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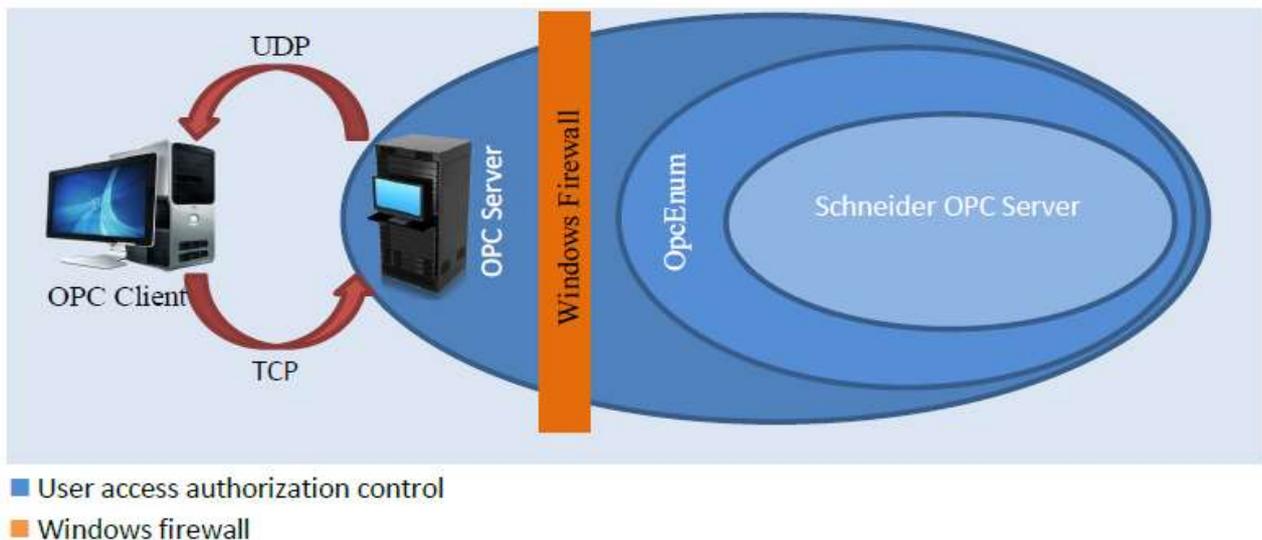
■ **Problem Description & Architecture:**

Setting DCOM for OPC under Windows 7 (32 / 64 bit)

■ **Brief Solution - Step by Step:**

1. Windows 7 (32 / 64 bit) configuration overview

This tutorial walks through the DCOM configuration and security settings under Windows 7 to configure an OPC server



The precondition is opc server and client computers need to have **the same Windows System login account**.

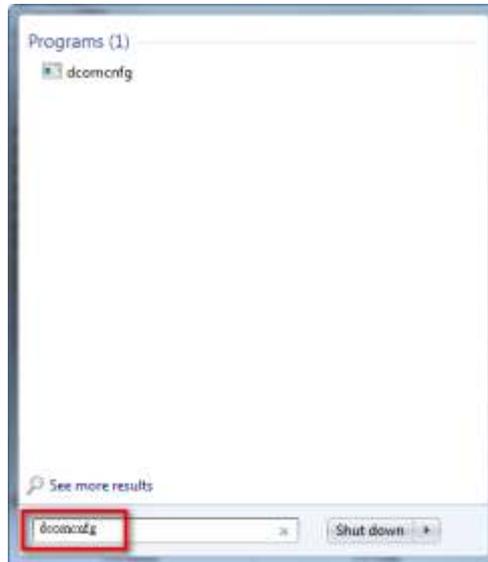
The steps to securely configure the OPC Server are: first of all, setting the wide DCOM protocol security authorizations for the computer access (MyComputer) then create some exceptions on the firewall so the OPC client can access the OpcEnum which gives the list of the OPC servers running on the machine, and last, configure the DCOM access permissions for OpcEnum and the OPC server.

The steps described in this tutorial will not follow this order to make it shorter

