



NetIQ Advanced Authentication Framework

Security Questions Authentication Provider User's Guide

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Introduction

About This Document


Purpose of the Document


This Security Questions Authentication Provider User's Guide is intended for all user categories and describes how to use the client part of NetIQ Advanced Authentication Framework solution. In particular, it gives instructions as for how to manage Security Questions type of authentication.

For more general information on NetIQ Advanced Authentication Framework™ and the authentication software you are about to use, see NetIQ Advanced Authentication Framework – Client User's Guide.

Information on managing other types of authenticators is given in separate guides.

Document Conventions

 **Warning.** This sign indicates requirements or restrictions that should be observed to prevent undesirable effects.

 **Important notes.** This sign indicates important information you need to know to use the product successfully.

 **Notes.** This sign indicates supplementary information you may need in some cases.

 **Tips.** This sign indicates recommendations.

- Terms are italicized, e.g.: ***Authenticator***.
- Names of GUI elements such as dialogs, menu items, buttons are put in bold type, e.g.: the **Logon** window.

Managing Security Questions Authenticator

In this chapter:

- [Microsoft Windows Vista/7/Microsoft Windows Server 2008/2008 R2](#)
- [Microsoft Windows 8/Microsoft Windows Server 2012](#)

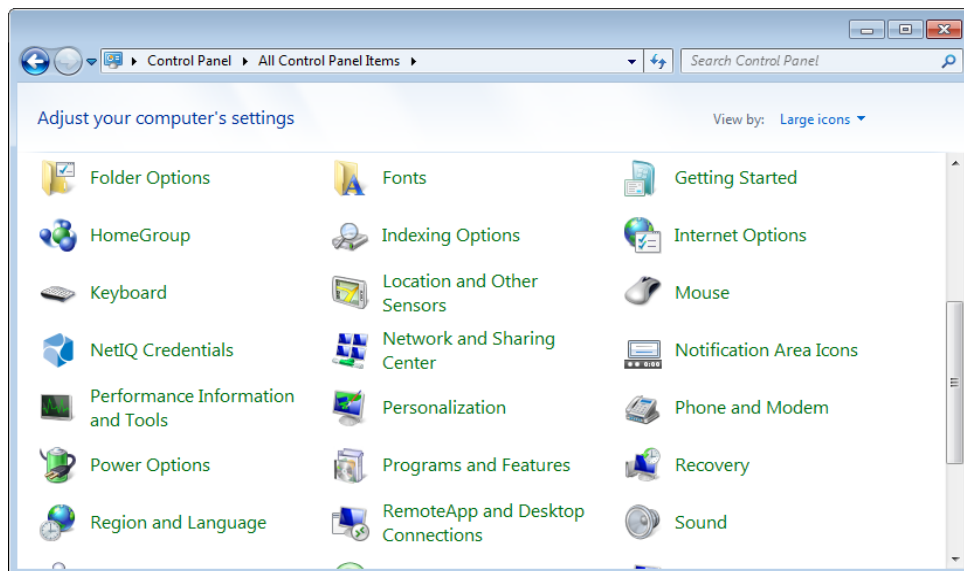
Microsoft Windows 7/Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2

