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Evaluating One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions in a virtual environment

Before you start:

Before you start evaluating SPS, make sure you understand what SPS is and how it works. This information can greatly help you get SPS operational.

NOTE: When setting up a virtual environment, carefully consider the configuration aspects such as CPU, memory availability, I/O subsystem, and network infrastructure to ensure the virtual layer has the necessary resources available. Please consult [One Identity's Product Support Policies](#) for more information on environment virtualization.

Supported virtual environments for evaluating One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions

To evaluate One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions as a virtual appliance, you can download and install the latest SPS ISO file into a virtual machine. The following virtual environments are supported for evaluation:

- Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM)
- Microsoft Hyper-V
- VMware
- vSphere (VMware ESX)

SPS may work in other virtual environments like VirtualBox as well, although these are officially not supported. You can obtain an evaluation license and the ISO file using your [support portal](#) account.

Download the evaluation version of SPS

1. Visit the [Download Trials page](#), and navigate to **One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions > Download Free trial**.
2. Complete the registration form, and click **Download Trial**.
3. You will receive the details on how to access your license key and the download the ISO files in email.

Setting up SPS and the virtual environment

1. To start using SPS, first install it in a virtual machine.
 - [Setting up One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions with vSphere](#)
 - [Setting up One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions with VirtualBox](#)
 - [Setting up One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions with Hyper-V](#)
 - [Setting up One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions using Kernel-based Virtual Machine \(KVM\)](#)
 - To deploy SPS as a Virtual Machine from the Azure Marketplace, see [One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions - Deployment from Azure Marketplace](#).
 - To set up and install SPS in an Amazon Web Services (AWS) virtual environment, see [One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions - Deployment on Amazon Web Services](#).
2. Then [configure a simple scenario and start using SPS](#).

Setting up One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions with vSphere

1. Download the vSphere application.

Visit [the vSphere webpage](#), and download latest version of the application for your operating system.
2. Install the vSphere application.

Follow the instructions provided in [the vSphere product documentation](#) to install the application.
3. Install SPS. Follow the instructions provided in ["One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions VMware Installation Guide"](#) in the Installation Guide.

4. Configure a simple scenario and evaluate SPS. For details, see [Creating a simple scenario](#).

Setting up One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions with VirtualBox

1. *Download the VirtualBox application*

Download the latest version of VirtualBox for your operating system.

2. Install the VirtualBox application.
 - On Microsoft Windows, start the VirtualBox.exe file.
 - On Linux systems, follow the instructions provided in [the VirtualBox manual](#).
3. Install SPS. Follow the instructions provided in "[One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions VMware Installation Guide](#)" in the Installation Guide.
4. Configure a simple scenario and evaluate SPS. For details, see [Creating a simple scenario](#).

Setting up One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions with Hyper-V

1. Download the Hyper-V application.

Visit [the Hyper-V webpage](#), and download latest version of the application for your operating system.

2. Install the Hyper-V application.

Follow the instructions provided in [the Hyper-V product documentation](#) to install the application.
3. Install SPS. Follow the instructions provided in "[One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions Hyper-V Installation Guide](#)" in the Installation Guide.
4. Configure a simple scenario and evaluate SPS. For details, see [Creating a simple scenario](#).

Setting up One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions using Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM)

1. *Install a virtual machine manager application*

Install a KVM manager application, for example, virt-manager.

2. Install SPS. Follow the instructions provided in ["Installing One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions as a Kernel-based Virtual Machine"](#) in the Installation Guide.
3. Configure a simple scenario and evaluate SPS. For details, see [Creating a simple scenario](#).

Creating a simple scenario

1. Connect to SPS.

The SPS virtual machine acquires an IP address from your DHCP server accessible in the virtual environment. After SPS has booted up, the console displays the IP address of the SPS web interface at login prompt. To connect to SPS, use this IP address. For details, or tips if SPS cannot receive an IP address, see ["The initial connection to One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions \(SPS\)"](#) in the Administration Guide.

2. Complete the Welcome Wizard as described in ["Configuring One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions \(SPS\) with the Welcome Wizard"](#) in the Administration Guide. Upload the evaluation license file you have downloaded with your [support portal](#) account.
3. Configure a server: set up a host that is on the same subnet as SPS, and enable Remote Desktop (RDP) or Secure Shell (SSH) access to it.
4. Configure a connection on SPS to forward the incoming RDP or Secure Shell (SSH) connection to the host and establish a connection to the host. See ["Logging in to One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions \(SPS\) and configuring the first connection"](#) in the Administration Guide for details.
5. Replay your session in the browser. See ["Replaying audit trails in your browser"](#) in the Administration Guide for details.

In case you have questions about SPS, or need assistance, contact your One Identity representative.

General connection settings

SPS supports transparent and non-transparent proxy operation modes to make deployments in existing network infrastructures as easy as possible. SPS will automatically handle non-transparent and transparent connections simultaneously.

Modes of operation

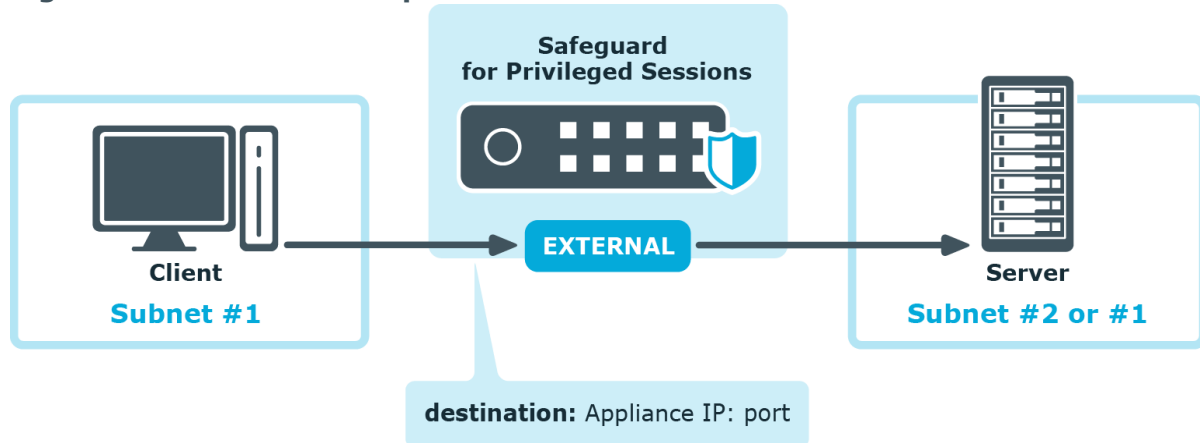
The following operation modes are possible:

- *Non-transparent proxy operation*: This guide will focus on this operation mode.
- *Transparent mode*: If you configure SPS proxies in transparent mode, the client usually addresses the target server directly. Therefore, you have to configure the connection policies in SPS accordingly.
- *Single-interface transparent mode*

Non-transparent proxy operation

This guide focuses on non-transparent proxy operation, which is the easiest to implement. In this configuration, clients connect to a server through SPS. That is, end-users address SPS explicitly, which then forwards connections to target systems based on various parameters depending on what destination selection method you select.

