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# Set autofocus for cameras

AXIS Optimizer for Milestone XProtect®



# Step-by-step: Set autofocus for cameras

AXIS Optimizer operator controls allow admin roles and approved operators to access an Axis camera's specific features directly from Smart Client. Autofocus ensures the camera's lens stays focused in the area of interest when views change.

## Requirements

Install your choice of:

- Milestone XProtect Corporate 2019 R3 or later
- Milestone XProtect Expert 2019 R3 or later
- Install the latest version of AXIS Optimizer on the Management Client
- Axis devices with firmware version 7.10, 7.40, or later (versions 7.20 and 7.30 don't support operator controls)

## Autofocus fixed box and fixed dome cameras

1. In Smart Client, select a camera view
2. Click the **operator controls symbol** in the Smart Client menu bar
3. Go to **Autofocus**

## Autofocus a PTZ camera

1. In Smart Client, select a camera view
2. Click the **operator controls symbol** in the Smart Client menu bar
3. In the **Focus Control** pop-up window, **Set AF** (autofocus). Focus control allows you to move the focus point closer or further away.

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# Save time and gain direct access to all device features

Many Axis cameras have built-in camera-specific features that enable unique, full capabilities and value such as dewarping, WDR, EIS, IR, or privacy masking. Without AXIS Optimizer, operators must access each device individually to enable, adjust, and use these features. As most operators do not have the right to change device features and settings, they need support from admin roles. Again, more devices mean more time spent managing these features.

## How AXIS Optimizer solves this problem

AXIS Optimizer operator controls allow admin roles and approved operators to get the most value out of their Axis devices by accessing its specific features directly from Smart Client. Once installed, AXIS Optimizer asks connected cameras for all their features. The camera responds with a list of preinstalled operator controls and at the same time, makes these features available directly in the smart client. Which features you gain access to depends on which cameras you have in your system. In addition to preinstalled operator controls, you can create your own custom operator controls. And admin roles can configure which individual operators can access and use specific operator controls.

### About AXIS Optimizer for Milestone XProtect

AXIS Optimizer is a suite of integrations that optimizes the performance of Axis devices in Milestone XProtect. It ensures all users save considerable time and effort while getting the most out of their Axis and Milestone system. Continuously updated to cover new Axis offerings, it's available for free as a one-time installer on [axis.com](https://axis.com).

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