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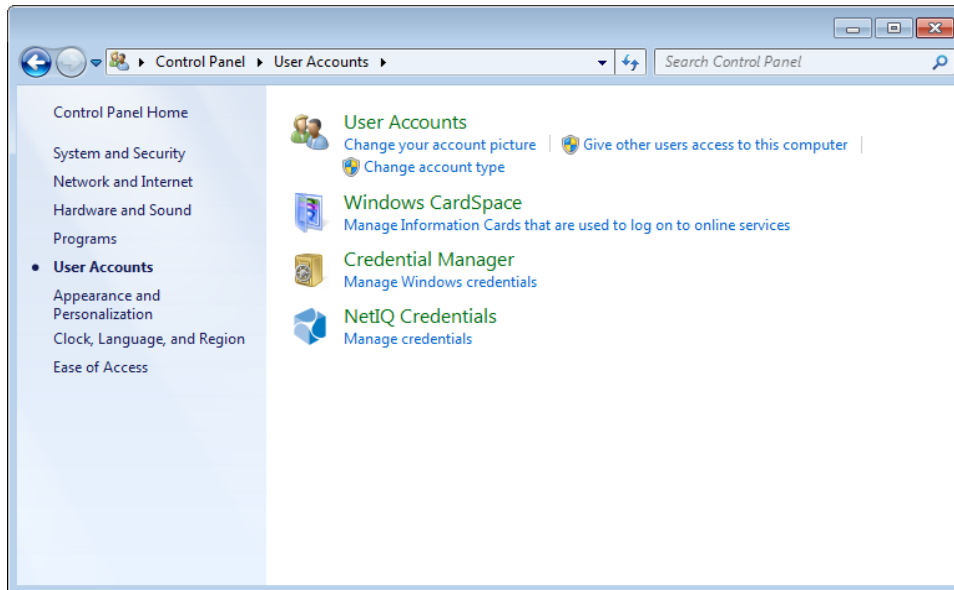
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To open the **Authenticators** window from **Control Panel**:

- In classic view of **Control Panel** select **NetIQ Credentials** item.




- In **Control Panel** by categories select **User Accounts > NetIQ Credentials**.



To open **Authenticators** window, user should undertake authorization procedure:

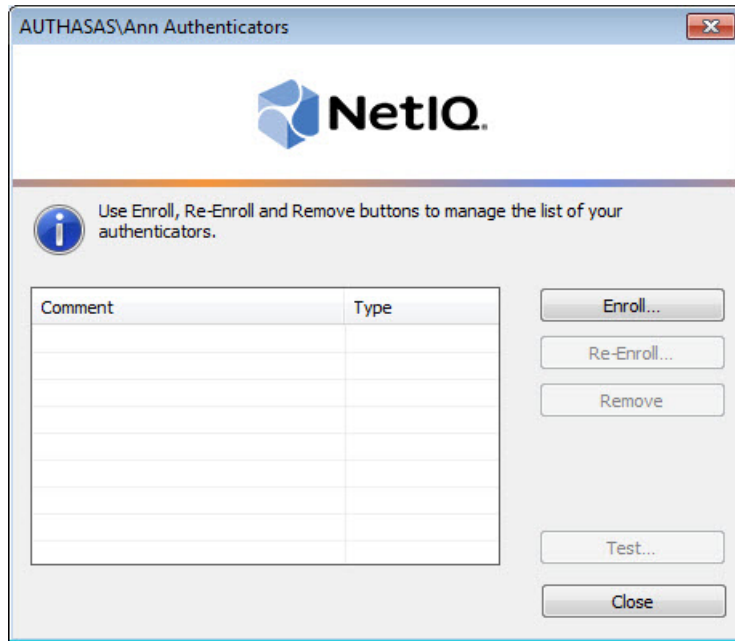
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 If there are no enrolled authenticators, then the only way to get authorized is **By password**. Otherwise, authentication by password will make enrollment unavailable (i.e. the button **Enroll**, **Re-enroll** and **Remove** will be greyed out).



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3. Once you are authenticated, page for managing authenticators is opened.

