



CYBERARK UNIVERSITY

Securing CyberArk

CyberArk Training

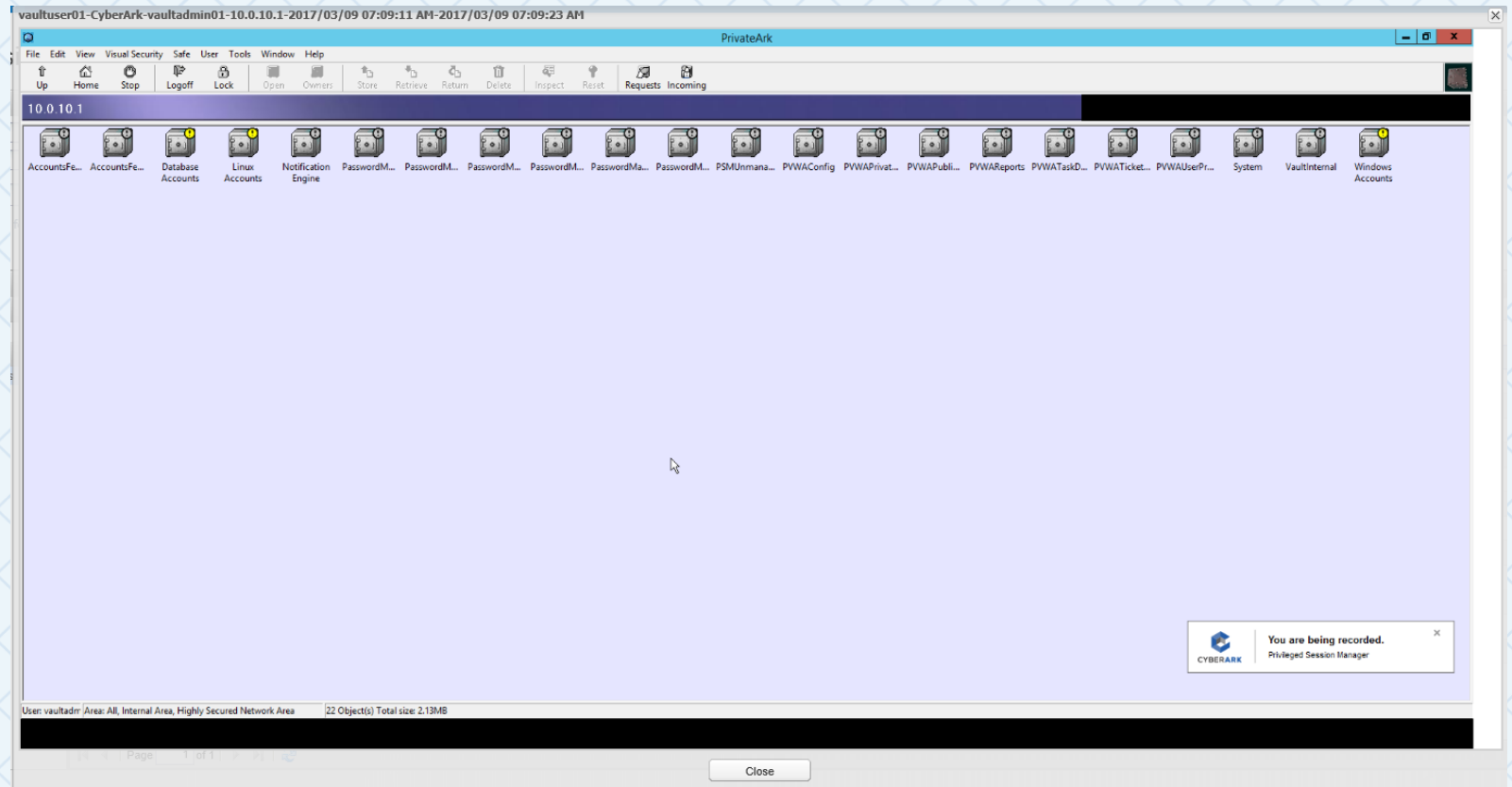
OBJECTIVES

- By the end of this session, you will be able to:
 - Use the Enterprise Password Vault to secure and manage CyberArk Administrative Accounts
 - Use Privileged Session Manager to isolate and monitor access to CyberArk administrative interfaces

OVERVIEW

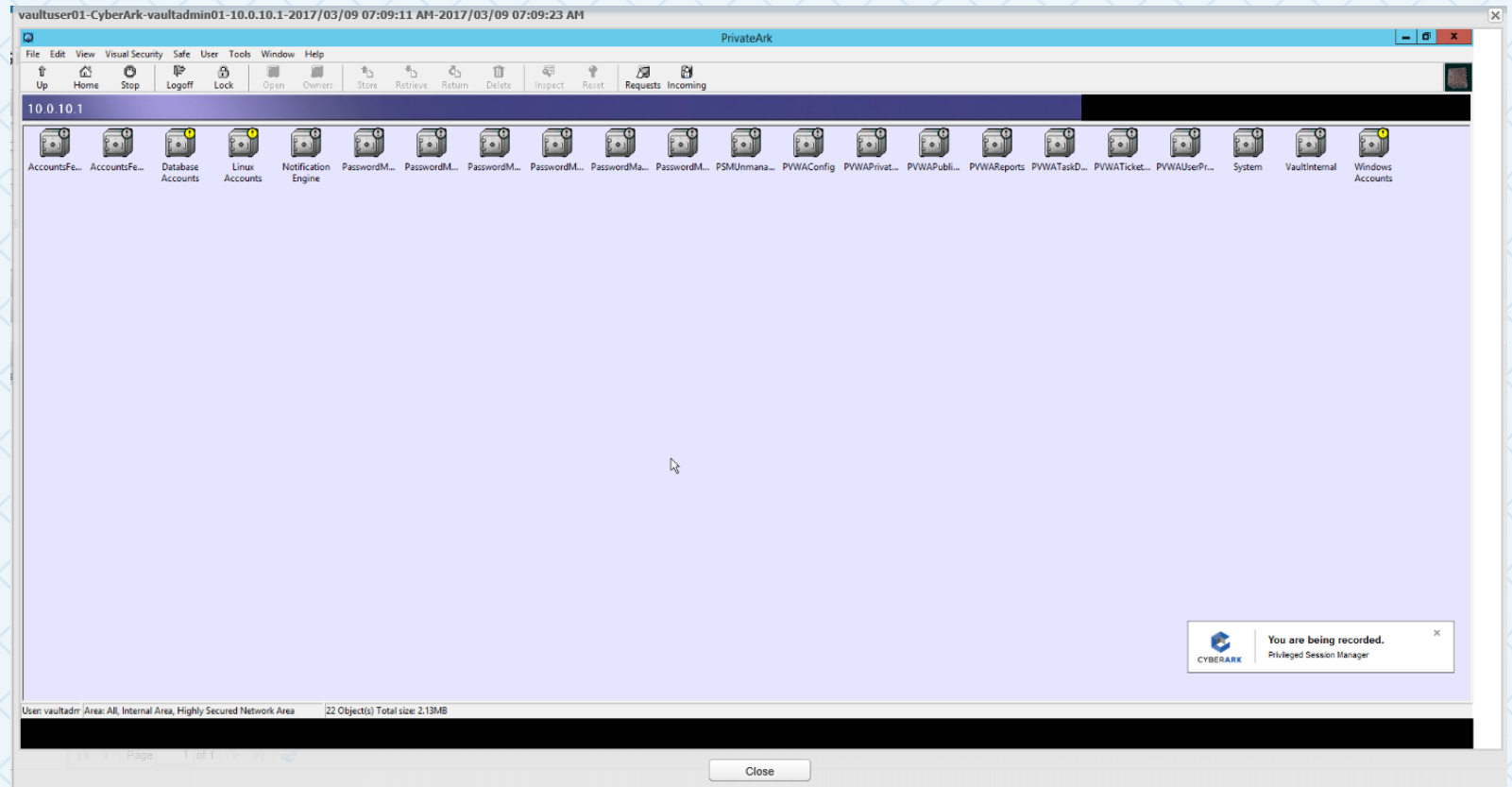
CONNECTING TO CYBERARK ADMINISTRATIVE INTERFACES

- It is highly recommended that CyberArk administrative accounts are added to the Digital Vault and managed by the CPM
- CyberArk built-in administrative accounts should be stored in a safe with automatic password management enabled
- User access to built-in account should be enabled via PSM



CYBERARK SERVICE ACCOUNTS

- Accounts created to support CyberArk PAS operations should be stored in the vault and managed by the CPM
- Examples of CyberArk Service Accounts
 - LDAP Bind Account
 - PSMConnect
 - PSMAAdminConnect
- PasswordManagerUser



MANAGING LDAP BIND ACCOUNT WITH CPM

MANAGE THE LDAP BIND ACCOUNT

- The Bind Account is automatically created in the VaultInternal safe
- A CPM must be assigned to the VaultInternal safe to enable CPM operations

