MiaRec

Screen Recording-Admin-Guide

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1. MiaRec Screen Recording Admin Guide

This guide describes the configuration procedures required for MiaRec screen recording application.

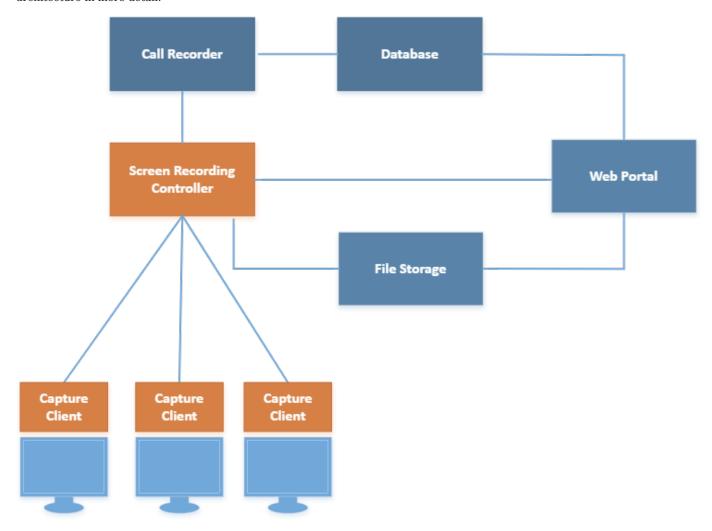
2. How it works

2.1 Architecture

MiaRec solution relies on Screen Recording Client running on agent desktops to perform screen captures during a call.

The controller application is responsible for the authentication of clients and initiating the capture process when the agent handles a new call.

The following diagram illustrates a high-level architecture of the MiaRec screen recording solution. The next chapters cover the architecture in more detail.



Components:

- The Screen Recording Client runs on the Agent's workstations as a Windows Service.
- The **Screen Recording Controller** authenticates all clients and controls a recording process, i.e. starts/stops screen capturing when agents receive/make calls.
- When the call ends, the **Client** uploads the video file to the server for storage and playback.

2.2 Authorization phase

When the Client application is deployed on a new computer, it has to be authorized first by the system administrator (menu **Screen recording -> Screen recording workstations**).

Database

1 Load user configuration

Screen Recording Controller

3 Authorize / reject session

Capture Client

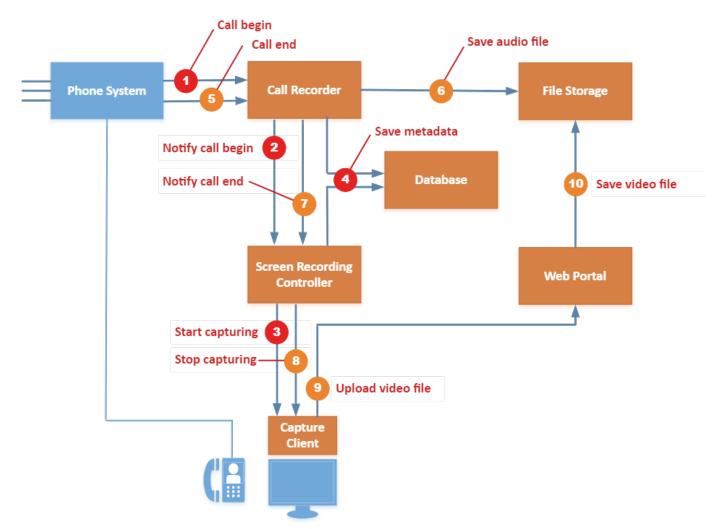
The following diagram illustrates the authorization phase. More details.

2.3 Recording phase

Once the Screen Capture Client is authorized and associated with the corresponding agent profile, it automatically starts screen recording when the agent receives/makes calls.

The following diagram illustrates a recording process in detail:

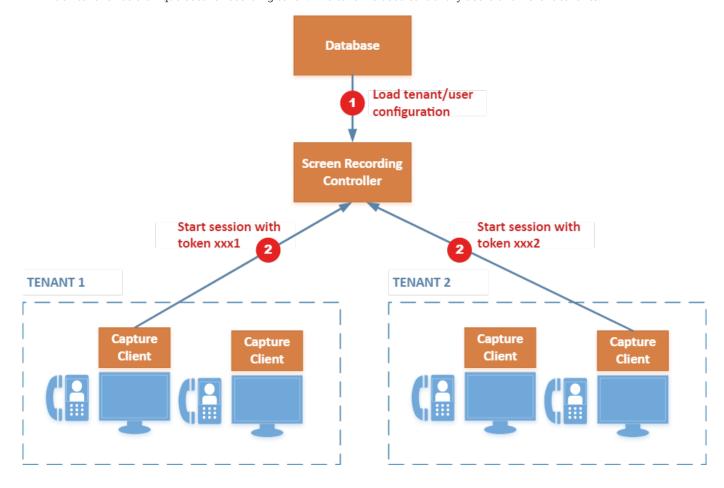
- 1. The MiaRec Call Recorder detects a new call from the Phone System.
- 2. The Call Recorder notifies the Screen Recording Controller about the particular agent has a new call
- 3. The **Screen Recording Controller** locates the active session for that agent and sends **Start capturing** command to the **Capture Client**
- 4. Both **Call Recorder** and **Screen Recording Controller** save metadata in **Database**, so users can playback audio and video recordings using the **Web Portal**.
- 5. The Call Recorder detects the call end event.
- 6. The Call Recorder saves the recorded audio file to the File Storage.
- 7. The Call Recorder notifies the Screen Recording Controller about the call end.
- 8. The **Screen Recording Controller** sends **Start capturing** command to the **Capture Client**. If wrapup recording is enabled, then the screen capturing process continues for a pre-defined amount of time, usually for a couple of minutes. Otherwise, a screen capturing is completed immediately.
- 9. The Capture Client uploads the recorded video file to the Web portal.
- 10. The Web Portal service stores the file in the File Storage



2.4 Multitenant environment

MiaRec Screen Recording solution supports deployment in a multi-tenant environment. The architecture is similar to a single-tenant setup except for one difference:

• Each tenant has a unique secure recording token. The token is used to identify users of different tenants.

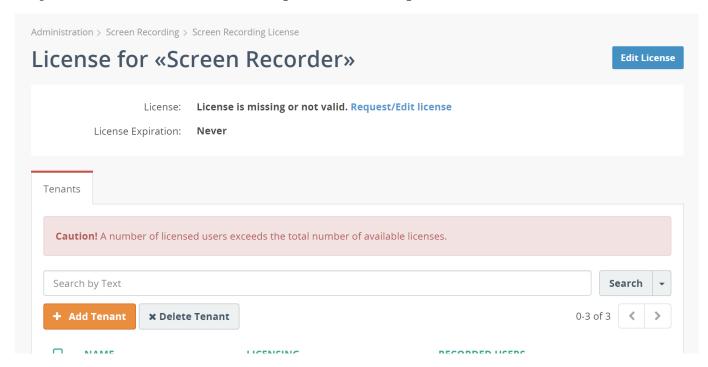


3. Installation

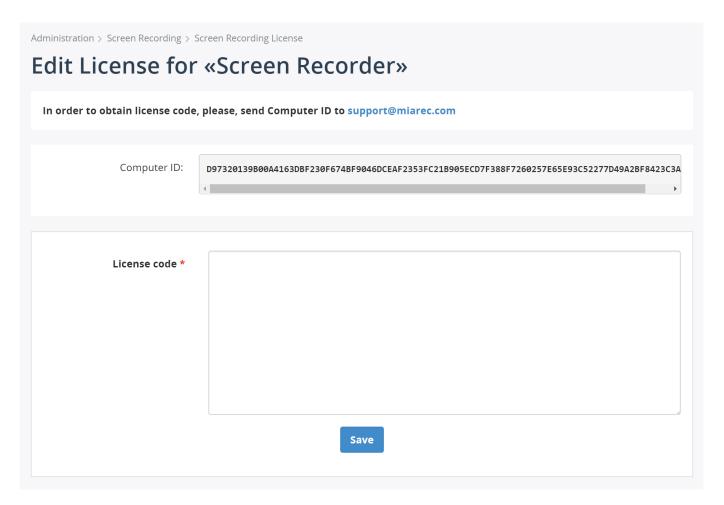
3.1 Configure licensing

3.1.1 Install license code

 $Navigate \ to \ \textbf{Administration -> Screen Recording -> Screen Recording License}.$