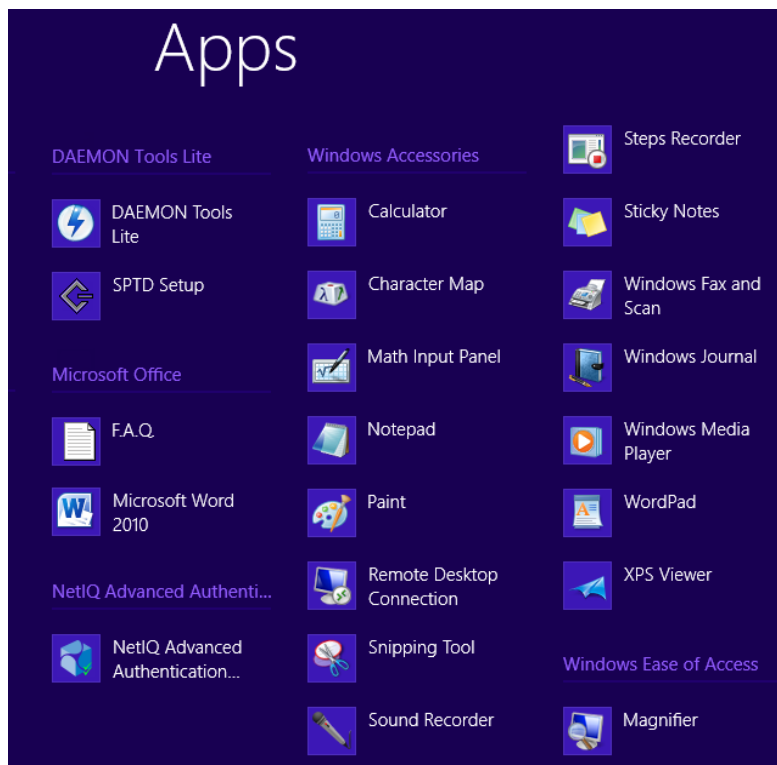


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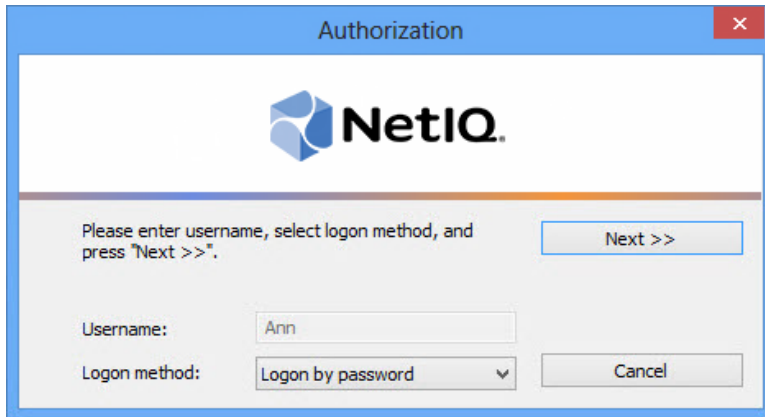
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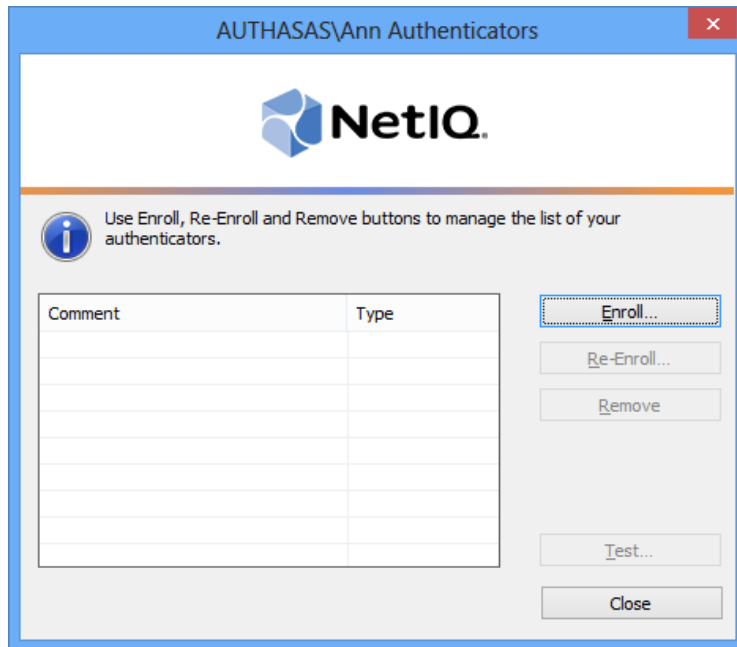
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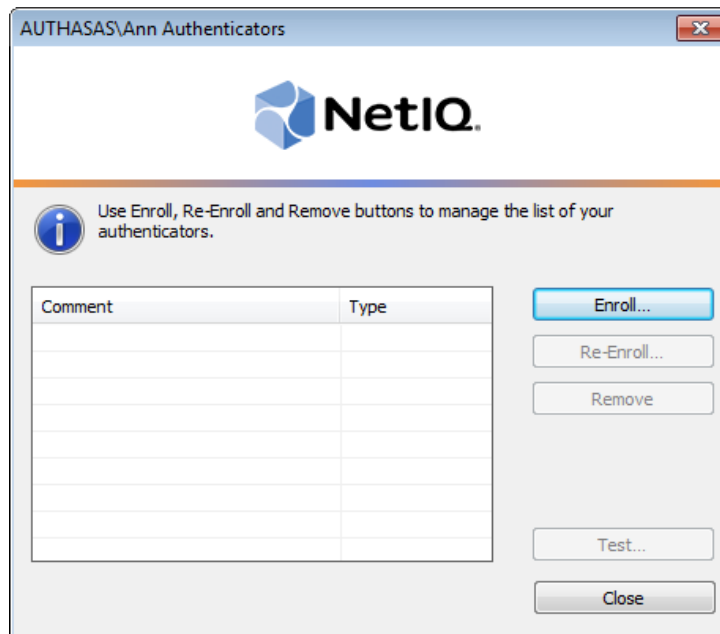
Enrolling Security Questions Authenticator