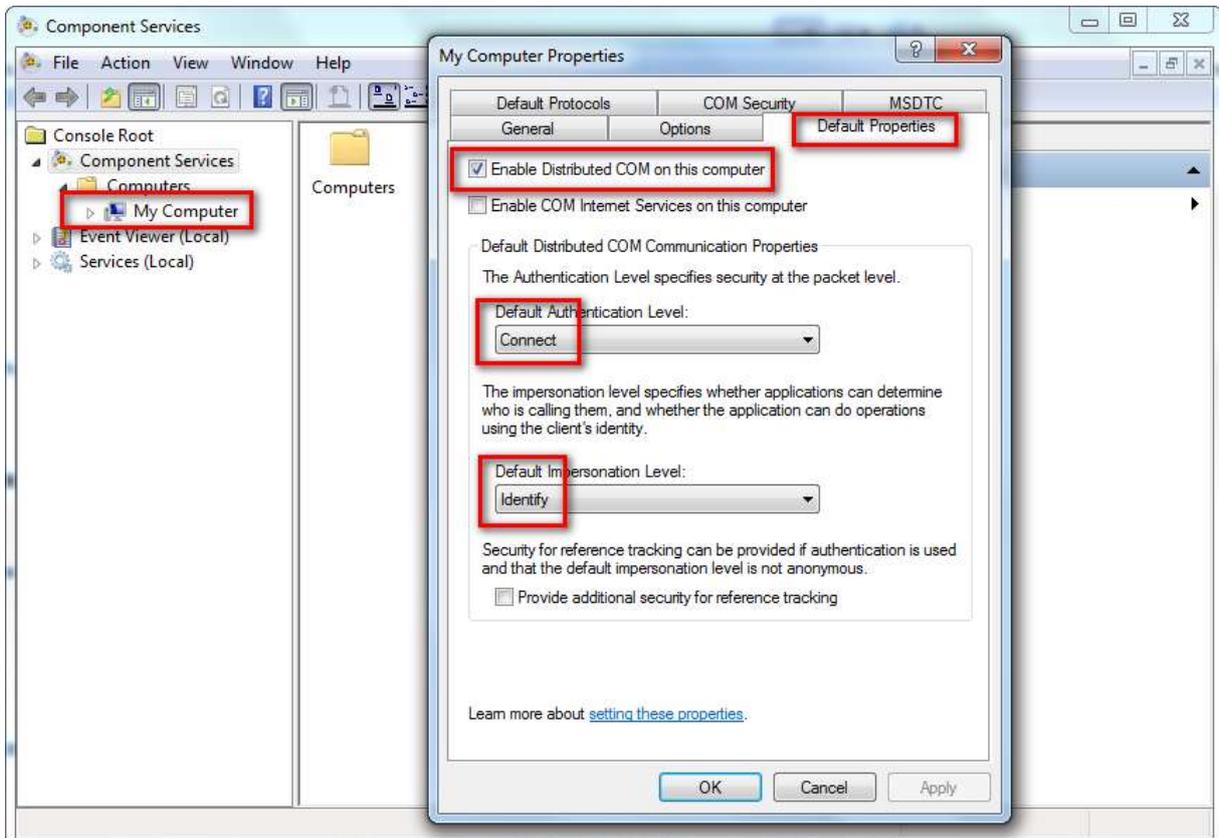
2. OPC Server Settings

A. Wide security "MyComputer" settings

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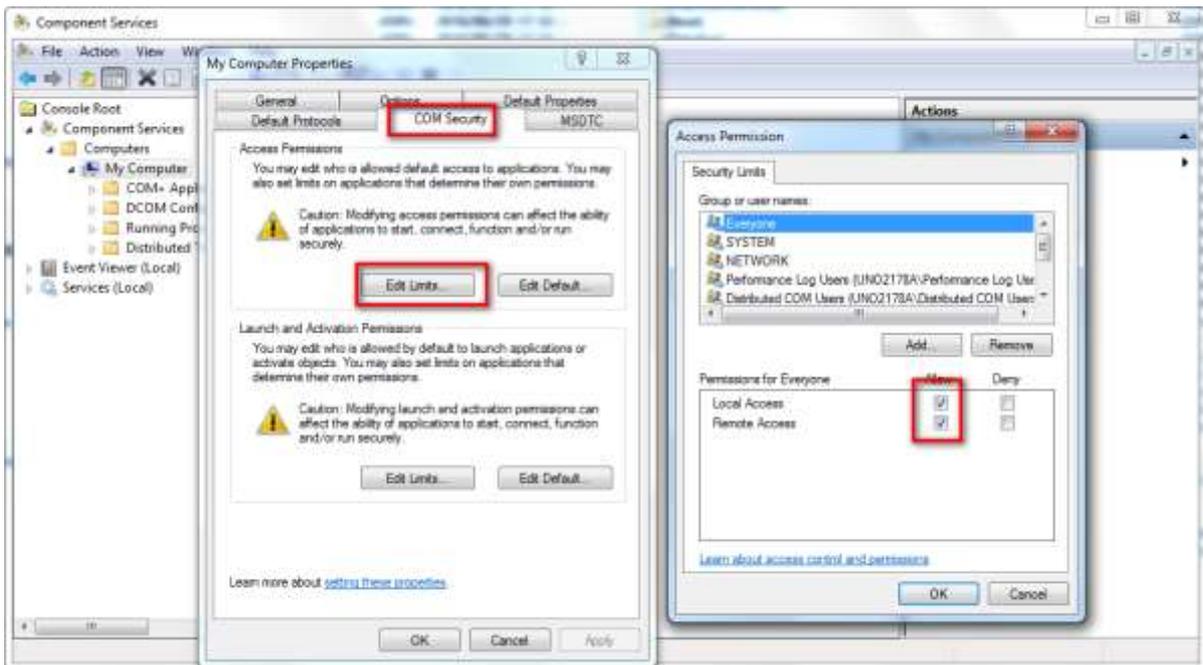
- Under: **Component Services**→**Computers**, Right-click on "**My Computer**" and Choose the "**Properties**" from the menu.
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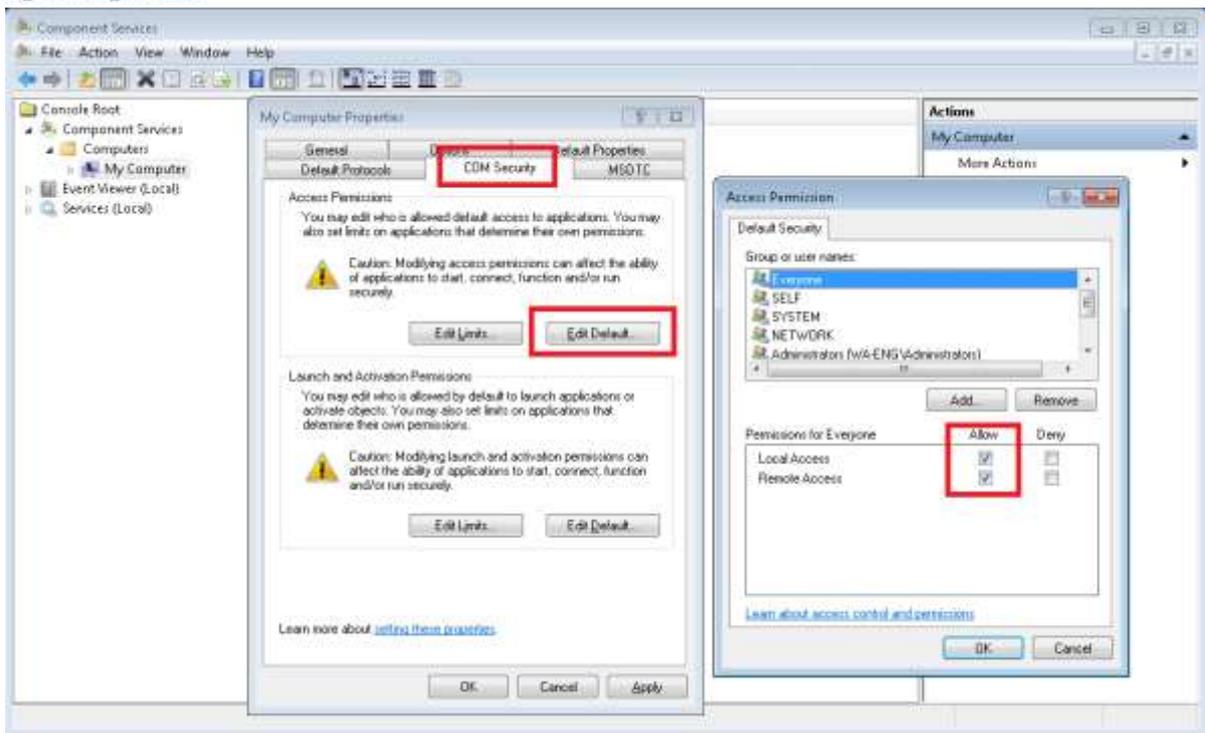
- Click on the "COM Security" tab

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Repeat the operations until completed.