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Safe - VaultInternal' interface in the CyberArk console. The top navigation bar includes the CyberArk logo, the text 'Last sign in: 10/1/2020', and the user 'vaultadmin01'. The left sidebar contains various icons for navigation. The main content area is titled 'Edit Safe - VaultInternal' and contains the following fields and options:

- Safe name:** VaultInternal
- Description:** (Empty text box)
- Enable Object Level Access Control:** ☐
- Saved accounts:**
 - ☐ Save the last 5 account versions
 - ☒ Save account versions from the last 30 days
- Assigned to CPM:** CPM_WIN (This dropdown is highlighted with a red box)
- [Show advanced section](#)
- Buttons:** Save, Cancel

MANAGE LDAP BIND ACCOUNT

- Assign the LDAP Bind Account to a customized platform for CyberArk service accounts
- Creating a platform specifically for the Bind Account provides flexibility for scheduling Password Management operations

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Store in Safe: VaultInternal

Device Type: Operating System Change to: Operating System

Platform Name: Windows Domain Account Change to: ACME Windows Domain Service Acc

Required Properties:

Address: dc01.acme.corp Change to: acme.corp

Username: bindaccount@acme.corp Change to: bindaccount

Optional Properties:

☒ Log On To: ACME Change to: ACME Resolve

☐ User DN: Change to:

☐ Port: Change to:

☐ Limit Domain Access To: Change to:

☐ Allow User Connections to Other Machines

☐ Allow User Connections to Other Machines

☐ Disable automatic management for this account

Reason:

Show advanced section

Save Cancel

MANAGE LDAP BIND ACCOUNT

Update the Required Properties

- Address should be the domain name, not a specific Domain Controller
- Username should not include the domain suffix
- Log On To:, select “Resolve” to populate the NetBIOS name
- Deselect “Disable automatic management for this account”

CYBERARK Last sign in: 9/30/2020 | Administrator

Edit Account: Windows Domain Account-bindaccount@acme.corp-dc01.acme.corp

Store in Safe: VaultInternal

Device Type: Operating System Change to: Operating System

Platform Name: Windows Domain Account Change to: ACME Windows Domain Service Acc

Required Properties:

Address: dc01.acme.corp Change to: acme.corp

Username: bindaccount@acme.corp Change to: bindaccount

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Reason:

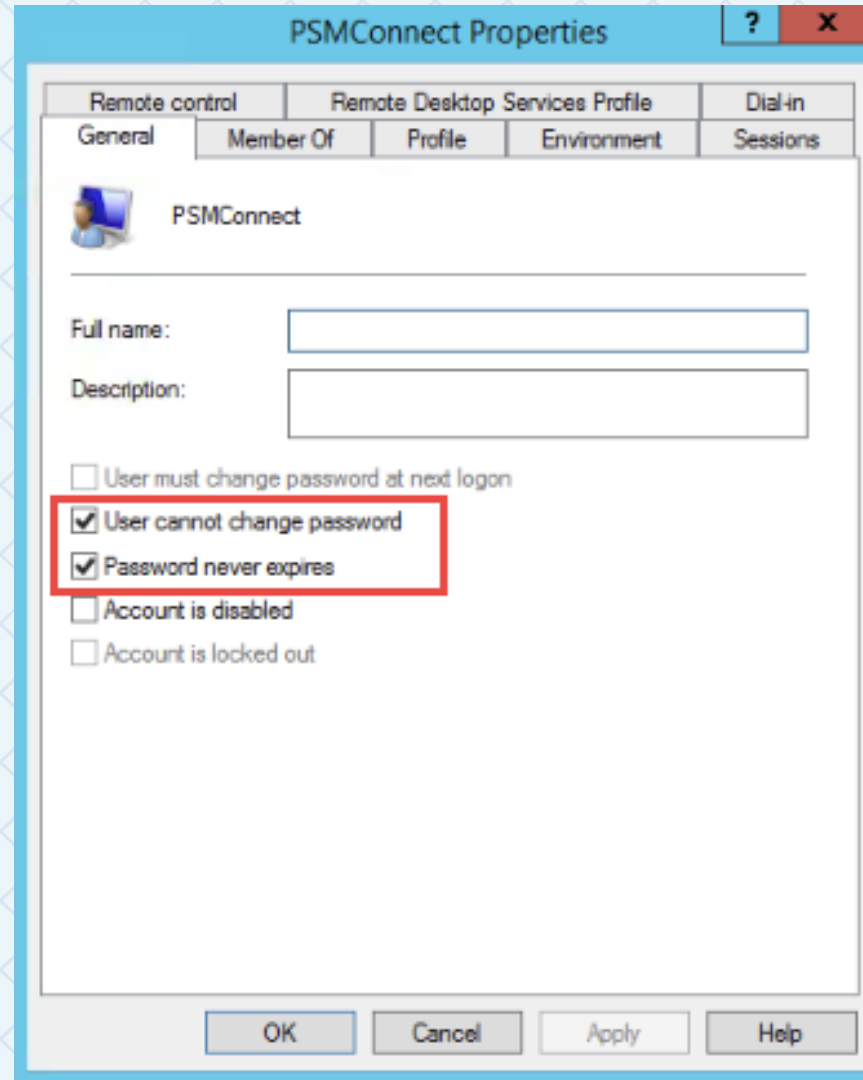
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Save Cancel

MANAGING PSM USERS WITH CPM

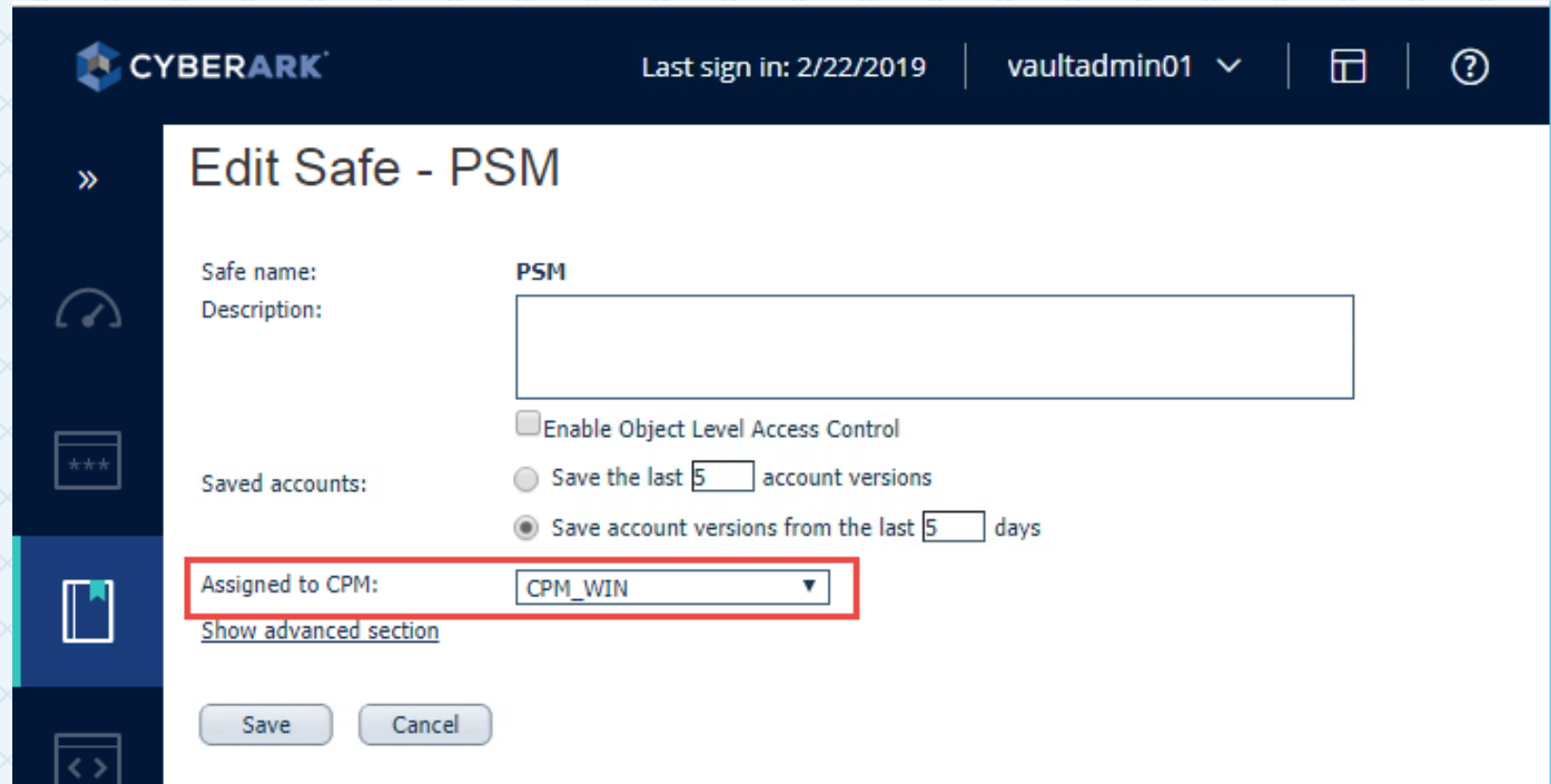
MANAGE THE PSM ACCOUNTS

- Select “User cannot change password”
- This prevents an end user the ability to change the password of the PSMConnect account



