

## APPENDIX E

# Extending Hardware Inventory

System Center Configuration Manager (ConfigMgr)'s hardware inventory component queries Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) on each ConfigMgr managed client to gather data about that device. What is queried depends on the classes that are enabled; these are specified using client settings. Chapter 3, "Looking Inside Configuration Manager," discusses WMI and how ConfigMgr interacts with it.

### CAUTION: BE CAREFUL WHEN EXTENDING INVENTORY

Before extending hardware inventory, confirm that it is necessary. Application deployment types now handle many scenarios that previously required extending inventory. Be careful when extending hardware inventory, understand how it works, and test each modification on a standalone client, as described in the following section. Errors could lead to WMI corruption on all clients receiving the modifications. Modifications to hardware inventory are more difficult to remove than to add. Examine the existing classes to see if they will meet your needs before making any modifications.

## How to Extend Hardware Inventory

Extending hardware inventory consists of executing the following tasks:

- ▶ Creating a new version of Configuration.mof for testing, and checking and testing modifications to this file using Mofcomp.exe and WBEMTest.exe.
- ▶ Replacing the current Configuration.mof, found in `<ConfigMgrInstallPath>` under `inboxes\clifiles.src\hin\`, with this new Configuration.mof.

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- ▶ Checking whether your Configuration.mof changes were accepted by inspecting the dataldr.log file residing on the site server, and confirming that the changes were executed on your clients by checking the inventoryagent.log file on the client.
- ▶ Selecting the classes with their attributes to be inventoried by modifying the hardware inventory settings, using the default settings at the hierarchy level.
- ▶ Enabling the classes and attributes that should be inventoried with custom client settings.

#### TIP: USING COMMUNITY TOOLS TO EXTEND HARDWARE INVENTORY

Numerous community-written tools and guidelines address challenges associated with extending hardware inventory. Although the majority of these focus on ConfigMgr 2007, the information is still valid, with minimal modifications required for ConfigMgr Current Branch.

Sherry Kissinger, a former Enterprise Mobility MVP, provides extensive examples of how to extend hardware inventory, including some that can help solve your hardware inventory challenges. Sherry blogs at <https://mnsug.org/blogs/sherry-kissinger>.

Mark Cochrane's RegKeyToMOF tool can assist in using the hardware inventory feature to inventory a specific Registry key. The tool allows you to browse for a Registry key and presents the corresponding sections to add to Configuration.mof and information to import in the hardware inventoried classes. RegKeyToMOF is available at <http://mnsug.org/images/Sherry/RegKeyToMOFv33a.zip>.

Using tools does not absolve you from understanding what is occurring and how custom MOF files work before implementing them in a production environment. Test all your MOF file edits in an offline environment; if in doubt, consult one of the experts on the Microsoft forums, at <https://social.technet.microsoft.com/Forums/en-US/home?forum=ConfigMgrCBGeneral>.

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After modifying Configuration.mof and adding the classes using the client agent settings, use the Resource Explorer to view the new hardware. You can report on this by using ConfigMgr reporting, discussed in Chapter 21, "Configuration Manager Reporting."

## Example of Extending Inventory

The examples in the next sections show how to inventory several values from the `HKLM\Software\Microsoft\MPSD\OSD` key, created during operating system deployment (OSD) when using Microsoft Deployment Toolkit (MDT) integration. This key includes information about when the deployment took place and the version of the task sequence used, captured by setting a `TSVersion` task sequence variable. Test your customizations on a test system; use a standalone system, preferably a virtual machine, to perform your tests.

### CAUTION: PRECAUTIONS WHEN MODIFYING MOF FILES

Always open MOF files using Windows Notepad or another script editor. Verify that there are no special characters. To take additional precautions, modify Configuration.mof offline and check the file with the mofcomp.exe utility, using the -check switch to check syntax. This utility is located in %windir%\System32\wbem. You can also use mofcomp.exe to import the MOF file into the local WMI repository and WBEMTest.exe to verify that the changes end up in the expected location.

## Creating MOF Files Using the RegKeyToMOF Tool

The following procedure shows how to use RegKeyToMOF to convert a Registry key into MOF files you can import into ConfigMgr. Follow these steps:

1. Download RegKeyToMOF from <http://mnscug.org/images/Sherry/RegKeyToMOFv33a.zip>. Start the utility on a test machine containing the Registry key and its necessary values. The key in this example is located at HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\MPSD\OSD, as shown in Figure E.1.

