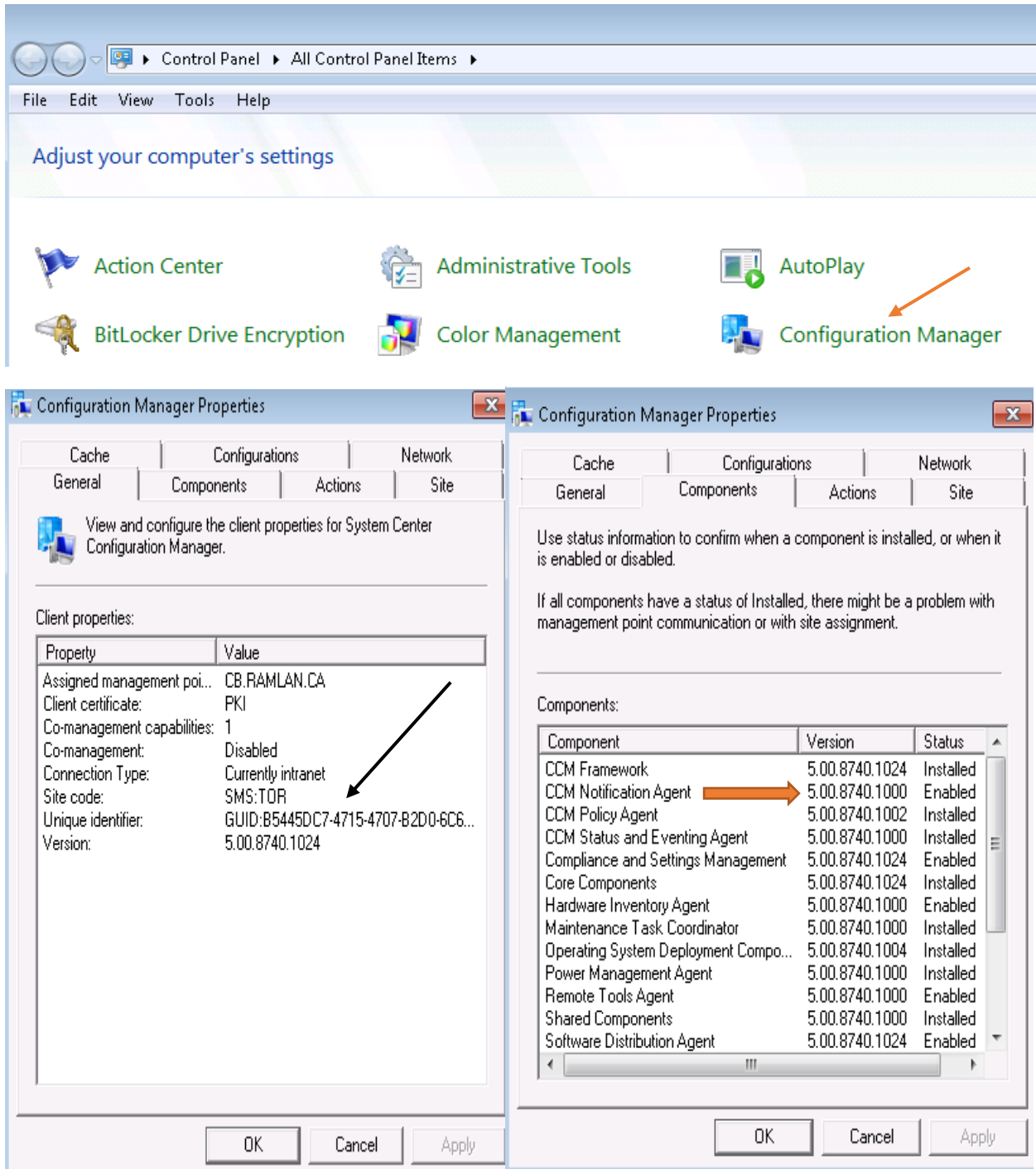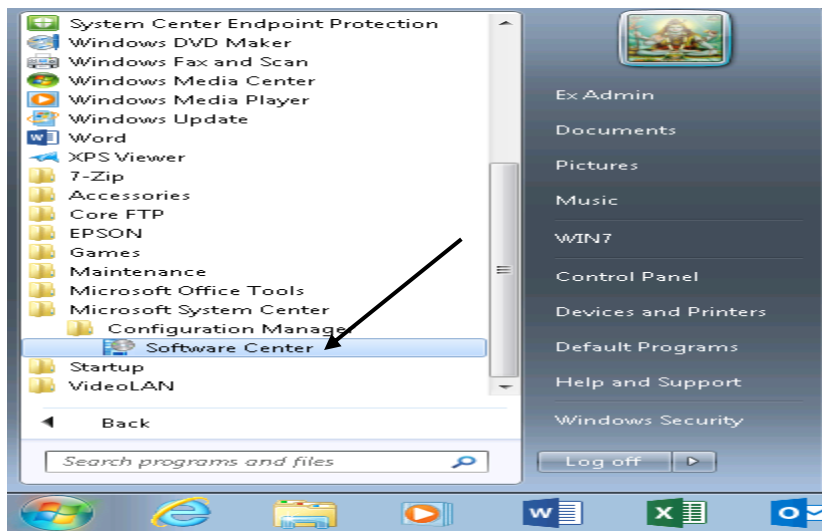