MANAGE THE PSM ACCOUNTS

- An appropriate CPM must be assigned to the PSM safe, to enable Password Management operations

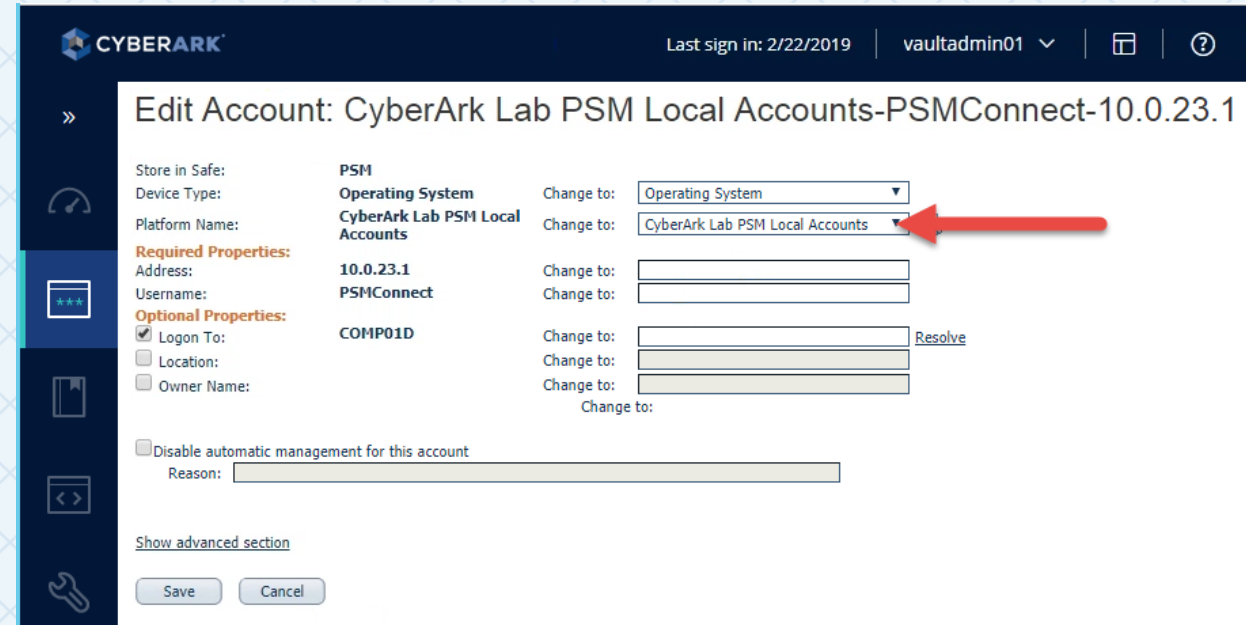


The screenshot shows the 'Edit Safe - PSM' configuration page in the CyberArk interface. The page has a dark blue header with the CyberArk logo, the text 'Last sign in: 2/22/2019', and the user 'vaultadmin01'. A left sidebar contains navigation icons. The main content area is titled 'Edit Safe - PSM' and contains the following fields and options:

- Safe name:** PSM
- Description:** (empty text box)
- ☐ Enable Object Level Access Control
- Saved accounts:**
 - ☐ Save the last 5 account versions
 - ☒ Save account versions from the last 5 days
- Assigned to CPM:** CPM_WIN (This dropdown menu is highlighted with a red rectangular box)
- [Show advanced section](#)
- Buttons:** Save, Cancel

MANAGE THE PSM ACCOUNTS

- Assign the PSM accounts to a Windows Target account platform dedicated to PSM service accounts
- Creating a platform specifically for the PSM accounts provides flexibility for scheduling Password Management operations

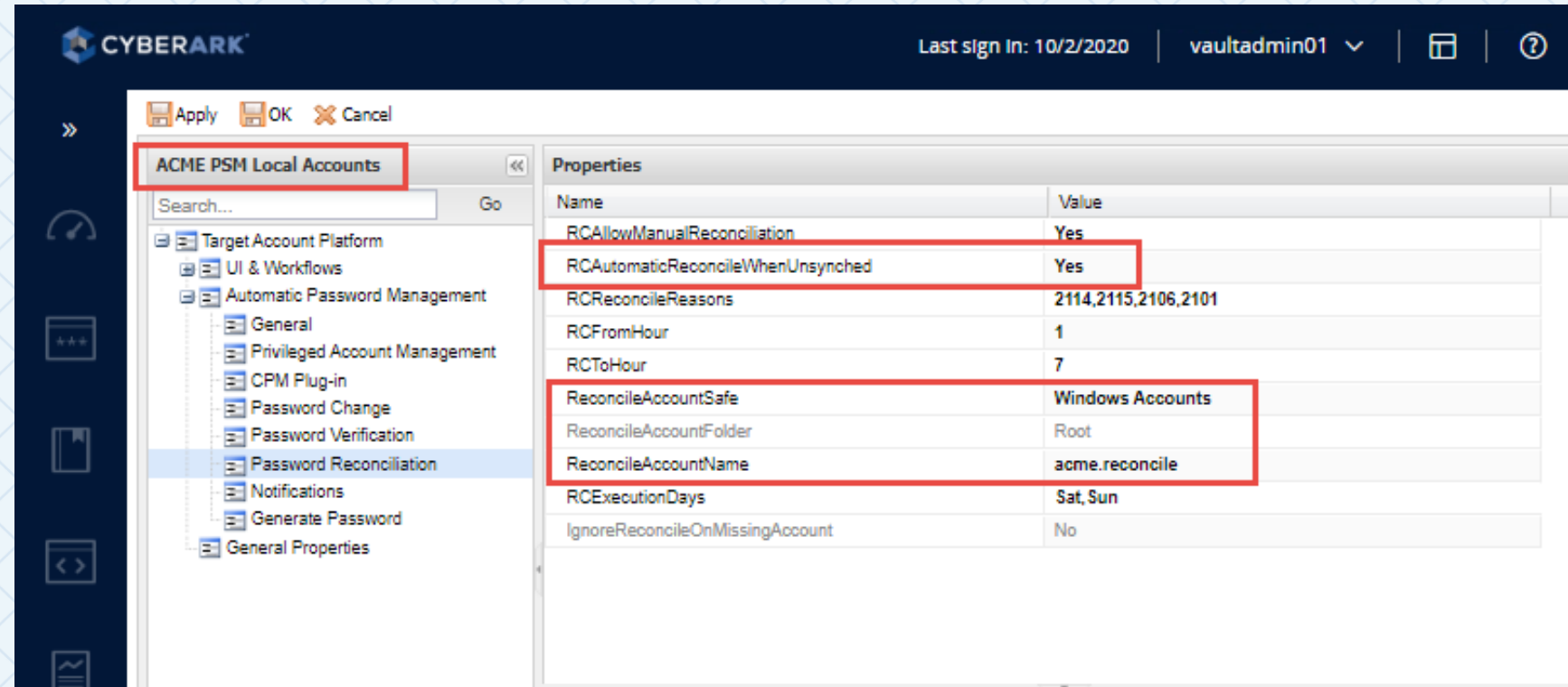


The screenshot displays the CyberArk console interface for editing a PSM account. The title bar shows 'CYBERARK' and the user 'vaultadmin01'. The main heading is 'Edit Account: CyberArk Lab PSM Local Accounts-PSMConnect-10.0.23.1'. The form is divided into sections: 'Store in Safe' (PSM), 'Device Type' (Operating System), 'Platform Name' (CyberArk Lab PSM Local Accounts), 'Required Properties' (Address: 10.0.23.1, Username: PSMConnect), and 'Optional Properties' (Logon To: COMP01D). A red arrow points to the 'Platform Name' dropdown menu. At the bottom, there are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons, and a checkbox for 'Disable automatic management for this account' with a 'Reason' field.

Property	Value	Action
Store in Safe:	PSM	
Device Type:	Operating System	Change to: Operating System
Platform Name:	CyberArk Lab PSM Local Accounts	Change to: CyberArk Lab PSM Local Accounts
Required Properties:		
Address:	10.0.23.1	Change to:
Username:	PSMConnect	Change to:
Optional Properties:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logon To:	COMP01D	Change to: Resolve
<input type="checkbox"/> Location:		Change to:
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner Name:		Change to:
<input type="checkbox"/> Disable automatic management for this account		
Reason:		

MANAGE PSM ACCOUNTS

- Associate a Reconcile Account to the PSMConnect and PSMAdminConnect accounts
- Recommended to define the reconcile account at the platform
- Ensure “RCAutomaticReconcileWhenUnsynchronized” is set to **Yes** in the platform



MANAGE PSM ACCOUNTS

Configure FromHour and ToHour parameters in the target platform

Account management operations can be scheduled for certain days of the week and time of day.