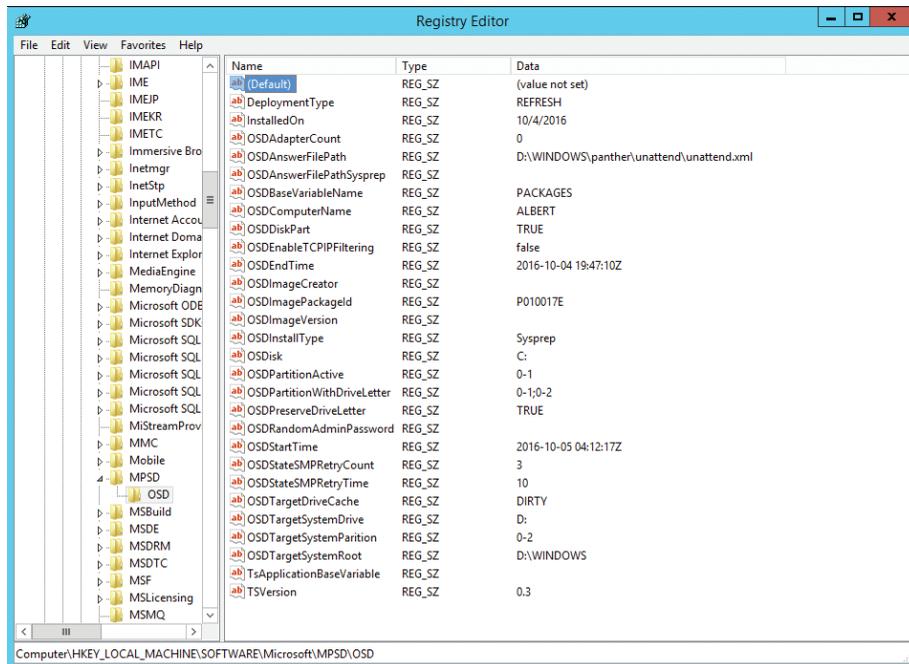


FIGURE E.1 Registry Editor showing the OSD Registry key.

2. On the central administration site (CAS), copy Configuration.mof from <ConfigMgrInstallPath>\inboxes\clifiles.src\hinw to your test machine.

3. Start RegKeyToMOF and browse to the `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\MPSD\OSD` Registry value. You can modify the values of `Group`, `ClassName` (which must be unique and in this case is `Unleashed`), and `Version`, as shown in Figure E.2. The RegKeyToMOF utility displays the changes to be made to ConfigMgr 2012, ConfigMgr 2007, and Systems Management Server (SMS) 2003; this example uses ConfigMgr 2012 suggested modifications, which are also valid for ConfigMgr Current Branch. Click **Save MOF** to export the settings specified in the `configuration.mof` tab and the `to import in...` tab of the utility.

To add Registry keys for 32-bit applications on 64 bit-Windows, enable the **Enable 64bits (for Regkeys not written in Wow6432Node)** option and add the following two lines to the `CM12Import.mof` file, which tell it to look in the 32-bit Registry on 64-bit systems:

```
SMS_Context_1 (" __ProviderArchitecture=32|uint32" ),
SMS_Context_2 (" __RequiredArchitecture=true|boolean" )
```

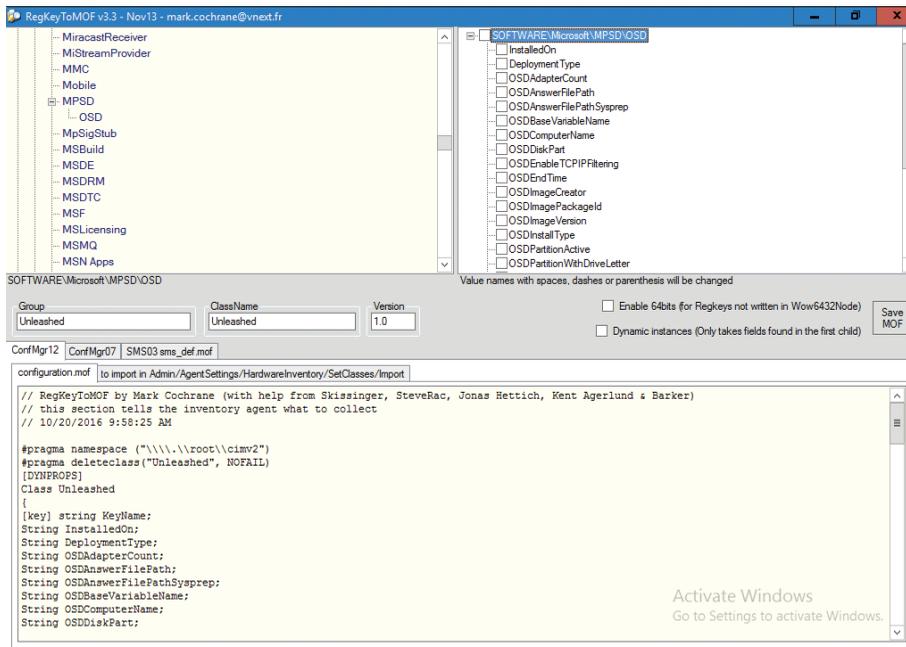


FIGURE E.2 RegKeyToMOF utility.

4. Add the content of the `CM12Config.mof` file (available in Appendix D, “Available Online,”) to your offline `Configuration.mof` file, between the `Added extensions Start` and `Added extensions End` sections.

Adding the content in Listing E.1 to `Configuration.mof` creates the `Unleashed` data class in WMI under the `root\CIMV2` namespace, which contains the data classes and

instances. This namespace is used because the `root\CIMV2` namespace is selected in `Configuration.mof` just before the `Added extensions` section; thus, this namespace is used to fill values of the `Unleashed` class unless declared otherwise. Data classes can reside in other classes.

Within `root\CIMV2`, you can access the data class information or use a pointer to where the data can be retrieved. The `Unleashed` data class will be created on the machines receiving `Configuration.mof`, which are all in the `ConfigMgr` hierarchy.