Figure 1: SPS in non-transparent mode



For an illustration of what happens when a client connects a server through SPS and how the different configuration options and policies of SPS affect this process, see:

- [Connecting to a server through SPS using SSH](#)
- [Connecting to a server through SPS using RDP](#)

Configuring the destination selection method

To configure the destination selection method, navigate to for example **SSH Control > Connections** (or the respective protocol control that you want to configure), and in the **Target** section, select the preferred method:

- *Use the original target address of the client:* Connect to the IP address targeted by the client. This is the default behavior in transparent mode.
- *NAT destination address:* Perform a network address translation on the target address.
- *Use fixed address:* The connection will connect always to this address, redirecting the clients to the server.
- *Inband destination selection:* Extract the address of the server from the username.

For details, see ["Modifying the destination address" in the Administration Guide](#).

Network settings

Assigning logical interfaces to physical interfaces

To assign logical interfaces to the three physical interfaces of SPS, navigate to **Basic Settings > Network > Interfaces**.

Each logical interface must have its own VLAN ID, and can have its own set of (alias) IP addresses and prefixes. The configured name for each logical interface is visible on SPS's user interface only.

You can configure IPv4 and IPv6 addresses as well. IPv6 is intended for configuring monitored connections, local services (including the web login) require IPv4 addresses. An interface can have multiple IP addresses, including a mix of IPv4 and IPv6 addresses.

For details, see [Network settings](#).

Routing uncontrolled traffic

To control how SPS routes uncontrolled traffic (that is, traffic that passes SPS but is not inspected or audited) between its network interfaces, navigate to **Basic Settings > Network > IP forwarding**.

You can connect interface pairs to each other, and SPS will route all uncontrolled traffic between these. To add a new forwarding rule, choose  and select the two logical interfaces to connect. You can select the same interface in both fields to use that logical interface in single-interface router mode.

For details, see [Routing uncontrolled traffic between logical interfaces](#).

Configuring connections: SSH

The following procedures provide a skeleton to configure SSH connections in SPS. If you want to have a deeper understanding, [read the in-depth detailed procedure](#).

Configure an SSH connection with fixed destination IP

The following describes how to configure a basic Secure Shell (SSH) connection in SPS. This Connection Policy uses a fixed destination IP, that is, it receives connections on an IP address of SPS, and forwards them to a server explicitly set in the policy.

The destination address is the address of the server where the clients finally connect to. To modify the destination address of a connection, complete the following steps.

Prerequisites:

- A SPS appliance where you have already completed the Welcome Wizard.
- An SSH server that is running on a host that you can access from SPS. That is, SPS must be able to access the network of the SSH server (adjust any routing and firewall settings in your network to permit this connection). If you only want to do a quick test, you can install an SSH server on the host you are configuring SPS from.

To configure a basic SSH connection in SPS

1. Navigate to **SSH Control > Connections**.
2. Click  to define a new connection and enter a name that will identify the connection (for example admin_mainserver).

TIP: It is recommended to use descriptive names that give information about the connection, for example refer to the name of the accessible server, the allowed clients, and so on.
3. Enter the IP address of the client that will be permitted to access the server into the **From** field. Click  to list additional clients.

Enter the IP address that the clients will request into the **To** field. To test SPS the easiest is to use the IP address of SPS, meaning that the connection will be non-transparent. (To test transparent connections, you must place SPS into the network between the client and the server, or route the traffic that way.)

Figure 2: Configuring fix destination selection

Enabled	Name	From	To	Port
☒	ssh_connection	10.30.0.2 / 32	10.30.0.100 / 32 192.168.1.30 / 32	22 2222

Target:

☐ Use original target address of the client
☐ NAT destination address
☒ Use fixed address
☐ Inband destination selection

10.30.0.100 : 22

SNAT:

☒ Use the IP address of SPS
☐ Use original IP address of the client
☐ Use fixed address

- 4.
 5. The **Target** section allows you to configure Network Address Translation (NAT) on the server side of SPS. Destination NAT determines the target IP address of the server-side connection. You can set the destination address as required for your environment. For this example non-transparent connection, select **Use fixed address**.
 6. Enter the IP address and port number of the server. SPS will connect all incoming client-side connections to this server. For example, to redirect the connections to your computer (if it is running an SSH server), enter the IP address of your computer.
- You can also enter a hostname instead of the IP address, and SPS automatically resolves the hostname to IP address. Note the following limitations:
- SPS uses the Domain Name Servers set **Basic Settings > Network > Naming > Primary DNS server** and **Secondary DNS server** fields to resolve the hostnames.
 - Only IPv4 addresses are supported.
 - If the Domain Name Server returns multiple IP addresses, SPS selects randomly from the list.
7. If the clients use a custom port to address the server instead of the default port used by the protocol, enter the port number that the clients will request into the **Port** field.

Click  to list additional port numbers. For details on organizing connections in non-transparent mode, see ["Organizing connections in non-transparent mode" in the Administration Guide](#).

8. Click  to save the connection.

This connection allows any user from the client machine to connect to the specified server, but permits only terminal sessions — other SSH channels like TCP forwarding are disabled.

TIP: To temporarily disable a connection, deselect the checkbox before the name of the connection.

9. Test the new configuration: try to initiate an SSH connection from the client (your computer) to the server.
10. After successfully connecting to the server, do something in the connection, for example, execute a simple command in SSH (for example, `ls /tmp`), then disconnect from the server.
11. Navigate to **Search** on the SPS web interface. Your sessions are displayed in the list of connections. Note that for the transparent connection, the client addresses the target server, while the non-transparent connection addresses SPS.
12. Click the  icon. A summary will be displayed about the connection.

Server-side (only) password authentication

The default authentication method for SSH connection policies is to let the target system check credentials as it would happen when users access the server directly without SPS in place.

If you want to configure a different authentication method, create an authentication policy.

Figure 3: Authentication policy



An authentication policy is a list of authentication methods that can be used in a connection. Connection definitions refer to an authentication policy to determine how the client can authenticate to the target server. Separate authentication methods can be used on the client and the server-side of the connection.

To create a new authentication policy, navigate to **SSH Control > Authentication Policies**.

For details, see [Authentication Policies](#).