Click **Edit license**. You will see **Computer Id** value. Send this value to MiaRec team. We will send you back the license code for your server.



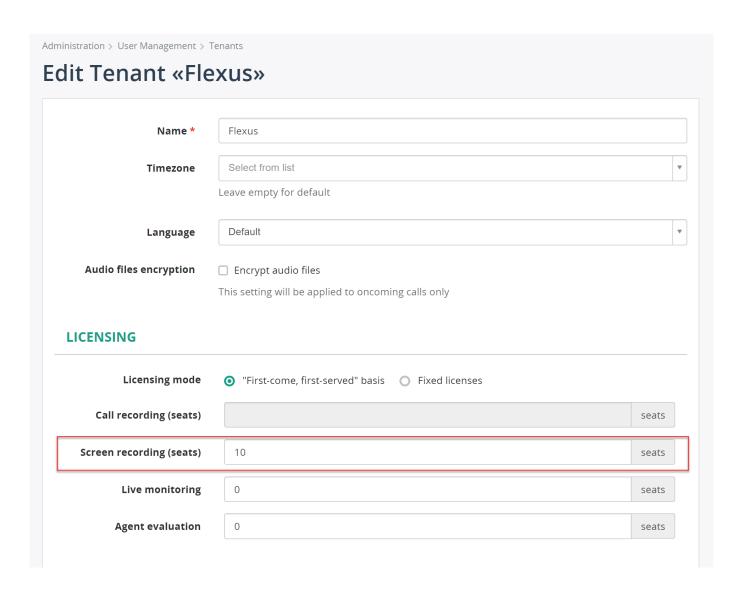
Once the license code is applied, the license information will show how many users are licensed:



3.1.2 Allocate licenses to tenants (for multitenant environment only)

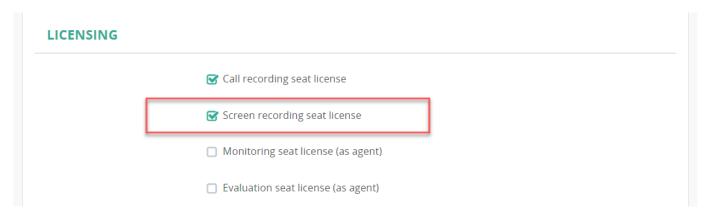
Note, that step should be completed when MiaRec is configured in a multi-tenant environment (see What is a multi-tenancy?

Navigate to **Administration -> User Management -> Tenants** and allocate the appropriate number of licenses to tenants. The following screenshot shows that tenant "Flexus" is allocated to 10 screen recording licenses. These licenses can be further assigned to tenant users (see the next step).



3.1.3 Assign licenses to users

Navigate to **Administration -> User Management -> Users**. On user profiles, check the **Screen recording seat license** for each of the eligible users.



3.2 Configure storage

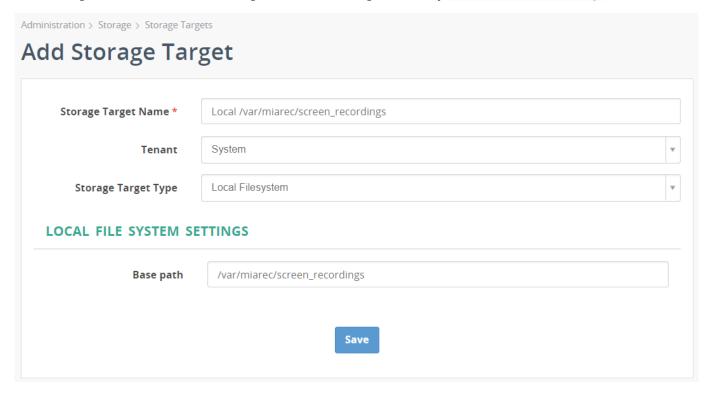
Navigate to menu Administration -> Storage -> Storage Targets.

Click Add to create a storage target for screen recording files (*.mp4).

Files can be stored:

- Locally on the same server as the MiaRec web application
- Remotely on FTP, SFTP server
- Remotely in Amazon S3 bucket

 $The following \ screenshot \ demonstrates \ configuration \ of \ local \ storage \ in \ directory \ \ / var/miarec/screen_recordings \ .$



On Linux system, configure folder permissions

For local storage target, configure permissions for the directory. This directory should be writable by Apache web server process. On Centos 6/7, execute the command:

chown -R apache:apache /var/miarec/screen_recordings

On Ubuntu:

chown -R www-data:www-data /var/miarec/screen_recordings

On Windows, there is no need to configure permissions for folder.

3.3 Configure screen recording settings

Navigate to menu Administration -> Screen Recordings -> Screen Recording Settings.

Configure the following settings:

- Storage Target (created in the previous steps)
- Capture frame rate (how often to capture screen per second)
- Bit-rate (compression level)
- Maximum screen recording duration (limits maximum size of video file).
- Maximum width/height of the captured image. MiaRec automatically resizes the image. This setting is per-monitor, i.e. in multi-monitor configuration, the picture is downsized only when either of monitors has larger resolution.
- Multi-monitor recording. Record a primary monitor only or all monitors.

Edit Screen Recording Settings

STORAGE SETTINGS

Storage Host URL

http://192.168.88.30

URL of the storage server for screen recordings (it should be accessible from outside by the clients). The clients automatically upload the recorded video files to that server. In a single-server setup, it should be the same as the web portal. In a multi-server setup, it is possible to a dedicated server the file upload traffic. Format examples: http://miarec.example.com, https://10.0.0.5:8443

Storage Target *

Local /var/miarec/screen_recordings (Local Filesystem)