#### LISTING E.1 Content to Add from the `CM12Config.mof` File

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```
// RegKeyToMOF by Mark Cochrane (with help from Skissinger, SteveRac, Jonas Hettich,
➡Kent Agerlund & Barker)
// this section tells the inventory agent what to collect
// 10/20/2016 9:56:56 AM

#pragma namespace ("\\\\.\\root\\cimv2")
#pragma deleteclass("Unleashed", NOFAIL)
[DYNPROPS]
Class Unleashed
{
    [key] string KeyName;
    String InstalledOn;
    String DeploymentType;
    String OSDAdapterCount;
    String OSDAnswerFilePath;
    String OSDAnswerFilePathSysprep;
    String OSDBaseVariableName;
    String OSDComputerName;
    String OSDDiskPart;
    String OSDEnableTCP/IPFiltering;
    String OSDEndTime;
    String OSDImageCreator;
    String OSDImagePackageId;
    String OSDImageVersion;
    String OSDInstallType;
    String OSDPartitionActive;
    String OSDPartitionWithDriveLetter;
    String OSDPreserveDriveLetter;
    String OSDRandomAdminPassword;
    String OSDStartTime;
    String OSDStateSMPRetryCount;
    String OSDStateSMPRetryTime;
    String OSDTargetDriveCache;
    String OSDTargetSystemDrive;
    String OSDTargetSystemPartition;
    String OSDTargetSystemRoot;
    String OSDisk;
```

```

String TSVersion;
String TsApplicationBaseVariable;
};

[DYNPROPS]
Instance of Unleashed
{
KeyName="RegKeyToMOF_32";
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔InstalledOn")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] InstalledOn;
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔DeploymentType")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] DeploymentType;
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDAdapterCount")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDAdapterCount;
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDAnswerFilePath")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDAnswerFilePath;
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDAnswerFilePathSysprep")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDAnswerFilePathSysprep;
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDBaseVariableName")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDBaseVariableName;
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDComputerName")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDComputerName;
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDDiskPart")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDDiskPart;
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDEnableTCPIPFiltering")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDEnableTCPIPFiltering;
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDEndTime")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDEndTime;
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDImageCreator")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDImageCreator;
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDImagePackageId")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDImagePackageId;
[PropertyContext ("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDImageVersion")

```

```

,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDImageVersion;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDInstallType")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDInstallType;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDPartitionActive")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDPartitionActive;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDPartitionWithDriveLetter")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDPartitionWithDriveLetter;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDPreserveDriveLetter")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDPreserveDriveLetter;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDRandomAdminPassword")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDRandomAdminPassword;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDStartTime"),Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDStartTime;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDStateSMPRetryCount")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDStateSMPRetryCount;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDStateSMPRetryTime")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDStateSMPRetryTime;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDTargetDriveCache")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDTargetDriveCache;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDTargetSystemDrive")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDTargetSystemDrive;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDTargetSystemParition")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDTargetSystemParition;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDTargetSystemRoot")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDTargetSystemRoot;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔OSDisk")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] OSDisk;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔TSVersion")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] TSVersion;
[PropertyContext("Local|HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\MPSD\\OSD|
➔TsApplicationBaseVariable")
,Dynamic,Provider("RegPropProv")] TsApplicationBaseVariable;
};

```

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The `Unleashed` data class is extended with the following instances:

- ▶ `Keyname` as string and as key value
- ▶ `InstalledOn` as string
- ▶ `DeploymentType` as string
- ▶ `OSDAdapterCount` as string
- ▶ `OSDAnswerFilePath` as string
- ▶ `OSDAnswerFilePathSysprep` as string
- ▶ `OSDBaseVariableName` as string
- ▶ `OSDComputerName` as string
- ▶ `OSDDiskPart` as string
- ▶ `OSDEnableTCPIPFiltering` as string
- ▶ `OSDEndTime` as string
- ▶ `OSDImageCreator` as string
- ▶ `OSDImagePackageId` as string
- ▶ `OSDImageVersion` as string
- ▶ `OSDInstallType` as string
- ▶ `OSDPartitionActive` as string
- ▶ `OSDPartitionWithDriveLetter` as string
- ▶ `OSDPreserveDriveLetter` as string
- ▶ `OSDRandomAdminPassword` as string
- ▶ `OSDStartTime` as string
- ▶ `OSDStateSMPRetryCount` as string
- ▶ `OSDStateSMPRetryTime` as string
- ▶ `OSDTargetDriveCache` as string
- ▶ `OSDTargetSystemDrive` as string
- ▶ `OSDTargetSystemPartition` as string
- ▶ `OSDTargetSystemRoot` as string
- ▶ `OSDisk` as string
- ▶ `TSVersion` as string
- ▶ `TsApplicationBaseVariable` as string

After defining the data class and its instances, the next section in the file fills the properties. The `KeyName` property is filled with the `RegKeyToMOF` value, and the `InstalledOn` property is filled with the value of the `Installed On` Registry key under `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\MPSD\OSD`, using the WMI Registry provider. The other properties are filled with other values coming from the Registry.

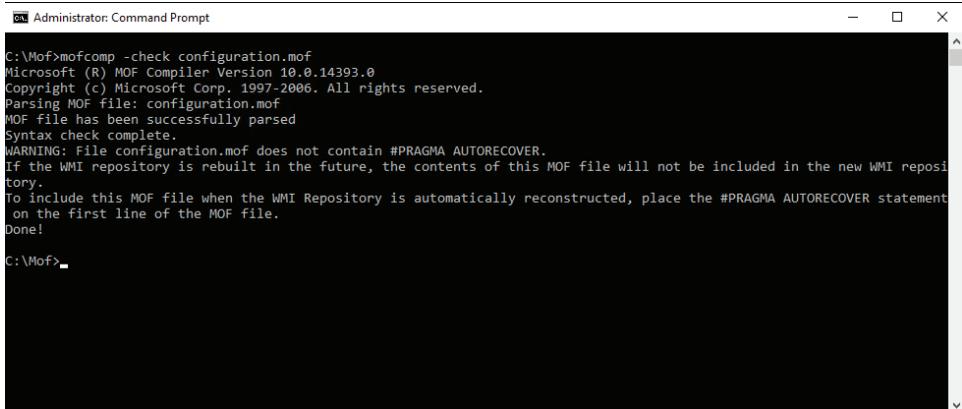
### TIP: DOCUMENTING YOUR EDITS

Document your edits and add them in a well-formatted manner. If you do, when adding or troubleshooting the extensions, things are easily readable in the MOF file.

## Verifying the Syntax of the MOF Files

Importing MOF files into ConfigMgr is risky, so take extra precautions to verify that the MOF files you create are working as expected. This section shows how to check the syntax of the files and import them to a test system where you can check the outcome of importing them. Follow these steps:

1. Use `Mofcomp.exe` with the `-check` option to check the syntax of the Configuration.mof file (see Figure E.3):



