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1 General

This user manual is primarily intended for users who require administrative access to ASFINAG IT systems. This administrative access is made possible with the help of the ASFINAG Privileged Identity & Access Management (PIAM) system.

2 Requirements

A valid PIAM user account including Microsoft MFA authorization is required to establish a connection. Furthermore, a current Windows PC/notebook with paloalto Globalprotect VPN Client installed and a stable internet connection is required.

Operating system requirement:

- Windows 11 with the latest patch level
- activated End Point Protection

The MS RDP client (already included in Windows 11) is required for remote desktop connections. The use of PuTTY is recommended for SSH connections. Alternative RDP clients (e.g.: FreeRDP, Linux) are neither tested nor supported.

3 Installation of the paloalto GlobalProtect VPN Client

3.1 Downloading the paloalto GlobalProtect VPN Client

Please open the following link in a web browser.

<https://piam.ztna.asfinag.at/global-protect/login.esp>

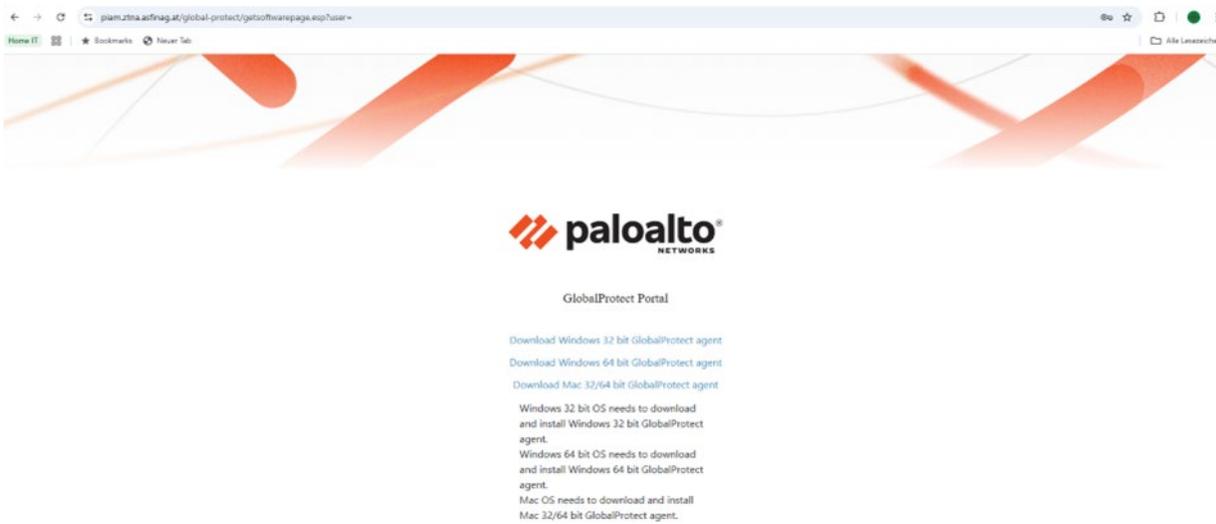
(Important: Note upper and lower case!)

USERNAME = PIAM

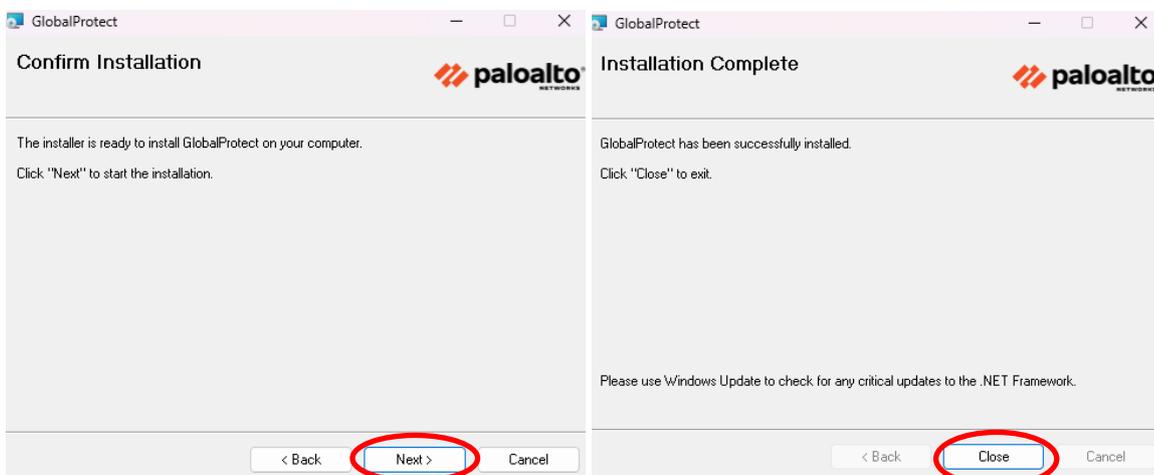
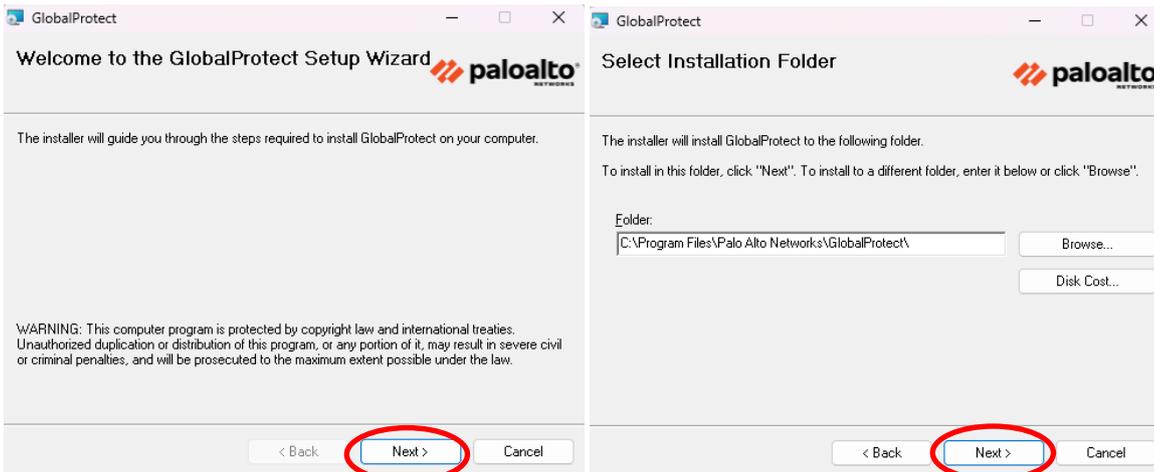
PASSWORD = see mail with the access data



Continue with „Download 64-bit GlobalProtect Agent“ ...



The installation program is downloaded and can be started with „Open“.



3.2 Establishing the VPN connection

After successful installation, the Cisco AnyConnect VPN Client can be opened in the Start menu.



After entering **piam.ztna.asfinag.at** the VPN connection can be opened.



USERNAME = **PIAM** and PASSWORD see mail with the access data.