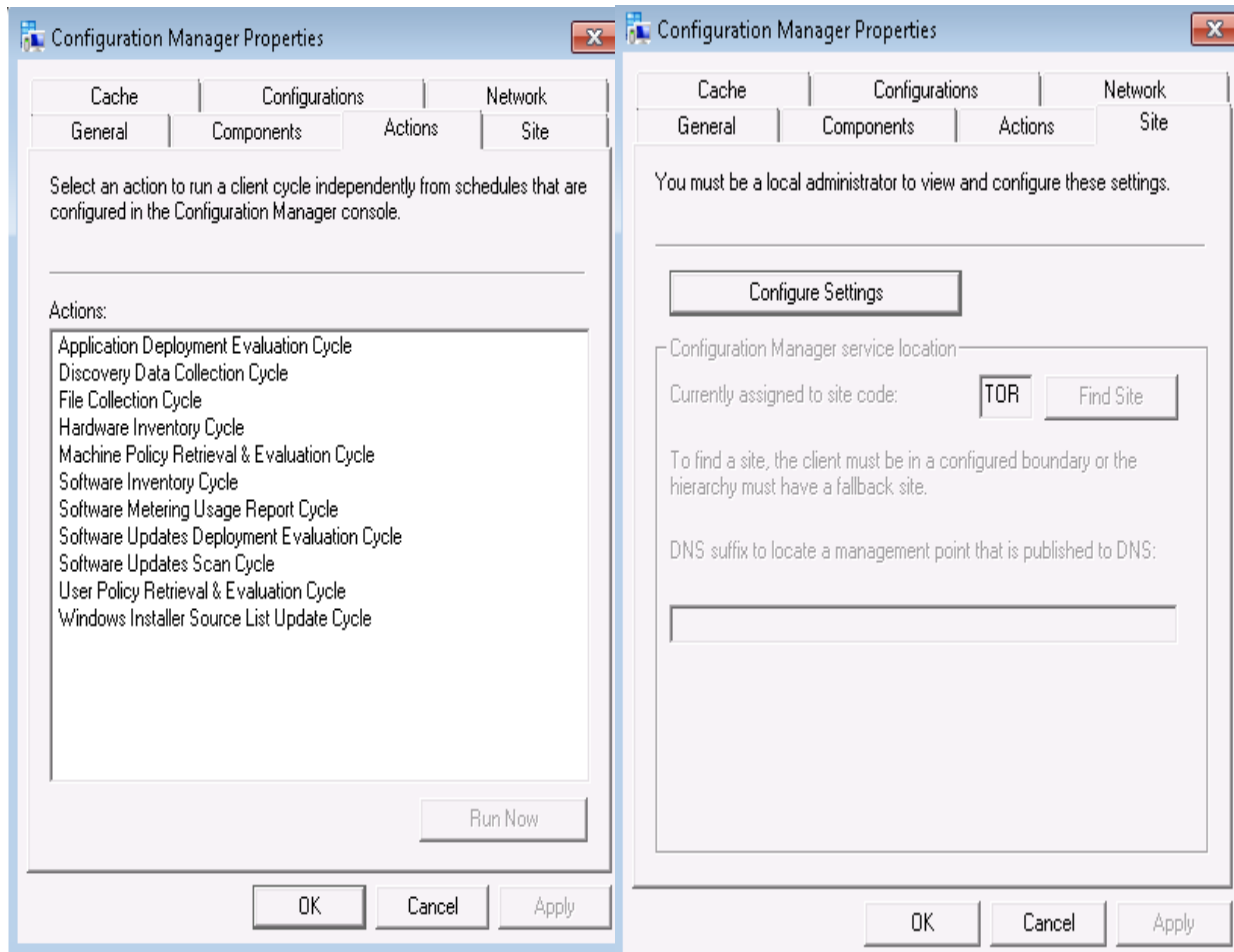# REMOVE AND REINSTALL SOFTWARE CENTER