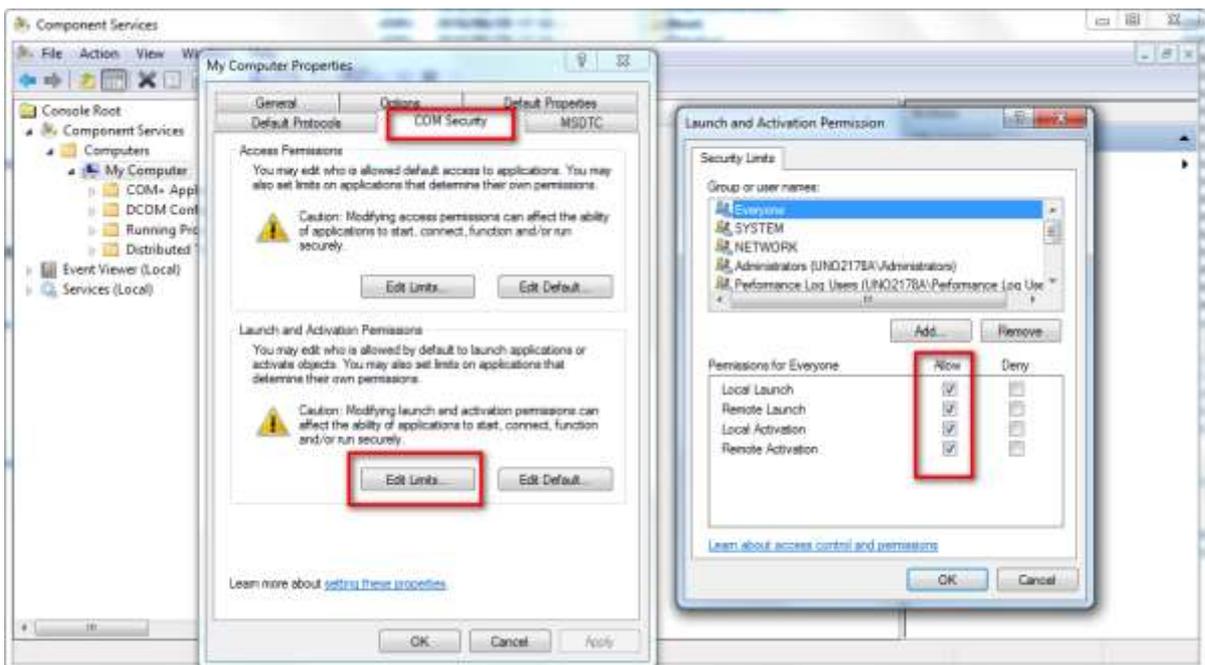


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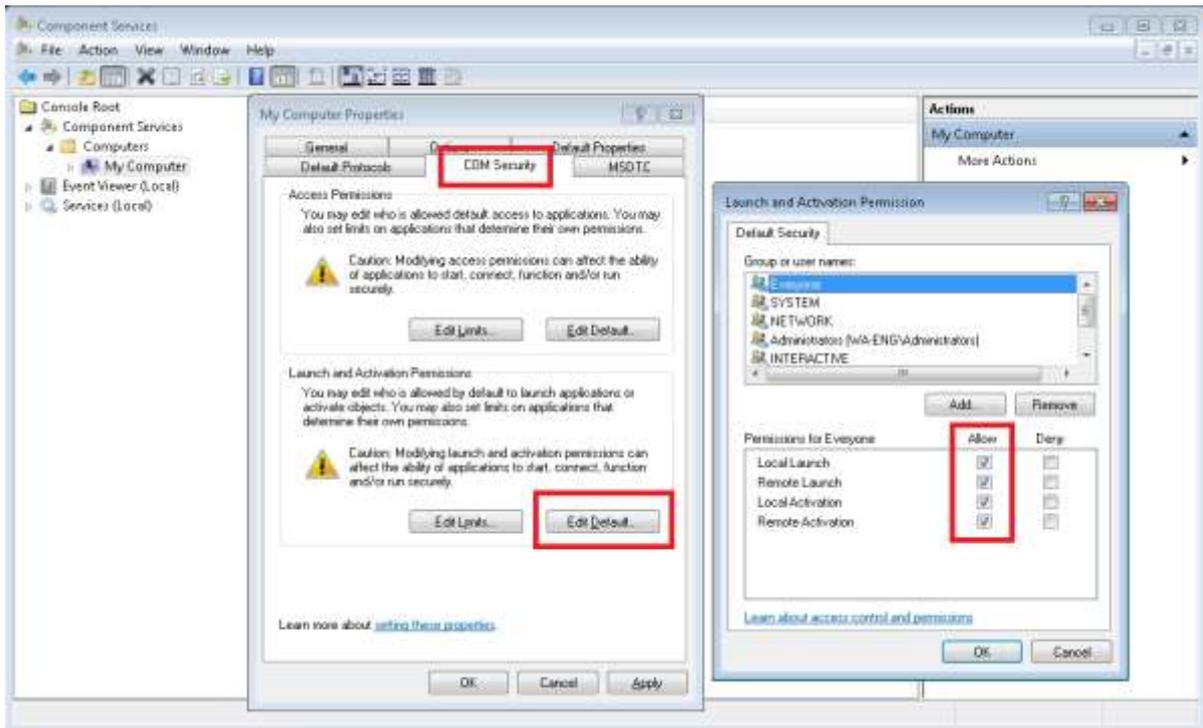
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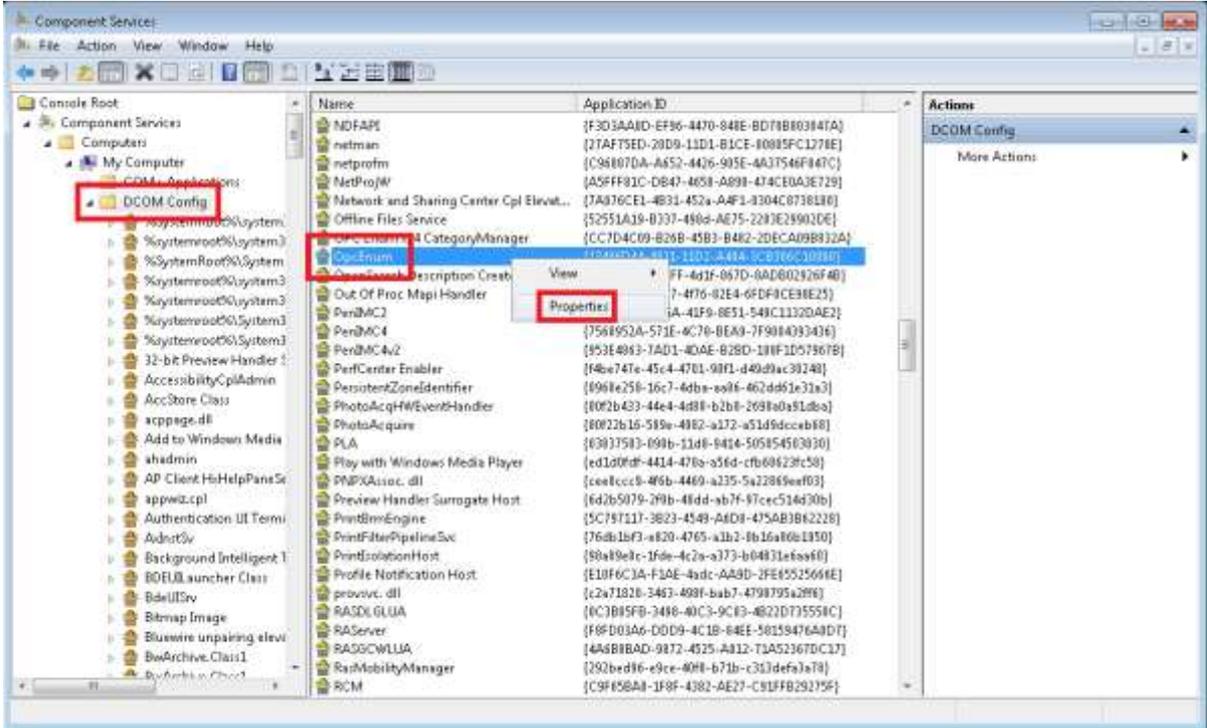


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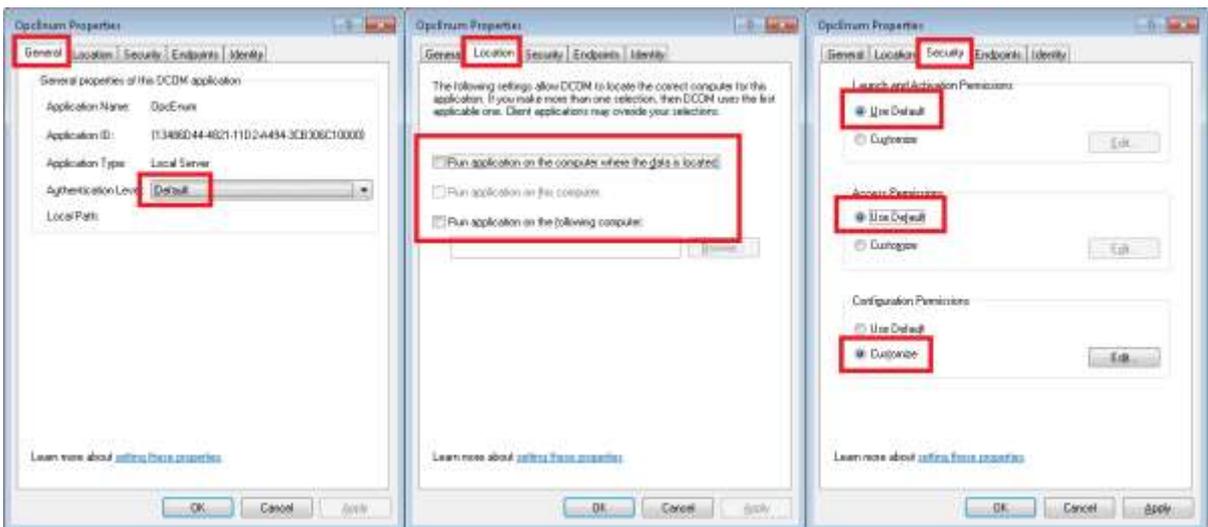
B. "OpcEnum" Settings

