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Chapter 1

Introducing the Altiris Console

The Altiris Console is a Web browser-based console for working with Notification Server and Altiris solutions. The console lets you perform tasks, schedule events, run reports, perform configuration, and more.

The Altiris Console provides many new features, including the following:

- Menus that let you quickly access content and functionality.
- Role and solution-based navigation that simplifies and speeds-up access to the tasks you want to do.
- Portal pages that display multiple reports and other Notification Server and solution content in a single page. This lets you consolidate key information into a single, easy-to-view page.
- Favorites that let each user create a custom list of links to frequently used pages.
- Customizable menus, views, and portal pages that let you configure the console the way you want to access functionality.

Note

The previous version of the Altiris Console organized top-level navigation items into tabs. If wanted, you can still access these items by clicking **View** and the tab name.

Chapter 2

Using the Altiris Console

The Altiris Console is a menu-based console that is designed to facilitate access to the tasks a user needs to perform. The following topics will help you get started using the console:

- [Starting the Altiris Console](#) (page 5)
- [Altiris Console Layout](#) (page 6)
- [Switching to the New Console](#) (page 6)
- [Menus](#) (page 6)
- [Favorites](#) (page 7)
- [Trees and Views](#) (page 7)
- [Portal Pages and Web Parts](#) (page 8)

The Altiris Console is also extremely customizable, so you can build menus, views, and portal pages to meet your needs. For details, see [Customizing the Altiris Console](#) (page 10).

Note

This Altiris Console can replace the Altiris Console that ships with Notification Server 6.0 or be used along with the 6.0 console.

Starting the Altiris Console

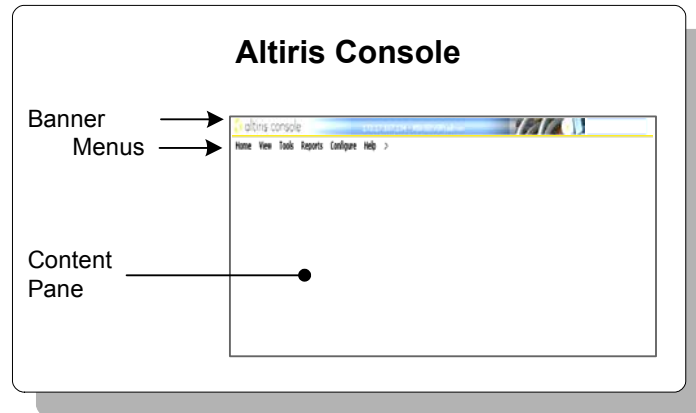
To start the Altiris Console from the Notification Server computer

- Select **Start > All Programs > Altiris > Altiris Console 6.5**.

To start the Altiris Console remotely

- Go to:
`http://notification Server name/altiris/console`
(the URL is for standard HTTP port, non-HTTPS connection)

Altiris Console Layout



The Altiris Console is divided into the following regions:

- **Banner**
Displays the Altiris logo, the account currently used to access the console, and a search field, which lets you search the Notification Database for item data.
- **Menu bar**
- **Content pane**
Displays pages based on menu selections.

Switching to the New Console

This Altiris Console provides a menu-based navigation with numerous ways to quickly access functionality, including the ability to use the same organization as the previous console.

The previous Altiris Console organized items into multiple tabs. When a tab was selected, the items associated with the tab appeared in the left pane. Selecting an item loaded the corresponding page in the right pane. In this console, the tabs are represented as menu items. To get to these menu items, select **View** and a tab menu item. When a menu item for a tab in the previous console is selected, the items associated with the tab appear in the left pane as in the previous console. This navigation option helps in the migration to the new console for previous console users. As you get familiar with this new console, you will discover the benefits of the new navigation based on roles, solutions, or whatever makes sense to you.

Menus

In the Altiris Console, menus provide the top level of navigation. Selecting a menu item can result in the loading of a portal page, Web page, or view. Selecting a menu can also provide access to submenus. The following table lists and describes the purpose of the

predefined main menus. If you want to customize the menus, see [Customizing Menus](#) on page 10.

Menu	Provides access to
Home	The My Portal page (see The My Portal Page on page 8), a customizable portal page that is specific to the user, and the Altiris Console home page, a default portal page for the console. To customize the MY Portal page, see Customizing Portal Pages on page 13.
View	Solution-based navigation and the tab-based navigation organization from the previous console.
Manage	Functionality-based navigation.
Tools	Notification Server and solution tools.
Reports	Notification Server and solution reports.
Configure	Configuration related pages, the Solution Center, and licensing page.
Help	Quick Starts, context sensitive help, documentation index page, Web-hosted documentation sources, and technical support.
>	The page for editing the menus.

Favorites

Favorites let you create a quick access link to an item, similar to a favorites item in a browser that links to a Web page. Favorites appear at the bottom of the left pane in a view.

Favorites are specific to and can be created by each user.

To add a favorite

- In the Altiris Console with a view loaded, right-click an item link or folder in the left pane and select **Add to Favorites**.

