Vector

What's New Bulletin



IT Asset Management solutions v5.6, v5.7 and v5.8

v5.8 - Full Windows 7 support -AND more functionality

V5.8 Support for Windows 7

Windows 7 is now supported for the Console, and for the LAN-based and Webbased Clients.

Vector Asset Management is able to report the serial numbers or product keys of the new volume license keys introduced by Microsoft for Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008.

The Applications Database has been expanded with new categories such as Social Media and Virtualization applications.

The Software Identification Manager now supports multiple root folder file detection.

Special rules, exploiting the multiple root folder file detection, have been introduced to distinguish between registered and unregistered copies of WinZip. We know from customers that this is a particular issue, with many users thinking WinZip is a free utility.

Customers with larger installations will welcome improvements to the performance of the Software Metering Data Collator process.

V5.7 agent auto-update

The inventory and software usage monitoring agent will now self update. This feature keeps your software current in all your Clients, automatically fetching the latest fixes and feature updates via the Internet.

This means you won't need to deploy future services packs, fixes or extensions again. In fact, you won't need to deploy the client ever again.

- Update direct from the Web. The agent will check the Vector Web site at intervals for updates - much as your anti-virus tool.
- Update from your server. This mode enables you to test out new versions, and make them available from your own server(s).

Managed Service Providers can also specify their own servers and deploy different updates to different clients.

Centralized Management - Full Control

You have full control over the automatic updates. You can specify what updates are deployed to the Clients and whether they get their updates from Vector Networks or from your server.

If more refined control is ever needed, you can even deploy specific updates to only certain individual computers, group of computers or Active Directory OUs.

Our advanced, unique three-tiered technology allows you to achieve levels of security, reliability and trust that go beyond the standard.

And don't forget these enhancements delivered with v5.6!

Enhanced: Microsoft Serial Numbers reports

Asset Management 5.6 introduces important enhancements to the Microsoft Serial Numbers reports that facilitate license management and better prepare you for license compliance audits.

The new reports include new Microsoft products as well as new information such as the application edition and the last scan

Enhancements in the report layout also provide better and more structured information, separating the Applications from the Operating Systems.

Windows Server 2008

Vector Asset Management v5.6 introduced Server 2008 support for both the Client and the Console. Computers with Windows Server 2008 can also function as Scheduler-only hosts for distributed processing. (Server 2008 R2 was supported later, in v5.7)

New custom group: "Client - Installed Version"

A new custom group is included by default to display the different versions of the installed Asset Management Clients. This information is particularly useful during upgrades or in environments running multiple versions.

New Uninstall for Vector AM Clients

Asset Management 5.6 simplified the remote uninstallation of Asset Management Clients through a simple menu item in the Interactive Deployment. Uninstallation is fast and silent.