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An audio input device capable of 16-bit recording for dictation Note: Apple AirPods are not supported for dictation with Dragon. |
| Citrix server requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops – Current Release (1808, 1811) Citrix XenApp and XenDesktop v7.x – LTSR (7.6, 7.15), or Current Release (7.16, 7.17, 7.18) Citrix XenApp v6.x – LTSR (6.5 with latest SP) A single physical (non-hyper-threaded) core processor for each active speaker. <p>Note: A single physical core is required for best performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended: 2 MB L2 processor cache |
| Citrix client requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citrix Workspace: Current Release (1808 and higher), Citrix Receiver: LTSR (Receiver 4.9), Current Release (4.10.1 and higher) |
| Citrix Workspace (formerly Citrix Receiver) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citrix Workspace 1808 (or last current release). |

Additional considerations

| Usage | <table> <tr> <th>Risk</th><th>Cause</th></tr> <tr> <td>Higher loads on your Citrix server</td><td>Moving the dictation processing to your server increases CPU usage and processor demand.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Higher bandwidth use</td><td> <p>Users with analog microphones need to transfer high-resolution audio data to the server. When turned on, each analog microphone uses 1.3 Mbps of network bandwidth. Bandwidth limitations can make Dragon difficult to use.</p> <p>Note that USB microphones require less bandwidth than analog microphones.</p> </td></tr> </table> | Risk | Cause | Higher loads on your Citrix server | Moving the dictation processing to your server increases CPU usage and processor demand. | Higher bandwidth use | <p>Users with analog microphones need to transfer high-resolution audio data to the server. When turned on, each analog microphone uses 1.3 Mbps of network bandwidth. Bandwidth limitations can make Dragon difficult to use.</p> <p>Note that USB microphones require less bandwidth than analog microphones.</p> |
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| Communication | To allow users to dictate into a target application, such as Microsoft Word, publish both applications so they run in a single Citrix client session on the same server cluster. Otherwise, Dragon may not work properly with other published applications. | | | | | | |
| Load balancing | If you use the Citrix server's Load Balancing feature, check the configuration of the Load Manager to | | | | | | |

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| | make sure Dragon runs on the same server as any target applications. To prevent errors, consider disabling automatic load balancing in a multi-server farm. |
| Sessions | <p>Citrix starts published applications in separate sessions if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You publish the applications with different settings • You publish one application as a Desktop. • The Citrix client does not start the application in Seamless mode. • A user launches one application, changes Application Set settings, and then launches another application. |
| Optimized mode | <p>When using Dragon on a Citrix environment, always run Citrix in optimized mode.</p> <p>Dragon does not recognize dictation or commands when using the Citrix environment in Generic Mode.</p> |

Citrix deployment options

You can deploy Dragon with Citrix in one of the following ways.

| Install Dragon... | Users can dictate into... | Users cannot dictate into... |
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| As a published application on Citrix Virtual App (formerly XenApp) server. | Applications located on the same Virtual App (formerly XenApp) server as Dragon. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications on a published desktop. • Applications installed locally on the client computer. |
| On a Citrix Virtual Desktop (formerly XenDesktop) server. | Applications installed on the same published desktop as Dragon. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications on a separate published desktop. • Applications published with Virtual App (formerly XenApp). • Applications installed locally on the client computer. |

Chapter 4: Publishing Dragon

Publishing Dragon from a Citrix server

You must publish Dragon to allow the Citrix Workspace (formerly Citrix Receiver) to see and display Dragon on your client machines.

Deploying Dragon with Virtual Desktop (formerly XenDesktop)

If you are deploying Dragon with Virtual Desktop (formerly XenDesktop), do the following:

1. Publish the desktop as you normally would.
For more detailed information, see your Citrix documentation.
2. Configure the **Audio Plug N Play** option:
 - a. In the main Citrix Studio window, click the Policy tab.
 - b. Set the **Audio Plug N Play** option to **Allowed**.
 - c. Click **Apply**.
 - d. Restart your server or release all client connections.

After you have published a desktop with Dragon installed, you must set up your client machines before running Dragon. For more information, [“Configuring clients to use Dragon on the Citrix server” on page 11](#).

