

# IBM Tivoli Provisioning Manager V7.1

End-to-end patch management in a small environment



Welcome to this training module on IBM Tivoli® Provisioning Manager version 7.1, end-to-end patch management in a small environment. In this presentation, you learn about managing Windows® Server Update Services in a small network environment.

## Steps to perform patch management

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1. Synchronize the WSUS to refresh the patches
2. Approve patches on WSUS
3. Scan for missing patches
4. Approve recommendations
5. Install the missing patches on all the computers that require them
6. Verify installation of patches

You use patch management to deploy missing software patches to target computers or groups of computers that require them. To perform patch management on Windows computers, you first synchronize the Windows Server Update Services (WSUS) server to refresh the patches.

## Step 1: Synchronize the WSUS to refresh the patches

- During synchronization, the server running Windows Server Update Services (WSUS) is updated with metadata and files from an update source
- The WSUS downloads all the updates specified in the synchronization configuration options
- After the first synchronization, only the new updates are downloaded to your WSUS server

During synchronization, the server running Windows Server Update Services is updated with metadata and files from the update source. After the first synchronization, your WSUS server downloads and updates only new patches.

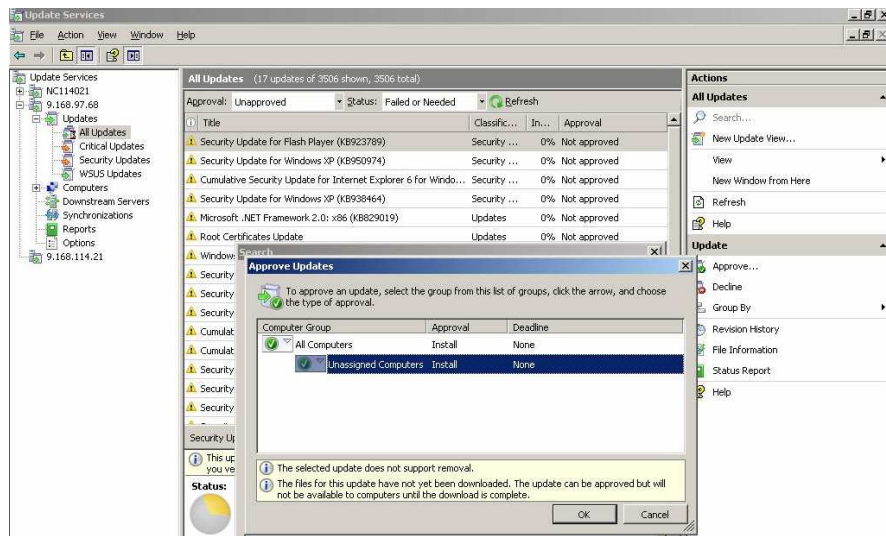
## Step 2: Approve patches on WSUS

Steps to perform patch management on Windows computers using Tivoli Provisioning Manager

- Synchronize the WSUS to refresh the patches
- **Approve patches on WSUS**
- Scanning for missing patches
- Approving recommendations
- Install the missing patches on all the computers that require them
- Verifying installation of patches

The next step in patch management is to approve the patches downloaded by Windows Server Update Services.

## Approving patches



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Here, you see the Windows Server Update Services GUI with patches to approve. Right-click any of the patches that are listed in the Approve Updates window. Click the arrow to select the type of approval, and click OK.

### Step 3: Scan for missing patches

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- Install the missing patches on all the computers that require them
- Verify installation of patches

The third step is to scan for missing patches.

## Scanning for missing patches (1 of 2)

- To identify the endpoints that require patches, you must set up and run a compliance check that generates a list of patch recommendations
- The recommendations show which patches are missing from which endpoints
- The compliance scan that is run on the endpoints discovers and reports as missing only the patches that are approved on the WSUS server
- Patches that are not marked as approved on the WSUS server are not considered for the scan and are not listed as missing
- To be included in the scan, PCs must be in data center management and organized in groups

To identify the endpoints that require patches, you set up and run a compliance check scan to generate a list of patch recommendations. The list shows which endpoints require patches.