* This operation may be forbidden by NetIQ administrator. In such cases the **Enroll** button in the **Authenticators** window is greyed out.

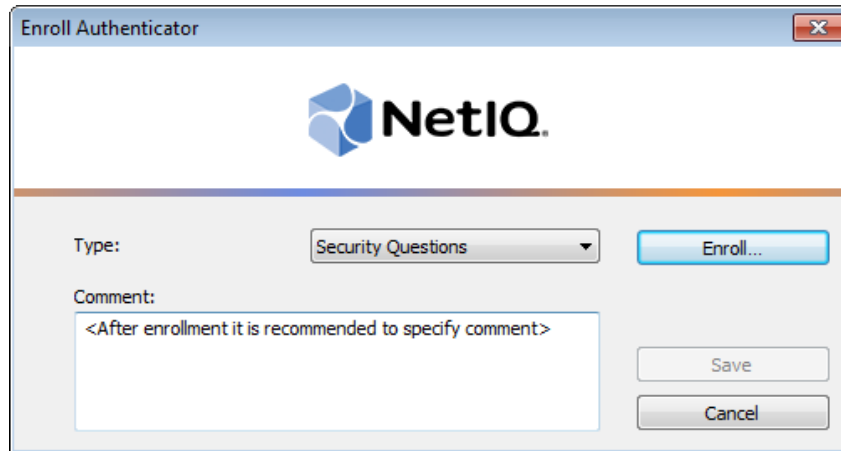
* NetIQ administrator defines the maximum number of authenticators you can have which means you cannot enroll any more authenticators once you have reached the limit.

To enroll a Security Questions authenticator:

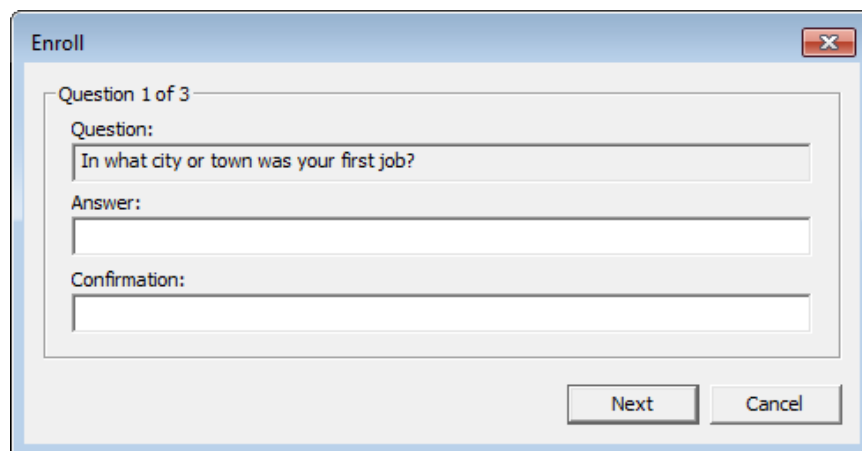
1. Click the **Enroll** button in the **Authenticators** window.




