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Deploying Software
To Your Spiceworks
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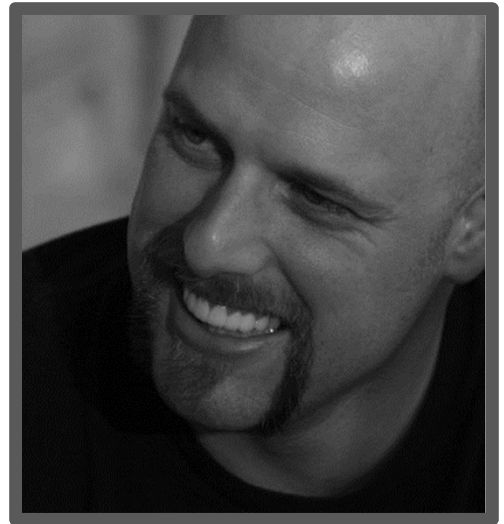


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GET PDQ DEPLOY TO TALK TO SPICEWORKS

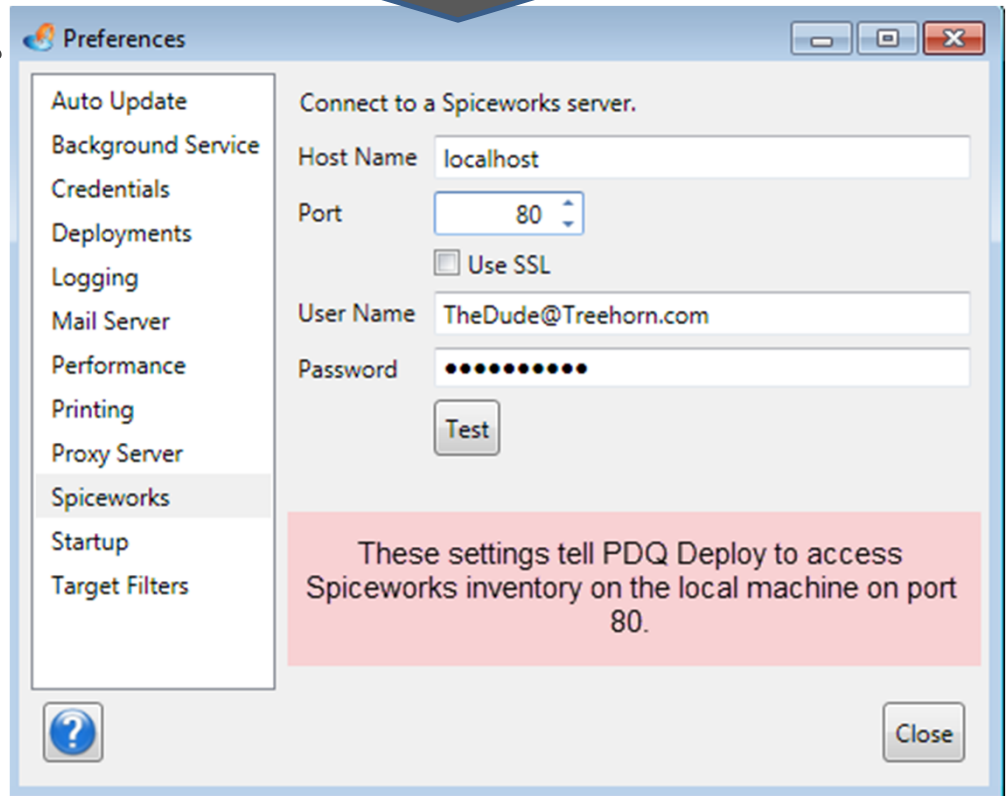


Allow PDQ Deploy to see your Spiceworks computers



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If Spiceworks & PDQ Deploy are installed on the same computer use `localhost` for Host Name.



