



# HP ZCentral Remote Boost User Guide

## **SUMMARY**

HP ZCentral Remote Boost brings added security, performance, mobility, and collaboration to your workstation deployment. With HP ZCentral Remote Boost, you can use a lower-powered desktop, notebook, or thin client to remotely connect to a powerful workstation and use your graphics-intensive workstation programs wherever you go.

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# 1 User input syntax key

Text that you must enter into a user interface is indicated by `fixed-width font`.

**Table 1-1 User input syntax key**

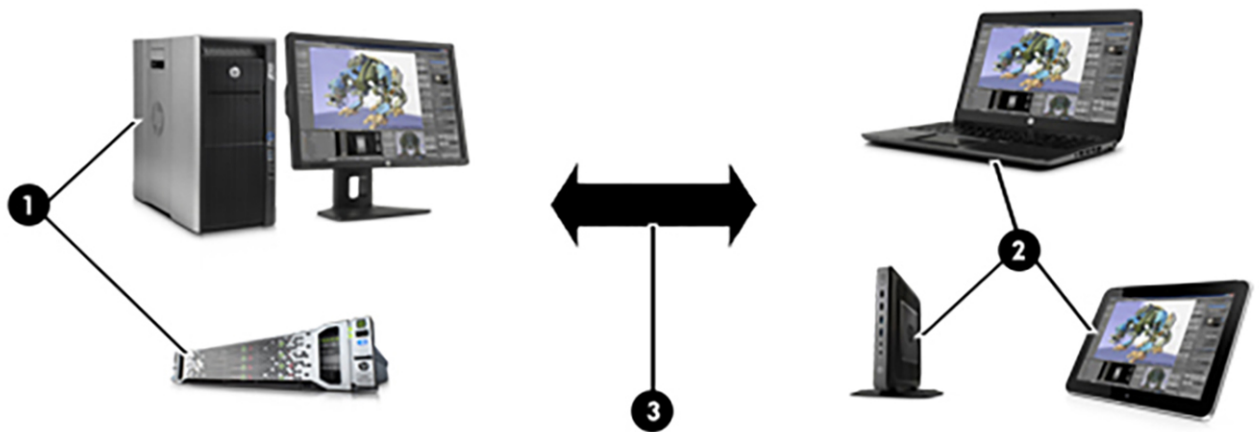
<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>Text without brackets or braces</code>	Items you must type exactly as shown
<code>&lt;Text inside angle brackets&gt;</code>	A placeholder for a value you must provide; omit the brackets
<code>[Text inside square brackets]</code>	Optional items; omit the brackets
<code>{Text inside braces}</code>	A set of items from which you must choose only one; omit the braces
<code> </code>	A separator for items from which you must choose only one; omit the vertical bar
<code>...</code>	Items that can or must repeat; omit the ellipsis

## 2 HP ZCentral Remote Boost overview

HP ZCentral Remote Boost brings added security, performance, mobility, and collaboration to your workstation deployment. With HP ZCentral Remote Boost, you can use a lower-powered desktop, notebook, or thin client to remotely connect to a powerful workstation and use your graphics-intensive workstation programs wherever you go.

Your programs run natively on the remote workstation and take full advantage of its graphics resources. The desktop of the remote workstation is transmitted over a standard network to your local computer using advanced image compression technology specifically designed for digital imagery, text, and high frame rate video applications.

The following image and table demonstrate a typical HP ZCentral Remote Boost deployment.



**Table 2-1 HP ZCentral Remote Boost deployment components**

Item	Description
1	The <b>sender</b> is typically a high-performance workstation, virtual workstation, blade, or server that hosts your software. <b>HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender</b> is installed on the sender and transmits graphics, audio, and USB data to the receiver. The sender receives input and USB data from the receiver. <b>NOTE:</b> A monitor does not necessarily have to be connected to the sender.
2	The <b>receiver</b> is typically a desktop, notebook, tablet, or thin client with <b>HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver</b> installed. You establish the Remote Boost connection from the receiver side. The desktop of the sender is displayed inside the <b>HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window</b> on the receiver, and Remote Boost Receiver transmits input to the sender so that you can interact with your programs remotely.
3	A TCP/IP network serves as the communication link between the sender and the receiver. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> The sender and receiver must be on the same network for a Remote Boost connection to be established between them.



**NOTE:** HP ZCentral Remote Boost software and documentation might also refer to the sender and the receiver as the remote computer and the local computer respectively.

HP ZCentral Remote Boost system requirements, such as hardware and operating system support, are not discussed in this document. Some HP ZCentral Remote Boost features might have additional system requirements. System requirements are described in the *QuickSpecs* (see [Finding more information on page 5](#)).

## Features

HP ZCentral Remote Boost includes a variety of features, including the ones described in the following table.

**NOTICE:** Some features are not supported by certain operating systems.

**Table 2-2 HP ZCentral Remote Boost features and their descriptions**

Feature	Description
3D graphics API support	Provides workstation-class performance for software based on OpenGL or Direct X  <b>NOTICE:</b> See <a href="#">Software compatibility with HP ZCentral Remote Boost on page 5</a> for information about the types of programs and configurations that HP does and does not recommend for use with HP ZCentral Remote Boost.
Advanced Video Compression (Windows®/Linux® only)	Reduces the network bandwidth needed for high-quality video streams  See <a href="#">Advanced Video Compression (Windows/Linux only) on page 35</a> for more information.
Authentication methods	Support varied deployment scenarios and preferences, including smart card redirection  See <a href="#">Authentication on page 36</a> for more information.
Collaboration	Lets multiple receivers connect to the same sender simultaneously, allowing multiple users to view and interact with the same desktop session and programs  See <a href="#">Collaboration on page 38</a> for more information.
Directory Mode	Lets a single receiver connect to multiple senders simultaneously  See <a href="#">Directory Mode on page 56</a> for more information.
Display resolution and layout matching	Adjusts the display resolution and display layout of the sender to match those of the receiver or user-defined properties, even when you use multiple monitors  See <a href="#">Display resolution and layout matching on page 38</a> for more information.
HP Velocity	Improves performance within a wide area network (WAN)  See <a href="#">HP Velocity on page 35</a> for more information.
Pixel Mode	Enables you to view the remote desktop in two different ways. 1:1 mode displays the remote desktop as is. Scaled mode scales the remote desktop up or down to fill the the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window.
Remote Audio	Transmits smooth, continuous, low-latency, high-quality audio from the sender to the receiver  See <a href="#">Remote Audio on page 50</a> for more information.
Remote Clipboard	Lets you cut, copy, and paste data between the sender and the receiver or between two senders  See <a href="#">Remote Clipboard on page 52</a> for more information.
Remote USB (Windows/ThinPro only)	Lets receiver-side USB devices be mounted to and accessed by the sender through the HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection

**Table 2-2 HP ZCentral Remote Boost features and their descriptions (continued)**

Feature	Description
	See <a href="#">Remote USB (Windows and ThinPro only) on page 53</a> for more information.
Sender screen blanking	Blanks the screen of the sender monitor (if one is connected) so that the desktop session is not visible on the sender monitor.  See <a href="#">Sender screen blanking on page 47</a> for more information.
Touch features (Windows only)	Lets you control your remote desktop with touch input and configure custom gestures  See <a href="#">Using touch features (Windows touch-capable devices only) on page 48</a> for more information.

## Interoperability between different versions of HP ZCentral Remote Boost


Interoperability is supported between different versions of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver only if they have the same primary version number.




**Table 2-3 HP ZCentral Remote Boost version number items and their descriptions**

Item	Description
1	<b>Primary version number</b> —A primary release typically contains upgrades and changes significant enough that interoperability with previous primary releases is not guaranteed by HP. For example, a connection between different primary releases of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver might not function at an acceptable quality, or at all.
2	<b>Minor version number</b> —This number being non-zero represents a minor release, which typically introduces new features or enhances existing functionality, as well as including changes from any previous patch releases. A connection between different minor releases (but the same primary release) of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver should function at an acceptable level of quality.
3	<b>Patch version number</b> —This number being non-zero represents a patch release, which is typically only for fixing major security issues or defects. A connection between different patch releases (but the same primary release) of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver should function at an acceptable quality.

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 **NOTE:** Each release of HP ZCentral Remote Boost is a complete release of the entire product, regardless of which components have changed.

 **NOTE:** The version numbering changed between HP Remote Graphics Software (RGS) and HP ZCentral Remote Boost. The last version of RGS is 7.7.x and the first version of Remote Boost is 2020.0.

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## Software compatibility with HP ZCentral Remote Boost

HP ZCentral Remote Boost works with most software that runs in windowed mode, including those based on OpenGL and Direct X. Some exceptions include:

- The installation of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender disables video overlay surfaces on the sender. Most OpenGL-based software will adjust to this and still work correctly, but in some cases, the following could happen as a result:
  - Some OpenGL-based software might display incorrectly.
  - Media players that use video overlay surfaces might display incorrectly.

If these types of issues occur, likely the software is still trying to use video overlay surfaces even though they are disabled. You can sometimes resolve this issue if the software has an option to disable the use of video overlay surfaces.

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**NOTICE:** HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender does not support programs in full-screen exclusive mode. This means that HP ZCentral Remote Boost is not suitable for most full-screen games.


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## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender licensing

HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender is included with HP Z workstations, HP ZBook mobile workstations, and HP VR backpack workstations. A separate license purchase is not required for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender on these products.

HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender requires a license if installed on any other computer. Further information can be found in the *Licensing Guide* (see [Finding more information on page 5](#)).

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 **NOTE:** An HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection can be established without a license; however, a warning message about the missing license is displayed over the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window, blocking a significant portion of the Sender desktop.

 **NOTE:** HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver is a free download for all devices.

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## Finding more information

The following table can be used to find more information about HP ZCentral Remote Boost.

**Table 2-4 Resources and their contents**

Resource	Contents
HP ZCentral Remote Boost website <a href="http://hp.com/ZCentralRemoteBoost">http://hp.com/ZCentralRemoteBoost</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More HP ZCentral Remote Boost documentation, including the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <i>Licensing Guide</i>—Describes how to obtain and install licensing for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.</li><li>– <i>QuickSpecs</i>—Describes HP ZCentral Remote Boost system requirements.</li></ul></li></ul>
HP ZCentral Remote Boost at HP Support Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• User guides for some previous versions of HP ZCentral Remote Boost. Select <b>HP ZCentral Remote Boost</b>.</li></ul>

**Table 2-4 Resources and their contents (continued)**

Resource	Contents
<a href="http://www.hp.com/support/rgs">http://www.hp.com/support/rgs</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worldwide support<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Online chat with an HP technician</li><li>– Support telephone numbers</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If your phone call is answered by a voice recognition system and you are asked to say the name of the product, say "ZCentral Remote Boost."</p>



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## 3 Getting started

The following procedure is a high-level description of how to get started using HP ZCentral Remote Boost:

1. Install HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.
2. Open HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.
3. Start an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session with the sender.
  - a. On the **Home** panel of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, enter the host name or IP address of the sender, and then press the **Enter** key or select the **Connect** button.
  - b. In the HP ZCentral Remote Boost authentication window that appears, enter the credentials of a user account that resides on the sender, and then select **OK**.

If authentication is successful, the HP ZCentral Remote Boost session starts, and the sender desktop appears inside the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window that opens on the receiver.

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 **NOTE:** If the sender desktop was in a locked state when you started the HP ZCentral Remote Boost session, you must unlock the desktop by entering the credentials again, this time into the logon screen on the sender.

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## 4 Installation




Follow the installation instructions for your operating system.

Although RGS has a new name, HP ZCentral Remote Boost, the installation parameter names, folders and executable names have not changed.

### Installing HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver (Windows)

The installer wizard for the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver allows for both Typical and Custom installations. The Typical installation installs Remote USB and Remote Clipboard. The Typical installation should be suitable for most deployments.

The Custom installation type lets you choose whether you want to install certain features, as well as specify proxy settings. You can perform a custom installation on the command line as well.

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-  **IMPORTANT:** Windows administrator privileges are required to perform the installation.
  -  **NOTE:** If the software is already installed, installing a newer version will perform an update. Attempting to install the same version or an older version will cause the installer to exit without making changes to the system.
  -  **NOTE:** During the installation process, the installer creates a log file named `rgreceiverInstaller.log` in the location specified by the Windows `TEMP` environment variable.
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### Performing a custom HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver installation using the installer wizard

To perform a custom installation of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on Windows using the installer wizard:

1. Run `ReceiverSetup64.exe`, follow the on-screen instructions until you are prompted to choose a setup type, select **Custom**, and then select **Next**.
2. On the **Remote USB Configuration** page, select the appropriate installation setting for the Remote USB feature from the following options, and then select **Next**.
  - **USB devices are Local**—Remote USB is not installed on the receiver, and all receiver-side USB devices always mount to the receiver only, even during an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session.
  - **USB devices are Remote**—Remote USB is installed, and all receiver-side USB devices always mount to the sender only, which means the USB devices are accessible only during an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session. The USB devices cannot mount to the receiver at any time, regardless of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection state.
  - **USB devices are Local/Remote**—Remote USB is installed, and each USB device has its access set individually to either the receiver or the sender, depending on when the USB device is plugged in to the receiver.
    - If a USB device is plugged in to a USB port on the receiver while HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver is disconnected, the USB device becomes accessible by the receiver only.
    - If a USB device is plugged in to a USB port on the receiver while HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver is connected, the USB device becomes accessible by the sender only.

You can switch access to a particular device by removing it and then re-inserting it while the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver is in the opposite connection state.

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 **NOTE:** This setting controls whether Remote USB components are *installed*. To change this setting after installation, you must uninstall and reinstall HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver. If installed, Remote USB can be *disabled* (and re-enabled) later using HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver or the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool.

Alternatively, you can override the Remote USB installation setting for individual devices (without a reinstallation) with an advanced option that the installer does not offer (see [Configuring the remoting behavior of individual USB devices \(Windows only\) on page 53](#)).

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3. On the **Remote Clipboard Configuration** page, select whether you want the Remote Clipboard feature installed, and then select **Next**.

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 **NOTE:** This setting controls whether Remote Clipboard components are *installed*. To change this setting after installation, you must uninstall and reinstall HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver. If installed, Remote Clipboard can be *disabled* (and re-enabled) later using HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver or the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool.

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4. If the next page of the wizard is titled **Proxy Configuration**, select the appropriate setting from the following list, and then select **Next**. If the next page prompts you to start the installation next, then HP ZCentral Remote Boost automatically detected and used the proxy settings from Internet Explorer, and you can skip this step.
  - If the receiver accesses the Internet through a proxy server, select **Use this proxy** and enter the proxy address and port.
  - If the receiver does not access the Internet through a proxy server, leave **Do not use a proxy** selected.

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 **IMPORTANT:** Proxy server settings must be configured correctly to activate HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features. See [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features on page 35](#) for more information.

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5. Select **Install** to start the installation process.
6. When prompted, restart the computer to complete the installation.

## Performing a custom HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver installation on the command line

HP ZCentral Remote Boost command-line options must be preceded by a /z flag and be enclosed in double quotes, with no space before or after the opening double quote and no space before the closing double quote. If you use multiple commands, separate them with a single space. See the following example:

```
ReceiverSetup64.exe /z"/autoinstall /agreetolicense"
```

If you need to include a double quote as part of a parameter (such as for a folder path), then you should precede each of those double quotes with a backwards slash like in the following example:

```
ReceiverSetup64.exe /z"/autoinstall /agreetolicense /folder="\C:\RGS  
Receiver"
```

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 **NOTE:** This command must be issued from the location of the ReceiverSetup64.exe installation file.

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Unless a folder path is specified, HP ZCentral Remote Boost is installed in the folder: C:\Program Files\HP\Remote Graphics Receiver.

The following table describes the installation-related command-line options.

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 **IMPORTANT:** The options /autoinstall and /agreetolicense are always required when performing the installation on the command line.

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**Table 4-1 Installation options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
<code>/autoinstall</code>	Initiates the installation
<code>/agreetolicense</code>	Accepts the license agreement
<code>/folder="<code>&lt;folder path&gt;</code>"</code>	Specifies the folder path to install to, which is the following by default if not specified:  C:\Program Files\HP\Remote Graphics Receiver  <b>NOTE:</b> The folder path C:\Program Files\HP\Remote Graphics Receiver applies to 64-bit versions of Windows. On 32-bit versions of Windows, the folder path is C:\Program Files\Hewlett-Packard\Remote Graphics Receiver.
<code>/usb={local remote localRemote}</code>	Sets the Remote USB installation option, which is localRemote by default if not specified  For a description of each option, see <a href="#">Performing a custom HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver installation using the installer wizard on page 8</a> .
<code>/clipboard</code>	Installs the Remote Clipboard feature
<code>/noreboot</code>	Prevents the computer from restarting at the end of the installation process
<code>/proxy=&lt;IP address&gt;:&lt;port&gt;</code>	Configures proxy settings to allow for activation of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features.  <b>IMPORTANT:</b> Activation of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features does not work through a proxy server if the proxy settings are not configured correctly. See <a href="#">HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features on page 35</a> for more information.

The following table describes additional command-line options for the installer.



**NOTE:** If either `/help` or `/viewlicense` is used, all other options are ignored.

**Table 4-2 Installation options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
<code>/help</code>	Displays the valid command line options
<code>/viewlicense</code>	Displays the EULA (End User License Agreement)
<code>/autoremove</code>	Initiates an uninstallation  <b>NOTE:</b> The option <code>/noreboot</code> can be used in conjunction with this option.


## Installing HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender (Windows)


The installer wizard for the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender allows for both Typical and Custom installations. The Typical installation installs Remote USB and Remote Clipboard but not smart card redirection. The Typical installation should be suitable for most deployments.

The Custom installation lets you choose whether or not to install certain features. A custom installation can be performed on the command line as well.

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 **IMPORTANT:** Windows administrator privileges are required to perform the installation.

 **NOTE:** If an older version of the software is already installed, installing a newer version will perform an update. Attempting to install the same version or an older version will cause the installer to exit without making changes to the system.


 **NOTE:** During the installation process, the installer creates a log file named `rgsenderInstaller.log` in the location specified by the Windows `TEMP` environment variable.

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## Installer wizard installation

To perform a custom installation of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender on Windows using the installer wizard:

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 **NOTE:** The installer wizard might contain additional options not discussed below regarding installation of beta features. Do not install these features unless instructed to by HP.

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1. Run `SenderSetup64.exe`, follow the on-screen instructions until you are prompted to choose a setup type, select **Custom**, and then select **Next**.
2. On the **Remote Boost Sender Configuration** page, select whether you want the Remote USB, smart card redirection, and Remote Clipboard features installed, and then select **Next**.


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 **NOTE:** These settings control whether the features are *installed*. To change these settings after installation, you must uninstall and reinstall HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender. If installed, Remote Clipboard can be *disabled* (and re-enabled) later using the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool.

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3. On the **Single Sign-On / Easy Login Configuration** page, select an authentication method, and then select **Next**.

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 **TIP:** You can change the authentication method after installation. See [Authentication on page 36](#) for more information and for a description of each of the authentication methods.

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 **NOTE:** If you select **Do not enable either**, then the standard authentication method will be used.


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4. If the next page of the wizard is titled **Remote Boost Sender Licensing**, complete this step. If the next page prompts you to start the installation next, then an HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender license is either already installed or is not required, and you can skip this step.

On the Remote Boost Sender Licensing page, select the appropriate option depending on if you have an HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender license file ready to install, select **Next**.

If you chose to install a license file, follow the on-screen instructions to complete that procedure before proceeding to the next step.

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 **NOTE:** For a brief overview of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender licensing requirements, see [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender licensing on page 5](#). For detailed information and instructions about HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender licensing, see [Finding more information on page 5](#) to locate the *Licensing Guide*.

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5. You will be prompted to restart your computer after the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender installation is complete. Select **Yes** when asked to restart the system.
6. Select **Install** to start the installation process.
7. When prompted, restart the computer to complete the installation.

## Command-line installation

HP ZCentral Remote Boost command-line options must be preceded by a /z flag and be enclosed in double quotes, with no space before or after the opening double quote and no space before the closing double quote. If using multiple commands, separate them with a single space. See the example below:


```
SenderSetup64.exe /z"/autoinstall /agreetolicense"
```


If you need to include a double quote as part of a parameter (such as for a folder path), then you should precede each of those double quotes with a backwards slash like in the following example:

```
SenderSetup64.exe /z"/autoinstall /agreetolicense /folder="C:RGS Sender"
```

The following table describes the installation-related command-line options.

 **NOTE:** This command must be issued from the location of the SenderSetup64.exe installation file.

 **NOTE:** Unless a folder path is specified, HP ZCentral Remote Boost is installed in the folder C:\Program Files\HP\Remote Graphics Sender.

 **IMPORTANT:** The options /autoinstall and /agreetolicense are always required when performing the installation on the command line.

**Table 4-3 Installation options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
/autoinstall	Initiates the installation
/agreetolicense	Accepts the license agreement
/folder=" <code>&lt;folder path&gt;</code> "	Specifies the folder path to install to, which is the following by default: <b>NOTE:</b> The folder path C:\Program Files\HP\Remote Graphics Sender is applicable only to 64-bit versions of Windows. On 32-bit versions of Windows, the folder path is C:\Program Files\Hewlett-Packard\Remote Graphics Sender.
/usb	Installs the Remote USB feature
/clipboard	Installs the Remote Clipboard feature
/el	Enables Easy Login or Single Sign-on
—or— /sso	<b>NOTE:</b> If neither option is specified, the standard authentication method will be used.
/rgslicensserver=[ <code>&lt;port&gt;</code> ] <code>&lt;host&gt;</code> —or— /rgslicensefile=" <code>&lt;file path&gt;</code> "	<b>IMPORTANT:</b> You can use either /rgslicensserver or /rgslicensefile but not both. If neither is used, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender is installed without a license.  /rgslicensserver—Specifies the license server that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender should acquire a license from during installation  <b>NOTE:</b> If a port is not specified, the default port of the host is used.  /rgslicensefile—Specifies the location of a license file on the local system
/noreboot	Prevents the computer from restarting at the end of the installation process.

**Table 4-3 Installation options and their descriptions (continued)**

Option	Description
<code>/smartcard</code>	Installs the smart card redirection feature.
<code>/enableLegacySecurity</code>	Allows the use of legacy security settings, enabling HP RGS 7.4 and earlier receivers to connect without configuring certificates. Not recommended for highest security.

The following table describes additional command-line options for the installer.



**NOTE:** If either `/help` or `/viewlicense` is used, all other options are ignored.

**Table 4-4 Installation options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
<code>/help</code>	Displays the valid command line options
<code>/viewlicense</code>	Displays the EULA (End User License Agreement)
<code>/autoremove</code>	Initiates an uninstallation <b>NOTE:</b> The option <code>/noreboot</code> can be used in conjunction with this option.
<code>/enableAnonymousCiphers</code>	Allows deprecated ciphers, enabling HP RGS 7.4 and earlier receivers to connect without configuring certificates. Not recommended for highest security.

## Installing HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver (Linux)

To install HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on Linux®:

1. Log in as root.
2. Go to the download directory for the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver and unpack the HP ZCentral Remote Boost package. HP ZCentral Remote Boost for Linux includes installers specific to Linux distributions. Change to the directory that matches your distribution.
3. Execute the following command:

```
./install.sh
```



**TIP:** Optionally, add the directory `/opt/hpremote/rgreceiver` to your `PATH` environment variable.

## Installing HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender (Linux)

To install HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender on Linux:

1. Log in as root.
2. Go to the download directory for the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender and unpack the HP ZCentral Remote Boost package. HP ZCentral Remote Boost for Linux includes installers specific to Linux distributions. Change to the directory that matches your distribution.