2. When the **Enroll Authenticator** window appears, select **Security Questions** from the **Type** drop-down menu, click **Enroll**.

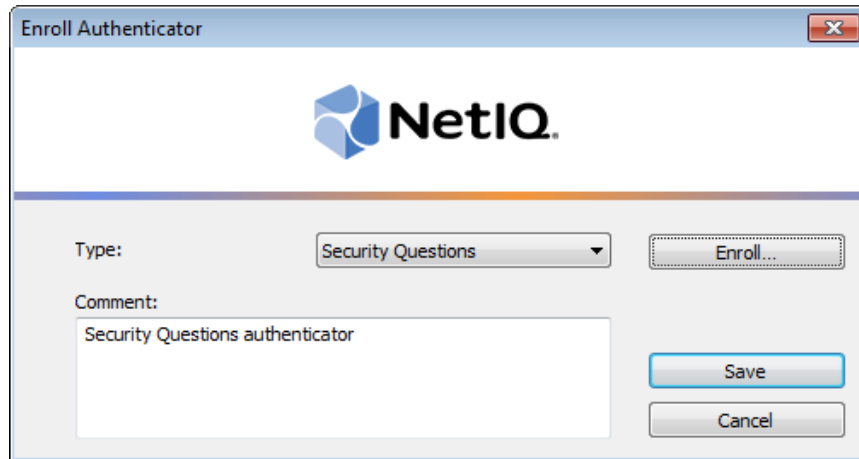



3. The **Enroll** window will be displayed. Enter the answer to the security question into the **Answer** text field. To confirm it, enter the answer once again into the **Confirmation** text field. Click **Next** to continue.



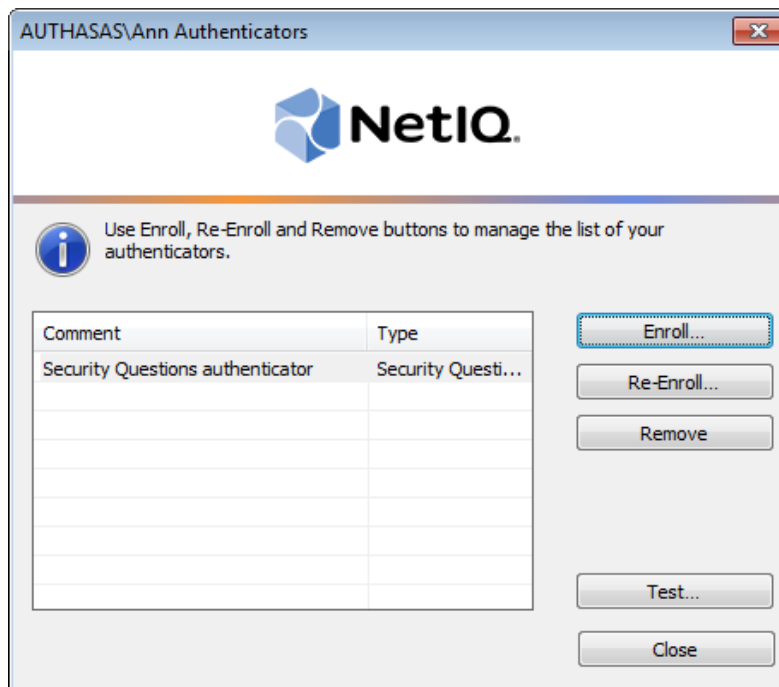
 Questions and the number of questions are specified by the system administrator.