Deploying Dragon with Virtual App (formerly XenApp)

Caution: You must use identical settings to publish Dragon and any target applications users use for dictation, such as Microsoft Word. Otherwise, Citrix may start the applications in separate sessions, causing errors. For example, if Microsoft Word and Dragon run in different sessions, the microphone hot key does not work when Microsoft Word is the active application, and the Dragon user cannot dictate text into Microsoft Word.

Do the following to publish Dragon as a standalone application on a Virtual App (formerly XenApp) server:

1. Note the server location of the Dragon installation directory.
2. Start Citrix Studio.
3. In the left-hand navigation panel, right-click **Machine Catalogs**, and then select **Create Machine Catalog**.
4. Select the server where Dragon is installed.
The Machine Catalog Setup dialog box appears.
5. Click **Next**.
The Operating System screen appears.
6. Select **Windows Server OS**, and then click **Next**.
The Machine Management screen appears.
7. In the **This Machine Catalog will use** section, select **Machines that are power managed**.

8. In the **Deploy machines using** section, select **Citrix Machine Creation Services (MCS)**.
9. Complete the wizard with the settings required for your Virtual App (formerly XenApp) deployment.
10. Return to the main Citrix Studio window and click **Delivery Groups** in the left-hand navigation panel.
11. Right-click the **Delivery Group** that contains the machine where Dragon is installed, and then select **Add Applications**.

The Create Application dialog box appears.

12. Click **Next**.

The Applications screen appears.

13. In the Applications list, select your Dragon application, and then click **Next**.

The Summary screen appears.

14. Click **Finish**.

After you have published Dragon from your Virtual App (formerly XenApp) server, you must set up your client machines before running Dragon. For more information, [“Configuring clients to use Dragon on the Citrix server” on page 11](#).

Chapter 5: Post-installation tasks

Configuring your server

Allow users with analog microphones to launch Dragon

If you have users who dictate with an analog microphone, grant them permission to customize audio quality and set the quality to high.

To grant users permission to customize audio quality for the web interface:

1. Open the Citrix Access Management Console.
2. In the left pane, select **Citrix Web Interface>Virtual App Web Sites><Site name>**.
3. In the XenApp–Edit Settings window, click **Session Settings**.
4. In the **Remote Connection** section, select **Connection Performance**.
5. Select **Allow users to customize sound**.
6. Click **OK**.

To set the audio quality to high:

1. Open the Citrix AppCenter.
2. In the left pane, navigate to **Citrix Resources>Virtual App><Citrix farm>>Policies**.
3. In the lower part of the screen, click the **Settings** tab.
4. In the **Settings** area, next to **Audio quality**, click **Add**.
The Add Setting screen appears.
5. From the **Value** drop-down list, select **High – high definition audio**.
6. Under **Group Policy**, select **Administrative Templates>Citrix Components>Citrix Virtual App Plugin for Hosted Apps>User Experience>Client audio settings**.
7. Change group policy setting from **Not Configured** to **Enabled**, and then click **Apply**.
8. Select **Enable audio**.
9. In the **Sound quality** drop-down list, select **High**.
10. Click **Apply**.
11. Click **OK**.
12. From a command prompt, run the `gpupdate /force` command to ensure that the policy is correctly applied.

Configuring clients to use Dragon on the Citrix server

Note: When using Dragon on a Citrix environment, always run Citrix in optimized mode. Dragon does not recognize dictation or commands when using the Citrix environment in Generic Mode.

Do the following to prepare your client computers to use Dragon on a Citrix server.

Install the Citrix Workspace (formerly Citrix Receiver) software on all clients

Whether you are deploying Dragon with Virtual Desktop (formerly XenDesktop) or Virtual App (formerly XenApp), you must install Citrix Workspace (formerly Citrix Receiver) on all clients that need access to the Citrix server.

You can download this software and its documentation from the Citrix web site.