To delete a favorite

1. In the Altiris Console with a view loaded, right-click the favorite you want to delete and select **Delete**.
2. In the dialog that opens, click **OK**.








Trees and Views

In the Altiris Console, a tree is the hierarchal organization of the interface related items associated with Notification Server or a solution grouped by functionality. The functionality groupings are Tasks, Resources, Reports, and Configuration. To access the trees, select **View** and *tab submenu*.

After selecting a tree submenu, the tree for that functionality group appears in the left pane. When an item in the left pane is selected, the associated content for that item appears in the right pane. The organization of the trees is defined by Notification Server

and solutions. You can add, remove, and move items in the tree, but there are rules for what can and cannot be done.

An Altiris Console view includes items from the trees and looks like a tree. The difference is that the navigational structure of a view consists of item links (shortcuts to items), items (always located within an item link folder), and folders. Think of a view as a series of shortcuts to specific tree items. Trees and views also use slightly different icons. The following table provides additional details.

Icon	Name	Location	Description
	item	tree	An element from the Notification Server and solution trees. There are three types of items: solution item, Notification Server item, and folder item. Unless a distinction needs to be made, all three are referred to as items.
			
			
	item link	view	A shortcut to an item from the Notification Server and solution trees.
			Note: an item link folder is an item link but the contents of the folder are actual items from a tree. Thus, if you were to delete one of these items in the item link folder, the item would be removed from the tree from which it is a part.
	view	view	A container in the hierarchy of a view for the items of a view.
	Web link	view	A link to a Web page.

Views provide optional ways to organize and access Notification Server and solution functionality. Notification Server and solutions include predefined views that make it easier to access functionality. These views can be extended, changed, or removed. You can even create your own views. For details, see [Customizing Views](#) (page 11).

Portal Pages and Web Parts


An Altiris Console portal is a page that displays multiple Web parts, which are either reports or Web pages. Portal pages are created by selecting the web parts you want to see. Web parts are created by specifying a report or Web page. The Altiris Console includes numerous portal pages and Web parts. If wanted, you can edit these or create you own. For details, see [Customizing Portal Pages](#) (page 13).

The My Portal Page

The My Portal page is a special portal page that is unique to each user. For more on portal pages, see [Portal Pages and Web Parts](#) on page 8.

To access or edit the My Portal page

1. In the Altiris Console, select **Home > My Portal**.

2. To edit the portal page:
 - a. Click **Edit** in the upper-right corner.
 - b. Do one of the following:
 - ◆ To add a Web part, in the left pane, select the Web part you want to add and click **Add**.
 - ◆ Add the Web parts in the order in which you want them to appear on the page.
 - ◆ To remove a Web part from the page, click  in the upper-right corner of the Web part frame.
 - c. Repeat the previous step until the page is as wanted.
 - d. Click the **View Page** link to save the changes.

Chapter 3

Customizing the Altiris Console

In the Altiris Console, you can customize the following:

- Menus (see [Customizing Menus](#) on page 10)
- Views (see [Customizing Views](#) on page 11)
- Portal pages and Web parts (see [Customizing Portal Pages](#) on page 13)

You can also set permissions on console elements (see [Setting Permissions on a Console Element](#) on page 14).

Customizing Menus

The following topics describe how to customize menus:

- [Adding a Menu Item](#) (page 10)
- [Moving or Deleting a Menu Item](#) (page 11)
- [Adding Separators](#) (page 11)

Tip

If you want to add a menu item that links to a view or portal page you create, you can save time by creating the view or portal page before adding the menu item.

Adding a Menu Item

You can add a menu item to the menu bar or to an existing menu item. Each menu item can have multiple submenus.

To add a menu item




1. In the Altiris Console, select **Configure > Console > Menus**.
2. In the left pane, right-click the menu item to which you want the menu item added and select **New Item**.
3. In the right-pane **Name** field, enter the label for the menu item.
4. In the **Show** field, choose an option.
 - View - opens a view with one navigation view. You must specify the view to use.
 - Double View - opens a view with two navigation views. Two views provide two options for navigation. You must specify the two views to use.
 - Single Page View - opens a page. You must select the type of page. The options are:
 - ◆ Altiris Page - a Notification Server or solution page.
 - ◆ Portal Page - a portal page.

- ◆ Report Page - a report page.
 - ◆ URL - a page specified by entering a URL.
 - Nothing - no page is loaded. This is usually used as a menu level for adding submenu items.
5. If you want this menu item to only be available when a specific solution is installed, use the **Delete this menu when the following solution is removed** field to specify the solution with which the menu item is associated.
 6. Click **Apply**.

Moving or Deleting a Menu Item

You can move or delete any menu item, except those that have been designated as read-only.

To move or delete a menu item

1. In the Altiris Console, select **Configure > Console > Menus**.
2. In the left pane, do one of the following:
 - To move an item, drag the item to the wanted location.
If you only want to move the item to a different location within the same parent menu item, you can optionally select the item and use  and  to move the item.
 - To delete an item, select the item and click .
3. Click **Apply**.

Adding Separators

A menu separator adds a line between menu items.