Enable RCAutomaticReconciliationWhenUnsynced. Passwords will never be reset automatically if not enabled

Name	Value
RCAAllowManualReconciliation	Yes
RCAutomaticReconcileWhenUnsynced	Yes
RCReconcileReasons	2114,2115,2106,2101
RCFromHour	1
RCToHour	7
ReconcileAccountSafe	Windows Accounts
ReconcileAccountFolder	Root
ReconcileAccountName	acme.reconcile
RCExecutionDays	Sat, Sun
IgnoreReconcileOnMissingAccount	No

MANAGE THE PSM ACCOUNTS

Enable parameter **ChangePasswordInResetMode** in Additional Policy Settings Automatic Password Management.

The screenshot shows the 'PSMUsers Windows Server Local Accounts' console. The left pane displays a tree view with the following structure:

- PSMUsers Windows Server Local Accounts
 - Target Account Platform
 - UI & Workflows
 - Automatic Password Management
 - General
 - Privileged Account Management
 - CPM Plug-in
 - Password Change
 - Password Verification
 - Password Reconciliation
 - Notifications
 - Generate Password
 - Additional Policy Settings**
 - General Properties

The 'Additional Policy Settings' item is highlighted with a red box. The right pane shows the 'Properties' table for the selected item:

Name	Value
VerifyMachineNameBeforeAction	No
WMICommandStatementFile	WMICommandStmt.txt
WMIReconcileCommandStatementFile	WMIReconcileCommandStmt.txt
WMIRegistryReturnCodePath	HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Ma...
UnlockUserOnReconcile	No
ChangePasswordInResetMode	Yes
ManagementType	Password

The 'ChangePasswordInResetMode' row is highlighted with a red box. Below the table, there are 'Help' and 'Notifications' buttons. The 'Help' button is active, and the text below it reads:

ChangePasswordInResetMode
Defines whether or not password changes will be performed via reset mode using the reconciliation account. This is useful in cases where the password policy prevents the user from changing his own password or when a password minimal age restriction is applied.

MANAGING CYBERARK ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTS

MANAGE CYBERARK ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTS

- The CPM can change and verify internal CyberArk users' passwords and store the password in the Vault
- To manage internal CyberArk administrative accounts, enable the “CyberArk Vault” platform and consider scheduling changes during a specific timeframe
- Create a safe to store the account, assign permissions and an appropriate CPM
- Create the accounts

The screenshot displays the CyberArk 'Account Details' page. The interface includes a top navigation bar with the CyberArk logo and a left sidebar with various icons. The main content area is titled 'Account Details' and features a toolbar with icons for Edit, Change, Verify, Delete, Move, Send Link, and Refresh. Below the toolbar, there is a 'Password' section with a text input field containing 'lukY3ZwL', a 'Show' button, and a 'Copy' button. A dropdown menu shows 'PSM-PVWA-Chrome' with a 'Connect' button and a 'Copy Shortcut' button. The account details are listed as follows:

Platform Name:	CyberArk Vault
Device Type:	Application
Safe:	CyberArk Administrators
Name:	Application-CyberArk-10.0.10.1-administrator
Last verified:	1/18/2019 6:12:11 PM
Last modified:	CPM_WIN (1/22/2019 2:47:18 AM)
Last used:	vaultadmin01 (2/11/2019 5:30:46 PM)
Username:	administrator
Address:	10.0.10.1

At the bottom, there is a 'Show advanced section' link and 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

USING PSM CONNECTION COMPONENTS WITH THE BUILT-IN ADMINISTRATOR

PSM-PRIVATEARK CLIENT
PSM-PVWA

CONNECTING TO CYBERARK ADMINISTRATIVE INTERFACES

- CyberArk administrative access should be protected, monitored and fully audited by the PSM
- PSM includes preconfigured PrivateArk client and PVWA connection components
- Allows Vault users to administer the Vault via PSM

The screenshot displays the PrivateArk client window titled 'vaultadmin01-CyberArk-testuser1-10.0.10.1-2017/02/28 10:49:06 AM-2017/02/28 10:50:07 AM'. The interface shows a list of accounts under the 'Accounts ...' tab. The table lists 10 results for all accounts, with columns for Status, Username, Address, and Platform ID. The 'administrator' account is highlighted in the table. The user interface also shows a search bar, 'Ad-Hoc connection', 'Add account', and a sidebar with navigation icons.

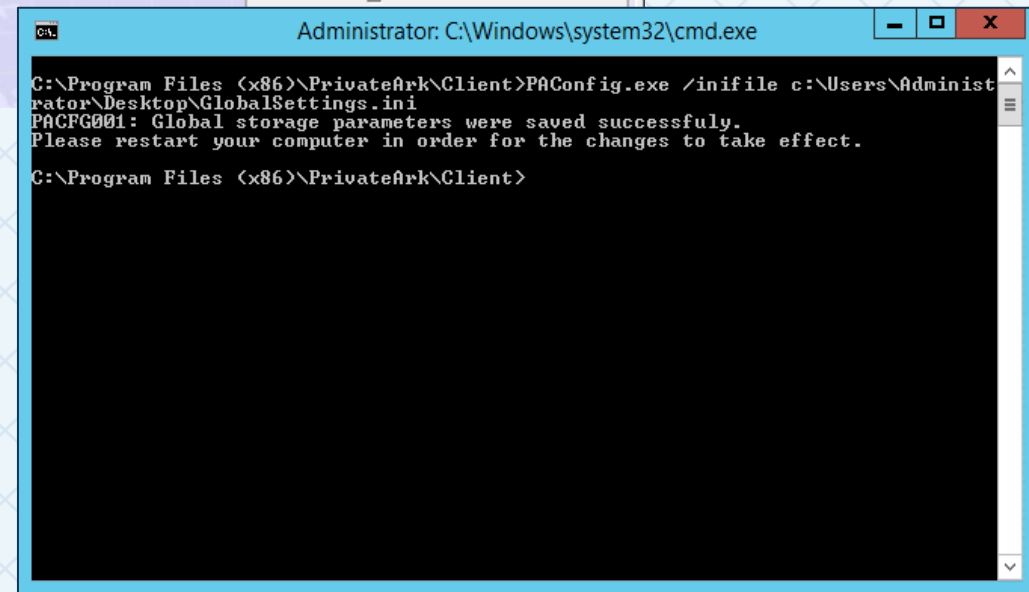
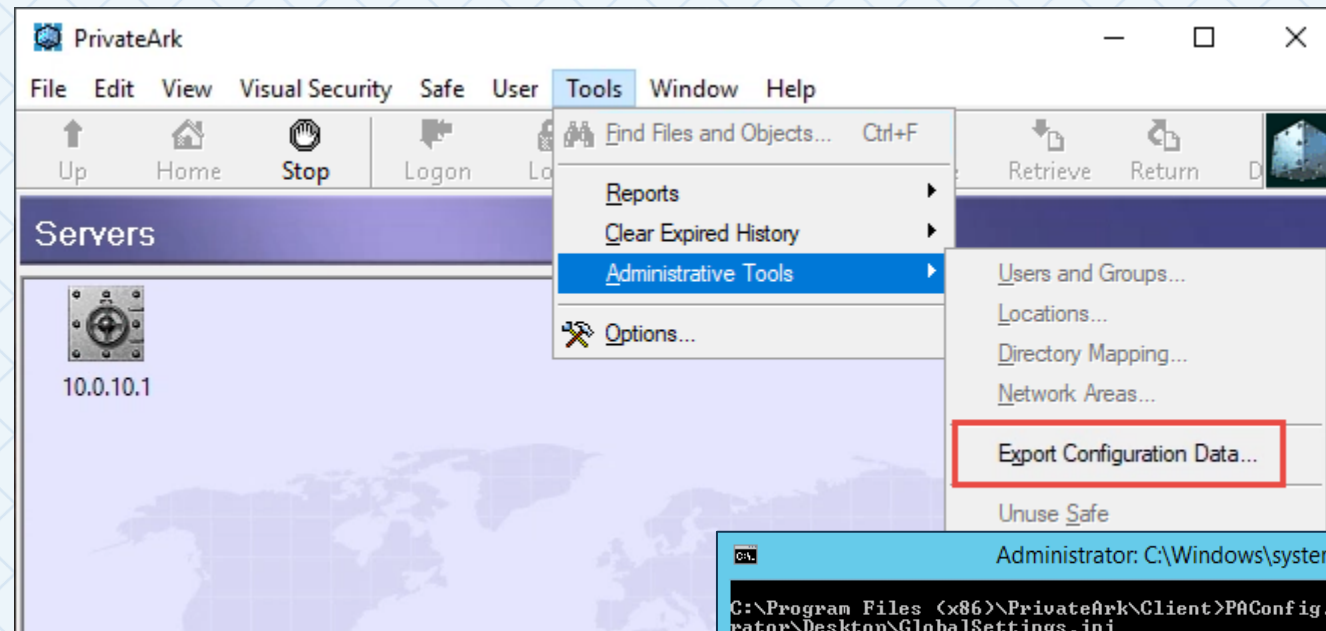
Status	Username	Address	Platform ID
-	administrator	10.0.10.1	CyberArk
-	dba01	10.0.0.20	CyberArkLabOra
-	root01	10.0.0.20	CyberArkLabUni
-	PSMConnect	10.0.23.1	CyberArkLabPSM
-	PSMAdminConnect	10.0.23.1	CyberArkLabPSM
-	PSMAdminConnect	10.0.22.1	CyberArkLabPSM
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PSM-PRIVATEARK CLIENT