File > Preferences > Spiceworks

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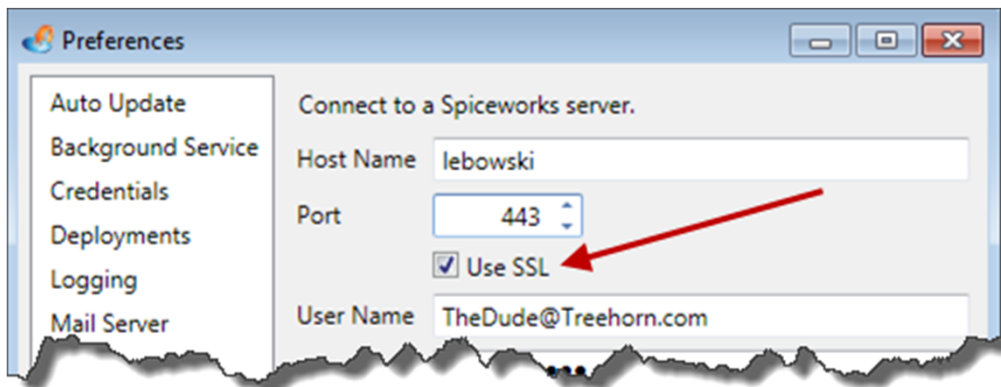





Advanced Topic: SSL and Ports

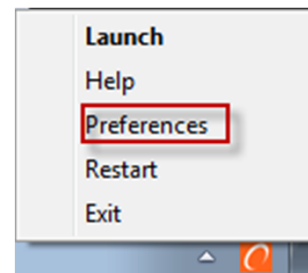
To enable SSL check the `Use SSL` checkbox.

If running Spiceworks and PDQ Deploy on different computers, you may need to configure your Firewall settings on the Spiceworks server to allow TCP traffic on the Spiceworks ports.



Quick
Tip:

Not sure which port to choose? On the Spiceworks server right-click the  icon in the system tray and select `Preferences`.



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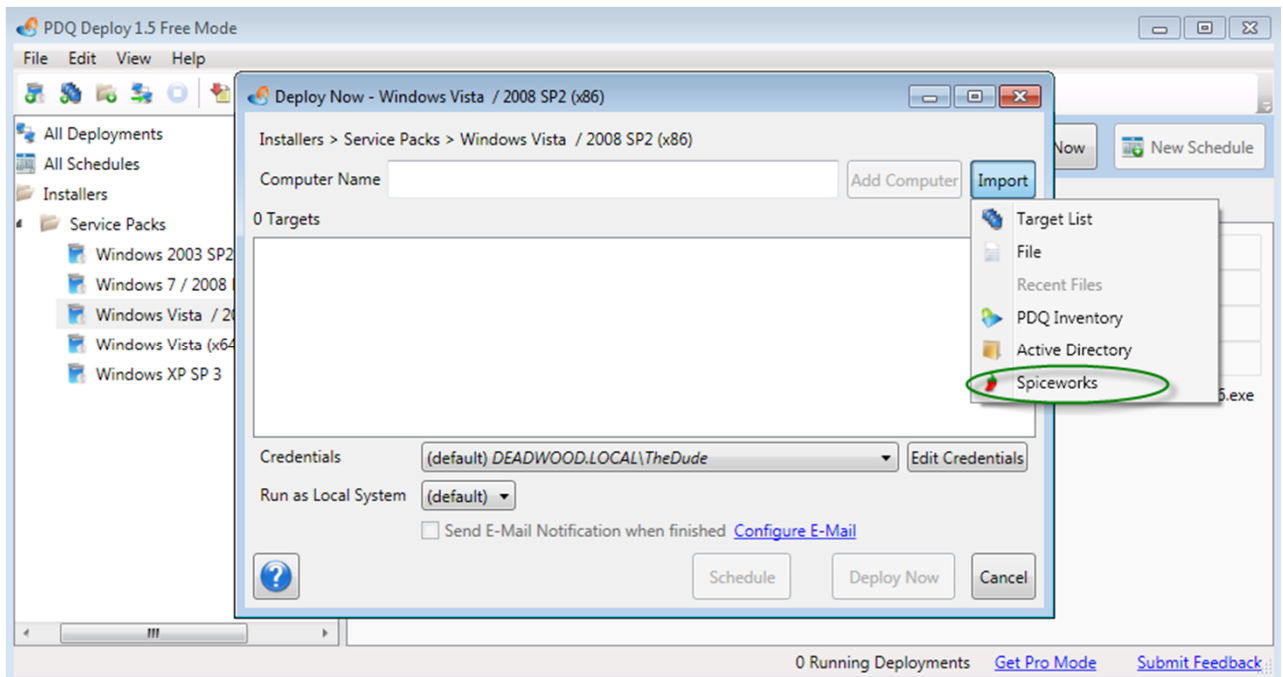
SEE SPICEWORKS COMPUTERS IN PDQ DEPLOY



Click here if you need a quick walk-through of using PDQ Deploy?

