HPE Remote Support Enablement in HPE OneView 3.1

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What devices can be enabled for Remote Support from HPE OneView?

From the HPE OneView 3.1 virtual appliance:

- ProLiant Gen8 BL and DL servers
- ProLiant Gen9 BL, DL and WS servers
- ProLiant Gen10 BL, DL and WS servers (with OneView 3.1)
- ProLiant ML servers, Gen8 and above (with OneView 3.1)
- ProLiant XL Gen9
- ProLiant XL Gen10 (with OneView 3.1)
- BladeSystem c7000 enclosures

All other devices, including pre-Gen8 ProLiant servers, SAN switches, networking switches and storage devices must continue to be monitored by Insight Remote Support (RS). Support for additional products will be added in a future release.

For a list of all supported devices, see the HPE OneView 3.1 Support Matrix at www.hpe.com/info/oneview/docs.

From HPE OneView on HPE Synergy Composer:

- HPE Synergy compute modules and frames, including Gen10 compute modules

![Note:](image)

**Note:** For a list of all supported devices, see the HPE OneView 3.1 Support Matrix for HPE Synergy at www.hpe.com/info/synergy-docs.

What are the new Remote Support features in OneView 3.1?

The following new remote support features were added in OneView 3.1:

- Contract and warranty information and alerts
  
  For each device enabled for remote support, you can view contract and warranty details, including the type of support coverage (contract, warranty), SLA, and expiration date.
  
  Also, you will receive weekly alerts about any contract or warranty that is about to expire (90, 60 and 30 days ahead) or has already expired. If there are multiple devices about to expire, you will receive one weekly alert with details of all of them. You can then download a CSV file with details of the devices and expiration dates.
  
  Entitlement override: you have the option to enter an alternative contract identifier or product number/serial number to the system detected identifiers.

- Enable remote support by device
  
  You now have the ability to enable or disable remote support at the device level, rather than for every eligible device in your environment. This can be useful if a device needs to undergo maintenance.

- Enablement of data collections for the Synergy Frame, and remote support for the Synergy Composer.

Other new features:

- Data collections for the Synergy Frame
- Remote support for the Synergy Composer and Image Streamer
- Remote support for HPE ProLiant Gen10 servers and Synergy Gen10 compute modules
- Remote support for ProLiant ML servers
When should I clear the box “Configure existing and automatically set up devices as they are discovered” in OneView 3.1?

In OneView 3.0, remote support was enabled by a single button at the appliance level. This meant that all existing devices (provided they were supported by Remote Support from HPE OneView) and all future eligible devices were automatically registered for remote support. It was an all or nothing approach.

With OneView 3.1, you have the option to disable individual devices manually. To disable remote support for an individual device, go to the device overview, and from the list of Actions, choose Edit remote support settings. You will see a check box here for enabling/disabling remote support for the device.

You also have the option to enable all devices manually.

In OneView 3.1, the “Enable remote support” check box sets up the connection to HPE at the OneView appliance level. The second check box “Configure existing and automatically set up devices as they are discovered” is checked by default, and means that each new device will automatically be added to remote support. If “Configure existing and automatically set up devices as they are discovered” is cleared, monitoring of devices will not occur.

Therefore it is important to keep both boxes checked, unless you want to add remote support manually for every device.

Is Remote Support available for all HPE Synergy products from HPE OneView?

In OneView 3.0 and 3.1, Remote Support is available for frames and compute modules, but not for interconnects and storage products.

Do I need both Insight RS and Remote Support from HPE OneView?

At this time, only supported enclosures (frames) and servers (compute modules) can be enabled for Remote Support from HPE OneView. For all other devices (storage, network), use Insight RS. For 3PAR, use 3PAR Call Home.

Note: HPE Synergy compute modules are not supported by Insight RS.

Does Remote Support in HPE OneView require an Advanced license for use?

No, you only need a Standard (free) license, which works in both monitored and managed modes.

Is Remote Support in HPE OneView replacing Insight RS?

No. Enabling Remote Support from HPE OneView is a convenient alternative to Insight RS for customers who are using HPE OneView.

Do any ports need to be opened for Remote Support from HPE OneView?

Communication to the data centers for Remote Support is over port 443. Some customers might require firewall rules be put in place to allow communication to the Remote Support data centers. In general HPE OneView uses standard ports so no special configuration is required. If you want to use Insight Online, you
must have an HPE Passport and, if necessary, set the web proxy. For information about Remote Support configuration in HPE OneView see: HPE OneView Help.

Configure the following port and alias in your firewall:

- **Port 443 (TCP)**
  - Outbound communication used to submit incidents to and retrieve warranty and contract information from HPE. HTTPS provides encryption for confidentiality of software configuration data collected from HPE OneView and transferred to HPE. HPE recommends you configure your firewall before enabling remote support from HPE OneView.
  - Inbound communication used by iLO 4 and iLO 5, Onboard Administrator, and Synergy Frame to communicate directly with Remote Support from HPE OneView.