```
Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\Mof>mofcomp -check configuration.mof
Microsoft (R) MOF Compiler Version 10.0.14393.0
Copyright (c) Microsoft Corp. 1997-2006. All rights reserved.
Parsing MOF file: configuration.mof
MOF file has been successfully parsed
Syntax check complete.
WARNING: File configuration.mof does not contain #PRAGMA AUTORECOVER.
If the WMI repository is rebuilt in the future, the contents of this MOF file will not be included in the new WMI repository.
To include this MOF file when the WMI Repository is automatically reconstructed, place the #PRAGMA AUTORECOVER statement
on the first line of the MOF file.
Done!
C:\Mof>
```

FIGURE E.3 `mofcomp -check` output.

```
C:\Mof>mofcomp -check configuration.mof
Microsoft (R) MOF Compiler Version 10.0.14393.0
Copyright (c) Microsoft Corp. 1997-2006. All rights reserved.
Parsing MOF file: configuration.mof
MOF file has been successfully parsed
Syntax check complete.
WARNING: File configuration.mof does not contain #PRAGMA AUTORECOVER.
If the WMI repository is rebuilt in the future, the contents of this MOF
➤file will not be included in the new WMI repository.
➤To include this MOF file when the WMI Repository is automatically
```

- ➔ reconstructed, place the #PRAGMA AUTORECOVER statement on the first
  - ➔ line of the MOF file.
- Done!

2. Now use Mofcomp.exe with the argument `configuration.mof` to import the contents of Configuration.mof into WMI on the test machine:

```
C:\Mof>mofcomp configuration.mof
Microsoft (R) MOF Compiler Version 10.0.14393.0
Copyright (c) Microsoft Corp. 1997-2006. All rights reserved.
Parsing MOF file: configuration.mof
MOF file has been successfully parsed
Storing data in the repository...
WARNING: File configuration.mof does not contain #PRAGMA AUTORECOVER.
If the WMI repository is rebuilt in the future, the contents of this MOF
➔file will not be included in the new WMI repository.
To include this MOF file when the WMI Repository is automatically
➔reconstructed, place the #PRAGMA AUTORECOVER statement on the first line
➔of the MOF file.
Done!
```

3. To use WBEMTest to query WMI to verify that the `Unleashed` class was created, open `WBEMTest.exe` and click **Connect**. In the `NameSpace` field, type `root\cimv2` because that is where you added the `Unleashed` class. Click **Connect**. Once connected, click **Enum Classes** to open the Superclass Info box. Select **Recursive** and click **OK** to open the Query Result box. Browse the query result box to see if `Unleashed` is available; it should be situated below `StdRegProv`, as shown in Figure E.4.

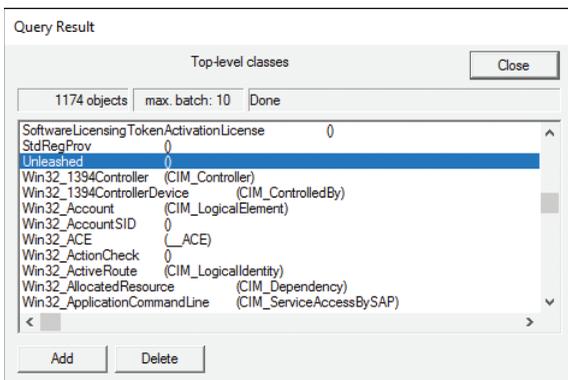


FIGURE E.4 WBEMTest query result.

As discussed in the previous section, data classes do not necessarily have to reside in `root\cimv2`; they can reside in other locations within WMI, although `root\cimv2` is most commonly used. See Chapter 3 for additional information about WMI and locations where data can reside.

## Importing Files into the Configuration Manager Environment

After verifying the correct syntax of the MOF files and importing those files to a test system, you should be confident that they are working as expected. To import the files into the ConfigMgr environment, modify the Configuration.mof file and import another MOF file into the Default Client Settings -> Hardware Inventory section of the ConfigMgr console. Follow these steps:

1. Copy your Configuration.mof over the existing one in the `<ConfigMgrInstallPath>\inboxes\clifiles.src\hinv` folder.
2. Open dataldr.log in the log files folder under `<ConfigMgrInstallPath>` using CMTrace or Notepad to determine whether ConfigMgr is accepting the change. You should see the following text:

```
Configuration.Mof change detected
Compiling MOF files and converting to policy
```

Confirm that the modification was added successfully by checking for the following:

```
Running MOFCOMP on F:\Program Files\Microsoft Configuration
Manager\inboxes\clifiles.src\hinv\configuration.mof
MOF backed up to F:\Program Files\Microsoft Configuration
Manager\data\hinvarchive\configuration.mof.bak
Successfully updated configuration.mof in the database.
End of cimv2\sms\inv_config-to-policy conversion; returning 0x0
```

3. After modifications to Configuration.mof are successfully translated to a policy, verify that the new configuration is being applied to your clients. Ensure that the client has received its new policy by manually initiating a machine policy refresh on the client. To initiate the refresh, open the Configuration Manager Control Panel applet and select **Actions**. Select the **Machine Policy Retrieval & Evaluation Cycle** action and click **Run Now**. On the client, open the PolicyEvaluator.log file in `%windir%\CMM\Log`s and confirm that the client has received a new policy.
4. Using WBEMTest, query WMI to ensure that the `Unleashed` class was created, using the same procedure described in step 3 of the procedure in the “Verifying the Syntax of the MOF Files” section, earlier in this appendix.
5. After verifying that the `OSD` class is created on the client, select it by modifying the default client settings in the Administration workspace. In the ConfigMgr console, browse to **Administration** -> **Client Settings** -> **Default Client Settings**. Under Default Client Settings, open **Hardware Inventory** and select **Set Classes**. The Hardware Inventory Classes box provides two options:
  - ▶ Import the provided CM12Import.mof file (see Appendix D), provided by the RegKeyToMOF utility.
  - ▶ Browse to the classes on a remote machine using the Add Hardware Inventory Class tool.

To import the classes using the CM12Import.mof file, click **Import** in the Hardware Inventory Classes page, browse to the CM12Import.mof from the MOF snippet, and click **Open**. The Import Summary page appears, providing options to import the hardware inventory classes and settings, or only the settings. Select the option to import only the inventory classes, as you will enable the classes with custom client settings later. If the CM12Import file is accepted, a green check mark appears, and you can click **Import** to use the MOF file.

Once back in the Hardware Inventory Classes window, verify that the `Unleashed` class was added to the list. Click **OK** to close the Hardware Inventory Classes window and the Default Client Settings window.

Listing E.2 shows the contents of the CM12Import.mof file.

#### LISTING E.2 Contents of the CM12Import.mof File

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```
// RegKeyToMOF by Mark Cochrane (with help from Skissinger, SteveRac, Jonas Hettich,
➔Kent Agerlund & Barker)
// this section tells the inventory agent what to report to the server
// 10/21/2016 12:45:36 PM

#pragma namespace ("\\\\.\\root\\cimv2\\SMS")
#pragma deleteclass("Unleashed", NOFAIL)
[SMS_Report (FALSE),SMS_Group_Name("Unleashed"),SMS_Class_ID("Unleashed")]
Class Unleashed: SMS_Class_Template
{
[SMS_Report (FALSE),key] string KeyName;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String InstalledOn;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String DeploymentType;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDAdapterCount;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDAnswerFilePath;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDAnswerFilePathSysprep;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDBaseVariableName;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDComputerName;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDDiskPart;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDEnableTCPIPFiltering;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDEndTime;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDImageCreator;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDImagePackageId;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDImageVersion;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDInstallType;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDPartitionActive;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDPartitionWithDriveLetter;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDPreserveDriveLetter;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDRandomAdminPassword;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDStartTime;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDStateSMPRetryCount;
```

```
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDStateSMPRetryTime;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDTargetDriveCache;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDTargetSystemDrive;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDTargetSystemPartition;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDTargetSystemRoot;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String OSDisk;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String TSVersion;
[SMS_Report (FALSE)] String TsApplicationBaseVariable;
};
```

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#### NOTE: MORE ABOUT HARDWARE INVENTORY

When hardware inventory starts, it checks the `root\CIMV2\SMS` namespace on the local machine for the reporting classes, which contain entries corresponding to the data classes in `root\CIMV2`.

Note that the data classes and corresponding reporting classes share the same name. The `CM12Import.mof` file starts with the `SMS_Report (FALSE)` part, which tells hardware inventory that the block of code containing the `Unleashed` reporting class should be reported to `ConfigMgr`. The `SMS_Report (FALSE)` value is actually the property you can now control using custom client settings, allowing you to specify whether `ConfigMgr` should report on devices in a certain collection only.

Each field also contains a `SMS_Report (FALSE)` section, which allows you to specify whether reporting should be enabled for that property field; you can also use custom client settings to specify what fields to enable.