The following will work with any PDQ Installer. In this example I will be deploying Service Pack 2 for Vista.

With your Installer selected click the



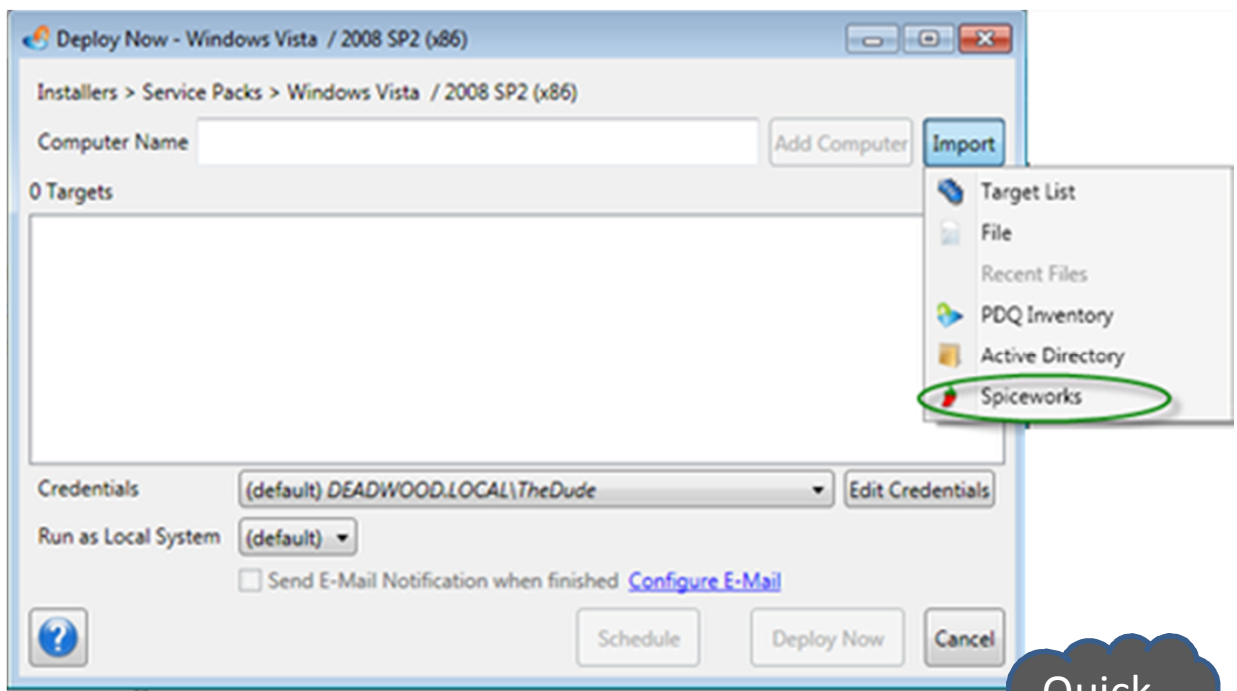
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Selecting computers from Spiceworks

Clicking the `Import` button displays the methods to select computers for your deployment. Select Spiceworks.



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Tip:

In addition to Spiceworks, you can also use text files, PDQ Inventory, and Active Directory.