To add a separator

1. In the Altiris Console, select **Configure > Console > Menus**.
2. In the left pane, right-click the item below where you want the separator added and select **New Separator**.
An item labeled "(separator)" is added to the menu structure.
3. Click **Apply**.

Customizing Views

You can add folders, item links, or Web links to an existing view or create a new view. The following tasks describe how to customize views:

- [Adding a Folder to an Existing View](#) (page 12) - a container for adding item links, Web links, views, and folders.
- [Adding an Item Link to an Existing View](#) (page 12) - a shortcut to an item.

- [Adding a Web Link to an Existing View](#) (page 12) - a link to a Web page.
- [Creating a View](#) (page 12) - a view that can include folders, item links, and Web links.

Adding a Folder to an Existing View

To add a folder to an existing view

1. In the Altiris Console, select **Configure > Console > Views**.
2. In the left pane, right-click the folder (excluding the Trees folder) to which you want to add a folder and select **New > Folder**.
3. In the dialog that opens, enter a name for the folder and click **Apply**.

Adding an Item Link to an Existing View

To add an item link to an existing view

1. In the Altiris Console, select **Configure > Console > Views**.
2. In the left pane, right-click the folder to which you want to add an item link and select **New > Item Link**.
3. In the dialog that opens, select the item to which you want to create an item link and click **OK**.

Adding a Web Link to an Existing View


To add a Web link to an existing view

1. In the Altiris Console, select **Configure > Console > Views**.
2. In the left pane, right-click the folder to which you want to add a Web link and select **New > Web Link**.
3. In the right pane, enter the required information about the page to which the link is associated and click **Apply**.

Creating a View

To create a view

1. In the Altiris Console, select **Configure > Console > Views**.
2. In the left pane, right-click the folder to which you want to add a view and select **New > View**.
3. In the dialog that opens, enter a name and description for the view.
4. If you want the view to open a portal page when selected, select the **Display portal page** checkbox and select a portal page to display.
The **Available Items** field displays the Altiris Console trees. The **Contents of this view** field displays the structure of the view you are creating.
5. Do one of the following:

- To add an item link to the view, in the **Available Items** field, select the item to which you want to add an item link in the view and click **Add**.
 - To add a folder to the view, click  and name the folder.
 - To rearrange the order of the view, drag the element to the wanted location.
6. Repeat the previous step until the view is as wanted.
 7. Click **OK**.


Customizing Portal Pages

The Altiris Console lets you edit portal pages and create new ones. As part of editing or creating a portal page, you might need to edit or create Web parts (see [Creating and Editing Web Parts](#) on page 13).

Tip

If you want to create a portal page that includes a Web part you create, save time by creating the Web part before creating the portal page. See [Creating and Editing Web Parts](#) on page 13.

To create or edit a portal page

1. In the Altiris Console, select **Configure > Console > Portal Pages**.
2. Do one of the following:
 - If you are creating a portal page, in the left pane, right-click **Console Settings > Portal Pages** and select **New > Portal Page**.
 - If you are editing a portal page, in the left pane, click the page you want to edit.
3. In the right pane, click **Edit** in the upper-right corner.
4. If you are creating a portal page, enter a name and description for the page.
5. Do one of the following:
 - To add a Web part, in the **Select web part** field, select the Web part you want to add and click **Add**.
Add the Web parts in the order in which you want them to appear on the page.
 - To remove a Web part from the page, click  in the upper-right corner of the Web part frame.
6. Repeat the previous step until the page is as wanted.
7. Click **Apply**.

Creating and Editing Web Parts

Web parts are the building blocks for portal pages. A Web part can display a report or the contents of a Web page. Predefined Web parts are included with the console. You can modify these or create your own.

To create or edit a Web part

1. In the Altiris Console, select **Configure > Console > Portal Pages**.
2. Do one of the following:

- If you are creating a Web part, in the left pane, right-click **Console Settings > Web Parts > folder name** and select **New > Web Part**.
 - If you are editing a Web part, in the left pane, click the part you want to edit.
3. In the right pane, do one of the following:
 - If you are creating a Web part, enter a name and specify the properties for the part.
 - If you are editing a Web part, make the wanted changes.
- Notes**
- The **Display in wide column** checkbox specifies that the Web part will be added to the wider of the two columns of a portal page. Use this for content that will not fit into the narrow column of a portal page.
 - The **Fixed height** checkbox and field let you specify the vertical dimension of a Web part in a portal page. The Web part cannot be any smaller or larger than the height specified. If this option is not selected, the Web part will resize to the content.
4. Click **Show Preview** to view the contents of the Web part.
 5. Click **Apply**.

Setting Permissions on a Console Element

You can set permissions on any element of the Altiris Console. This lets you control access to menus, views, portal pages, and Web parts.

To set permissions on a console element

1. In the left pane of the view that lets you configure the element on which you want to set permissions (menu, view, portal page, or Web part), right-click the element and select **Properties**.
2. In the dialog that opens, click the **Security** tab.
3. Make the wanted changes.
For details on setting permissions, see the Notification Server documentation.
4. Click **Apply**.

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