PSM-PRIVATEARK CLIENT PREREQUISITES

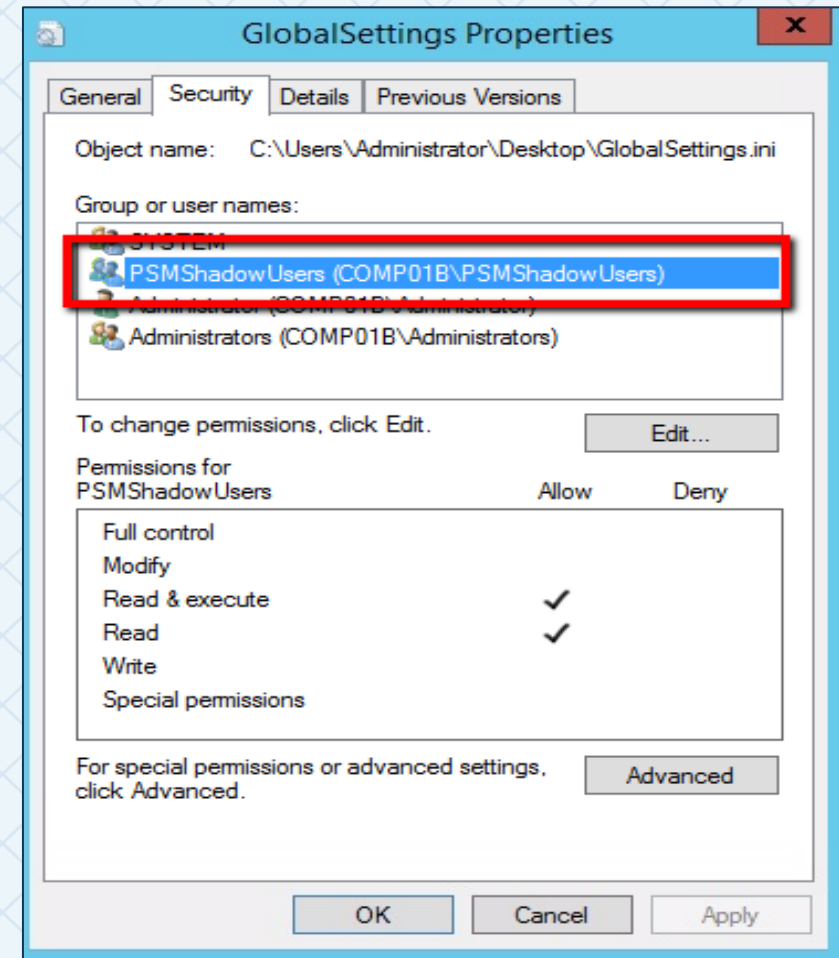
Configure the PrivateArk Administrative Client installed on the PSM server in Global Configuration mode

- Define at least one Vault definition in the PrivateArk Client
- Export Configuration Data to a local file
- Run the PAConfig.exe utility



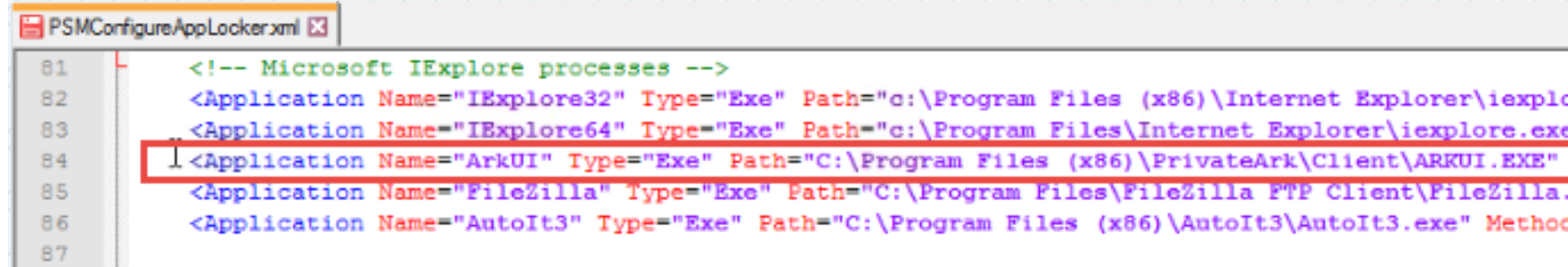
CONNECTING WITH PSM-PRIVATEARK CLIENT

- The **PSMShadowUsers** group must have Read and Execute permissions on the Global Settings configuration file used by the PrivateArk Client

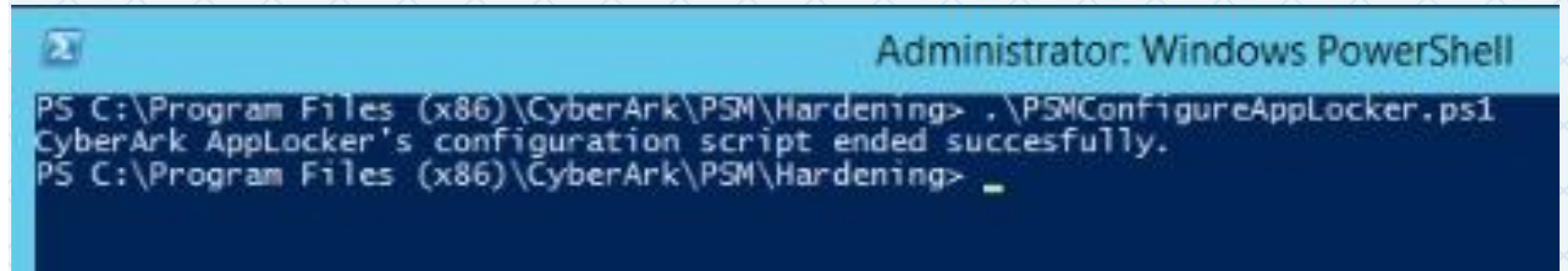


PSM-PRIVATEARK CLIENT PREREQUISITES

- The PrivateArk Client is no different than any other client software used for a PSM connection
- An AppLocker rule must be configured to enable the PrivateArk client to launch in the context of a PSM connection
- Run the AppLocker script to add the rule to the Local Security Policy

A screenshot of a text editor window titled 'PSMConfigureAppLocker.xml'. The file contains XML code for AppLocker rules. Line 84 is highlighted with a red box and contains the entry for the PrivateArk client: `<Application Name="ArkUI" Type="Exe" Path="C:\Program Files (x86)\PrivateArk\Client\ARKUI.EXE"`.

