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Intune & EPM: Locking Down Security While Keeping Users Happy



Who is this guy?

Mastering Intune by Day, Coding Scripts and Applications by Night

- Microsoft MVP
- Cloud Engineer, with a Focus on Intune and Endpoint Security
- You might have used some of the Projects or websites at some time:
 - KQLSearch.com
 - Kusto Insights Newsletter with Bert-Jan Pals
 - Several Intune Tools, Scripts

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The Challenge

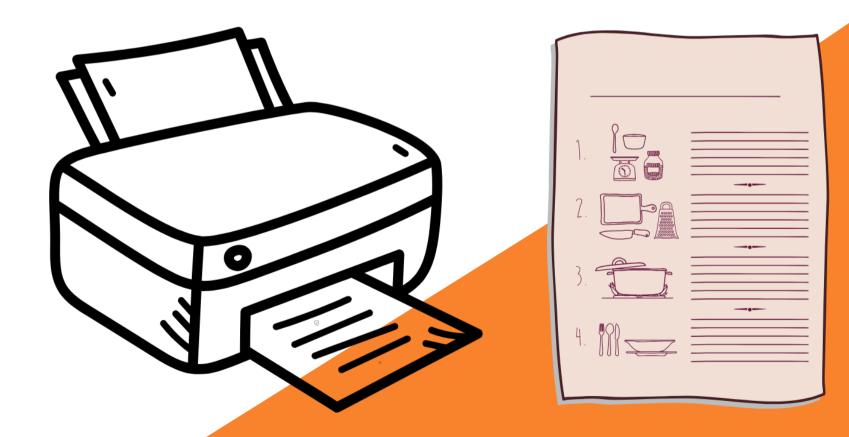
- Working at a Helpdesk or Support-Role
- People asking for Help installing software or drivers
 - "I need this new update installed, NOW!"
 - "I want to print my favorite pizza recipe!"
- Admin Password vs. Packing Applications (Bad vs. Slow)
- Super Stressful and a lot of manual work





The Solution

- Endpoint Privilege Management (What a surprise!)
- Elevate only specific Processes
- Separated Accounts (Virtual vs. Current User)
- No confusion! The user can only elevate what we allow him to elevate!



"EPM grants standard users temporary, controlled admin access for specific tasks, enhancing productivity while reducing security risks."

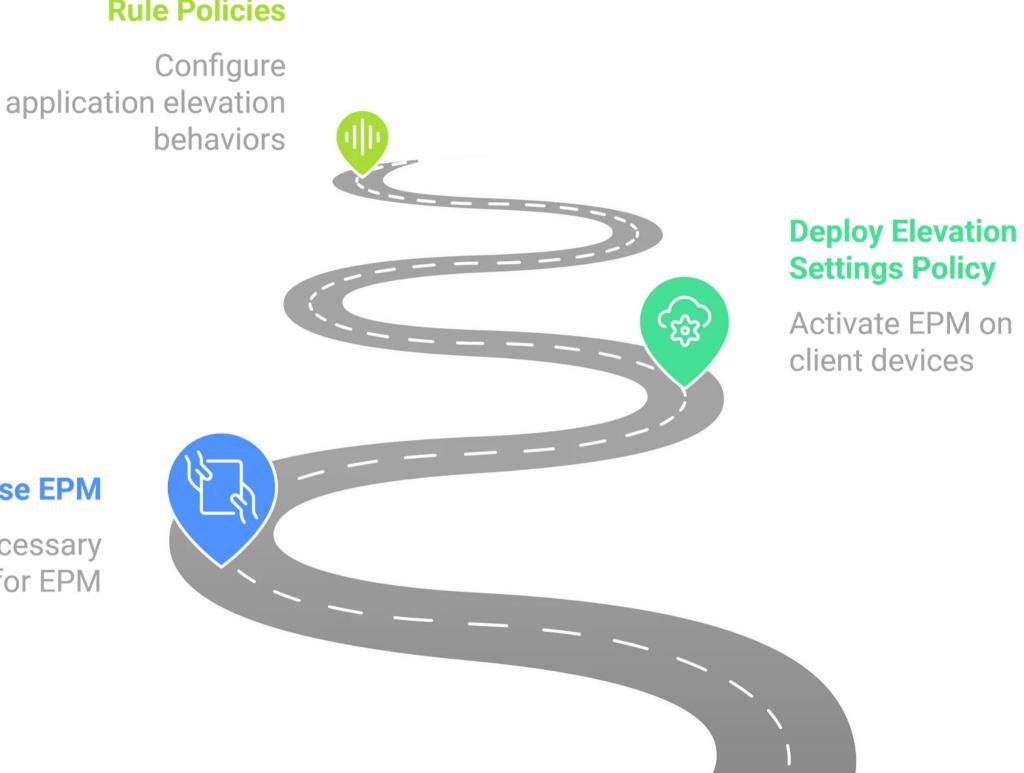
EPM in Action: User and Admin Experience