This scan only reports missing patches that have already been approved for the Windows Server Update Services server. Unapproved patches are not considered in the scan.

PCs must be in data center management and organized by groups for this compliance check scan. Discovery creation and user group configuration must be completed before performing this scan.

## Scanning for missing patches (2 of 2)

To set up compliance, perform these steps:

1. Click **Go To > Deployment > Provisioning Groups**
2. Find your group of target computers and select its name on the list
3. Click the **Compliance** tab
4. Click **New Compliance Check > Patch Check**

The default setting is for all patches that have been approved in the data model to be scanned. Target computers are verified against all approved patches to see if computers are compliant

5. Click **Save**

Optional: To automatically approve recommendations when they are generated, click **Enable Automatic Approval** and click **OK**. All recommendations that are generated by this compliance check are created in the **Approved** state

To set up the compliance scan, click **Go To > Deployment > Provisioning Groups**.

Select the name of your grouped target computers.

Click the **Compliance** tab.

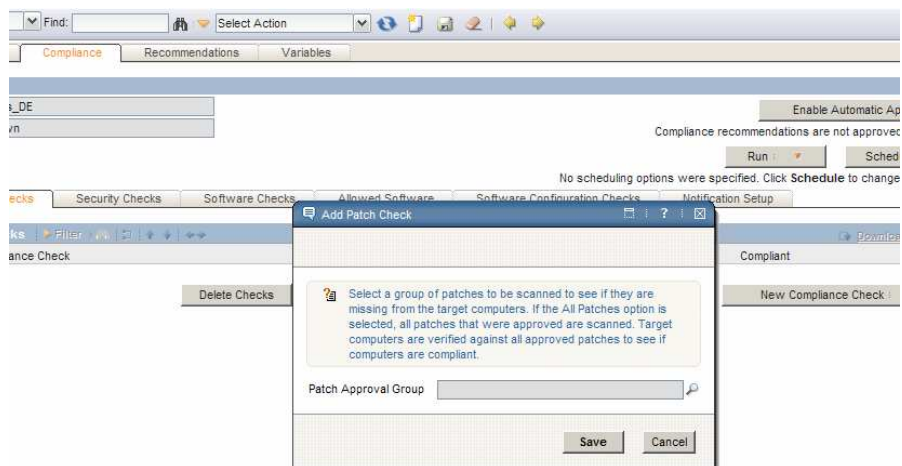
Click **New Compliance Check > Patch Check**. If you click **Select Value** in this field, you can select a group of patches to be scanned for more rigorous control over the patches that are deployed to specific computers.

Click **Save**.

An optional step is to automatically approve recommendations when they are generated. Click **Enable Automatic Approval** and click **OK** in the message box.