3. Execute the following command:

```
./install.sh
```

4. If the sender has the psc-lite package installed, the installer gives you the option to install smart card redirection. By default, this feature does not install.

## Installing HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver (macOS)

On macOS®, you can install HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver using the installer wizard or on the command line.



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**NOTE:** If the software is already installed, the installation process overwrites it.

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### Installer wizard installation

You can use the wizard to install HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.

1. Log in as an administrator (or be able to provide administrator credentials).
2. Run **HP RGS Receiver.pkg**, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

### Command-line installation

Execute the following command:

```
sudo installer -pkg "HP\RGS\Receiver.pkg" -target /
```



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**NOTE:** To install HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver in a location other than the root of the boot volume, enter `/Volumes/OtherDrive` instead of `/` at the end of the command.

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# 5 HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver overview

The HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver runs locally.

## Opening HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver

To open HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, use one of the following procedures.

### Opening HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on Windows

To open HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on Windows:

- ▲ Perform the action in the following table that corresponds to the operating system of the receiver.

**Table 5-1 Windows operating systems and their procedures**

Operating system	Procedure
Windows 10	Select <b>Start</b> , type <code>HP ZCentral Remote Boost</code> , and then select <b>HP HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver</b> from the search results.

### Opening HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on Linux

To open HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on Linux:

- ▲ Run the executable file `/opt/hpremote/rgreceiver/rgreceiver.sh`.

– or –

Select either the **Applications** or **Activities** menu, and then select HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.

### Opening HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on macOS

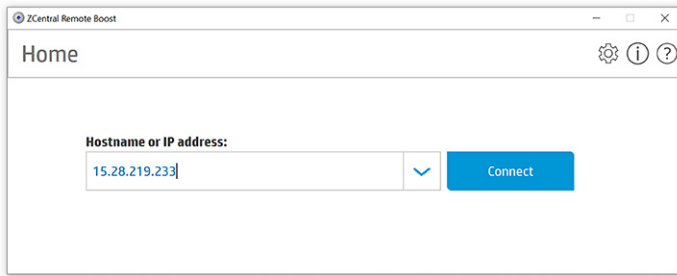
To open HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on macOS:

- ▲ Select the HP Remote Boost icon in Launchpad.

 **TIP:** HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver can alternatively be started on the command line (see [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver command-line options on page 25](#)).

## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver GUI (Windows/Linux)

Several items are displayed on the GUI.

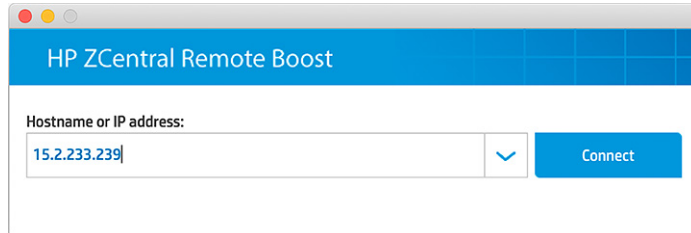


**Table 5-2 GUI items and their descriptions**

Item	Description
1	Enter the host name or IP address of the sender in this field. <b>TIP:</b> The drop-down list contains recent entries.
2	Initiates the connection.
3	Opens the <b>Settings</b> panel (see <a href="#">HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver settings on page 20</a> for more information).
4	Opens the <b>Info</b> panel, which contains version information and the <i>End User License Agreement</i> (EULA) for HP ZCentral Remote Boost, as well as third-party acknowledgments.
5	Opens the <i>User Guide</i> (this document).

## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver GUI (macOS)

Several items are displayed on the GUI.



**Table 5-3 GUI items and their descriptions**

Item	Description
1	Enter the host name or IP address of the sender in this field. <b>TIP:</b> The drop-down list contains recent entries.
2	Initiates the connection.

## Starting an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session

To start an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session:

1. On the **Home** panel of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, enter the host name or IP address of the sender, and then press the **Enter** key or select the **Connect** button.
2. This step depends on the authentication method you are using (see [Authentication on page 36](#)). Enter the credentials as required by the authentication method.

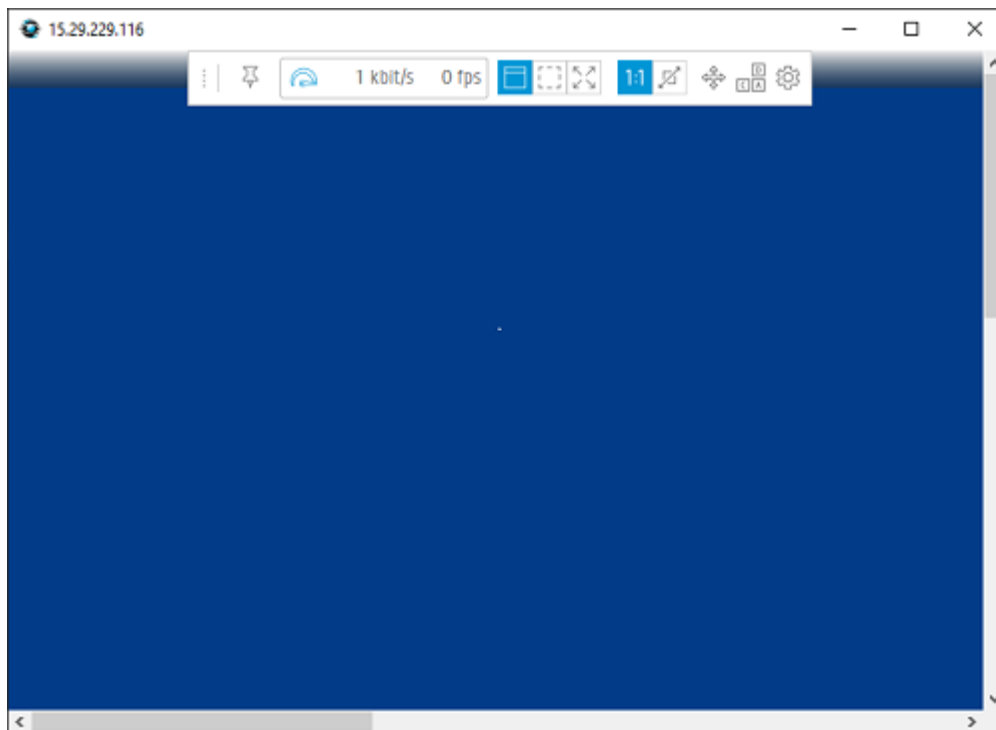
If authentication is successful, the HP ZCentral Remote Boost session starts, and the sender desktop appears inside the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window that opens on the receiver.

Note the following additional information about creating an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection:

- You cannot connect to more than one sender at a time using the GUI of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver. If an attempt is made to connect to a second sender, the connection to the first sender is terminated. For information about how to connect to more than one sender at a time, see [Directory Mode on page 56](#).

## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window GUI (Windows/Linux)

Several items are displayed on the GUI.















**Table 5-4 GUI items and their descriptions**

Item	Description
1	The <b>HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver toolbar</b> provides easy access to the most frequently used options (see <a href="#">HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver toolbar GUI (Windows/Linux) on page 17</a> for more information).
2	Scroll bars appear if the resolution of the sender is larger than the size of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window.

## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver toolbar GUI (Windows/Linux)

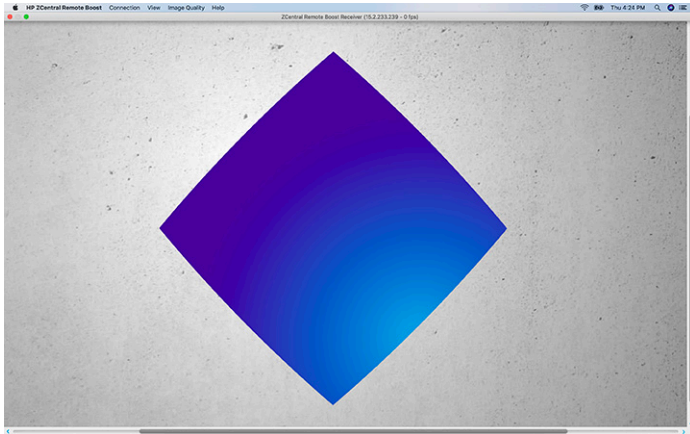
Several icons are displayed in the GUI.

**Table 5-5 Icons and their descriptions**

Icon	Description
	By clicking and holding the left mouse button while moving the mouse, the toolbar may be moved horizontally.
	Allows the toolbar to be pinned or unpinned to the Receiver window. If it is unpinned, it will hide when not in use. To unhide the toolbar, hover the mouse near the top of the Receiver window.
	Displays the current status of HP Velocity (see <a href="#">HP Velocity on page 35</a> for more information).
23 kbit/s	Displays the current network bandwidth consumed by the connection.
30 fps	Displays the number of image updates in frames-per-second.
	Opens the virtual keyboard (see <a href="#">Using touch features (Windows touch-capable devices only) on page 48</a> for more information).
	Enables the virtual mouse (see <a href="#">Using touch features (Windows touch-capable devices only) on page 48</a> for more information). <b>TIP:</b> The virtual mouse also can be enabled and disabled using the 4-finger tap gesture.
	Toggles Setup Mode (see <a href="#">Setup Mode on page 19</a> ).
	Sends a virtual Ctrl+Alt+Del command to the sender.
	Opens the <b>Settings</b> panel (see <a href="#">HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver settings on page 20</a> for more information).
	Adds borders to the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window, allowing it to be moved and resized.
	Removes borders from the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window.
	Makes the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window expand to fill the boundaries of the current active monitor screen.
1:1	Enables 1:1 Pixel Mode, which causes the remote desktop to be displayed at the exact same size on the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window. If the remote desktop is larger than the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window, scroll bars are added to the window. If the remote desktop is smaller, a black area is added around the desktop.
	Enables Scaled Pixel Mode, which causes the remote desktop to be scaled to fill the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window. Black bars might be added either horizontally or vertically to keep the same aspect ratio.

# HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window GUI (macOS)

Several items are displayed on the GUI.



**Table 5-6 GUI items and their descriptions**

Item	Description
1	<p>The <b>HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver menu bar</b> provides easy access to the most frequently used options via the following menus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver:</b> Lets you view version information, change settings (see <a href="#">HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver settings on page 20</a>), and quit HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.</li></ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> HP ZCentral Remote Boost settings are also known as preferences on macOS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Connection:</b> Lets you enable Setup Mode (see <a href="#">Setup Mode on page 19</a>), send a virtual Ctrl+Alt+Del command to the sender, and disconnect from the sender.</li><li>• <b>View:</b> Lets you select 1:1 Pixel Mode or Scaled Pixel Mode. Also, lets you enter or exit full-screen mode.</li><li>• <b>Image Quality:</b> Lets you set the image quality (see <a href="#">Performance on page 21</a> for more information).</li><li>• <b>Help:</b> Lets you open the <i>User Guide</i> (this document).</li></ul>
2	Displays the number of image updates in frames-per-second.
3	Scroll bars appear if the resolution of the sender is larger than the size of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window, or when the Receiver window is adjusted below the size of the sender resolution.

## Setup Mode

In Setup Mode, transmission of keyboard and mouse input to the sender is suspended. Instead, the keyboard and mouse can be used to interact with the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window on the receiver. In this mode, you can do the following:

- Move an HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window that has its title bar and borders hidden
- Select (bring to the front) a specific HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window that might be obscured by another HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window in Directory Mode
- The following Setup Mode HotKeys can be used to control the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver application:

**M:** Display the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Settings window.

- N: Minimize the Receiver window.
- C: Close the Receiver window.
- G: Toggle Game Mode.
- H: Hide the toolbar.
- F: Fit the Receiver window size to the Sender desktop size.

Setup Mode can be activated in two ways:

- Select the Setup Mode button (Windows/Linux) or menu item (macOS) on the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver toolbar to toggle the state of Setup Mode.
- Type the default hotkey sequence as follows:  
Press and hold down **Left Shift**. While pressing **Left Shift**, press and release **Space**. Setup Mode will remain active as long as **Left Shift** is held down.



**NOTE:** The default hotkey sequence can be changed (see [Changing the Setup Mode hotkey sequence on page 20](#)).

## Changing the Setup Mode hotkey sequence

To change the Setup Mode hotkey sequence:

HP ZCentral Remote Boost allows you to change the Setup Mode hotkey sequence from its default value of **Left Shift** press, **Space** press, and **Space** release.

When defining a new Setup Mode hotkey sequence, the following keys can be used:

- **Left Ctrl**, **Right Ctrl**, **Ctrl**—Specifies a left, right, or side-insensitive **Ctrl** key, respectively.
- **Left Alt**, **Right Alt**, **Alt**—Specifies a left, right or side-insensitive **Alt** key, respectively.
- **Shift**
- **Space**

Every sequence must begin with **Ctrl**, **Alt**, or **Shift**. Two actions are associated with each key:

- Down: Specifies a key press.
  - Up: Specifies a key release.
1. In the **Hotkeys** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver settings, select **Set**.
  2. Press and hold the first key that you want to use in the sequence.
  3. Press and release the other keys that you want to use in the sequence.
  4. Release the initial key.

Select **Reset** restores the Setup Mode hotkey sequence to its default values.

## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver settings

This section describes the settings available in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, which are divided into the following categories:

## Connection

The following table describes the settings available in the **Connection** panel.

**Table 5-7 Settings and their descriptions**

Setting	Description
Prompt for user name and password	<p>Forces the authentication prompt to display when starting an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection.</p> <p>In certain scenarios, HP ZCentral Remote Boost will not prompt you to enter a domain, user name, and password when starting an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection. If you need to enter a domain, user name, and password, then check this box.</p> <p><b>TIP:</b> This is advantageous when using HP ZCentral Remote Boost in Directory Mode where there are different connection needs for each session.</p>
Do not change the Sender display(s)	Do not change the resolution or layout of the sender's displays.
Set Sender display(s) to match Receiver display(s)	<p>Attempts to set the sender's display resolution and layout to match the receiver's display resolution and layout.</p> <p>For example, if the receiver has two monitors side-by-side and an overall display resolution of 2560 × 1024, HP ZCentral Remote Boost attempts to set the same resolution and layout on the sender's displays. If that fails, HP ZCentral Remote Boost attempts to set a resolution of 2560 × 1024 on a single sender display.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This option is not supported on Linux by default. You must configure the X Server with the proper modelines and/or metamodes for this option to work. See <a href="#">Matching display resolution and layout (Linux-based sender) on page 44</a> for more information.</p>
Set Sender display(s) to match display properties	<p>Attempts to set the sender's display resolution and layout to match the specified display properties. See <a href="#">Image and Display on page 61</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This option is not available if no display properties are found in the configuration file.</p>
Enable remote USB	<p>Enables Remote USB.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Windows/HP ThinPro only</p>
Select Sender	Becomes active when Directory Mode is enabled. Allows the user to remote USB devices to a sender selected from the drop-down list.
Certificate Verification Failure Policy	Specifies what the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver does if the verification of the sender certificate fails.
Enable remote clipboard	Enables Remote Clipboard.

## Performance

The performance settings allow you to improve the interactive experience. Typically, these adjustments will be made when working with highly interactive applications (such as a CAD application) in a low-bandwidth or high-latency network environment.

The following table describes the settings available in the **Performance** panel.

**Table 5-8 Settings and their descriptions**

Setting	Description
Enable HP Velocity	Enables HP Velocity.
Advanced Video Compression on Sender	Enables Advanced Video Compression.

**Table 5-8 Settings and their descriptions (continued)**

Setting	Description
<b>NOTE:</b> Windows/Linux only	
Image Quality	Sets the maximum image quality.  When not using <b>Adaptive image quality</b> , HP ZCentral Remote Boost will maintain the image quality specified by this option. When selecting <b>Adaptive image quality</b> , HP ZCentral Remote Boost will use this option's setting as the target image quality when the updates-per-second value allows.
Enable adaptive image quality	When <b>Enable adaptive image quality</b> is selected, HP ZCentral Remote Boost will begin to degrade the image quality down to the <b>Minimum image quality</b> setting (from 0–100) anytime the updates-per-second value falls below the <b>Target update rate</b> (from 0–30 updates per second).
Increase text rendering quality	
Minimum image quality	
Target update rate	When <b>Increase text rendering quality</b> is selected, HP ZCentral Remote Boost uses different encoding for areas of the sender's display with few colors (areas with mostly text) to increase the quality when those areas are displayed on the receiver. In video-centric or bandwidth-constrained environments, disabling this option might improve HP ZCentral Remote Boost performance.  <b>NOTE:</b> These options are disabled when Advanced Video Compression is enabled.
<b>TIP:</b> See <a href="#">Performance optimization on page 81</a> for more information about ways to optimize HP ZCentral Remote Boost performance.	

## Gestures (Windows touch-capable devices only)

You can use the gesture settings to map hotkey sequences to the gestures that are not used by HP ZCentral Remote Boost by default.

For a list of the gestures that you can customize, see [Using touch features \(Windows touch-capable devices only\) on page 48](#).

### Mapping a hotkey sequence to a gesture

To map a hotkey sequence to a gesture:

1. Select the pencil icon in the row of the gesture that you want.
2. Enter the key sequence.
3. Optionally select **Enable sticky gesture** if you want the gesture to mimic the continual press of the hotkey sequence until the same gesture is used to disable the sequence.
4. Select **Save**.

### Unmapping a hotkey sequence from a gesture

To unmap a hotkey sequence from a gesture:

- ▲ Select the **X** icon in the row of the gesture that you want.

## Audio

The following table describes the settings available in the **Audio** panel.



**Table 5-9 Audio settings and their descriptions**

Setting	Description
Stream audio from Sender	Enables the sending of the audio stream to the receiver
Stereo	Enables stereo audio for the audio stream sent from the sender to the receiver. <b>NOTE:</b> Stereo audio requires more network bandwidth.
Quality	Sets the quality for the audio stream being transmitted by the sender. <b>NOTE:</b> Higher-quality audio requires more network bandwidth.
Audio allows focus	Enables audio to play only from the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window that has focus. When disabled, audio from all HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver windows will be combined.
Volume	Controls the volume level on the receiver. <b>NOTE:</b> This option is for Windows and Linux only. On macOS, use the system volume control instead.

## Network

The following table describes the settings available in the **Network** panel.

**Table 5-10 Network settings and their descriptions**

Setting	Description
Error	Sets the time in seconds that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver will wait before ending the connection after failing to detect HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.
Warning	Sets the time in seconds that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver will wait before displaying a warning dialog to the local user after failing to detect HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.
Dialog	Sets the time in seconds that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver will wait for a response to a dialog being displayed on the sender (such as an authentication dialog). The request will be canceled if there is no response.
Use a proxy server for your LAN	Enables the use of a proxy server with HP ZCentral Remote Boost.
Address	If you use a proxy server, configuring these settings is required to activate HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features such as Advanced Video Compression and HP Velocity. See <a href="#">HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features on page 35</a> for more information.
Port	

## Hotkeys

The following table describes the settings available in the **Hotkeys** panel.

**Table 5-11 Hotkeys settings and their descriptions**

Setting	Description
Send First Key	Forces the first key of a local hotkey sequence to be transmitted to the sender.  By default, if a key press matches the first key of a local Setup Mode sequence, all key events are held until HP ZCentral Remote Boost determines whether the next keys pressed are completing the sequence. If it is not a Setup Mode sequence, all key press events are then transmitted to the sender.

**Table 5-11 Hotkeys settings and their descriptions (continued)**

Setting	Description
	<p>However, commands for some remote applications might require that the first key press event arrive separately for them to function correctly. Enabling this option will ensure the immediate transmission of the first key press.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> In addition to transmitting the first key press to the sender, the key is also still processed by the receiver.</p>
Send CTRL-ALT-END key sequence as CTRL-ALT-DEL	<p>Enables the use of a <b>Ctrl+Alt+End</b> key sequence as a <b>Ctrl+Alt+Delete</b> sequence for the sender.</p> <p>This is useful when logging into the sender because, on some computers, the local operating system will interrupt the standard <b>Ctrl+Alt+Delete</b> key sequence and bring up local Windows security options instead.</p> <p><b>TIP:</b> The <b>Ctrl+Alt+Del</b> sequence can also be sent using the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver toolbar.</p>
Key Repeat	<p>Enables the processing of key repeats for when the <b>Shift</b> key is held down.</p> <p>By default, key repeat processing is disabled by HP ZCentral Remote Boost, but some remote applications might require this functionality.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If this option is enabled, the default Setup Mode hotkey sequence will not trigger unless it is typed fast enough.</p>
Setup Mode Sequence	<p>Sets the hotkey sequence for switching to Setup Mode.</p> <p>For more information, see <a href="#">Changing the Setup Mode hotkey sequence on page 20</a>.</p>

## Logging

The following table describes the settings available in the **Logging** panel.

**Table 5-12 Logging settings and their descriptions**

Setting	Description
Enable message logging	Enables logging.
Log file path	Specifies the path of the log file.
Log level	<p>Determines the level of information that is logged.</p> <p>For example, if <b>WARN</b> is selected, the log file will contain information of the type <b>WARN</b> and also anything more serious than that type (<b>ERROR</b> and <b>FATAL</b>).</p> <p>To log all information generated by HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, select <b>DEBUG</b>.</p>
Max logfile size (KB)	Limits the size of the log file.
Clear Log	Clears the contents of the log file.
View Log	Displays the contents of the log file.
Restore Defaults	Resets all logging settings to the default values.

## Statistics (Windows/Linux only)

The following table describes the information displayed in the **Statistics** panel.

**Table 5-13 Statistics settings and their descriptions**

Item	Description
Total network usage (Mbits/sec)	Displays the combined network traffic received from all connections.
Image updates per second	Displays the combined number of image updates per second received from all connections.
Image compression	Displays the compression ratio of the update stream.  In a multi-connection environment, the value is from the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window that currently has the keyboard focus. If none of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver windows have focus, the value will be zero. In a single-connection environment, the value will be always available even if the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window does not have focus.
Current network loss with HP Velocity	These items display statistics about HP Velocity when it is activated and in use.
Current network loss without HP Velocity	
Peak network loss without HP Velocity	

## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver command-line options

The following table describes the valid command-line options for the Windows executable **rgreceiver.exe**, the Linux shell script **rgreceiver.sh**, and the macOS executable **HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver**.



**NOTE:** These commands must be issued from the HP ZCentral Remote Boost receiver installation directory.

**Table 5-14 Command-line options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
-config <file name>	Specifies the configuration file to use for the instance of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver being opened  <b>NOTE:</b> See <a href="#">Setting property values in a configuration file on page 74</a> for more information.
-directory <file name>	Opens HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver in Directory Mode using the configuration from the specified directory file  <b>NOTE:</b> See <a href="#">Directory Mode on page 56</a> for more information.
-nosplash	Disables the splash screen that displays by default when HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver is opened
-{version ver v}	Displays version information for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver
-{help h ?}	Displays the valid command line options
-<property name>=<value>	Sets the specified HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver property to the specified value  <b>NOTE:</b> See <a href="#">Setting property values on the command line on page 74</a> for more information.

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## 6 HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender overview

The HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender runs remotely.

### HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender overview (Windows)

To stop, start, or restart the `rgsender` service:

HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender for Windows is comprised of three processes:

- `rgsendersvc.exe`—Runs as a Windows service named `rgsender` that starts automatically (by default) when Windows starts and also starts the other two processes
- `rgsender.exe`—The main process for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender
- `rgsender_gui.exe`—The notification icon, which can be found in the Windows notification area

If Windows is already started, there is no additional action required to start HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender (unless you have manually disabled automatic startup for the `rgsender` service).

