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Remote Monitoring

SaaS - Kiosk Remote Monitoring & Management Software
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What is SiteRemote?
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The Server Architecture
The connection between client and server is established by an encoded protocol similar to HTTP (TCP/port:8086, Android clients use XMPP over TCP/port:5222). The actual SiteRemote Web application (ASP.net/IIS) runs on Microsoft Windows Server that is utilizes a Microsoft SQL Server database. Requests by the client terminals are processed through the SiteRemote server, which is based on the Microsoft .NET Framework.

The Communication Architecture
Communication between the client terminal and the SiteRemote Server does not require a permanent connection and works with dynamic IP addresses and behind firewalls. After establishing a connection to the server, each terminal will synchronize with and receive jobs from the server. This allows you to monitor your terminals even if the connection to the Internet is through dial-up (e.g. ISDN, modem).
Client-Server Communication

System Requirements

The terminals (kiosk clients) you want to monitor require that you install special client software.

The available options are:

- SiteKiosk Windows
- SiteKiosk Android

Client Registration

You will first need to set up a team account with valid login credentials (create a team account with a free 30-day trial of SiteRemote at www.siteremote.net). Then use the Client Software Configuration Wizard to register client terminals with the SiteRemote server (see screenshot).

Note: The SiteKiosk Configuration Wizard is available in the following languages: English, French, German, Russian, Italian, Dutch, and Spanish.

Reporting Intervals

The kiosk clients will report back to the SiteRemote server at certain intervals (e.g. every 90 seconds). On each contact to the server, the client machines transmit gathered data and log files and receive new jobs from the server.

Encryption

The connection between client and server is established via an encrypted protocol similar to HTTP (TCP/port:8086).

Communication is encrypted by a combination of RSA and AES (Rijndael) used for key exchange and symmetric encryption, respectively. In addition, signatures are used to verify the identity of client machine and server.

Figure: Register Your Client With The SiteKiosk Configuration Tool
SiteKiosk (Windows/Android)

“A public-access computer must both be very easy to operate and provide protection against vandalism.”

Our SiteKiosk kiosk application allows you to run your Windows PC unattended 24/7.

SiteKiosk Android locks down your Android tablets and protects the operating system / system-critical folders against any kind of unwanted manipulation. You can also configure among other things which websites the user has access to.

Client

You will have to install compatible client software on all machines which you wish to manage/monitor. SiteRemote supports SiteKiosk Windows and SiteKiosk Android.

Figure: Login dialog box in the SiteKiosk Windows configuration tool

Figure: Login dialog box in the SiteKiosk Android configuration tool
Required Browser
Using the SiteRemote web application to manage your terminals only requires a computer and a browser (IE 8 or higher, Firefox 15 or higher).

Login
Login at www.siteremote.net with the valid login information created by the team administrator. In case you have not yet created a team, you can sign up for a free 30-day trial at www.siteremote.net.
After logging on, you will see the overview screen which will provide you with a quick overview of the status of your client machines, all current warnings and news.

Folder View
All logged on machines will automatically be listed inside the folder “New Machines”. However, you can create new folders and subfolders, and move client machines into the folders of your choice.
You also have the option of creating so-called ‘virtual folders’. Virtual folders allow you to sort terminals by categories. For instance, you can organize all terminals located in Switzerland or running Window XP in one virtual folder while keeping the original organization structure.
Machine List

World Map
An embedded map engine allows you to get a quick overview on the locations of all your terminals.

Your own Location
Your current location is marked by the blue person icon.

Status Informationen
Current status information about the terminals is displayed, showing which machines are not working properly.

Map Engines
Currently, Virtual Earth and Google Maps are supported with this feature.

Figure: Group Overview
Real-Time Statistics

Select the “Statistics” menu tab to view real-time statistics about the usage and sales generated by your machines for the periods “Today”, “Current Week”, and “Last Week”.

You can also view real-time statistics for each individual terminal under the „Machine Overview“ tab.

Average Usage Time

The Average Usage Time information for all machines is displayed, provided the screensaver option is enabled in the SiteKiosk software. All screensaver times will then be considered as inactive. Also, SiteRemote will display the five most often used terminals separately.

Average Turnover

The statistics on the Average Turnover achieved by all logged on machines are shown, provided you have enabled a payment device. The five terminals that achieved the largest turnover will be listed separately.

Refer to the “Reports” section on page 12 for much more extensive statistics.
Overview Machines
By selecting a specific machine from the list, you will be taken to that terminal’s overview page. This page displays a summary of all important information concerning this particular machine (such as name, last contact, next contact, current IP address, etc).