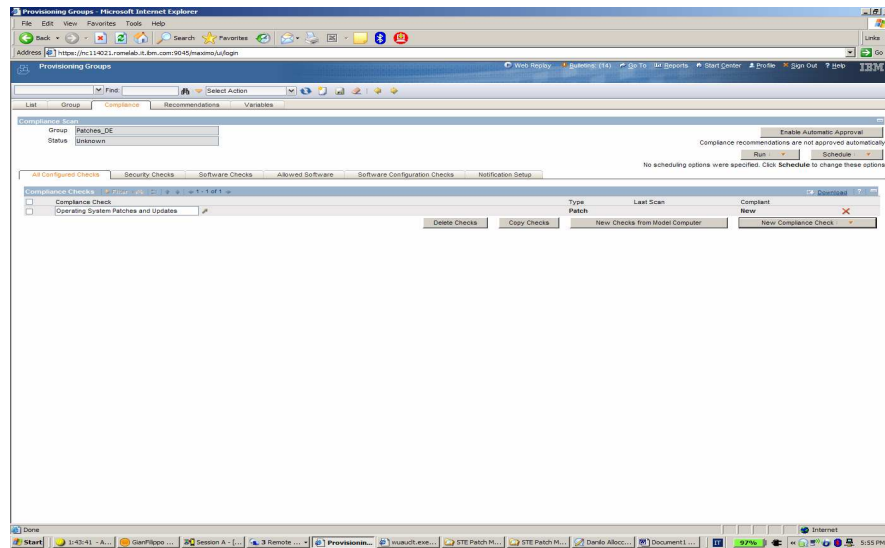


## Scanning for a group of missing patches



In this example, you use the Add Patch Check dialog box to select a group of patches to scan. Use the Select Value option to select the group.

## Compliance check



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This screen capture shows a compliance check of the operating system patches and updates.

## Run Scan and Check

After you set up the compliance, you run the scan

1. Click **Go To > Deployment > Provisioning Groups**
2. Select your group of target computers
3. Click the **Compliance** tab
4. Click **Run Scan and Check**
5. On the Provisioning Task Tracking page, click **Refresh** to update the task status until the task is completed

After you set up compliance, you run a scan and check.

Click Go To > Deployment > Provisioning Groups.

Select your target computers.

Click the Compliance tab.

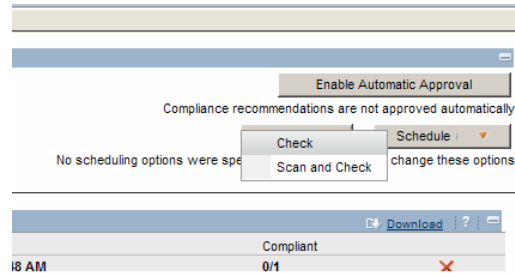
Click Run Scan and Check.

On the Provisioning Task Tracking page, click Refresh to update the task status until the task is completed.

## Run Check

You can run Scan and Check or Check

- Run Check without scan only if a compliance scan was previously performed
- Run Check without scan when an operator is present to evaluate the recommendations



You can run a Check instead of a Scan and Check by selecting Check from the Run menu. You should only run a check without a scan if a compliance scan was performed previously. An operator is typically present when you run a check without a scan. The operator evaluates the recommendations.

## Scanning for missing patches: Tasks

Provisioning Task Tracking - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: https://rc114021.rnmlab.ibm.com:9045/maximo/af/cgi

Task: Compliance Scan and Check

Definition: Compliance Scan and Check

Start Date: 3/27/09 5:55 PM

End Date: [blank]

Status: In Progress

Created By: MAXADMIN

Changed By: [blank]

Provisioning Workflow	Status	Start Date	End Date	Subtask
Discovery_OnDevice	In Progress	3/27/09 5:55 PM		Discovery_OnDevice
Compliance_Validation	Scheduled			Compliance_Validation

Target	Status	Message	Provisioning Workflow Log
rc114074.rnmlab.ibm.com	Succeeded		12,068
rc114003.rnmlab.ibm.com	In Progress		12,070

In the Provisioning Task Tracking window, you refresh your browser until the task status changes to Succeeded.

## Scanning for missing patches

Run the Provisioning Task Compliance **Scan and Check** to start the workflow **MS\_WUA\_Scan**

- Download the vbs script, **wua.vbs**, to all machines in the group by using an RXA protocol
- The script is copied into the **%WINDIR%/tmp** directory and is run

```
cscommand //Nologo wua.vbs 1 http://wsus_fully_qualified_name
wua_missing_updates_device_id
```

- The results are collected in the file **wua\_missing\_updates\_device\_id**, and data is uploaded to the data center management
- If a patch is approved on the WSUS, it is uploaded, and the status is set as **Approved**