`SMS_Group_Name` specifies the name of the group displayed in the Resource Explorer; `SMS_Class_ID` with value `Unleashed` is the unique identifier for the class, `Unleashed`, which stands for the class group. The class `Unleashed` is the declaration, where the name of the class must be identical to the corresponding data class, which you created using an addition to `Configuration.mof`, or it already existed.

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6. You now return to the Add Hardware Inventory Class page. The Inventory classes are loaded, as displayed in Figure E.5. These classes should now include `Unleashed` if the policy was received and the WMI extensions were added. Ensure that the **Unleashed** check box is checked. You can select **Edit** to modify the properties so its value represents a unit that can be Megabytes, Kilobytes, Decimal String, Seconds, Hex String, or Date String; the default is None.

The units are not modified in this example, so click **OK**. Notice that the `Unleashed` class is added and selected. Deselect the `Unleashed` class on the Default Settings level, if enabled, as you will enable these settings with custom client settings later. Click **OK** to close the Hardware Inventory Classes dialog and click **OK** to close the Default Settings box.

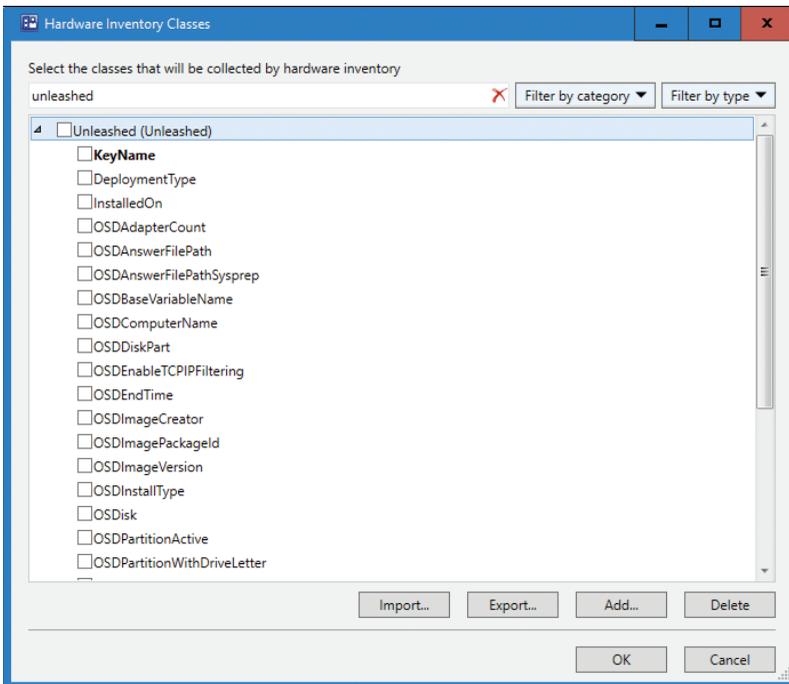


FIGURE E.5 Hardware inventory classes.

7. With the `Unleashed` class imported, enable it using custom client settings that will be applied to one of your collections. Under **Administration** -> **Client Settings**, select **Create Custom Client Settings** from the ribbon bar to open the Create Custom Client Device Settings page. Provide a name to identify the setting and select the **Hardware Inventory** check box. For more information about default and custom client settings, see Chapter 9, “Client Management.”

Select **Hardware Inventory** under **General** on the left side of the page to open the hardware inventory settings and then click **Set Classes** to open the Hardware Inventory Classes page. Select the **Unleashed** class and select the settings you want to inventory, as shown in Figure E.6, and click **OK** to save the custom client settings. With your custom client settings still selected, select **Deploy** from the ribbon bar and select the collection where you want to deploy your custom client settings. Click **OK** to finish.

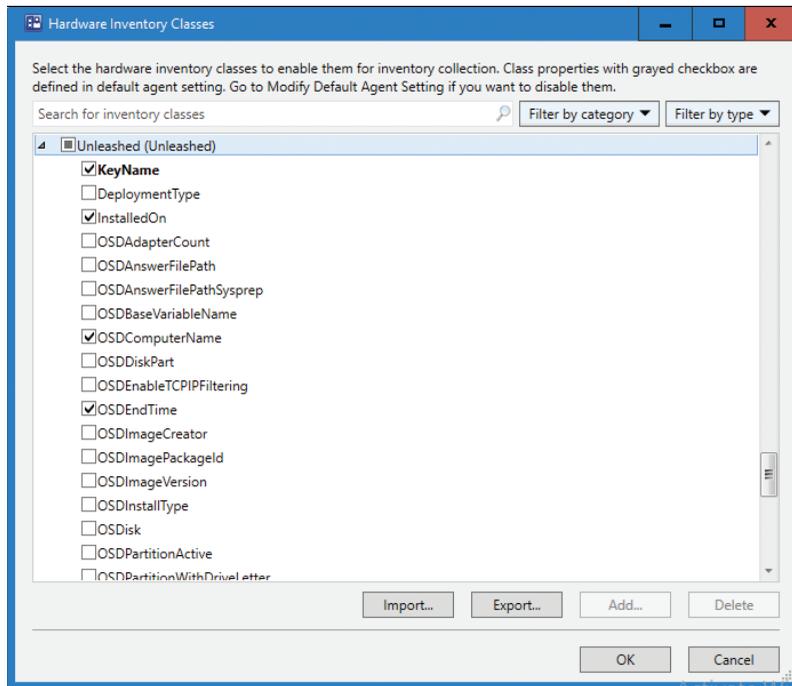


FIGURE E.6 Enabling inventory classes in custom client settings.

