

FTK 8.3 - SITE SERVER GUIDE

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1 Site Server Changes

The 8.3 version of Exterro FTK Site Servers allows an agent to configure and establish connections to multiple regions of Public Site Servers simultaneously without having to uninstall and reconfigure the same agent for each region's Public Site Servers. Moreover, you can trigger jobs from different instances for a single agent.

From 8.3 version, the **Site Server instance** field will be enabled in for the **Root** type Site Server and the value provided in this field will be reflected for all the corresponding child site servers. You can view that information in the child site server UI but it cannot be edited.

Note: *The FTK 8.3 Site Server does not support backward compatibility.*

2 Impacts for 8.3

2.1 Site Server Configuration Impacts

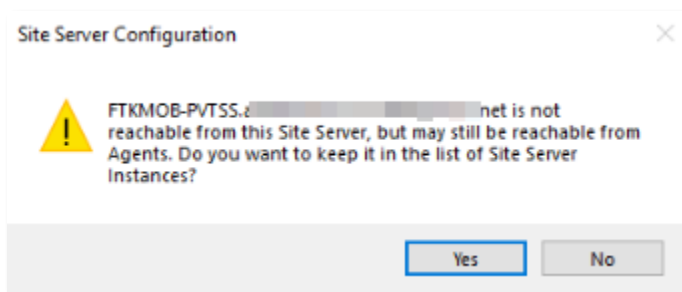
- The updates made to the **SSLIST** argument will be reflected in the Site Server and Agent logs.

Location:

- **Site Server** - `C:\Users\Public\Documents\AccessData\AccessDataLogs\SiteServerManagedHostLog`
- **Agent** - `C:\Program Files\AccessData\Agent\Agent.log`
- The 'Site Server Instance' field requires any one of the following:
 - Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN)
 - Internet Protocol (IP)
 - Domain Name System (DNS)
 - Network Load Balancer (NLB)

Note: This is applicable only for the Public and Private Site Servers.

- A new check-in 'Site Server Instance Reachability' has been introduced to ensure if the instances in the 'Site Server Instances' field are reachable.
- If any of the instances are not reachable, the below confirmation pop-up will be displayed. If you click on Yes - the values will be retained; if No - the values will be removed.



3 Parameters

Parameters	Description	Default Values	Values
SSLIST	Consists of the entire list of Private or Public Site Servers (DNS or Network Load Balancers or IP) without any port numbers	-	"PUB1SS,PUB2SS,DNS1,DNS2,NLB1,NLB2"
HTTPSPORT	The HTTPS Check-in port number. Note: Only a single value can be provided for this parameter. For the users with multiple regions, the same check-in port number should be used across all available regions of the Site Server.	443	Any valid port number
TCPPORT	The Public TCP Port number. Note: Only a single value can be provided for this parameter. For the users with multiple regions, the same Public TCP Port number should be used across all available regions of the Site Server.	54545	Any valid port number
CHECKIN	0 - The check-in will stop upon successful check-in to one of the Site Server in SSLIST 1 - The check-in will not stop successful check-in and will continue to check in for all available Site Servers in SSLIST	0	0 1
CER=	Full path to the public certificate. Path must be enclosed in quotes if it contains spaces. Acceptable certificate formats are P7B, P7C, DER, CER, and CRT.	N/A	Public certificate path

Parameters	Description	Default Values	Values
INSTALLDIR=	Specifies a desired path to install the agent. Path must be enclosed in quotes if it contains spaces. If not specified, the default value is assumed.	C:\Program Files\AccessData\Agent	The path where the installation should be performed
PORT=	The port that the agent will be listening on. If not specified, the default value is assumed.	3999	A valid port number
STORESIZE=	Specifies the agent temporary data storage size. If not specified, the default value is assumed.	268435456	The value larger than or equal to the default value should be provided
SYSTEMSIZE=	Specifies the agent configuration files storage size. If not specified, the default value is assumed.	16777216	The value larger than or equal to the default value should be provided
TRANSIENT=	Installs an Agent that will expire and uninstall itself after the next reboot or restart of the service	0	0 1
LIFETIME=	Specifies the amount of time that an agent will exist before self-destructing. A negative value is used to denote minutes (eg: -30 denotes 30 minutes), and a positive value is used to denote days (eg: 30 denotes 30 days).	0	Positive (days) or negative (minutes) value should be provided.
SERVICELESS =	Installs as a one-shot, ephemeral Agent that runs only as a process, and uninstalls itself on the next reboot. A 1 enables this feature. If not specified, the default value is assumed.	0	0 1
FIREWALL_RULE=	The name of the firewall rule is created when an agent has been installed	FTK Enterprise Agent	The rule's name based on your preference.
NOT_CREATE_FIREWALLRULE	A 1 indicates that the agent, when installed will not create a firewall rule at all. A 0	0	0 1