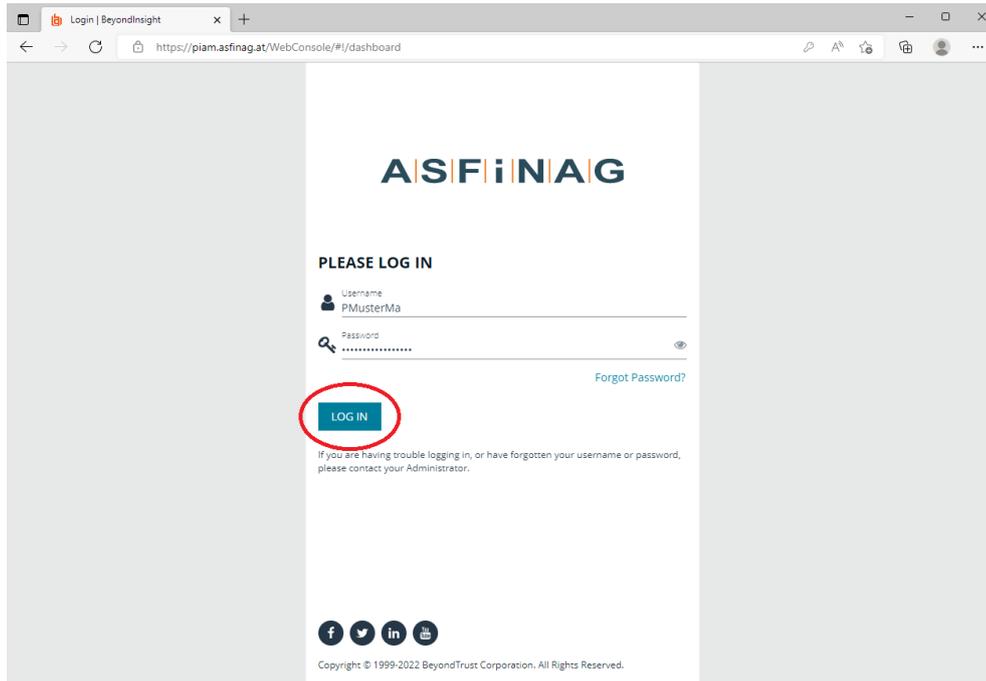
4 PIAM web interface

4.1 Opening the PIAM web interface

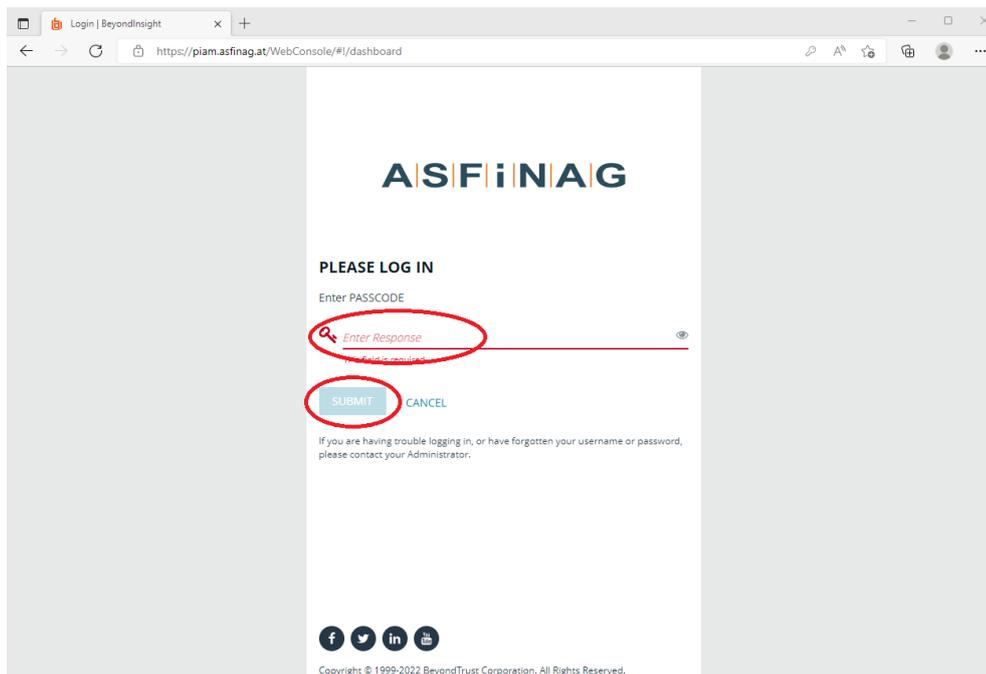
As soon as the VPN connection has been established, the following link can be opened using a web browser:

<https://piam.asfinag.at>

USERNAME and PASSWORD see mail with access data.

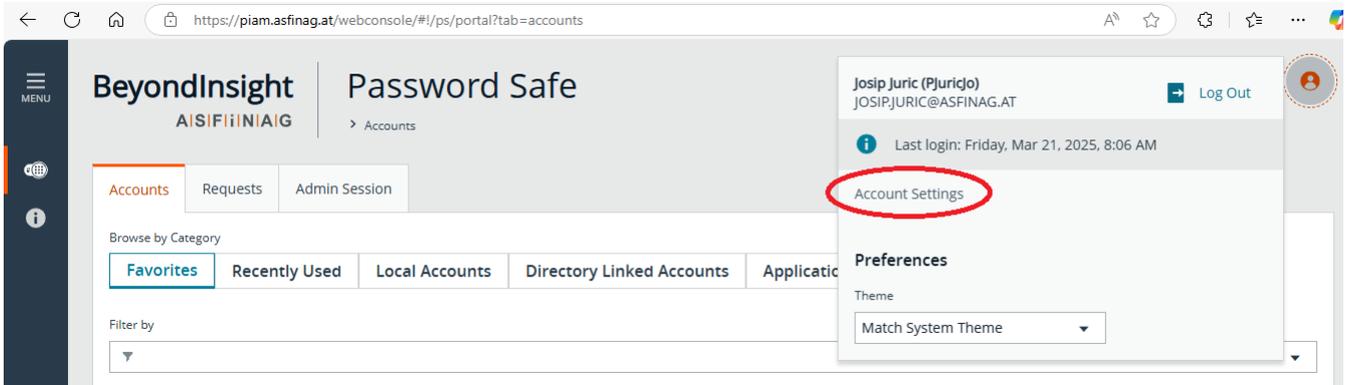


Please enter the Microsoft verification code that you received via SMS after successful authentication:



4.2 Changing the PIAM user password

It is strongly recommended to change the login password of the PIAM user after the first login!



Change Password

Current Password

 [Show](#)

This field is required.

New Password

 [Show](#)

Confirm New Password

 [Show](#)

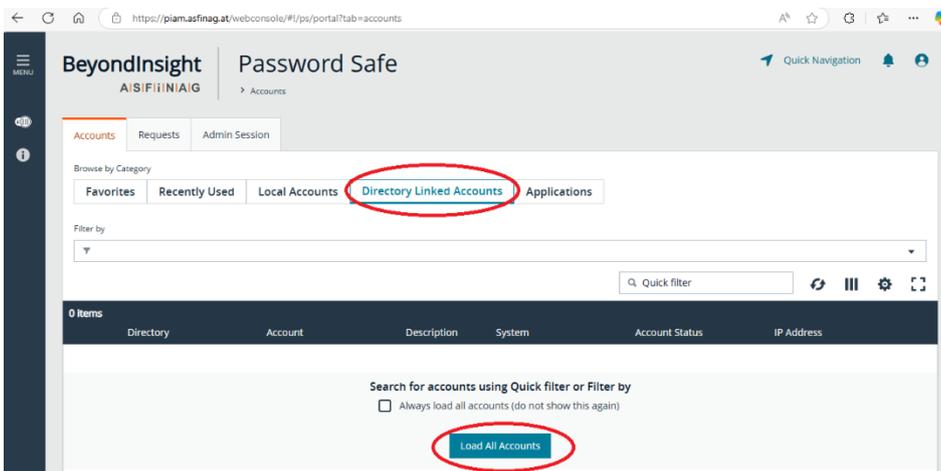
[Change Password](#)

- ✔ Minimum length of 14 characters.
- ✔ Maximum length of 128 characters.
- ✔ Must include at least 1 uppercase characters from this list: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ.
- ✔ Must include at least 1 lowercase characters from this list: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz.
- ✔ Must include at least 1 numeric characters from this list: 1234567890.
- ✔ Must include at least 1 special characters from this list: ~!@#%&*()+=?/<>|[]_...

