

# Philips Remote Device Manager

## Version 3.8

### Release announcement

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*Dear all,*

We are proud to announce the upcoming release of our Philips Remote Device Manager V3.8.

The main enhancements in this version are:

- **SpeechExec Enterprise groups and users import from Active Directory**
- **Warning messages for Digital Pocket Memo 96xx and SpeechMike 52xx series (no longer supported)**
- **Support for Windows Server 2016**

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact your local Speech Processing Solutions organization.

*With best regards,*

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## NEW FEATURES IN PRDM V3.8

### Groups and Users Import from Active Directory

PRDM version 3.8 can now create, update, move or delete organizational units and configurations based on group hierarchy and user assignment in Active Directory (AD).

The synchronization is implemented one-way, which means that PRDM imports groups and users from AD and creates, moves or deletes organizational units and configurations in the PRDM database. Active Directory is not updated within this process.

The PRDM Management Console executes the AD querying and not the IIS Web Service.

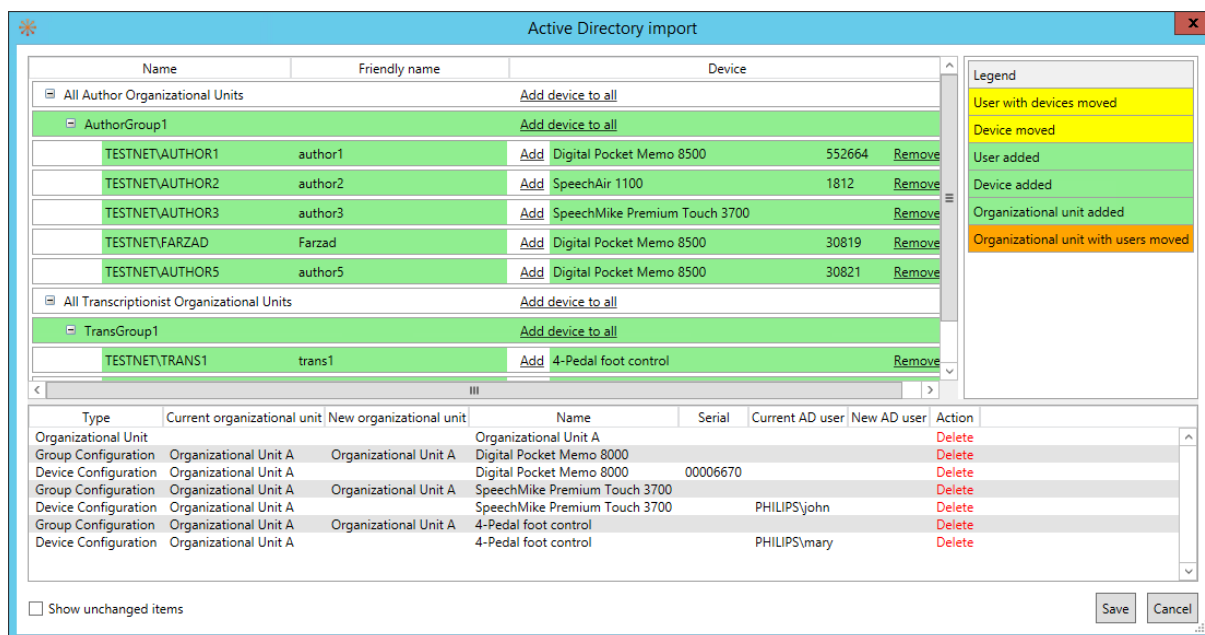
**Important:** *The administrator running Management Console must have the necessary Windows permissions to query AD.*

The Active Directory import window in this first version provides AD related functionality, which was not available to the administrator so far. This new AD import window focuses on following the changes executed in Active Directory since the last import was executed.

#### How to enable Active Directory synchronization:

A new menu item was added to the end of the server menu in PRDM. The text is “Import groups and users from Active directory...” and the hotkey is Ctrl+F8.

With this new function SpeechExec Enterprise users can easily be imported into PRDM:



After AD synchronization is enabled in PRDM, it cannot be turned off.

AD synchronization works only in user name assignment mode:

- AD synchronization can only be enabled if PRDM is in user name assignment mode, otherwise the menu item to enable AD synchronization is not visible.
- When AD synchronization is enabled, then assignment mode cannot be changed, the Assignment mode item in the Server menu is not visible.

The following AD structure is needed by PRDM AD import:

- “SEEADRoot” group
  - “SEEAllowedAuth” group
    - AD group for organizational units (multiple)
      - Users
  - “SEEAllowedTrans” group
    - AD group for organizational units (multiple)
      - Users

The names of “SEEADRoot”, “SEEAllowedAuth” and “SEEAllowedTrans” groups are fixed, they must be named exactly the same in AD.

The groups under the “SEEAllowedAuth” and “SEEAllowedTrans” groups can be named freely up to 200 characters long; these are mapped as organizational units. Multiple groups can be defined under both “SEEAllowedAuth” and “SEEAllowedTrans” groups.

Further details on the setup can be found in the PRDM documentation.

## Not supported device warning

With PRDM 3.8 we will stop supporting the following LFH Models:

- 9600
- 9620
- 9500
- 9520
- 5260
- 5262
- 5270
- 5272
- 5274
- 5276
- 5280
- 5282
- 5284

This means that the administrator will receive a warning pop up message every time he opens the Management console of PRDM without an option to deactivate the popup. The popup will inform the administrator that there are devices connected that are no longer supported by the system.

The users who have unsupported devices connected will also receive a warning pop up but will have an option to suppress this message to not be disturbed further.

**The 96xx and 52xx devices configured in the past will still work, but the goal is to trigger administrators and users to switch to newer hardware.**

## Support for Windows Server 2016

With this version we also support windows server 2016.  
Please see the supported platform information for more details.

## Supported Platforms

The following combinations are supported:

- Windows Server 2012 R2 – Windows 8.1 x64 – MS SQL Server 2014 sp1 (full, not express edition)
- Windows Server 2012 R2 - Windows 10 x64 – MS SQL Server 2014 sp1 (full, not express edition)
- Windows Server 2012 R2 – Windows 7 x64 sp1 – MS SQL 2014

Supported Windows operating systems:

- Windows 7 SP1 (32- and 64-bit)
- Windows 8.1 (32- and 64-bit)
- Windows 10 (64-bit)
- Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1
- Windows Server 2012 R2
- Windows Server 2016

Supported MS SQL Server versions:

- SQL Server 2012 SP3
- SQL Server 2014 SP2
- SQL Server 2016

## Release date

The PRDM will be available for download on our website on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2016 15:00 EST