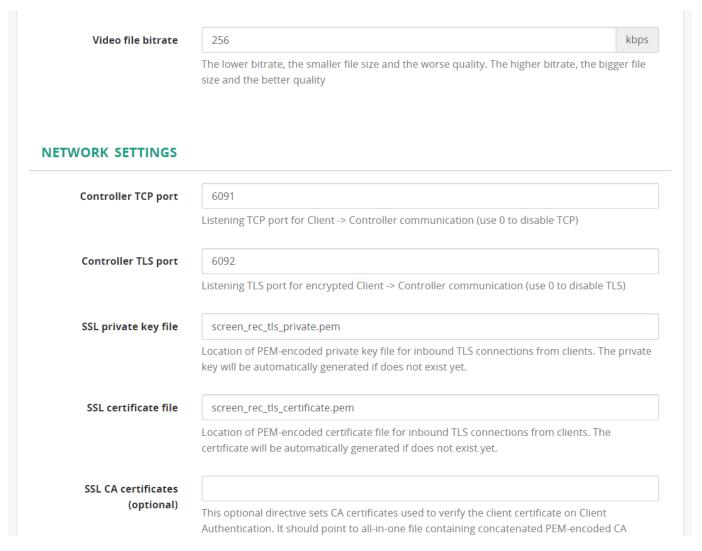
* *

Video file name format *

%{start-time#%Y%m%d}/%{start-time#%Y%m%d%H%M%S}-%{recording-id}.mp4

Parameterized file name format

RECORDING SETTINGS Capture rate (fps) * 2.0 (two frames per second) 0 seconds Wrap-up time (seconds) The screen recording continues for the specified amount of time after the voice interaction completes 14400 Max recording duration seconds (seconds) The recording is automatically terminated after the the specified amount of time passes. This value should be at least as large as the longest call. 14400 Max file duration seconds (seconds) The recording session may consits of multiple smaller files. This option specifies the maximum duration of individual file. Multi-monitor support Record primary monitor only Record all monitors 1920 Max image width pixels Maximum width of the captured screen image. If the actual monitor width is bigger, then the screen image is automatically resized 1080 Max image height pixels Maximum height of the captured screen image. If the actual monitor height is bigger, then the screen image is automatically resized



Important! If MiaRec is deployed on Linux, then make sure the Apache process has write permissions to the storage target directory.

On Centos, run as an example:

chown -R apache:apache /var/miarec/screen-recordings

On Ubuntu, run:

chown -R www-data:www-data/var/miarec/screen-recordings

Assuming that directory /var/miarec/screen-recordings is used for storing of uploaded video files.

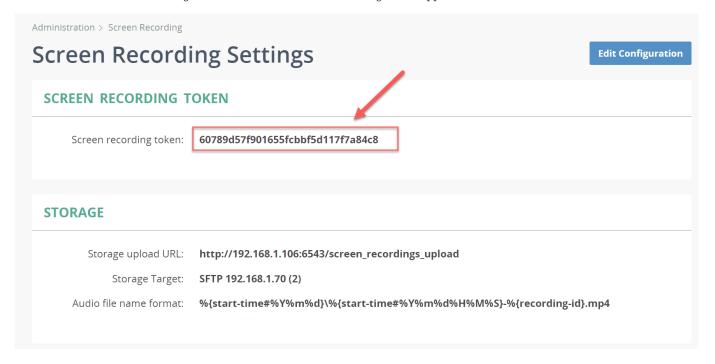
3.4 Generate security token

3.4.1 A single-tenant configuration - generate token

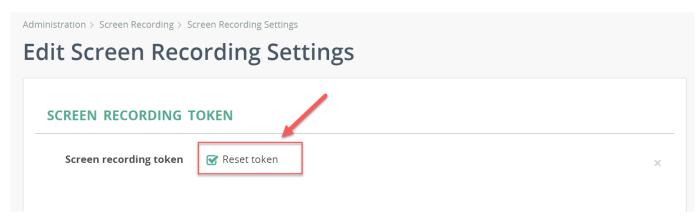
This step applies only to a single-tenant configuration!

Navigate to **Administration -> Screen Recording -> Screen Recording Settings** to view the current **Screen recording token** (see below screenshot).

This token should be used during installation of the Screen Recording Client application.



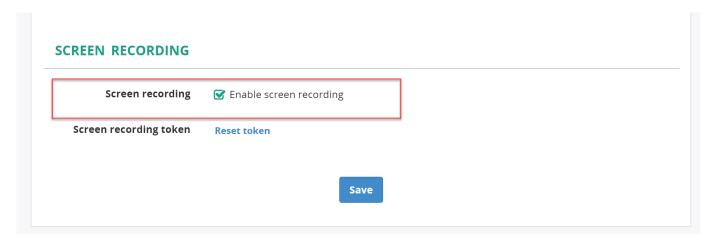
To generate new token, click Edit Configuration button and check Reset token option.



3.4.2 A multi-tenant configuration - generate token

This step applies only to a multi-tenant configuration!

On the tenant profile page, enable Screen Recording.



After you save the new settings for the tenant, the application generates automatically a secure recording token for the tenant.

This token is used for authentication of users belonging to different tenants. The MiaRec Screen Recording Client application (discussed later) requires this token during installation process.



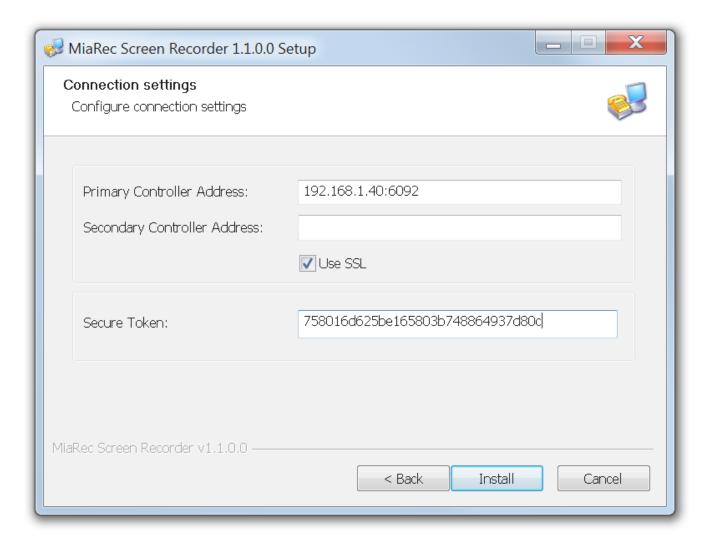
3.5 Install client application

Contact your MiaRec representative to get the MiaRec Screen Recorder application and install on the agent desktops.

Supported operating systems: Windows 7, 8, 10, Server 2008/2012/2016 with the latest windows updates installed.

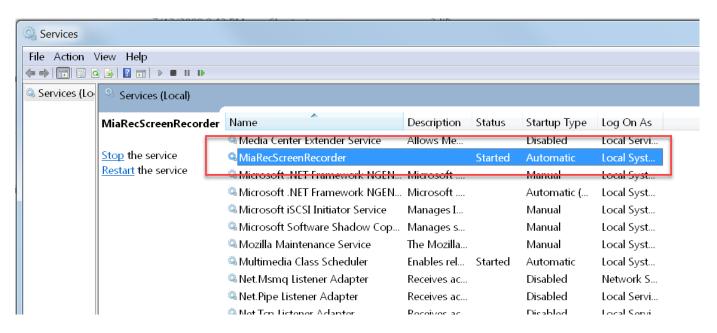
During installation, provide the address of the MiaRec Screen Controller server and "Secure Token". You can retrieve the secure token on the tenant profile page (see above).

Enter the IP-address or DNS name of MiaRec server in the **Primary Controller Address** field. By default, port **6092** is used for SSL connection and **6091** for non-SSL connection (see **Administration -> Screen Recording -> Screen Recording Settings** for exact port values).