Name, last contact, next contact, current IP address
Shows the most recent connection data for the selected machine.

Errors and warnings
If applicable, all current problems and error messages are listed under the Errors andWarnings section.

Screenshot
Captures a screenshot of the content currently displayed on the machine.

Activity Profile
The Activity Profile shows the machine’s activity (usage) for the last 24 hours, the current week or the last week.

Machines Uptime Chart
The Machine Uptime Chart section shows the operating times for the currently selected machine.

Settings
The Settings section allows you to adjust the time zone information for the area where you set up your machines and lists the name the team member responsible for that particular machine.

Maintenance Protocol
The Maintenance Protocol section provides an overview of all maintenance activity taking place on the selected machine.
The machines will automatically submit extensive information about the installed and used software as well as the hardware components and performance data.

Software
The software overview provides you with information about important system components and plugins. You will also be able to review which client software is being used. All automatically launched applications and the folders selected to be synced across the machines will be listed.

Hardware
Information about manufacturer, CPU, BIOS, memory, drives, network settings, video, printers, and sound. Other information includes graphical statistics on CPU usage, memory usage, and network traffic. Depending on the hardware used, you can also monitor the temperature, fan speed and power supply of this hardware.

Figure: Software & Hardware Overview
Viewing and editing configurations
The “Configuration” menu tab refers to the SiteKiosk configuration applied by the client. The configuration files are available for viewing, downloading, and editing.

Editing Configuration Files Directly
If you have SiteKiosk installed on your computer, you can open and edit the client terminal configuration with the SiteKiosk configuration tool, save any changes you make locally and upload the configuration file to the SiteRemote server.
You can enable the configurations on the client terminals you have uploaded either immediately, or at scheduled dates and times.
You can create a job that will replace configuration files on several machines.
Runtime Protocol

Precision Logging
Remote clients record all processes with the times documented. The log files will allow you to keep track of all processes performed on the terminal and will help you identify possible errors.

Real-Time Transmission
Since the runtime logs are transmitted on each contact with the server, you will be able to view the protocols shortly after they have been transmitted. You can view the information filtered according to protocol levels and components.

Exporting and Deleting Logs
You can summarize and download runtime protocols as.zip archives and permanently delete old log files from the server.

Figure: Second-Precise View Of All Activities
SiteRemote enables you to create detailed reports which can be used to evaluate user activity, usage times, problems, and sales figures for your business and financial calculations.

**Report Parameters**
All reports can be created for any number of machines (individual machines, groups, or all machines) and specific time periods (today, yesterday, current week, last week, current month, last month, current year, last year, or custom).

**Individual Reports**
You can also create individual reports and store them in .CSV format.

**Scheduled Reports (Scheduling)**
Automatically creates the desired reports at specific intervals:

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly

**Email Submission**
You can send all reports automatically to one or several email addresses.

![Figure: Get Customized And Detailed Reports](image-url)
Job Management
Maintaining and updating a computer, such as transferring files or rebooting the machine, usually does not take a long time. But if you are dealing with hundreds of machines spread out over various locations, completing this task manually would take hours, if not days, as you would have to perform this process for every individual terminal.

SiteRemote’s Job Management functions allow you to reduce the time used for performing maintenance duties on all of the terminals. Simply define a job and assign it to an individual machine, groups, or even to all of your machines. You can also specify a certain time for a job to perform.

Feedback
Every time a job is executed on a machine SiteRemote’s feedback function provides you with a notification whether a job has been successfully completed or not.

Job Templates
Instead of creating a new job each time a certain task is performed, you can save a job as a template and implement it again at a later point in time.

Scheduled Jobs (Scheduling)
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Figure: Create Jobs And/Or Job Templates
**File Management**

Use the file manager to upload any number of files and manage them on the SiteRemote server from one central location.

**Upload**

Use the upload function to transfer files from your work terminal to the server in a few easy steps.

**File Management**

The file manager overview lets you manage your files in a convenient manner. You can make use of an extensive range of tools that let you manage your files:

- Create Folder
- Rename
- Cut
- Copy
- Paste
- Delete
- View

**Synchronize Folders**

You can synchronize folders and their contents with one or several machines (see next page).

*Figure: Manage And Organize Files*
Synchronization
The synchronization feature makes it easy to distribute extensive content among any number of machines and keep it up-to-date.

Peer to Peer
The method used for synchronization is peer-to-peer which keeps server loads low and makes it possible for the files to be transferred to the machines at a fast rate.