Time	Object ID	Object Name	Debug
4/17/09 11:23 AM	05.906	>>> importWUA ScanData	debug
4/17/09 11:23 AM	07.171	New Module imported into DCM: Microsoft Windows Installer 3.1 - b166a5a5-398b-4c81-b8ab-2043c06872a1	info
4/17/09 11:23 AM	07.167	NEEDED: Microsoft Windows Installer 3.1	info
4/17/09 11:23 AM	07.640	New Module imported into DCM: Update for Windows XP (KB935409) - 7999e513-f6cc-4476-b74f-a520ea7e8ac0	info
4/17/09 11:23 AM	07.640	NEEDED: Update for Windows XP (KB935409)	info
4/17/09 11:23 AM	07.796	New Module imported into DCM: Security Update for Windows XP (KB913580) - 9608001e-2d54-4c54-b795-8d0ca1a96c00	info
4/17/09 11:23 AM	07.812	NEEDED: Security Update for Windows XP (KB913580)	info
4/17/09 11:23 AM	08.000	New Module imported into DCM: Security Update for Windows XP (KB911280) - f6054ca8-c869-4e5c-93d3-b98c707bfedf	info
4/17/09 11:23 AM	08.000	NEEDED: Security Update for Windows XP (KB911280)	info

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Use **Scan and Check** to start the **MS\_WUA\_Scan** workflow and download the vbs script, **wua.vbs**, to all target machines. Use an RXA protocol for this download.

The script is copied into the **%WINDIR%/tmp** directory and runs like the example on the slide.

The results of the script are collected in **wua\_missing\_updates\_device\_id**. If necessary, results are uploaded to the data center management.

## Scanning for missing patches: Results

The screenshot shows the 'Provisioning Groups' web application interface. The 'Compliance' tab is active, displaying a 'Compliance Scan' for the group 'Patches\_DE'. The status is 'Not compliant'. Below this, there are tabs for 'All Configured Checks', 'Security Checks', 'Software Checks', 'Allowed Software', 'Software Configuration Checks', and 'Notification Setup'. A table shows the results of the scan:

Compliance Checks	Type	Last Scan	Compliant
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating System Patches and Updates	Patch	4/17/09 11:23 AM	0/2

Buttons for 'Delete Checks', 'Copy Checks', 'New Checks from Model Computer', and 'New Compliance Check' are visible at the bottom of the table.

When the scanning task is completed, the status is displayed on the Provision Task Tracking page. You can see if the patch group is in compliance by going to the Compliance tab. In this case, no devices are in compliance.

## Scanning for missing patches: Recommendations

The screenshot shows a web application interface for patch management. The browser window title is "Provisioning Groups - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows "https://nc114021.romelab.it.ibm.com:9045/maximoLu/login". The application has a navigation menu with tabs: "List", "Group", "Compliance", "Recommendations", and "Variables". The "Recommendations" tab is selected. Below the navigation, there is a search bar and a "Select Action" dropdown. The main content area shows a table of recommendations for a group named "Patches\_DE".

Computer	Recommendation	Recommendation Time	Status
nc114003.romelab.it.ibm.com	Install the required software "Microsoft Windows Installer 3.1 - b166a9d-398b-4c81-b8db-2043c10972a1".	3/27/09 6:53 PM	Opened
nc114003.romelab.it.ibm.com	Install the required software "Update for Windows Server 2003 (KB911821): 70af9e71-003e-4c17-890e-14a1bd92762c".	3/27/09 6:53 PM	Opened
nc114074.romelab.it.ibm.com	Run patch discovery scan again.	3/27/09 6:53 PM	Opened

At the bottom of the table, there are buttons: "Approve", "Open", "Run", "Schedule", "Ignore", and "Close". A "Toggle Select All" button is also present.

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You can view a generated list of recommended patches by clicking the Recommendations tab. In this screen capture, you see a list of recommended patches.



## Step 4: Approve recommendations

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- Verify installation of patches

The next step in patch management is to approve patch recommendations.

## Approving recommendations

To approve compliance recommendations

1. Click **Go To > Deployment > Provisioning Groups**
2. Select your group of target computers
3. Click the **Recommendations** tab
4. In the recommendations list, select the check boxes corresponding to the missing patches that you want to approve and click **Approve**

The selected patches are displayed with a status of Approved on the Recommendations page

Decide which patches you want to install after scanning and checking for compliance.