## Performing and Verifying Hardware Inventory with the New Settings

After importing the MOF files into ConfigMgr, you can trigger a hardware inventory to check whether the necessary information is inventoried and is in the correct places in the database. You will also want to verify that hardware inventory shows up in the Resource Explorer. Perform the following steps:

1. With the `unleashed` class enabled in a custom client setting and that custom client setting deployed to a collection, trigger hardware inventory on a client belonging to that collection:
  - ▶ Initiate **Machine Policy Retrieval & Evaluation Cycle** from the Configuration Manager Control Panel applet and check the `PolicyEvaluator.log` file to determine whether the new policy was retrieved from the management point.
  - ▶ Once the policy is successfully retrieved, initiate a hardware inventory cycle. From the Actions tab in the Control Panel applet, select **Hardware Inventory Cycle** and click **Run Now**.

- ▶ Check the `inventoryagent.log` file in `%windir%\CCM\Logs` to see whether the hardware inventory was successful. Search the file for the **Unleashed** text to verify that the requested new classes were inventoried and check the lines that follow in the log file to determine if there were problems during inventory. Following is an example:

```
Collection: Namespace = \\.\root\cimv2; Query = SELECT __CLASS, __PATH,
➔ __RELPATH, KeyName, InstalledOn, OSDComputerName, OSDStartTime, TSVersion
➔ FROM Unleashed; Timeout = 600 secs.
```

2. Knowing hardware inventory was successful on the client, determine whether its site server is processing the inventoried data. It may take some time for all the data to be replicated to the CAS if the client is a member of a primary site below the CAS. On the primary site server hosting the site to which the client belongs, open the `dataldr.log` file and locate the `Processing Inventory for Machine: <your machine name>` line to determine if the inventoried data has been processed. Following is an example of information after that line:

```
Processing Inventory for Machine: ALBERT Version 1.25
➔ Generated: 10/16/2016 05:33:14
$$<SMS_INVENTORY_DATA_LOADER><10-16-2016 05:33:27.041+420><thread=6640 (0x19F0)>
Begin transaction: Machine=ALBERT(GUID:954E5F00-31F9-4716-9CFE-4441E5F3F081)
$$<SMS_INVENTORY_DATA_LOADER><10-16-2016 05:33:27.045+420><thread=6640 (0x19F0)>
~Done with job queueing. $$<SMS_INVENTORY_DATA_LOADER><10-16-2016
05:33:27.037+420><thread=3944 (0xF68)>
Blocking until completion. $$<SMS_INVENTORY_DATA_LOADER><10-16-2016
05:33:27.058+420><thread=3944 (0xF68)>
Commit transaction: Machine=ALBERT(GUID:954E5F00-31F9-4716-9CFE-4441E5F3F081)
$$<SMS_INVENTORY_DATA_LOADER><10-16-2016 05:33:27.138+420><thread=6640 (0x19F0)>
Done: Machine=ALBERT(GUID:954E5F00-31F9-4716-9CFE-4441E5F3F081)
➔ code=0 (29 stored procs
in XHPED6F6R.MIF) $$<SMS_INVENTORY_DATA_LOADER><10-16-2016
➔ 05:33:27.138+420><thread=6640
(0x19F0)>
```

3. Verify that the necessary database tables were created by opening SQL Server Management Studio. Connect to the server hosting the ConfigMgr site database and open the database. Under Views, you should see a table called `dbo.v.GS_Unleashed0`. Select this table, right-click, and choose **Select Top 1000 rows** to query the table. If any information is in the table, it is reflected in the query results, as shown in Figure E.7.
4. Since inventory has occurred, verify that the data is available in the Resource Explorer, initiated from the ConfigMgr console on the client's primary site server. Open the console and navigate to **Assets and Compliance**, select the collection you just targeted with your custom client settings, and select the device where you just ran the hardware inventory. Now use **Start -> Resource Explorer** to open the Resource Explorer for that device. As you can see in Figure E.8, `Unleashed` has been added to the Resource Explorer.

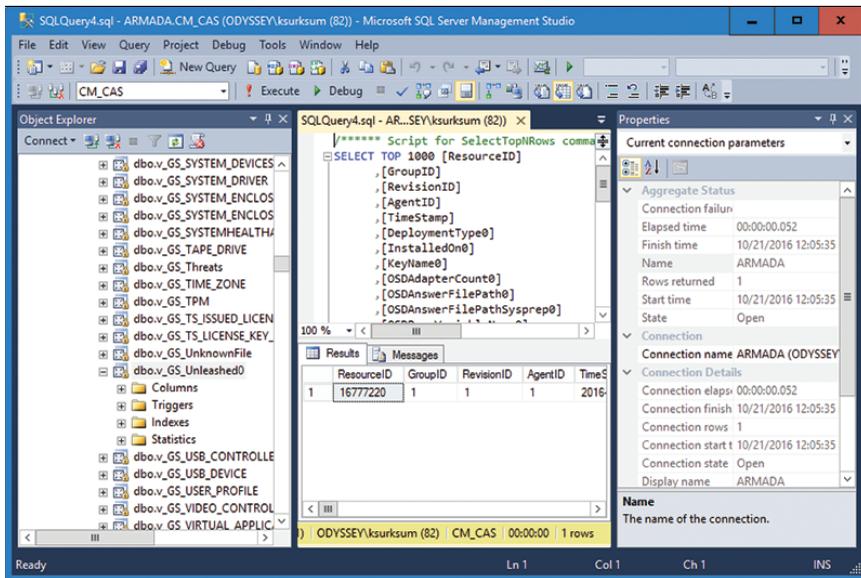


FIGURE E.7 SQL Server Management Studio, showing the top 1,000 rows.

