Recast

Connect to C$

Last Modified on 2026-07-13

The **Connect to C$** tool opens the client's C drive in a local Windows Explorer window.

This tool uses the hidden admin share (C$). This hidden admin share must remain enabled.

To run the tool:

1. Right-click on a device.

2. Select **Right Click Tools** > **Console Tools** > **Connect to C$**.

> Looking to connect to C$ from Entra-joined devices?
>
> See Fabian Rodriguez's blog post on How to Set up and Enable File Sharing for Entra-Joined Devices

Port Requirements

TCP445 must allow network traffic from the device running the Configuration Manager console to the device being connected to.

Recast Permissions

Plugin	Permissions
LocalActions	OpenCShare

Microsoft Permissions

This action runs using the credentials of the user signed into the Configuration Manager. That user requires permission to browse the C$ Share on the remote device, which typically means that the user requires administrator permissions on the remote device. Permissions cannot be elevated with Recast Agent or Recast Proxy.

NOTE: This is the case even if using Recast Management Server with a service account because this action launches an application outside of Recast. If the user does not have permission, a prompt will open asking for a username and password to try to successfully connect to the remote device.

To work around the limitations associated with these permissions, you can set up an alternative Explorer Shell.

Alternative Explorer Shell Setup

Specifying an alternative Windows Explorer shell will cause this tool to launch that application instead of Windows Explorer when trying to connect to the remote filesystem. When using the alternative shell, Recast will not prompt for credentials if it detects the user does not have permission — it will let the alternative shell handle this scenario.

You can specify an alternative Windows Explorer shell in the Configure Recast Console Extension application.

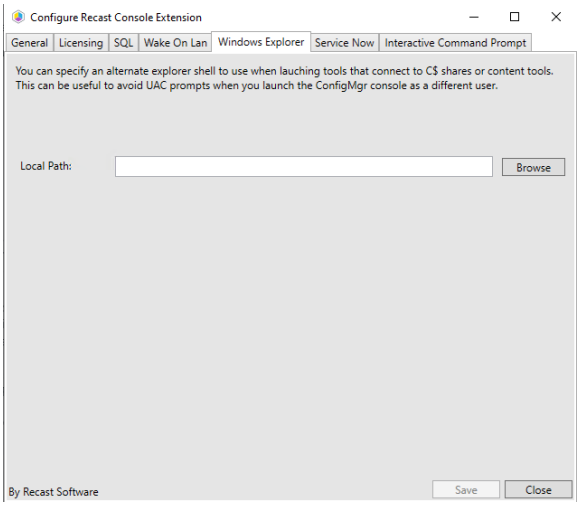
To open the Configure Recast Console Extension application, open the Windows Start menu and select**Configure Recast Console Extension**.

> **TIP**: You can also access the Configure Recast Console Extension application from your Configuration Manager console

by navigating to **Assets and Compliance** > **Recast Software** and clicking **Configure Recast** in the 'How Can We Help?' section.

To specify an alternate Explorer shell:

1. On the **Windows Explorer** tab, enter the **Local Path** or click **Browse** to navigate to the application.



2. **Save** your changes.