Configure audio settings for Citrix clients

To allow users to dictate from a client computer, you must configure the audio input by doing one of the following:

- [“Virtual App \(formerly XenApp\) deployments: Install Dragon Client Update for Citrix” on page 12](#)
- [“Virtual Desktop \(formerly XenDesktop\) deployments: Configure audio devices on the client” on page 12](#)

Note: To enable the PowerMic as a dictation source, you must also install the Citrix Extensions. For more information, see [“Configuring your server” on page 11](#).

Virtual App (formerly XenApp) deployments: Install Dragon Client Update for Citrix

Before users can dictate with Dragon on a Virtual App (formerly XenApp) server, you must install the **Dragon Client Update for Citrix** utility on each client machine. This utility enables Dragon to receive audio from devices connected to a local client machine.

You need administrator rights to install this utility.

1. If there is an older version of the **Dragon Client Update for Citrix** utility installed on the computer, uninstall it first.
2. In the Dragon installation directory, open the Citrix Extension folder.
3. Launch `vddnspatch2.exe` or `vddnspatch2.msi`.
The InstallShield Wizard opens.
4. Follow the prompts to install the software for use with the default application set in the Virtual App (formerly XenApp) client.

Virtual Desktop (formerly XenDesktop) deployments: Configure audio devices on the client

To allow Dragon to receive audio from devices connected to local client machines, do the following on each client computer:

1. Plug the microphone into the client computer.
2. Right-click the speaker icon in the Notifications area of the computer, and then select **Recording devices**.

The Sound dialog box appears with the Recording tab open.

3. Verify that the microphone you want to use appears in the list of recording devices and is set as the default recording device.

To change the default recording device, select a microphone from the list and click the **Set Default** button.

4. Click **OK** to exit the Sound dialog box.
5. Launch an internet browser and log in to the Citrix server.
6. In the Desktops view, select the desktop where Dragon is installed.
Citrix Workspace (Formerly Citrix Receiver) opens.
7. If the Citrix Workspace— Security Warning dialog box appears, click **Permit Use**.
8. Click the Virtual Desktop toolbar at the top of the virtual machine display.
9. Click the **Preferences** icon.
The Citrix Workspace – Preferences window appears.
10. **PowerMic users only:**
 1. In the Devices tab, find **Nuance PowerMic II-NS** (for PowerMic III) or **Dictaphone Corporation** (for PowerMic II) in the devices list.
 2. In the **Virtual Channel** column, click **Switch to generic**.
11. Click the Connections tab.
12. Under **Session Settings**, select **Connect automatically**.
13. Click **OK** to close the Citrix Workspace – Preferences window.
14. In the Virtual Desktop toolbar, click the **Devices** icon and verify that your microphone is listed.

Troubleshooting

- If the audio quality on the Citrix server where Dragon is installed is set to low but the sound on the client running Dragon is set to high, the client might not receive an audio quality warning. Be sure to set the audio quality on the server to high. For more information, see [“Allow users with analog microphones to launch Dragon” on page 11](#).
- Each client computer must have a sound system. If, for example, USB audio is disabled on the client computer, a user can't create a user profile when using that computer. In this case, you should enable USB audio on the client computer and re-connect to the Citrix server.

Install the PowerMic Citrix Client Extension on each client computer

To enable PowerMic with a Citrix deployment of Dragon, you must install the PowerMic Citrix Client Extension on each client computer.

1. In the Dragoninstallation directory, navigate to **Citrix Extension>Citrix Client Extension**.
2. Double click `PowerMic Citrix Client Extension.msi`.
3. Follow the prompts to install the PowerMic Citrix Client Extension.

Managing Citrix logging on the client (optional)

When you start a Citrix session, the software loads the `module.ini` file from the root folder of the client machine, which contains a list of the parameters used to select and configure the communications stack modules, including the Dragon Client Update for Citrix utility.

To avoid running out of space on the Citrix client, you can disable or redirect Citrix logging.

1. Open the `module.ini` file in a text editor. By default, the `module.ini` file is located in the Citrix client directory:

C:\Program Files (x86)\Citrix\ICA Client

2. Find the [VDDNS] section and modify the settings:
 - To disable logging: Change the LogLevel to 0.
 - Or
 - To redirect logging to another location or device: Change LogFileName to a different path.
3. Save and exit the module.ini file.