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Windows Server Enable Audio Over RDP

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Q. I've sans hardware soundcard and Windows server 2008 installed. How do I enable audio over RDP (Remote Desktop Protocol) on my Windows server systems?

A. RDP is a multi-channel protocol that allows a user to connect to a networked computer. Audio Redirection is a feature of RDP, which allows users to run an audio program on the remote desktop and have the sound redirected to their local computer.

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Remote Desktop Connection Settings

- Start Remote Desktop Connection
- Click to expand Options
- Select Local Resources tab.
- Under Remote computer sound, ensure that Bring to this computer is selected.
- Login to the server which needs audio enabled.
- Now, you should hear the Windows startup login sound.

Finally, make sure Audio is configured correctly for all Windows applications over RDP:

1. Go to the sound control panel (Start-> (Settings->) Control Panel-> Sounds and Audio Devices)
2. Select Audio tab.
3. Select Microsoft RDP Audio Driver for the default playback device, if not already specified.
4. Check the "Use only default devices" checkbox at the bottom of the dialog.
5. Click the Voice tab.
6. Select Microsoft RDP Audio Driver for the default playback device, if not already specified.
7. Save settings by clicking on OK button.

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