Click Go To > Deployment > Provisioning Groups.

Select your group of target computers.

Click the Recommendations tab.

In the Recommendations list, select the check boxes corresponding to the missing patches that you want to approve and click Approve. The selected patches are displayed with the status of Approved on the Recommendations page.

## Approving recommendations: Result

### Before approval

[List](#) | [Group](#) | [Compliance](#) | [Recommendations](#) | [Variables](#)

Group:

[View by Computer](#) | [View by Recommendation](#)

Computer	Recommendation	Recommendation Time	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> nc114074.romelab.it.ibm.com	Install the required software "Microsoft Windows Installer 3.1 - b166a6a9-398b-4c81-b8db-2043c0672a1".	4/20/09 11:48 AM	Opened
<input type="checkbox"/> nc114074.romelab.it.ibm.com	Install the required software "Update for Windows XP (KB933449) - 7986e513-f6cc-447c-874f-a52dea7e8ac0".	4/20/09 11:48 AM	Opened
<input type="checkbox"/> nc114074.romelab.it.ibm.com	Install the required software "Security Update for Windows XP (KB913580) - 9608001e-2d54-4c54-b795-abcac1a9930".	4/20/09 11:48 AM	Opened
<input type="checkbox"/> nc114074.romelab.it.ibm.com	Install the required software "Security Update for Windows XP (KB911280) - fd9054cc-c8d8-4c5c-93d3-b98c707bfe0".	4/20/09 11:48 AM	Opened
<input type="checkbox"/> nc114003.romelab.it.ibm.com	Install the required software "Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 Service Pack 1 and .NET Framework 3.5 Family Update (KB951847) x86".	4/20/09 11:48 AM	Opened

### After approval

[View by Computer](#) | [View by Recommendation](#)

Computer	Recommendation	Recommendation Time	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> nc114074.romelab.it.ibm.com	Install the required software "Microsoft Windows Installer 3.1 - b166a6a9-398b-4c81-b8db-2043c0672a1".	4/20/09 11:48 AM	Approved

In this example, the list of recommendations has a status of Opened. After approval, the status is Approved. After these patches have Approved status, you can install them.

## Step 5: Install the missing patches on all computers that require them

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- Verify installation of patches

After approving the recommended patches, you install the patches.

## Installing the missing patches (1 of 3)

- Distribute and install patches as separate tasks
- Distribute and install patches at the same time within one task
- Install patches based on patch recommendations
- Install by using a software stack with all the patches to install
- Install individual patches on a group of endpoints

When installing patches, you have several options.

You can install the missing patches on all computers that require them as separate tasks.

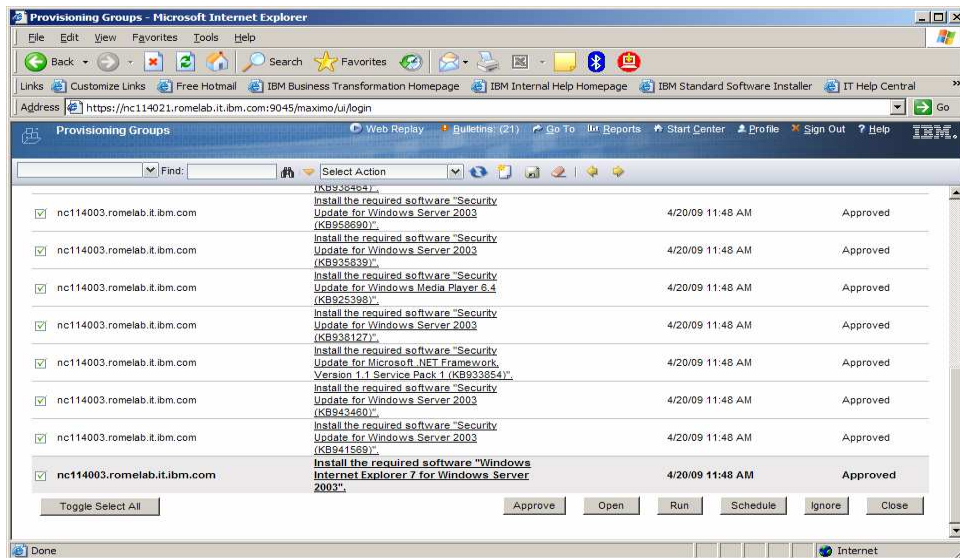
You can distribute the patches and install them as one task.

