

How to Set Up a Third Party Software Management Policy

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There are three steps to set up a policy for controlling how third party software updates are deployed:

1. Create the Advanced Software Management policy

In the Advanced Software Management policy, you can create a set of rules that manages third party software updates on devices (See [Creating an Advanced Software Management policy](#)). A pre-built Advanced Software Management policy has been provided for you if you want to use it (See [Understanding the Pre-Built Advanced Software Management policy](#)).

2. Apply the Advanced Software Management policy to Devices

You decide which devices or groups the settings in the Advanced Software Management policy applies to by either creating rules that automatically apply the policy to devices that meet the criteria you set (See [To set up automatic third party software patch approval for an approval group](#)), or by selecting devices or groups you want the policy to apply to (See [Adding Devices or Groups to a Patch Policy Manually](#)). If you select devices and groups using automatic application rules, the devices are not under Advanced Software Management until the third party software management policy is added to an active Service Plan or a Service in an active Service Plan. If you select devices and groups manually, the selected devices and groups are under Advanced Software Management from the time you select them.

3. Add the Advanced Software Management policy to a Service

If you applied the policy to devices and groups using automatic application rules, you must add the Advanced Software Management policy to an active Service Plan or a Service in an active Service Plan to activate it (See [To add policies to a service](#)).

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