4. Control is passed to the **Enroll Authenticator** window. Entering commentary is optional. Click **Save**.




 Entering and editing comments may be forbidden by the system administrator.

5. A new authenticator is created and is visible in the list of authenticators in the **Authenticators** window.

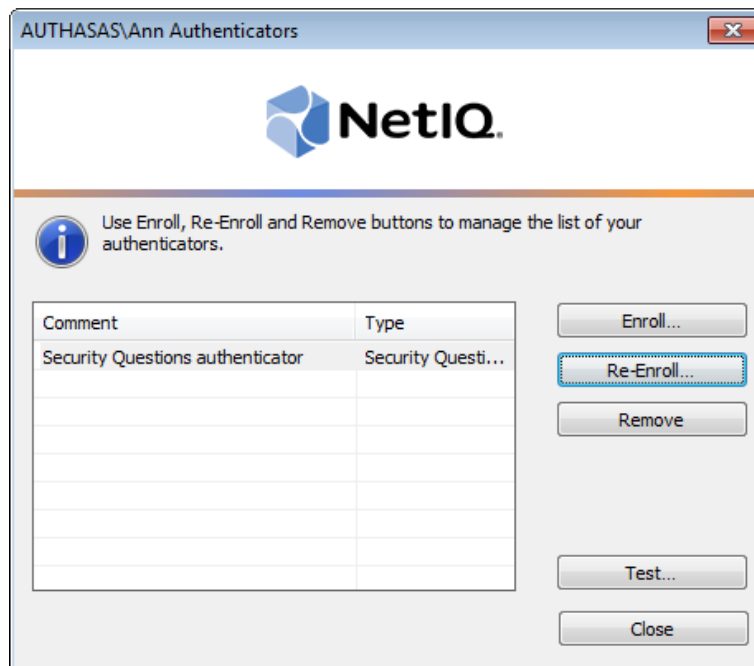


Re-enrolling Security Questions Authenticator

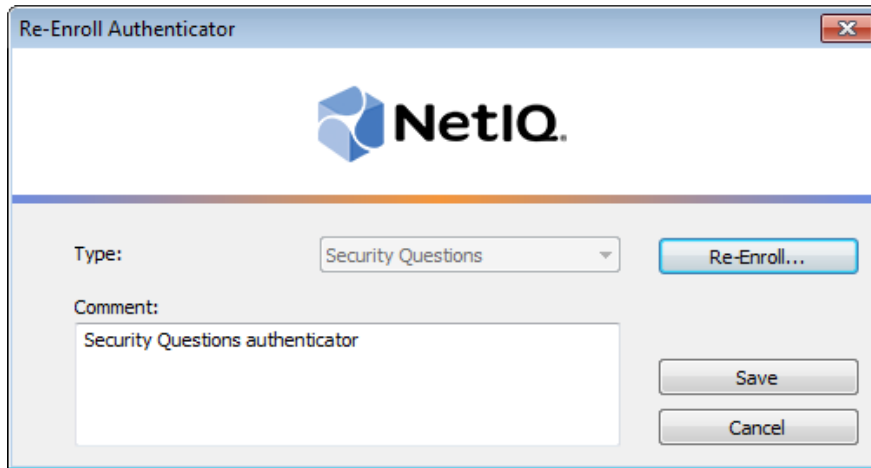
 This operation may be forbidden by NetIQ administrator. In such cases the **Re-Enroll** button in the **Authenticators** window is greyed out.

