



## A Whole New Wayk: The Future of Wayk Den

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Every now and then, products change names: my favorite example is Skype for Business, which used to be Microsoft

Lync, and before that, Microsoft Communicator. Starting with the next major Wayk release (2020.3.x), [Wayk Den](#) will officially be known as Wayk Bastion. As the new Wayk, Wayk Bastion will be a comprehensive remote access management solution encompassing the Wayk Agent and Wayk Client. This rebranding brings Wayk in line with the rest of Devolutions' products that use meaningful, descriptive names. The words "now" and "den" will only live on to designate their respective network protocols, like RDP is to Microsoft Remote Desktop.

## **Back to the Source with a Wayk Data Source**

The original goal of the Wayk project was to build our own remote access product that would have first-class integration into [Remote Desktop Manager](#). Years later, we've had to face the fact that we got lost along the way and missed the target. Over the past several months, we have learned a lot from our power users, who not only brought to our attention the shortcomings of our current integration, but also explained how big of a deal a Wayk Bastion data source would be for them. We are glad to say that we've received the message and we are actively working on it — so stay tuned for updates!

## **Honing In On Managed Service Providers (MSPs)**

With Wayk Bastion becoming the new Wayk flagship product, we are zeroing in on our target audience: Managed Service Providers (MSPs). If you do not identify as an MSP, no need to panic: the product will remain usable for most SMBs. However, Wayk Bastion is definitely adding features meant specifically for MSPs, starting with multi-tenancy support. In Wayk Bastion, it will be possible to create isolated tenants — one per customer or company supported by the MSP — all within the same deployment. Combined with the Wayk Bastion data source, technicians will be able to leverage the power of Remote Desktop Manager to navigate and find machines from a global, organized tree view of all customers.

## **Closing Thoughts on the Meaning of Bastion**

The term “bastion host” is often used for servers exposed to the external network (internet) meant to provide access to internal network resources with additional authentication and authorization. Network exposure of critical infrastructure can be greatly reduced by enforcing this type of access. Wayk was designed to avoid the need for a VPN, making direct and relayed connections possible with the same level of security. Because of this, a single Wayk Bastion deployment can manage machines from multiple customers on separate networks all at once. Now imagine having to support 100 customers as an MSP, each with their own corporate network! Would you rather use 100 VPNs or one Wayk Bastion for remote access management?