The `rgsender` service must be active for the other two processes to be running, so if you want to completely disable HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender, stop the `rgsender` service.

- ▲ On the **Services** panel of Windows Task Manager, right-click **rgsender**, and then select an option.

### HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender overview (Linux)

HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender for Linux is started as a service named `rgsender`. This service is automatically enabled and started during installation and automatically restarts in the event of a failure.

On a system supporting `systemd` for system services, you can run the following commands as root to restart, stop, or get the status of the `rgsender` service:

- `systemctl restart rgsender`
- `systemctl stop rgsender`
- `systemctl status rgsender`

On a system supporting SysV init for system services, the following commands can be run as root to restart, stop, or get the status of the `rgsender` service:

- `service rgsender restart`
- `service rgsender stop`
- `service rgsender status`

### HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender command-line options (Windows)

To apply command-line options to the HP ZCentral Remote Boostender service:

Command-line options for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender can be applied to the rgsservice by modifying a registry key.

1. Open the **Registry Editor** tool in Windows.
2. Navigate to and select the following registry key:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\rgsender
```

3. Add the command-line options to the **ImagePath** value.

```
C:\Program Files\HP\Remote Graphics Sender\rgsendersvc.exe -nocollab
```



**IMPORTANT:** The folder path `C:\Program Files\HP\Remote Graphics Sender\rgsendersvc.exe -nocollab` applies to 64 bit versions of Windows. On 32 bit versions of Windows, the folder path is `C:\Program Files\Hewlett Packard\Remote Graphics Sender\rgsendersvc.exe -nocollab`.

4. Restart the rgsender service.

The following table describes the valid command-line options.

**Table 6-1 Command-line options and their descriptions**

Command	Description
-nocollab	Disables collaboration
-timeout <value>	Specifies the timeout value, in milliseconds, after which HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender disconnects an inactive connection
-authtimeout <value>	Specifies the timeout value, in milliseconds, that the collaboration authentication dialog is shown before the request is denied automatically
-{version ver v}	Displays version information for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender
-{help h ?}	Displays the valid command line options
-<property name>=<value>	Sets the specified HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender property to the specified value

**NOTE:** See [Setting property values on the command line on page 74](#) for more information.

## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender command-line options (Linux)

Command-line options for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender can be applied to the shell script `rgsender.sh`. The following table describes the valid command-line options.

**Table 6-2 Command-line options and their descriptions**

Command	Description
-{version ver v}	Displays version information for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender
-{help h ?}	Displays the valid command line options

## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender notification icon (Windows only)

The notification icon for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender is located in the Windows notification area and animates if there is an active HP ZCentral Remote Boost session.

You can use the notification icon to do the following:

- Left-click the notification icon to open the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Collaborators window (see [Collaboration on page 38](#) for more information).
- Right-click the notification icon for quick access to the **About** and **Disconnect** options.

## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender event logging (Windows only)

In addition to standard logging, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender logs events.

This information is output to a log named `HPRemote.e`, which is viewable in the Event Viewer tool in Windows, and can be useful in several different ways:

- Troubleshooting—Event log information can help diagnose HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection issues.
- Remote application termination—See [Creating an agent for remote application termination \(Windows only\) on page 92](#) for more information.
- Other automated actions—The basic principle behind using the event log for remote application termination can be used to create an agent that performs other automated actions.

## Filtering access to HP ZCentral Remote Boost Senders

HP ZCentral Remote Boost connections may be restricted by configuring the `ipfilter.txt` file to specify the IP addresses, subnet masks, and the fully qualified computer and/or domain names of the receiver systems that are allowed to make a connection. If a receiver does not match one of the filters, the connection will be denied.

The file `ipfilter.txt` is located in the installation folder on Windows and in `/etc/opt/hpremove/rgsender` on Linux.

Connection filtering based on hostname and domain name requires DNS to be configured to allow reverse DNS lookup. For example, if the receiver IP address is 10.13.19.1, the command `nslookup 10.13.19.1` will return a hostname and domain name. HP ZCentral Remote Boost will similarly use reverse look up for hostname and domain name filtering.

As an example, adding the following lines to the `ipfilter.txt` file on a sender system will only allow connections from receiver systems `computername1` and `computername2`:

```
HOSTNAME:computername1.networkdomain.name
```

```
HOSTNAME:computername2.networkdomain.name
```

Filtering on the domain name compares the text after the first period in the domain name. For example, if DNS reverse lookup returns `james.auth.corp.net`, the filter will compare `auth.corp.net` against domain name entries in the `ipfilter.txt` file to determine whether or not to allow connections from the receiver.

Filter types may be combined in one `ipfilter.txt` file. Once a match is made with a filter specified in the `ipfilter.txt` file, HP ZCentral Remote Boost will stop processing the file and allow the connection to be made. By default, the `ipfilter.txt` file does not filter out any connections. If the receiver connects to the sender over VPN or through another process that causes the IP address to be translated, HP ZCentral Remote Boost may prevent

connections that users expect to work. For additional information, review the ipfilter.txt file on a system where the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender has been installed.

# 7 Configuring certificates

By default, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver attempts to verify the identity of the sender by verifying the sender public-key infrastructure (PKI) certificate before a connection is made. By default, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender creates a self-signed certificate, but you can configure it to use a certificate signed by a Certificate Authority (CA).

## Sender verification

When the receiver attempts to connect to the sender, a warning is displayed if the certificate verification fails. The certificate verification can fail for the following reasons:

- The sender presented a self-signed certificate. This user can compare the certificate fingerprint to the fingerprint available in the Certificate panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool. See [End-user verification of a sender certificate on page 30](#).



**NOTE:** This is the most common failure, because HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender generates a self-signed certificate by default.

- The sender address typed into the receiver window does not match the hostname on the sender certificate. This failure occurs if the user connects with an IP address instead of using the sender hostname. The user must be sure that the IP address resolves to the hostname on the sender certificate before connecting to that sender. Alternatively, the user can reconnect using the hostname on the sender certificate.
- The certificate is expired. If self-signed certificates are used, this error does not occur because a new self-signed certificate is generated when the current certificate approaches expiration.

## Certificate Verification Error Policy

The Certificate Verification Error Policy determines how the receiver performs if the identity of the sender cannot be verified.

This setting can be configured in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool (see [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool \(Windows and Linux Only\) on page 58](#)).

If the verification fails, the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver can be configured to do one of the following:

- **Accept:** Certificate errors are ignored, and the receiver connects to the sender.
- **Prompt to accept** (default): A warning prompt is displayed, and the user can choose to connect despite the failure. An SHA-256 fingerprint of the sender certificate is displayed with the error message. To verify the identity of the sender, compare the fingerprint displayed with the error message to the fingerprint presented in the Certificate panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool. An administrator can provide the fingerprint to the user if they do not have access to the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool.
- **Deny:** The receiver does not connect to the sender.

## End-user verification of a sender certificate

If the receiver cannot verify the sender certificate and the Certificate Verification Error Policy is configured to prompt to accept, the user can verify that the fingerprint of the certificate displayed in the verification error message matches the fingerprint displayed in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool on the



sender. An administrator can provide the fingerprint from the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool, if necessary.

## Using a certificate signed by a CA

For ease in deployment, HP ZCentral Remote Boost creates a self-signed certificate for the sender. For greater security, HP ZCentral Remote Boost can be configured to use a certificate signed by a CA.

To use a certificate signed by a CA, the CA certificate and key files must be present on the sender and receiver system.

## Configuring the sender to use a certificate signed by a CA

You can configure the sender to use a certificate signed by a CA.

For more information about setting HP ZCentral Remote Boost properties manually, see [Setting HP ZCentral Remote Boost properties manually on page 73](#).

## Modifying the sender Ice configuration file

Use the following procedure to modify the sender Ice configuration file.

1. Open the `config` file. On Windows, the file is located in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender installation directory. On Linux, the file is located in `/etc/opt/hpremove/rgsender`.



**NOTE:** If HP Velocity is enabled, the following settings must be duplicated with `<IceSSL>` replaced by `<IceLive>`.

2. Add the following settings to this file:

- `IceSSL.DefaultDir=<certificate and key files directory>`
- `IceSSL.CertFile=<program certificate file>`

This file might contain the private key, encoded using the PEM format, in addition to the program certificate. This certificate must be signed by the CA certificate identified by the `IceSSL.CertAuthFile` setting.

- `IceSSL.KeyFile=<file containing the private key associated with the certificate identified by the IceSSL.CertFile setting>`

The private key must be encoded using the PEM format.

- `IceSSL.Password=<password necessary to decrypt the private key>`



**NOTE:** Using a plain-text password in a configuration file is a security risk.

This file is configured to be only root/admin accessible.

## Modifying the sender configuration file

To modify the sender configuration file:

1. Open the `rgsenderconfig` file. On Windows, the file is located in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver installation directory. On Linux, the file is located in `/etc/opt/hpremove/rgreceiver`.

2. Remove the comment from the following line and change the value to 0:

```
Rgsender.Network.GenerateCertificate=0
```

After this procedure is complete, HP ZCentral Remote Boost does not generate new certificates or use a self-signed certificate for sender verification.

You must delete any existing HP ZCentral Remote Boost certificates from the file system. See [Removing a certificate on page 33](#).

## Modifying the receiver Ice configuration file

To modify the receiver Ice configuration file:

1. If you provide a certificate signed by a CA to verify the sender, the receiver must verify that certificate when a connection is attempted. Add the following setting to enable the receiver to verify the sender certificate:

```
IceSSL.VerifyPeer={0 | 1}
```

- 0: Do not verify the sender certificate.
- 1: Require a sender certificate and verify it.

2. If you configure a certificate signed by a CA for the sender, you must make sure that the receiver can access the same CA root certificate that is used to sign the sender certificate. Add the following setting:

```
IceSSL.CAs=<file containing the certificate of a trusted CA>
```

The file must be encoded using the PEM format.

## Modifying the receiver configuration file

To modify the receiver configuration file:

1. Open the `rgreiverconfig` file. On Windows, the file is located in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver or HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver installation directory. On Linux, the file is located in `/etc/opt/hpremote/rgreiver` or `/etc/opt/hpremote/rgreiver`. On macOS, this file is named `iceconfig` and is located in `/Library/Application Support/HP/rgreiver`.

2. Remove the comment from the following line and change the value to 0:

```
Rgreiver.Network.VerifyCertificates=0
```

After this procedure is complete, HP ZCentral Remote Boost does not use the default self-signed certificate.

## Configuring the receiver to use a certificate signed by a CA

You can configure the receiver to use a certificate signed by a CA.


For more information about setting HP ZCentral Remote Boost properties manually, see [Setting HP ZCentral Remote Boost properties manually on page 73](#).

## Modifying the receiver Ice configuration file

Use the following procedure to modify the receiver Ice configuration file.

1. Open the `config` file. On Windows, the file is located in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver or HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender installation directory. On Linux, the file is located in `/etc/opt/hpremote/rgreiver` or `/etc/opt/hpremote/rgsender`. On macOS, this file is named `iceconfig` and is located in `/Library/Application Support/HP/rgreiver`.

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 **NOTE:** If HP Velocity is enabled, the following settings must be duplicated with <IceSSL> replaced by <IceLive>.

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2. Add the following settings to this file:

- `IceSSL.DefaultDir=<certificate and key files directory>`
- `IceSSL.CertFile=<program certificate file>`


This file might contain the private key, encoded using the PEM format, in addition to the program certificate. This certificate must be signed by the CA certificate identified by the `IceSSL.CertAuthFile` setting.

- `IceSSL.KeyFile=<file containing the private key associated with the certificate identified by the IceSSL.CertFile setting>`

The private key must be encoded using the PEM format.

- `IceSSL.Password=<password necessary to decrypt the private key>`

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 **NOTE:** Using a plain-text password in a configuration file is a security risk.

This file is configured to be only root/admin accessible.


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## Modifying the sender Ice configuration file

To modify the sender Ice configuration file:

1. You can also configure the sender to verify a certificate that identifies the receiver. Add the following setting to enable the sender to verify the receiver certificate:

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 **NOTE:** By default, HP ZCentral Remote Boost does not create or use a receiver certificate.

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`IceSSL.VerifyPeer={0 | 1 | 2}`

- 0: Do not verify the receiver certificate.
- 1: Verify the receiver certificate if it is provided, but do not require a receiver certificate.
- 2: Require a receiver certificate and verify it.

2. If you configure the sender to require a receiver certificate, you must make sure that the sender can access the same CA root certificate that is used to sign the receiver certificate. Add the following setting:

`IceSSL.CAs=<file containing the certificate of a trusted CA>`

The file must be encoded using the PEM format.

## Removing a certificate

If certificate verification fails, the user can accept the certificate and connect when prompted.

If the **Don't ask about this certificate again** check box is selected, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver stores the end-user verification of the hostname and certificate. If a user tries to reconnect to the same hostname and the same certificate is presented by the sender, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver automatically accepts or rejects the certificate based on the previous choice. This information is stored locally on the receiver. To stop automatically accepting or rejecting the certificate, you must remove the certificate from where it is stored.

## Windows

To remove a certificate on Windows:

1. Open the Registry Editor and find the folder **HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER/Software/HP/KnownSenders**.
2. To clear all certificates, delete the **KnownSenders** folder. To remove a specific certificate, in the **KnownSenders** folder, delete the subfolder that matches the hostname of the certificate.

## Linux

To remove a certificate on Linux:

1. Go to the file named **\$HOME/.config/HP/KnownSenders.conf**.
2. To clear all certificates, delete the **KnownSenders.conf** file. To remove a specific certificate, open the **KnownSenders.conf** file, and then delete the entry that starts with the hostname of the certificate.

## macOS

To remove a certificate on macOS:

1. Go to the file named **\$HOME/Library/Preferences/com.hp.KnownSenders.plist**.
2. To clear all certificates, delete the **KnownSenders.plist** file.
3. Restart the computer.

## Troubleshooting the certificate configuration

To troubleshoot the certificate configuration, use the following procedure.

To diagnose network or certificate configuration issues, set the Log level to `DEBUG` and set Ice properties in the sender or receiver Ice configuration files.

1. Open the `config` file. On Windows, the file is located in the RGS Receiver or RGS Sender installation directory. On Linux, the file is located in `/etc/opt/hpremote/rgreceiver` or `/etc/opt/hpremote/rgsender`. On macOS, this file is named `iceconfig` and is located in `/Library/Application Support/HP/rgreceiver`.
2. Add the following settings:
  - `IceSSL.Trace.Security={0 | 1}`
    - 0: Security tracing is disabled.
    - 1: Security tracing is enabled.
  - `Ice.Trace.Network={0 | 1 | 2 | 3}`
    - 0: Network tracing is disabled.
    - 1: Network tracing is enabled during connection establishment and closure.
    - 2: Network tracing is enabled during connection establishment and closure, with more detail logged.
    - 3: Network tracing is enabled during connection establishment and closure, with more detail and data transfer logged.
  - `Ice.Trace.Protocol={0 | 1}`
    - 0: Protocol message tracing is disabled.
    - 1: Protocol message tracing is enabled.


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# 8 Using HP ZCentral Remote Boost features

This chapter describes HP ZCentral Remote Boost features and topics.

## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features

This section discusses HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features.

 **IMPORTANT:** HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features require a one-time activation that occurs on the receiver when the first HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection is established, and this activation requires Internet access. If using a proxy server for your LAN, be sure that your proxy settings are configured correctly (see [Network on page 23](#)). Activation does not work with a proxy autoconfiguration (PAC) file or with the Web Proxy Auto-Discovery (WPAD) protocol.

The activation process uses https access to the activation.rgs.ext.hp.com URL (15.0.92.201). So you must configure your proxy or firewall to allow it.


For thin clients with a write filter, HP recommends disabling the write filter before the first HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection so that the files created during activation are permanently written to the hard drive. The write filter should be re-enabled afterwards.

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### Advanced Video Compression (Windows/Linux only)

Advanced Video Compression is an HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Feature that enables the use of a modern video codec to greatly reduce the network bandwidth needed for high-quality video streams.

Advanced Video Compression is ideal for video or 3D applications in textured mode. It is not recommended for use with wireframes or fine lines, as screen artifacts might appear when in motion. Advanced Video Compression can be enabled in the **Performance** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver settings.

 **IMPORTANT:** System requirements for Advanced Video Compression might be higher than the base HP ZCentral Remote Boost system requirements, all of which are described in the **QuickSpecs** (see [Finding more information on page 5](#)).

**NOTICE:** The performance of Advanced Video Compression for resolutions larger than full HD (1920x1080) varies depending on the content.

Advanced Video Compression does not currently support 4K (Ultra HD) resolutions.

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### HP Velocity

HP Velocity is an HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Feature that improves performance within a wide area network (WAN).

HP Velocity status is displayed on the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver toolbar:

- Blue: HP Velocity is monitoring network loss and is ready to be used.
- Green: HP Velocity is actively working to improve network conditions.
- Grey: HP Velocity has not been activated.

 **NOTE:** HP Velocity might increase network bandwidth usage.

# Authentication

HP ZCentral Remote Boost supports several authentication methods and smart card redirection.

## Authentication methods

There are three different authentication methods available for an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection.

- **Standard authentication:** Supported for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender on Windows and Linux.
- **Easy Login:** Supported for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender on Windows and Linux.
- **Single Sign-on:** Supported for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender on Windows only.

On Windows, the authentication method is selected during installation of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender and can be changed later using the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool (see [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool \(Windows/Linux only\) on page 67](#)). Smart card redirection is supported for standard authentication and Easy Login (see [Smart card redirection on page 37](#)).

On Linux, Easy Login can be enabled during installation and disabled using an HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender property (see [Other global properties on page 75](#)).

## Standard authentication

To use standard authentication:

Standard authentication is the process by which a local user attempts to connect to a sender that has neither Single Sign-on nor Easy Login enabled.

In normal operation, users are required to authenticate twice when establishing an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection from a receiver to a sender. The two steps are as follows:

1. The first authentication step is from HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver to HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender. The dialog for this authentication step is generated and displayed by HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on the receiver.
2. The second authentication step is when logging in to or unlocking the sender desktop session. The login or unlock dialog is generated by the sender and is displayed in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window on the receiver.



**NOTE:** If another user is already logged in to the sender, the second authentication step does not take place. Instead, the currently logged-in user receives an authorization prompt to allow or deny the new user access to join the existing desktop session (see [Collaboration on page 38](#) for more information).

When a Windows Receiver and Windows Sender are in the same workgroup and the same user name and password are used on both systems, the first authentication step will be accomplished using a secure token. The user will not be required to enter a password. To connect as a different user, enable the prompt for user name and password setting (for more information, see [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver settings on page 20](#).)

## Using Kerberos Authentication


When a Windows or Linux Sender is connected to a Windows domain, the first authentication step can be accomplished using Kerberos when using a Windows Receiver connected to the same domain.


The user is not be required to enter a password. Kerberos authentication to a Linux Sender requires a hostname to be entered as the Sender identifier. Kerberos authentication to a Linux Sender will not work with an IP address. To connect as a different user, enable the **Prompt for user name and password setting** (see [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver settings on page 20](#)).

## Easy Login

If you use Easy Login, the first authentication step (HP ZCentral Remote Boost authentication) is skipped.

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 **NOTE:** At the login screen, you might see an additional user account named HP ZCentral Remote Boost ELO. Do not use this account to log in. Use your normal user account.

 **NOTE:** There are several issues that can prevent an Easy Login authentication. The Diagnostics panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool can help troubleshoot these issues. See [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool \(Windows/Linux only\) on page 67](#) for more details.


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## Single Sign-on

With Single Sign-on, the second (System) authentication is skipped. When connecting, the user will be prompted for user name a password. Upon verification, the user will be connected directly to the sender's desktop.

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 **NOTE:** Single Sign-on does not support smart card or ActivKey authentication.

 **NOTE:** If you lock the desktop, you might see an additional user account named HP ZCentral Remote Boost SSO. Do not use this account to log in. Use your normal user account.

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## Smart card redirection

When smart card redirection is enabled, both the receiver and sender can access the same smart card that physically exists on the receiver-side only. This means that you can unlock the receiver desktop using the smart card, connect to the sender, and then use the same smart card with the sender desktop.

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 **NOTE:** Smart card redirection is supported on Windows-based receivers and Windows-based and Linux-based senders only.

On Windows-based and ThinPro-based receivers, smart cards can be remoted using Remote USB. See [Remote USB \(Windows and ThinPro only\) on page 53](#).

 **NOTE:** Smart card redirection can be used with standard authentication or Easy Login only. It cannot be used with Single Sign-on.


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## Using smart card redirection

To use smart card redirection:

1. Enable smart card redirection during the installation of both HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender (see [Installation on page 8](#)).
2. Install the vendor driver for the smart card reader on the receiver.
3. Install the vendor driver for the smart card on both the receiver and sender.
4. If Remote USB is enabled, see [Configuring Remote USB for smart card redirection on page 37](#).

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 **NOTE:** If the smart card removal policy has been set on the receiver, the receiver desktop is locked if the smart card is removed. If the smart card removal policy has been set on the sender, the sender desktop is locked when the HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection is ended or when the smart card is removed.

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## Configuring Remote USB for smart card redirection

To prevent the smart card reader from being remoted:

Smart card readers typically connect to the system via USB, so you must prevent the smart card reader from being remoted by the Remote USB feature to use the smart card redirection feature.

- ▲ If you used the default Remote USB installation option **USB devices are Local/Remote** when installing HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, connect the smart card reader to the receiver before starting an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session, and do not disconnect the smart card reader during the session.

– or –

Set the remoting behavior of the smart card reader to `local` (see [Configuring the remoting behavior of individual USB devices \(Windows only\) on page 53](#)).

## Limitations

Consider the following limitations when using smart card redirection:

- Smart card redirection is limited to the primary user.
- Smart card redirection is limited to the first smart card detected by the receiver. If there are two or more smart cards, including virtual smart cards, enabled on the receiver, smart card redirection might not be predictable.
- Disconnecting and reconnecting a smart card reader during an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session causes the smart card reader to be remoted via Remote USB. In this situation, the receiver no longer sees the smart card reader or smart card. If the smart card removal policy is enabled, the receiver desktop locks.

## Collaboration

### Collaboration invitations

You can invite other users to either new collaboration sessions or sessions in progress.

Collaboration invitations can be generated in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Collaborators window by selecting the **copy to clipboard** button. Invitations are copied to the clipboard and can be pasted into an email or messaging app to send them to the other users.

Invitations contain brief instructions to help the invited users connect to the sender, including the hostname of the sender machine and a list of IP addresses that can be used.

By default, only global addresses are displayed. To change this default behavior, modify the value of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender `sender_gui.Invitation.FilterPrivateAddresses` configuration property (see [Setting HP ZCentral Remote Boost properties manually on page 73](#)). Setting this property to 1 (the default) filters private addresses. Setting it to 0 displays private addresses in the list.

## Display

You can configure several display settings.

### Display resolution and layout matching

Many HP ZCentral Remote Boost scenarios require that the resolution and display layout transmitted by the sender match the display configuration on the receiver. The following sections describe how to configure the sender if HP ZCentral Remote Boost is unable to match the resolution and display layout by default.

### Multi-monitor overview

During an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection, HP ZCentral Remote Boost transmits the sender's entire desktop area to the receiver. If the sender has more monitors or higher-resolution monitors than the receiver, scroll bars appear in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window so you can view the sender's entire desktop area.



If the sender has multiple monitors, it might be beneficial to use the options described in [Matching display resolution and layout \(Windows-based sender\) on page 41](#) or [Matching display resolution and layout \(Linux-based sender\) on page 44](#).



Multiple monitors on the receiver are also useful for a many-to-one connection. If the receiver is connected to two senders, each sender frame buffer can be displayed on its own monitor if the receiver has two monitors (see the following image).



 **NOTE:** On macOS, if the OS setting **Displays have separate Spaces** is not selected, an HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window can span multiple sender monitors. If the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver has multiple monitors, one monitor displays full-screen mode and the other monitors display nothing.


## Matching display resolution and layout methods

There are four ways to have HP ZCentral Remote Boost automatically configure the sender's display resolution and layout:

- **Per-session preferred resolution properties:** These properties, if enabled, set the preferred width and height of the resolution for session number <n>.

- Rgreceiver.Session.<n>.VirtualDisplay.IsPreferredResolutionEnabled
- Rgreceiver.Session.<n>.VirtualDisplay.PreferredResolutionHeight
- Rgreceiver.Session.<n>.VirtualDisplay.PreferredResolutionWidth

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 **NOTE:** If `IsPreferredResolutionEnabled` is true for any session, HP ZCentral Remote Boost disables all other display resolution and layout matching methods.

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- **Per-session display properties:** Per-session display properties can be set in the configuration file or used in an auto-launch file. See [Auto-launch properties \(Windows only\) on page 79](#). The per-session display properties can be used to describe the resolution, position, and orientation of one or more displays. Each display has the following fields where <n> is the session number and <x> is a display number:

- Rgreceiver.Session.<n>.Display.<x>.X
- Rgreceiver.Session.<n>.Display.<x>.Y
- Rgreceiver.Session.<n>.Display.<x>.Width
- Rgreceiver.Session.<n>.Display.<x>.Height
- Rgreceiver.Session.<n>.Display.<x>.Orientation

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 **NOTE:** For more information about these properties and their expected values, see [Using display properties to set resolution and layout on page 46](#).

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 **NOTE:** If any per-session display property is in the configuration file, HP ZCentral Remote Boost disables the **Set Sender display(s) to match Receiver display(s)** and the **Set Sender display(s) to match display properties** settings.


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- **Set Sender display(s) to match Receiver display(s):** If the **Set Sender display(s) to match Receiver display(s)** setting is enabled, HP ZCentral Remote Boost automatically tries to set the resolution and display layout of the sender to match that of the receiver.

You can also control this function with the following properties:

- Rgreceiver.IsMatchReceiverResolutionEnabled
- Rgreceiver.IsMatchReceiverPhysicalDisplaysEnabled

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 **NOTE:** By default `IsMatchReceiverPhysicalDisplaysEnabled` is enabled when the **Set Sender display(s) to match Receiver display(s)** setting is enabled.

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- **Set Sender display(s) to match display properties:** If the **Set Sender display(s) to match display properties** setting is enabled, HP ZCentral Remote Boost automatically tries to set the resolution and display layout of the sender to match the specified display properties.

 **NOTE:** The **Set Sender display(s) to match display properties** option is disabled if no display properties were found in the configuration file.

The display properties can be used to describe the resolution, position, and orientation of one or more displays. Each display has the following fields where <x> is a display number:

- 
- Rgreceiver.Display.<x>.X
  - Rgreceiver.Display.<x>.Y
  - Rgreceiver.Display.<x>.Width

- `Rgreceiver.Display.<x>.Height`
- `Rgreceiver.Display.<x>.Orientation`



**NOTE:** For more information about these properties and their expected values, see [Using display properties to set resolution and layout on page 46](#).

You can also enable the **Set Sender display(s) to match display properties** with the `Rgreceiver.UseDisplayProperties` property.

## Matching display resolution and layout (Windows-based sender)

When attempting to match the resolution and display layout, the most important thing to remember is that the sender must support the same resolution and layout as the receiver.

### Testing the resolution

To avoid possible resolution-matching problems, test the resolution in advance using the following procedure:

1. Establish an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection with the **Do not change the sender display(s)** setting enabled.
2. When the connection is established, manually attempt to set the sender's resolution to match the receiver's resolution.

If you can match the resolution, then HP ZCentral Remote Boost can also do it for you automatically.

### Additional configuration on the sender

Depending on the NVIDIA® GPU and driver you are using, you might need to perform additional configuration on the sender. The required configurations can vary depending on the hardware, described as follows:


- **Blade workstation:** If the sender is a blade workstation, then its NVIDIA driver exposes all display outputs to the operating system as if they have monitors attached. The resolutions provided by the NVIDIA driver cover a broad range of settings and should meet most user needs. If the resolution you want is not available, see [Adding custom resolutions on page 43](#).
- **Virtual workstation:** If the sender is a virtual workstation with a hypervisor, the NVIDIA driver presents a single display to the operating system. The resolutions provided by the NVIDIA driver cover a broad range of settings and should meet most user needs. If you are using a single display at the receiver, no further action is required. If you need to configure additional resolutions and/or make additional displays available, see [NVIDIA resolution-matching \(Windows-based senders with NVIDIA graphics only\) on page 42](#).
- **Traditional workstation:** If the sender is a traditional workstation, then its NVIDIA driver expects to find a display attached to one or more outputs. When it does, it queries the EDID (Extended Display Information Data) information from the display for its supported resolutions and makes the display and resolutions available to the operating system. On Windows 7, if there is not a display attached, the NVIDIA driver reverts to a single VGA output with basic display resolutions. For servers, rack-mounted workstations, and non-NVIDIA graphics, use an EDID emulator device or create an EDID file to allow resolution matching. See [Creating and applying an EDID file on page 43](#) and [Matching display resolution and layout \(Windows-based sender\) on page 41](#) for more information. Alternatively, HP ZCentral Remote Boost will load EDID files automatically. See [NVIDIA resolution-matching \(Windows-based senders with NVIDIA graphics only\) on page 42](#).
- **Headless workstation:** When connecting to a workstation that has no physical displays connected, HP ZCentral Remote Boost requires that an EDID be loaded first. HP ZCentral Remote Boost can be configured to automatically load a custom EDID which supports most resolutions up to 4k. To enable automatic EDID loading on headless workstations with Nvidia GPU:

1. In `rgsenderconfig`, set `Rgsender.Compatibility.Displays.ForceEdidOnHeadless` to 1.
2. Restart the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service.

– or –

Restart the sender.

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 **NOTE:** This property will only apply an EDID to a system if it is headless when the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service starts. If the workstation is not headless when the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service starts, then no EDID will be loaded.


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### NVIDIA resolution-matching (Windows-based senders with NVIDIA graphics only)

NVIDIA resolution-matching provides the following additional features over the default resolution-matching method:

- Automatic loading and unloading of EDID files to allow a sender with fewer monitors than the receiver to "fake" displays


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 **NOTE:** This is especially useful for virtual workstations where the hypervisor typically provides only one display.

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- Rotated monitors on virtualized systems (specifically, Citrix and VMware virtual machines)
- Automatic application of custom resolutions on virtualized systems

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 **NOTE:** If NVIDIA resolution-matching fails to match the requested resolution/resolutions, HP ZCentral Remote Boost attempts the default resolution-matching method.

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To enable NVIDIA resolution-matching:

1. In `rgsenderconfig`, set `Rgsender.Compatibility.Displays.AllowNvidiaResolutionMatching` to 1.
2. Restart the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service.


– or –

Restart the sender.

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 **NOTE:** For more information about setting the property, see [Setting property values in a configuration file on page 74](#).

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 **NOTE:** NVIDIA resolution-matching is enabled by default on Windows 10 Redstone 1 and later but must be enabled on Windows 7, Windows 8.1, and Windows 10 pre-Redstone.

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### EDID files

Extended Display Identification Data (EDID) data is a standardized means for a display to communicate its capabilities, such as resolution and video characteristics, to a source device.

This allows the source device (PC, graphics card) to generate the necessary graphics that match the needs of the system. EDIDs provide a powerful and convenient method for HP ZCentral Remote Boost to manage complex customer requirements.

## Creating and applying an EDID file

There are software tools available to create and edit an EDID file, but the easiest method is to use an existing monitor from the receiver, temporarily attaching it to the sender and using the NVIDIA Control Panel to export the EDID file.

If you have several different displays that you use on the receiver, HP recommends that you capture the EDID information of the monitor that has the highest display resolution. This will address all other resolution needs.

### Creating an EDID file

To create an EDID file:

1. Attach a monitor to the sender or the receiver.



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**NOTE:** This is not possible with blade workstations that use MXM graphics.

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2. Open the NVIDIA Control Panel and select **View system topology**.
3. Find and select **EDID** for the connected monitor.
4. The **Manage EDID** dialog box opens. Select the tab labeled **Export**.
5. Select a display and select **Export EDID** and save the output to a file. This file can be imported on the sender system.

### Importing an EDID file

To import an EDID file:

1. On the sender system, under **View system topology** select **EDID** on the connector port you want to use.
2. In the **Manage EDID** dialog box, select the **Load** tab and then **Browse** and select the EDID file you created.
3. Under **Connector** select the port (DVI, DisplayPort) that you want to use for the EDID monitor.
4. Select **Load EDID**. The EDID information is applied.
5. Select **OK** and then select **cancel** to close the **Manage EDID** dialog box.



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**NOTE:** If you apply the file to multiple DisplayPort connectors, HP ZCentral Remote Boost can able to support multi-display configurations.

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Under the View System Topology screen of the NVIDIA Control Panel, you should now be able to see that an EDID file has been applied to the DisplayPort connectors that you selected. HP ZCentral Remote Boost can now match the specified display resolution and display layout.

### Adding custom resolutions

To add a resolution that is not already supported by the NVIDIA driver:

1. Open the NVIDIA Control Panel and select **Change Resolution**.
2. Select **Customize**.
3. Select the **Enable resolutions not exposed by the display** check box, and then select **Create Custom Resolution**.



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**NOTE:** If a warning appears, accept it.

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4. Add the custom resolutions.

## Matching display resolution and layout (Linux-based sender)

When attempting to match the resolution and display layout, the sender must support the same resolution and layout as the receiver. If the resolution is not supported, HP ZCentral Remote Boost instead uses the preferred resolution of the sender from the file `xorg.conf`.

For example, if the receiver has dual monitors set at a 1280 × 1024 resolution, HP ZCentral Remote Boost asks the sender to set its resolution to 2560 × 1024. If the resolution is not supported, HP ZCentral Remote Boost instead uses the preferred resolution of the sender from the file `xorg.conf`.

The easiest way to check whether the sender can match the receiver resolution is to attempt to set the resolution on the sender manually. If you can set the resolution manually, then HP ZCentral Remote Boost can do it for you automatically. If you cannot set the resolution manually, you must modify the file `xorg.conf` to support the additional required resolutions.

To test whether you can match the resolution manually, establish an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection with the **Do not change the sender display(s)** setting enabled.

After you establish an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session, open an X terminal window and use the `xrandr` tool to list all the currently supported resolutions for the X server. You can also use the tool to configure the X server display settings, including size and orientation.

Previous releases of the X Window System used the file `/etc/X11/xorg.conf` to store initial setup information. When a change occurred with the monitor or video card, you were required to edit the file manually. Although current releases of Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® (RHEL) have largely automated the process, you still need to edit the file to support configurations where no monitor is attached or where you want the X server to simulate that it has a different monitor attached to it with different resolution capabilities. Similarly, this is also the case when you want to match the receiver's resolution in an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session where the X server cannot determine the capabilities of the receiver's monitors.



**NOTE:** Some window managers (such as GNOME) allow you to modify display preferences, which can sometimes result in the creation of the following file:

```
$HOME/.config/monitors.xml
```

When you log in to the system and a window manager starts a session, it uses information from this file to set the current desktop resolution. This can reverse the resolution matching performed by HP ZCentral Remote Boost and cause the desktop to be set to an inappropriate resolution.

For example, if you set the desktop resolution of the sender to 1024 × 768 using a window manager, that resolution is stored in `monitors.xml`. If an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection is then established with display resolution matching enabled on a receiver with a resolution of 1920 × 1200, the sender display resolution changes to 1920 × 1200 and then to 1024 × 768. There is no notification that the resolution match request failed (because it did not).

To avoid this behavior, avoid setting the resolution using window manager controls. It is safe to delete `monitors.xml` to restore display resolution matching functionality. See the documentation for your operating system or window manager for more information about where and how it manages display settings.

## Configuring the X server

The X server can be configured in several different ways.

### Scenario 1: All receivers have the same configuration

If all receivers have the same configuration, then using the **Virtual** entry under the **Screen** section of the file `xorg.conf` is the easiest method.

For example, if all receivers have four monitors configured at 1280x1024 each, configure the X server to run at a resolution of 5120x1024 by making the following additions to the file `xorg.conf`.

Add the following under the **Device** section:

```
Option "UseDisplayDevice" "none"
```

```
Option "UseEDID" "false"
```

Add the following under the **Screen** section:

```
SubSection "Display"
```

```
Virtual 5120 1024
```

```
Depth 24
```

```
EndSubSection
```

Now the X server is configured to have a single screen running at a resolution of 5120 × 1024, which covers all four of the receiver's monitors. You can use this method to support a very large virtual display limited only by frame buffer memory.

## Scenario 2: Some receivers have different configurations

In the more likely scenario where you need to support many different display resolution and monitor configurations, you can use the NVIDIA TwinView® mode to match the resolutions.

TwinView mode is where two display devices (digital flat panels, CRTs) can display the contents of a single X screen in different configurations. This method for using multiple monitors has the following distinct advantages over other techniques such as Xinerama (which is not supported by HP ZCentral Remote Boost):

- It uses only a single X screen. The NVIDIA driver conceals all information about multiple display devices from the X server. As far as the X server is concerned, there is only one screen.
- Both display devices share one frame buffer. Thus, all the capabilities present on a single display (for example, accelerated OpenGL) are available with TwinView.
- There is no additional overhead when emulating a single desktop.

For example, if all receivers have either single or dual monitors, you should configure the X server to think it has the monitor with the highest resolution used on any of the receivers. This allows the X server to support as many display resolutions as possible. You do this by capturing the EDID information from the monitor (see [Creating an EDID file on page 46](#)) and making the following additions to the file `xorg.conf`.

The following example uses dual HP LP2465 displays. The following text is added under the **Device** section of `xorg.conf`:

```
Option "ConnectedMonitor" "DFP-0,DFP-1"
```

```
Option "CustomEDID" "DFP-0:/etc/X11/lp2465edid.bin;DFP-1:/etc/X11/lp2465edid.bin"
```

Now that the X server thinks it has dual HP LP2465 displays attached to it, enable TwinView support and configure the supported single and dual display layouts under the **Screen** section:

```
Option "TwinView" "True"
```

```
Option "MetaModes" "DFP-0: 1920x1200 +0+0, DFP-1: 1920x1200 +1920+0;  
DFP-0: 1920x1200 +0+0, DFP-1:NULL"
```

```
SubSection "Display"
```

```
Depth 24
```

EndSubSection

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 **NOTE:** In the previous example, NULL represents a single display configuration. This line covers both dual and single display configurations.

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To support additional resolutions, define additional combinations on the same line:

```
Option "MetaModes" "DFP-0: 1920x1200 +0+0, DFP-1: 1920x1200 +1920+0;
DFP-0: 1920x1200 +0+0, DFP-1:NULL; DFP-0: 1680x1050 +0+0, DFP-1:
1680x1050 +1680+0; DFP-0: 1680x1050 +0+0, DFP-1:NULL; DFP-0: 1600x1200
+0+0, DFP-1: 1600x1200 +1200+0; DFP-0: 1600x1200 +0+0, DFP-1:NULL; DFP-0:
1400x1050 +0+0, DFP-1: 1400x1050 +1400+0; DFP-0: 1400x1050 +0+0,
DFP-1:NULL; DFP-0: 1280x1024 +0+0, DFP-1: 1280x1024 +1280+0; DFP-0:
1280x1024 +0+0, DFP-1:NULL"
```

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 **NOTE:** The EDID file provided to the X server must still support the listed resolutions.


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## Creating an EDID file

To create an EDID file:

- ▲ Use the NVIDIA tool `nvidia-settings` to create an EDID file in either `.bin` or `.txt` format.

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 **IMPORTANT:** A physical display must be attached before you can use the NVIDIA tool.

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 **TIP:** You can also use the method for Windows described in [Creating and applying an EDID file on page 43](#) and copy the EDID file to the Linux system.

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## Using display properties to set resolution and layout

You can use the display properties to describe the resolution, position, and orientation of one or more displays.

You can configure each display using the following fields:

- **X:** The X position of the upper-left corner of the display.
- **Y:** The Y position of the upper-left corner of the display.
- **Width:** The width of the display.
- **Height:** The height of the display.
- **Orientation:** The orientation of the display. Can be one of the following values:
  - **0:** Landscape
  - **1:** Portrait
  - **2:** Landscape (flipped)
  - **3:** Portrait (flipped)

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 **NOTE:** If a field is not specified, the default value is 0.

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For the display properties to be valid, the following conditions must be met:

- There must be at least one display specified.
- Display numbers must start at 1 and be sequential.
- One display must be at the origin where X=0 and Y=0.



- Each display's width and height must be greater than 0.
- A display's width must be greater than its height when its orientation is Landscape or Landscape (flipped).
- A display's height must be greater than its width when its orientation is Portrait or Portrait (flipped).

When more than one display is specified, the additional conditions must be met:

- No display can overlap another display.
- All displays must be adjacent to at least one other display. This means that all displays must be one X or Y position away from another display along one of the display edges.

The display properties are validated during the connection attempt. If this validation fails, an error dialog box is displayed and the connection uses the sender's current configuration.

For example, see the following display properties. These properties define two 1920 × 1200 displays that are positioned side by side.

```
Rgreceiver.Display.1.X=0
Rgreceiver.Display.1.Y=0
Rgreceiver.Display.1.Width=1920
Rgreceiver.Display.1.Height=1200
Rgreceiver.Display.1.Orientation=0
Rgreceiver.Display.2.X=1920
Rgreceiver.Display.2.Y=0
Rgreceiver.Display.2.Width=1920
Rgreceiver.Display.2.Height=1200
Rgreceiver.Display.2.Orientation=0
```

## Sender screen blanking

HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender, by default, blanks the screen of the sender monitor (if one is connected) so that the desktop session is not visible on the sender side.



**IMPORTANT:** Screen blanking is not supported if the sender is a virtual machine.

The default behavior is that the sender screen, with the exception of the cursor, blanks to black when you start an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session. The sender screen is displayed after the HP ZCentral Remote Boost session is ended.

See the following additional information about HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender screen blanking:

- There might be a delay of up to 2 seconds after an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session is started before the sender screen is blanked.
- If, for any reason, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender is unable to blank the sender screen, a warning dialog is displayed on the receiver.
- If the sender is an HP workstation, then most input from any physically connected keyboards or mice at the sender side is blocked while screen blanking is occurring. When HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender receives keyboard or mouse input from HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, the sender monitor enters a power-saving mode, which blanks the cursor as a result.

- The **Ctrl+Alt+Del** key sequence is not blocked by HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender for any physically connected keyboards at the sender side. When this sequence is input into the sender using a physically-connected keyboard, the Windows logon screen of the remote desktop is displayed at the receiver side in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window. The sender monitor remains blank while this occurs, but the monitor will exit its power-saving mode, and sender keyboard input is not blocked until the logon screen is closed.
- Screen blanking is supported for a Linux-based sender using multiple monitors only if NVIDIA TwinView is in use.
- Screen blanking can be disabled using the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool (see [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool \(Windows/Linux only\) on page 67](#)).

## Input


Supported input devices include gestures (Windows only), Wacom pen (Linux only), Game Mode (Windows only), and several keyboard layouts.

### Using touch features (Windows touch-capable devices only)

HP ZCentral Remote Boost supports the following touch features.



**NOTE:** HP ZCentral Remote Boost does not support touch features for Windows 7.

- **Gestures**—See the following table for more information.
  - **Virtual keyboard and virtual mouse**—You can access the virtual keyboard and virtual mouse from the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver toolbar. The virtual mouse provides a visual indication of the remote cursor position, which is normally not present in the tablet GUI. The virtual mouse is useful when precise cursor positioning or hovering is required.
-  **TIP:** The virtual mouse can also be enabled and disabled using the four-finger tap gesture.
- **Hotkey sequence mapping**—See [Gestures \(Windows touch-capable devices only\) on page 22](#) for more information.

The following table describes the gestures supported by HP ZCentral Remote Boost.



**IMPORTANT:** A **press** is 0.5 seconds or more, while a **tap** is less than 0.5 seconds.

**Table 8-1 Gestures and their descriptions**

Gesture	Description
1-finger tap	Left-click
1-finger double tap	Double-click
1-finger press and drag	Left-click and drag
2-finger tap	Right-click
2-finger press and drag	Right-click and drag
2-finger pinch/spread	Zoom out/in
	<b>NOTE:</b> The zoom will snap to 100% if close after you lift your fingers.
2-finger drag	Pan (when zoomed in)
3-finger swipe or drag	Scroll wheel

**Table 8-1 Gestures and their descriptions (continued)**

<b>Gesture</b>	<b>Description</b>
4-finger tap	Enable or disable the virtual mouse
4-finger press and drag	Center-click and drag
1-finger press	These gestures can be customized. See <a href="#">Gestures (Windows touch-capable devices only) on page 22</a> for more information.
1-finger swipe left	
1-finger swipe right	
1-finger swipe up	
1-finger swipe down	
3-finger tap	
3-finger press	
4-finger press	

**TIP:** For a graphical demonstration of these gestures, select the **Gestures** panel in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver settings, and then select **See gestures tutorial**.

**NOTE:** Some gestures are disabled when the virtual mouse is enabled.

## Using a Wacom pen (Linux)

The Linux receiver can allow a Wacom device to be virtually attached to a Linux sender. For best results, the receiver and sender should have a single display with matching resolutions.

When installing the receiver with the `install.sh` script, the script asks if Wacom support should be enabled. If the answer is yes, the `rgs-pen-tablet.rules` file is copied from the `/opt/hpremote/rgreceiver/rules` folder into the `/etc/udev/rules.d` folder.

If the receiver install process does not use the `install.sh` script, which is the expected case for HP ThinPro, the `rgs-pen-tablet.rules` file must be copied manually. After installing the `rgs-pen-tablet.rules` file, the Wacom device must be unplugged from the receiver system or the receiver system must be restarted to allow the `rgs-pen-tablet.rules` file to be applied.

The receiver system must have a driver compatible with the Wacom device. This driver is expected to be provided by default for all Linux distributions supported by HP ZCentral Remote Boost.

In addition, the receiver and sender systems must have the Wacom input driver installed. This is a software driver provided by standard distribution software repositories. The name of the input package varies with distribution. HP ThinPro provides the Wacom input driver. The Wacom input driver is typically provided by default for Linux distributions supported by HP ZCentral Remote Boost. (RedHat uses `xorg-x11-drv-wacom` as the name of the package containing Wacom input driver. Ubuntu uses `server-xorg-input-wacom-hwe` as the name of its Wacom input driver.) A custom configuration may require the Wacom input driver to be installed manually.

After plugging in a Wacom device to the receiver system, the pen can move the cursor.

After the Linux receiver is connected to a Linux sender, the Wacom input devices are captured. Enter the Linux command `xinput list` to display an expected list of Wacom input devices such as a stylus and eraser.

The Wacom input devices will only be usable within the HP ZCentral Remote Boost receiver window. A mouse is necessary to interact with the receiver interface and the local desktop.



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**NOTE:** A Wacom pen does not respect floor control in a collaboration session. Multiple users attempting to simultaneously provide any kind of input might result in unwanted behavior.

The usage of Remote USB and the usage of a Wacom pen are mutually exclusive. To enable the usage of a Wacom pen when Remote USB is enabled, open **USB Manager** in HP ThinPro and set the USB protocol to **Local**.

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## Game Mode (Windows only)

Game Mode lets you lock the cursor inside the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window to perform functions that rely on relative cursor movements, such as 3D environment interaction. If Game Mode is not enabled, such interactions might cause erratic cursor behavior.

You can set the default state of Game Mode (enabled or disabled) with the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool or Receiver Configuration File. You can toggle game mode on and off while HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver is in Setup Mode by pressing the **G** key.

## Supported keyboard layouts

All keyboard layouts and languages are supported.

## Remote Audio

Remote Audio allows audio generated by the sender to play back on the speakers of the receiver.

### HP ZCentral Remote Boost audio path

The following sequence describes the path taken by audio during an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection:

1. Software on the sender generates audio output.
2. The audio output is routed to HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender using a physical or virtual audio device.
3. HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender encodes and transmits the audio output to HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on each receiver.
4. HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver decodes and sends the audio output to the audio mixer of the operating system.
5. The audio mixer of the operating system sends the audio to the default audio playback device.
6. The audio device plays the audio output on a connected audio peripheral, such as a speaker.



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**NOTE:** Sounds that play through an internal speaker, such as the ToggleKeys sound on Windows, are not captured by HP ZCentral Remote Boost.

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For information about the audio settings in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, see [Audio on page 22](#).

For Remote Audio troubleshooting tips, see [Remote Audio issues on page 88](#).

### Using Remote Audio (Windows-based sender)

On Windows, Remote Audio works by default.

If the sender has an audio device, the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender installation process detects it. If the sender does not have an audio device (or if you disable all audio devices before installation of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender), then the `HP Remote Audio` virtual audio device is also installed during the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender installation process and is used by HP ZCentral Remote Boost instead.

## Using Remote Audio (Linux-based sender)

On Linux, some manual configuration might be required for Remote Audio depending on the audio capture method you intend to use.

If the sender has an audio device, HP ZCentral Remote Boost supports two different methods of audio capture:

- PulseAudio: See [PulseAudio on page 51](#).
- Advanced Linux Sound Architecture (ALSA): See [ALSA on page 51](#).

The following property specifies which audio capture method will be used (see [Other global properties on page 75](#) for more information):