Setup EPM

- Onboard Devices with a Settings Policy
- Elevation Rules for Applications

Deploy Elevation Rule Policies

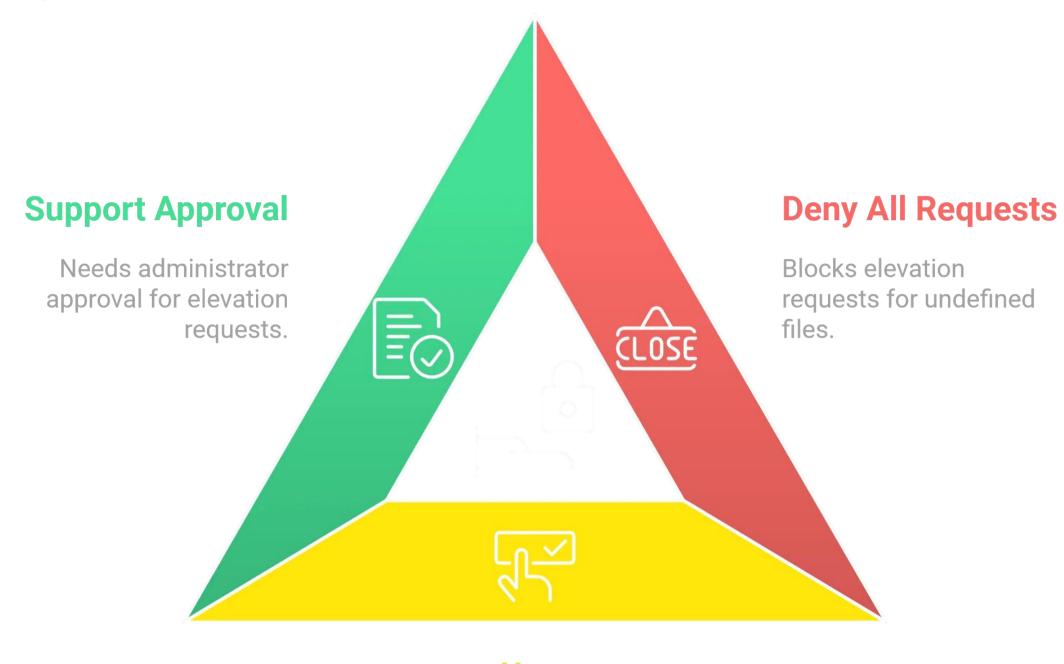


License EPM

Obtain necessary licensing for EPM

Default elevation for unmanaged executables

- Support Approval
- Deny All
- User Confirmation



User Confirmation

Requires user validation for elevation requests.