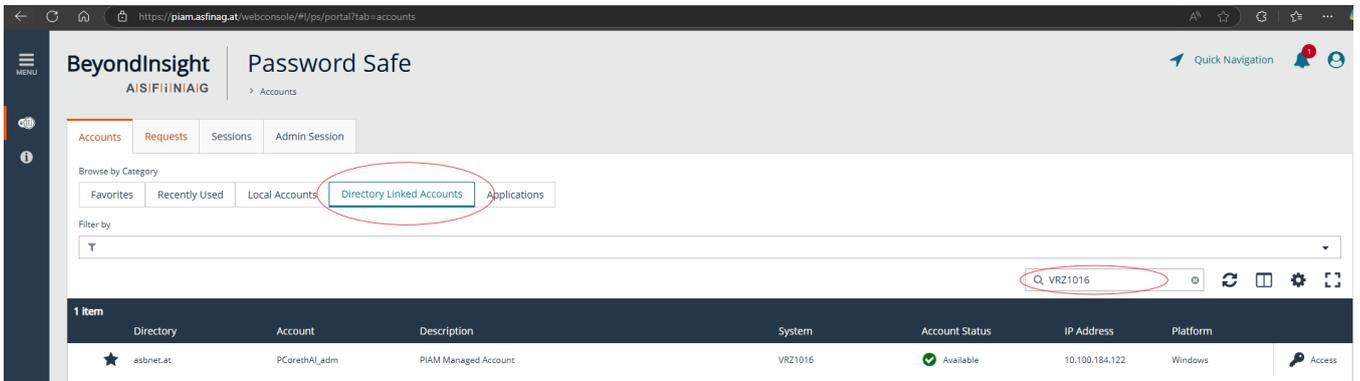
4.3 Favorites

All systems are displayed in the PIAM user interface. Depending on the user rights, a remote connection to the target system can be established. A personal server list can be created using the favorites' function.

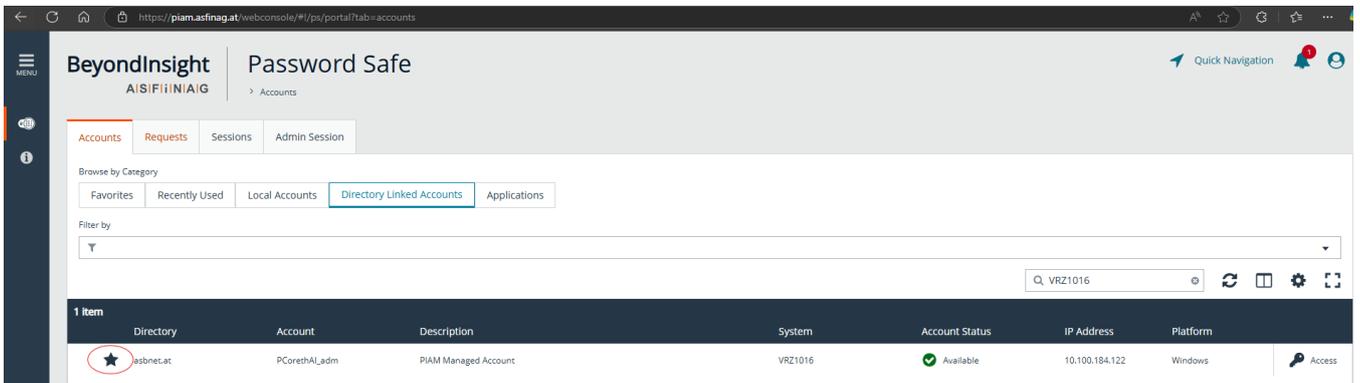
First open the list of all available systems with „Domain Linked Accounts”.



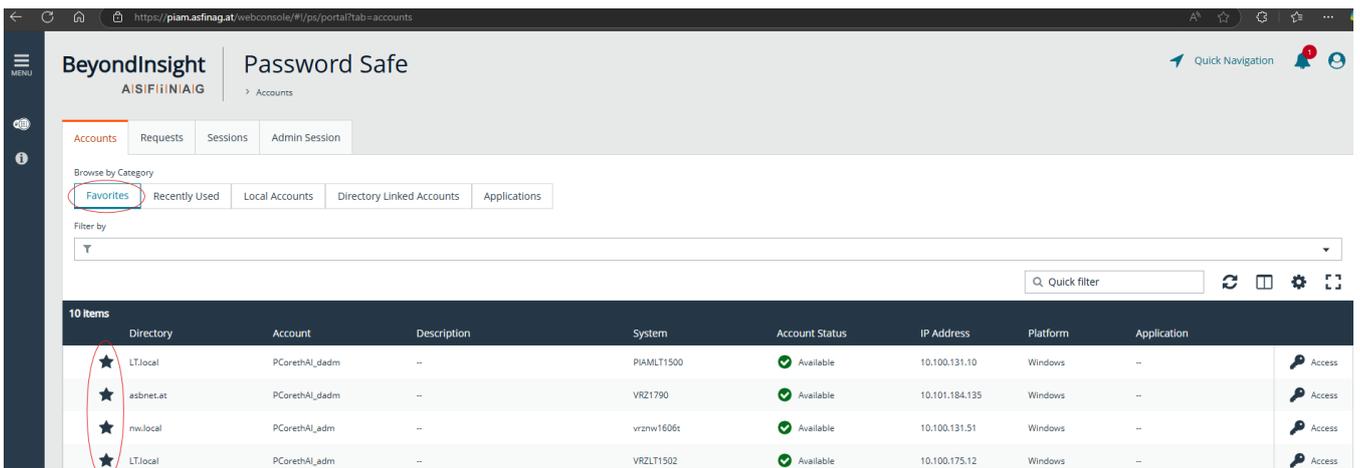
The desired system can now be searched for by typing in the host name.



The star symbol can be used to add the desired system to your favorites.

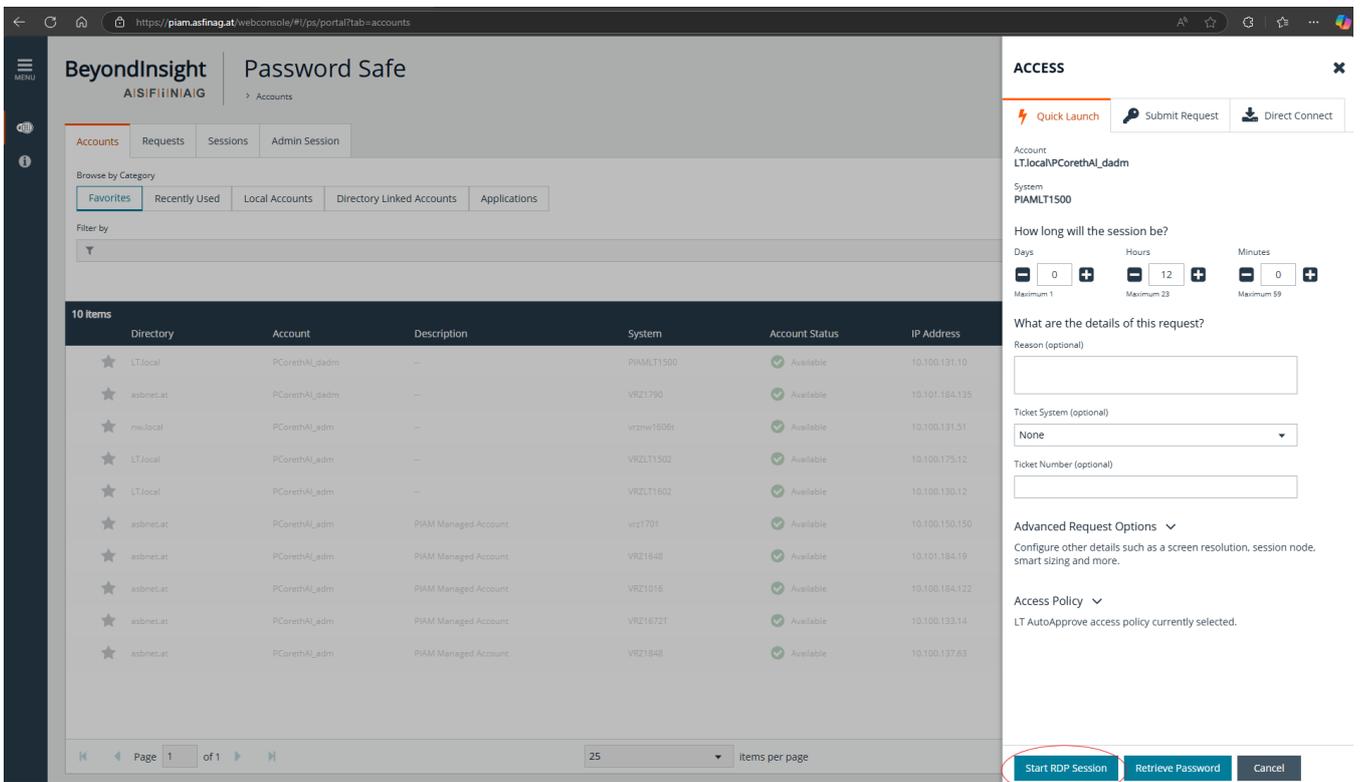
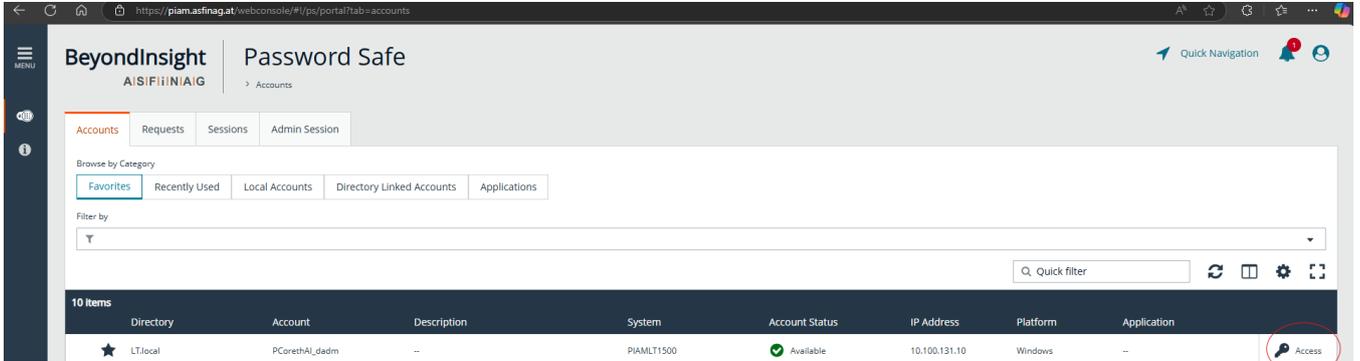