Manage the users/groups that should be able to see the existing OPC servers running on the machine (It is possible to give authorisation to many users/groups to see the existing OPC servers running but authorise different users/groups to access to different servers. See: 4. Permissions settings)

- Under: **Component Services**→**Computers**→**My Computer**→**DCOM Config**, find "OpcEnum" on the list right click on it and Choose "Properties" from the menu.



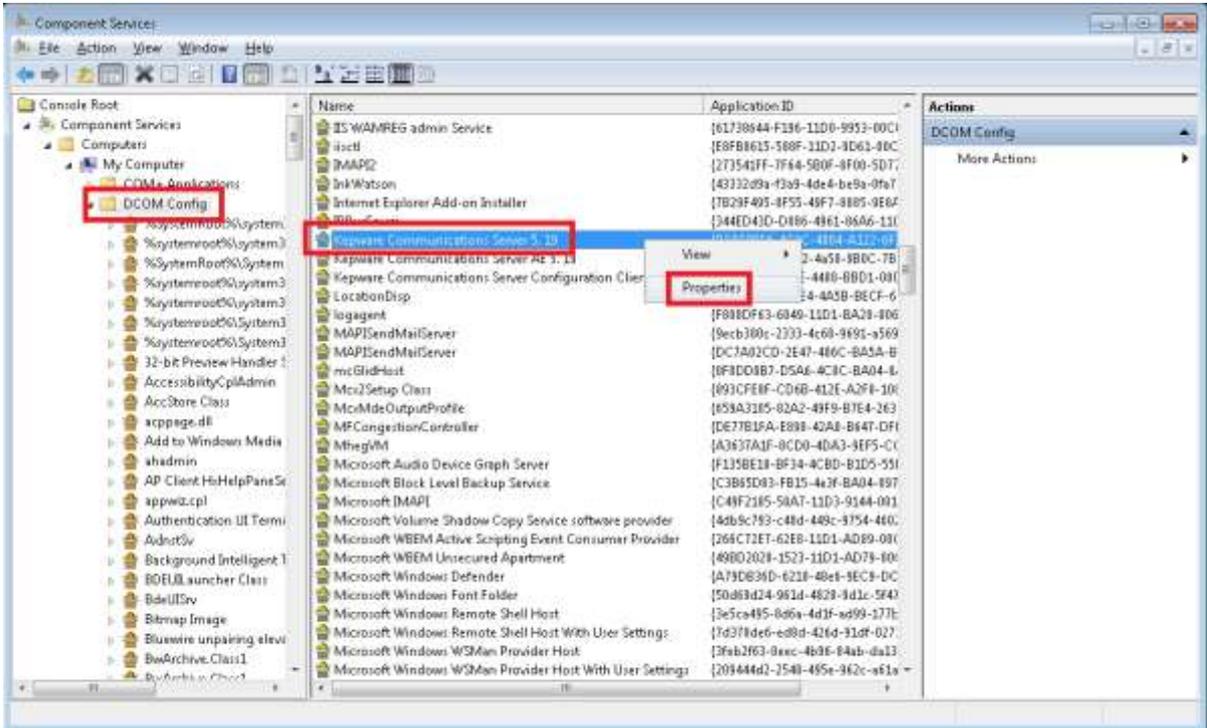
- On the tab "General", Authentication Level chooses the "Default".
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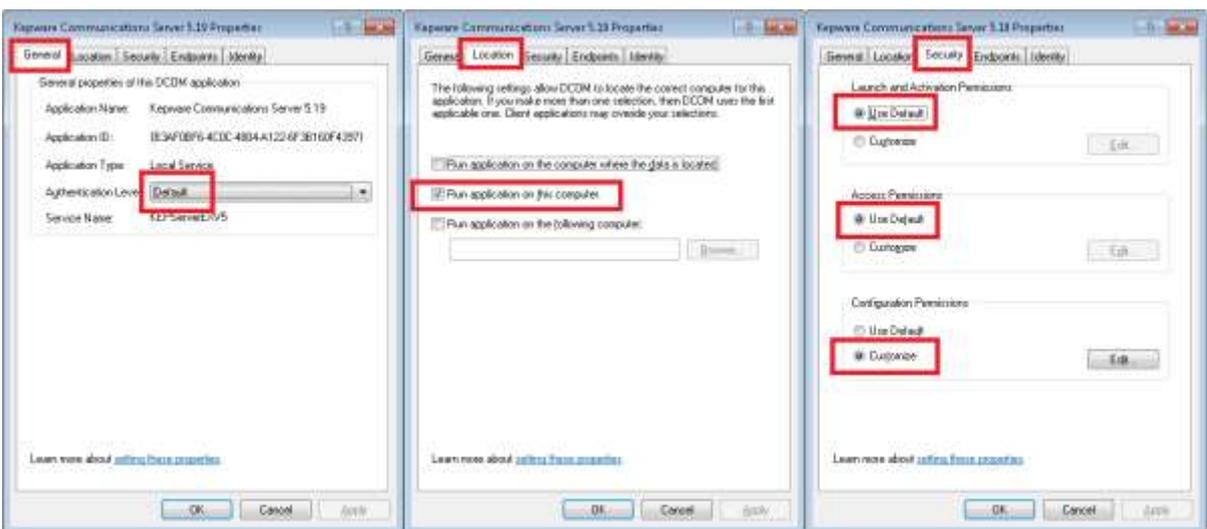
C. “Kepware Communication Server X.XX” Settings