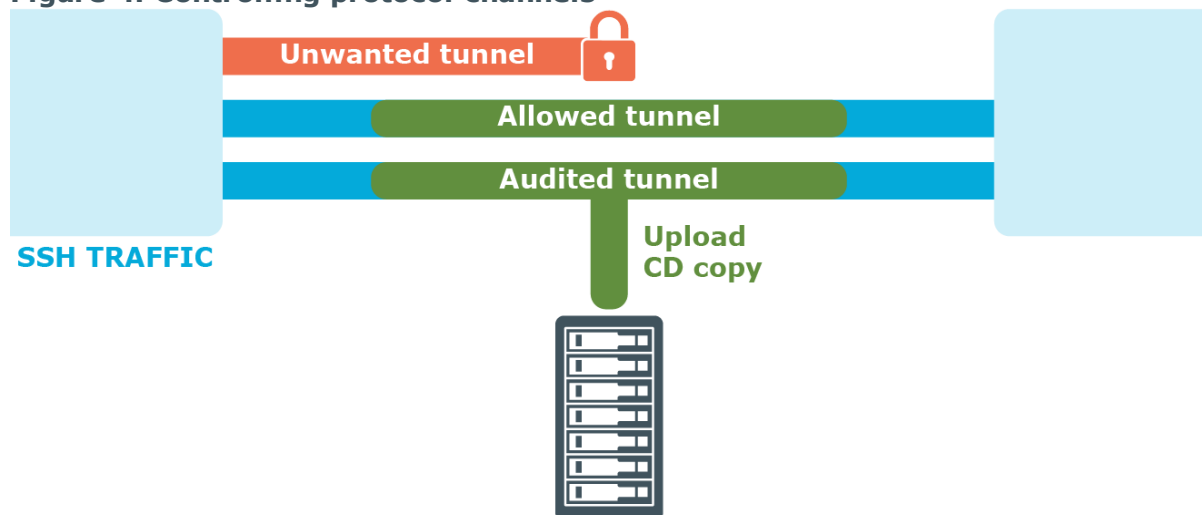
Permitting or denying access to SSH channels

For certain protocols, multiple channels are defined each of which is responsible for a specific functionality supported by the protocol. For example, the **Session Shell** channel is the traditional remote terminal session, while the **Session Exec** channel allows to execute a remote command (for example rsync without opening a session shell).

For details on the supported SSH channel types, see [Supported SSH channel types](#).

SPS can permit/deny access to these functionalities based on various parameters of a connection (for example time of the day, username, and so on) to provide an additional level of access control and protection.

Figure 4: Controlling protocol channels



Access to sub-channels is controlled by channel policies. The default SSH channel policy allows session shell access only.

For details, see [Creating and editing channel policies](#).

Configuring SCP and SFTP access in SSH

To configure SCP and SFTP access in SSH

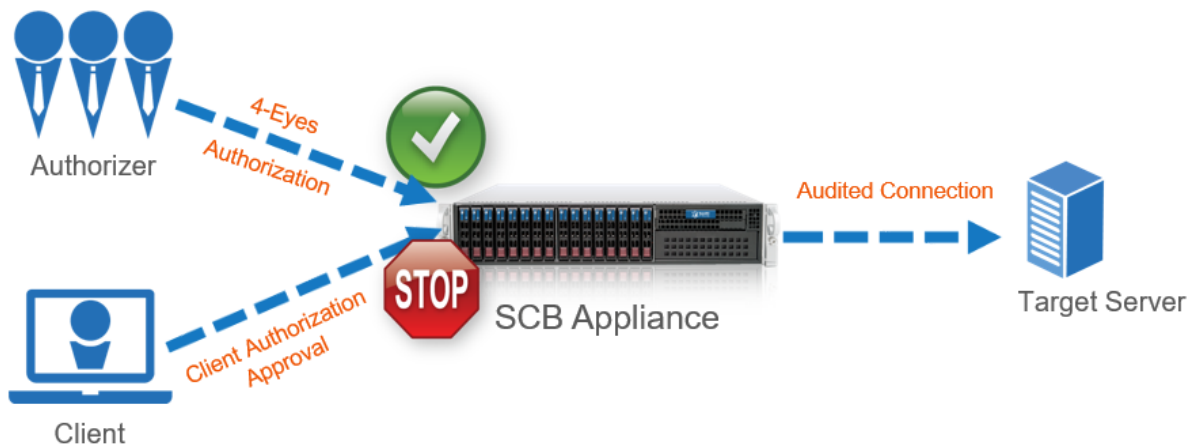
1. Navigate to **SSH Control > Channel Policies** and click  to create a new channel policy. Enter a name for the policy into the **Channel Policy** field (for example, shell_and_backup).
2. Click  to add a new channel.
3. Select **Session Exec SCP** from the **Type** field.
4. Restrict the availability of the channel based on your preferences.
For details, see [Creating and editing channel policies](#).
5. To be able to extract the original file from the corresponding audit trail for further inspection, select the **Record audit trail** option to record the activities of the channel into audit trails.
6. (Optional) To also configure SFTP channel access, add a new channel and repeat the steps above, but this time, select **Session SFTP** from the **Type** field.

Authorizing and monitoring a connection personally in real-time

This is called four-eyes authorization in SPS terminology. When four-eyes authorization is required for a connection, a user (called authorizer) must authorize the connection on SPS as well. This authorization is in addition to any authentication or group membership requirements needed for the user to access the remote server. Any connection can use four-eyes authorization, so it provides a protocol-independent, outband authorization and monitoring method.

The authorizer has the possibility to terminate the connection any time, and also to monitor real-time the events of the authorized connections: SPS can stream the traffic to the Safeguard Desktop Player application, where the authorizer (or a separate auditor) can watch exactly what the user does on the server, just like watching a movie.

Figure 5: Four-eyes authorization



For details on four-eyes authorization, see [Four-eyes authorization](#).

Configuring four-eyes authorization

To configure four-eyes authorization

1. To enforce four-eyes authorization, navigate to **SSH Control > Connections**.
2. Select the connection policy to modify. Navigate to **Access Control** and click **+**.
3. Enter the name of the usergroup whose members are permitted to authorize the sessions of the connection policy into the **Authorizer** field.
4. Configure the parameters of four-eyes authorization. For details, see [Configuring 4-eyes authorization](#).
5. Navigate to **SSH Control > Channel Policies**, and select the channel policy used in the connection.
6. Enable the **4 eyes** option for the channels which should be accessed only using four-eyes authorization.
7. Click .