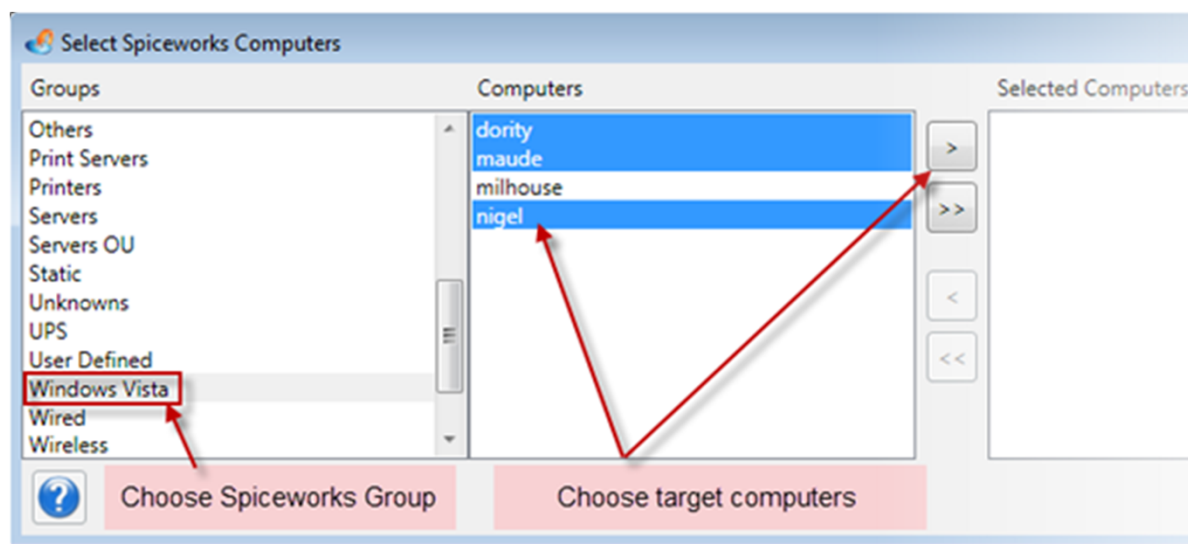
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Navigating Spiceworks Groups

The Select Spiceworks Computers window opens. The far left pane lists your Spiceworks Groups. The middle pane lists the Computers in the selected Group. Select your computers and move them to the last pane by clicking the > or >> buttons.



Click OK.

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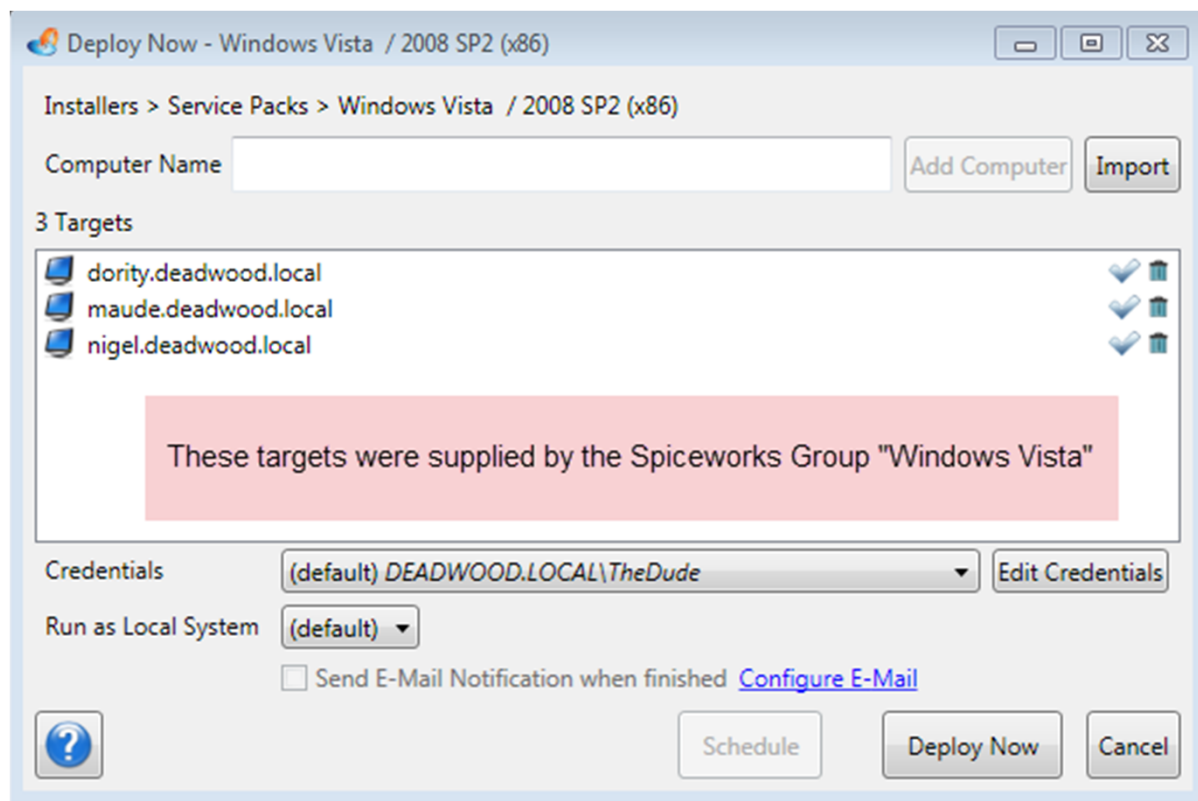




Make your Spiceworks Groups even more valuable by filtering by Software Name and Version!