The selected servers are now displayed under „Favorites“.

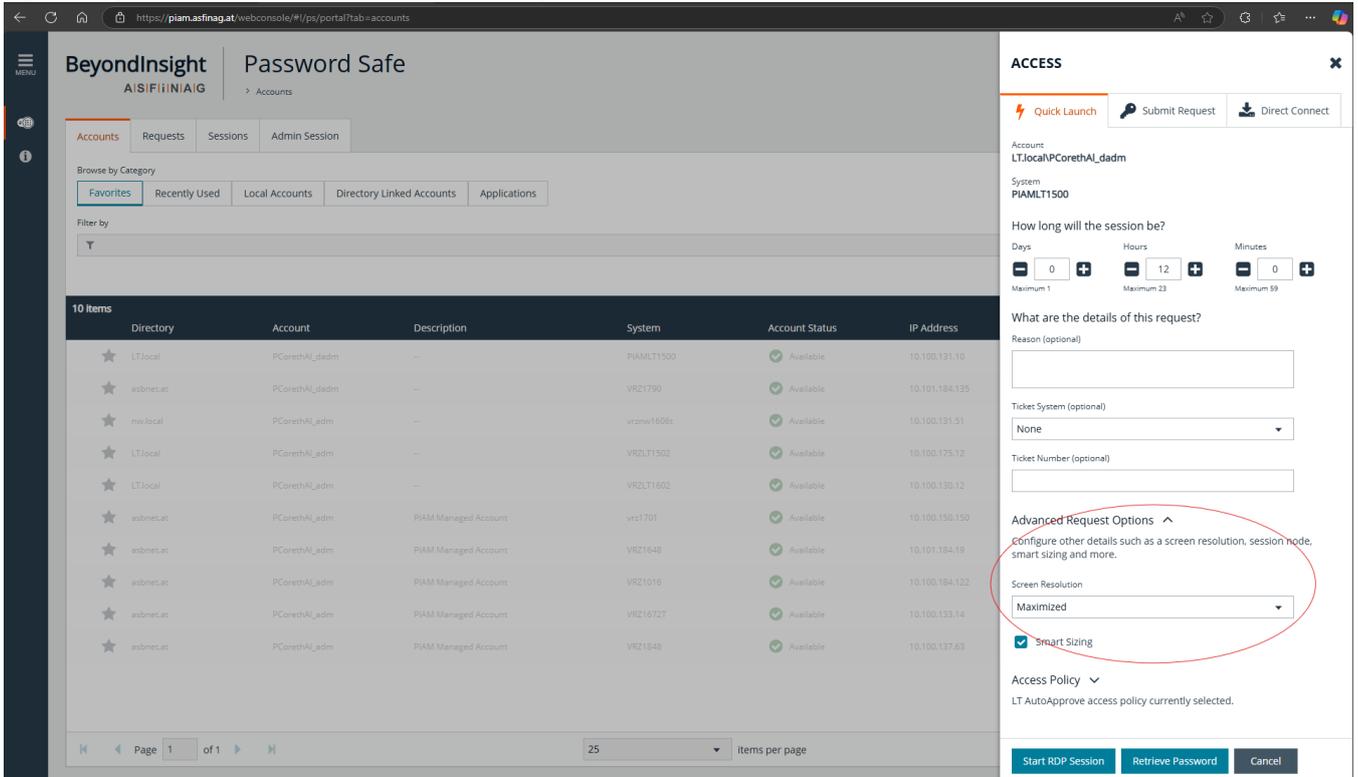


4.4 Opening an RDP session to the target system

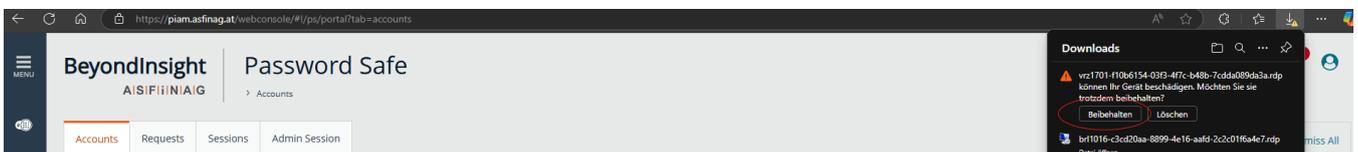
Depending on the user rights a remote connection is established by clicking on the Access icon / Start RDP session.



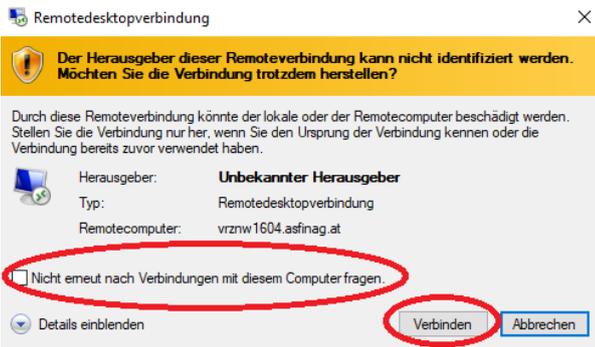
Optionally, the RDP resolution can also be adjusted.



Depending on which browser is used, pop-up windows must be allowed.