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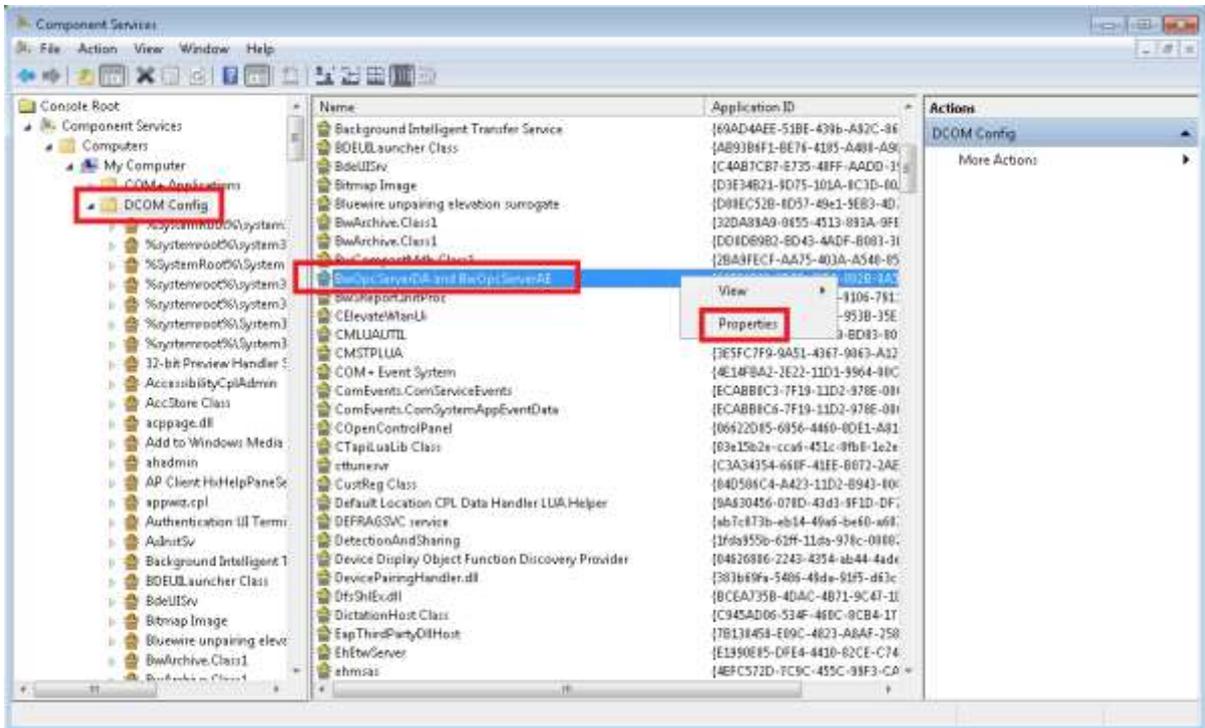


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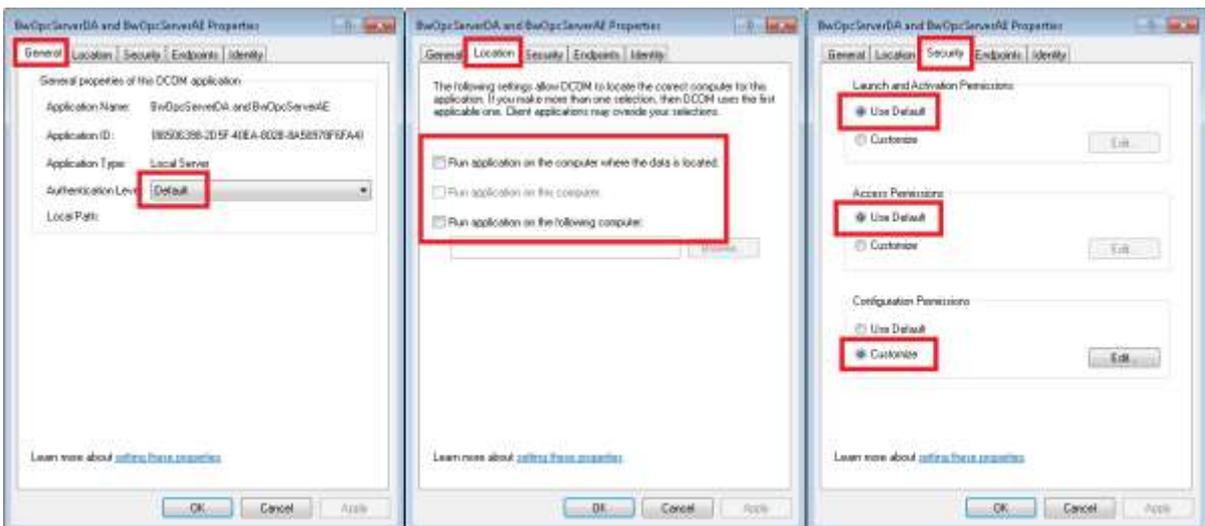


D. OPC Server process Settings

Under: **Component Services**→**Computers**→**My Computer**→**DCOM Config**, find OPC process on the list for this example we install the **“BwOpcServerDA and BwOpcServerAE”**, right click on it and Choose **"Properties"** from the menu.



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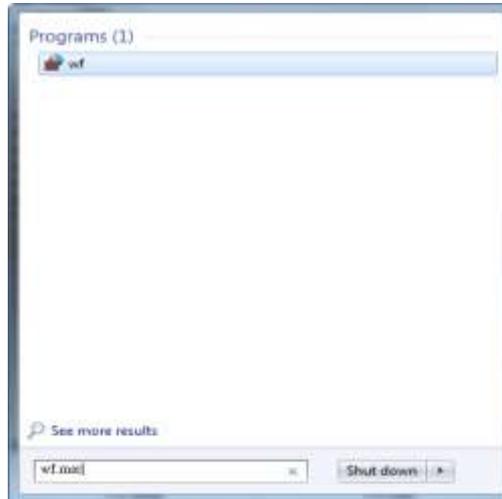