You can install patches based on patch recommendation.

You can install patches by using the software stack with all the patches to install.

You can install individual patches on groups of endpoints.

## Installing the missing patches (2 of 3)



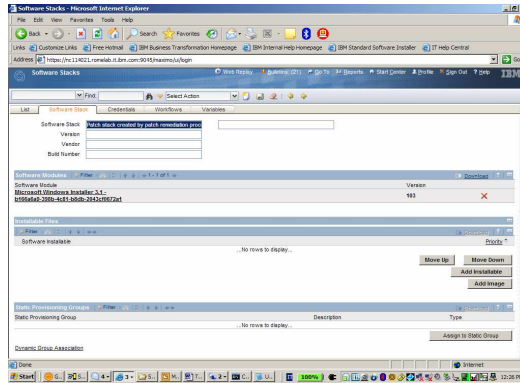
In this example, you see a list of approved patches in the Provisioning Groups. Click Run to install the patches.

## Installing the missing patches (3 of 3)

Running the LDO:

ComplianceRecommendationGroup.  
Remediate

- Starts the workflow  
Default\_Compliance\_Recommendati  
on\_Group\_Remediate
- Creates a software stack containing  
the patches approved
- Starts the workflow  
MS\_WUA\_Install\_Updates



Run the logical device operation named ComplianceRecommendationGroup.Remediate to begin the workflow, Default\_Compliance\_Recommendation\_Group\_Remediate. This workflow creates a software stack with the approved patches and begins the workflow, MS\_WUA\_Install\_Updates.

## Installing the missing patches: vbs

- The workflow, MS\_WUA\_Install\_Updates, creates a script **wua\_updates\_XXXXX.vbs**, where XXXXX is the device ID of the target
- This script is downloaded and run on the target. The script includes a list of patches to install on the target so that it can download all the patches from WSUS server and install them on the target

```
ArrayOfUpdates(0) = "d3ac165e-d7c4-4bdf-83f0-e249ecbe873b"  
ArrayOfUpdates(1) = "336530d3-9ae4-42df-9606-4fb35d46cefc"  
ArrayOfUpdates(8) = "33a7edf1-2350-4102-8082-9540eff65704"
```

- Reboot after the script has run
- Run a WUA scan to check that the updates are installed. Start workflow by clicking **MS\_WUA\_Scan > wua.vbs**

The workflow MS\_WUA\_Install\_Updates creates a script named wua\_update\_XXXXX.vbs, where XXXXX is the device ID of the target. The script is downloaded from the Windows Server Update Services server and run on the target.

After the script is run, you might need to reboot. You can set an endpoint reboot notification through Tivoli Provisioning Manager End User Interaction Services, if reboot is required.

After you reboot, run a WUA scan to ensure the update is installed.



## Step 6: Verify installation of patches

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- **Verify installation of patches**

The final step in patch management is to verify the installation of your patches.

## Verifying installation of patches

- After installing patches, you can verify patch compliance for your endpoints
- On the Group Recommendations tab, you can verify the Status column for your endpoints. For the patches that were installed successfully, you see a status of **Implemented**

<input type="checkbox"/>	nc114074.romelab.it.ibm.com	<a href="#">Install the required software "Security Update for Windows XP (KB911280) - fd8054ce-c8d8-4c5c-93d3-b98c707bfe0f".</a>	4/20/09 11:48 AM	Implemented
<input type="checkbox"/>	nc114003.romelab.it.ibm.com	<a href="#">Install the required software "Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 Service Pack 1 and .NET Framework 3.5 Family Update (KB951847) x86".</a>	4/20/09 11:48 AM	Implemented

On the Group page of the Recommendations tab, verify patch compliance in the Status column for your endpoints. In the columns where patches were successfully deployed, you see a status of Implemented.