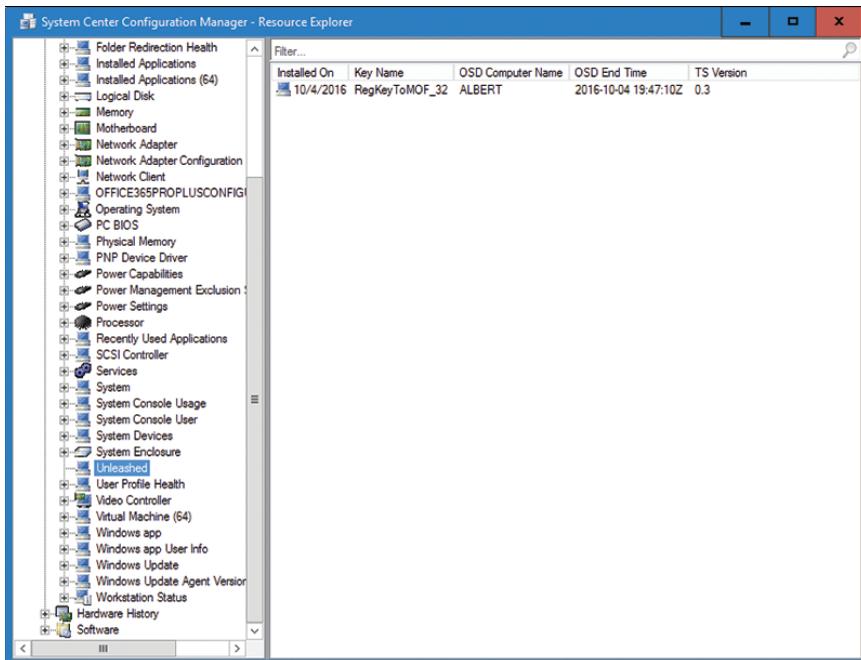


FIGURE E.8 Resource Explorer.

## Creating a Device Collection

After verifying that the `Unleashed` information shows correctly in the Resource Explorer, say that you want to use this information to create a device collection containing all the clients with `TSVersion` 0.3. To create the device collection, follow these steps:

1. Navigate in the ConfigMgr console to **Assets and Compliance -> Device Collections**.
2. In the ribbon bar, click **Create** and then click **Create Device Collection** to open the Create Device Collection Wizard.
3. Provide the following information on the General page:
  - ▶ **Name:** `TSVersion`
  - ▶ **Description:** Device Collection containing information about `TSVersion`
  - ▶ **Limiting Collection:** All Desktop and Server Clients

Click **Next**.

4. On the Membership Rules page, click **Add Rule** to open the Query Rule Properties dialog and then select **Query rule**. Provide a name for the query, such as **TSVersion**, and click **Edit Query Statement** to open the Query Statement Properties dialog.
5. On the Query Statement Properties dialog, select the **Criteria** tab and click the starburst icon to open the Criterion Properties dialog. Click **Select** to open the Select Attribute dialog. Select **UNLEASHED** from the Attribute Class dropdown list. Select **TSVersion** from the Attribute dropdown list. Click **OK** to return to Criterion Properties page.
6. Click **Value** on the Criterion Properties dialog to select a value from the list; select **0.3** if already inventoried and available in the list or provide **0.3** as a value. Click **OK** to close this page.
7. Click **OK** in the Query Statement Properties dialog to return to the Query Rule Properties dialog, shown in Figure E.9.
8. Click **OK** in the Query Rule Properties dialog to return to the Membership Rules page of the Create Device Collection Wizard. Optionally select if you want to use incremental updates for the collection and specify when a full update of the collection should be scheduled. Click **Next** to continue.
9. Verify the settings on the Summary page and click **Next**. Click **Close** after the wizard successfully creates the device collection.

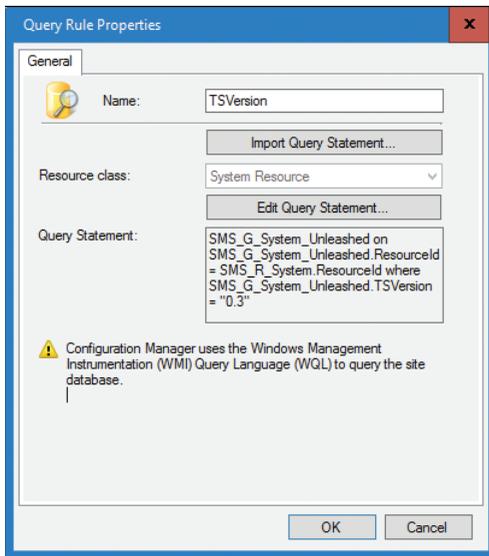


FIGURE E.9 Query Rule Properties dialog.

The device collection is added. You can now create a ConfigMgr application and deploy it to that collection.