Exit the DCOMCNFG

3. Server Firewall Settings

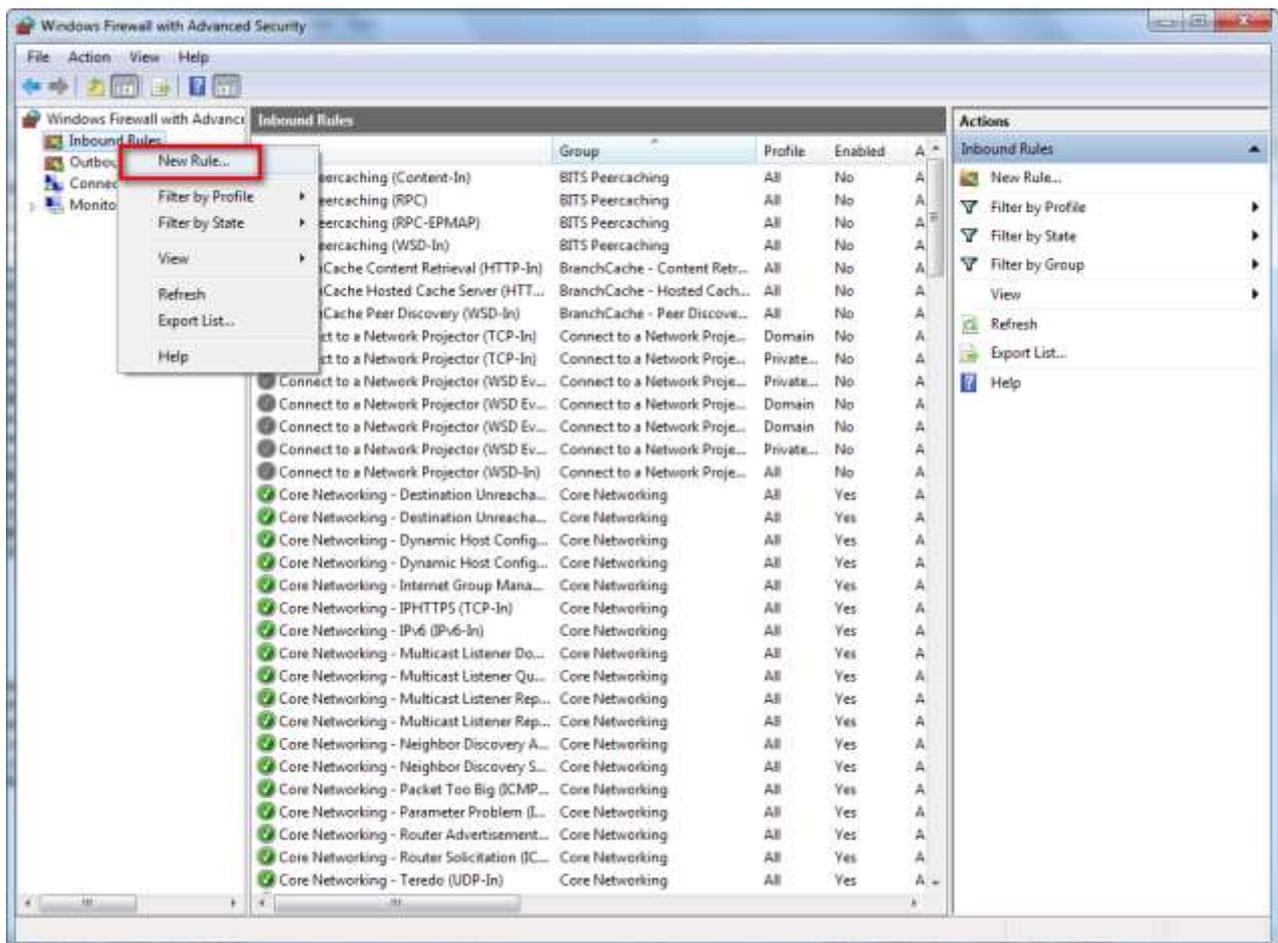
Configure the firewall exceptions

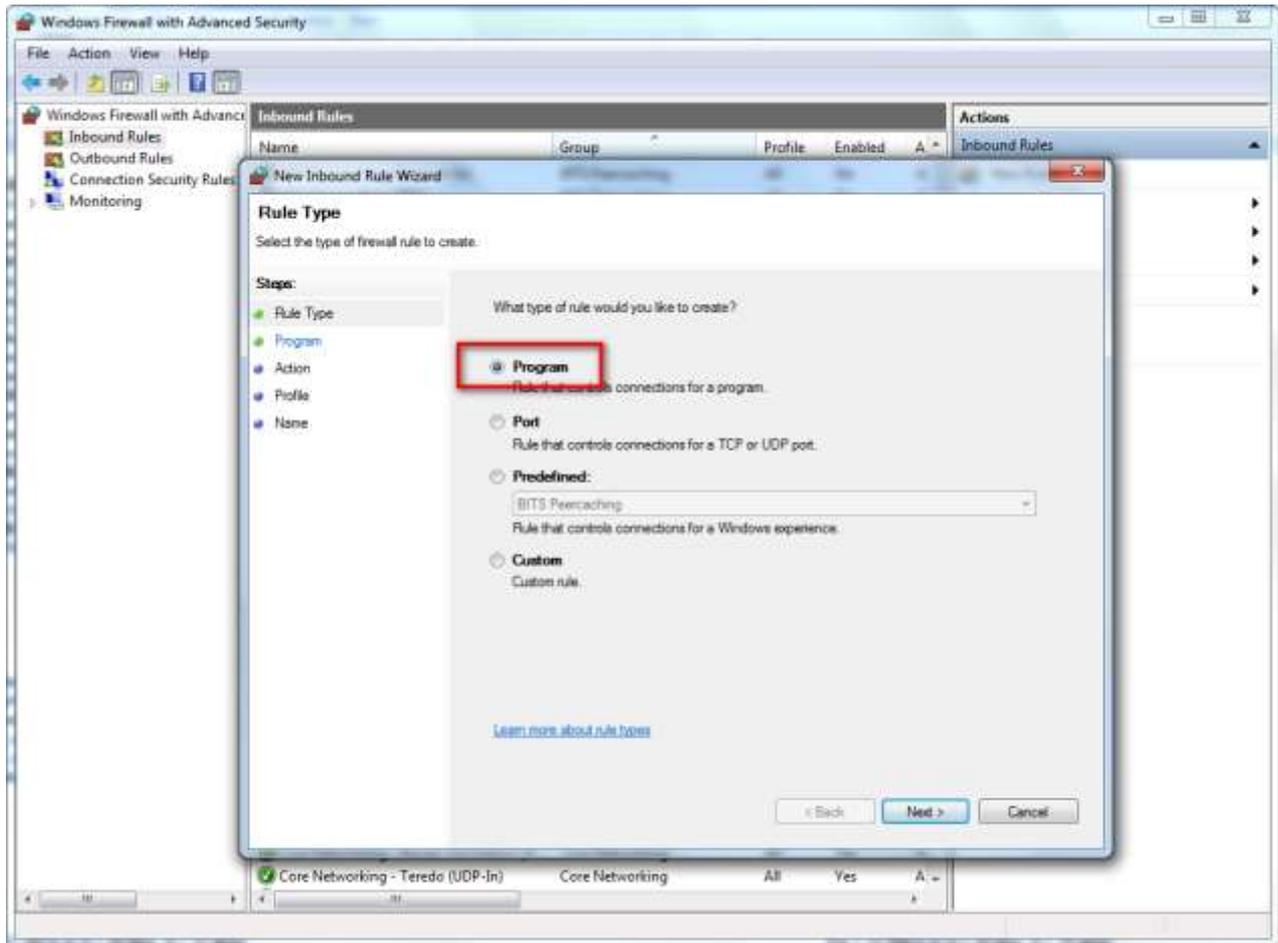
Press **Win + R** to open the Run menu type "**wf.msc**" on the text area and press **ENTER** to open the Component Services window



A. OPC Server Enumerator exception

Right click **Inbound Rules** and choose **New Rule** from the drop down menu, the Inbound Rules wizard will appear





- Go to inbound rules and add to the exceptions list **Chose program and hit next>**
- chose **This program path**, hit **Brows** find **opcenum.exe** double click it and **hit next>** (the path should be: Windows7 32 bit machine → c:\windows\system32\opcenum.exe Windows7 64 bit machine and Windows Server 2008 R2 →C:\Windows\SysWOW64\opcenum.exe)
- Chose **Allow the connection** and hit **Next>**
- Check the desired boxes (in our example we only check Domain) hit **Next>**
- Give a name to the connection rule and a description if you desire to then **hit Finish.**

B. OPC Server exception

- **Right click Inbound Rules** and choose **New Rule** from the drop down menu, the Inbound Rules wizard will appear
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- chose **This program path**, hit **Brows** find **your OPC server executable** double click it and **hit next>**
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Exit the firewall configuration window

Restart windows

4. Permissions settings

The server permissions can be managed according to the level of access we want to give, for example if we have a workgroup (WG) how can access a server and we want user A (UA) to be able to access OPCserverA and user B (UB) to be able to access only OPCserverB, we should set. permissions as follow:

OpcEnum → WG

OPCserverA → WG\UA

OPCserverB → WG\UB

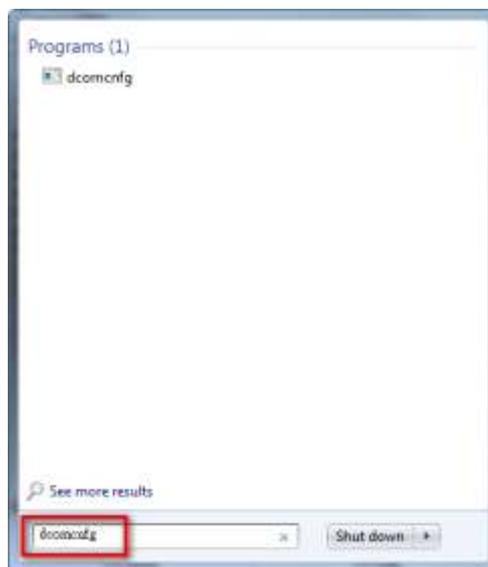
And allow remote and/or local operations for each one of them.