- **api.support.hpe.com**—Set your firewall rules to allow access to HPE using the alias api.support.hpe.com. All data sent to HPE is through an HTTPS connection to the destination api.support.hpe.com. This destination is a virtual IP address that is automatically routed to an active server in one of the HPE Data Centers. HPE strongly recommends configuring only the alias.

Where can I get a view of all my products regardless of how they are connected?

**HPE Support Center** is the single place where you, or your channel partner with your permission, can see all your connected products.

Devices can be connected by:

- Central connect (Insight RS)
- Direct connect
- HPE OneView

Does Remote Support install or deploy any services/agents on devices?

No. HPE OneView uses the embedded Remote Support agent in the iLO or the Onboard Administrator (OA) similar to Direct Connect—no agents are used.

Note that Proactive Care services require the installation and enablement of Agentless Management Service. See “Does Remote Support require any services/ agents on ProLiant Gen8/Gen9 servers?” on the next page.
Is Remote Support from HPE OneView the same as iLO direct connect?

No. HPE OneView 3.1 acts as a Central Management System (CMS) and, like Insight RS, centralizes the connections to HPE. Connecting your devices via Remote Support from HPE OneView is similar to connecting via Insight RS central connect using iLO embedded remote support and the RIBCL protocol.

Does Remote Support require any services/agents on ProLiant Gen8/Gen9 servers?

Remote Support from HPE OneView requires the installation and enablement of Agentless Management Service (AMS) for Proactive Care Services.

Download AMS from the following websites:


For more information about AMS, see the [HPE Insight Remote Support and Insight Online Setup Guide for HPE ProLiant Servers and HPE BladeSystem c-Class Enclosures](http://www.hpe.com/info/insightremotesupport/docs).

What do I need to enable Proactive Care Services?

Register with HPE to enable Proactive Care. Then, enable AMS.

Download AMS from the following websites:


For more information, see the Proactive Care Central portal at [www.hpe.com/services/proactivecarecentral](http://www.hpe.com/services/proactivecarecentral).

What happens if HPE OneView registers a device already monitored by Insight RS?

For devices that could be covered by either Remote Support from OneView or Insight RS, such as ProLiant Gen 8 or Gen 9 servers, there is a mechanism to prevent contention. OneView Remote Support takes precedence.

If an eligible device is imported into HPE OneView, and Remote Support is enabled, HPE OneView will register the device to itself, even if that device was previously registered to Insight RS. This happens automatically in order to avoid the same device being monitored by both Insight RS and HPE OneView RS platforms and having duplicate support cases created. Subsequent service events and data collections from that device are then directed to HPE OneView. This applies to any version of Insight RS 7.x and HPE OneView 3.1.

This will happen if the iLO is registered to:

- an Insight RS 7.x client (central connect)
- a different HPE OneView instance
- HPE directly (direct connect)
On the Insight RS instance that had been monitoring the device, the device is unregistered and marked as disabled. Do not re-register the device in Insight RS, because it will be “taken back” when HPE OneView refreshes its devices.

If the Insight RS instance the device is registered to is “offline or down” when HPE OneView takes over, it will not see that the iLO is unregistered. Insight RS will not know that it is unregistered until the first time it tries to do a collection and the request fails. The device will then show a problem that you can correct. It will inform you that the device is no longer registered. In this situation, you should manually disable the device.

**How do I register a device to Insight RS instead of HPE OneView?**

When Remote Support is enabled in HPE OneView, a device that is managed by HPE OneView must be monitored by HPE OneView. In other words when Remote Support is enabled, you cannot manage a device in HPE OneView and monitor it in Insight RS. By design, when Remote Support is enabled in HPE OneView, it will take over the monitoring of devices that are monitored in Insight RS. This is to avoid the same device being monitored by both Insight RS and HPE OneView RS platforms and having duplicate support cases created.

To monitor your devices in Insight RS, confirm that Remote Support is disabled in OneView, and then register your devices with Insight RS as usual.

**Can Remote Support from HPE OneView be disabled for specific devices?**

Yes, in OneView 3.1 Remote Support can be enabled or disabled for individual devices.

To disable remote support for an individual device, go to the device overview and from the list of Actions, choose **Edit remote support settings**. You will see a check box here for enabling/disabling remote support for the device.

**Can collections be disabled for specific devices?**

No, data collections cannot be disabled in OneView Remote Support. As long as remote support is enabled, data collections will occur.

**Is it possible to "migrate" a current Insight RS installation to HPE OneView?**

When you import:

- Gen8/Gen9 devices
- BladeSystem c7000

...into HPE OneView for management, and Remote Support is enabled in HPE OneView, the devices are automatically unregistered from Insight RS or Direct Connect and registered to the HPE OneView instance.

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**Note:** If you are using Insight Online to view all of your devices, you must set up Remote Support in HPE OneView using the same HPE Passport account that you used for Insight RS. It is also important to make sure that all customer details are the same in both applications to ensure devices display correctly.