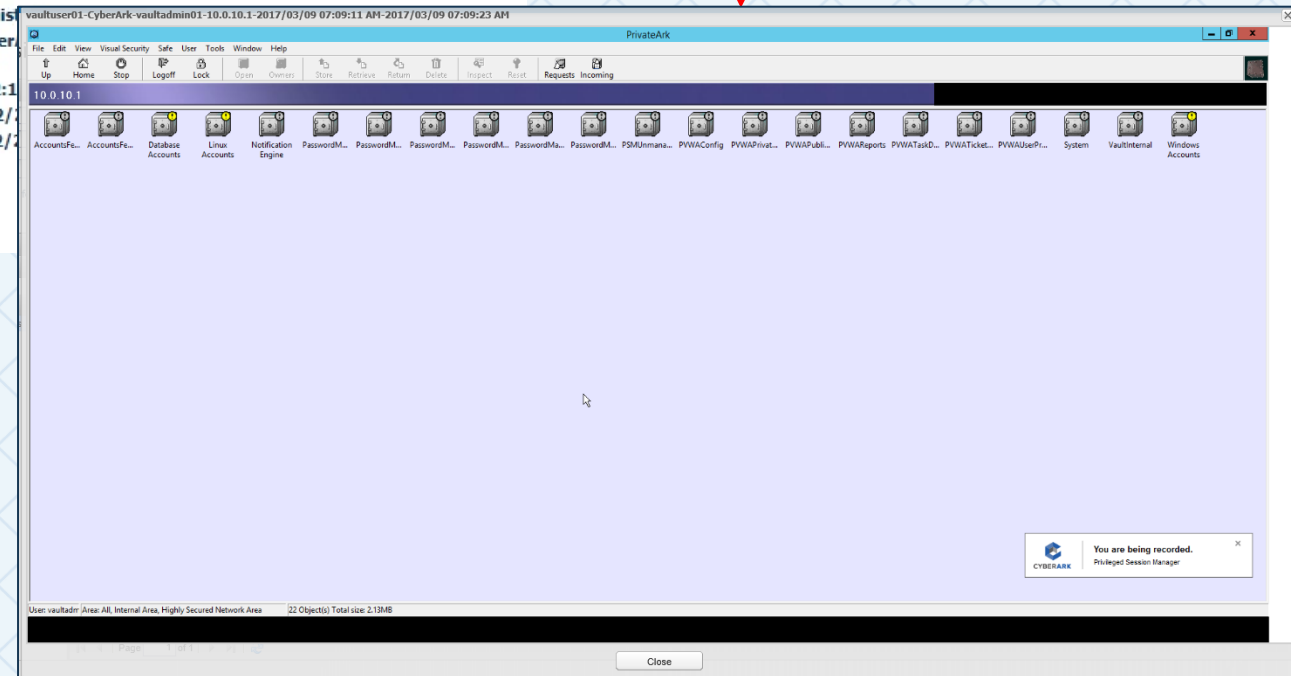
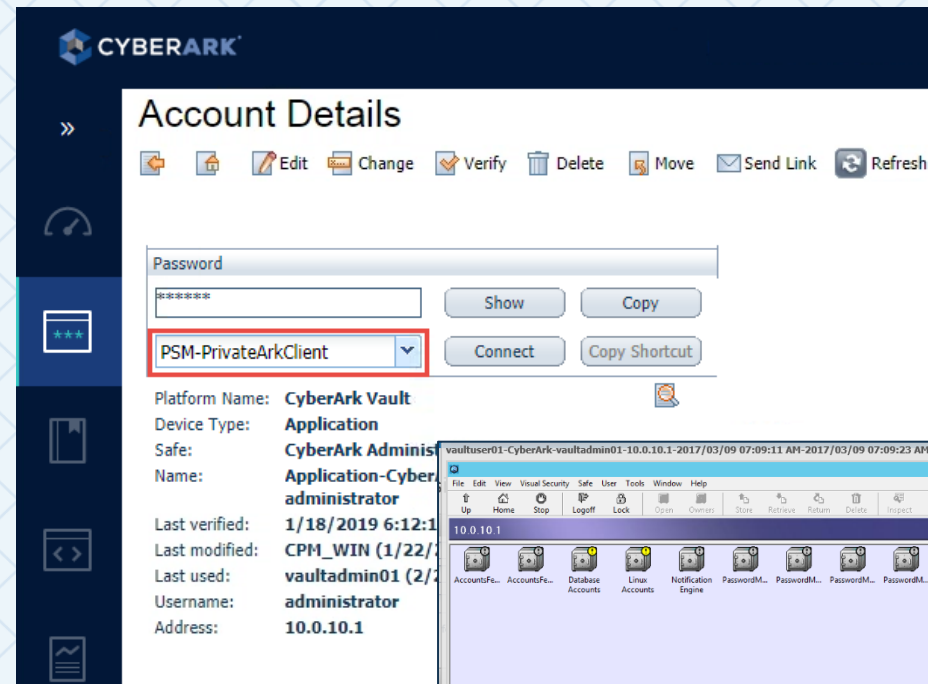
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81 <!-- Microsoft IExplore processes -->
82 <Application Name="IExplore32" Type="Exe" Path="c:\Program Files (x86)\Internet Explorer\iexplor
83 <Application Name="IExplore64" Type="Exe" Path="c:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\iexplore.exe
84 <Application Name="ArkUI" Type="Exe" Path="C:\Program Files (x86)\PrivateArk\Client\ARKUI.EXE"
85 <Application Name="FileZilla" Type="Exe" Path="C:\Program Files\FileZilla FTP Client\FileZilla.
86 <Application Name="AutoIt3" Type="Exe" Path="C:\Program Files (x86)\AutoIt3\AutoIt3.exe" Method
87
```

A screenshot of a Windows PowerShell command prompt window titled 'Administrator: Windows PowerShell'. It shows the execution of a script to configure AppLocker rules. The command prompt shows the directory 'C:\Program Files (x86)\CyberArk\PSM\Hardening' and the successful execution of the script 'PSMConfigureAppLocker.ps1'.

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Program Files (x86)\CyberArk\PSM\Hardening> .\PSMConfigureAppLocker.ps1
CyberArk AppLocker's configuration script ended succesfully.
PS C:\Program Files (x86)\CyberArk\PSM\Hardening> _
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CONNECTING WITH PSM-PRIVATEARK CLIENT

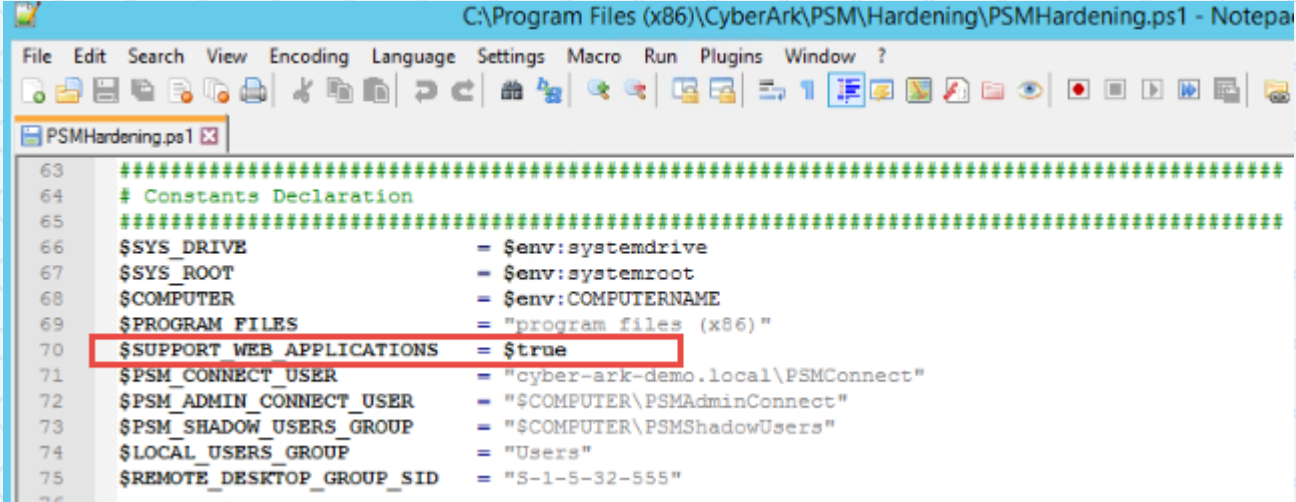
- In the PVWA find the built-in Administrator
- Select “PSM-PrivateArkClient”
- Additional information on Connection component parameters for the PSM-PrivateArkClient connection component can be found online at docs.cyberark.com



PSM-PVWA

PSM-PVWA PREREQUISITES

- Enable support for Web Applications on all PSM servers in a Load Balanced configuration
- Configure the PSM Hardening Script to enable PSM to connect to Web applications
- Run the Hardening script

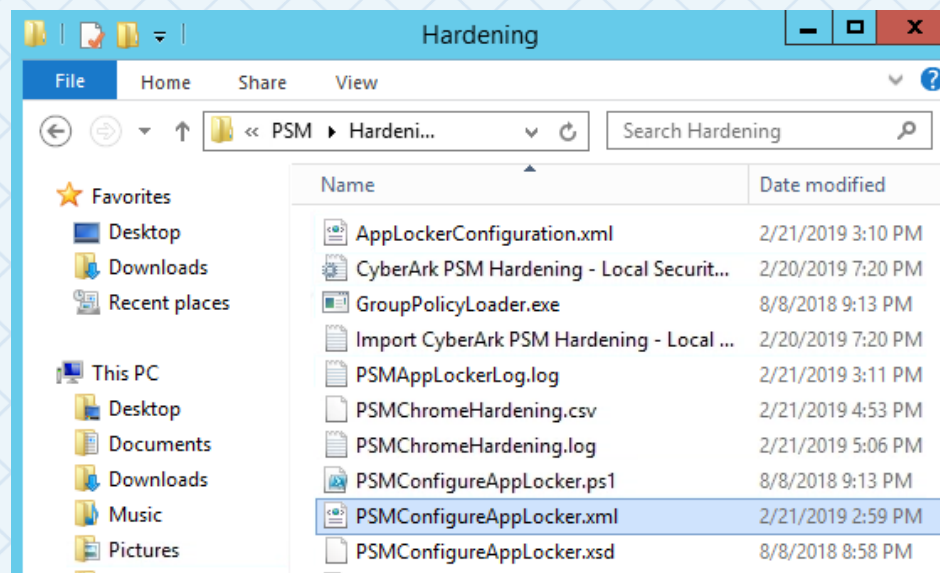


```
C:\Program Files (x86)\CyberArk\PSM\Hardening\PSMHardening.ps1 - Notepad++
File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Macro Run Plugins Window ?
PSMHardening.ps1
63 #####
64 # Constants Declaration
65 #####
66 $SYS_DRIVE = $env:systemdrive
67 $SYS_ROOT = $env:systemroot
68 $COMPUTER = $env:COMPUTERNAME
69 $PROGRAM_FILES = "program files (x86) "
70 $$SUPPORT_WEB_APPLICATIONS = $true
71 $PSM_CONNECT_USER = "cyber-ark-demo.local\PSMConnect"
72 $PSM_ADMIN_CONNECT_USER = "$COMPUTER\PSMadminConnect"
73 $PSM_SHADOW_USERS_GROUP = "$COMPUTER\PSMShadowUsers"
74 $LOCAL_USERS_GROUP = "Users"
75 $REMOTE_DESKTOP_GROUP_SID = "S-1-5-32-555"
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PSM-PVWA-CHROME PREREQUISITES

