

What is Symantec Enterprise Security Manager?

Symantec Enterprise Security Manager enables organizations to define, measure, and report on the compliance of computer systems and software applications based on industry, regulatory and corporate security policies and standards. In addition, Symantec Enterprise Security Manager also finds and reports on computer systems that are not appropriately patched and could be exploited by malicious attacks. By using Symantec Enterprise Security Manager, companies can avoid many costly security problems by ensuring their systems are compliant with stringent usage standards and that systems not patched according to policy are discovered so that they may be promptly fixed.

Key Benefits

- Provides more than 2,500 specific security checks to help ensure that mission-critical information systems comply with an organization's security policies.
- Includes new policy assessment templates for regulations such as Sarbanes-Oxley and VISA CISP, as well as updates for HIPAA, NERC and FISMA regulations and ISO 17799 industry standards—**NEW**
- Delivers flexible and powerful enterprise-class compliance reporting, including over 75 predefined reports, as well as ad-hoc reports using the advanced report-authoring tool—**NEW**
- Reports for business management include overall compliance levels, resolution, and enterprise-wide trends—**NEW**
- Reports for technical managers detail compliance at the system, operating system or line-of business level—**NEW**
- Enables organizations to bring new systems into production with confidence, knowing that they meet policy compliance requirements.
- Facilitates easy retrieval and deployment of timely security updates with LiveUpdate™ technology.
- Integrates with other Symantec™ Security Management System products to ensure a more holistic understanding of security risks and priorities.
- Provides scalability and performance, with wide platform and application coverage.
- Addresses specific business needs with flexible and customizable security policy support.
- Proactive security helps ensure the maintenance of business operations and continued customer confidence.

What's New and Improved?

New Reporting Services and Reports

- Provides over 75 predefined reports that show compliance state and trends, specific violations and configuration changes on host systems.
- Lets organizations author their own reports or easily create a wide variety of ad-hoc reports.
- Allows reports to be automatically scheduled, delivered or accessed through a new web portal.
- Includes extensive roles-based access to regulate access to the reporting portal and the security content.

Improved Measuring & Tracking Policy Compliance

Allows organizations to identify which systems are not in compliance from a detailed message-by-message basis to an overall level of compliance—per system, line-of-business, and operating system for the enterprise.

Enhanced Identifying and Communicating Specific Security Risks

Includes specific policy violation reports, suppression reports, and informational reports to help identify vulnerabilities and exposures.

Better Identifying & Communicating Security Issues

- Provides change notification reports to identify and communicate system compromises.
- Includes "To Do Lists" by system and severity to help facilitate remediation of compliance, vulnerability, and change management issues.
- Performs rudimentary forensic analysis.

Expands the List of Operating Systems and Platforms Supported.

- Red® Hat Enterprise Linux® ES/AS 2.1 (x86)—*new*
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES/AS 3.0 (x86)—*new*
- Red Hat Linux 8 & 9 (x86)—*new*
- SuSE Linux Standard Server 8.0 (x86)—*new*
- Windows® 2003 Server—*updated*
- Solaris™ 2.9—*new*
- AIX® 5.2—*new*
- IBM® iSeries (OS/400)—*new*
- Oracle® 9.2 Database assessment module—*updated*
- Microsoft® SQL Database assessment module—*new*
- Microsoft Active Directory assessment checks—*updated*

Includes New Policy Compliance Assessments and Updated Policy Assessment Templates.

- Sarbanes-Oxley—*new*
- VISA CISP—*new*
- ISO 17799—*updated policy*
- HIPAA—*updated policy*
- GLBA—*updated policy*
- FISMA—*updated policy*