

IBM Internet Security Systems

Minor Feature Update Announcement: IBM Proventia® Network Intrusion Prevention System v1.4

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IBM Proventia Network Intrusion Prevention System v1.4

Firmware 1.4 for Proventia G/GX series appliances is now available for immediate download. SiteProtector 2.0 Database Service Pack 6.18 has also been released in support of Firmware 1.4. Both updates are available at the ISS Download Center, located at: <http://www.iss.net/download/>.

Firmware 1.4 offers improved usability and flexibility for Proventia Network IPS. These improvements further enhance the unrivaled scalability of Proventia Network IPS, bringing uncompromising protection to every layer of the network.

This Minor Feature Update includes the following enhancements:

- **On Demand Security Updates.** Security content updates can now be applied immediately with the click of a mouse, allowing for strict adherence to organizational change control windows.
- **Flexible policy management.** Several enhancements add to the flexibility and power of Proventia's policy management. These enhancements include:
 - Ability to place an unlimited number of security events in a protection domain
 - Ability to copy and paste security events into and out of user defined protection domains
 - Ability to associate user defined events with protection domains
 - Ability to add multiple signatures to a single response filter
 - Ability to create packet filters to ignore specific address spaces
- **Adaptor-specific event management.** Adaptor ID information for a given event is now displayed in the Event Analysis view of SiteProtector, allowing for per-segment analysis of detected and blocked attacks.

Important:

- In addition to these product feature enhancements, Firmware 1.4 contains fixes for several critical known issues. Customers are strongly encouraged to apply this update at the first available opportunity.
- Customers with Proventia G appliances (G100, G200, G400, G1000, G1200, G2000) must first update to Firmware 1.3, which is also now available immediately for download. Firmware 1.3 is simply a version change, and does not contain changes to the firmware itself. Please note that this is an exception to our normal product lifecycle policy. As such, there will be no content support for Firmware 1.3 on G100/G200/G400/G1000/G1200/G2000 appliances.
- SiteProtector users should apply the SiteProtector database update prior to installing Firmware 1.4.
- Prior to updating to Firmware 1.4, customers should migrate their policies to 1.4-compatible policies. See the [ISS Knowledge Base](#) and the Readme for more information.

Readme

The Readme document will change to inform users of the latest information relating to this sensor, users are advised to check for the latest version of the Readme file which is available at: <https://www.iss.net/download/>.

Product Lifecycle Updates

End of Content:

With the release of Firmware 1.4, content support for Firmware 1.2 on Proventia G appliances and for Firmware 1.3 on Proventia GX appliances will cease on June 20, 2007.

Customer Support:

Technical support for ISS products is available on the current major version and the version previous (current and one back), thus there is no change regarding Technical Support as a result of the release of Proventia Network IPS Firmware 1.4.

Additional Information

- For additional product/service information:
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- For training information, visit X-Force™ Education Services:
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- For information on ISS' Product Support Lifecycle Policy:
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- To update your ISS Secured & True Blue Connections Bulletin Email Newsletter opt-in preferences:
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