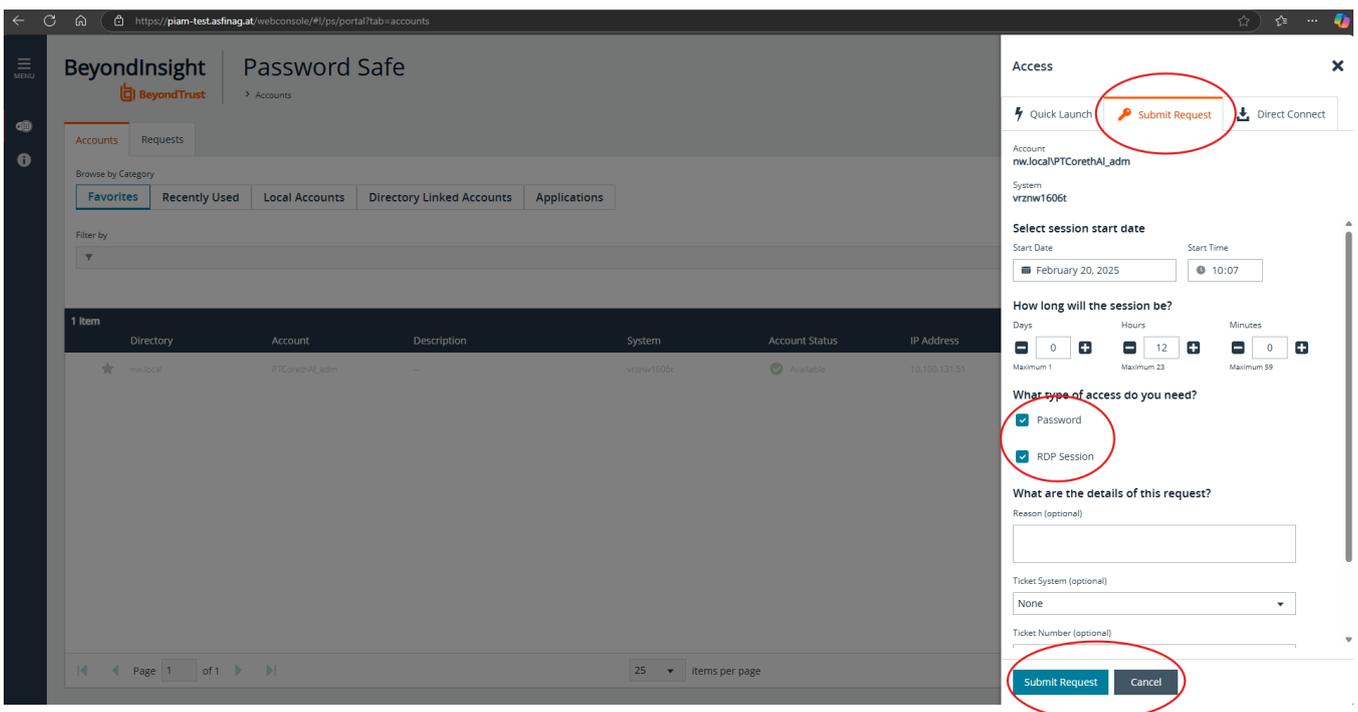
Depending on the security settings of the operating system used the opening of the RDP file must be confirmed with „Connect“.



You are automatically logged on to the target system (SSO).

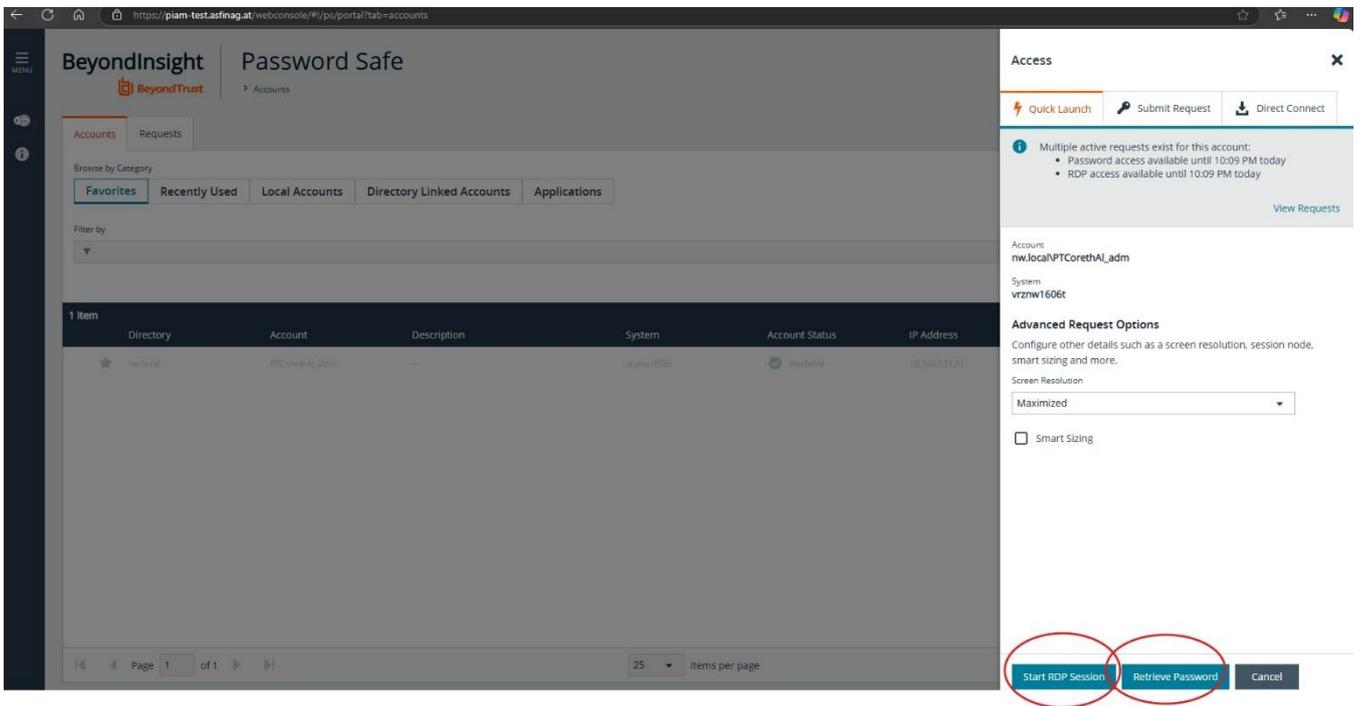
4.5 Opening an RDP session and reading out the current password at the same time

To start an RDP session and activate the reading of the current password, the following intermediate step is necessary.



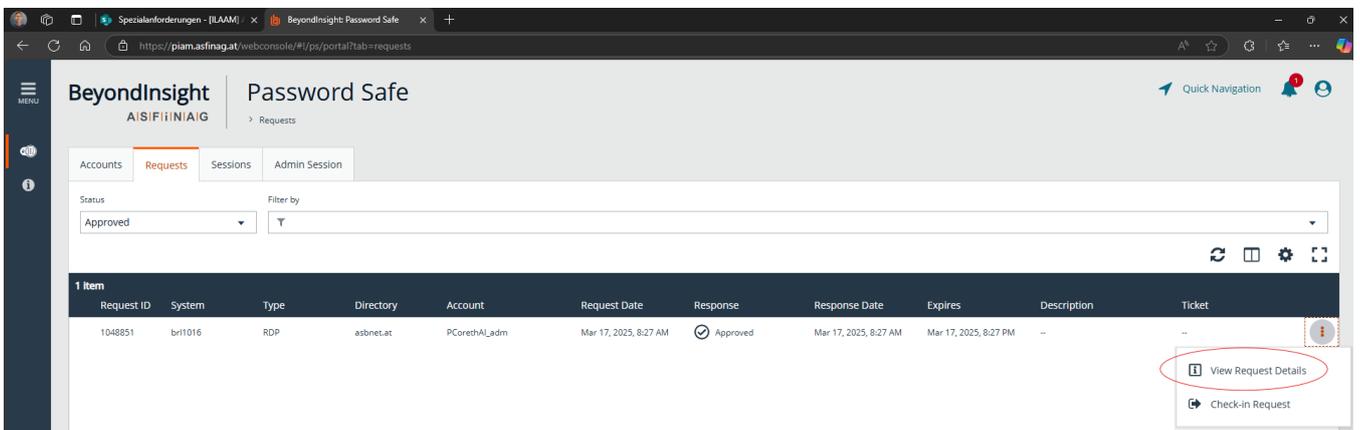
Attention: If an RDP session has already been started, the „RDP session” checkbox must be unchecked!

