Connect to C$

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. In your Configuration Manager console, right-click on a device.

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

Port Requirements

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

Recast Permissions

Requires the Open C$ Share permission in the Local Actions plugin.

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.
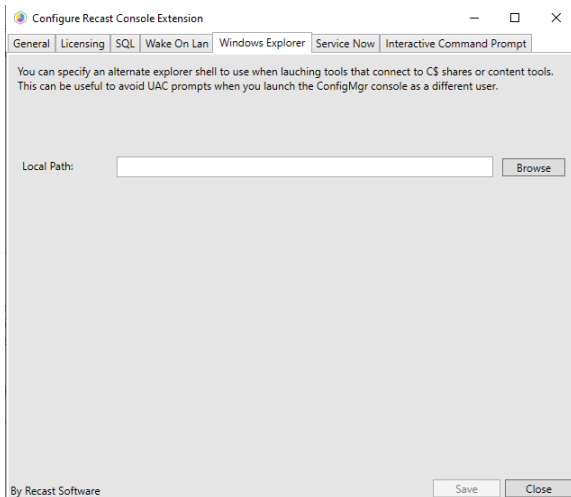
Alternative Explorer Shell Setup

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.

To specify an alternate Explorer shell:

1. In your Configuration Manager console, navigate to **Assets and Compliance** > **Recast Software**.

2. Click **Configure Recast** in the 'How Can We Help?' section.
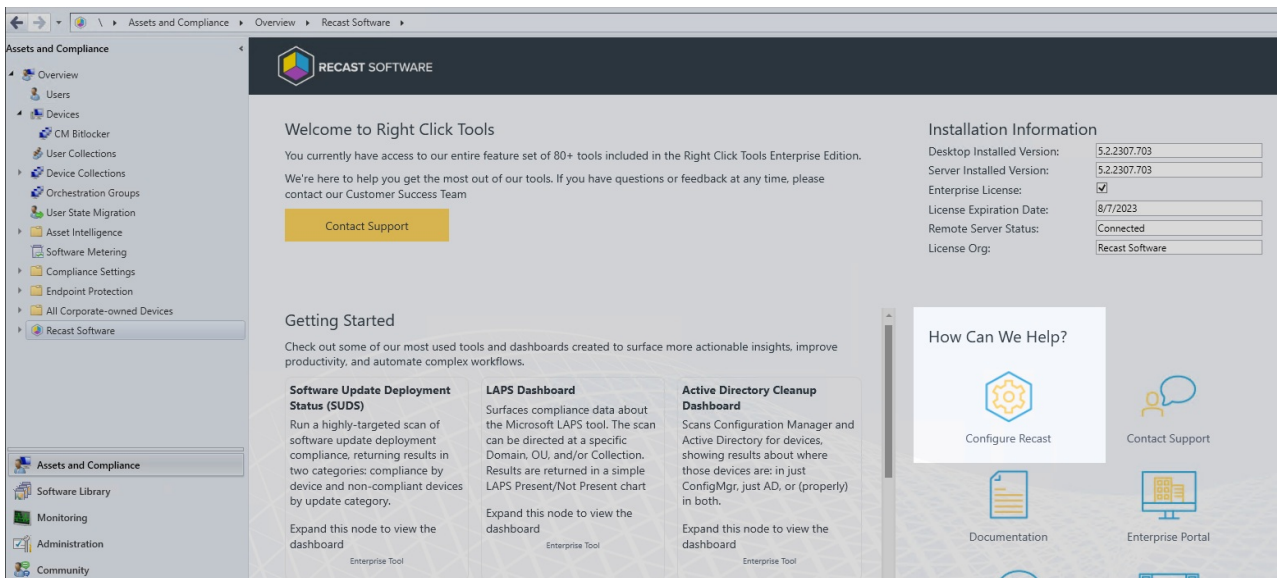
3. On the **Windows Explorer** tab, enter the **Local Path** or click **Browse** to navigate to the application.

4. **Save** your changes.