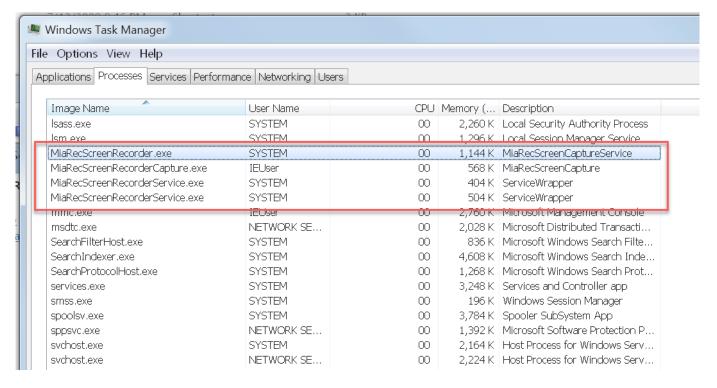


3.5.1 Verify installation

 $\label{lem:miaRec} \mbox{MiaRec Screen Recording Client silently works in background. It is visible \mbox{\bf Control Panel -> Services}.$

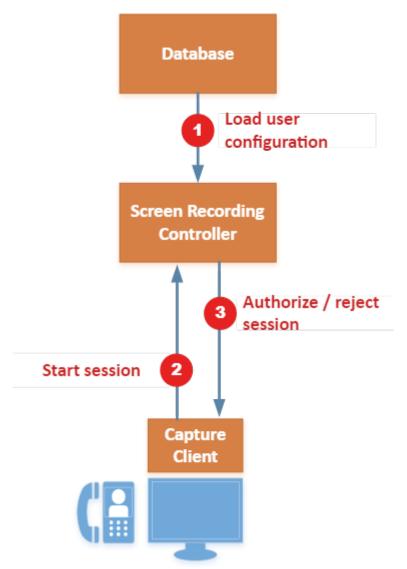


Also, you can see the application in the list of running processes.



3.6 Authorize new workstations

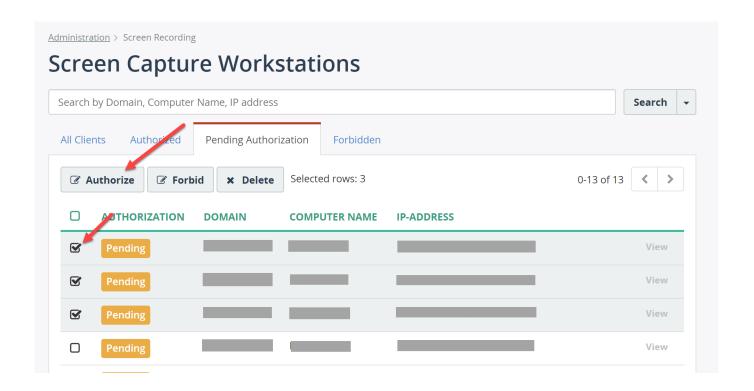
The capturing client application automatically establishes a network connection with the MiaRec screen recording controller. New workstation requires authorization before it can record screen.



Every workstation is uniquely identified using the automatically generated secure workstation token. The administrator can authorize new workstations using MiaRec Web UI. Navigate to menu **Administration -> Screen Recording -> Screen Capture Workstations**.

New workstations are shown in the **Pending authorization** tab.

Select the corresponding worktation(s) and authorize them.

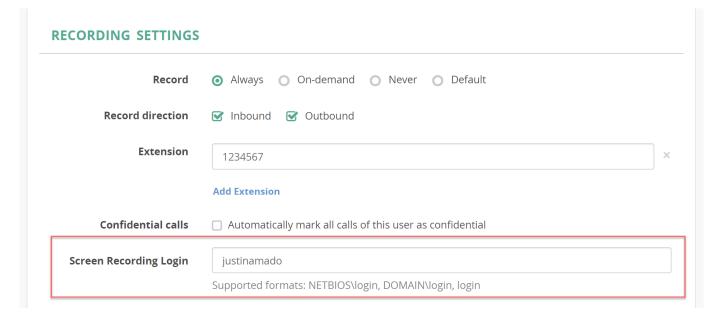


3.7 Configure users for screen recording

Navigate to Administration -> User Management -> Users and click Edit for the corresponding user profile.

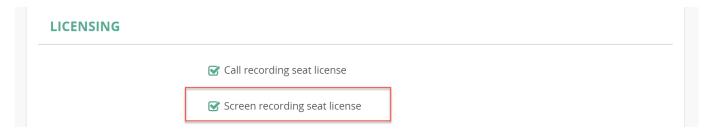
3.7.1 Step 1. Configure Screen Recording Login

Under **Recording settings**, configure the Windows login name in the **Screen recording login** attribute. This value should match to username, the user is using to login to Windows machine. Optionally, you can specify a domain name if your organization has multiple domains.



3.7.2 Step 2. Assign Screen recording license

Under Licensing, assign the Screen recording seat license to user.



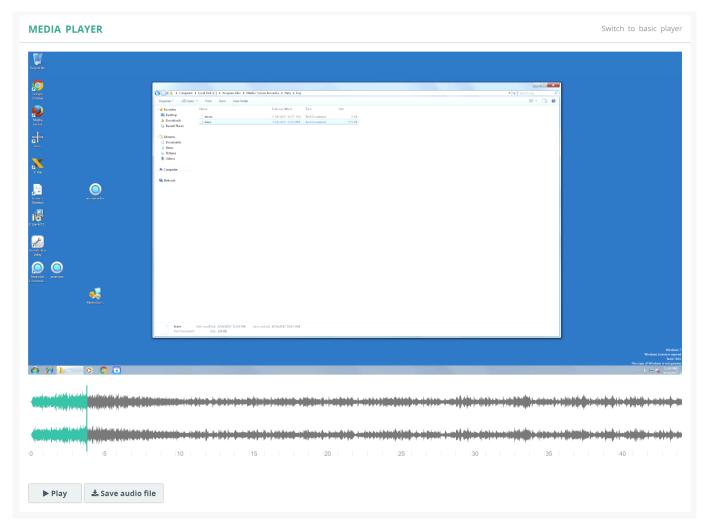
If user logs into to the authorized workstation using the configured login name, a screen capture will be activated automatically.

3.8 Verify screen recording

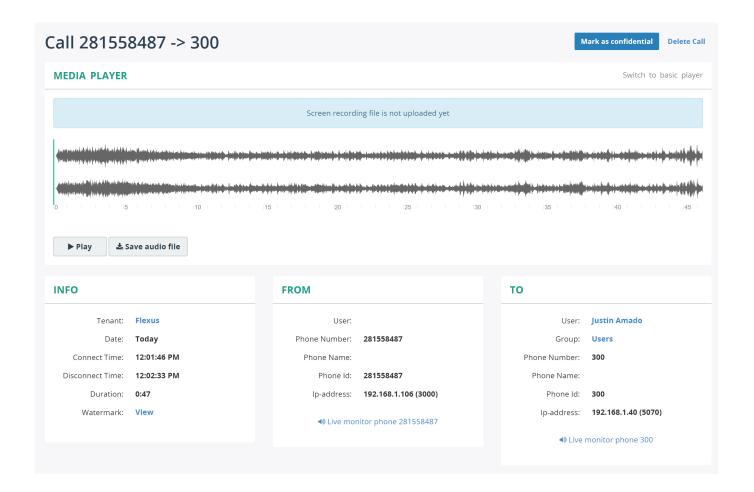
Make a test call to verify screen recording.

Once a call is completed, the video file should be automatically uploaded to the central storage server.

You will be able to playback both audio and screen recordings simultaneously.