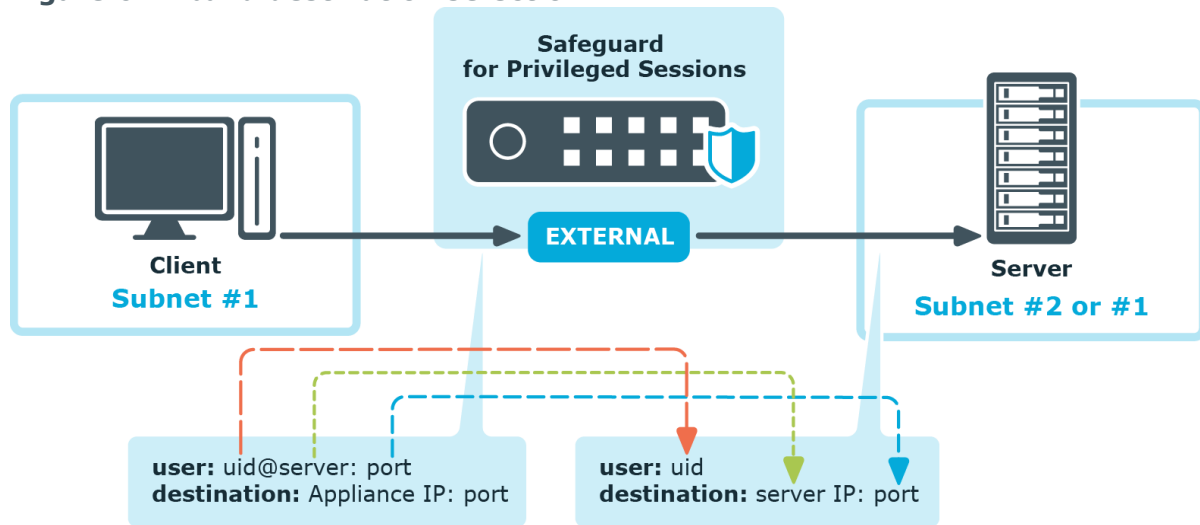
Inband destination selection

Using fix destination selection has the disadvantage of requiring one connection policy per protected server, because policies are mapped to servers based on IP addresses or port numbers.

Inband destination selection allows you to create a single connection policy and allow end-users to access any server. by including the name of the target server in their username

(for example `ssh username@targetserver:port@scb_address`). SPS can extract the address from the username and direct the connection to the target server.

Figure 6: Inband destination selection



The process looks like the following:

1. End-users specify the destination server as part of the username, for example in the format of `<username>@<server address>:<port>@<SPS address>`, where the server and SPS address can be either a hostname or an IP address.
2. SPS tokenizes the username and the server address to forward the connection to.
3. SPS forwards the connection to the server.

For details, see [Using inband destination selection in SSH connections](#).

Configuring inband destination selection

The following describes how to configure a Connection Policy to extract the address of the server from the username.

To configure a Connection Policy to extract the address of the server from the username

1. Navigate to the Connection policy you want to modify, for example, to **SSH Control > Connections**.
2. Select **Inband destination selection**.

Figure 7: Configuring inband destination selection

The screenshot shows the configuration for a policy named 'ssh_connection'. At the top, there are fields for 'Enabled' (checked), 'Name', 'From' (10.30.0.2 / 32), and 'To' (10.30.0.100 / 32 and 192.168.1.50 / 32). Below this, the 'Target' section is expanded, showing four radio button options: 'Use original target address of the client', 'NAT destination address', 'Use fixed address', and 'Inband destination selection' (which is selected). Under 'Inband destination selection', there are three sub-sections: 'Targets' with a table containing '*example.com' on port 22; 'Exceptions' with a table containing 'prohibitedserver.example.com' on port 22; and 'Append domains' with a table containing 'example.com'. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'Enable Custom Target DNS server' (checked) and a 'DNS server' field with the value '10.150.0.1'.

3. Enter the addresses of the servers that the users are permitted to access into the **Targets** field.
4. If the clients can access only a specified port on the server, enter it into the **Port** field. If the **Port** is not set, the clients may access any port on the server.
5. If there are any servers that the users cannot target using inband destination selection, add them to the **Exceptions** field.
6. Click .

Example: Initiating a connection

Once the connection policy is configured correctly, a sample connection initiation would look like the following:

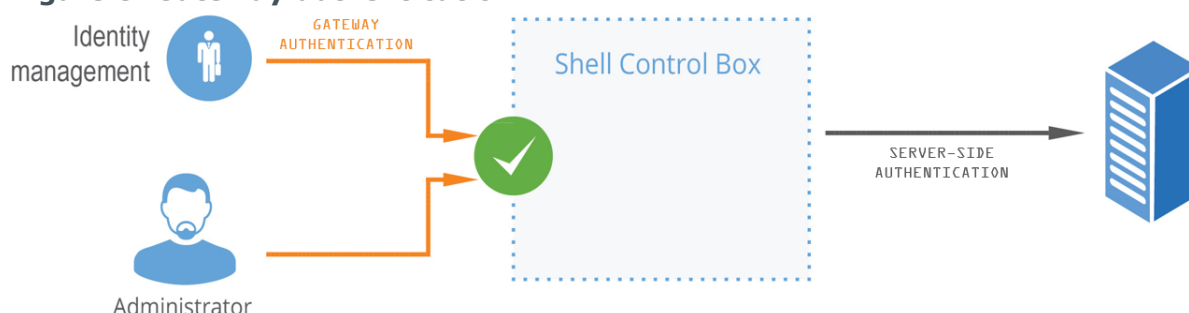
```
$ ssh root@192.168.56.10@192.168.56.200
```

- root = server user
- 192.168.56.10 = target server
- 192.168.56.200 = IP address of SPS

Gateway authentication

When gateway authentication is required for a connection, the user must authenticate on SPS as well. This additional authentication can be performed on the SPS web interface, so it provides a protocol-independent, outband authentication method. That way the connections can be authenticated to the central authentication database (for example LDAP or RADIUS), even if the protocol itself does not support authentication databases. Also, connections using general usernames (for example root, Administrator, and so on) can be connected to real user accounts.

Figure 8: Gateway authentication



For details on gateway authentication, see [The gateway authentication process](#).

Password-based gateway (local) + password-based server-side authentication from credential store

The goal of this scenario is to demonstrate an SSH connection in which end-users must authenticate themselves successfully with their own passwords against a local user database maintained on SPS and have a session opened to the requested destination with a different account without any further interaction (that is, have SPS complete the password-based login process).

To configure password-based gateway (local) + password-based server-side authentication from credential store

1. Create a local user database:

Navigate to **Policies > Local User Databases** and create a local user database. For details, see [Creating a Local User Database](#).

2. **Connect the local user database with a client-side gateway authentication policy:**

Navigate to **SSH Control > Authentication Policies**. Create an authentication policy. Select **Authenticate the client to SPS using > Local**. Select **Password**. Configure the required settings.

For details, see [Local client-side authentication](#).

3. **Create a user list:**

Navigate to **Policies > User lists** and create a user list.

For details, see [Creating and editing user lists](#).

4. **Create a usermapping policy:**

Navigate to **Policies > Usermapping policies** and create a usermapping policy.

For details, see [Configuring usermapping policies](#).

5. Create a [local](#) or remote credential store with the server user and its password. SPS provides a plugin framework to integrate with other remote credential stores/password management systems.

For details, see [Using a custom Credential Store plugin to authenticate on the target hosts](#).

6. Expected outcome:

If all prerequisites are met, SPS is ready to perform inband gateway authentication in an SSH session, which together with inband destination selection could be performed with the following connection string by an end-user:

Example: Inband gateway authentication and destination selection

```
$ ssh gu=myusername@root@192.168.56.10@192.168.56.200
```

- gu=myusername = gateway user (myusername)
- root = server user
- 192.168.56.10 = target server
- 192.168.56.200 = IP address of SPS

Public key-based gateway + password-based server-side authentication from credential store

This scenario differs from the previous one only in the client-side authentication method. In this case, the end-user is authenticated with the public key method, and if all permissions are granted by SPS (for example usermapping is allowed), they get logged in automatically to the requested server with the requested server account without having to enter a password.