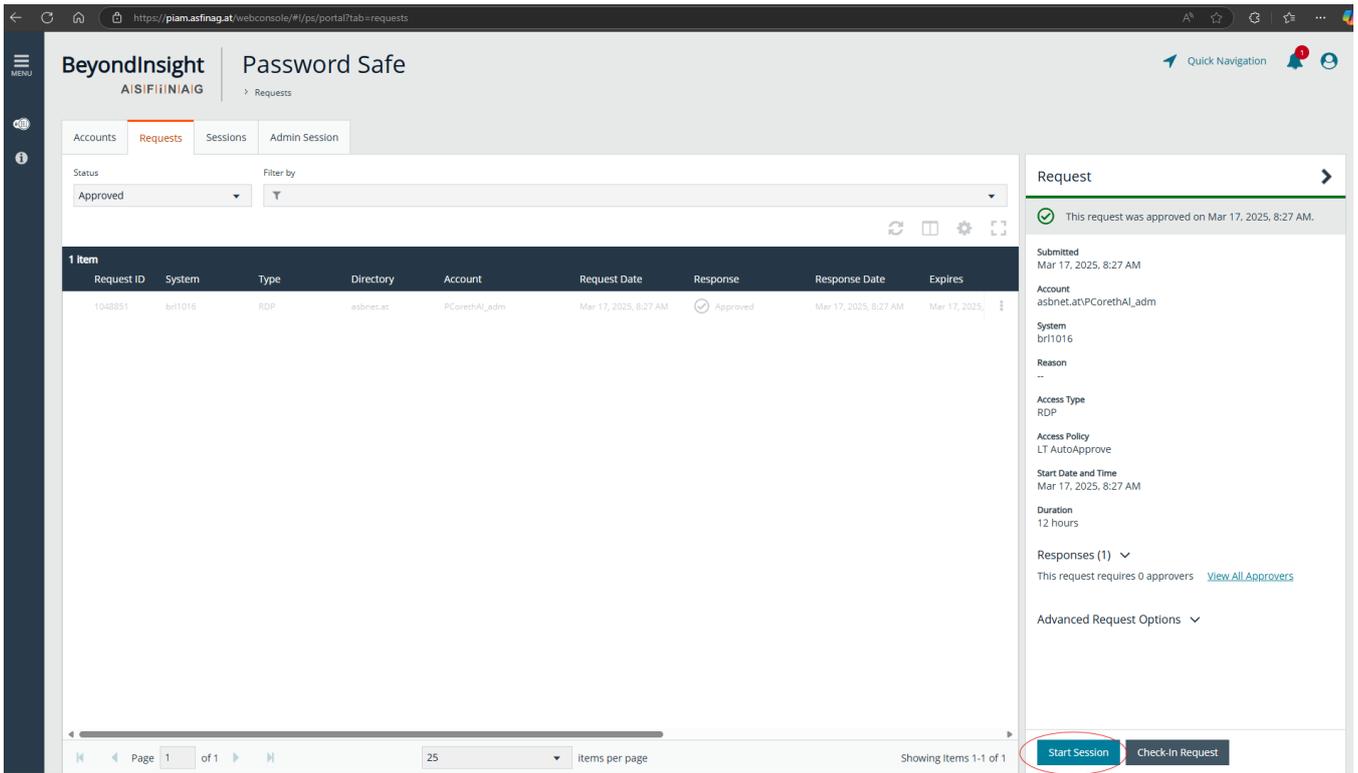
An RDP session can now be started, and the password can be read out:



4.6 Reconnecting an RDP session or reading out the current password again

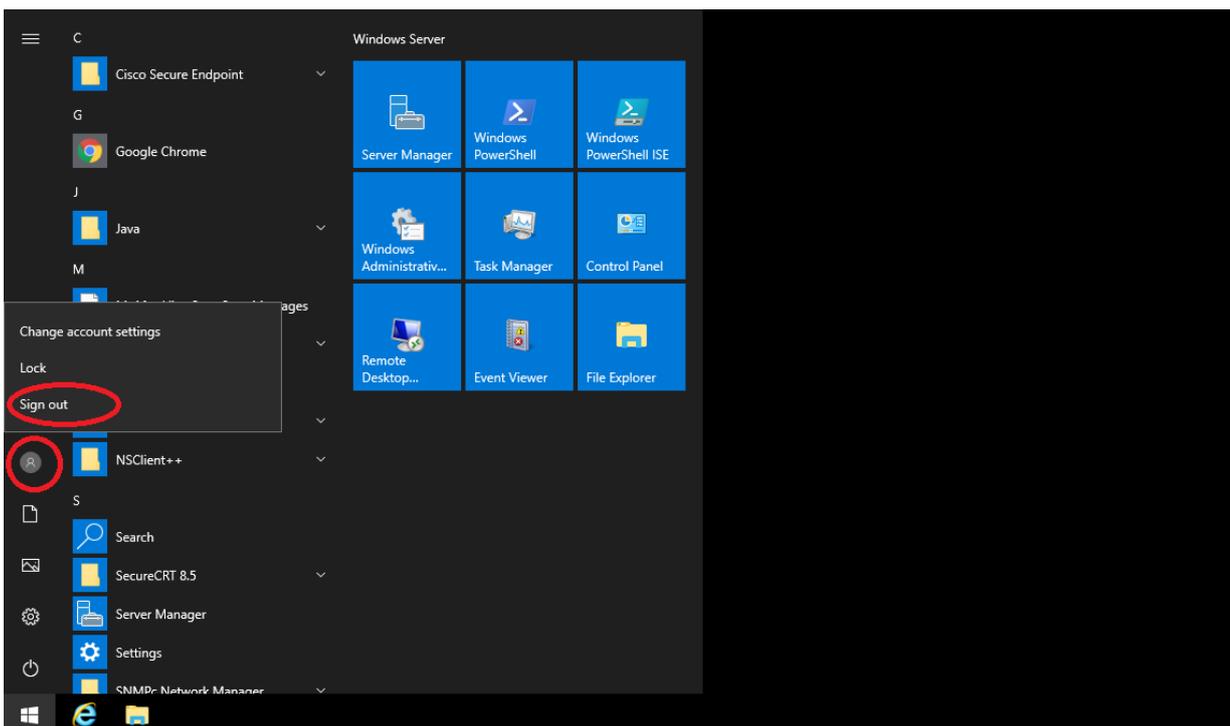
To reconnect a terminated RDP connection, the current request must be used.





4.7 Ending an RDP session to the target system

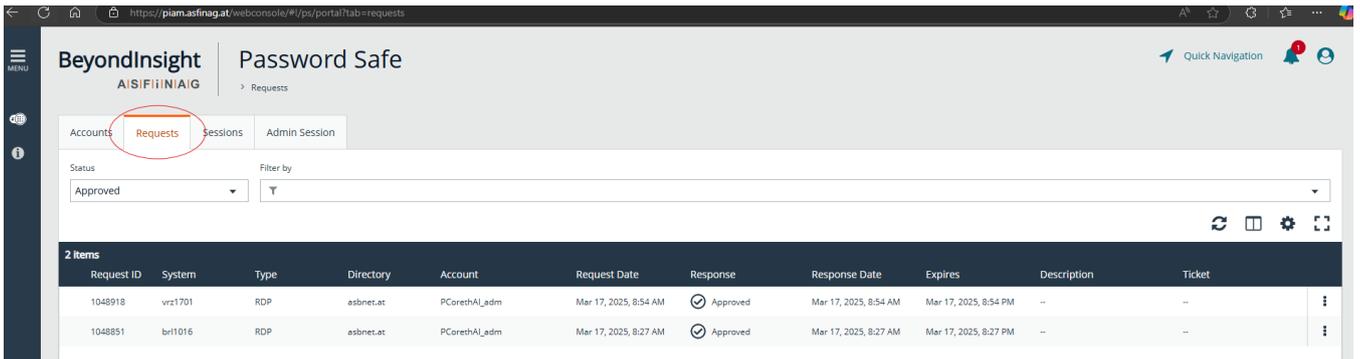
For security reasons, it is necessary to end all existing RDP sessions with „Sign out” after completing the administration activities. „Disconnect” RDP sessions with open programs almost always lead to the user account being locked out!



