

Re: Management Points

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In article <9A03B6A2-502F-409D-BAF0-5484E7497948@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Paul@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx says...

- > We are implementing SMS 2003 in a multi-site configuration. At the moment we
- > have a central site and a remote office installed. The remote office has a
- > server which has been installed as a secondary site. It has the following
- > roles installed – Client Access Point, Component Server, Site Server,
- > Management Point and distribution Point. I have read that when advanced
- > clients are installed at the secondary site they are managed by a primary
- > site only, in this case the central site. Is there any way I can assign the
- > Advanced clients to their correct site, ie the secondary. I have heard a
- > "Proxy Management Point" being talked about but am a little confused. Does
- > this Proxy allow SMS Advanced clients to be managed by its local server even
- > if it is a secondary site? If so how do I install this proxy, is just
- > activating the server role enough?
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- > If this cant be done what would be the best way to proceed? The structure
- > of the offices is this – Head Office, Remote Sites and Sub-Offices, in effect
- > three tiers. Obviously the Head Office will be the Central Site with a
- > Primary Site Installed, would it be advisable for the Remote Sites to have
- > Primary Child Site Servers Installed and the Sub Offices to have Secondary
- > Site Servers. Do the sub-office need SMS servers?, could the clients be
- > managed by and have application deployed by the servers at the Remote sites?
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- > Thanks for any help
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You are right in that advanced clients can only be assigned to primary sites.

This isn't as bad as it looks though, actually I usually state this is good news.

What does being assigned to the primary site mean:

1) Clients will contact the management point in their assigned site, for a list of policies that are assigned to them.

This is a list of Unique identifiers that tell a client which policies apply to them.

2) Clients will retrieve the content body of these policies from their proxy management point (if they are located in a secondary site that is

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a child site from their assigned primary site, and assuming the secondary site has a management point installed).

3) Clients will use their proxy management point to report inventory, software metering reports and status messages.

4) Clients will ask their proxy management point for a local distribution point, and will use that distribution point when available.

So in essence, clients download a policy list from the assigned site every hour by default, this list shouldn't be larger than a couple of kilobytes.

In return you get centralized configuration, no need to configure client agent settings in 300+ secondary sites anymore.

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