```
Rgsender.Audio.Linux.RecorderApi
```



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**NOTE:** Some audio device drivers might not have the capability to capture application-generated audio.

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### PulseAudio

Any audio device that is configured for PulseAudio can be used. PulseAudio provides a software interface similar to the Stereo Mix capability for ALSA. PulseAudio also provides a dummy device that allows the audio system to function when no hardware audio devices are available.

When using PulseAudio to capture audio, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender attempts to detect and connect to the monitor of the default playback device of the sender automatically. Explicit control of the PulseAudio capture device is available through the following property (see [Other global properties on page 75](#) for more information):

```
Rgsender.Audio.Linux.DeviceName
```

If this property is set, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender attempts to connect to the device specified by this property. The command `pactl list` is useful for determining the PulseAudio device names. To capture from a specific device, specify the corresponding PulseAudio monitor source string (such as `alsa_output.pci-0000_00_1b.0.analog-stereo.monitor`).

PulseAudio allows the user to configure and control the audio devices in the system. Changing the output device during an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session results in a loss of audio. To restore audio, either reselect the original device or stop and start the audio stream using the audio settings in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.

### ALSA

When using the ALSA audio system to capture audio, an audio device must be installed on the sender for application-generated audio to be sent to the receiver. Furthermore, the audio device installed in the sender must have the ability to record from a control that is the mix of all audio signals. On a Windows computer, by way of comparison, this control is often called **Stereo Mix**. Linux, however, does not follow a standard naming convention for this control, hence the need to evaluate individual audio devices to determine their suitability for use on Linux.

The audio devices on Linux are not consistent in the naming conventions of the audio controls. The HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender installer will attempt to adjust volume levels for known audio devices to allow audio to be captured. This section describes how to adjust volume levels for the supported audio devices. This information may be helpful for configuring audio devices that are not currently supported by the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender installer.

Volume levels can typically be adjusted through the Volume Control application. This is usually found in the gnome panel or the system preferences menu. The Volume Control application may not show all available volume controls. The preferences for the Volume Control application may need to be adjusted to allow access to hidden volume controls.

The alsamixer is a command-line tool for adjusting volume. This application will not hide audio controls like its GUI counterpart; however, it is not as intuitive. Press the **h** key after running alsamixer to get additional information about how to control capture volumes.

Unsupported PCI audio devices are known to allow capture of application generated audio. The names of the controls that need to be adjusted are not consistent. Names of controls that might need to be adjusted include **PCM**, **Capture**, and **Mix**.

You must specify the device where the audio is recorded by using the following property:

```
Rgsender.Audio.Linux.DeviceName
```

Run the command:

```
cat /proc/asound/devices
```

From this, you can see a list of the audio devices that looks something like this:

```
0: [ 0] : control
1: : sequencer
8: [ 0- 0]: raw midi
16: [ 0- 0]: digital audio playback
17: [ 0- 1]: digital audio playback
24: [ 0- 0]: digital audio capture
32: [ 1] : control
33: : timer
48: [ 1- 0]: digital audio playback
56: [ 1- 0]: digital audio capture
```

Use an audio device only if it contains the word *capture* (device number 24 or 56 in the previous example). Between each pair of square brackets, the first number is the sound card and the second number is the mixer device.

Use the following syntax to set the audio capture device, where *<c>* is the sound card number and *<d>* is the mixer device number:

```
Rgsender.Audio.Linux.DeviceName=plughw:<c>,<d>
```

Using the previous example, you could specify audio device number 24 like in the following example:

```
Rgsender.Audio.Linux.DeviceName=plughw:0,0
```

You could alternatively specify audio device number 56 like in the following example:

```
Rgsender.Audio.Linux.DeviceName=plughw:1,0
```

## Remote Clipboard

Remote Clipboard allows you to cut, copy, and paste data between the receiver and the sender or between two different senders.


Copying, cutting, and pasting text is supported on Windows, Linux, and macOS. Copying, cutting, and pasting an image is only supported between a Windows-based sender and Windows-based receiver. In addition, copying, cutting, and pasting images is only supported for individual images. You cannot copy, cut, or paste groups of images or image and text combinations.

On Windows, Remote Clipboard must be enabled during both the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver installations (see [Installation on page 8](#)).

On Linux, Remote Clipboard is installed by default.

On Windows, Linux, and macOS, Remote Clipboard must also be enabled in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver (see [Connection on page 21](#)).

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 **TIP:** Setting the logging level of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver or HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender to `DEBUG` enables Remote Clipboard log information.

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## Remote USB (Windows and ThinPro only)


Remote USB allows USB devices physically attached to the receiver to be virtually attached (mounted) to the sender. This gives the sender direct access to the USB devices, as if the devices were physically attached to it.

See the following list for information about Remote USB support:

- The sender must be Windows-based.
- The receiver can be either Windows-based or ThinPro-based.
- A receiver's physically-attached USB devices can be collectively attached to a single sender. The devices cannot be split between multiple senders, nor can they be collectively attached to multiple senders.
- HP ZCentral Remote Boost supports all four USB data transfer types (bulk, isochronous, interrupt, and control).
- USB devices that adhere to the USB 1.x or 2.x standard should work. However, webcams and devices that are sensitive to timing might experience decreased performance, or they might not function at all. HP recommends thoroughly testing any USB device intended for use with HP ZCentral Remote Boost.
- USB 1.x and USB 2.x devices are supported on USB 3.x ports, but USB 3.x devices are not supported.
- File copies might take longer due to the additional overhead of the network protocol on top of the USB protocol.

## Configuring the remoting behavior of individual USB devices (Windows only)

The remoting behavior for individual USB devices can be altered from what was set globally during installation.

 **IMPORTANT:** This configuration requires modifications to the Windows registry on the receiver. Registry modifications should be made with extreme caution, and you should always make a backup of the registry prior to making any changes.

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To configure the remoting behavior of a USB device:

1. Find the vendor ID and device ID for the USB device (see [Determining USB device information \(Windows\) on page 55](#)).

2. Open the Registry Editor and create the following registry key:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\hprpushb  
\Parameters\Device
```

3. Create the following registry key:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\hprpushb  
\Parameters\Device\VID_VendorID&PID_ProductID
```

4. For the key you just created, create a string value named `Mode`.
5. Set the value of `Mode` to `auto`, `local`, or `remote`.



**NOTE:** If set to `auto`, the USB device switches its mounted location between the sender and the receiver at the start and end of an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection respectively. If set to `remote`, you must physically disconnect the USB device from the receiver after the HP ZCentral Remote Boost session ends and then reconnect the USB device for it to be usable on the receiver.

## USB microphones

The Remote USB driver (on the receiver) supports the USB isochronous data type, which is commonly used for streaming data such as that generated by audio and video devices. This enables certain isochronous USB microphones to be accessed directly by the sender in the same manner as other USB devices.

To remotely attach USB microphones to the sender, either of these Remote USB Configuration settings can be selected:

- **USB devices are Remote**—If selected, a USB microphone can be accessed anytime by the sender.
- **USB devices are Local/Remote**—If selected, how the USB microphone can be accessed by the sender depends on when the microphone is connected to the receiver relative to establishment of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection:
  - If the microphone is connected to the receiver after establishment of an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection, the microphone will be a remote device only and can be accessed directly by the sender.



**TIP:** The Windows **Recording devices** dialog in the sender allows the user to set the default sound recording device (microphone).

## Remote USB Access Control List

HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender supports an Access Control List (ACL) file that contains rules that specify whether to allow a Remote USB connection from a USB device on the receiver side.

Each rule in the ACL file has a type of `allow` or `deny`. The rules are evaluated for each Remote USB connection request as described:

- If any rule indicates the USB connection should be denied, the connection is denied, regardless of any other rule.
- If any rule indicates the USB connection should be allowed, and if there are no rules that deny the connection, the connection is allowed.
- If no rules match at all, the connection is denied.

The ACL file is implemented in XML format and is accompanied by an XSD (XML Schema Definition) file that defines the XML elements. The default ACL file `hprDefaultUsbAcl.xml` and the XSD file `hprUsbAcl.xsd` are both in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender installation directory.




**TIP:** You can specify different files using the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool (see [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool \(Windows/Linux only\) on page 67](#)).

The default ACL file contains the following contents, which allows all USB connections to be made:

```
<hprUsbAcl> <ruleset> <rule type="allow"> <name>Allow all USB devices (HP default)</name> </rule> </ruleset></hprUsbAcl>
```

Rules can contain the filters described in the following table.



 **TIP:** See `hprUsbAc1.xsd` for examples of using filters.

**Table 8-2 Filter commands and their descriptions**

Filter	Description
<code>bDeviceClass</code>	The device class
<code>bDeviceSubclass</code>	The device subclass
<code>bDeviceProtocol</code>	The device protocol
<code>idVendor</code>	The vendor ID
<code>idProduct</code>	The product ID
<code>bcdDevice</code>	The device version number
<code>manufacturer</code>	The manufacturer name
<code>product</code>	The product name
<code>serialNumber</code>	The product serial number
<code>peerAddress</code>	The IP address of the receiver
<code>group</code>	The domain group of the user logged on to the receiver

**IMPORTANT:** Filtering by `manufacturer`, `product`, or `serialNumber` is not reliable because the manufacturer is not required to fill in those values.

## Determining USB device information (Windows)

To determine USB device information:

1. Open Device Manager and find the USB device under **Universal Serial Bus controllers**.
2. Double-click the USB device, and then select the **Details** tab in the window that appears.
3. Determine the vendor ID, product ID, class, subclass, and protocol.
  - a. Select **Hardware Ids** from the drop-down menu. The vendor ID and product ID are displayed in the following format:

```
USB\VID_<vendor ID>&PID_<product ID>
```

In the following example, the vendor ID is 1234 and the device ID is 5678:

```
USB VID_1234&PID_5678
```
  - b. Select **Compatible Ids** from the drop-down menu. The class, subclass, and protocol are represented by numerical codes and are displayed in the following format:

```
USB\Class_<class code>&SubClass_<subclass code>&Prot_<protocol code>
```

In the following example, the class code is 08, the subclass code is 06, and the protocol code is 50:

```
USB Class_08&SubClass_06&Prot_50
```

## Determining USB device information (Linux)

You can use open-source software to determine USB information about Linux.

To determine USB device information, use an open source program named USBView, which is available at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/usbview>.

## Enabling Remote USB on HP ThinPro

Remote USB can be enabled for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on HP ThinPro if the sender is Windows-based.

To enable Remote USB on HP ThinPro:

1. In HP ThinPro, open the USB Manager and set the USB protocol to **HP ZCentral Remote Boost**.
2. Restart the thin client.
3. Ensure that **Enable remote USB** is enabled in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.

## Directory Mode

Directory Mode lets you connect to multiple senders simultaneously from a single receiver. When you start HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver in Directory Mode, it looks for a directory file containing user names and computer names. HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver reads this file and attempts to connect to each specified sender automatically.

The default directory file is `directory.txt` in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver installation directory.



**NOTE:** This file contains examples that are commented out using the number sign (#) character.

## Directory file format

The directory file is often a common file for a group, department, organization, or an entire company. The directory file can manage and administer the senders for any number of users. HP recommends that you save the directory file on a readily accessible network file share or mapped drive so it can be shared by multiple receivers.

The directory file is a text file with the following format for each user:

```
<domain name> <user name> <computer name> [<computer name> ...]
```

The domain name of a Windows-based receiver depends on the environment. For a domain account, using the example `worldwide\user1`, the domain name used for Directory Mode would be `worldwide`.

The following example directory file specifies the senders for user1 and user2 in a domain account environment:

```
worldwide user1 RC_1 RC_2 RC_3
worldwide user2 RC_4 RC_5 RC_6
```

For a local account, using the example `user1_computer\user1`, the domain name used for Directory Mode would be `user1_computer`.

The following example directory file specifies the senders for user1 and user2 in a local account environment:

```
user1_computer user1 RC_1 RC_2 RC_3
user2_computer user2 RC_4 RC_5 RC_6
```

For Linux-based receiver, use `UNIX` as the domain name.

The domain name does not apply when using the directory file for Linux users. Instead, use the keyword `UNIX` in place of the domain name. For example:

```
UNIX user1 RC_1 RC_2 RC_3
```

If the user name contains white-space characters, the name can be enclosed in double-quotes as shown:

```
domain1 "user1 user" RC_1 RC_2 RC_3
```

```
domain1 "user2 user" RC_4 RC_5 RC_6
```

## Starting HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver in Directory Mode (Windows)

You can verify the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver connection and then start Directory Mode.

### Verifying the HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection

Before you attempt a connection in Directory Mode for the first time, HP recommends that you first verify that HP ZCentral Remote Boost can connect to each computer individually.

- ▲ Windows 10: Select **Start**, type `HP ZCentral Remote Boost`, and then select **HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Directory Mode** from the search results.

### Bringing a specific HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window to the front

To bring a specific HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window to the front:

1. Enable Setup Mode using the hotkey sequence (see [Setup Mode on page 19](#)).
2. Press `Tab` to open the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window selector, and then select an HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window.

## Starting HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver in Directory Mode (macOS)

To start Directory Mode:

- ▲ Run either of the following commands on the command line:

```
open -a "HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver" --args -directory Filename
```

```
open -a "HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver" --args -directory
```

If a file name is specified after `-directory`, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver uses that file as the directory file. If no file name is specified, you are prompted to specify the path and name of the directory file.


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## 9 Configuration tools and properties

On Windows and Linux, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender each include a configuration tool that allows you to modify some of the more advanced HP ZCentral Remote Boost settings. Most of the options in the configuration tools correspond to one of the properties in the `rgreceiverconfig` and `rgsenderconfig` files respectively.

On macOS, properties must be set manually by editing the file `/Library/Application Support/HP/rgreceiverconfig`.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

 **NOTE:** When settings are changed using the configuration tools, the process described in [Setting property values in a configuration file on page 74](#) is automated. Manual editing of the configuration files is not necessary unless you want to add or modify properties that do not have a corresponding option in one of the configuration tools, such as the per-session properties of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.

See [Setting HP ZCentral Remote Boost properties manually on page 73](#) and [Other properties on page 75](#) for more information.

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### HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver setting override hierarchy

In the following hierarchy, settings configured using methods higher on the list override settings configured using methods lower on the list (with 1 being the highest and 5 being the lowest).

Options changed during the lifetime of the receiver, via the UI of the receiver, will override any value previously set using HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool (or by manually editing the properties in the `rgreceiverconfig` file). If an administrator wants to prevent previously saved values from taking effect, they must mark the property as `immutable` (see below).

1. Settings configured in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver
2. Settings configured on the command line
3. Settings that were persisted the last time HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver was closed.
4. Settings configured using the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool (or by manually editing the properties in the `rgreceiverconfig` file)
5. Default settings

### HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool (Windows and Linux Only)

The HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver includes the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool.

#### Using the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool

To use the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool:

1. Start the tool:

- On Windows, navigate to the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver installation directory and run the following executable:

```
receiverConfigApp.exe
```

- On Linux, select the **Applications** or **Activities** menu, select **HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration**, and then execute the following command:

```
/usr/bin/rgreceiverconfig
```

2. Configure the options the options that you want.



**NOTE:** See the tables in the following sections for descriptions of each of the options.



**TIP:** To restore all default HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration settings, be sure that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver is not running, and then select **Restore to default** in the lower-left corner of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool. Alternatively, uninstalling and then reinstalling HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver restores all default settings.

Select **Save** to save your changes.

## General

The following table describes the options available in the **General** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgreceiverconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-1 General options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Snap the Receiver window when close to the edge of the screen	When enabled, the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window will snap when close to the top or left edge of the screen.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux only): <code>Rgreceiver.IsSnapEnabled</code>
Enable the Receiver window Toolbar	Enables the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver toolbar.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux only): <code>Rgreceiver.IsMenubarEnabled</code>
Display a warning that disconnecting from HP ZCentral Remote Boost while logged in will not log the user out of the remote system	When enabled, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver will display a warning that disconnecting an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection will not automatically log them out of the sender.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.IsDisconnectWarningEnabled</code>
Network disruption warning color	Use the <b>Color</b> and <b>Transparency</b> controls to set the color that overlays the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window when HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver detects a network disruption.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.ConnectionWarningColor</code>
Enable HP ZCentral Remote Boost to communicate mouse cursor snaps	When enabled, mouse cursor snaps (such as to the default button of a dialog box) will be communicated by HP ZCentral Remote Boost.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.IsMouseSyncEnabled</code>

**Table 9-1 General options and their descriptions (continued)**

Option	Description
Number of recent remote connections listed	<p>Sets the number of recent remote connections to list in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.MaxSenderListSize</pre>
File used for Directory Mode	<p>Specifies the file to use for Directory Mode.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.Directory</pre>
Always prompt for the domain, user name, and password when establishing a connection	<p>When enabled, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver will always prompt for the domain, user name, and password when establishing a connection.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux only):</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.IsAlwaysPromptCredentialsEnabled</pre>
Certificate Verification Failure Policy	<p>Specifies what HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver does if the verification of the sender certificate fails. Select <b>Accept</b>, <b>Prompt to accept</b>, or <b>Deny</b>.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.Network.Certificate.VerificationPolicy={Accept   Prompt to accept   Deny}</pre>
Allow user to modify Certificate Verification Failure Policy	<p>Enables the user to change the <b>Certificate Verification Failure Policy</b> setting.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.Network.Certificate.VerificationPolicy.IsMutable={0   1}</pre>
Allow user to set whether the Remote Clipboard is enabled	<p>When enabled, a user can modify the <b>Enable remote clipboard</b> setting in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver .</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.Clipboard.IsMutable</pre>
Enable Remote Clipboard by default	<p>Enables Remote Clipboard by default.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.Clipboard.IsEnabled</pre>
Remote Clipboard filters	<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> This property is for advanced users only. It should only be changed from its default value if Remote Clipboard does not support the clipboard format required by your application.</p> <p>The <b>Selected filters</b> window specifies the clipboard formats that are allowed to be transferred using Remote Clipboard. By default, all filters are selected, but filters can be removed by moving them to the <b>Available filters</b> window.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> For more information about clipboard formats, go to <a href="http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms649013.aspx">http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms649013.aspx</a>.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows only):</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.Clipboard.FilterString</pre>

## Image and Display

The following table describes the options available in the **Image and Display** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgreceiverconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-2 Image and Display options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Enable Advanced Video Compression on Sender	Enables Advanced Video Compression by default. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux only): <code>Rgreceiver.ImageCodec.IsH264Enabled</code>
Advanced Video Compression encoding	Sets whether Advanced Video Compression encoding should be handled by the sender's GPU or CPU. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux only): <code>Rgreceiver.ImageCodec.UseGPU</code>
Maximum number of cores	Sets the maximum number of CPU cores on the receiver that can be used for decoding. <b>NOTE:</b> This option is not available if Advanced Video Compression is enabled. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Decoder.ThreadPoolSize</code>
Increase text rendering quality	Improves image quality for images containing significant amounts of text or lines. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.ImageCodec.IsBoostEnabled</code>
Enable image quality slider	When enabled, the image quality slider can be adjusted by a user, either in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver or on the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver toolbar. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.ImageCodec.IsMutable</code>
Image Quality by default	Sets the default image quality (from 0 to 100). Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.ImageCodec.Quality</code>
Enable adaptive image quality by default	When enabled, HP ZCentral Remote Boost will use the <b>Adaptive image quality</b> settings by default. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Experience.Mode</code>
Minimum image quality	Sets the default value for the <b>Minimum image quality</b> setting. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Experience.MinImageQuality</code>
Target update rate	Sets the default value for the <b>Target update rate</b> setting. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Experience.MinUpdateRate</code>

**Table 9-2 Image and Display options and their descriptions (continued)**

Option	Description
Max number of image update requests	<p>This property provides performance optimization in high-latency network environments by setting the maximum number of image updates HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender can send across the network without hearing back from HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver. Increasing this value might help increase the frame rate at the expense of increased network bandwidth consumption.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <p><code>Rgreceiver.MaxImageUpdateRequests</code></p>
Force full screen image updates	<p>Enables the <b>Force full screen image updates</b> option in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver by default.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux only):</p> <p><code>Rgreceiver.IsGlobalImageUpdateEnabled</code></p>
Set Sender display(s) to match Receiver display(s) by default	<p>Enables the <b>Set Sender display(s) to match Receiver display(s)</b> option in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver by default.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <p><code>Rgreceiver.IsMatchReceiverResolutionEnabled</code></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This property is mutually exclusive with <code>Rgreceiver.UseDisplayProperties</code>.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This property cannot be used when any <code>Rgreceiver.Session.&lt;n&gt;.VirtualDisplay.IsPreferredResolutionEnabled</code> property is enabled or any per-session display properties are specified.</p>
Enable Match Receiver display layout by default	<p>Enables the <b>Match Receiver display layout</b> option in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver by default.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <p><code>Rgreceiver.IsMatchReceiverPhysicalDisplaysEnabled</code></p>
Set Sender display(s) to match display properties by default	<p>Enables the <b>Set Sender display(s) to match display properties</b> option in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver by default.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <p><code>Rgreceiver.UseDisplayProperties</code></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This property is mutually exclusive with <code>Rgreceiver.IsMatchReceiverResolutionEnabled</code>.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This property cannot be used when any <code>Rgreceiver.Session.&lt;n&gt;.VirtualDisplay.IsPreferredResolutionEnabled</code> property is enabled or any per-session display properties are specified.</p>

## Audio

The following table describes the options available in the **Audio** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgreceiverconfig` file is noted for reference.



**Table 9-3 Audio options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Allow user to modify audio settings	When enabled, a user can modify the audio settings in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver .  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Audio.IsMutable</code>
Enable Remote Audio by default	Enables Remote Audio by default.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Audio.IsEnabled</code>
Enable stereo audio by default	Enables stereo audio by default.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Audio.IsInStereo</code>
Audio quality	Sets the default audio quality.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Audio.Quality</code>
Only play audio from current Receiver window	When enabled, audio will play only from the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window that has focus. When disabled, audio from all HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver windows will be combined.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Audio.IsFollowsFocusEnabled</code>

## Network

The following table describes the options available in the **Network** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgreceiverconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-4 Network options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Allow user to modify network timeout settings	When enabled, a user can modify the network settings in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver .  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.IsMutable</code>
Enable the warning dialog for when the HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection is about to time out	Enables the warning dialog for when the HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection is about to time out due to the inability to contact HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.IsGuiEnabled</code>
Error timeout (seconds)	Sets the time in seconds that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver will wait before ending the connection after failing to detect HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.Error</code>

**Table 9-4 Network options and their descriptions (continued)**

Option	Description
Warning timeout (seconds)	<p>Sets the time in seconds that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver will wait before displaying a warning dialog to the local user after failing to detect HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.Warning</pre>
Dialog timeout (seconds)	<p>Sets the time in seconds that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver will wait for a response to a dialog being displayed on the sender (such as an authentication dialog).</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The request will be canceled if there is no response.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.Dialog</pre>
HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender network port	<p>Specifies the port to use for communication between HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> This setting must match the port setting on HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.Network.Port</pre>

## HP Velocity

The following table describes the options available in the **HP Velocity** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgreceiverconfig` file is noted for reference.



**NOTE:** See HP Velocity documentation for more information about HP Velocity settings.

**Table 9-5 HP Velocity options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Enable HP Velocity	<p>Enables HP Velocity.</p> <p>Configuration file property:</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.Network.HPVelocity.Enabled</pre>
Operational Mode	<p>Sets whether HP Velocity should correct network loss (<b>Active Mode</b>) or just monitor it (<b>Monitor Mode</b>).</p> <p>Configuration file property:</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.Network.HPVelocity.LiveUdpMode</pre>
Target loss rate (10k packet sample)	<p>Sets the amount of network loss that HP Velocity will tolerate before adding packet-protection redundancy to the data flow.</p> <p>Configuration file property:</p> <pre>Rgreceiver.Network.HPVelocity.LiveUdpTargetLossRate</pre>
Level of congestion control	<p>Sets the level of congestion control, where <b>Standard</b> handles the effects of a high-latency network and <b>Friendly</b> uses the standard TCP-like congestion-control algorithm.</p> <p>Configuration file property:</p>

**Table 9-5 HP Velocity options and their descriptions (continued)**

Option	Description
	<code>Rgreceiver.Network.HPVelocity.LiveUdpCongestionControlAlgorithm</code>

## USB (Windows / ThinPro only)

The following table describes the options available in the **USB** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgreceiverconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-6 USB options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Allow user to modify Remote USB settings	When enabled, a user can modify the Remote USB settings in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver .  Configuration file property: <code>Rgreceiver.Usb.IsMutable</code>
Enable Remote USB by default	Enables Remote USB by default.  Configuration file property: <code>Rgreceiver.Usb.IsEnabled</code>
USB active session	Specifies which sender to attach USB devices to for Directory Mode.  Configuration file property: <code>Rgreceiver.Usb.ActiveSession</code>

## Hotkeys

The following table describes the options available in the **Hotkeys** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgreceiverconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-7 Hotkeys options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Allow user to modify hotkey settings	When enabled, a user can modify the hotkey settings in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver .  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Hotkeys.IsMutable</code>
Enable the Send Ctrl+Alt+End key sequence as Ctrl+Alt+Del option by default	Enables the <b>Send CTRL-ALT-END key sequence as CTRL-ALT-DEL</b> option in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver by default.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Hotkeys.IsSendCtrlAltEndAsCtrlAltDeleteEnabled</code>
Process a Ctrl+Alt+Delete sequence on both the local and remote computers	When enabled, both the receiver and the sender will process a <b>Ctrl+Alt+Delete</b> sequence. When disabled, only the receiver will process a <b>Ctrl+Alt+Delete</b> sequence.  Configuration file property (Windows only): <code>Rgreceiver.Hotkeys.IsCtrlAltDeletePassThroughEnabled</code>

**Table 9-7 Hotkeys options and their descriptions (continued)**

Option	Description
Enable the Setup Mode hotkey sequence	Enables the Setup Mode hotkey sequence. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Hotkeys.IsSetupModeEnabled</code>
Setup Mode sequence	Specifies the Setup Mode hotkey sequence. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Hotkeys.SetupModeSequence</code>
Enable the Send First Key option by default	Enables the <b>Send First Key</b> option in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver by default. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Hotkeys.IsSendFirstKeyInSequenceEnabled</code>
Enable the Key Repeat option by default	Enables the <b>Key Repeat</b> option in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver by default. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Hotkeys.IsKeyRepeatEnabled</code>
Enable Game Mode	Enables Game Mode functionality. To toggle Game Mode, press the <b>G</b> key while the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver is in Setup Mode. Configuration file property (Windows only): <code>Rgreceiver.Hotkeys.IsGameModeEnabled</code>

## Logging

The following table describes the options available in the **Logging** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgreceiverconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-8 Logging options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Allow user to modify logging settings	When enabled, a user can modify the logging settings in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Log.IsMutable</code>
Enable HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver logging by default	Enables logging for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver by default. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Log.IsFileLoggerEnabled</code>
Log Level	Sets the lowest level of output to log. The specified level and anything more serious will be logged in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver log file. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Log.Level</code>
Log file path	Specifies the path to the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver log file. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):

**Table 9-8 Logging options and their descriptions (continued)**

Option	Description
	<code>Rgreceiver.Log.Filename</code>
Max logfile size (KB)	Sets the maximum size the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver log file can be in kilobytes (KB).  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS): <code>Rgreceiver.Log.MaxFileSize</code>

## Activation

The following table describes the options available in the **Activation** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgreceiverconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-9 Activation options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Use a proxy server when activating HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features	Enables the use of a proxy server for activation of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features.  Configuration file property: <code>Rgreceiver.Network.ProxyEnabled</code>
Proxy server address	Specifies the proxy server address to use for activation of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features.  Configuration file property: <code>Rgreceiver.Network.ProxyAddress</code>
Proxy port	Specifies the proxy server port to use for activation of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features.  Configuration file property: <code>Rgreceiver.Network.ProxyPort</code>

## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender setting override hierarchy

To override default settings in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender:

- ▲ Use the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool or manually edit the properties in the `rgsenderconfig` file.

## HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool (Windows/Linux only)

HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender includes the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool.

### Using the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool

To use the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool:

1. Start the tool:
  - On Windows, navigate to the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender installation directory and run the following executable:
 

```
senderConfigApp.exe
```
  - On Linux, select the **Applications** or **Activities** menu, select **HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration**, and execute the following command:
 


```
/usr/bin/rgsenderconfig
```
2. Configure the options that you want.


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 **NOTE:** See the tables in the following sections for descriptions of each of the options.

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3. Select **Save** to save your changes.

 **TIP:** To restore all default HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration settings, make sure the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service is stopped, and then select **Restore to default** in the lower-left corner of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool. Alternatively, uninstalling and then reinstalling HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender restores all default settings.

 **NOTE:** You can also change authentication settings via the command line. When you use the tool with command line arguments, the tool's GUI is not displayed. See [Authentication \(Windows only\) on page 69](#) for details.

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## General

The following table describes the options available in the **General** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgsenderconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-10** General options and their descriptions


Option	Description
End the HP ZCentral Remote Boost session and disconnect all collaborators when the primary user logs out	<p>When enabled, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender ends the HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection and disconnect all collaborators when the primary user logs out.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> On Linux, the HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection always ends when the primary user logs out.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows only):</p> <pre>Rgsender.IsDisconnectOnLogoutEnabled</pre>
Enable session reconnection after logout or fast user switching.	<p>Enables session reconnection after logout or Fast User Switching</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows only):</p> <pre>Rgsender.IsReconnectOnConsoleDisconnectEnabled</pre>
Enable monitor blanking on Sender when a remote user connects	<p>When enabled, the sender's screen will blank and its keyboard and mouse will disable when a remote user connects.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux):</p> <pre>Rgsender.IsBlankScreenAndBlockInputEnabled</pre>
Enable Remote Audio	<p>Enables Remote Audio.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows/Linux):</p> <pre>Rgsender.Audio.IsEnabled</pre>
Enable Remote Clipboard	<p>Enables Remote Clipboard.</p>

**Table 9-10 General options and their descriptions (continued)**

Option	Description
	Configuration file property (Windows/Linux): <code>Rgsender.Clipboard.IsEnabled</code>
Allow connections from RGS 7.4 and earlier receivers	When enabled, allows receivers to connect using deprecated ciphers. Not recommended for highest security.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux): <code>Rgsender.EnableAnonymousCiphers</code>

## Authentication (Windows only)

The **Authentication** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool can be used to choose between standard authentication, Easy Login, or Single Sign-on.

 **NOTE:** This panel replaces the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Admin tool previously included with HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender on Windows.

 **TIP:** Authentication settings can also be changed via the command line. The following commands are supported:

Enable Standard Authentication: `senderConfigApp.exe -enableStandardLogin`

Enable Single Sign-on: `senderConfigApp.exe -enableSSO`

Enable Easy Login: `senderConfigApp.exe -enableEasyLogin`

Display the current selected method: `senderConfigApp.exe -status`

Display usage message: `senderConfigApp.exe -h`

## Image and Display

The following table describes the options available in the **Image and Display** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgsenderconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-11 Image and display options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Preferred display methods	<p>Sets the order of methods to detect image changes. If a method is not currently supported with the system, the next method in the list will be tried. The available methods are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>GPU</code>: Uses the GPU hardware to quickly compare one full screen to a previous full screen</li> <li>• <code>ChangeList</code>: Uses the HP ZCentral Remote Boost mirror-driver on Windows and the HP ZCentral Remote Boost X server extension on Linux to detect display changes</li> <li>• <code>Comparitron</code>: Uses the system's CPU to compare one full screen to a previous full screen</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This option has no effect if Advanced Video Compression is enabled.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows and Linux):</p>

**Table 9-11 Image and display options and their descriptions (continued)**

Option	Description
	<code>Rgsender.PreferredDisplayMethods</code>
Maximum number of cores	<p>Sets the maximum number of CPU cores on the sender that can be used for encoding.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows and Linux):</p> <p><code>Rgsender.Encoder.ThreadPoolSize</code></p>
Maximum image update rate	<p>Sets the maximum number of image updates per second. If set to 0, the update rate will be unlimited.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows and Linux):</p> <p><code>Rgsender.MaxImageUpdateRate</code></p>
Image codec	<p>Sets the order of codecs to use for all transmitted image data. If a codec is not currently supported with the system, the next codec in the list will be tried. The available codecs are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>HP3</code>: This codec has been the default since RGS 5.0.</li> <li>• <code>Lossless JPEG-LS</code>: This codec is mathematically lossless.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This option has no effect if Advanced Video Compression is enabled.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows and Linux):</p> <p><code>Rgsender.ImageCodec.Preferred</code></p>

## Network

The following table describes the options available in the **Network** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgsenderconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-12 Network options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Error timeout (seconds)	<p>Sets the time in seconds that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender will wait before ending the connection after failing to detect HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows and Linux):</p> <p><code>Rgsender.Network.Timeout.Error</code></p>
Listen for HP ZCentral Remote Boost connections on all network interfaces	<p>When enabled, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender will listen for connections on all network interfaces.</p> <p>Configuration file property (Windows and Linux):</p> <p><code>Rgsender.Network.IsListenOnAllInterfacesEnabled</code></p>
Listen to a specific network interface	<p>Specifies which network interfaces HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender will listen for connections on.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Sender network interface binding on page 84</a> for more information about how to determine the value that corresponds with each network interface.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This option is not available if the <b>Listen for HP ZCentral Remote Boost connections on all network interfaces</b> option is enabled.</p>



**Table 9-12 Network options and their descriptions (continued)**

Option	Description
	Configuration file property (Windows and Linux): <code>Rgsender.Network.Interface.&lt;n&gt;.IsEnabled</code> <b>NOTE:</b> If setting the property manually, replace <n> with the number of the network interface.
Listen to a specific range of IP addresses	Specifies the range of IP addresses that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender listens to for connections on. A network interface must be enabled using the <b>Listen to a specific network interface</b> option, and its IP address must be in the specified range. <b>NOTE:</b> This option is not available if the <b>Listen for HP ZCentral Remote Boost connections on all network interfaces</b> option is enabled. Configuration file property (Windows and Linux): <code>Rgsender.Network.AllowIpAddressSubnet</code>
HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender network port	Specifies the port to use for communication between HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> This setting must match the port setting on HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver. Configuration file property (Windows and Linux): <code>Rgsender.Network.Port</code>

## HP Velocity

The following table describes the options available in the **HP Velocity** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgsenderconfig` file is noted for reference.



**NOTE:** See HP Velocity documentation for more information about HP Velocity settings.

**Table 9-13 HP Velocity options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Enable HP Velocity	Enables HP Velocity. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux only): <code>Rgsender.Network.HPVelocity.Enabled</code>

## USB

The following table describes the options available in the **USB** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgsenderconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-14 USB options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
ACL file name (XML)	Specifies the name of the XML file that implements the Remote USB Access Control List (ACL). Configuration file property (Windows and Linux only):

**Table 9-14 USB options and their descriptions (continued)**

Option	Description
	<code>Rgsender.Usb.Acl.RuleSetPath</code>
ACL schema file (XSD)	Specifies the name of the schema file that accompanies the Remote USB XML file. Configuration file property (Windows and Linux): <code>Rgsender.Usb.Acl.SchemaPath</code>
Amount of time that the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender will wait before disconnecting all USB devices if the USB ACL file becomes inaccessible (milliseconds)	Sets the amount of time in milliseconds that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender will wait before disconnecting all USB devices if the USB ACL file disappears or becomes inaccessible. <b>NOTE:</b> If the file is restored before expiration of the timeout period, the USB devices remain connected. Configuration file property (Windows and Linux): <code>Rgsender.Usb.Acl.RuleSetErrorTimeout</code>

## Collaboration

The following table describes the options available in the **Collaboration** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgsenderconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-15 Collaboration options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Display list of users connected to the remote computer	Enables the collaboration notification dialog. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> This option should normally remain enabled. When disabled, neither remote users nor local users are notified who is participating in a collaboration session. The warning dialog that is displayed when the sender is unable to blank its monitor is also prevented from being displayed. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux): <code>Rgsender.IsCollaborationNotificationEnabled</code>
Automatically give permission for authorized collaborators to join the session	When enabled, collaborators will always be accepted without having to be authorized by the primary user. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux): <code>Rgsender.Collaboration.AlwaysAcceptCollaborators</code>
Collaboration request timeout (milliseconds)	Sets the amount of time in milliseconds that the collaboration authentication dialog is shown before the request is denied automatically. <b>NOTE:</b> Set the value to be equal to or less than <code>Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.Dialog</code> for all collaborating receivers. See <a href="#">Network on page 63</a> for more information. Configuration file property (Windows/Linux): <code>Rgsender.CollabUI.Dialog.Timeout</code>
Delay before another user can take floor control when active user stops giving input	Sets the delay in milliseconds after the active user stops making inputs before another user can take control of the floor in a collaboration session. The value can range from 500 milliseconds (0.5 seconds) to 15000 milliseconds (15 seconds). Configuration file property (Windows/Linux): <code>Rgsender.RequestFloorControlTime</code>

## Logging

The following table describes the options available in the **Logging** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool. The corresponding property in the `rgsenderconfig` file is noted for reference.

**Table 9-16 Logging options and their descriptions**

Option	Description
Log Level	Sets the lowest level of output to log. The specified level and anything more serious will be logged in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender log file.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):  <code>Rgsender.Log.Level</code>
Log file path	Specifies the path to the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender log file.  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):  <code>Rgsender.Log.Filename</code>
Max logfile size (KB)	Sets the maximum size of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender log file (in kilobytes).  Configuration file property (Windows/Linux/macOS):  <code>Rgsender.Log.MaxFileSize</code>

## Diagnostics

The **Diagnostics** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool can be used to detect potential issues that might prevent a remote connection.

## Certificates

The **Certificates** panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool provides information about the self-signed certificate generated by the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.

**Table 9-17 Certificates options and their descriptions**

Section	Description
File Location	Identifies the file location of the certificate used by the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.
Expiration	Identifies the expiration date of the certificate by the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.
Fingerprint	Identifies the SHA256 fingerprint of the certificate being used by the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.

## Setting HP ZCentral Remote Boost properties manually

You can configure HP ZCentral Remote Boost properties manually.

### Property syntax

The following example shows the HP ZCentral Remote Boost property syntax:

```
Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.Warning=10000
```

In this example, the name of the property is `Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.Warning`, and the value of the property is `10000`. This setting specifies that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver will wait 10,000 milliseconds (10 seconds) before displaying a warning dialog that indicates that it is no longer able to communicate with HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender. This particular setting is duplicated in the Network panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver settings.


A property could also be set to an empty value like in the following example:

```
Rgreceiver.Browser.Name=
```

Properties with empty values reset to their default values:

- If the value of the property is of type **string**, the value will be set as an empty string.
- If the value of the property is of type **int**, **int vector**, or **bool**, the value will be set to 0.

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 **IMPORTANT:** No user notification is provided if a property name is misspelled, and the property will not take effect. If you specify a property in a configuration file or on the command line and it does not take effect, verify that the property name is spelled correctly (including uppercase and lowercase usage).


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## Setting property values in a configuration file


HP ZCentral Remote Boost property values can be set in a configuration file. The Receiver configuration file is named `rgreceiverconfig` and the Sender configuration file is named `rgsenderconfig`. On Windows, the files are located in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver or the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender installation directory. On Linux, the files are located in `/etc/opt/hpremote/rgreceiver` or `/etc/opt/hpremote/rgsender`. On macOS, the `rgreceiverconfig` file is located in `/Library/Application Support/HP/rgreceiver`.

The configuration files contain one property per line. All properties in the configuration files are initially commented out with the `#` character. To set a property in a configuration file, first delete the number sign (`#`) character preceding the property name, and then set the property to the appropriate value. For HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, once a property is uncommented in the configuration file, the property's setting is persisted when HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver is closed.

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 **IMPORTANT:** After an HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver property is persisted, commenting out the property in the configuration file again will not reset its value to default. To reset a value to default, set the property back to its default value in the configuration file, and leave the line uncommented.

 **NOTE:** If a property is listed more than once, the value of the last entry is used.

 **NOTE:** HP ZCentral Remote Boost properties set in a configuration file might not take effect until the computer is restarted.

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## Setting property values on the command line

Property values for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on Windows and Linux, and for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender on Windows, can be set on the command line.

For examples, see [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver command-line options on page 25](#) and [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender command-line options \(Windows\) on page 26](#).

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 **NOTE:** Per-session property values cannot be set on the command line.

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## Making a property immutable

The following section describes how to make properties immutable.

Every property can be locked down to prevent changing its value via one of the following sources:

- Inside the application
- User launch file
- Command Line
- Automation API restriction

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 **NOTE:** In order to lock a property with Automation API restriction its mutability must be set to zero. This is done manually by adding the `IsMutable` variation of any property to the administrator config file.

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The following is an example of the syntax for locking a property:

The property to lock:

```
Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.Warning=10000
```

The properties `IsMutable` variant:

```
Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.Warning.IsMutable=0
```

Once a property has been set to immutable its value and mutability state cannot be changed by any of the sources listed above.

## Automation API restriction control


The following section describes how to change the restriction state for the automation API.

The default configuration of the Receiver will initialize the automation API to be in a restricted state. This means that if a property is made Immutable, any requests on the automation API will not be initiated. This behavior can be changed via the property:

```
Rgreceiver.Properties.AutomationApi.UnRestricted
```

This property can only be changed using the administrator configuration file. If this property is set to “1” any requests on the automation API to change the value or mutability of a property will be initiated.

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 **IMPORTANT:** The automation API is accessible to the local user. Therefore, by enabling the property above, any property may be changed by utilizing the automation API. This means there is a path for non-administrator users to bypass any properties the administrator has made immutable.

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## Other properties

This section describes the HP ZCentral Remote Boost properties that do not have a corresponding option in the configuration tools and can only be set via the configuration file or on the command line.

### Other global properties

Global properties persist through multiple sessions.

**Table 9-18 Other global properties and their descriptions**

Property	Description
<code>Rgreceiver.WindowMode</code>	This property sets the initial HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window state after a connection is established. Possible values are <code>bordered</code> , <code>borderless</code> , <code>maximized</code> , and <code>fullscreen</code> .
<code>Rgreceiver.WindowMode.IsMutable</code>	When enabled, allows the user to modify the current HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window state.

**Table 9-18 Other global properties and their descriptions (continued)**

Property	Description
<code>Rgreceiver.IsScalingEnabled</code>	This property sets the initial Pixel Mode after a connection is established. If set to <code>true</code> , Scaled Pixel Mode is used. If set to <code>false</code> , 1:1 Pixel Mode is used instead.
<code>Rgreceiver.IsScalingEnabled.IsMutable</code>	When enabled, allows the user to switch between the two Pixel Modes: Scaled and 1:1.
<code>Rgreceiver.Smartcard.IsEnabled</code>	When enabled, the receiver uses smart card redirection with senders that have smart card redirection installed and enabled.
<code>Rgsender.Smartcard.IsEnabled</code>	When enabled and smart card redirection is installed, the receiver is allowed to use smart card redirection.
<code>Rgreceiver.IsSendCtrlLeftMouseButtonClickAsRightMouseButtonClickEnabled</code>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> macOS only</p> <p>When enabled, if you simultaneously press and hold <code>Ctrl</code> and click the left mouse button, the combination is translated to a right-click and sent to the sender.</p> <p>When disabled, if you simultaneously press and hold <code>Ctrl</code> and click the left mouse button, the combination is sent to the sender with no modification.</p>
<code>Rgreceiver.Experience.IsMutable</code>	When enabled, a user can modify the settings under the Experience heading in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.
<code>Rgreceiver.Audio.Linux.DeviceName</code>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Linux only</p> <p>This property specifies the name of the audio device that is to be used.</p>
<code>Rgreceiver.Registration.ServerAddresses</code>	<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> This setting should not be modified unless instructed by HP.</p> <p>Specifies the URL of the HP servers used for activation of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features.</p>
<code>Rgreceiver.Touch.IsNoDelayModeEnabled</code>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Windows only</p> <p>When enabled, there will be no delay when dragging using touch input. However, most customizable gestures will not work except for the three-finger press and four-finger press gestures. Most default gestures like pinch (zoom), 2-finger swipe (pan) and 3-finger swipe (scroll) will still work.</p>
<code>Rgsender.ConsoleLogonTimeout</code>	This property sets the time in seconds to wait for a system login event to complete. If the login does not occur within this limit, the sender will be shut down.
<code>Rgsender.IsClassicEasyLogonEnabled</code>	For Windows, this property enables multiple users to connect to a locked desktop before logon. For Linux, this property enables Easy Login.
<code>Rgsender.Audio.Linux.DeviceName</code>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Linux only</p> <p>This property specifies the name of the audio device that is to be used.</p>
<code>Rgsender.Audio.Linux.RecorderApi</code>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Linux only</p> <p>If set to <code>pulse</code> (the default), audio is captured using PulseAudio. If set to <code>alsa</code>, audio is captured using the ALSA audio system.</p>
<code>Rgsender.Audio.Linux.IsVolumeMonitorEnabled</code>	<b>NOTE:</b> Linux only

**Table 9-18 Other global properties and their descriptions (continued)**


Property	Description
	When enabled, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender tracks volume changes on the sender side, and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver adjusts its volume level automatically in response.
<code>Rgsender.PreferredLicenseOrder</code>	This property sets the preferred order in which HP ZCentral Remote Boost will look for each license type.
<code>Rgsender.Compatibility.Displays.ConfigureVmwareDisplaysForBestPerformance</code>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> For VMware® with a Windows guest operating system only</p> <p>When enabled, this property disables the VMware SVGA 3D display at the start of an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection, enables any available NVIDIA displays, and forces the GPU display method to be used.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If this property is enabled, you cannot access any VMware virtual machines via the VMware vSphere® console, because that function requires the VMware SVGA 3D display. To re-enable the VMware SVGA 3D display when an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection ends, use the property <code>Rgsender.Compatibility.Displays.ReEnableVmwareDisplaysOnRGSDisconnect</code>.</p> <p>The VMware SVGA 3D display can also be re-enabled by logging out of Windows. This ensures that the vSphere console is accessible when no users are logged on.</p>
<code>Rgsender.Compatibility.Displays.ReEnableVmwareDisplaysOnRGSDisconnect</code>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> For VMware with a Windows guest operating system only</p> <p>When enabled, this property causes the VMware SVGA 3D display to be re-enabled when an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection ends. This allows you to access a VMware virtual machine via the vSphere console without having to log out of Windows first.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> HP recommends disabling this setting if you do not use the vSphere console, because Windows might rearrange your application windows between HP ZCentral Remote Boost connections.</p>
<code>Rgsender.Compatibility.Displays.AllowNvidiaResolutionMatching</code>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> For Windows-based senders with NVIDIA graphics only</p> <p>When enabled, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender attempts NVIDIA resolution-matching before attempting the default resolution-matching method.</p>
<code>Rgsender.Compatibility.Displays.ForceEdidOnHeadless</code>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> For Windows-based senders with NVIDIA graphics only</p> <p>When enabled, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender attempts to load an EDID, if the system is determined not to be connected to a monitor.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> To use this property, there must not be any monitors connected to the sender when the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service starts; otherwise, the system is not considered headless and no EDID is loaded.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The EDID remains loaded until this property is disabled.</p>
<code>Rgsender.Compatibility.Cursor.PreferredCursorMethod</code>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> For Windows 7-based VMs with NVIDIA graphics only</p> <p>Enables the cursor when ESXi is in use. If the cursor is not displayed, set the property to <code>generic</code>.</p> <p><code>generic:</code> Use a generic cursor method.</p>

**Table 9-18 Other global properties and their descriptions (continued)**

Property	Description
<code>Rgsender.KerberosLogon</code>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Linux only</p> <p>Allows a Kerberos HP ZCentral Remote Boost authentication ticket to be used for login. You must select the user name or enter it manually. Possible value are as follows:</p> <p><code>Off</code>: The Kerberos ticket will not be used for login.</p> <p><code>On</code>: The Kerberos ticket will be used for login.</p> <p><code>Persist</code>: The Kerberos ticket can be used for login and will continue to be available for the lifetime of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection. The ticket can potentially be used for other authentication activities such as unlocking the desktop.</p>
<code>Rgreceiver.Registration.IsEnabled</code>	Enables activation of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Advanced Features.
<code>Rgsender.Network.HPVelocity.LiveUdpMode</code>	Sets whether HP Velocity should correct network loss ( <b>Active Mode</b> ) or just monitor it ( <b>Monitor Mode</b> ).
<code>Rgsender.Network.HPVelocity.LiveUdpTargetLossRate</code>	Sets the amount of network loss that HP Velocity will tolerate before adding packet-protection redundancy to the data flow.
<code>Rgsender.Network.HPVelocity.LiveUdpCongestionControlAlgorithm</code>	Sets the level of congestion control, where <b>Standard</b> handles the effects of a high-latency network and <b>Friendly</b> uses the standard TCP-like congestion-control algorithm.
<code>Rgsender_gui.Invitation.FilterPrivateAddresses</code>	<p>When enabled, collaboration invitations do not list private addresses.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If the sender only listens on private addresses, private addresses are listed regardless of this setting.</p>

## Per-session properties (HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver only)

The per-session properties of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, which are applicable to Directory Mode only, let you specify settings for each HP ZCentral Remote Boost session individually.

 **NOTE:** When typing per-session properties, replace `<n>` with the number of the session. The first session is 0, the second session is 1, and so on.

## Window location and size properties (per-session)

The following properties determine the window location and size.

**Table 9-19 Window location and size properties and their descriptions**

Property	Description
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.&lt;n&gt;.RemoteDisplayWindow.X</code>	This property sets the horizontal position of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window for session number <code>&lt;n&gt;</code> , as measured from the left edge of the primary screen. The default is 0.
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.&lt;n&gt;.RemoteDisplayWindow.Y</code>	This property sets the vertical position of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window for session number <code>&lt;n&gt;</code> , as measured from the top edge of the primary screen. The default is 0.



**Table 9-19 Window location and size properties and their descriptions (continued)**

Property	Description
	<b>NOTE:</b> On Windows 10, the window might have a small offset from the specified position. This can be adjusted by decreasing the value of <code>RemoteDisplayWindows.X</code> and/or <code>RemoteDisplayWindows.Y</code> by 7.
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.&lt;n&gt;.RemoteDisplayWindow.Height</code>	This property sets the height of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window for the session number <code>&lt;n&gt;</code> . If this is set to 0, the window uses the height of the sender display. The default is 0.
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.&lt;n&gt;.RemoteDisplayWindow.Width</code>	This property sets the width of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window for session number <code>&lt;n&gt;</code> . If this is set to 0, the window uses the width of the sender display. The default is 0.
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.&lt;n&gt;.VirtualDisplay.IsPreferredResolutionEnabled</code>	1=Enables the preferred resolution properties for session number <code>&lt;n&gt;</code> . If the sender is unable to match the resolution preference of the receiver, a warning dialog is displayed on the receiver.  0=Disables the preferred resolution properties for session number <code>&lt;n&gt;</code> (default).  <b>NOTE:</b> The per-session preferred resolution properties override the global property <code>Rgreceiver.IsMatchReceiverResolutionEnabled</code> and any display properties.
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.&lt;n&gt;.VirtualDisplay.PreferredResolutionHeight</code>	This property sets the preferred height of the resolution for session number <code>&lt;n&gt;</code> .
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.&lt;n&gt;.VirtualDisplay.PreferredResolutionWidth</code>	This property sets the preferred width of the resolution for session number <code>&lt;n&gt;</code> .

## Clipboard properties (per-session)

These clipboard properties are per-session.

**Table 9-20 Clipboard properties and their descriptions**

Property	Description
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.&lt;n&gt;.Clipboard.IsEnabled</code>	1=Enables Remote Clipboard for session number <code>&lt;n&gt;</code> (default). The global property <code>Rgreceiver.Clipboard.IsEnabled</code> must be enabled for this to have any effect.  0=Disables Remote Clipboard for session number <code>&lt;n&gt;</code> .

## Auto-launch properties (Windows only)

Auto-launch files for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver have the extension `.rgreceiver` and use the same syntax for setting property values as `rgreceiverconfig`.

See [Setting HP ZCentral Remote Boost properties manually on page 73](#).

When an auto-launch file is opened, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver starts automatically and attempts to establish a connection to a single sender, as configured in the file.



**NOTE:** Auto-launch files do not support starting HP ZCentral Remote Boost connections to multiple senders. For information about connecting to multiple senders, see [Directory Mode on page 56](#).

The following table describes the auto-launch properties. Since you can auto-launch only one connection at a time, the session number should always be 0.

**Table 9-21 Auto-launch properties and their descriptions**

Property	Description
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.0.IsConnectOnStartup</code>	If this property is enabled, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver will attempt to auto-launch the connection when the auto-launch file is opened.
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.0.Hostname</code>	This property sets the hostname or IP address for the auto-launch connection.
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.0.Username</code>	This property sets the user name for the auto-launch connection as a UTF-8 encoded string.
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.0.Password</code>	This property sets the password for the auto-launch connection as a UTF-8 encoded string.
<code>Rgreceiver.Session.0.PasswordFormat</code>	<p>Encrypted=This password format is supported on Windows only and is the hexadecimal string representation of the password encrypted using the Windows command <code>CryptProtectData</code>. See <a href="http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa380261(VS.85).aspx">http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa380261(VS.85).aspx</a> for more information.</p> <p>XOR=This password format is the hexadecimal string representation of a password encrypted using an XOR cipher using a key of 129.</p>

Settings from the auto-launch file take precedence over any property settings from the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver Configuration tool (or the `rgreceiverconfig` file).

See the following for an example.

```
Rgreceiver.Session.0.IsConnectOnStartup=1
Rgreceiver.Session.0.Hostname=192.168.0.47
Rgreceiver.Session.0.Username=MyUserName
Rgreceiver.Session.0.Password=MyPassword
Rgreceiver.Session.0.PasswordFormat=Encrypted
Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.Error=60000
Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.Warning=4000
Rgreceiver.Network.Timeout.Dialog=30000
Rgreceiver.WindowMode=bordered
```

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# 10 Performance optimization

Use the general and network suggestions to optimize performance.

## General

The following suggestions apply to all operating systems:

- Enable HP Velocity (see [HP Velocity on page 35](#) for more information).
- Set the sender desktop background to a solid color to minimize the amount of image data that needs to be sent.
- Set both the receiver and the sender display depth to 32 bits per pixel.
- Lower the sender's display resolution.
- Increase the Max Image Update rate from 30 to 60 using the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool.
- Reduce the Remote Audio quality setting in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, or disable Remote Audio if it is not needed.

The following suggestion applies to Windows only:

- Adjust the Windows system performance settings in Control Panel. The **Adjust for best performance** option will minimize the bandwidth requirements for HP ZCentral Remote Boost.

## Network

HP ZCentral Remote Boost depends on low network latency and reasonably high network bandwidth. There are several methods to test and measure the network bandwidth, latency, and the number of hops between the receiver and the sender:

- Use the `ping` command to measure network latency.
- Use the `Traceroute` (Linux) or `tracert` (Windows) command, which will report the number of hops it takes to reach a computer in addition to the network latency.
- Use the tools NTttcp Utility, ipref, or something similar, which are available at <https://gallery.technet.microsoft.com/NTttcp-Version-528-Now-f8b12769>.

After you characterize your network performance, you can decide if improvement is required.

The network interface will auto-negotiate the network speed with the network switches on the local network. Most modern network interfaces and switches will negotiate the highest possible speed available. However, unless the network has been carefully designed for maximum throughput, the network interfaces and switches might auto-negotiate to a suboptimal speed.

If the network interface and switches are configured to auto-negotiate properly, you can leave the settings to auto-negotiate. If you want to force the network to operate at a particular speed, the settings in the network interface and switches can be hard-coded. You must be careful with these settings, however. If the network interface and switch settings don't complement each other, the network will have poor performance.

## Forcing a network speed (Windows)

To configure a network interface to force a particular network speed on Windows:

1. In Control Panel, select **Device Manager**.
2. Expand **Network adapters**.
3. Right-click the network adapter that you want to configure, and then select **Properties**.
4. Select the **Advanced** tab.
5. In the list of properties, locate the property that controls the speed and duplex setting. The name can vary, but it is usually something like **Speed & Duplex** or **Link Speed & Duplex**.
6. From the **Value** drop-down list, select the fastest speed your network can support, and be sure to select the **Full Duplex** version of that speed.

## Forcing a network speed (Linux)

To configure a network interface to force a particular network speed on Linux:

- ▲ As root, use a command like in the following example. This example sets network interface 0 as a 100 Mb/sec connection running full duplex mode:

```
$ /usr/local/sbin/ethtool -s eth0 speed 100 duplex full autoneg off
```

Your network is now configured.

If you are not satisfied with your network performance, look at the log files on your network switch (if the receiver is connected to one). A significant number of errors on the switch port may indicate that the computer or network is not configured correctly. Work with your IT organization to optimize your computer and network configuration.

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# 11 Troubleshooting

If you are experiencing an issue with HP ZCentral Remote Boost, use the relevant troubleshooting section.

## Failed connection attempts

This section describes the most common issues that cause HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection attempts to fail.

### Receiver checklist

Use the following checklist to troubleshoot failed connection attempts from the receiver side:

1. Verify that you are entering the correct hostname or IP address for the sender.  
  
If you changed the port that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender listens on from its default of 42966, you must specify the port number along with the hostname or IP address like in the following examples:  
  
`MyHostName : 12345`  
`192.168.0.10 : 12345`
2. Verify that the receiver is on the same network as the sender.
3. Verify that the receiver can ping the sender.
4. If the receiver is behind a firewall, verify that the firewall supports network address translation (NAT).

### Sender checklist

Use the following checklist to troubleshoot failed connection attempts from the sender side:



**NOTE:** After going through this checklist, be sure that you log out of the sender before attempting an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection again.

1. Verify the credentials for the user account you are trying to access from the receiver. The account password cannot be blank.
2. Verify that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender has started on the sender (see [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender overview on page 26](#) for more information).
3. Verify that all tests pass on the Diagnostics panel of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool.
4. If the sender is behind a firewall, verify that the firewall supports network address translation (NAT) and port forwarding.
5. If you changed the network interface binding of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender from its default of listening to all network interfaces, verify that the sender is listening on the correct network interface (see [Sender network interface binding on page 84](#) for more information).
6. **(Windows only)**  
  
Verify that the sender is not using Automatic Private IP Addressing (APIPA) by typing the following in a command window:

```
netstat -n -a
```

If the IP address associated with the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender listening port (42966 by default) is private, APIPA is the likely cause. For information about how to disable APIPA, go to <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/220874>.

## 7. (Linux only)

- a. Verify that the sender is not using an X desktop started on the command line. The `rgsender` service waits for an X server to be started by the system display manager. The `rgsender` service logs information to the `/var/opt/hpremote/rgsender/rg-svc.log` file. Examine this file for error messages.
- b. Linux systems joined to a Windows domain might require files to be configured in the `/etc/sss` folder. After joining the system to the domain, install the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender after to allow these files to be created with proper values.

## Kerberos

Kerberos authentication is available only on a Windows receiver. The receiver must be connected to the same Windows domain as the Windows or Linux sender. Kerberos authentication requires that the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender systems have synchronized clocks. Some tolerance is allowed for clock differences. The tolerance is dependent on parameters setup on the domain controller. In order to allow the Kerberos ticket to be used for login on the sender, the `Rgsender.KerberosLogon` property needs to be set and the domain controller needs to have delegation enabled for the computer. This feature may not be configured for all services. Other PAM services may be able to authenticate with the Kerberos ticket by adding `auth sufficient pam_rg.so` to the associated PAM service in `/etc/pam.d`. This must be added before the authentication line that includes `password-auth`, `system-auth`, or `common-auth`.

A Linux sender must be identified by the hostname and not an IP address in order for the receiver to obtain the necessary service ticket. The service ticket for a host with the name `hostname.example.com` can be seen by running the command line program `klist` on the receiver. This ticket will be listed with the server name `host/hostname.example.com`.

## Sender network interface binding

HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender is set by default to listen to all network interfaces present on the sender. If this is undesirable, the network interface binding can be manually reconfigured.

There are three methods to reconfigure HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender network interface binding:

- Disable the network interfaces that you do not want HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender to listen to, and then restart the sender. HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender will then bind to the remaining enabled network interface. The disadvantage of this method is that the other network interfaces will no longer be usable.
- Manually configure the network interface that you want to use to be the one listened to by HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender. See [Reconfiguring network interface binding manually on page 85](#) for more information.
- Use the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool to specify which network interface to listen to. See [Reconfiguring network interface binding using the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool on page 85](#) for more information.

If you enter a host name instead of an IP address when establishing an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection, it is possible that the host name resolves to the IP address of an incorrect network interface. This could be caused by a number of factors, including how your DHCP and DNS servers are configured.

If the host name resolves to the IP address of an incorrect network interface, do one of the following:

- Enter the IP address that HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender is bound to instead of the host name when establishing an HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection.
- Reconfigure your DHCP and DNS servers so that the host name resolves to the correct IP address.
- Use the `nslookup` command to determine the IP address that the host name resolves to, and then follow the steps in [Reconfiguring network interface binding manually on page 85](#) to set the corresponding network interface to be listed first in the list of connections.

## Reconfiguring network interface binding manually

To manually configure which network interface the sender binds to:

1. Disable the **Listen for HP ZCentral Remote Boost connections on all network interfaces** option in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool.



**NOTE:** See [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool \(Windows/Linux only\) on page 67](#) for more information.

2. Select the network icon in the Windows notification area, and then select **Open Network and Sharing Center**.
3. Select **Change adapter settings** in the left pane.
4. Press the **Alt** key to show the menu bar, select **Advanced**, and then select **Advanced Settings**.
5. In the **Adapter and Bindings** panel, use the arrow buttons next to the **Connections** pane to move the network interface that you want to the top of the list.

The network interface at the top of the list will be the one listened to by HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.

## Reconfiguring network interface binding using the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool

To reconfigure the network interface binding using the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool, you must determine the number that corresponds to the network interface and then configure the appropriate settings.

### Determining the number that corresponds to the network interface

Before configuring options in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool, you must determine the number that corresponds to the network interface you want HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender to listen to. To do this, follow these steps:

1. Select the network icon in the Windows notification area, and then select **Open Network and Sharing Center**.
2. Select **Change adapter settings** in the left pane.
3. Press the **Alt** key to show the menu bar, select **Advanced**, and then select **Advanced Settings**.
4. In the **Adapter and Bindings** panel, look at the list of network interfaces in the **Connections** pane.

The number that corresponds to the network interface at the top of the list is **0**. The number for the next network interface in the list is **1**, and so on.

### Configuring the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender settings

After determining the number that corresponds to the network interface that you want, follow these steps to configure the appropriate HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender settings:

1. Disable the **Listen for HP ZCentral Remote Boost connections on all network interfaces** option in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool.
2. Set the value of the **Listen to a specific network interface** option in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool to the number of the network interface.



**NOTE:** See [HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender Configuration tool \(Windows/Linux only\) on page 67](#) for more information.

## Network timeouts

The network timeout properties of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender provide a way to handle network disruptions. Although TCP/IP is reliable, it does not guarantee network packet delivery. Possible issues include the following:

- Network over-subscription, resulting in congestion and packet loss
- CPU utilization by other processes and tasks, starving the TCP/IP network stack
- Incorrectly configured or malfunctioning network switches, routers, and network interfaces

See the following sections for a list of timeout-related issues and solutions.

### The HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window repeatedly dims and displays a connection warning message

To resolve this connection warning message, use the following solution.

Cause	Solution
<b>There are frequent network disruptions between HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.</b>	If the notifications are occurring too frequently, increase the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver warning timeout value.

### The HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window dims, and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver disconnects and displays a connection error, but you can connect again immediately

To resolve this connection issue, use the following solution.



**NOTE:** This could also occur if HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender was stopped unexpectedly.

Cause	Solution
<b>The length of the network disruption exceeded the error timeout value of either HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver or HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.</b>	Increase the error timeout value of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender, or both.

### When connecting to a Linux-based sender, the PAM authentication dialog on the receiver does not display long enough for credentials to be entered

To resolve this connection issue, use the following solution.



Cause	Solution
<b>The HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver dialog timeout value is too low.</b>	Increase the dialog timeout value of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.

## When connecting to the sender, the authorization dialog is not displayed long enough for the user to respond to it

To resolve this connection issue, use the following solution.

Cause	Solution
<b>The collaboration request timeout value of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender is too low.</b>	Increase the collaboration request timeout value of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender.

## The HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window is not updating

To resolve this connection issue, use the following solution.

Cause	Solution
<b>A network disruption occurred, but the warning and error timeout values of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver are set too high.</b>	Decrease the warning and error timeout values of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.

## Increasing the error timeout value of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver does not appear to have an effect, and HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver still disconnects

To resolve this connection issue, use the following solution.

Cause	Solution
<b>The error timeout value of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender is less than that of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.</b>	Increase the error timeout value of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender so that its higher than that of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.

## Graphical issues (Linux)

Use these sections to resolve graphical issues on Linux.

### Full-screen crosshair cursors

Some software uses large crosshair cursors that might not display correctly on the receiver. Full-screen crosshair cursors can be disabled by typing the following in an X terminal:

```
xprop -root -remove _SGI_CROSSHAIR_CURSOR
```

### Gamma correction on the receiver

The color in a 3D application on the sender can look incorrect when displayed on a receiver. This is because the gamma of the receiver monitor does not match the gamma of the sender monitor.

Any tool that can adjust the gamma for a display can help resolve this issue. Some tools adjust the gamma for the entire display, while others adjust the gamma on a per-window basis. A per-window tool that can adjust the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window only should provide the best results.

## Black or blank HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window

If the sender is set to less than 24 bit or 32 bit color depth (depending on the graphics adapter), the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver window might display a black or blank desktop session. Increase the color depth of and restart the sender usually resolves the issue.

## High DPI display issues

HP ZCentral Remote Boost is DPI based and scales UI elements to be more readable depending on the resolution (Linux) or display scale factor (Windows).

For optional performance, consider the following:

- On Linux, you can change both the resolution and scale factor percentage in the desktop display settings applet. The system desktop scale factor does not affect the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver. The receiver automatically selects an integral scaling factor based on the display size and resolution. Therefore, other applications might appear to be scaled differently than HP ZCentral Remote Boost.
- On Windows, scaling is done on integral scale factors only. (That is, 100%, 200%, and so on.) Nonintegral scale factor values, such as 150%, are rounded to the nearest integral value. Therefore, HP ZCentral Remote Boost might appear to be scaled more or less than other applications.
- Windows supports per-monitor scaling. If multiple monitors are configured with different scale factors, you might need to resolve the following issues:
  - When HP ZCentral Remote Boost UI windows are moved from one screen to another, they are repainted to the new screen scale factor. This can cause visual artifacts in the title bar from the repaint. To remove these artifacts, minimize and restore each window.
  - If the receiver is in 1:1 Pixel Mode, the new window size does not match the content it previously displayed. To resolve this issue, either resize the window to fit the sender window using the ++ hotkey sequence, or switch to Scaled Pixel Mode using the receiver toolbar.

## Disabling or enabling support for high DPI displays

To disable or enable support for high DPI displays:

- ▲ On HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver, modify the following property in the configuration file:

```
Rgreceiver.EnableHighDPIScaling
```

0: DPI awareness is disabled.

1: DPI awareness is enabled. This is the default setting.

## Remote Audio issues

See the following sections for a list of audio-related issues and solutions.

### HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver is not producing audio

To resolve this audio issue, use the following solution.

Cause	Solution
<b>Various</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify that Remote Audio is enabled in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver settings.</li> <li>• Verify that audio is not muted by the operating system.</li> <li>• Verify that the audio device of the receiver is working.</li> </ul>

## Audio is disrupted

To resolve this audio issue, use the following solution.

Cause	Solution
<b>The audio quality settings are too high for a low-bandwidth connection.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce the audio quality.</li> <li>• Disable stereo audio.</li> </ul>
<b>The HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender process priority is too low.</b>	Increase the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender process priority.

## Audio causes continuous network traffic

To resolve this audio issue, use the following solution.

Cause	Solution
<b>The noise level is too high and being interpreted by HP ZCentral Remote Boost as an audio signal.</b>	Lower the volume input setting on or disable any active external devices connected to the Line In audio jack on the sender.

## There is no audio on a sender or a receiver with multiple audio devices

To resolve this audio issue, use the following solution.

Cause	Solution
<b>HP ZCentral Remote Boost is not using the correct audio device.</b>	Disable extra audio devices to ensure that HP ZCentral Remote Boost uses the correct device.

## Remote USB issues

The following information describes Remote USB troubleshooting tips.

- Verify that Remote USB is enabled in HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver.
- Verify that the USB device is physically connected to the receiver, powered, and turned on.
- Verify that the USB device is detected by the receiver.
  - Windows: Verify that the USB device is listed in Device Manager.
  - Linux: Verify that the USB device is listed in `/proc/devices/usb_remote/devices`. If only one USB device is recognized by the receiver, the `devices` file will have a single file descriptor

named 192, which is the Remote USB device. Dumping this file with the command `cat 192` displays data about the device. If multiple devices are connected, then each will have a file descriptor numbered consecutively starting at 192.

- Verify that both the sender and the receiver support Remote USB (see [Remote USB \(Windows and ThinPro only\) on page 53](#)).
- Verify that the USB device is supported (see [Remote USB \(Windows and ThinPro only\) on page 53](#)).
- Uninstall and reinstall HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver to be sure that Remote USB is configured correctly during installation (see [Installing HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver \(Windows\) on page 8](#)).
- Uninstall and reinstall HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender, and be sure that Remote USB is enabled during installation (see [Installing HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender \(Windows\) on page 10](#)).
- Verify that the drivers and software required by the USB device are installed and available on the sender. Many USB devices require manufacturer-supplied software to work. This software must often be installed before the USB device is connected to the computer.

## Smart card redirection issues

Consider the following when troubleshooting smart card redirection:

- Verify that the smart card works standalone on both ends of a connection.
- Verify that vendor drivers are installed for the smart card reader and the smart card devices.
- Be sure that only the primary user is attempting to use a smart card.
- Verify that there is only one active smart card connected to the receiver. A virtual smart card is counted as an active smart card.
- If the smart card service on RHEL 7 does not start correctly, you might need to modify the `pcscd` startup script located at `/usr/lib/systemd/system/pcscd.service`. Open the script for editing and change the `ExecStart` option to the following:

```
ExecStart=/usr/sbin/pcscd --foreground --auto-exit -c /etc/reader.conf.d/hpremotescr.conf
```

## Mouse Cursor issues on servers and blades (Windows Sender)

**VMouseSetup.exe** must be installed on systems without a physical pointer device (for example, servers or blade workstations) on Windows 8 and later. `VMouseSetup.exe` will install a Virtual Pointer Driver to enable HP ZCentral Remote Boost to correctly display the mouse cursor on systems without a pointer device. `VMouseSetup.exe` is included in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Install package for the Windows Sender.

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# A Switching between HP ZCentral Remote Boost and Remote Desktop Connection (Windows only)

You can switch between an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session and a Windows Remote Desktop Connection session without having to log out of the remote desktop on the sender as long as you use the same credentials for both sessions. The existing session is ended when you start the new session using the other program.

If you try to use *different* credentials to start a Remote Desktop Connection session with a sender that is already in an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session, Remote Desktop Connection allows you to force a logoff for the remote user account currently in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost session. Forcing a log off requires Windows administrator privileges and ends the HP ZCentral Remote Boost session.

If you try to use *different* credentials to start an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session with a sender that is already in a Remote Desktop Connection session, HP ZCentral Remote Boost displays an authorization failure message. You cannot force a logoff in this scenario.

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 **IMPORTANT:** See the following information about security and authentication concerns:

- If you switch from an active Remote Desktop Connection session to an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session, the remote desktop might enter into a logged on and unlocked state. You might want to avoid this if an unlocked remote desktop is a security concern. To avoid this, log off of the remote desktop using Remote Desktop Connection before starting the HP ZCentral Remote Boost session.
  - If you have an active Remote Desktop Connection session that you authenticated using a smart card and try to switch to an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session using Easy Login on a receiver other than the one that started the active Remote Desktop Connection session, HP ZCentral Remote Boost prompts you for your user name and password, which is not normally required for Easy Login authentication. If you do not know your user name and password because you normally use smart card authentication, you cannot switch to an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session. In this scenario, the Remote Desktop Connection session must be ended manually to release the smart card reader for use by HP ZCentral Remote Boost.
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# B Creating an agent for remote application termination (Windows only)

When an HP ZCentral Remote Boost session is unintentionally ended, you might want applications on the sender to be terminated to prevent them from operating unsupervised.

This appendix describes how to create an agent on the sender that provides remote application termination by monitoring events in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender event log `HPRemote`.


## Viewing the HPRemote log

To view the HPRemote log:

1. Select **Start**, select **Control Panel**, select **Administrative Tools**, and then select **Computer Management**.
2. In the left pane, select **System Tools**, select **Event Viewer**, and then select **HPRemote**.

The HPRemote log contains information about recent HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection activity. By default, the most recent events are listed first.

To view the properties of an event, double-click it to open the Event Properties window.

 **NOTE:** For additional information about Windows event logging, go to Microsoft® Developer Network (MSDN) at <http://msdn.microsoft.com/>.

## HPRemote log format

Data in the HPRemote log consists of a message ID followed by optional data in both string and binary formats.

The following table describes the events logged in the HPRemote log. The message IDs are defined in the header file `RgsenderEvents.h` and are 32 bit values. The `EventID` is from the `Code` field within the message ID and, for the HPRemote log, ranges from 1 to 13.

**Table B-1** Log message IDs and their descriptions

Message ID	Description
<code>RGSENDER_CONNECT_STATE</code> Event ID: 3	<p>The connection state consists of zero or more <b>primary</b> connections and zero or more <b>non-primary</b> connections. Each event entry records the current number of active connections in each category. Events appear when the connection status of these of a particular connection changes.</p> <p>The first field represents the number of primary connections. The second field represents the number of non-primary connections. Each state field provides a string and a 32-bit unsigned integer.</p> <p>Event viewer message:</p> <pre>Primary connections: %1. Non-primary connections: %2.</pre> <p>Strings:</p> <pre>%1 = number of primary connections %2 = number of non-primary connections</pre>

**Table B-1 Log message IDs and their descriptions (continued)**

Message ID	Description
	Data: UINT32 numPrimary UINT32 numNonprimary Event viewer example: Primary connections: 1. Non-primary connections: 0.
RGSENDER_CONNECT Event ID: 4	A new connection was established with an associated name. If Easy Login is enabled, the name assignment will be deferred until login, and the associated name may be Anonymous. Event viewer message: Connect %1. Strings: %1 = name associated with connection %2 = IP address and port number of receiver Data: None Event viewer example: Connect MYDOMAIN\myusername.
RGSENDER_DISCONNECT Event ID: 5	A receiver has disconnected. The message will contain the name associated with the connection. If Easy Login is enabled and the receiver disconnects before a login, the associated name may be Anonymous. Event viewer message: Disconnect %1. Strings: %1 = name associated with connection %2 = IP address and port number of receiver Data: None Event viewer example: Disconnect MYDOMAIN\myusername.
RGSENDER_STARTUP Event ID: 1	Reference event registered to aid in interpretation of the event log by Event Viewer. Signifies proper startup of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service. Event viewer message: HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender startup. Strings: None Data: None
RGSENDER_SHUTDOWN Event ID: 2	Reference event registered to aid in interpretation of the event log by Event Viewer. Signifies proper shutdown of the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service.

**Table B-1 Log message IDs and their descriptions (continued)**

Message ID	Description
	Event viewer message: HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender shutdown. Strings: None Data: None
RGSENDER_SET_PRIMARY Event ID: 6	A connection with an associated name is set as the primary connection. Event viewer message: Set %1 as primary connection. Strings: %1 = name associated with connection Data: None Event viewer example: Set MYDOMAIN\myusername as primary connection.
RGSENDER_SET_NONPRIMARY Event ID: 7	A connection with an associated name is assigned to a non-primary status. This may happen as a result of a logout. Event viewer message: Set %1 as non-primary connection. Strings: %1 = name associated with connection Data: None Event viewer example: Set MYDOMAIN\myusername as non-primary connection.
RGSENDER_ASSIGN_USER Event ID: 8	If Easy Login is enabled, the assignment of the name will be deferred until login. When the name is assigned, this message will be generated. Event viewer message: Assign %1 connection to %2. Strings: %1 = original name of connection %2 = new name of connection Data: None Event viewer example: Assign Anonymous connection to MYDOMAIN\myusername.



**Table B-1 Log message IDs and their descriptions (continued)**

Message ID	Description
RGSENDER_USB_CONNECT_DEVICE Event ID: 9	Remote USB mounted a USB device to the sender. Event viewer message: USB Device Connect:Class=%1, Vendor ID=%2, Product ID=%3, Manufacturer=%4, Product=%5 Strings: %1 = USB device class %2 = USB device vendor ID %3 = USB device product ID %4 = USB device manufacturer string %5 = USB device product string Data: None
RGSENDER_USB_DISCONNECT_DEVICE Event ID: 10	Remote USB unmounted a USB device from the sender. Event viewer message: USB Device Connect:Class=%1, Vendor ID=%2, Product ID=%3, Manufacturer=%4, Product=%5 Strings: %1 = USB device class %2 = USB device vendor ID %3 = USB device product ID %4 = USB device manufacturer string %5 = USB device product string Data: None
RGSENDER_CONNECT_USB_DENIED Event ID: 13	A USB device connection was denied by the USB access control list. Event viewer message: USB Device Connect:Class=%1, Vendor ID=%2, Product ID=%3, Strings: %1 = USB device class %2 = USB device vendor ID %3 = USB device product ID Data: None

## Agent design guidelines

Designing an agent to provide Remote Application Termination requires consideration of a number of issues in order to minimize data loss and determine when a last-resort shutdown of a disconnected desktop session is required. Listed in the following sections are several topics to consider when designing application control agents for your environment. The topics are not exhaustive—use them as a starting point for a more complete design that meets your business requirements.

### Desktop session logout

In some circumstances, loss of a primary user connection should trigger a full shutdown of all applications and force a logout of the desktop session (perhaps after a specified time limit for reconnection has expired). This action would drop all connections to the remote session.

- **Benefit:** Implementing a full desktop session shut down/logout ensures that all connection activity ceases immediately and ensures that applications are prevented from further unattended actions. Shut down of a remote session frees the workstation for connection by other users. This approach is the most absolute and secure solution for desktop session management. The agent relies upon Windows logout routines to terminate environment.
- **Issue:** Forcing a desktop session shutdown or logout can result in data loss for any open applications on the desktop session. Forcing session logouts can result in application alert prompts requiring user interaction to save altered data. These prompts can delay or halt an interactive logout. Session termination also destroys memory of window placement on the desktop and requires user intervention at restart.

### Selective environment shutdown

Partial shutdown of an environment terminates only specific applications. It does not implement a full desktop session logout. It selectively protects only the most critical applications requiring oversight and control.

- **Benefit:** Preserves the active desktop session for connection at a later time. Selectively terminates the applications of interest. Preserves data not governed by an automated shutdown policy. Supports session recovery with an arbitrary connection time. If done in layers (giving some applications more time than others), then a gradual "soft landing" shutdown can occur that ultimately results in a full logout. Idle resources over a specific amount of time can be returned to a remote server pool.
- **Issue:** Potentially more complicated to implement. Can require coordination of multiple agents to handle layered shutdown. May still result in data loss for specific applications. May also require a master semaphore to halt or terminate multiple agents if the user reconnects and wants to stop the shutdown process.

### Wrapping applications of interest

You can launch agents that supervise only specific applications in a given environment. Tying agents to specific applications is a selective safety net for every user.

- **Benefit:** Application-specific agents can be implemented as plug-ins or support utilities for an application. In the future, certain software providers may provide custom interfaces for safe shutdown messages from an agent or the operating system. Custom agents can be independently maintained and tied to specific application releases for greater support flexibility. Independent agent design supports unit testing and decouples environmental dependencies.
- **Issue:** Users need specific recourse to disarm an agent if they reconnect. Applications may not interact well with a dedicated agent (and only shut down due to a global shutdown request). Dedicated agents could possibly be compromised.

## Administrator alerts

Instead of shutting down an environment, you can design an agent to alert an administrator or operator to determine the status of the user before taking action. This watchdog approach can further be defined to exploit redundant network connection support to a remote system to allow user-directed shutdowns to occur.

- **Benefit:** System agents are not required to take destructive action—they serve only as alarms and monitors for alternative human intervention.
- **Issue:** May require redundant networking channel. Requires administrator or operator availability to support.

## Anticipating user disconnects and reconnects

Users must first be warned about the consequences of disconnection. Agents that provide protection for a disconnected session may become a nuisance for unsuspecting users if they fail to address protective measures in place for their safety. For example, users must know how much time they have to reconnect before safeguards take action. If a remote agent arms itself for application termination, users should be presented with a large, unmistakable disarming "opt-out" panel that, upon login and discovery, they can halt any agent actions before termination. Organizations should carefully discuss and publicize safety measures due to potential data loss.

- **Issue:** Users should not be able to disable or specify their own timeouts due to potential irreversible data loss.

## General agent design guidelines

In developing an agent, HP recommends following these guidelines:

- The agent should externally log its decisions and actions for postmortem analysis.
- Independent agents should provide their own opt-out, disarming dialogs with countdown feedback before taking action.
- Where possible, limit your actions to those areas you are certain of the outcomes to minimize loss of data and productivity.
- Inspect error codes when reading event logs. The reliability of this HP ZCentral Remote Boost communication method depends upon the Windows Event Log system. HP recommends using all information available to its fullest potential.

## Recovery settings for the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service

This section discusses restart options for HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender and possible interactions of the agent with the sender.

By default, most Windows services are installed without any automatic restart or recovery settings. The same is true for the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service.

Restarting the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service can help reconnect a lost HP ZCentral Remote Boost connection (unless a system error prevents the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service from restarting).

When designing the agent, you should consider whether to check for the existence of a running HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service as an indication of a sufficient primary user connection. If service restarts are programmed for your environment, this test may be unnecessary.

To set the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender service to restart automatically, you must change its recovery settings on the **Recovery** panel of its properties (right-click the service and select **Properties**).

Actions to take for the first failure, second failure, and subsequent failures are available in the properties menu. The Recovery options include:

- Take No Action
- Restart the Service
- Run a Program
- Restart the Computer

## Sample agent

The following sample Windows agent monitors the HPRemote event log and interprets its events. Comments are included in the agent code showing where additional code would be added to determine if the number of primary users has dropped to zero. If so, further code can be added to terminate applications on the sender.

The sample code is a fixed-polling Windows agent that reads and interprets the HPRemote event log. The agent uses two functions:

1. `processEvent(eventServer, eventSource, dwEventNum)`
  - open event log, read event `dwEventNum`, close event log
  - if a valid read, process recognized `EventIDs`, then return
2. `monitorEvents(eventServer, eventSource, seconds)`
  - for a finite number of seconds (or infinite if `seconds <= 0`) do
  - open event log, read log length, close event log
  - if log has changed, `processEvent()`, else sleep for X ms.

To properly use the function `monitorEvents(...)`, the following strings must be defined in the function call:

- `LPCTSTR eventServer`: if string is defined as "\\yourservername", then the log is stored on a remote server - if the string is empty (NULL), then the log is stored locally (note that four backslashes compiles to two in a string constant)
- `LPCTSTR eventSource`: the name of the target event generator, e.g., `rgreceiver`

The sample agent uses Microsoft event logging functions such as `OpenEventLog`, `ReadEventLog`, and `CloseEventLog`.

The sample agent is listed here. Where noted, add user-specific code. The agent header file, `RGSenderEvents.h`, is installed in the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender installation directory under the following path:

```
\include\RGSenderEvents.h
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include "RGSenderEvents.h"
#define BUFFER_SIZE 1024 // safe EVENTLOGRECORD size for now
#define EVENT_SERVER NULL // remote server = "\\nodename"; local = NULL
```

```

#define EVENT_SRC "rgsender" // specifies specific event name source
in // HPRemote

BOOL processEvent(LPCTSTR eventServer, LPCTSTR eventSource, DWORD
dwEventNum)

{
HANDLE h;
EVENTLOGRECORD *pevlr;
BYTE pBuffer[BUFFER_SIZE];
DWORD dwRead, dwNeeded;
BOOL result;
// Open, read, close event log =====
if ((h = OpenEventLog(eventServer, eventSource)) == NULL)
{
... report error status ...
return true;
}
// Set the pointer to our buffer. Strings and data will get appended to
the EVENTLOGRECORD structure.
pevlr = (EVENTLOGRECORD *) &pBuffer
// Read the event specified by dwEventNum
result = ReadEventLog(h, // event log handle
EVENTLOG_SEEK_READ | // start at specific event
EVENTLOG_FORWARDS_READ, // advance forward
dwEventNum, // record to read
pevlr, // pointer to buffer
BUFFER_SIZE, // size of buffer
&dwRead, // number of bytes read
&dwNeeded); // bytes in next record
if (CloseEventLog(h) == false)
{
... report error status ...
return true;
}
// Process event (example: print out event) =====
if (result)

```

```

{
// We only know how to process specific events
if (pevlr->EventID == RGSENDER_CONNECT_STATE)
{
// Retrieve the two UINT32 fields of this message
// representing primary and non-primary connections.

unsigned int *pData = (unsigned int *)
((LPBYTE) pevlr + pevlr->DataOffset);
// Examine state of primary connections here for other
// agent response if number drops to zero...
... example only prints out retrieved record to console ...
printf ("Event: %u Primary: %u Secondary: %u\n",
dwEventNum, pData[0], pData[1]);
}
... Process other events here if desired ...
}
else
{
... report unrecognized event here ...
return true;
}
return false;
}

void monitorEvents(LPCTSTR eventServer, LPCTSTR eventSource, int seconds)
{
DWORD dwCurrentIndex = 0;
DWORD dwCurrentStart;
DWORD dwCurrentCount;
DWORD dwNewIndex;
int waitedFor;
// This function will monitor the log for the specified number of
// seconds. If seconds is less than zero, we will wait forever.
for (waitedFor = 0; seconds < 0 || waitedFor < seconds; )
{

```

```

HANDLE h;
// Open, read status of log, close event log =====
if ((h = OpenEventLog(eventServer, eventSource)) == NULL)
{
... report error status here ...
return;
}
// If an event is added, either the start or count will change.
// Get the start and count. Microsoft does not specify what
// reasons these functions could fail, so we cannot ensure
// success. Check the return value.
if (GetOldestEventLogRecord(h, &dwCurrentStart) == false ||
GetNumberOfEventLogRecords(h, &dwCurrentCount) == false)
{
CloseEventLog(h);
... report error - unable to obtain event logs ...
return;
}
if (CloseEventLog(h) == false)
{
... report error status here ...
return;
}
// Determine state of log change =====
// Compute the index of the last event. If the count is zero, then
// there are no events and the index is 0.
if (dwCurrentCount == 0)
{
dwNewIndex = 0;
}
else
{
dwNewIndex = dwCurrentStart + dwCurrentCount - 1;
}
// If the new index is different than the current, update the current

```

```

// and process the current event. Otherwise, we sleep for a while.
if (dwNewIndex != dwCurrentIndex)
{
// We have at least one new event. Print out the last event.
dwCurrentIndex = dwNewIndex;
if (dwNewIndex)
{
if (processEvent(eventServer, eventSource, dwCurrentIndex))
{
... event processing error here ...
return;
}
}
}
else
{
// No new events. Sleep for 1 second.
Sleep(1000);
waitedFor += 1;
}
}
return;
}
main( ... )
{
... setup and initialize agent ...
monitorEvents(EVENT_SERVER, EVENT_SRC, seconds);
... cleanup agent here or send alerts ...
... may wish to return status from monitorEvents ...
}

```



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# C Uninstalling HP ZCentral Remote Boost

To uninstall HP ZCentral Remote Boost, follow the procedure for your operating system.

## Uninstalling HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver or HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender (Windows)

To uninstall HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver or HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender from Windows:

- ▲ Open the **Programs and Features** item in Control Panel, and uninstall the entry corresponding to HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver or HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender (**Remote Graphics Receiver** or **Remote Graphics Sender**).

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💡 **TIP:** You can alternatively perform each uninstallation using the command-line option `/autoremove` for each installer.

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## Uninstalling HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver (Linux)

Use the procedure for your version of Linux.

### Red Hat Enterprise Linux

To uninstall HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on Red Hat Enterprise Linux:

1. Log in as root.
2. Execute the following command to uninstall the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver:

```
rpm -e --allmatches rgreceiver
```

### Ubuntu

To uninstall HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver from Ubuntu:

1. Log in as root.
2. Execute the following command to uninstall the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver:

```
dpkg -P rgreceiver
```

### HP ThinPro

To uninstall HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver on HP ThinPro:

1. Log in as root.
2. Execute the following commands:

```
fsunlock
```

```
dpkg -l | grep -i rgs-
```

The HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver core package and dependency packages are listed.



**NOTE:** A package named findutils might also be listed because of the letters "rgs" appearing in the package description. Do not remove this package.

Beginning with ThinPro 7.0, the hptc-rgs-usb package is installed by default with the OS. Do not remove this package.

3. Execute the following command to remove the listed packages:

```
dpkg -P <package name> [<package name> ...]
```



**IMPORTANT:** When entering package names, omit the brackets and braces. For syntax help, see [User input syntax key on page 1](#).

4. Execute the following command:

```
ln -snf ../tmp/tmpfs/var/opt /var/opt
```

5. Restart the thin client.

## Uninstalling HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender (Linux)

Use the procedure for your version of Linux.

### Red Hat Enterprise Linux

To uninstall the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender from Red Hat Enterprise Linux:

1. Log in as root.
2. Execute the following command to remove the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender:

```
rpm -e --allmatches rgsender
```

3. If the smart card redirection package was installed, execute the following command:

```
rpm -e --allmatches rgsender-smartcard
```

### Ubuntu

To uninstall HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender from Ubuntu:

1. Log in as root.
2. Execute the following command to remove the HP ZCentral Remote Boost Sender:

```
dpkg -P rgsender
```

3. If the smart card redirection package was installed, execute the following command:

```
dpkg -P rgsender-smartcard
```

## Uninstalling HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver (macOS)

To unistall HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver from macOS:

1. Log in as an administrator (or be able to provide administrator credentials).
2. Open a Finder window, and then select **Applications**.
3. Drag the **HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver** icon to the trash bin.
4. (Optional) To remove all traces of HP ZCentral Remote Boost Receiver after uninstalling it, navigate to **/Library/Application Support/HP/rgreiver/uninstall.command**, double-click **uninstall.command**, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

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