

## Re: sms 2003 patch management is brutal!

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Cathy,

I never got the option to setup synch host during installation of scan tools.

"Cathy Moya [MS]" wrote:

> *The sync host is only selected once, during installation of the scan tool.*  
> *You don't re-select it when running the Distribute Software Updates Wizard.*  
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> *Cathy Moya, MCSE: Security*  
> *Technical Writer, Enterprise Management Content Group*  
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> *Check out the SMS Technical FAQ:*  
> <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/sms/sms2003/techfaq/default.msp>  
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> *"yaba daba doo" <yabadabadoo@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message*  
> *news:B649B4D0-B6BA-43AB-B65D-E0A9CAA73260@microsoft.com...*  
> *>I am actually going thru implementing Patch Mgmt myself and I am running*  
> *>into*  
> *> alots of problem. Specially the wizard is not giving me the options that*  
> *> it's suppose to give me. I am not able to select a synch host, it never*  
> *> gives me that option in the wizard.*  
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> *> But I do have to say that people on this newgroup are quite helpfull with*  
> *> answering the questions. I haven't given up on it yet.*  
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> *> "Allan Tee" wrote:*  
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> *>> i agree, i would rather also use SUS than SMS's software updates. but*  
> *>> then*  
> *>> again, SUS can only handle OS/IE patches. SMS patch management is*  
> *>> extremely*  
> *>> hard to implement!*  
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> *>> "Kim Oppalfens" wrote:*  
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> > > *inline*  
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> > > > *I just started to play with patch management. I created an  
> > > > advertisement for the latest IE cumulative update (834707) using the  
> > > > Software Update Wizard. I then targeted it at my 'servers'  
> > > > collection.  
> > > > In the options I told it to defer rebooting for servers.  
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> > > > Here's my experience with it:  
> > > >  
> > > > – The program ran on servers that already had the patch installed  
> > > > previously (isn't that the point of the scan tool, to determine what  
> > > > patches are needed?)  
> > > > Yes, it is, are you sure the patch was installed and active? That means  
> > > > was the machine rebooted after the patch if needed? If a patch that  
> > > > requires a reboot is installed without rebooting the patch isn't really  
> > > > alive and the scan tool will report it as such. By consequence the  
> > > > patch  
> > > > will reinstall.  
> > > >  
> > > > – Despite telling it to not reboot the servers, lo and behold all the  
> > > > servers tell me they are rebooting and gave me the countdown timer  
> > > > How did you tell it not to reboot the servers? I assume in the  
> > > > distribute software updates wizard. Did you also use the suppress  
> > > > reboot  
> > > > switch on the patch? The wizard actually waits for the result of every  
> > > > patch you install if you suppress the reboot in the patch it will write  
> > > > to a log file that the reboot was suppressed. Once all patches have  
> > > > installed the wizard will check the log file and verify whether any  
> > > > reboots were suppressed. If so, the wizard tool might trigger a reboot,  
> > > > unless you suppress that reboot during the wizard.  
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> > > > – There's absolutely no logging in Event Viewer on the clients to say  
> > > > that the patch was installed  
> > > > Not really an sms issue, this is something that the patches should take  
> > > > care of if we want that. Sms does generate a log file called  
> > > > patchinstall.log and registers in wmi.  
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> > > > I think I'll stick with SUS.....it's free, it's intuitive in  
> > > > comparison, and it works as it's designed.  
> > > > I agree with all your observations on SUS, just want to add that sms  
> > > > works as designed as well.  
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> > > > I think Microsoft is well aware of the not so intuitive way sms patch  
> > > > management works.  
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> > > > J.  
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microsoft.public.sms.admin: Re: sms 2003 patch management is brutal!

> >> > *Kim Oppalfens*  
> >> > *Proud father of Lennart Oppalfens*  
> >> > *Since 05/11/2004 08.53 GMT+1*  
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