To configure this, upload a public key for the user in the applied local user database, and make sure that the private key is accessible for the client application (openSSH, PuTTY, and so on).

To configure public key-based gateway + password-based server-side authentication from credential store

1. Create a local user database:

Navigate to **Policies > Local User Databases** and create a local user database. For details, see [Creating a Local User Database](#).

2. Connect the local user database with a client-side gateway authentication policy:

Navigate to **SSH Control > Authentication Policies**. Create an authentication policy. Select **Authenticate the client to SPS using > Local**. Select **Public key**. Configure the required settings.

For details, see [Local client-side authentication](#).

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Example: Inband gateway authentication and destination selection

```
$ ssh gu=balabit@root@192.168.56.10@192.168.56.200
```

- gu=balabit = gateway user (balabit)
- root = server user
- 192.168.56.10 = target server
- 192.168.56.200 = IP address of SPS

Configuring an advanced channel policy for SSH

The channel policy lists the channels (for example, terminal session and SCP in SSH) that can be used in the connection, and also determines if the channel is audited or not. The Channel policy can also restrict access to each channel based on the IP address of the client or the server, a user list, user group, or a time policy. For example, all clients may access the servers defined in a connection through SSH terminal, but the channel policy may restrict SCP access only to a single client. The rules defined in the channel policy are checked when the user attempts to open a particular channel type in the connection.

The order of the rules matters. The first matching rule will be applied to the connection. Also, note that you can add the same channel type more than once, to fine-tune the policy. This can be helpful in the following cases:

- Four eyes authorization is required only for certain target user groups (Administrator/root)
- Group-based auditing: only certain user groups are audited
- Remote access to a certain server is only allowed during non-business hours for example to ensure that work is not interrupted because of system maintenance.

Based on the environment of the customer, such requirements could probably also be solved by creating multiple channel policies, hence having multiple-connection policies in place. But because connection policies are selected by only matching IP addresses and destination ports, especially group-based decisions cannot be solved at this stage. The third example can definitely be solved by a separate connection policy having a special channel policy assigned. But if this is the only difference to another connection policy,

solving the issue by an additional rule in the channel policy is much faster and keeps a clean ruleset.

For details, see [Creating and editing channel policies](#).

To configure an advanced channel policy for SSH

1. Navigate to **SSH Control > Channel Policies** and click  to create a new channel policy. Enter a name for the policy.
2. Click  to add a new channel.
3. Select the channel to be enabled in the connection from the **Type** field.
4. To restrict the availability of the channel only to certain clients, click  in the **From** field and enter the IP address of the client allowed to use this type of the channel.
5. To restrict the availability of the channel only to certain servers, click  in the **Target** field and enter the IP address of the server allowed to use this type of the channel.
6. To restrict the availability of the channel when using gateway authentication, click  in the **Gateway Group** field and enter the name of the user group allowed to use this type of the channel.
7. To restrict the availability of the channel only to certain users, click  in the **Remote Group** field and enter the name of the user group allowed to use this type of the channel.
8. Select a **Time** policy to narrow the availability of the channel.

9. **Decide which actions to trigger if the parameters configured above match:**

Select the **4 eyes** option to require four-eyes authorization to access the channel.

Select the **Record audit trail** option to record the activities of the channel into audit trails.

10. Click .

Group-based auditing

It is sometimes a requirement to record connections of certain users only. If those users cannot be identified by layer 3/4 connection parameters, this issue is not solved by creating separate connection policies with each having assigned a specific channel policy with auditing enabled/disabled.

To solve this issue, configure the group(s) that are affected by the channel settings:

Figure 9: Group-based auditing

TYPE	FROM	TARGET	TIME	ACTIONS
Session shell			7x24	☐ Four-eyes ☒ Audit

GATEWAY GROUPS:

- gr_supplier-A
- gr_supplier-C

REMOTE GROUPS:

-

CONTENT POLICY:

-

In this scenario, only users of gateway groups `gr_supplier-A` and `gr_supplier-C` are audited when requesting a new SSH session shell channel. If these two groups are not matched, the second rule matches and no recording is triggered. Without the second rule, users that do not match the specified groups would be denied by this channel policy.

Integration with ticketing systems

SPS provides a plugin framework to integrate SPS to external ticketing (or issue tracking) systems, allowing you to request a ticket ID from the user before authenticating on the target server. That way, SPS can verify that the user has a valid reason to access the server — and optionally terminate the connection if they do not.

Currently the following protocols are supported:

- Remote Desktop (RDP)
- Secure Shell (SSH)
- Telnet
- TN3270

The following is an example of a gateway authentication process with ticketing integration in PuTTY

Figure 10: Authentication with ticketing integration in PuTTY

```
$ ssh balabit@linux-demo
Gateway authentication
Please specify the requested information
Please enter ticket ID: 12345
Ticket ID accepted!
Authenticated with partial success.
balabit@linux-demo's password: █
```

For details, see [Integrating ticketing systems](#).

Configuring connections: RDP

The following procedures will provide a skeleton of configuring RDP connections in SPS. If you want to have a deeper understanding, see the in-depth detailed procedure in [Configuring connections](#).

Configure an RDP connection with fixed destination IP

The following describes how to configure a basic Remote Desktop (RDP) connection in SPS. This Connection Policy uses a fixed destination IP, that is, it receives connections on an IP address of SPS (on the default RDP port 3389), and forwards them to a server explicitly set in the policy.

The destination address is the address of the server where the clients finally connect to. To modify the destination address of a connection, complete the following steps.

Prerequisites:

- A SPS appliance where you have already completed the Welcome Wizard.
- A computer that accepts Remote Desktop connections (and RDP server). SPS must be able to access the network of the RDP server (adjust any routing and firewall settings in your network to permit this connection).