Your targets are now ready to either Deploy or Schedule (Pro mode) a deployment.



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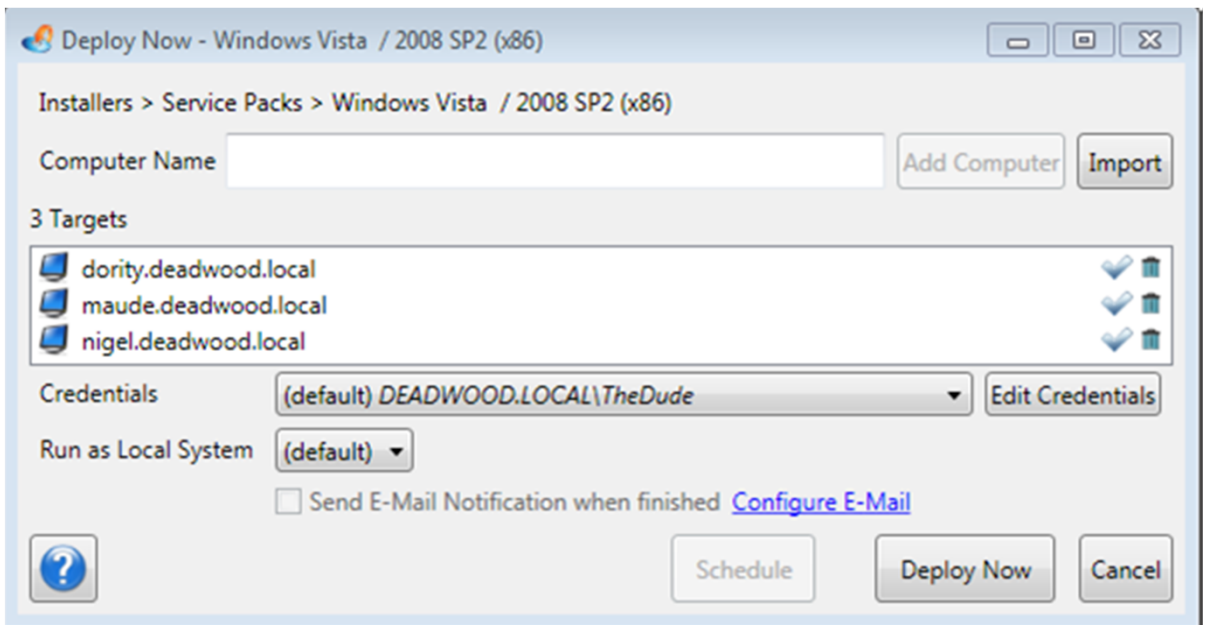
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USE ADVANCED FEATURES TO SEE SPICEWORKS COMPUTERS



Advanced Topic: Scheduling



[Scheduling is a Pro mode feature](#) of PDQ Deploy. It allows you to defer deployments to a future time. It also allows for recurring deployments.

Quick
Tip:

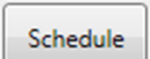
Why hang around watching the grass grow? Use scheduling to kick off deployments after hours.