Configure Applocker to enable Google Chrome

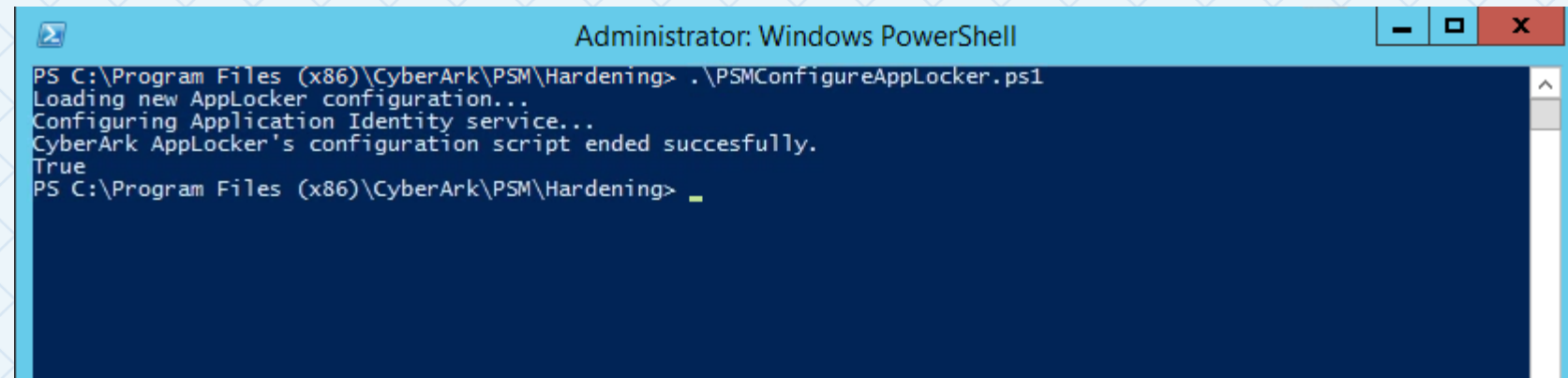
- In the PSM\Hardening subfolder, edit the PSMConfigureApplocker.xml
- Remove comments from “Google Chrome process” section and change Method to “Publisher”



```
<!-- Google Chrome process -->  
<Application Name="GoogleChrome" Type="Exe" Path="C:\Program Files (x86)\Google\Chrome\Application\chrome.exe" Method="Publisher" />
```

PSM-PVWA-CHROME PREREQUISITES

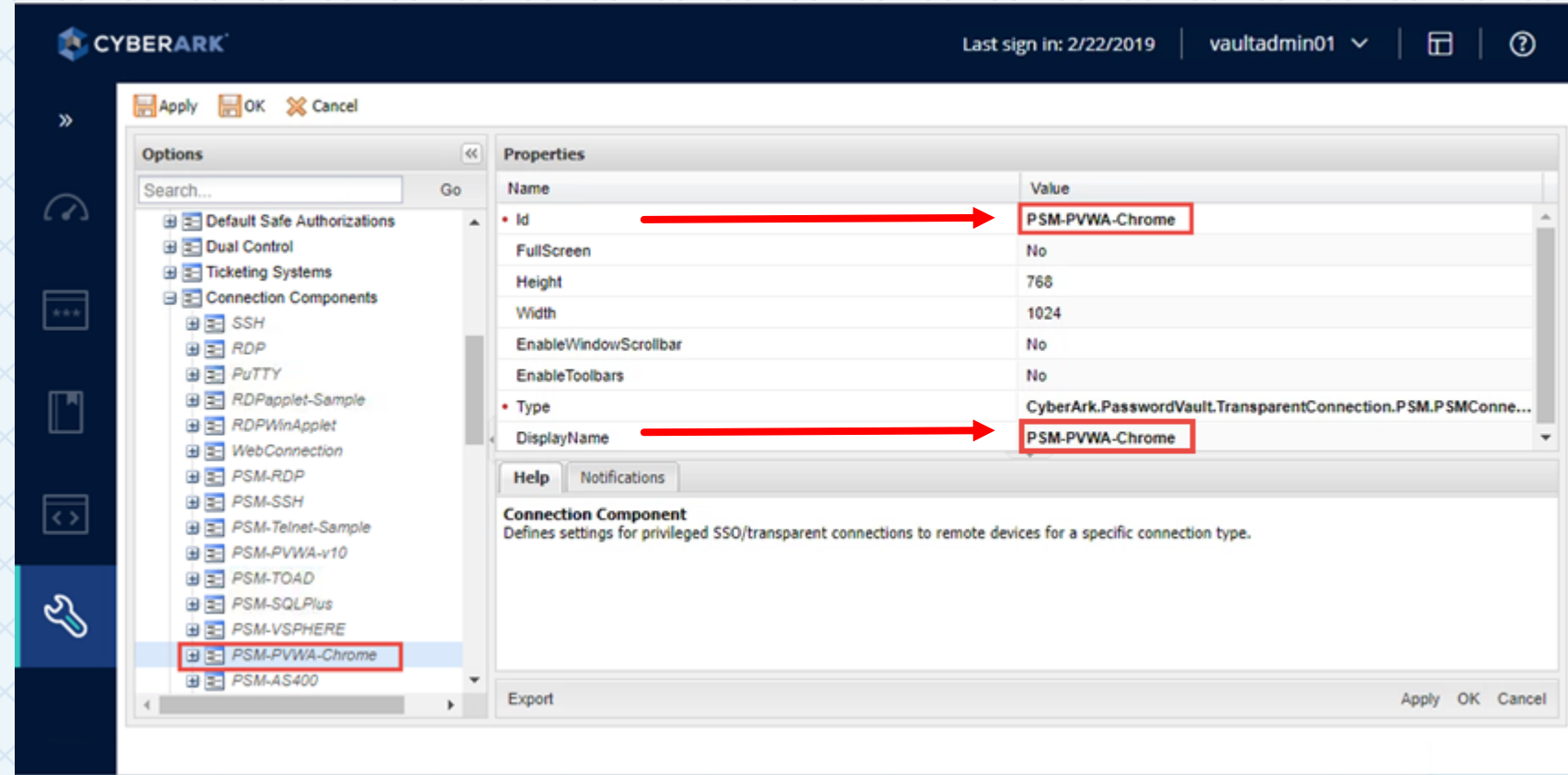
- Open PowerShell as Administrator and execute the PSMConfigureApplocker.ps1 script, applying the Applocker rules defined in PSMConfigureApplocker.xml



```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Program Files (x86)\CyberArk\PSM\Hardening> .\PSMConfigureAppLocker.ps1
Loading new AppLocker configuration...
Configuring Application Identity service...
CyberArk AppLocker's configuration script ended succesfully.
True
PS C:\Program Files (x86)\CyberArk\PSM\Hardening> _
```

CONNECTING WITH PSM-PVWA-CHROME

- In PVWA Options > Connection Components > Select and copy **PSM-PVWA-v10** and paste it
- Rename the copy to **PSM-PVWA-Chrome**
- Update the DisplayName



CONNECTING WITH PSM-PVWA-CHROME

- In Target Settings > Web Form Settings, update LogonURL to match the fully qualified hostname of your PVWA server, including the authentication method
- EnforceCertificateValidation should be set to “Yes” when using a Web Certificate from a trusted Certificate Authority