To configure a basic RDP connection in SPS

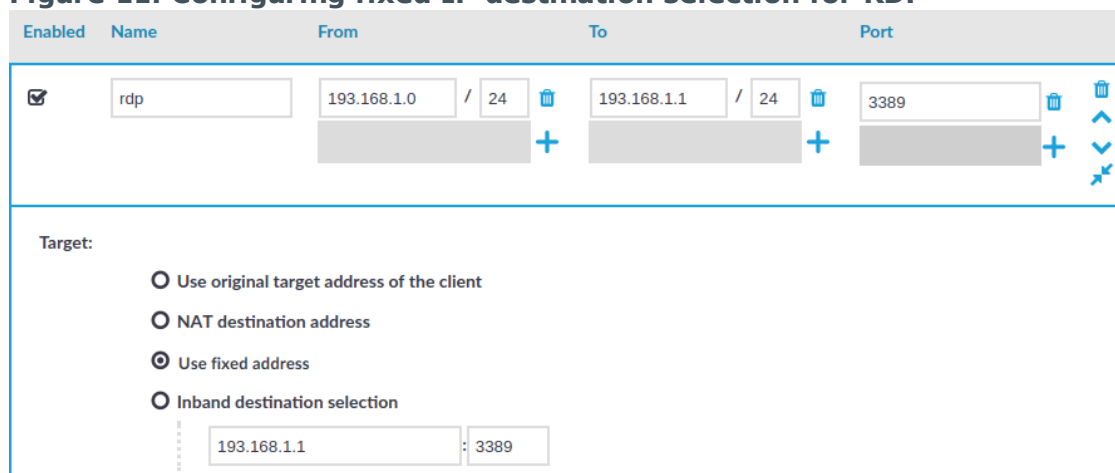
1. Navigate to **RDP Control > Connections**.
2. Click  to define a new connection and enter a name that will identify the connection (for example admin_mainserver).

TIP: It is recommended to use descriptive names that give information about the connection, for example refer to the name of the accessible server, the allowed clients, and so on.
3. Enter the IP address of the client that will be permitted to access the server into the

From field. Click  to list additional clients.

Enter the IP address that the clients will request into the **To** field. To test SPS the easiest is to use the IP address of SPS, meaning that the connection will be non-transparent. (To test transparent connections, you must place SPS into the network between the client and the server, or route the traffic that way.)

Figure 11: Configuring fixed IP destination selection for RDP



- 4.
5. The **Target** section allows you to configure Network Address Translation (NAT) on the server side of SPS. Destination NAT determines the target IP address of the server-side connection. You can set the destination address as required for your environment. For this example non-transparent connection, select **Use fixed address**.

6. Enter the IP address and port number of the server. SPS will connect all incoming client-side connections to this server.

You can also enter a hostname instead of the IP address, and SPS automatically resolves the hostname to IP address. Note the following limitations:

- SPS uses the Domain Name Servers set **Basic Settings > Network > Naming > Primary DNS server** and **Secondary DNS server** fields to resolve the hostnames.
- Only IPv4 addresses are supported.
- If the Domain Name Server returns multiple IP addresses, SPS selects randomly from the list.

7. Click  to save the connection.

This connection allows any user from the client machine to connect to the specified server, but permits only Desktop sessions — other RDP channels like disk redirection are disabled.

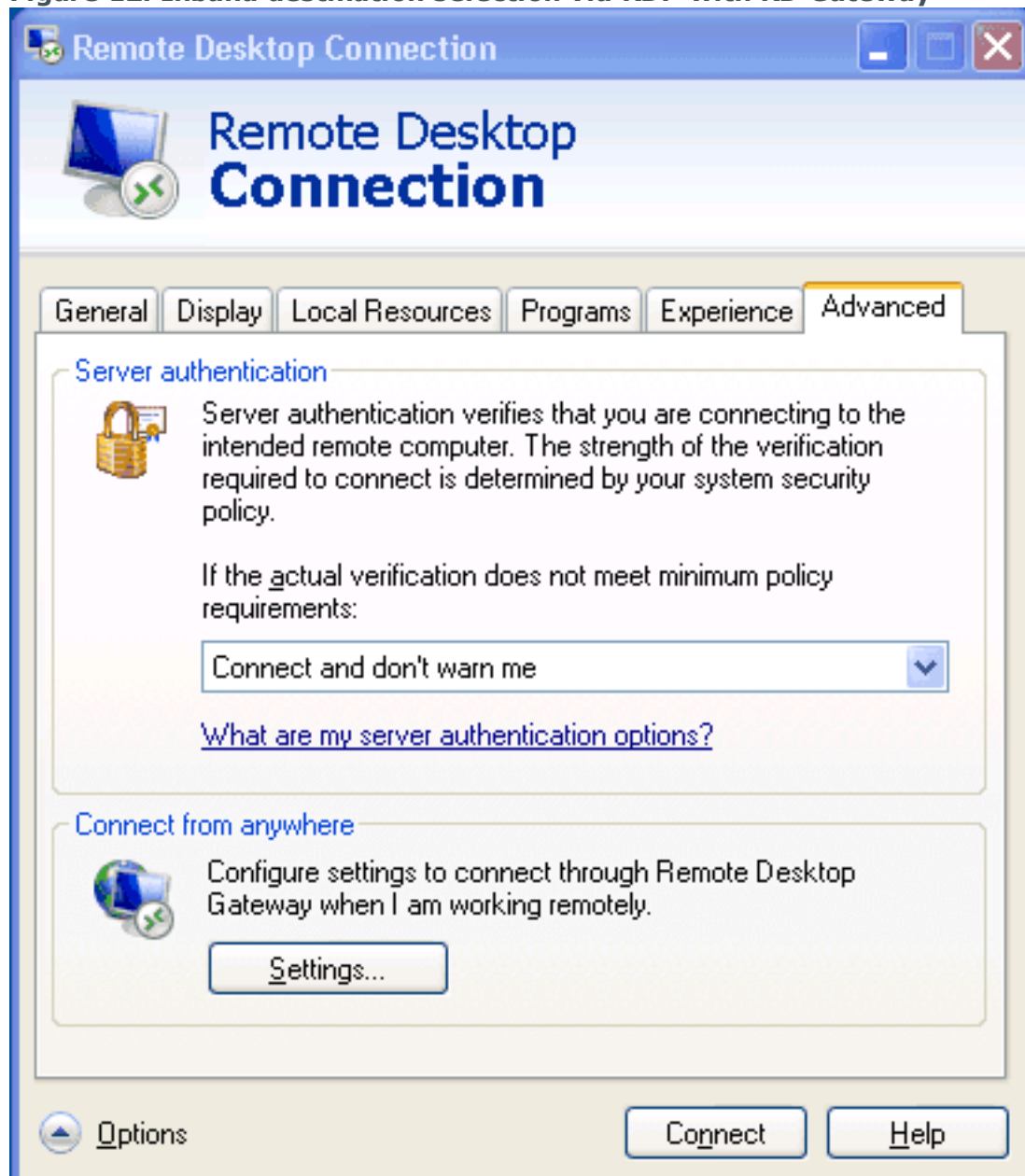
8. Test the new configuration: try to initiate an RDP connection from the client (your computer) to the server.

9. After successfully connecting to the server, do something in the connection, then disconnect from the server.
10. Navigate to **Search** on the SPS web interface. Your sessions are displayed in the list of connections. Note that for the transparent connection, the client addresses the target server, while the non-transparent connection addresses SPS.
11. Click the  icon. A summary will be displayed about the connection.

Inband destination selection with Remote Desktop Gateway

Non-transparent operation with inband destination selection in RDP is supported with the implementation of the Remote Desktop Gateway protocol. When it is enabled, end-users configure their MSTSC client to use SPS as an RDP proxy/gateway and keep specifying target server addresses on the **General** tab the way they are used to.