In order to re-enroll a created Security Questions authenticator:

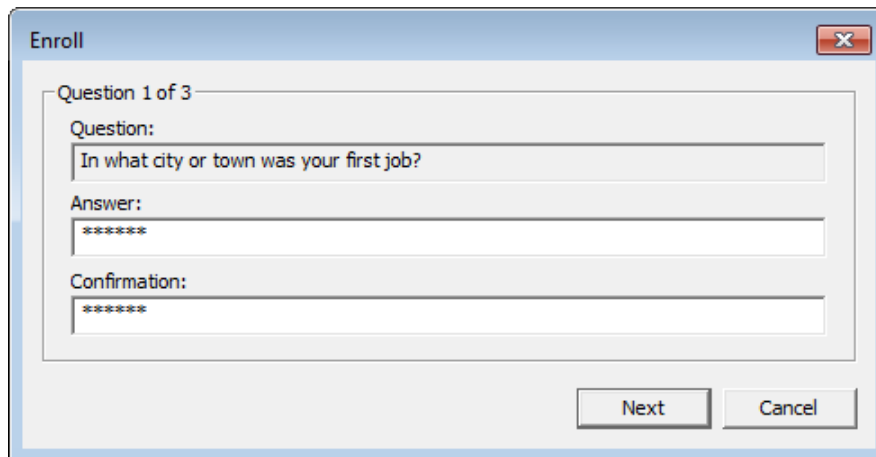
1. Select **Security Questions** in the list of authenticators, click **Re-Enroll...** in the **Authenticators** window.




2. Click **Re-Enroll...** in the **Re-Enroll Authenticator** window.




3. The **Enroll** window will be displayed. Enter the answer to the security question into the **Answer** text field. To confirm it, enter the answer once again into the **Confirmation** text field. Click **Next** to continue.



 Questions and the number of questions are specified by the system administrator.

6. Click **Save** in the **Re-Enroll Authenticator** window.

Re-Enroll Authenticator



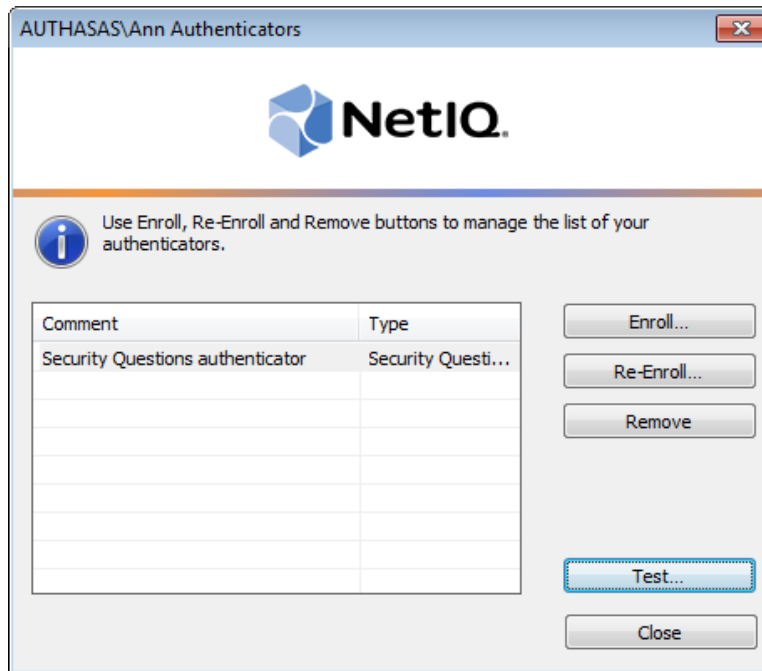
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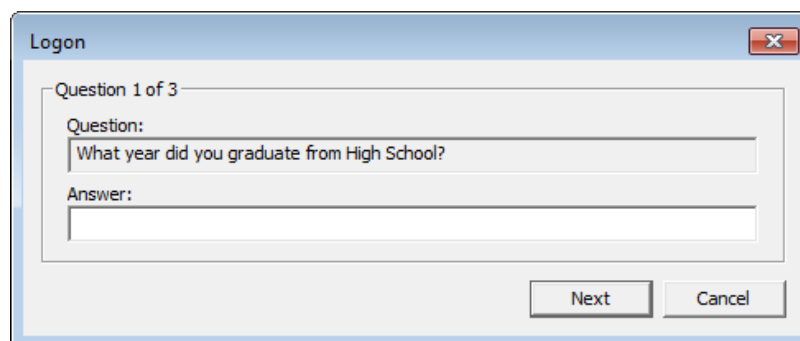
Testing Security Questions Authenticator


To test a created Security Questions authenticator:

1. Click **Test...** in the **Authenticators** window.



2. Into the **Answer** text field enter your answer to the security question. Click **Next** to answer the next question.



