



Feature Upgrade Announcement: Proventia® Intrusion Prevention Appliance – Firmware 1.2

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Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance – Firmware 1.2 – Now Available

Internet Security Systems' (ISS) **Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance firmware 1.2** is now available for immediate download. **SiteProtector 2.0 SP 5.2 – Database Service Pack 5.18** has also been released in support of firmware 1.2 for the Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance. Both updates are available at the ISS Download Center, located at:

<http://www.iss.net/download/>

Firmware 1.2 for the Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance brings the latest features currently available in the Proventia G400 & G2000 to the entire line of appliances. SiteProtector users will be able to manage policies at the group level after applying this upgrade. This release also includes the latest stability enhancements for improved reliability.

This Feature Upgrade applies to the following models:

- Proventia G100
- Proventia G200
- Proventia G1000
- Proventia G1200

SiteProtector 2.0 SP 5.2 Database Service Pack 5.18 contains:

This release provides necessary support files to manage Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance firmware 1.2.

Important:

- SiteProtector users should apply the SiteProtector database update prior to installing firmware 1.2 on the Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance.
- This release is a major Feature Upgrade for Proventia G100/G200/G1000/G1200 appliances which impacts security policy management and agent-to-SiteProtector communications. ISS recommends that customers read the README and accompanying upgrade documentation in their entirety before attempting this Feature Upgrade.

Major new features and benefits include:

- **Out-of-the-box protection** – Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliances ship with ISS X-Force[®] default responses enabled, offering immediate protection from the most critical network-based threats. This configurable option allows existing or new critical security content to be automatically enabled with the appropriate ISS X-Force recommended response for the ultimate in ahead of the threat protection.
- **Improved policy management** – To support diverse deployment landscapes, Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliances allow administrators the flexibility to control policy at the device, port, VLAN and IP address levels.
- **Web-based Local Management Interface (LMI)** – The web-based LMI simplifies setup, management and monitoring of Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliances.
- **Enhanced SNMP Management** – This feature allows better integration with 3rd-party network management products to provide key operational status indicators to network operations and security operations groups.
- **Improved Agent-to-Manager Communication** – With this release, all Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliances will communicate with SiteProtector via the Agent Manager SiteProtector component for improved bandwidth conservation. Previously, only Proventia G400 and Proventia G2000 appliances communicated with SiteProtector via the Agent Manager.

About the README and other documentation

The README document will change to inform users of the latest information relating to this Feature Upgrade. Users are advised to check for the latest version of the README file which is available at the ISS Download Center:

<https://www.iss.net/download/>

Important information regarding security policy migration for users upgrading to Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance firmware 1.2 from previous versions of the appliance software is located in the product documentation, also located at the ISS Download Center. Users are encouraged to understand how changes in security policy management may affect their systems.

The ISS Download Center can be found at:

<https://www.iss.net/download/>

Product Lifecycle Updates

This release does not affect the product lifecycle for the appliance hardware.

End of Sale:

Per the ISS Lifecycle Policy, previous sensor software and firmware versions are no longer for sale on Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliances. The versions affected by this release are Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance sensor version 8.0 SR 4.4 (on G100/G200/G1000/G1200).

Content Updates:

Per the ISS Lifecycle Policy, this release starts the end of content for previous sensor software versions.

This release is a major Feature Upgrade for Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance sensor Software version 8.0 SR 4.4 (G100/G200/G1000/G1200). Security content for these platforms and versions will be continued until Jan 1, 2007.

Technical Support:

Technical support for ISS products is available on the current major version (firmware version 1.2) and the version previous (sensor version 8.x), thus there is no change regarding Technical Support as a result of the release of Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance firmware 1.2. Technical Support will continue for the Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance, sensor version 8.x, until the next Feature Upgrade for the Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance. For bug fixes, customers may be required to upgrade to the latest version (firmware 1.2 or above).

Proventia Intrusion Prevention Appliance Sensor Software Version 8.0 SR 4.4 Product Milestones	Effective Date
End of Sale (EOS)	Immediately
End of Content Updates (EOC)	Jan 1, 2007
End of Life (EOL)	Upon release of the next Feature Upgrade

Additional Information

- For additional product/service information:
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Customer Support: <http://www.iss.net/support/enterprise/index.php>
Technical Support Knowledgebase: <http://www.iss.net/support/knowledgebase/>
- For training information, visit X-Force™ Education Services:
<http://www.iss.net/education/>
- For information on ISS' Product Support Lifecycle Policy:
<http://www.iss.net/support/lifecycle.php>
- To update your ISS Secured & True Blue Connections Bulletin Email Newsletter opt-in preferences:
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