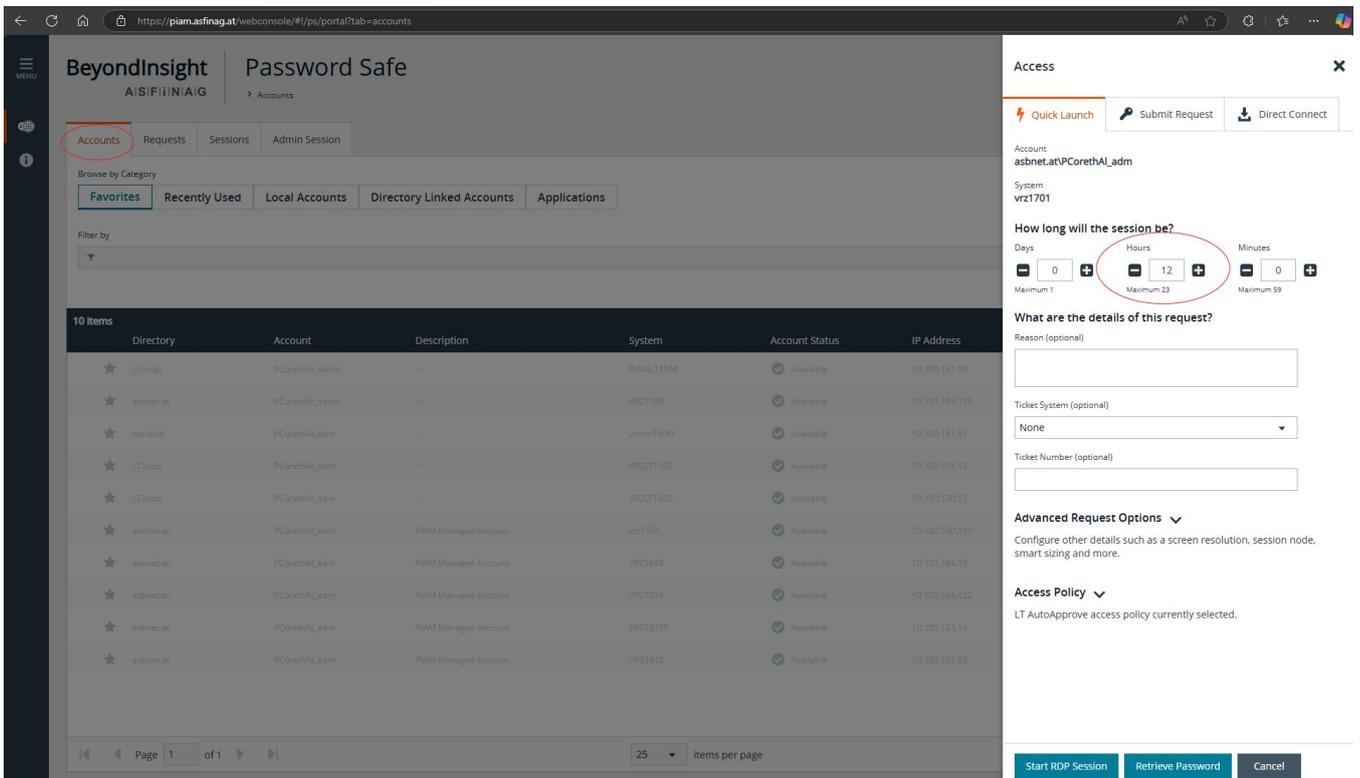
4.8 Displaying requests or requesting requests with a runtime of up to 23 hours

Opening an RDP/SSH connection or reading a password represents a request in the PIAM system. A standard request is valid for 12 hours. After the request expires, the passwords of the accounts are being changed by the PIAM system.

A list of active requests and expiry times can be queried as follows:



The request can be opened as follows up to a duration of 23 hours.



5 Troubleshooting

5.1 Browser

ASFİNAG has no influence on the installed browser and browser settings of our partners and service providers. For this reason, we recommend using a different browser in the event of problems in order to rule out possible incompatibilities or incorrect browser settings.

Further solutions for experienced users:

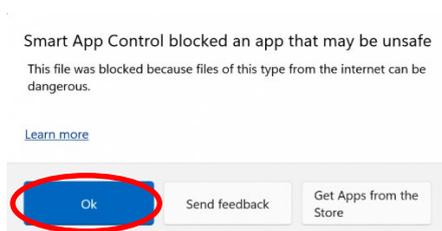
- Deleting the browser cache
- Resetting the browser settings to default values

5.2 Pop-Up Blocker

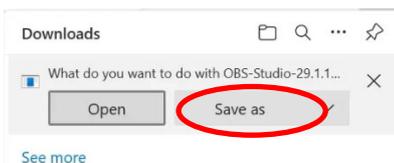
Pop-up windows on the PIAM website must not be blocked by the browser. If a pop-up blocker is used, an exception must be set up for the PIAM website.

5.3 Smart App Control Blocks RDP-files

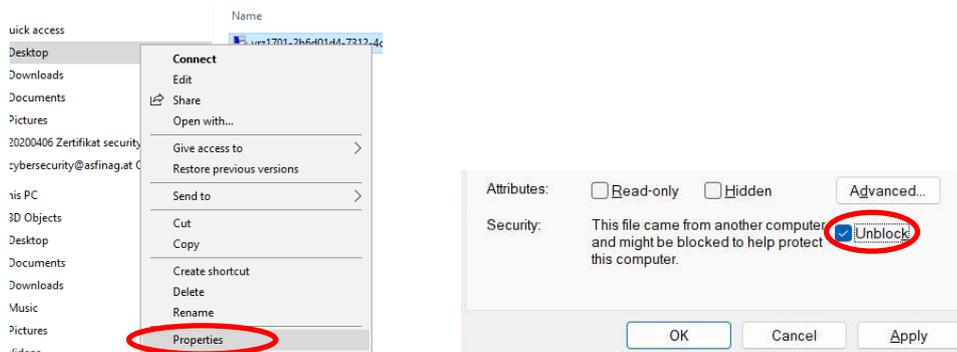
On certain installations of Windows 11, Smart App Control prevents the download of RDP files.



Therefore, the RDP file must first be saved locally.



After that, the properties of the RDP file can be adjusted as follows.



After the adjustment, the file can be opened.

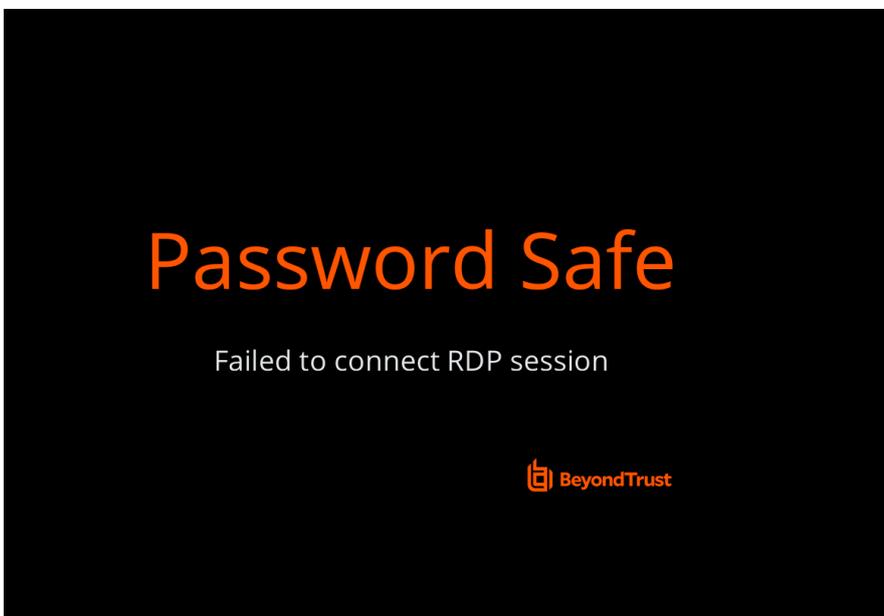
5.4 Error message: „Invalid Session Token“



It is not possible to log on to the target server. This error probably occurs due to missing authorizations on the target server. Please clarify with Technical Support whether your PIAM user has the necessary rights.

External employees can request missing authorizations via their ASFiNAG contact person. ASFiNAG employees can request missing rights directly at <https://meinshop.asfinag.at>.