Parameters	Description	Default Values	Values
	indicates it will install the agent with a firewall rule.		
retry_failed_attempt	If a Public Site Server is not passed as a parameter, then the value will always remain at 0 - this means the agent will behave as it does as standard. If a Public Site Server and retry_failed_attempt parameter is passed, an agent will restart automatically once it fails to connect to a Public Site Server after the passed value.	5	The required number of attempts
HTTPS_CER_ENABLE	1 - indicates to check the certificate is domain registered or CA Certificate if not the connection will be established in TCP and 0 does not check the certificate is registered or CA certificate and establish the HTTPS connection with PFX Certificate	1	0 1
PING_SIZE	The Ping Size represents the number of bytes of data transferred for checking Latency.	5242880	The required Ping size
ENABLE_LOGGING	1 indicates that the agent log is enabled. 0 Indicates agent log is disabled. The agent log can be found within: C:\Program Files\AccessData\Agent\Agent.log	1	0 1
INSTALL_REMOTE	0 indicates that the agent will not install the necessary dependencies for remote mobile collections	1	0 1

Parameters	Description	Default Values	Values
	1 indicates that the agent will install the necessary dependencies for remote mobile collections Additionally agent will report back within the data sources tab (FTK Central) as a RMD agent.		
RMD_PATH	Where mobile collection jobs will create and store collected data before transferring to the site server.	C:\Program Files\AccessData\Agent\config\netfs.exe	Any folder Path of the computer (Example: D:\AD1_Path - D:\ Drive Name AD1_Path -- Folder Path)
DO_LATENCY	1 represents before the job start ping will be sent to all the available Site Server instances and job run on the Site Server with lower latency 0 represent the ping call will not be sent and the job will run on the same Site server instance where the HTTPS Check-in happened	1	0 1
EXECNAME	The agentcore executable file will be renamed to the provided name. Note: Ensure the service/exe name contains no spaces, or special characters (other than. or -) to avoid check-in failures.	agentcore	<name>.exe

Parameters	Description	Default Values	Values
SERVICENAME	The name of the service will be changed to the provided value. Note: Ensure the service name contains no spaces, as this can cause check-in failures.	AgentService- <version_number>	<Name_of_Service>
REMEDiate	To install the 'remediate-<version>' module in the following location: C:\Program Files\AccessData\Agent\modules	1	1 - To install the module 0 - To not install the module

Note: The 8.3 agent can be installed with the older arguments and after installation the arguments will be converted to latest arguments.