 Questions and the number of questions are specified by the system administrator.


3. When a confirmation message saying: "Authenticators match" appears, click **OK**.





4. When authenticators do not match an error message appears. Click **OK**.



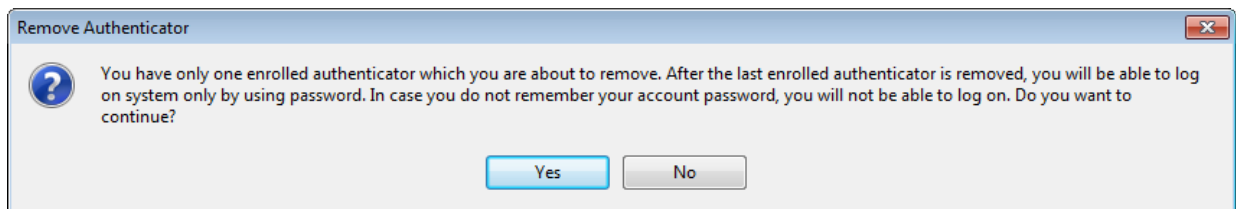
Removing Security Questions Authenticator

 This operation may be forbidden by the NetIQ administrator. In such cases the **Remove** button in the **Authenticators** window is greyed out.

 If you are allowed to remove your authenticator, do not do this just because you do not like your current authenticator. Instead, you can re-enroll it (see [Re-enrolling Security Questions Authenticator](#)).

 Do not remove the only authenticator you have. If you have no authenticators, you can log on with your password only. If a random password was generated for your account and you have removed the only authenticator, you cannot log on in any way.

NetIQ Advanced Authentication Framework™ prevents you from accidentally removing your only authenticator by showing the following dialog:




If you removed the only authenticator and do not know your password, contact the system administrator.

Troubleshooting

In this chapter:

- [Cannot enroll authenticator](#)
- [Cannot logon with Security Questions authenticator](#)

 This chapter provides solutions for known issues. If you encounter any problems that are not listed here, please contact the technical support service.

Before contacting the support service:

We strongly request that you give a possibly detailed description of your problem to the support technicians and attach logs from the faulty computer. To obtain the logs, use the LogCollector.exe tool (\Tools\LogCollector). Follow the steps below:

1. Copy LogCollector.exe to the local C:\ disk on the faulty computer.

 The tool may not work from a network drive.

2. Run LogCollector.exe.

3. In the dialog that opens, click **Enable all**. As a result, all items in the **Debugged components** section are selected. Close the dialog.

4. Reproduce the steps that caused the problem.

5. Run LogCollector.exe. again and click **Save logs**.

6. Save the logs to archive.

Cannot Enroll Authenticator

Description:

Authenticator is not enrolled because

- a. The **Type** list in the **Enroll Authenticators** window is empty or Security Questions authenticator type is absent.
- b. The **Enroll** button in the **Authenticators** window is greyed out.

Cause:

- a. The Security Questions authenticator type is not supported (no proper authentication provider is installed).
- b. The operation is forbidden or you have reached the limit on authenticators number.

Solution:

- a. Contact NetIQ administrator.
- b. No authenticators can be added. For more information, contact NetIQ administrator.

Cannot Logon with Security Questions Authenticator

Description:

You cannot logon using Security Questions authenticator.

Cause:

Your computer is not inserted to the list of Security Questions clients.

Solution:

Add your computer to the list of Security Questions clients.

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