

Absolute DDS 6.0 Release Notes

Absolute is pleased to announce the release of Absolute Data & Device Security (DDS) 6.

This release introduces the first general availability release of exciting new Absolute DDS features, which up until now have been released in *Beta* versions of the product.

About Absolute DDS 6


Absolute DDS 6 introduces the following features:

NOTE Depending on the Absolute products associated with your account, some of the following features may not be available.

- A modern interface with streamlined navigation and intuitive workflows
- Fast and flexible **Reports**. You can easily filter and sort report data, add and remove columns, and save your customizations to a new report.
- **Smart Device Groups**, to group devices on-the-fly, based on a set of filter criteria
- The collection of more comprehensive and accurate **Hardware and Software information** from your devices
- **Device Policies**, which give you more control over the information collected from your devices
- **Endpoint Data Discovery**, a feature that scans the files stored on your devices to help you identify at-risk devices
- **Software Catalog**, which lets you edit the software titles detected on your devices to improve the usability of your DDS 6 Software reports

In addition, this release introduces the following enhancements, which are new to DDS 6 since the most recent Beta release:

- **Report Export**, to let you download your DDS reports in CSV, Excel, or XML format
- **Customized Endpoint Data Discovery Rules**, which you can use to create customized EDD rules to identify at-risk file content that is of particular interest to your organization
- **Software support for Mac**, which lets you activate the Software policy on your Mac device. You can then view comprehensive information about the software installed on your Mac devices in DDS 6 Software reports, and each device's Software tab.
- A new area, **Administration**, is now available on the navigation pane. This area contains links to Software Catalog and Endpoint Data Discovery Rules, which Administrators can use to configure DDS 6 for their account.

For more information about using Absolute DDS 6 features to manage your devices, click the  icon on any page in DDS 6 to view the Help.

Activating DDS 6 for your account

To view your managed devices in the DDS 6 environment and take advantage of the exciting DDS 6 features available to you, you need to activate DDS 6 for your account.


To activate DDS 6:

1. Log in to the DDS console as an Administrator.
2. On the navigation pane under DDS 6, click **Get Started**.

3. On the Activate DDS 6 page review the information about DDS 6 activation and watch the video.
4. Click **Enable Account for DDS 6**. The activation process starts.
5. Review the text on the DDS 6 Activation page.

Depending on the number of devices in your account, and a number of other factors, it may take up to 24 hours to complete the activation process. For now, you can continue working in DDS 5 or log out.


6. After you log out of the DDS console, wait up to 24 hours and then log in.
 - If **Get Started** is the only link on the navigation pane under **DDS 6**, the activation process is not yet complete. Try again in a few hours.
 - If new links show under **DDS 6**, the activation process is complete and you can start working with your devices in DDS 6.

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Getting started in DDS 6

During the account activation process, Absolute DDS 6 is automatically populated with your devices, including all of the devices' existing hardware information. You can view this information on the Active Devices report in Reports.

However, to experience the benefits of enhanced data collection, a key feature introduced in Absolute DDS 6, your Administrator needs to create a customized policy group and add devices to it. As each of the policy group's devices make an agent call, the Hardware policy is activated automatically. The Hardware policy collects enhanced hardware information from each device and makes this information available in DDS 6 reports. You can also activate the Software and EDD policies on these devices, if desired.

For more information about creating customized policy groups and activating policies, click the  icon on any page in DDS 6 and see the Help topic, *Working with device policies*.

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