Figure 12: Inband destination selection via RDP with RD Gateway



Configuring inband destination selection without RD Gateway

The following describes how to configure a Connection Policy to extract the address of the server from the username.

To configure a Connection Policy to extract the address of the server from the username

1. Navigate to the Connection policy you want to modify, for example, to **RDP Control > Connections**.

Select **Inband destination selection**.

Figure 13: Configuring inband destination selection for Windows connections

The screenshot shows the configuration interface for a connection policy named 'RDP_InBand'. At the top, there are input fields for source and destination IP addresses and ports, with a '+' button to add more. Below this, the 'Target:' section is active, showing radio button options: 'Use original target address of the client', 'NAT destination address', 'Use fixed address', and 'Inband destination selection' (which is selected). Under 'Inband destination selection', there are two tables: 'Targets' and 'Exceptions'. The 'Targets' table has columns for 'Domain' and 'Port', with a single entry having a '*' domain and '3389' port. The 'Exceptions' table is empty. Below these tables is the 'Append domains:' section with a 'Domain' input field containing 'yourdomain.com'. Further down, there is a checkbox for 'Enable Custom Target DNS server:' which is checked, with a 'DNS server:' input field containing '10.0.5.254'. The 'SNAT:' section has radio button options: 'Use the IP address of SPS' (selected), 'Use original IP address of the client', and 'Use fixed address'. The 'Transport security settings:' section has radio button options: 'Legacy RDP Security Layer' and 'TLS' (selected). Under 'TLS', there are three options for 'Certificate of SPS': 'Generate self-signed certificate' (selected), 'Use the same certificate for each connection', and 'Generate certificate on-the-fly'. There is also a checkbox for 'Allow fallback to legacy RDP Security Layer'. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'Act as a Remote Desktop Gateway:', 'Verify server certificate:', and 'Enable indexing:' (checked). A note states: 'Without indexing, you will not be able to search in the contents of sessions (to find commands, window titles, or other screen content)'. Finally, there is a 'Priority:' dropdown menu set to 'very high'.

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3. Enter the addresses of the servers that the users are permitted to access into the **Targets** field.
4. If the clients can access only a specified port on the server, enter it into the **Port** field. If the **Port** is not set, the clients may access any port on the server.

5. If there are any servers that the users cannot target using inband destination selection, add them to the **Exceptions** field.
6. To use inband destination selection with RDP connections without using SPS as a Remote Desktop Gateway, you must use SSL-encrypted RDP connections.

For details, see [Using TLS-encrypted RDP connections](#).

7. Click .

8. Start an RDP session from a Windows machine to SPS.

Also, your users have the option to encode the address of the destination server in their username, in the username field of their client application. Note that SPS automatically displays a login screen if it cannot determine the username used in the connection, or you have not encoded a destination server in the username field. You can specify the destination address in the login screen when prompted.

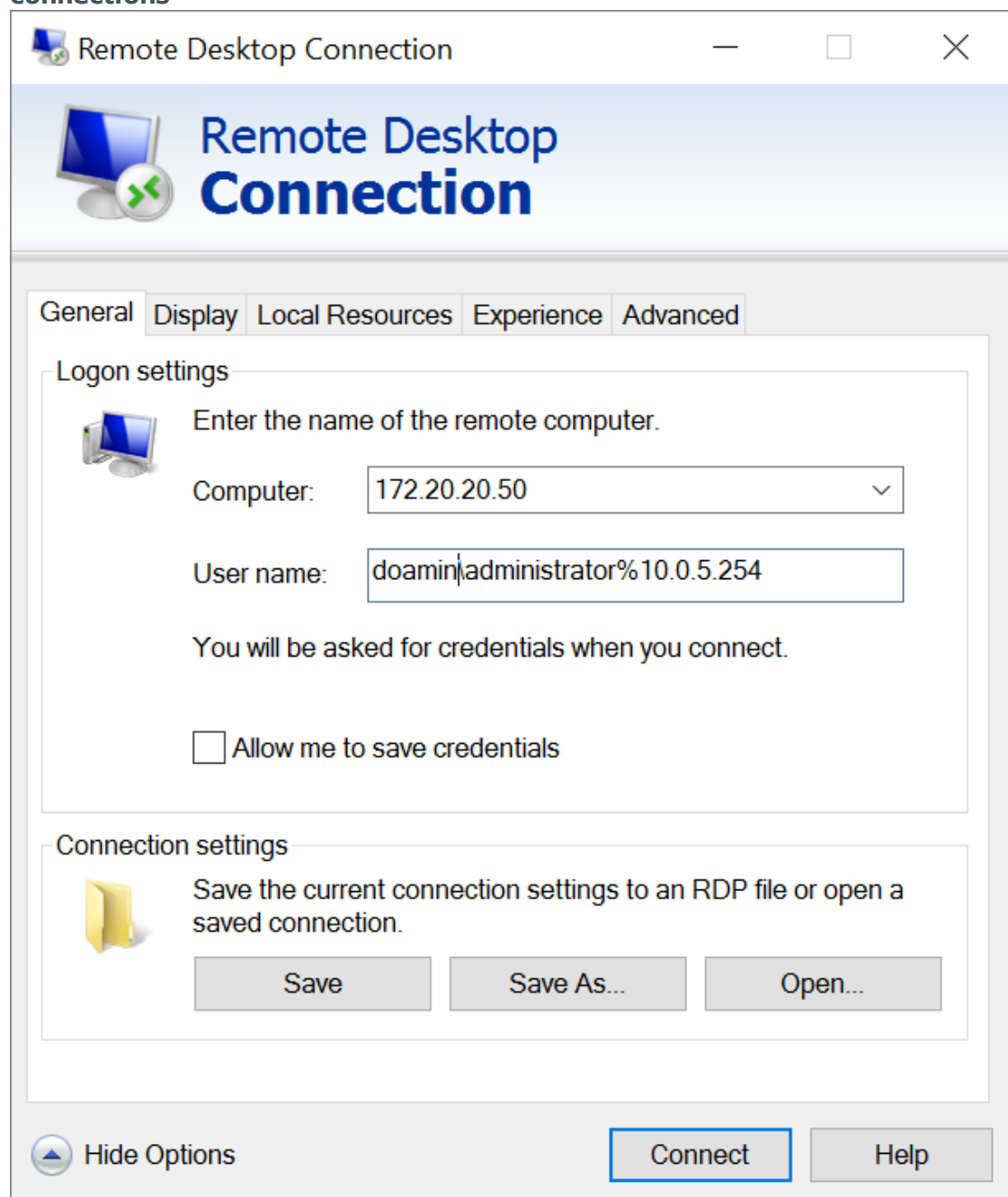
When encoding the address of the destination server in the username, there are a few points to keep in mind. Since most RDP client applications limit which special characters can be used in usernames, this is not always intuitive.