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**Does Remote Support in HPE OneView send alerts similar to those sent through Insight RS?**
Remote Support displays service events in the HPE OneView UI. Without Remote Support enabled, HPE OneView displays device alerts. With Remote Support, a critical device alert will generate a service event. The service event looks similar to a device alert, but it triggers the creation of a support case and will contain the case ID.

**Does Remote Support create service events for all monitored or managed servers or enclosures?**

Yes. If a device is eligible for Remote Support in HPE OneView, any actionable issues will create service events.

For information on the difference between monitored and managed servers or enclosures, and information on licensing see the *HPE OneView User Guide*.

**How can I get an email notification when OneView Remote Support opens a Support Case with HPE?**

You can configure OneView to send email notifications when a Service Event is opened. Within the email, there will be a link that will take you to the service event. The case ID will be displayed in the service event once the case has been opened.

To configure email notifications in HPE OneView, complete the following steps:

1. In HPE OneView, browse to **Settings → Notifications**.
2. In the **Actions** menu, click **Edit**.
3. On the Edit Notifications page configure the notification settings:
   a. Define the sending email address and any SMTP configuration settings.
   b. Set Alert email to **Enabled**.
   c. For the **Alert Criteria**, select **Advanced**.
   d. In the box, type the following:
      
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      serviceEventSource:true
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   e. Leave the Resource scope field blank. This will then apply to service events from all remote support enabled devices.
   f. Add the email address(es) that should be notified when this rule is enabled. Type one address per line.
   g. Click **OK**.
4. The rule is now enabled. Click **OK**.

HPE OneView validates the SMTP mail server. If successful, your email notifications setup is complete.

**Can you define multiple contacts and sites?**

Yes, you can configure multiple contacts and sites in HPE OneView. You can then assign devices to the appropriate contact and site in HPE OneView.

Contacts and channel partners are editable individually for all devices, including enclosures, rack servers, and blades. Note that if you do not specify this information at the blade level, servers and compute modules inherit their contact information from the enclosure or frame.
Also note that you do not assign site addresses to devices directly. You must assign a site address to a data center (through the Edit Remote Support Settings link on the Data Centers page in HPE OneView) and then assign the device to that data center.

**How do I add multiple data centers to Remote Support from HPE OneView?**

In HPE OneView you can define multiple data centers and assign devices to those data centers. To create unique data center addresses for remote support, you can edit the data center address—until this is done, all data centers will have the same, default address for remote support.

To define data centers with unique addresses in HPE OneView, complete the following steps:

1. In the main menu, click Data Centers.
2. On the Data Centers page, click Add data center.
3. In the Action menu, click Edit remote support settings.
4. Type the new data center address into the fields.
5. Click OK.

**How do I assign devices to a data center?**

To assign devices to a data center, complete the following steps:

1. In the main menu, click Data Centers.
2. Click on the specific data center to which you wish to add devices.
3. From the Data Center drop-down, click Layout.
5. Drag unpositioned racks to the layout and arrange them to represent their physical placement.
6. Click OK.

**Can you specify different ship-to addresses for different enclosures or rack servers?**

Yes. You can provide different site and contact information for each device. Shipping/site addresses are associated with data centers. The user associates enclosures/racks with data centers. Contacts can also be added to enclosure/racks.

**Does Remote Support notify Virtual Center of hardware issues?**

No. When Remote Support is enabled from HPE OneView, you cannot view hardware issues in Virtual Center. Instead, hardware issues appear as alerts and service events in the HPE OneView alerts panel and in the Remote Support area. Alerts are not sent to any external applications, but are sent to HPE and can be seen in HPE Support Center (in Insight Online My IT Environment).
Can Remote Support from HPE OneView distinguish between power outages and power supply failures?

Yes, the iLO determines this and will send HPE a service event on power supply failure but not on a power outage.

Does Remote Support from HPE OneView have a test event capability?

No. Send test events through the iLO or OA test event capability. They will then appear in the HPE OneView Activity log as test events.

Is there a way to register many servers at once for Remote Support from HPE OneView?

Yes, as long as a server is eligible for Remote Support, and Remote Support is enabled, then every server that is imported into HPE OneView to be monitored or managed will be automatically registered for Remote Support. Registration only has to be done once.

In OneView 3.1, keep the following check box checked for this to occur: "Configure existing and automatically set up devices as they are discovered." This is checked by default and should be kept checked. Only clear this check box if you want to manually add remote support for every device.

How are credentials managed for Remote Support from HPE OneView?

The user enters credentials when creating an enclosure, which can be edited later if needed. You do not have to enter credentials for every blade. For more details, see the HPE OneView documentation at www.hpe.com/info/oneview/docs. See the Synergy documentation at www.hpe.com/info/synergy-docs.

Will Remote Support also monitor the Onboard Administrators and VirtualConnect modules with enablement from HPE OneView?

You cannot monitor VirtualConnect modules (or other modules) directly. For catastrophic failures in a BladeSystem c7000 environment, you can monitor through the OA.

Where can I learn more about remote support and its benefits?

Visit the HPE Get Connected page at: www.hpe.com/services/getconnected.