

Re: Patch management and SMS 2003

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In article <uijU4EAIEHA.3520@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl>, Peter.nospam@news.com says...

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> *Hi.*

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> *What is "best practices" when implementing patch management using SMS 2003?*

> *E.g.*

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> *-On the SMS 2003 siteserver i will install the SMS SUS Package?*

Depends which "SUS package" you are referring to, if you really mean SUS itself than the answer is no, it might even break some sms server related stuff (since it runs iislockdown)

If you mean the scan engines than the answer is yes.

> *-Can the physical update files be downloaded from an internal SUS server or*

> *does the updates needs to connect to Microsoft directly for XML downloads*

> *and patch downloads?*

Sms currently can not get its updates from a SUS server.

Sms does not really have to connect to Microsoft "Directly" nothing is stopping you from downloading the mssecure.cab manually from a different location put the file on whatever medium you can come up with (flash; disk; cd; dvd tape; thin air) and copy it to the correct location.

Same thing is possible for the updates.

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> *- How is people "really" doing this stuff?*

Just as a general guideline try to come up with a strategy that allows you to reuse your patch packages. This way you just create one package and everytime a new patch is available you just add it to the same package. This eliminates the need of having to recreate advertisements & collection everytime a patch comes around. (The client is more than intelligent enough not to install patches that are already installed).

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Check out the SMS Technical FAQ:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/sms/sms2003/techfaq/default.aspx>