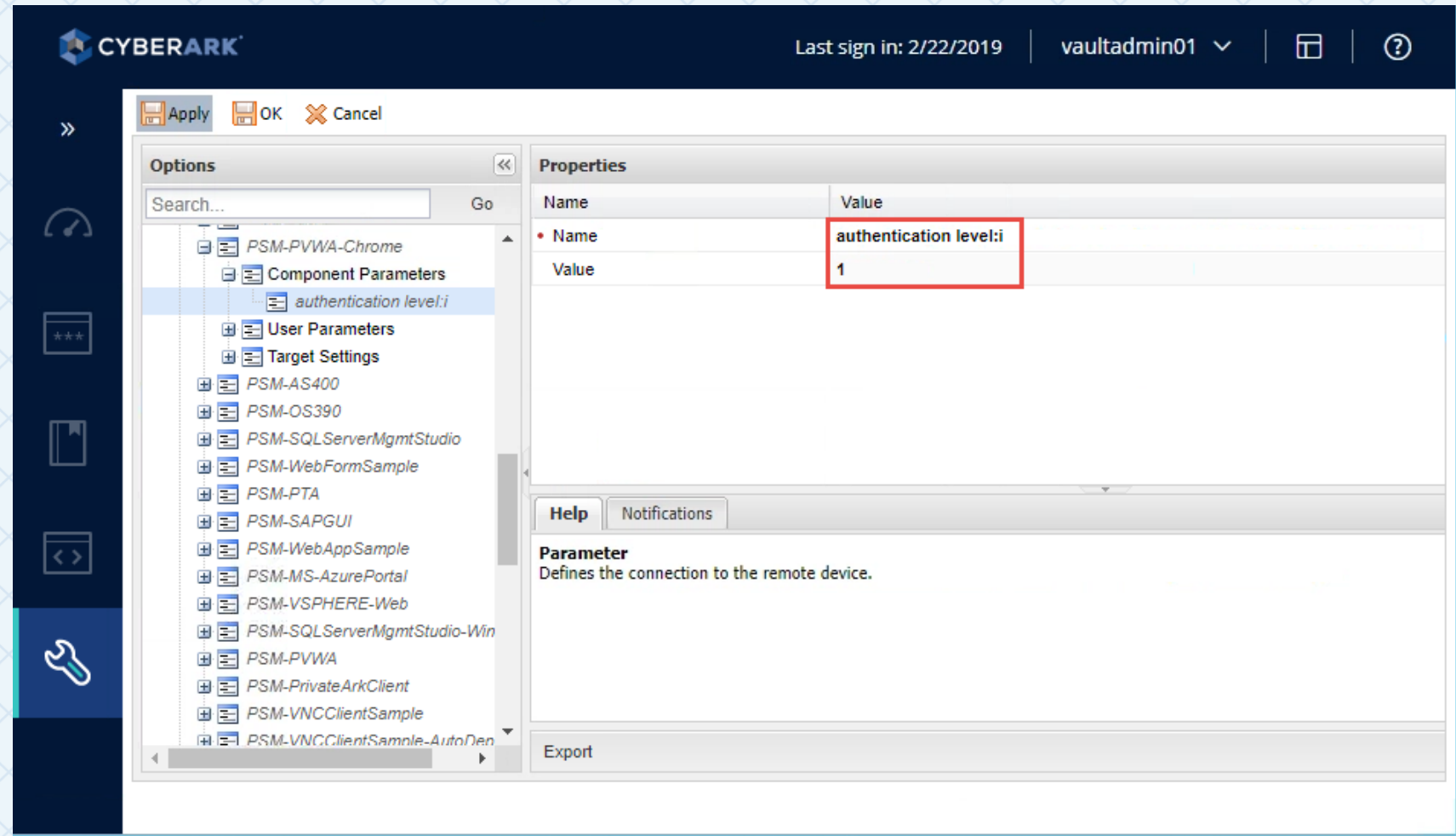
The screenshot shows the CyberArk console interface. The top bar displays the CyberArk logo, the user 'vaultadmin01', and the last sign-in time '3/13/2020'. The left sidebar contains navigation icons. The main content area shows the configuration for 'PSM-PVWA-Chrome'. The 'Options' pane on the left lists various settings, with 'Web Form Settings' selected. The 'Properties' pane on the right shows a table of properties for 'Web Form Settings'.

Name	Value
LogonURL	https://pvwa.cyber-ark-demo.local/passwordvault/v10/logon/cyber
FormName	Deprecated
SubmitButton	
WebFormFields	user_pass_form_username_field>{username}{searchby=id} user_p
EnforceCertificateValidation	Yes

Below the table, there are tabs for 'Help' and 'Notifications'. The 'Help' tab is active, showing the 'Web Form Settings' section with the description: 'Defines webform specific settings for the connection component.' At the bottom, there is an 'Export' button.

CONNECTING WITH PSM-PVWA-CHROME

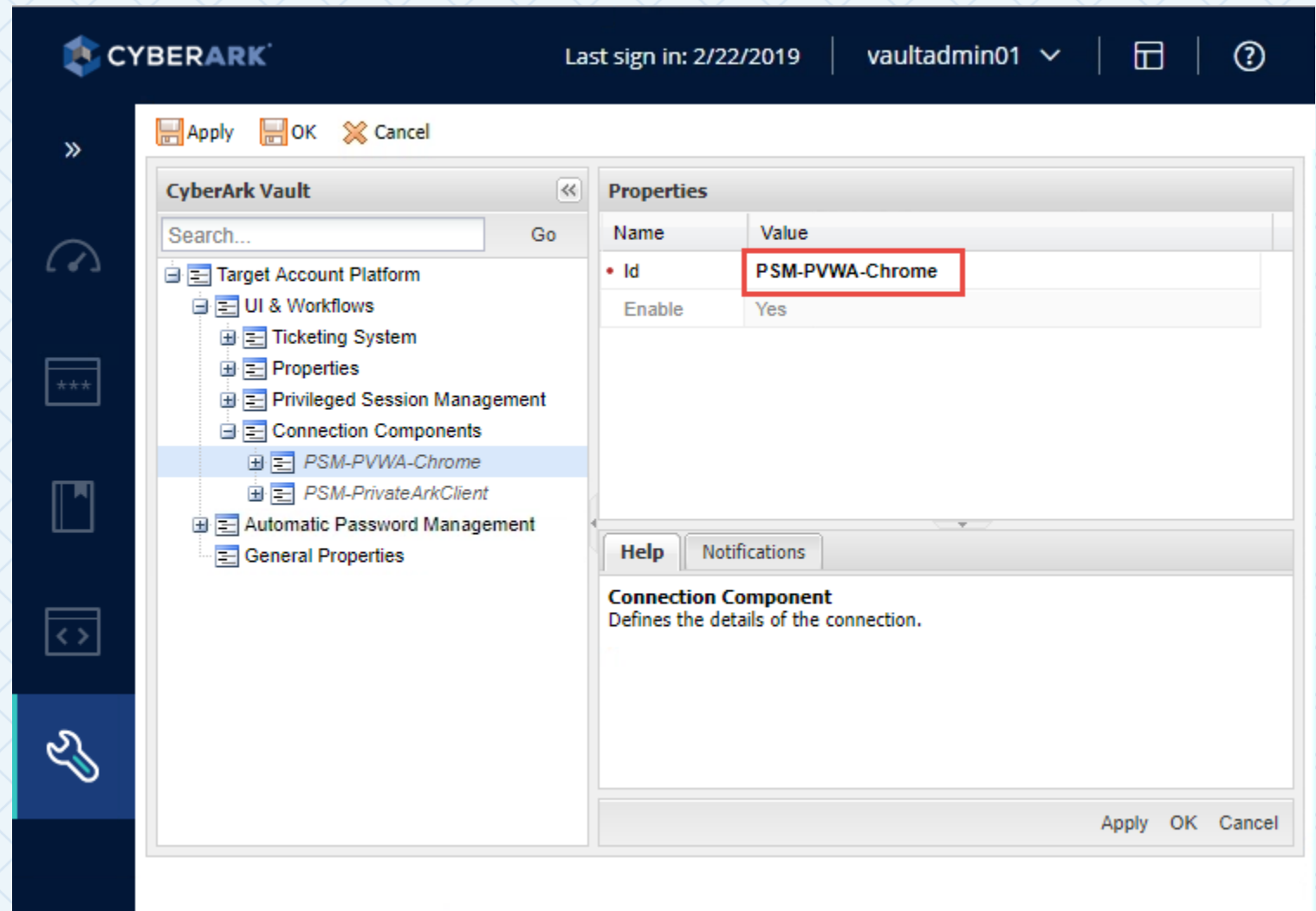
- Enable RDP over SSL for the **PSM-PVWA-Chrome** connection component by adding Component Parameter
 - Name: Authentication level:i
 - Value: 1



CONNECTING WITH PSM-PVWA-CHROME

Edit the CyberArk Vault platform.

- Rename **PSM-PVWA-v10** connection component to **PSM-PVWA-Chrome**.



CONNECTING WITH PSM-PVWA-CHROME

- Test the PSM-PVWA-Chrome connection component
- Detailed information on Connection component parameters can be found online at CyberArk Docs

The screenshot displays the CyberArk console interface. The top navigation bar shows the user is logged in as 'vaultadmin01' with a last sign-in of 2/22/2019. The main content area is divided into two panels. The left panel, titled 'Account Details', shows the 'PSM-PVWA-Chrome' account selected. The right panel, titled 'Accounts ...', shows a list of 10 accounts. The 'administrator' user is highlighted in the top right corner of the right panel. A table of accounts is visible below the list.

Status	Username	Address	Platform ID
-	administrator	10.0.10.1	CyberArk
-	dba01	10.0.0.20	CyberArkLabOra
-	root01	10.0.0.20	CyberArkLabUni
-	PSMConnect	10.0.23.1	CyberArkLabPSM
-	PSMAdminConnect	10.0.23.1	CyberArkLabPSM
-	PSMAdminConnect	10.0.22.1	CyberArkLabPSM
-	PSMConnect	10.0.22.1	CyberArkLabPSM

SUMMARY

In this session we:

- Learned how to use the Enterprise Password Vault to secure and manage CyberArk Administrative and Service Accounts
- Learned how to use Privileged Session Manager to isolate and monitor access to CyberArk administrative interfaces using managed built-in CyberArk Administrative accounts

THANK YOU