Upload process may take some time depending on network speed between client and server. The message **Screen recording file is not uploaded yet** is shown when upload is not completed yet:



4. Troubleshooting

4.1 Troubleshooting on Client Side

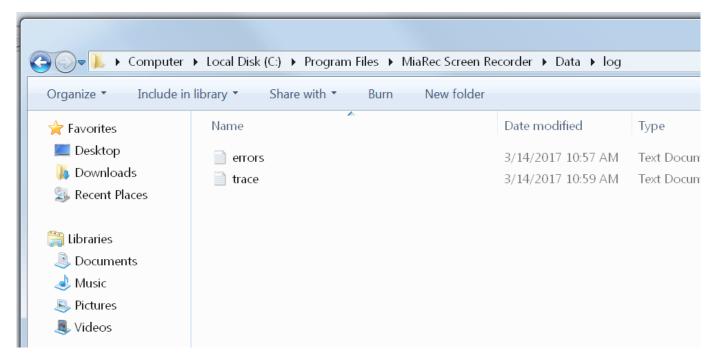
4.1.1 Enable logging for service application

By default, the client application doesn't write logs. Navigate to INSTALL-FOLDER\Bin and edit the file MiaRecScreenRecorder.ini Change Enable to 1 in the section [Trace]:

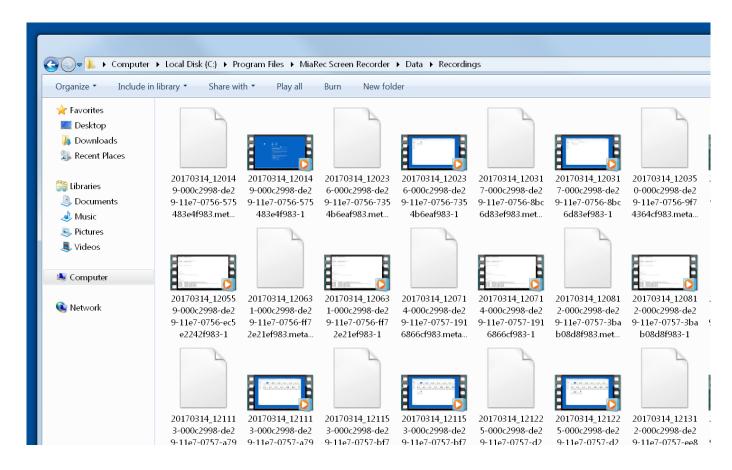
[Trace]
Enable=1
File=<INSTALL-FOLDER>\Data\log\trace.log

Restart service MiaRec Screen Recorder.

Once enabled, the logs are written into INSTALL-FOLDER\Data\log\trace.log file. Optionally, you can change the location of the log file by editing the File parameter in the INI file.



The video files are stored temporarily in the directory INSTALL-FOLDER\Data\Recordings. The client application automatically uploads the recorded files to the central storage server after call completion. Once uploaded, the files are removed from local storage. You can verify if any of the files are recorded by the client but not uploaded yet.



4.1.2 Enable logging for desktop capturing process

To enable logging for the capturing process, first, create a new directory on the computer where non-privileged users can write files. It should be outside of **C:\Program Files**. For example, create the directory C:\MiaRecLogs

Then, navigate to ${\bf INSTALL\text{-}FOLDER\backslash Bin}$ and edit the file MiaRecScreenRecorder.ini

Under section [Recording] edit the parameter CaptureProcessArgs. Change it to:

```
CaptureProcessArgs = -ttttt -o C:\MiaRecLogs\ScreenRecDesktop.log
```

Note, the directory C:\MiaRecLogs should exist and it should be writable by non-privileged users.

4.2 Troubleshooting on Server Side

If the screen recording doesn't appear on the server for too long, then you need to check logs on both the server and the client.

First, check System Log on the server (menu Administration -> Maintenance -> System Log).

One of the common issues is insufficient permissions to the upload directory. The following screenshot shows one of such cases.

```
response = handler(request)
    File "/var/www/miarec/pyenv/lib/python3.4/site-packages/pyramid-1.5.6-py3.4.egg/pyramid/router.py", line 163, in handle_
         response = view_callable(context, request)
    File \ "/var/www/miarec/pyenv/lib/python 3.4/site-packages/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid/config/views.py", \ line \ 596, \ in \ \_egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid/config/views.py", \ line \ 596, \ in \ \_egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid/config/views.py", \ line \ 596, \ in \ \_egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid/config/views.py", \ line \ 596, \ in \ \_egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid/config/views.py", \ line \ 596, \ in \ \_egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid/config/views.py", \ line \ 596, \ in \ \_egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid/config/views.py", \ line \ 596, \ in \ \_egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid/config/views.py", \ line \ 596, \ in \ \_egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid/config/views.py", \ line \ 596, \ in \ \_egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid-1.5.6-py 3.4.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/pyramid-1.5.egg/py
        return view(context, request)
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        return view(context, request)
    File "/var/www/miarec/pyenv/lib/python3.4/site-packages/pyramid-1.5.6-py3.4.egg/pyramid/config/views.py", line 305, in p
        return view(context, request)
    File "/var/www/miarec/pyenv/lib/python3.4/site-packages/pyramid-1.5.6-py3.4.egg/pyramid/config/views.py", line 385, in views.py
        result = view(context, request)
    File "/var/www/miarec/pyenv/lib/python3.4/site-packages/pyramid-1.5.6-py3.4.egg/pyramid/config/views.py", line 491, in _
        response = getattr(inst, attr)()
    File "/var/www/miarec/app/miarecweb/views/admin/screen_recording_upload_views.py", line 604, in view_upload_file_content
        os.makedirs(new_directory, exist_ok=True)
    File "/usr/local/lib/python3.4/os.py", line 227, in makedirs
        makedirs(head, mode, exist_ok)
    File "/usr/local/lib/python3.4/os.py", line 237, in makedirs
        mkdir(name, mode)
PermissionError: [Errno 13] Permission denied: '/var/miarec/screen_recordings'
```

In this case, you just need to grant the write permission on that folder to the Apache web server user account:

```
mkdir -p /var/miarec/screen_recordings
chown apache:apache /var/miarec/screen_recordings
```

Additionally, you can enable trace on the server side. Navigate to menu **Administration -> Screen Recording -> Screen Recording Settings** and enable detailed trace logging.

TRACE LOG SETTINGS Enable * ☑ Enable writing of trace log information into file Trace log file name * /var/log/miarec_screen/trace/trace.log Full path to file trace log file Trace level * Depth of trace information (from 1 to 5). Default is 5 Daily (once per day) Rotate * When rotating the log file will be ranmed into new one with name "*.yyyyMMdd-hhmmss.EXT" (EXT is file extension) Rotate day * 1 For weekly rotation, one of [Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 0]. For monthly rotation a day from 1 to 31. For monthly rotation a day from 1 to 31 Rotate time * 23:55 For hourly rotation format is MM (minutes). For daily, weekly and monthly rotation format is HH:MM (hour and minutes)

5. Deploy Screen Capture Client with Windows Group Policy

5.1 Create a Transform (MST) file

This article describes how to prepare Transform (MST) file for Windows installer.

What is a Transform?