5.5 Error message „Failed to Connect RDP Session“



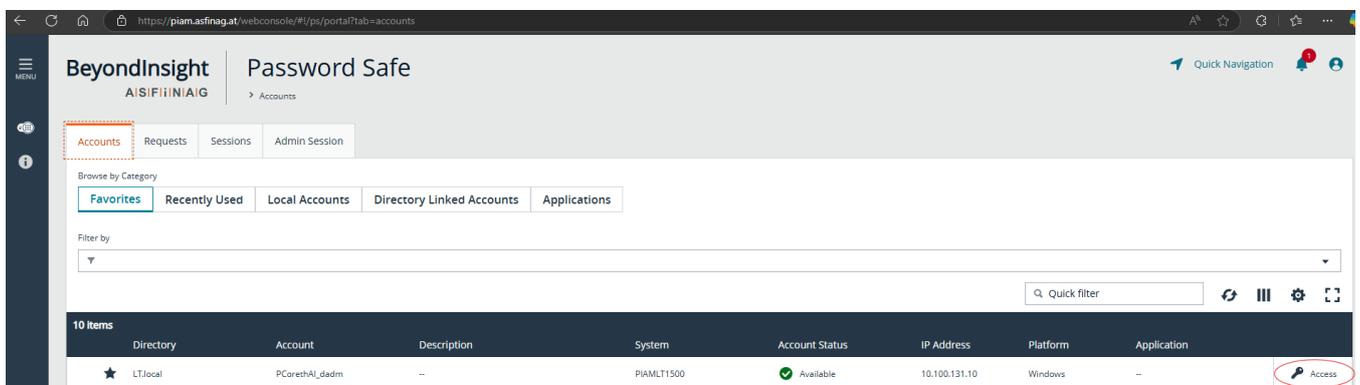
This message indicates an error on the target server or a login problem on the target server. This may be switched off or not accessible due to a technical problem. Please coordinate with Technical Support to verify the status of the target server and confirm that the necessary access permissions have been granted.

5.6 Error message „Failed to authenticate due to one or more factors”

After opening the RDP session via the PIAM web interface, the error message „Failed to authenticate due to one or more factors” is displayed.

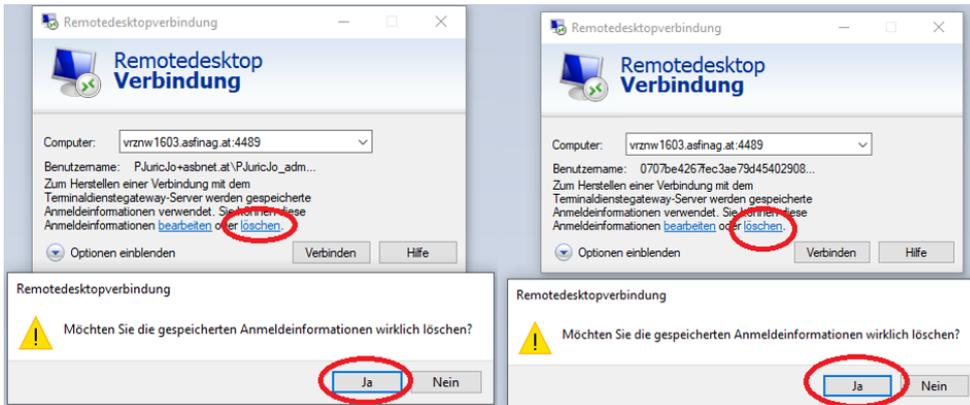


Important: Please note that an RDP session must always be started via the „Access” button!



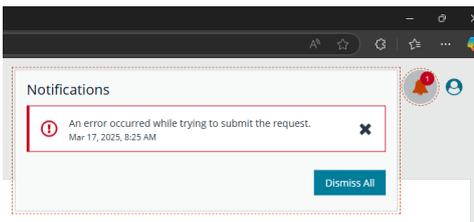
If the error persists, this usually indicates a faulty configuration of the Windows remote desktop program or an error in the user profile of the client computer.

First, please check whether the Windows Remote Desktop program has saved login information for the computers: `piam.asfinag.at`, `vrznrw1603.asfinag.at`, `vrznrw1604.asfinag.at`, `brlnw1603.asfinag.at` or `brlnw1604.asfinag.at`. If this is the case, please delete the login information and test the connection again.



If the error persists, the error can also be rectified by deleting the Windows user profile. This step should only be carried out by experienced users. To avoid data loss, a backup should be created before deleting the user profile. For company PCs, please contact your IT department to discuss how to proceed.

5.7 Error message „An error occurred while trying to submit the Request”



This error occurs when a terminated RDP session is reopened via „Accounts”. The correct way to reconnect is described under point 4.6.

5.8 <https://piam.asfinag.at> cannot be opened in the browser

This message indicates an error in the DNS resolution of piam.asfinag.at on the client. The DNS resolution can be checked with the following command on Windows computers:

```
nslookup piam.asfinag.at
```

The result must be as follows:

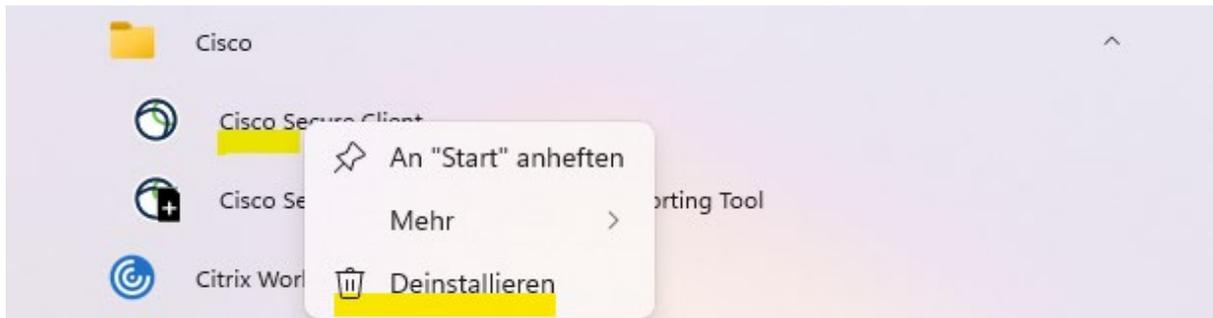
```
Name: piam.asfinag.at
Address: 10.100.131.253
```

If the command does not return an answer, there is a DNS problem on the client. A firewall in the client network often blocks DNS responses with private IP addresses 10.x.x.x.. However, these are absolutely necessary for PIAM to function.

5.9 Uninstallation Cisco AnyConnect

It is recommended to uninstall the Cisco AnyConnect client, as running it in parallel with the Palo Alto GlobalProtect VPN client may lead to connectivity or routing conflicts. Please use the Palo Alto GlobalProtect client exclusively.

This can be done in the Start Menu.



Uninstall the following Cisco apps.



6 Error messages and technical support

Faults and errors in the PIAM system can be reported by telephone or e-mail to the ASFINAG MSG Service Desk.

E-Mail support: **support@asfinag.at**
 Telephone Support: +43 50 108 – 99999 and „2“
 Accessibility: 24x7

By providing the following information, fault clearance can be accelerated, as some faults can already be ruled out by specific checks.

PIAM user account z.B.: Pext_MusterMa
 Target server z.B.: VRZLT1500

7 Appendix

7.1 Abbreviations and definitions

Abbr. / term	Meaning
PIAM	Privileged Identity & Access Management
MSG	ASFINAG Maut Service GmbH
RDP	MS Remote Desktop Protocol

7.2 History

Release version	Valid from	Created by Comp./Dep./Name	Reason for change
1.0	14.04.2018	MSG/SE/ACO	
1.1	04.12.2018	MSG/SE/ACO	VPN firewall swap remote.cnas.at → rfw.cnas.at
1.2	08.01.2019	MSG/SE/ACO	Chapter Troubleshooting added
1.3	04.09.2019	MSG/SE/ACO	Favorites function, ending an RDP session, Request management, troubleshooting extended
1.4	18.08.2020	MSG/SM/ACO	Chapter 5.5 Error message: „Failed to authenticate due to one or more factors“ added.
1.5	14.09.2020	MSG/SM/ACO	VPN Firewall Link changed to rfw.cnas.at
1.6	25.09.2020	MSG/SM/ACO	Error messages revised
1.7	23.05.2022	MSG/SM/ACO	piam.asfinag.at and node selection customized
1.8	05.08.2022	MSG/SM/JJR	Screenshots, node names and texts updated
1.9	14.03.2025	MSG/SM/ACO	Screenshots, texts adapted, further chapters added
2.0	20.03.2025	MSG/SM/ACO	Screenshots, texts adapted, further chapters added
2.1	03.02.2026	MSG/SM/ACO	Paloalto GlobalProtect