

What's new: AppSense Application Manager 8.4



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AppSense enables dynamic control of URLs and web-based applications



Introduction

AppSense Application Manager 8.4 brings greater flexibility and granular control user access to websites and cloud hosted web delivered applications.

Information in this document assumes prior knowledge of AppSense Application Manager 8.3.

Overview

IT departments are taking advantage of web hosted services such as cloud delivered web-based applications and internal knowledge share sites and intranets to improve data access for mobile workers. While this enables greater productivity, it does also bring challenges in respect to controlling web-based application access.

Further to the existing Application Termination feature which can automatically force an immediate shutdown or perform a soft close an application when the context of the device or location changes, Application Manager 8.4 introduces a URL redirection capability.

This is more than the existing URL filtering capabilities within the AppSense User Virtualization Platform that can restrict access to specific URL's (and so web-based applications too) and can be used in conjunction with conditions such as context of the user, location, device etc.

URL redirection

In this latest version of AppSense Application Manager, the URL controls have been enhanced to now provide the option to redirect any already open webpages or applications when the connecting device or location changes:

If a user has an active internet browser accessing a particular website, when the user either leaves that device or changes location and reconnects (even on the same device), AppSense Application Manager detects this change and if configured to do so, will redirect the open URL to a page of the Administrators choice.

Key features include

Rules for when URL redirection occurs

Select variables and define when the desktop is evaluated and for when URL actions apply

- Evaluate and redirect based on Connection Type;
 - E.g. Local Console, via RDP or via ICA
- Prohibit URL and redirect at all times, no matter device, location or time.
- Prohibit URL and redirect based on client IP address
- Prohibit URL and redirect based on Port

Define the URLs to redirect

Simple yet comprehensive controls over which URL's are prohibited and redirected. For example:

- Based on full address
 - E.g. www.AppSense.com
- Based on sub-directory
 - E.g. prevent access to specific pages such as www.AppSense.com/About-Us
 - But allow access to main www.AppSense.com and also www.AppSense.com/All_Other_Pages
- By using wild cards
 - E.g. www.A* will prevent any website starting with www.A from being launched

Options on where to redirect URLs to

When taking advantage of redirect for an open web-page, options are provided to redirect to the standard default AppSense Notification Page or if preferred, to any website of your choice.

Conclusion

AppSense is recognized as the world leading user virtualization solution provider to enterprise organizations, and AppSense Application Manager 8.4 represents another leap forward in URL and Web-based application control.

Visit www.myAppSense.com to download AppSense Application Manager 8.4.

About AppSense

We are the leading provider of user virtualization technology to enterprise organizations. User virtualization is a way of managing user-specific information independent of the desktop, and applying this information into any desktop (local install, virtualized, published, streamed etc) on-demand. This enables IT to standardize the desktop build, automate desktop and application delivery, and migrate users to new desktops – all while ensuring the user experience is seamless, personal, predictable and easily manageable.