

Netformx Collection Engine



Get Network Discovery Results Without Leaving the Office

Are you spending too much time on the road getting to your customer's remote location to perform a network discovery? Is a full discovery application installation at their site taking forever? Does a full installation consume too many machine resources? Frustrated because of their low bandwidth Internet connectivity? Are you struggling with their "walled garden" or restricted environment?

Netformx Collection Engine makes it easy to perform a network discovery at a remote customer location. Just download the slim, ready-to-use Collection Engine application for Netformx DesignXpert® via the Netformx Hub. Email or send the installer to your customer so they can instance the Collection Engine on one of their PCs, and using any screen sharing application, run the discovery operation remotely. Once the collection process completes, they can email the encrypted results file back to you for analysis.

Make as many copies of the Collection Engine as you need and distribute them as you see fit.

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Netformx Collection Engine is a streamlined, standalone network discovery application that audits a customer's network and provides insights on technology upgrade, replacement, and enhancement opportunities. It identifies topology, equipment, and configuration data as well as end of life, end of support, and resource gaps. In minutes, users can audit and discover multi-vendor networks to accurately baseline a customer's technology.

It is a slim, self-contained version of the existing Netformx discovery collector that is easy to download, install and distribute. As a DesignXpert user, there is no restriction on the number of Collection Engines you can generate. Feel free to leave the Collection Engine with your customer for subsequent assessments. Using this portable application, you can support your entire customer base and collect asset inventory data remotely.

Benefits:

- Get results without leaving the office
- Schedule to run automatically
- Eliminate extensive travel time
- Support your entire customer base
- Control asset inventory remotely
- Portable, lightweight application
- Protected network information
- Save travel costs

"Netformx DesignXpert users gain tremendous value when they perform remote discoveries with Netformx' Collection Engine. They can now simply email the Collection Engine directly to the end-customers where it can be installed on any authorized workstation, saving time and travel expense. Being able to easily complete a discovery in this manner enhances our capacity to support our customers. We can identify equipment no longer meeting the demands of their users. It enhances our ability to target new opportunities, increase customer satisfaction, and thereby expand our bottom line."

— Jason Peacock, Business Operations Director at BT

To generate a Collection Engine, the DesignXpert user logs in to the Netformx Hub and downloads the installer file. You or the end-user can run the installer and Collection Engine application on their Windows machine. Collection scripts can be predefined and configured remotely and the discovery can be scheduled to run automatically. Collection Engine frees the user from having to install both a full Netformx base application (i.e., DesignXpert or Netformx Discovery) and Netformx Updater before running a discovery process.

When the discovery process is completed an encrypted results file (.NDR) is created that can then be imported into DesignXpert for further analysis.

The Collection Engine Installation Package assumes the following installed on the target machine:

- ☞ Access Runtime 2007/2010/2013
- ☞ C++ Redistributable 2010
- ☞ .NET Framework > Version 4.0

Note: Access 2013 Runtime includes the C++ Redistributable

Save Time and Expense with Remote Discovery

Let Netformx Collection Engine simplify discovery of your customer's network so you can drive more business based on what your customer has already deployed. You can gain insights such as targeted network migrations and upgrades, or equipment that is underpowered or underutilized, end-of-life or out-of-service, a potential security vulnerability, or otherwise in conflict with a customer's new requirements.

Baselines created with the Collection Engine can then be seamlessly transformed into winning proposals using Netformx DesignXpert.



Learn more about the Netformx Collection Engine at www.netformx.com