In this post, I will show you how to reinstall software center. This article was written for a project, I am working currently. In this project, we had few systems running Old Software Center. **This was our fix.**

Here is the current configuration of Windows 7 machine joined to the domain and Configuration Manager Client installed.

Configuration Manager Properties

Cache | Configurations | Network
General | Components | Actions | Site

Select an action to run a client cycle independently from schedules that are configured in the Configuration Manager console.

Actions:

Application Deployment Evaluation Cycle
Discovery Data Collection Cycle
File Collection Cycle
Hardware Inventory Cycle
Machine Policy Retrieval & Evaluation Cycle
Software Inventory Cycle
Software Metering Usage Report Cycle
Software Updates Deployment Evaluation Cycle
Software Updates Scan Cycle
User Policy Retrieval & Evaluation Cycle
Windows Installer Source List Update Cycle

Run Now

OK | Cancel | Apply

Configuration Manager Properties

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Configure Settings

Configuration Manager service location

Currently assigned to site code: TOR | Find Site

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DNS suffix to locate a management point that is published to DNS:

OK | Cancel | Apply

System Center Endpoint Protection
Windows DVD Maker
Windows Fax and Scan
Windows Media Center
Windows Media Player
Windows Update
Word
XPS Viewer
7-Zip
Accessories
Core FTP
EPSON
Games
Maintenance
Microsoft Office Tools
Microsoft System Center
  Configuration Manage
    Software Center
Startup
VideoLAN

Back

Search programs and files

Ex Admin
Documents
Pictures
Music
WIN7
Control Panel
Devices and Printers
Default Programs
Help and Support
Windows Security

Log off

You can remove software center as detailed below:

Open Command Prompt as Administrator

Wait for 5 minutes and then open Control Panel to make sure Configuration Manager is not there. Also check All Programs to make sure Software Center is also removed from the list.
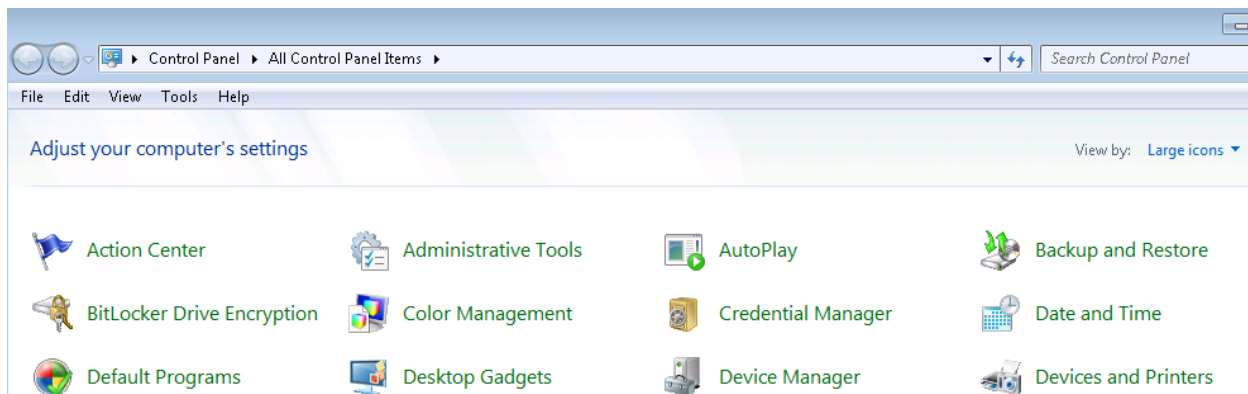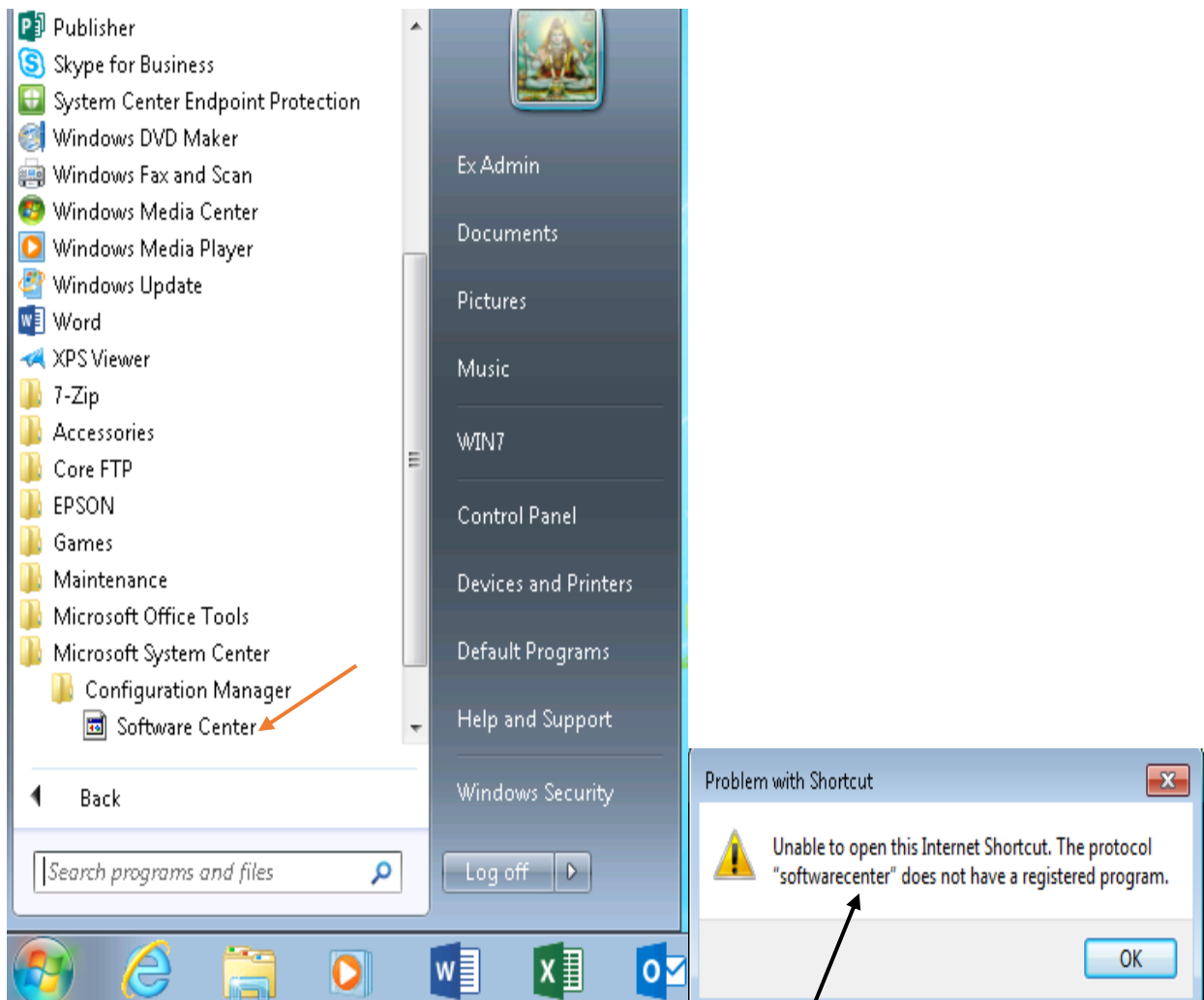
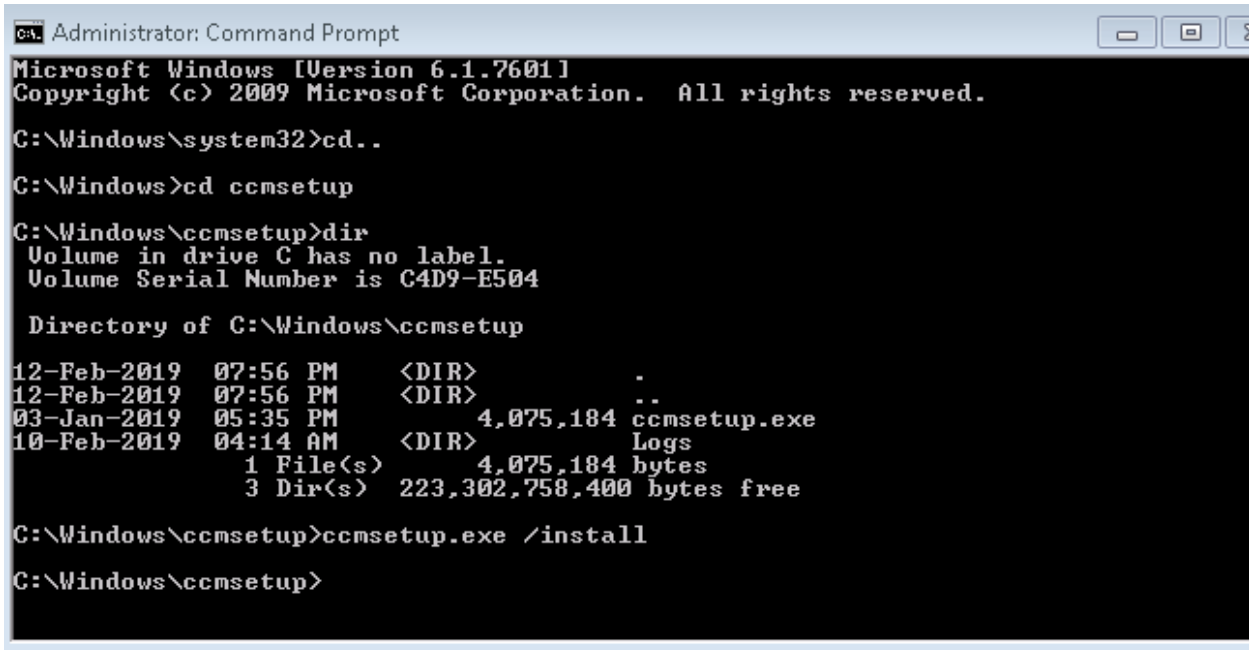Even though you see Software Center link above it is not working. See above error message.