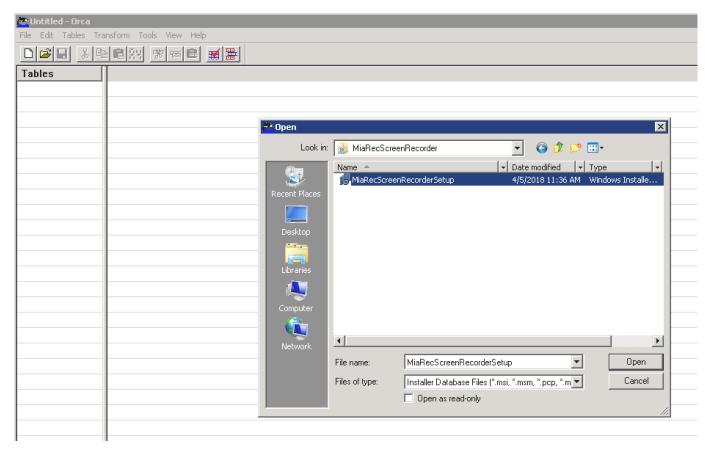
A Transform (*.MST) file allows you to collect installation options for programs that use the Microsoft Windows Installer in a file. They can be used on the Installer (MSIEXEC.EXE) command line, or used in a software installation Group Policy in a Microsoft Active Directory domain.

Use Orca utility to prepare a packaged installation of MiaRec screen recording client. You can download Orca as a part of Windows SDK or by contacting your MiaRec representative.

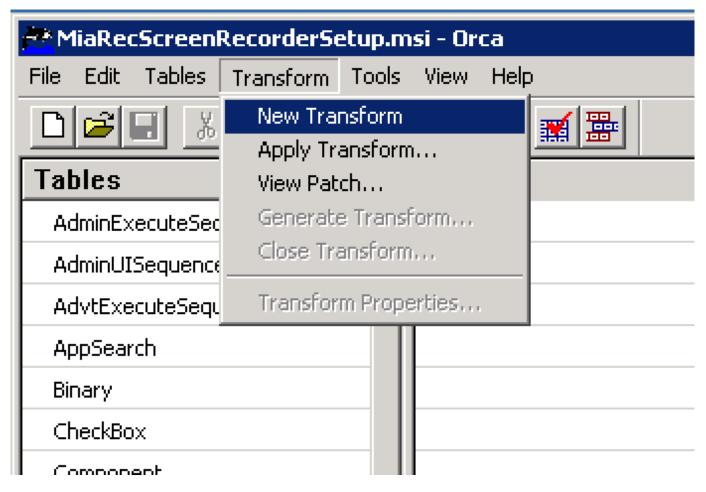
What is Orca?

Orca.exe is a database table editor from Microsoft for creating and editing Windows Installer packages and merge modules. The tool provides a graphical interface for validation, highlighting the particular entries where validation errors or warnings occur. More details can be found on Microsoft web-site.

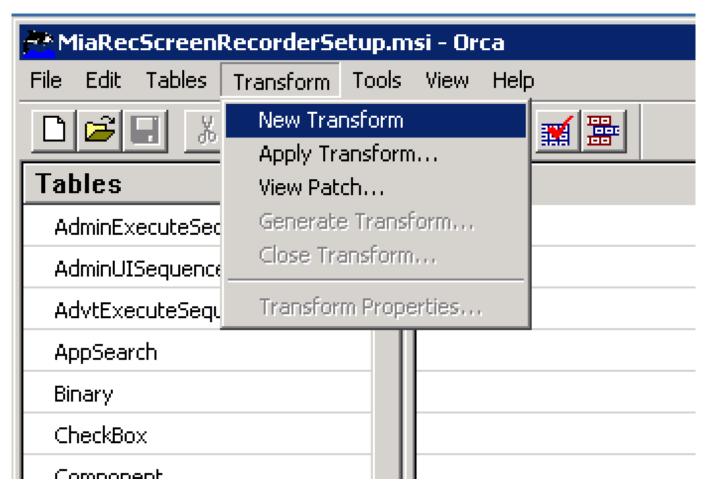
Open MiaRecScreenRecorderSetup.msi in Orca utility.



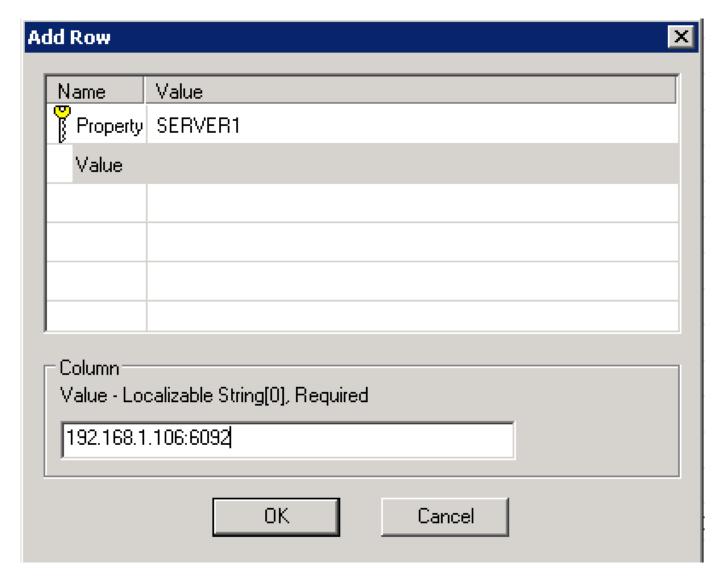
Select New Transform from the Transform menu.



Select **Property** in the **Tables** pane on the left.



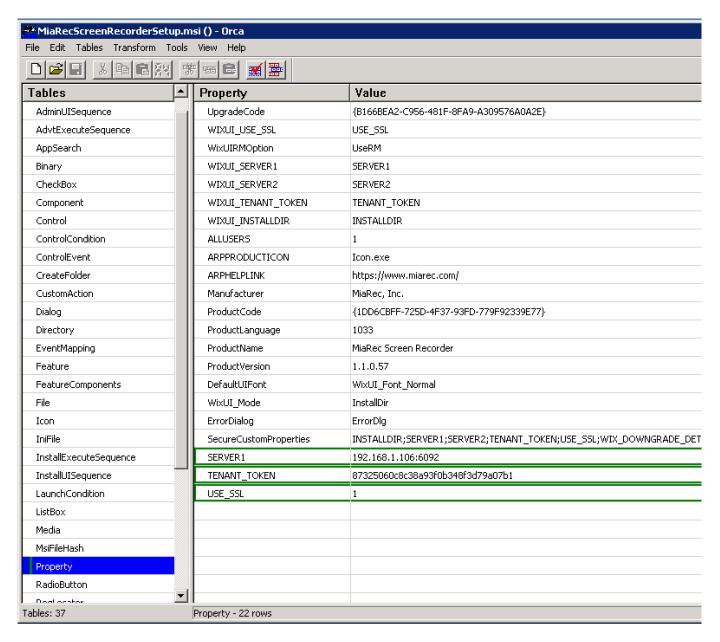
In the right pane, right-click on empty space and choose Add Row.