5. OPC Client Settings (Same like OPC server Setting)

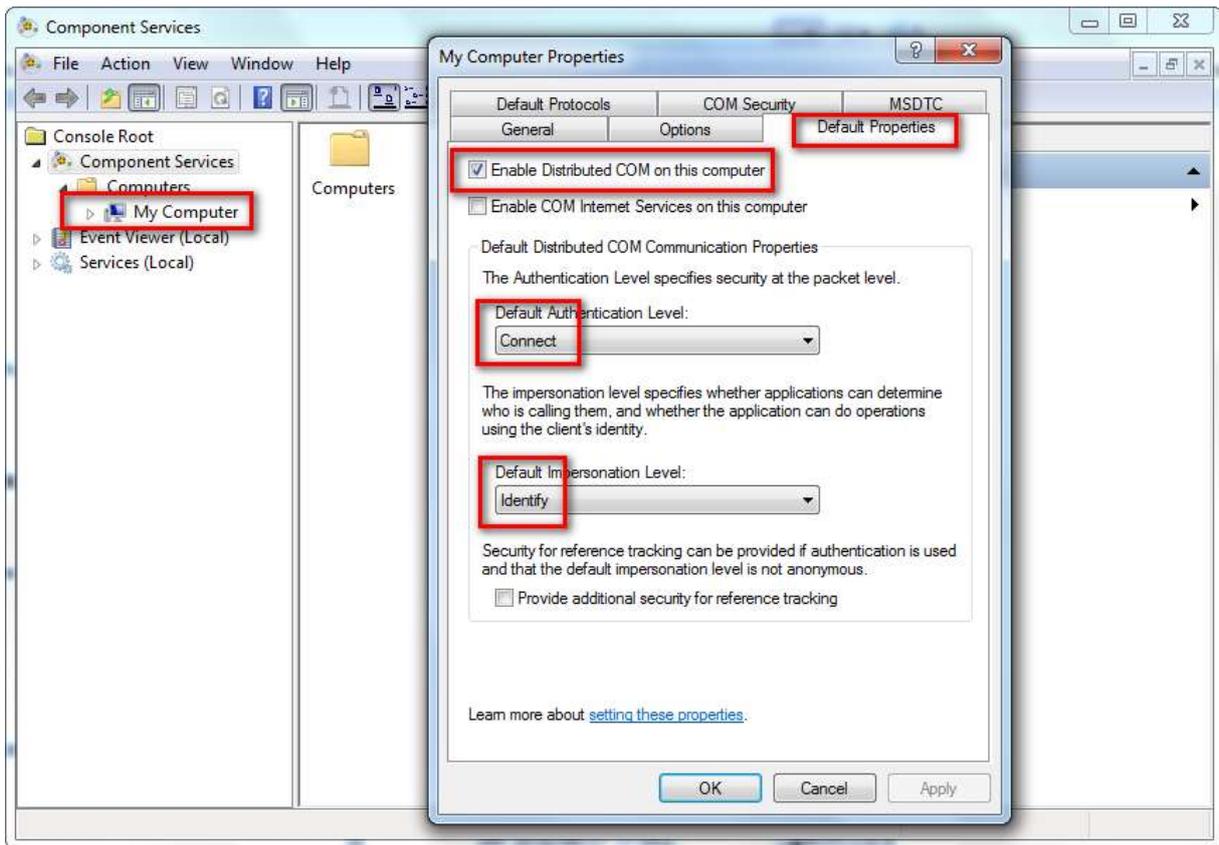
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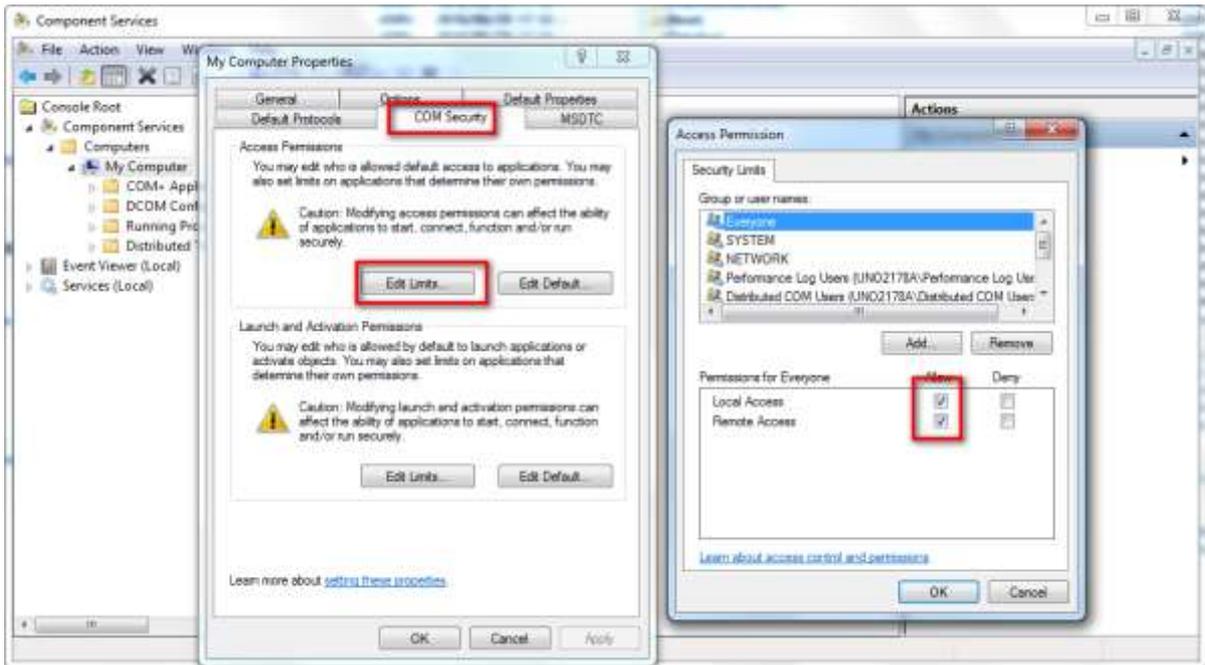
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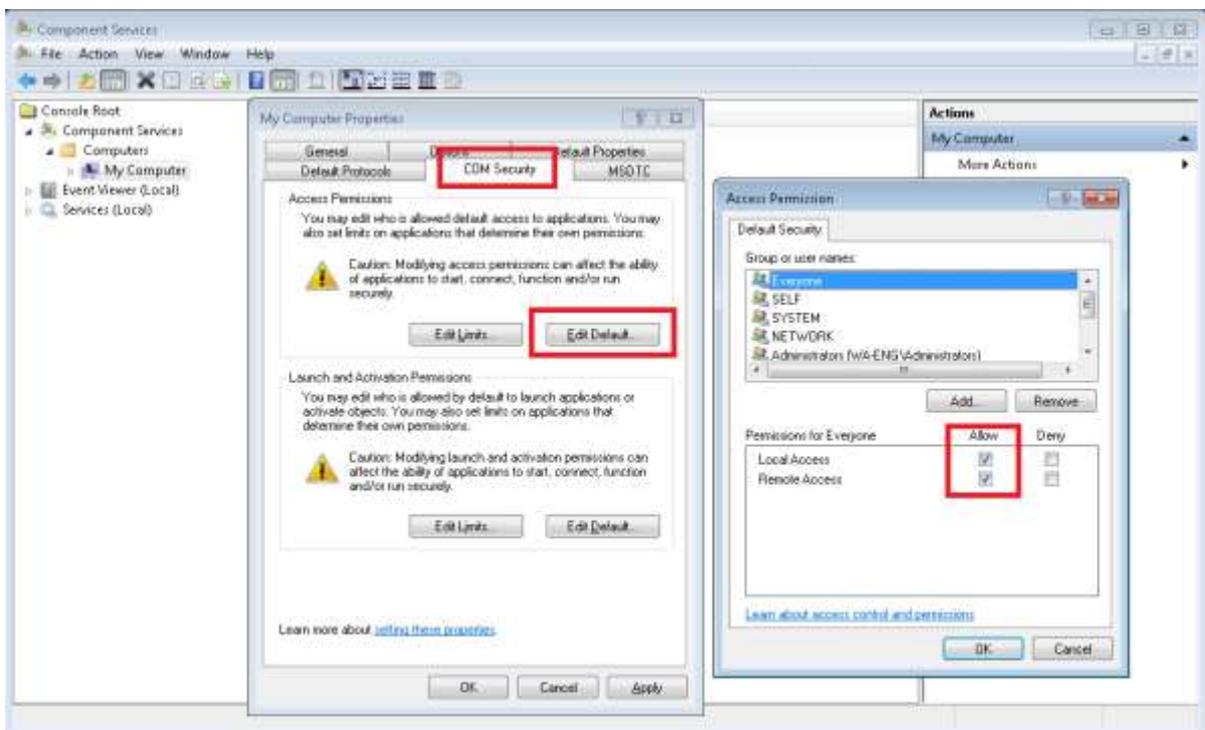
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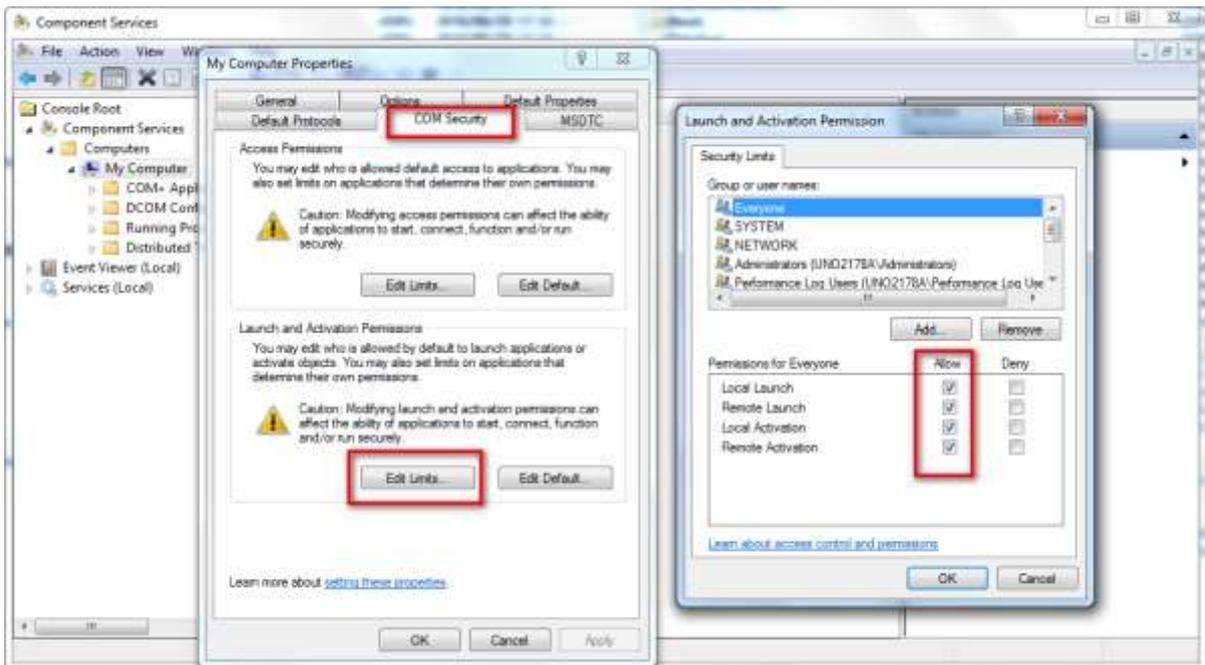