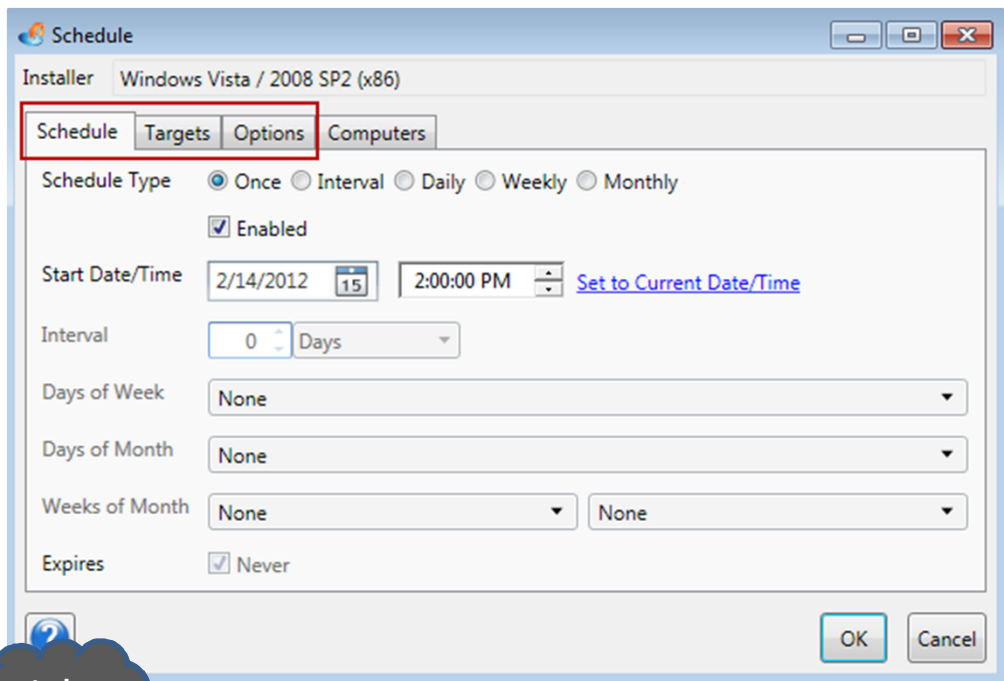
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Advanced Topic: Scheduling (cont'd)

If you've activated Pro mode you can setup a schedule by clicking the  button.



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use the Options tab to specify credentials, or to retry the deployment to failed computers.

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Advanced Topic: Target Lists



Q: What are Target Lists?

A: A group of computers or containers that you regularly deploy to.

Using Target Lists saves you time when you find that you are pushing software to the same systems for multiple deployments.

It is particularly helpful when you schedule your deployments because the Target List is refreshed for current targets before each deployment.



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Tip:

Target Lists can also point to multiple sources to find computers.


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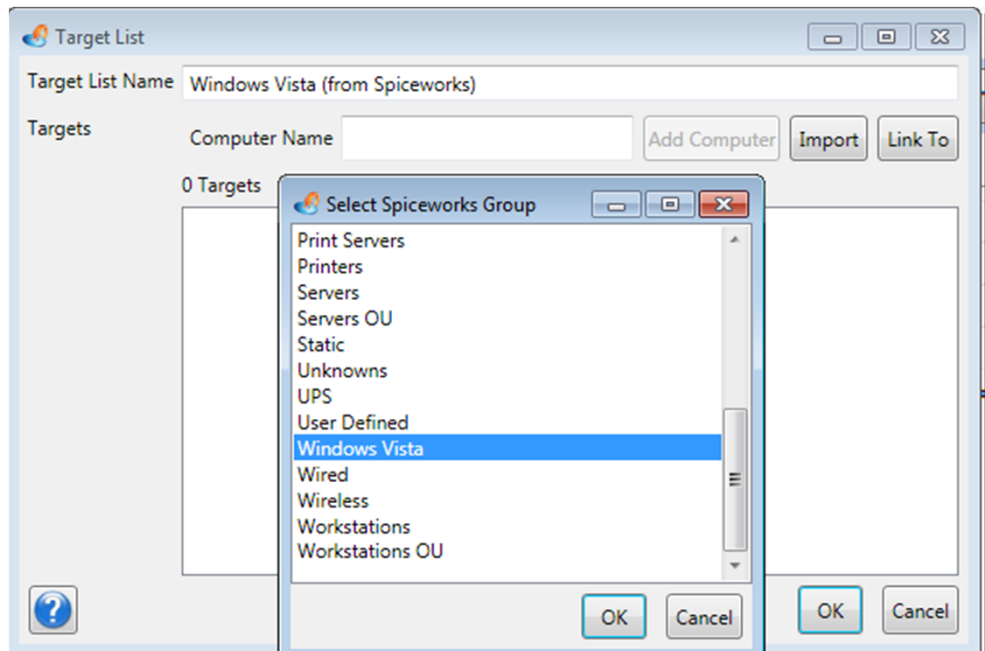




Advanced Topic: Target Lists (cont'd)

File > New Target List

Name your Target List and click the  button. Select Spiceworks. A window showing your Spiceworks Groups appears. Select the Group(s) that you want in the Target List and click OK.