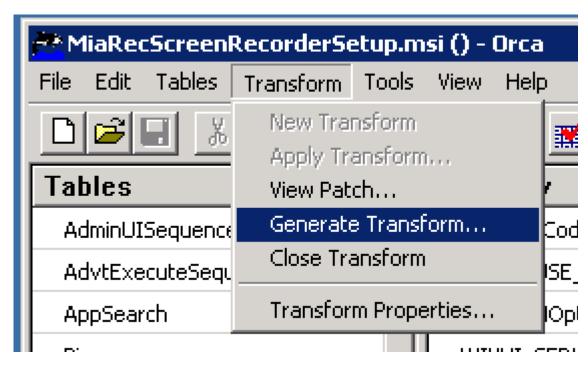
Create the following parameters:

Property	Value	Description
SERVER1	IP:PORT	1st MiaRec screen recording server
SERVER1	IP:PORT	2nd MiaRec screen recording server (optional)
TENANT_TOKEN	STR	Screen recording token as configured in MiaRec web portal
USE_SSL	1 or 0	Set to ${\bf 1}$ if encrypted channel is used (default port is 6092). Set to ${\bf 0}$ if encrypted channel is not used (default port is 6091)

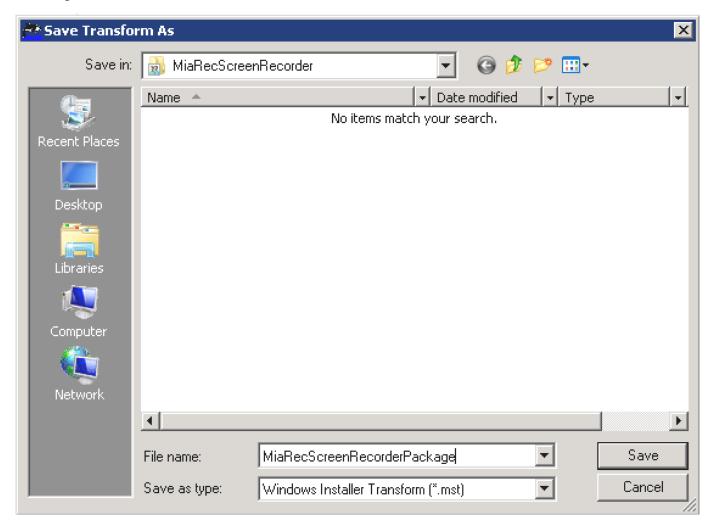
The following screenshot shows an example configuration



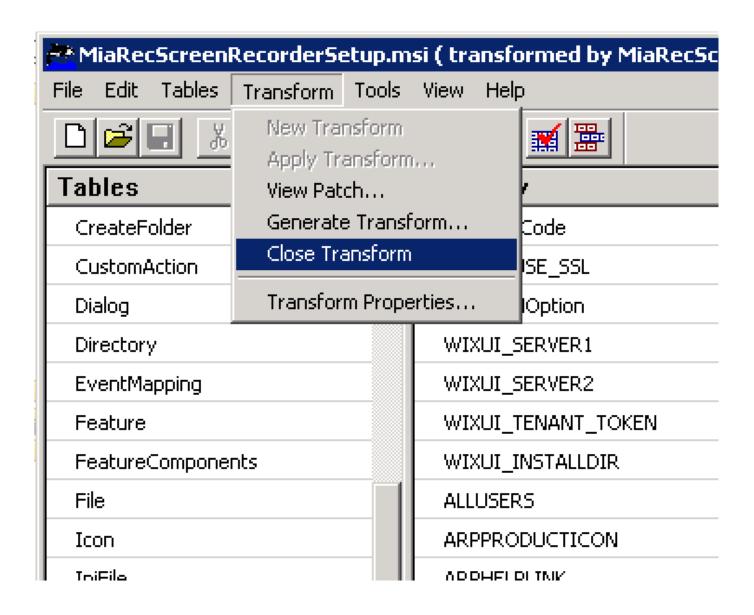
When finished, select "Generate Transform..." from menu "Transform"



Save the generated Windows Installer Transform file (*.mst).



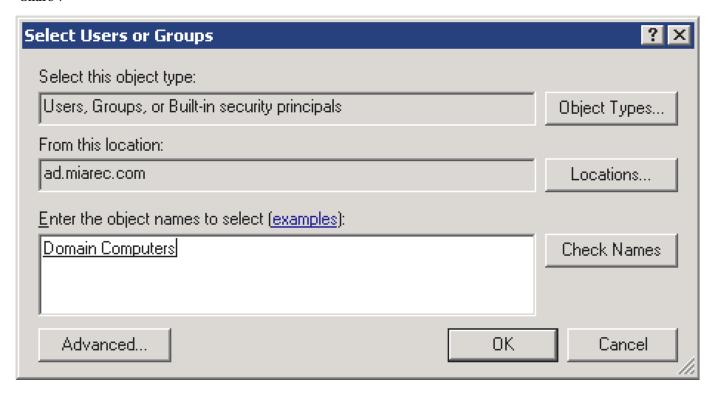
Select "Close Transform" from the menu "Transform"

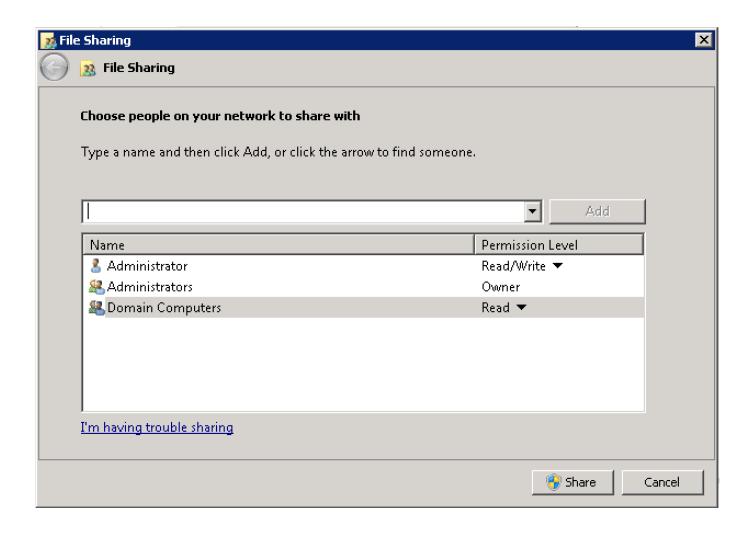


5.2 Put the MSI and MST files in a file share

You need to create a folder somewhere on your server that you can remember and find, like the documents folder or the desktop. You need to put the MSI as well as MST files in this new folder, and then right-click the folder, and go to "Share with" --> "Specific people".

Type "**Domain Computers**" in the search box, and then give the "**Domain Computers**" account read permissions and click "**Share**".





5.3 Create a new GPO

5.3.1 Step 1. Create GPO

Open **Group Policy Management** from **Start --> Administrative Tools --> Group Policy Management**. If it is not installed, go to the **Server Manager** (also in Administrative tools) and go to the **Features** tab on the left hand side and then click **Add Features** in the pane on the right. Check the box in the new window that says **Group Policy Management**, and then click through the next few screens. It will install and then you can open it like described before.

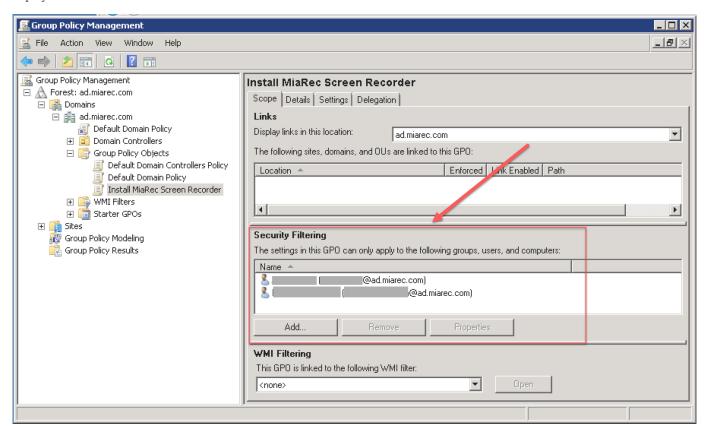
Navigate to **Forest: YOURDOMAIN --> Domains --> YOURDOMAIN --> Group Policy Objects**. Right click the folder **Group Policy Objects** and click **New**. Type in a name for your GPO. Once you create your new GPO, it will show up under the **Group Policy Objects** folder.