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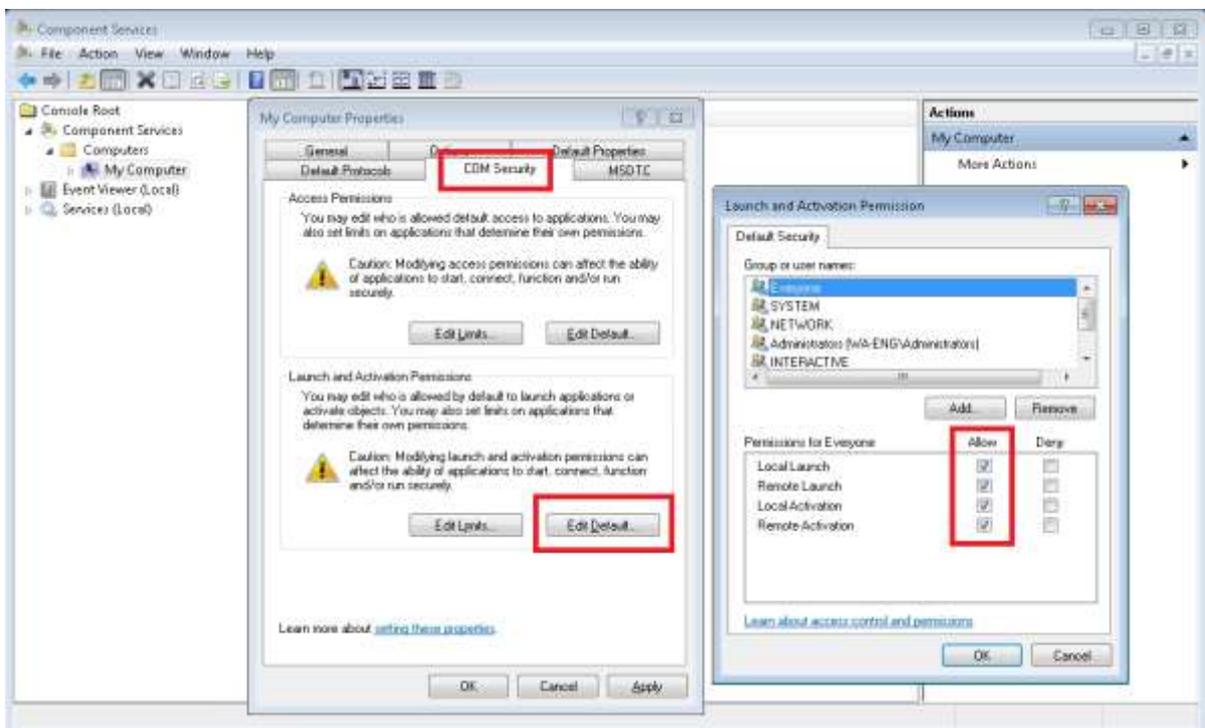
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■ **Pin Definition (in case of serial connection):**

■ **Reference:**