For the Microsoft Remote Desktop application (mstsc) and the login screen that SPS displays, note the following points:

- Use the % character to separate the fields, for example: username%my-targetserver
- Do not use the @ character.
- To specify the port number of the server (if it does not use the default port), use the caret ^ character, for example: username%my-targetserver^6464
- To specify an IPv6 address, replace the colons with carets, and enclose the address in parentheses. For example, to target the ::1 IP address, use username%(^1). To target port 6464 of the same server, use username%(^1)^6464.

In the following example, a % symbol is passing the destination IP address to SPS, which redirects the connection to the proper client.

Figure 14: Configuring inband destination selection for Windows connections



The screenshot shows the 'Remote Desktop Connection' window. The title bar reads 'Remote Desktop Connection'. The main header area contains a monitor icon with a green checkmark and the text 'Remote Desktop Connection'. Below this is a tabbed interface with 'General', 'Display', 'Local Resources', 'Experience', and 'Advanced' tabs. The 'General' tab is active and contains two sections: 'Logon settings' and 'Connection settings'. In the 'Logon settings' section, there is a text box for 'Computer' containing '172.20.20.50' and a dropdown arrow, and a text box for 'User name' containing 'doamin\administrator%10.0.5.254'. Below these is the text 'You will be asked for credentials when you connect.' and an unchecked checkbox labeled 'Allow me to save credentials'. The 'Connection settings' section has a folder icon and the text 'Save the current connection settings to an RDP file or open a saved connection.' Below this are three buttons: 'Save', 'Save As...', and 'Open...'. At the bottom of the window are three buttons: 'Hide Options' (with a triangle icon), 'Connect' (highlighted with a blue border), and 'Help'.

Remote Desktop Connection

Remote Desktop Connection

General Display Local Resources Experience Advanced

Logon settings

Enter the name of the remote computer.

Computer: 172.20.20.50

User name: doamin\administrator%10.0.5.254

You will be asked for credentials when you connect.

☐ Allow me to save credentials

Connection settings

Save the current connection settings to an RDP file or open a saved connection.

Save Save As... Open...

Hide Options Connect Help

Real-time content monitoring with Content Policies

You can monitor the traffic of certain connections in real time, and execute various actions if a certain pattern (for example, a particular command or text) appears in the command line or on the screen, or if a window with a particular title appears in a graphical protocol. Since content-monitoring is performed real-time, SPS can prevent harmful commands from being executed on your servers. SPS can also detect numbers that might be credit card numbers. The patterns to find can be defined as regular expressions. In case of ICA, RDP, and VNC connections, SPS can detect window title content.

The following channels support content policies:

- SSH Session shell (event type: Commands/Screen Content/Credit card)
- Telnet (event type: Commands/Screen Content/Credit card)
- RDP Drawing (event type: Window title detection)
- VNC (event type: Window title detection)
- ICA Drawing (event type: Window title detection)

For details, see [Real-time content monitoring with Content Policies](#).

NOTE: Using content policies significantly slows down connections (approximately 5 times slower), and can also cause performance problems when using the indexer service.

The following describes how to create a new content policy that performs an action if a predefined content appears in a connection.

For details, see [Creating a new content policy](#).

To create a new content policy that performs an action if a predefined content appears in a connection

1. Navigate to **Policies > Content Policies**, click  and enter a name for the policy.
2. Select the **Event type** that you want to monitor.
3. Select **Match**, click  and enter a string or regular expression. SPS will perform an action if this expression is found in the connection, unless it is listed in the **Ignore**

list.

4. To add an exception to the **Match** rule, select **Ignore**, click  and enter a string or regular expression.
5. Select the action to perform.
6. Click .
7. To use the content policy created in the previous steps, select the policy in the channel policy that is used to control the connections.

Indexing service

One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions (SPS) can index the contents of audit trails using its own indexer service or external indexers. Indexing extracts the text from the audit trails and segments it to tokens. A token is a segment of the text that does not contain whitespace: for example words, dates (2009-03-14), MAC or IP addresses, and so on. The indexer returns the extracted tokens to SPS, which builds a comprehensive index from the tokens of the processed audit trails.

Once indexed, the contents of the audit trails can be searched from the web interface. SPS can extract the commands typed and the texts seen by the user in terminal sessions, and text from graphical protocols like RDP, Citrix ICA, and VNC. Window titles are also detected.

SPS has an internal indexer, which runs on the SPS appliance. In addition to the internal indexer, external indexers can run on Linux hosts.

Processing and indexing audit trails requires significant computing resources. If you have to audit lots of connections, or have a large number of custom reports configured, consider using an external indexer to decrease the load on SPS. For sizing recommendations, ask your One Identity partner or [contact our Support Team](#).

For details, see [Indexing audit trails](#).

Using the content search

To most effectively search in the contents of the audit trails, make sure that the following prerequisites are met:

- Indexing was enabled in the connection policy related to the audit trail during the session, and
- the audit trail has already been indexed.

For details, see ["Indexing audit trails" in the Administration Guide](#).

Configuring the internal indexer

Indexing audit trails allows you to search in the content of the audit trails, for example, to search for specific texts that the user has seen or typed in the session. The following describes how to configure SPS to index the audit trails. For details, see [Configuring the internal indexer](#).

To configure SPS to index the audit trails

1. Navigate to **Basic Settings > Local Services > Indexer service**, and select **Indexer service**.
2. Define the **Maximum parallel audit trails to index on box**. The default value is set to the number of detected CPU cores.
3. (Optional) If you have encrypted audit trails and you want to index them, upload the necessary RSA keys (in PEM-encoded X.509 certificates).
4. Click .
5. Navigate to **Policies > Indexer Policies**.
6. To create a new Indexer Policy, click .
7. To configure what languages to detect, select **Manual language selection**. Select the language(s) to detect.
8. Navigate to the Control page of the traffic type (for example **SSH Control**), and select the connection policy to index.
9. Select **Enable indexing**.
10. To determine the priority level of indexing this connection, select the appropriate **Priority** level.
11. Select the **Indexing Policy** to be used.
12. Click .
13. Check which channel policy is used in the connection, and navigate to the **Connection policies** page.
14. Select the channel policy used in the connection to index, and verify that the **Record audit trail** option is selected for the channels you want to index (for example, the Session shell channel in SSH, or the Drawing channel in RDP).
15. Click .
16. Test the new configuration: try to initiate a connection from the client (your computer) to the server.
17. After successfully connecting to the server, do something in the connection, for example, execute a simple command in SSH (for example, `ls /tmp`), or launch an

application in RDP (for example, the Windows Explorer), then disconnect from the server.

18. Navigate to **Search** on the SPS web interface. Your sessions are displayed in the list of connections. Note that for the transparent connection, the client addresses the target server, while the non-transparent connection addresses SPS.
19. Click the  icon. A summary will be displayed about the connection. Enter a text that was displayed in the connection into the search box, for example, the command you executed in SSH, or a menu item or other text you have seen in RDP (for example, Start). SPS will automatically generate a screenshot showing when the text was displayed in the connection.

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