Above you can see the client is inactive without GREEN TICK because we removed Configuration Manger client.

Now you can restart the system and we will re-install Configuration Manager Client and check Control Panel for Configuration Manager and Software Center link working.
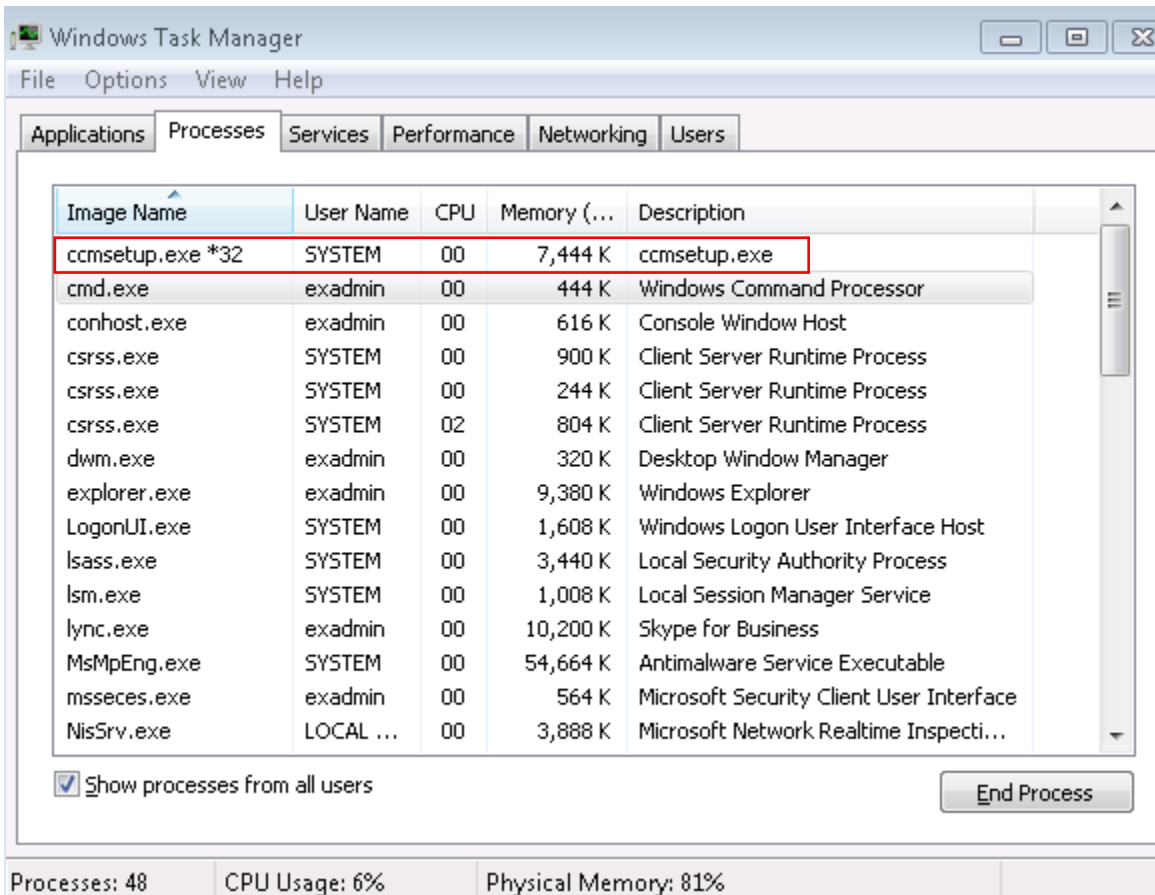
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View and configure the client properties for System Center Configuration Manager.

Client properties:

Property	Value
Assigned management poi...	CB.RAMLAN.CA
Client certificate:	PKI
Co-management capabilities:	1
Co-management:	Disabled
Connection Type:	Currently intranet
Site code:	SMS:TOR
Unique identifier:	GUID:B5445DC7-4715-4707-B2D0-6C6...
Version:	5.00.8740.1024

OK   Cancel   Apply

Configuration Manager Properties

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Use status information to confirm when a component is installed, or when it is enabled or disabled.

If all components have a status of Installed, there might be a problem with management point communication or with site assignment.

Components:

Component	Version	Status
CCM Framework	5.00.8740.1024	Installed
CCM Notification Agent	5.00.8740.1000	Enabled
CCM Policy Agent	5.00.8740.1002	Installed
CCM Status and Eventing Agent	5.00.8740.1000	Installed
Compliance and Settings Management	5.00.8740.1024	Enabled
Core Components	5.00.8740.1024	Installed
Hardware Inventory Agent	5.00.8740.1000	Enabled
Maintenance Task Coordinator	5.00.8740.1000	Installed
Operating System Deployment Compo...	5.00.8740.1004	Installed
Power Management Agent	5.00.8740.1000	Installed
Remote Tools Agent	5.00.8740.1000	Enabled
Shared Components	5.00.8740.1000	Installed
Software Distribution Agent	5.00.8740.1024	Enabled

OK   Cancel   Apply

Configuration Manager Properties (left window)

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Configuration Manager Properties (right window)

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Skype for Business
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Windows DVD Maker
Windows Fax and Scan
Windows Media Center
Windows Media Player
Windows Update
Word
XPS Viewer
7-Zip
Accessories
Core FTP
EPSON
Games
Maintenance
Microsoft Office Tools
Microsoft System Center
    Configuration Manager
        Software Center

◄ Back

Search programs and files

Ex Admin
Documents
Pictures
Music
WIN7
Control Panel
Devices and Printers
Default Programs
Help and Support
Windows Security

Log off ▷

As you can see from above the client is active (GREEN TICK). That is, it.

The whole process took around 15 minutes. I hope we can use this fix for any systems that are running Old Software Center rather than trying all these:

1. GPUPDATE
2. Click all the items in Action tab within Configuration Manager
3. Restarting the system several times
4. Finally running the script that RBC has developed to fix Old Software Center

Thanks

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If you have access to SCCM Console you can do above task with a single click(Uninstall/Install).