## Troubleshooting on the Tivoli Provisioning Manager server

View the **Workflow Execution** log that is related to the <request ID> of the activity that failed

1. Log on to Tivoli Provisioning Manager server with **\$TIO\_LOGS/deploymentengine\console.log**
2. Edit the file **\$TIO\_HOME/config/log4j.prop** to set the logging level to debug

To troubleshoot on the Tivoli Provisioning Manager server, review the Workflow Execution Log for a failure of a <request ID> activity. Log on to the Tivoli Provisioning Manager server using the information on the slide and edit the file shown. Edit the file \$TIO\_HOME/config/log4j.prop to set the logging level to debug.



## Logs and useful files for troubleshooting

Table	Description	Useful columns
tbUpdate	Microsoft Updates information	UpdateID
tbRevision	Revision information. Useful to join with other tables	
tbKBArticleforRevision	Patch qNumber information	kBArticleID
tbProperty	General information and impact on reboot behavior (exclusive)	InstallationImpact (exclusive) InstallRequiresConnectivity (connectivity) InstallRequiresUserInput (userInput) InstallRebootBehavior (reboot)
vwMinimalUpdate	View built on tbUpdate, tbRevision, tbProperty, tbUpdateType	IsSuperseded legacyName MsrcSeverity
vwUpdateLocalizedProperties	View of title and description information	shortLanguage Title Description

These tables are useful for troubleshooting various problems.

## Troubleshooting on the target machine

- By default, the Windows Update client records all transaction information to the log file, **%windir%\Windowsupdate.log**
- This file is on all client computers on the network that are running automatic updates. These computers might be in the Client Computers group or in the Server Computers group
- If you are troubleshooting an issue with automatic updates on a network computer, you can use the information that is included in the **Windowsupdate.log** file
- For additional information, see the following article:  
*How to read the Windowsupdate.log file* at <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/902093>

On the target machine, check the Windowsupdate.log file located in %windir%. This file logs data from the Windows Update Agent and is present on any computer on the network running Automatic Updates.

## Logs and useful files

### **Wuauct/DETECTNOW** command

- Use this command to troubleshoot instances where the client computers do not detect approved updates. Use the command-line utility **wuauct.exe** with the /DETECTNOW switch
- Typically, Automatic Updates on the client computer tries to detect approved updates from Update Services on a schedule that is set by Group Policy. Update Services configures client computers to run detection every hour
- Using wuauct.exe with the /DETECTNOW switch forces Automatic Updates on the client computer to run immediate update detection

The command `Wuauct/DETECTNOW` is useful for troubleshooting instances when the client computers do not detect approved updates.

Typically, Automatic Updates on the client computer attempts to detect approved updates every hour. By using `wuauct.exe` with `/DETECTNOW`, you force Automatic Updates to run immediate update detection.

## Issue resolved in Tivoli Provisioning Manager 7.1

### Limits to Tivoli Provisioning Manager 5.1.1 patch remediation

Selecting to install multiple patches from the list of patch recommendations results in an error

```
COPDSE039E The system cannot perform the selected action because
incompatible recommendations have been selected for multiple
computers
```

A limitation to the patch remediation mechanism is in Tivoli Provisioning Manager 5.1.1. An error occurs when you select to install multiple patches from a list of recommendations. Error code COPDSE039E is displayed. The error code indicates that the system cannot perform the selected action because incompatible recommendations were selected for multiple computers.

These limitations have been addressed in Tivoli Provisioning Manager 7.1, and the error no longer exists.



## Summary

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