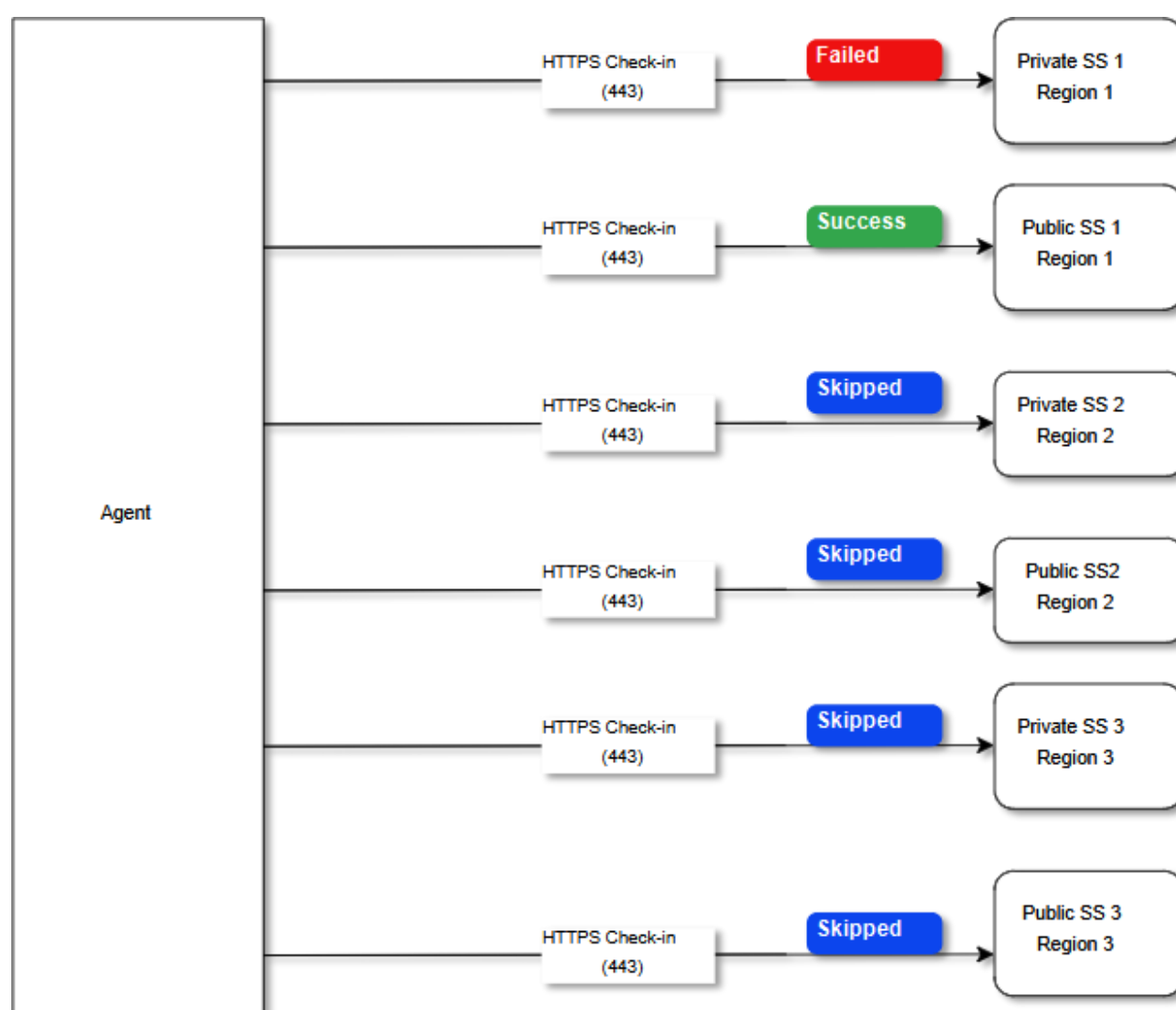
Example:

```
msiexec /I "<Location_of_MSI>" CER="<Location_of_CRT>" SSLIST="FQDN1,FQDN2" HTTPSPORT=443  
TCPPOrt=54545
```

Workflow when CHECKIN value is set to 0:

The Site Servers mentioned on the IPLIST parameter will be checked sequentially until one of the IP is checked in successfully. During the first check-in, the process will be made for all IPs in the list. After the first IP is checked-in, the remaining IPs in the list will not be checked-in.

This should be used for a Single Root Site Server consisting of multiple Public and Private Site Servers.