Always up-to-date
When you make changes to the contents of the folder stored on the SiteRemote server, these contents will (as an option) be synchronized automatically on the associated machines. For instance, if you change a website or video, these will be transferred instantaneously.

Figure: Synchronization Settings
User Management

Each team can contain any number of users, who can log on and access the SiteRemote web portal. You can assign specific users rights for each user. Individual rights can be specified for each user. Standard user rights can be combined to further define roles.

Example:
The role of “Team Administrator” possesses the following rights:

- ✔ editing their own user account
- ✔ manage user accounts (add / edit / delete)
- ✔ edit machine configurations
- ✔ create/view reports
- ✔ view sales statistics
- ✔ add machines
- ✔ edit machines
- ✔ add / edit / delete machine user groups
- ✔ remote machine administration / control
- ✔ create / perform LiveRequests

You can also specify the corresponding time zone and language to each individual user. Languages currently available are English, German, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish and Dutch.

Roles for technical staff

You can also specify roles for technical staff. The members of this staff will then be able to authenticate directly at the machine (on site) in order to complete certain tasks.

Auditing

The Auditing tab lets you trace precisely when the user performed which action.
SMS & Email Alerts

When a terminal encounters a problem, a remote monitoring solution should be able to notify you automatically without delay. This is the only way to allow for an immediate response.

SiteRemote features a notification system, which will automatically react whenever an error occurs.

In the event of an error, the system will prompt the SiteRemote Server to send an email to the corresponding staff member and provide a detailed description of the problem.

To receive alert notifications faster, the server can also deliver alerts via SMS (Short Messaging System), which will send a text message directly to your cell phone.

A set amount of text messages is included with the SiteRemote package. Additional text message volume is available for purchase.

Example:
SMS alerts through SiteRemote SaaS are only available in Europe. It is possible to setup SMS alerts on your SiteRemote Server installation in any country but additional charges from your carrier may apply.

- Application not running/has no valid license
- System time incorrect
- Overflow of the log limiter or error limiter
- Printer (e.g. no paper, low toner, etc.)
- Data storage medium (e.g. hard disk full)
- Memory usage
- CPU load
- Hardware failure
- No depot within the specified time period
- System was rebooted by the software watchdog (e.g. SiteKiosk)
- File synchronization/Digital Signage error
Remote Desktop Connection

Use UltraVNC, which is free and can be installed as an option, to establish a remote desktop connection to machines in a quick and easy fashion.

You will find an extensive range of options at your disposal. In addition to viewing the screen of the client, you can also exchange files directly.

As soon as the desktop of the client terminal shows up in your Web browser, a maintenance message will pop on the screen of the machine on site (see screenshot). This information indicates to the user that the terminal is currently being serviced and cannot be used.

Terminal Commander

Terminal Commander is an additional tool that allows you to exchange files with a remote machine. The main window shows two parallel directory listings: Local hard drive on the left and the remote machine on the right.
Digital Signage

A software solution that helps you create, manage, and publish media content for your Digital Signage displays. It takes only a few clicks to share the campaigns you created with your clients, where they can be played back automatically at the times you specify. Watchdog functionality keeps downtimes at a minimum if the application fails to respond due to critical system conditions (insufficient RAM, video codec error, etc.).

Create Campaigns
You can use customizable layout templates to quickly create a campaign in a snap and display your campaigns in the resolution of your choice (including full HD). Simply drag and drop your media content to arrange it in a timeline. The Digital Signage software supports a host of different formats including Images (PNG, JPG), video files (H.264 and WMV), web pages (HTML, Flash), and text (RSS, static or ticker).

Schedule
This functionality allows you to plan with split-second accuracy which campaigns are to be played at which times. You can also edit existing broadcasts to add more campaigns and change the playback schedule.

Publish
Share your content with up to 10,000 players using just a few clicks. Choose either peer-to-peer sharing or encrypted sharing via HTTPS/SSL.

For more information, log on to www.siteremote.com

Figure: Digital Signage user interface
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30-Day Trial Access (Free)

SiteRemote’s 30-day Trial Access includes:

- unrestricted use of all SiteRemote features for 30 days (www.siteremote.net)
- 500 MB of transfer volume
- 50 SMS messages included (Europe)
- free customer support
- administration of up to 50 terminals

Go to www.siteremote.net and sign up to register your own team account for a free 30-day trial. Thoroughly test all the features and functions of SiteRemote to ensure that it is the right solution for your business needs.