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BitLocker Network Unlock & BitLocker support for Encrypted Drives

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BitLocker Network Unlock



BitLocker Network Unlock



- Windows 7 BitLocker Unlock experience
 - TPM + PIN key protector which provides a high level of protection
 - Significant deployment problem for servers, which need to be serviced and restarted with no human interaction
 - Power management calls for shutting down or hibernating machine in order to save electricity, especially at night
 - Causes problems by preventing Wake-On-LAN
- Windows 8 improves BitLocker Unlock experience
 - No user prompting
 - Uses Wired network, Windows Deployment Server (WDS) & DHCP
 - BitLocker (at pre-boot) discovers its Network Unlock provider on WDS
 - Retrieves a secret from WDS
 - Automatically unlocks the OS volume using the secret & the TPM
 - Systems without wired network use TPM + PIN

Requirements for Network Unlock



- Systems with wired LAN ports and TPMs must support BitLocker Network Unlock
 - Requires full DHCP support for wired LAN during pre-boot through a UEFI DHCP driver
 - Includes support for EFI_DHCP4 and DHCP6 protocols defined in UEFI 2.3.1
 - EFI_DHCP4_PROTOCOL
 - EFI_DHCP4_SERVICE_BINDING_PROTOCOL
 - EFI_DHCP6_PROTOCOL
 - EFI_DHCP6_SERVICE_BINDING_PROTOCOL
- If implemented for Server
 - Support for both IPv4 and IPv6 required
- System.Fundamentals.Firmware.UEFIBitLocker

Validating Network Unlock



- Download the 'Network Key Protector Test Suite' from [Microsoft Connect](#) & Refer Instructions
- Use 3 Machines & a regular Network Switch
- Setup DHCP server - Windows Server 2008 R2 or [Windows 8 Server](#)
- Setup WDS Server - Windows 8 Server only
 - Install WDS role and BitLocker Network Unlock feature
 - Initialize WDS server – Type from Administrator CMD prompt: 'wdsutil /Verbose /initialize-server /reminst:"c:\RemoteInstall" /standalone'
 - Add Network Unlock private certificate: Run 'server-applycert.cmd'
 - Restart WDS Server: Run 'net stop wdsserver' & Run 'net start wdsserver'
- Setup UEFI Client – Windows 8 Client
 - Setup Group Policy: Run 'client-gp-usepin.cmd'
 - Add Network Unlock public key: Run 'reg import RSA2048NKP_FVE_NKP.reg'
 - Turn on BitLocker with TPM+PIN (1234) & Save the Recovery Password
 - Verify 'manage-bde –status' output protector lists has "Network (Certificate based)"
 - Restart the machine
- If OS boots directly to Windows Logon → Network Unlock works
- If prompted for BitLocker PIN, IPv6 and IPv4 Network Unlock failed



BitLocker support for Encrypted Drives



BitLocker & Encrypted Drives



- Windows 7 BitLocker performance implications and storage support
 - Overhead during encryption, run-time, startup, etc.
 - Performance implications exacerbated on low-power PCs and Slates
 - Hardware Encrypted Drives not supported on Windows 7
- Windows 8 improves BitLocker performance and supports Encrypted Drives
 - Encrypted Drives offload processing to hardware
 - Specialized hardware reduces power use and increases battery life
 - Initial encryption time of volumes eliminated. Run time improved
 - BitLocker manages keys
 - Systems without Hardware Encrypted Drives use software based encryption

Requirements for Encrypted Drives



- Systems with Encrypted Drive must support BitLocker
 - Requires support for `EFI_STORAGE_SECURITY_COMMAND_PROTOCOL` defined in UEFI 2.3.1
 - [IEEE 1667 TCG Silo](#)
 - [TCG OPAL v2.0](#)
 - [Single User Mode](#)
 - Support Programmatic Tper Reset
- `System.Fundamentals.Firmware.UEFIEncryptedHDD`

Validating Encrypted Drives



- Correctly provision & partition using Windows 8 in-box tools like Setup / Diskmgmt.msc / Diskpart.exe
- Ensure TPM is enabled & activated (Use TPM.msc)
- “Turn on BitLocker” on the OS volume & Ensure to select “Run BitLocker system check” option on the final UI page
- Restart the machine & Type the following from an Administrator CMD prompt: ‘manage-bde -status’
- You are done if it says ‘Encryption Method: Hardware Encryption’
- If error message specifying BitLocker can’t be enabled appears after you login, then:
 - Capture the error information
 - Export the events from: Applications & Services Logs → Microsoft → Windows → BitLocker-API

Questions?



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