

Application Catalog

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Application Catalog Overview

The Application Catalog, also known within Recast as the Setup Store, is a continuously maintained library of commonly used Windows and macOS applications. Instead of manually sourcing, packaging and validating applications, IT teams can retrieve ready-to-use setups directly from the Application Catalog and integrate them into their deployment workflows.

The Application Catalog supplies installers and application metadata to Recast’s [Application Workspace](#) and [Right Click Tools Patching](#).

Deployment-ready Packages

Standardized application packages include fully defined install and uninstall commands, detection logic, and requirement rules. Package metadata is consistent across applications, regardless of when content was added to the catalog.

Enriched Application Data includes basic deployment metadata and additional details, including categorization, CVE (vulnerability) data, and knowledge base articles.

Catalog Content & Updates

The Application Catalog includes the latest software releases from major vendors. Application entries are constantly updated to reflect the most recent releases and versions, delivering 80–90% of updates within 24 hours.

The catalog continues to expand based on customer demand and application usage trends. As an IT admin, you can request additions to the catalog [via the Ideas Portal](#) or the [Application Workspace Setup Store connector](#).

[Ways to explore the Application Catalog](#)

Application Security

For an explanation of the validation and security framework Recast applies to all Application Catalog content, see our Application Media Verification articles for [Right Click Tools Patching](#) and [Application Workspace Release & Patch Management](#).

Application Catalog FAQ

How can I see which applications are in the Application Catalog?

There are a few ways of exploring what’s in the Application Catalog:

Right Click Tools customers (with and without Patching licensing)	View the Application Catalog in your Recast Management Server View and Search the Application Catalog in Configuration Manager
Application Workspace customers	View Setup Store Connector Resources
Everyone	Browse Top 100 Supported Applications

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How quickly after a vendor release do new application versions appear in the Application Catalog?

Recast continuously monitors new application releases and adds them to the catalog in a timely manner, with 80–90% of updates becoming available within 24 hours of a vendor release.

Speed never comes at the expense of quality. Every application version must pass multiple metadata, integrity, and validation checks before publication, ensuring that you receive deployment-ready content you can trust.

How does Recast ensure that applications aren't tampered with in transit to the catalog?

When sourcing, screening, and releasing application content for the Application Catalog, Recast's application management team applies a number of controls that ensure the accuracy, reliability, and security of installation media.

Malware Screening and Release Policy: After downloading installation media directly from a software vendor, Recast performs comprehensive malware screening on all vendor-provided binaries. This involves scanning the application files with VirusTotal's multi-engine antivirus scanning service to ensure the binaries are intact, originate from trusted sources, and contain no malicious payloads, corrupted files, or invalid digital signatures. If the scan indicates that an application version exceeds a predefined malware detection threshold, it is withheld from release.

Application Execution and Behavior Validation: The application is installed and uninstalled within a virtual machine, generating results, logs, and artifacts. The focus is on validating runtime behavior, not just static files. Dynamic evaluation identifies unexpected system changes, unsafe persistence mechanisms, and behavior that does not align with enterprise deployment standards.

Data Integrity and Secure Delivery: All files and installers leaving the Setup Store are hashed to detect alterations, and metadata delivered via the Consumer API is digitally signed to ensure it isn't tampered with in transit. All data is distributed over secure connections (standard TLS) to guarantee authenticity and prevent man-in-the-middle attacks. Additionally, an isolated, read-only customer access layer separates the packaging environment from consumer delivery as an extra defense-in-depth measure.

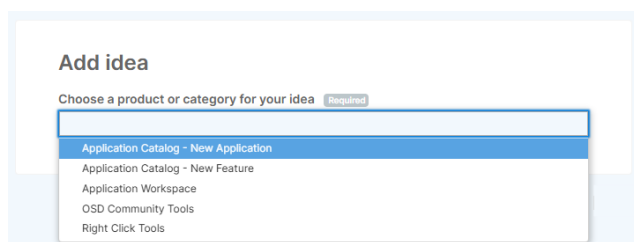
To learn more about how Recast ensures application security, see [Application Media Verification steps for Right Click Tools Patching](#) and [Application Workspace Release & Patch Management](#).

How do I request a new application be added to the catalog?

For Recast customers and partners, the primary way to request a new application is using the Recast Ideas Portal. Application Workspace administrators can also request a new product via the Setup Store Connector. Both methods send your request to the application management team for review. You'll receive updates as your request moves through the approval process.

To request an application using the Recast Ideas Portal:

1. Open the [Ideas Portal](#) in your web browser.
2. Click **Add a New Idea**.
3. Select **Application Catalog – New Application** from the drop-down.

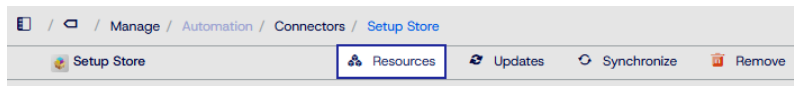


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4. Fill in the application name, required details, and explain why you'd like it added.
5. Click **Add Idea**.

To request an application using the Application Workspace Setup Store Connector:

1. In the Application Workspace user interface, navigate to **Manage > Automation > Connectors**.
2. Double-click on the Setup Store connector and click **Resources**.



3. On the Resources page, click **Request product** on the table toolbar.
4. Complete the request form with the application details and submit your request.

Application Media Verification

Prior to creating applications and deployments, Application Workspace's Release & Patch Management always verifies that the application media it downloads is valid and remains unchanged from the version that Recast's application management team downloads from the vendor and publishes to the Application Workspace Setup Store.



What is the Setup Store?

The Setup Store, also known within Recast as the Application Catalog, contains thousands of curated applications available via Application Workspace Release & Patch Management.

Applications are published to the Setup Store once Recast's application management team establishes the validity of their content. The Application Workspace Setup Store connector then consumes Setup Store metadata added by the team, allowing Application Workspace to confirm that the content remains unchanged.

Content Verification Process:

1. Recast's application management team downloads the installation media from the vendor and adds application metadata to the Setup Store. The metadata includes the download link to the installer and the hash checksum calculated from the installation media downloaded from the vendor.
2. The Application Workspace Setup Store Connector consumes the Setup Store metadata and installation media. The checksum is calculated and compared with the checksum in the Setup Store metadata.
3. When the checksum matches (confirming that we are using the same installation media the Setup Store Operations Team used when generating the metadata), Application Workspace creates the Application Workspace package. The installation media is stored in the Application Workspace Content Store and the Application Workspace package metadata (including the hash value) is stored in the Application Workspace database.
4. When the Application Workspace Agent begins to deploy the Application Workspace package, it downloads the content from Application Workspace Content Store and receives the Application Workspace package metadata. The checksum is then calculated and compared with the checksum in the Application Workspace package metadata.
5. When the checksum matches the value received from the Application Workspace package metadata (confirming that

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the downloaded content is unchanged and the content matches what the application management team used when generating the original metadata in the Setup Store), the Application Workspace Agent continues to perform the actions defined in the Application Workspace package.