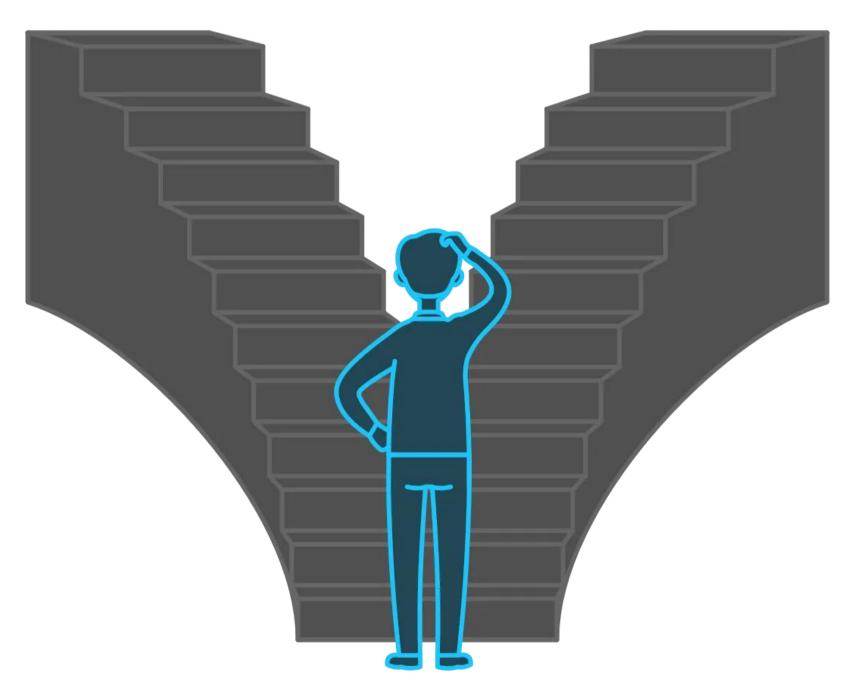


File validation

- File hash is the strongest.
 - Use Get-FileHash



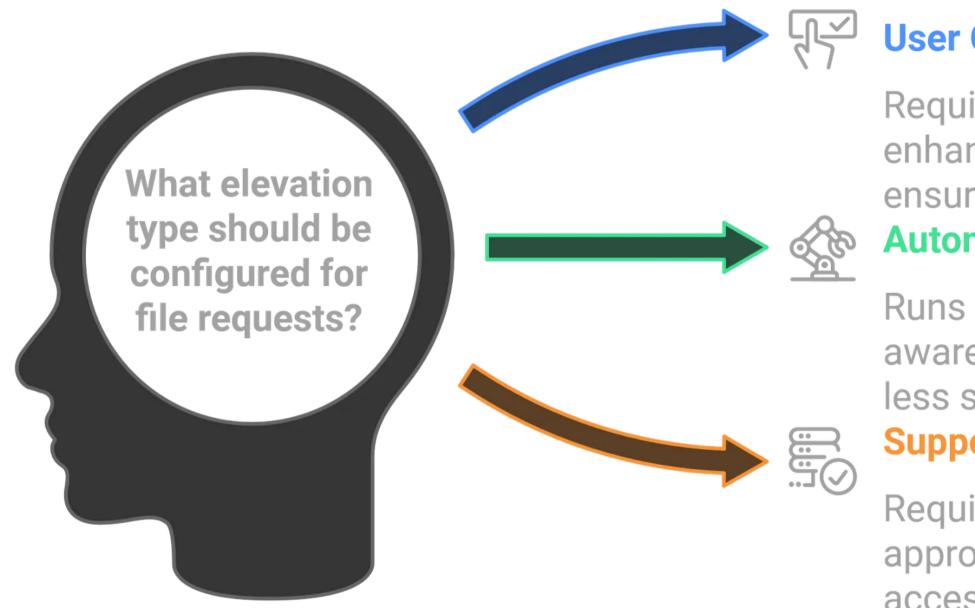
Use Certificate





Elevation Types

- User vs. Automatic vs. Support Approved



User Confirmed

Requires user confirmation, enhancing security by ensuring user awareness.

Automatic

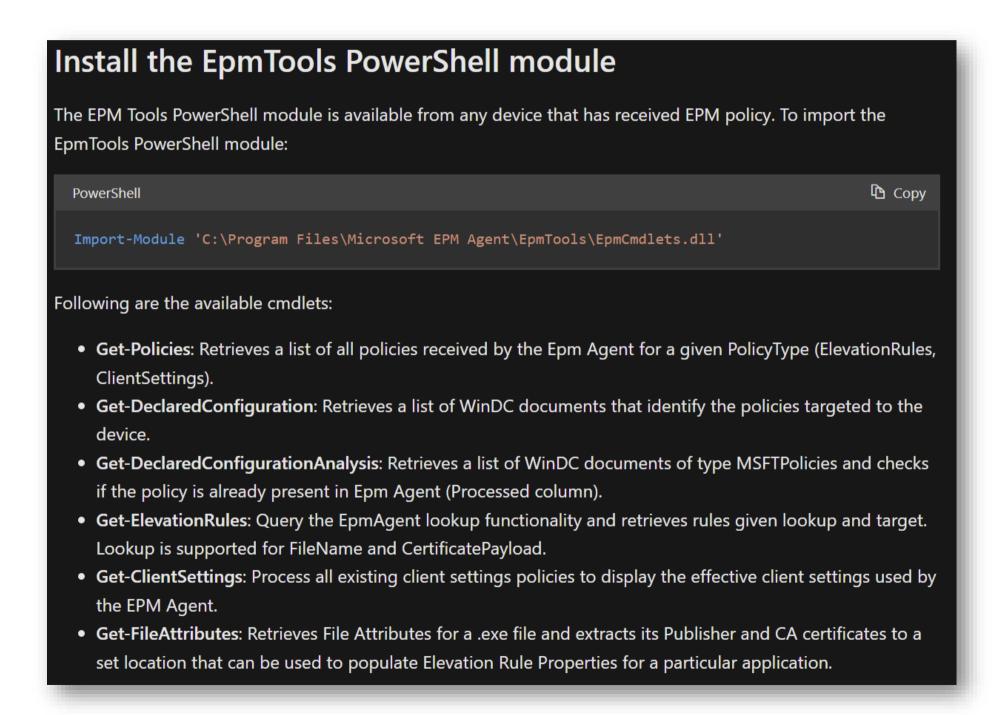
Runs without user awareness, convenient but less secure.

Support Approved

Requires administrator approval, ensuring controlled access.

Troubleshooting and Logs

- EpmTools PowerShell Module
- Log Collection
 - C:\Program Files\Microsoft EPM AgentLogs





Good to know

- Only Supported on Windows 10 and 11
- W365 is supported but AVD is not
- Licencing Requirements: Intune Suite but also available as a Standalone add-on
- Supported File Extensions:
 - Executable files with the .exe or .msi extension
 - PowerShell Scripts with the .ps1 extension

EPM @ Ignite

- Copilot for Intune integration → Verify that a File is safe to elevate
- macOS Support is coming