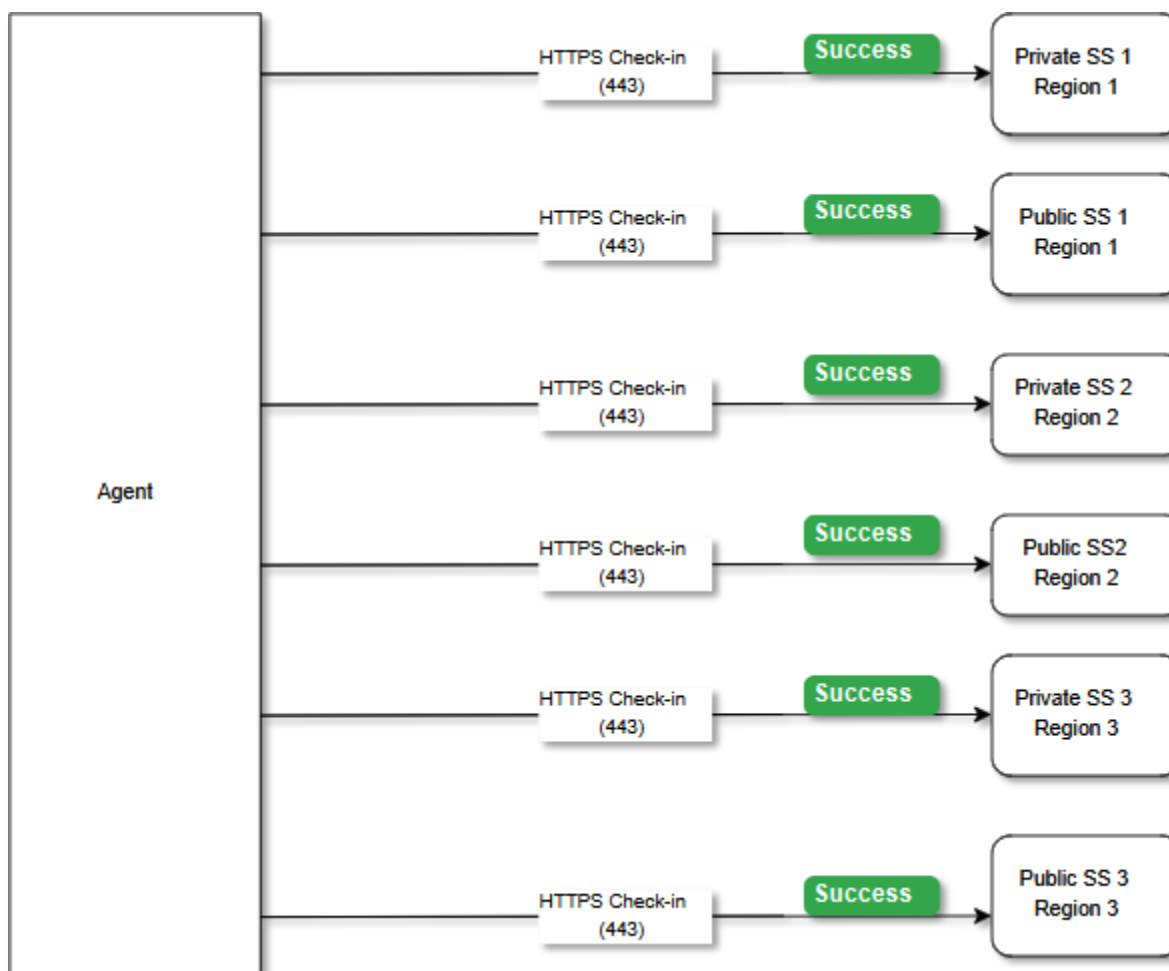


Workflow when CHECKIN value is set to 1:

All the Site Servers mentioned in the IPLIST parameter will be checked for each periodic check-in.

Once a check-in is successfully done, then the check-in will be continued through the Site Server for all the remaining Ips.

This should be used for Multiple Root Site Servers and Multiple Public/Private Site Servers in different regions.



Parallel Check-in:

- The parallel check-in happens to the Site Server to update the agent's last contact details when the job is in progress.
- The parallel check-in starts after 2 minutes of the job start and the consecutive check-in happens based on the check-in interval set.
- The parallel check-in stops once the job gets completed and the regular check-in will start to happen.
- The parallel check-in will update only the agent's last contact details and if any job is available it will not be picked up by the agent.
- The parallel check-in will happen only via HTTPS check-in.

Note: TCP check-in will not happen even if all the HTTPS check-ins fail.

- The parallel check-in is controlled by the CHECKIN parameter and follows the same behavior as CHECKIN = 0 and 1.

Check-in behavior:

- The Site Server type will be updated on the HTTPS check-in.
- The consecutive check-ins from the agent to Site Server will follow a flow where the agent will try to connect to the Site Server type 0,1 and 2:
 - SS Type 0 - Unable to connect to the Site Server and unable to determine the Site Server type.
 - SS type 1 - Indicates the Site Server is private.
 - SS type 2 - Indicates the Site Server is public.

Site Server Configuration Change:

- The following fields' names have been renamed:

Previous name	New name
Max Incoming Thread	Max Agent Thread
Outgoing Thread	Max Job Thread

- The 'Max SS Incoming Thread' field is newly added to set the maximum number of threads for handling incoming Site Server-to-Site Server connections on port **54548**. The default value for this field is 50.

Agent.ini file change:

- The **agent.ini** file contains only the following arguments and corresponding values.

```
MaxThreads=33
Port=3990
Cert=C:\CustomPath\config\SelfSignedCert.crt
TrustedAuth=C:\CustomPath\config\95728BA1-5406-4732-84A2-C1B5A76BCB61-adata.p7b
RetryFailedAttempt=5
HttpsCerEnable=1
Sslist=gaejpublicss.exterrocloud.info
Tcpport=54545
Httpsport=443
Checkin=1
EnableLog=1
RMDpath=
Install_RMD=1
dolatency=1
ExpiredTime=0
```

However, a file named 'agentinstallcommands.txt' containing all parameters (default and custom) will be stored in the Config folder.

- The values can be handled from the agent.ini file (i.e. when edited and restarted, new values will be considered for the arguments).

Site Server instance value update:

- The user can install the agent by providing only one value on the SSLIST argument.
- The rest of the values will be updated on the agent if the agent check-in is successful.

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