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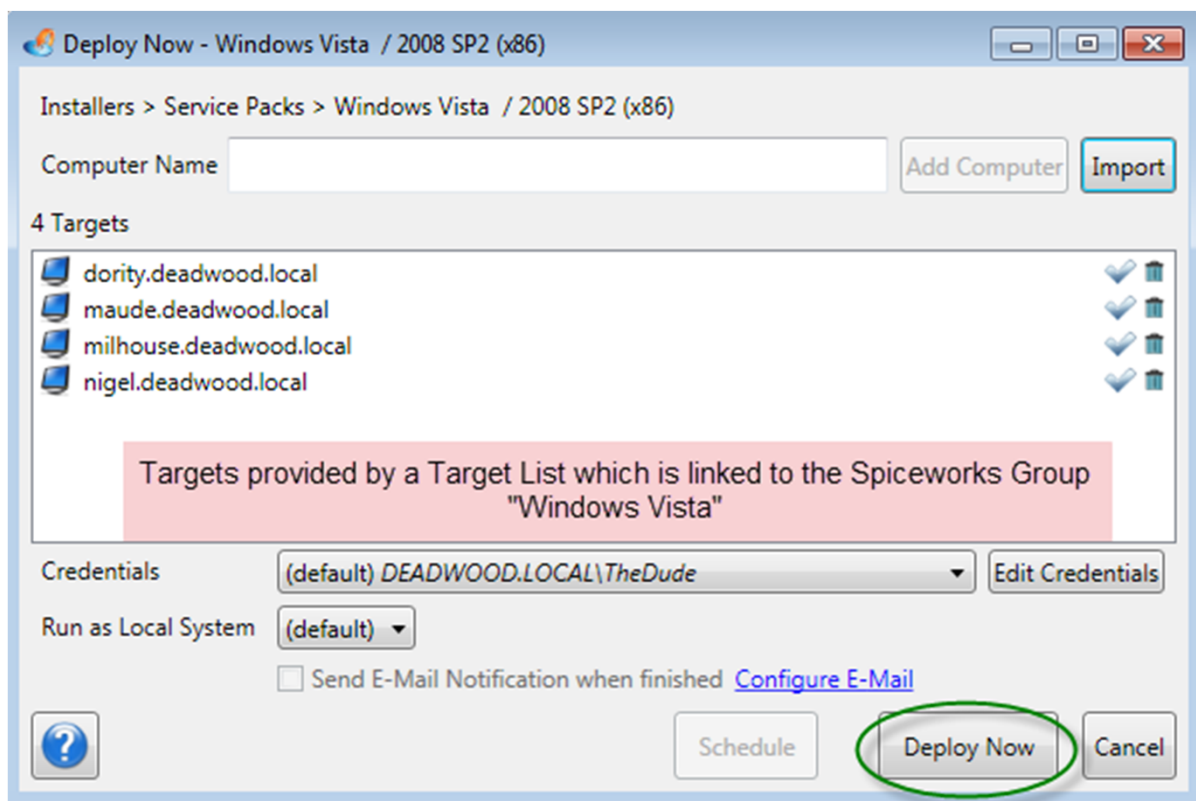
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Try selecting targets from other sources like PDQ Inventory. PDQ Inventory Collections are stop-the-car easy to create and best of all, it's free.

You've learned how to access the power of Spiceworks Groups with PDQ Inventory. With your targets selected you're ready to [Deploy Now](#)



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Now you're equipped to execute successful application and patch deployments using Spiceworks computers.

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Bonus Video
Deploying
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By reading this Ebook you gained 'how-to' knowledge on using your existing Spiceworks Inventory to help you deploy software to the computers that need it. We started by covering the initial setup between PDQ Deploy and Spiceworks and continued by discussing the various methods to select computers managed within Spiceworks. We then covered the steps necessary to deploy software to your computers using PDQ Deploy.

This guide was designed with the intention to go over a the basic Spiceworks / PDQ Deploy integration. However, if you are looking for more depth on deploying software or collecting inventory, subscribe to our blog where we regularly post examples and how-to videos.

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