5.3.2 Step 2. Select computers on which to deploy the software

Click on the new GPO with the name that you just assigned. In the right pane on the bottom, there is a box that says **Security Filtering**. Click on and remove the **Authenticated Users** entry.

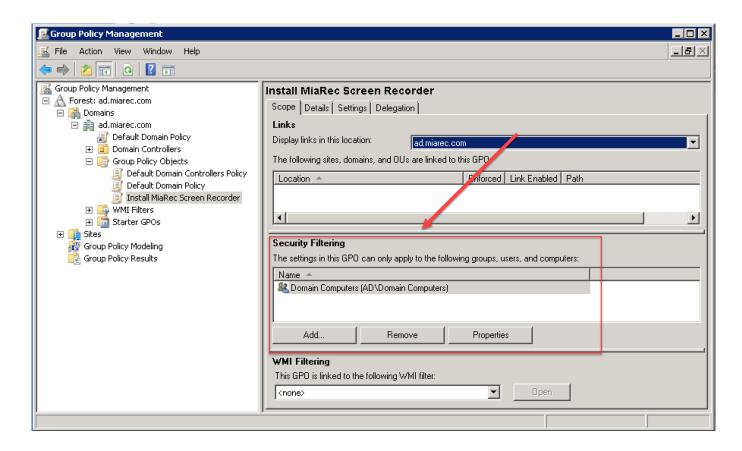
Option 1. Deploy software for certain users

If you want this program deployed on certain computers, add all of the specific computer names that you want the software to be deployed on.



Option 2. Deploy on all domain computers

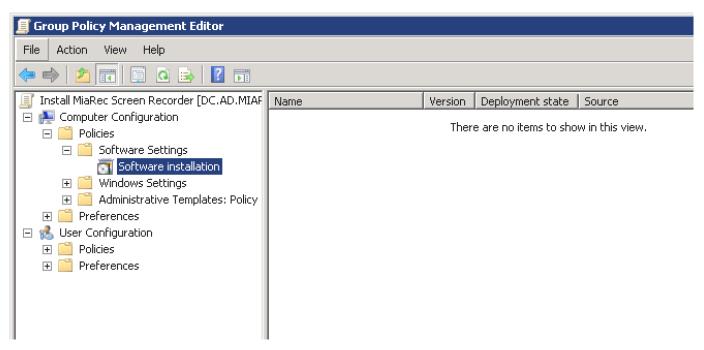
if you want it on all computers, add the group "Domain Computers". Go back up to the "YOURDOMAIN" folder (in the navigation pane) and right-click it. Click "Link an existing GPO". Click your new GPO's name and click OK.



5.3.3 Step 3. Create a Software installation

Now go back to the GPO under Group Policy Objects folder, and right-click it. Click on Edit.

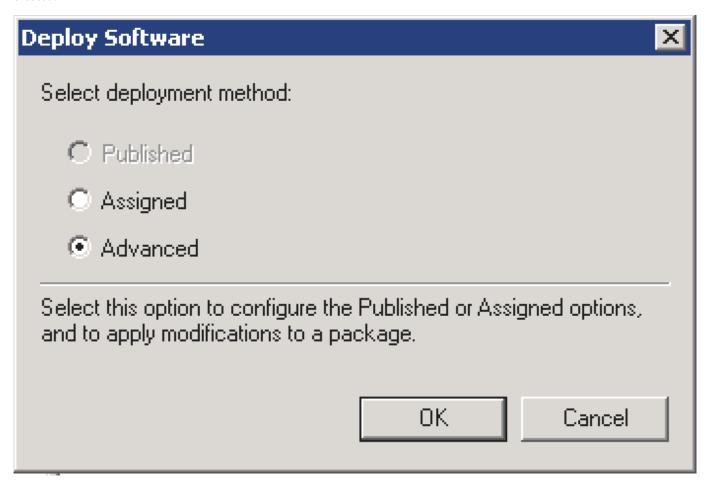
A new window will open. Navigate to **Computer Configuration --> Policies --> Software Settings --> Software installations**.



Right click inside the empty pane on the right and go to New --> Package....

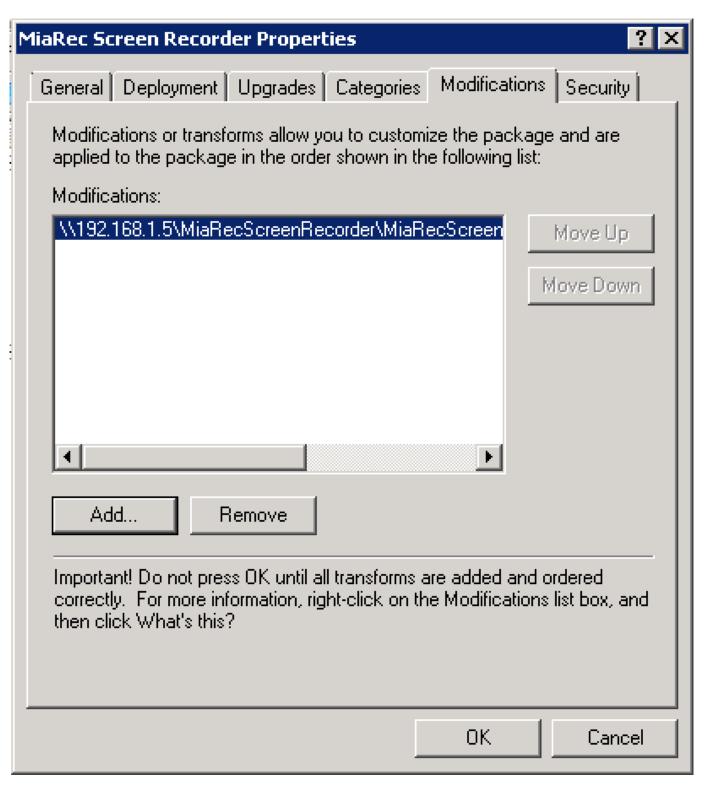
In the new windows that pops up, Navigate to the share that you created earlier using the full **Universal Naming Convention** (UNC) path like (\YOURSERVERNAME\FOLDERNAME), not the physical folder on the server (C:\FAKEPATH\FOLDERNAME), and select your MSI. Click **Open**.

On **Select deployment method**, select **Advanced**. If you select another option, you won't able to apply the MST file you created.



Open Modifications tab. Select your MST file (that customizes your installation) from the network share.

Note: Again it is very important to use a UNC to the file (to the network share), rather than a local/network drive path.



Click \mathbf{OK} to complete the setup.

Close the Group Policy snap-in, click OK, and then close the Active Directory Users and Computers snap-in.

5.3.4 Reboot workstations (optional)

When the workstations re-start, the software package is automatically get installed with the pre-configured parameters (Note: It may take 2-3 restarts for the server to update the GPO on the workstations).