IBM PowerSC Express and Standard Editions offer new enhancements

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At a glance

PowerSC provides security and compliance tools to protect data centers and cloud environments virtualized with PowerVM™.

Version 1.1.3 enhancements include the following:

• Compliance automation for Linux™ running on IBM® Power Systems™.
• A new compliance automation profile for IBM AIX® database servers.
• The Trusted Firewall capability has been enhanced to provide advice as to what network traffic would benefit from using the Trusted Firewall performance acceleration capabilities.
• Compliance automation support for Payment Card industry standard version 2.

Overview

PowerSC provides a trusted solution to help you simplify the security and compliance administration for AIX and Linux virtual workloads running on IBM Power Systems servers. PowerSC offerings updated for this release: PowerSC Express® Edition, which automates security compliance and reporting for systems that require security compliance to external security standards has been enhanced. Version 1.1.3 contains the following new additions and enhancements:

• Compliance automation for Power Systems running Linux. The new compliance profiles supported on the Linux platform include the Payment Card Industry Standard (PCI) version 2 and the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) standard. This new support on Linux allows clients to automatically apply the recommended settings to help make systems compliant and to report on their compliance over time. This initial support is available through a new Linux command that is invoked with scripts or through the command-line interface.
• A new compliance automation profile for AIX database server that assists in setting up security-enhanced database servers on Power Systems and reporting on their ongoing compliance. An updated AIX profile for the Payment Card Industry Standard (PCI), which supports the latest PCI version 2. Reporting has been enhanced to include the identification number from the relevant standard.

PowerSC Standard Edition, which provides a security and compliance solution for virtual and cloud environments, has been enhanced as well. The new release of the Standard Edition is version 1.1.3 and contains the following enhancements:

• The Trusted Firewall capability has been enhanced to provide advice as to what network traffic would benefit from using the Trusted Firewall performance acceleration capabilities. This new capability provides a report with the
appropriate Trusted Firewall commands to add the suggested network segments to the Trusted Firewall.

- The Trusted Network Connect and Patch Management feature has been enhanced to support the notification and management of AIX iFixes.
- It should be noted that because the PowerSC Standard Edition includes PowerSC Express Edition, all the new functionality of the Express Edition will be available in the Standard Edition.

This new functionality continues to deliver security and compliance automation and reporting at a lower labor cost, which can accelerate security compliance, thereby helping to reduce risk.

**Key prerequisites**

- The latest available AIX V6 TL08, or later, and AIX V7 TL02, or later, or PowerVM and associated offerings running on IBM POWER6®, POWER7®, or POWER7+ processor-based systems.
- PowerSC Express Security and Compliance profiles for VIOS require Virtual I/O Server V2.2.1, or later.
- The PowerSC Standard Edition Trusted Logging feature and Trusted Network Connect and Patch Management feature both require Virtual I/O Server V2.2.1, or later.
- Linux levels:
  - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.4
  - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 SP3

**Planned availability date**

December 6, 2013

**Reference information**


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Ordering information

PowerSC Standard Edition (5765-PSE) and PowerSC Express Edition (5765-G82) have been previously announced. For ordering information, refer to Software Announcement ZP11-0443, dated October 12, 2011.

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