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Introduction

This document is the release notes for Pulse Connect Secure Release 9.1R2. This document contains information about what is included in this software release: supported features, feature changes, unsupported features, and known issues. If the information in the release notes differs from the information found in the documentation set, follow the release notes.

Hardware Platforms

You can install and use this software version on the following hardware platforms:

PSA300, PSA3000, PSA5000, PSA7000f, PSA7000c

To download software for these hardware platforms, go to: https://support.pulsesecure.net/

Virtual Appliance Editions

This software version is available for the following virtual appliance editions:

• Virtual Pulse Secure Appliance (PSA-V)

Note: From 9.1R1 release onwards, VA-DTE is not supported.

Note: From 9.0R1 release, Pulse Secure has begun the End-of-Life (EOL) process for the VA-SPE virtual appliance. In its place, Pulse Secure has launched the new PSA-V series of virtual appliances designed for use in the data center or with cloud services such as Microsoft Azure and Amazon AWS.

The following table lists the virtual appliance systems qualified with this release.

Platform	Qualified System	
VMware	HP ProLiant DL380 G5 with Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU	
viviware	• ESXi 6.7	
	• CentOS 6.6 with Kernel cst-kvm 2.6.32-504.el6.x86_64	
	• QEMU/KVM v1.4.0	
KVM	 Linux Server Release 6.4 on an Intel Xeon CPU L5640 @ 2.27GHz 	
	• 24GB memory in host	
	 Allocation for virtual appliance: 4vCPU, 4GB memory and 40GB disk space 	
Hyper-V	Microsoft Hyper-V Server 2016 and 2019	
	• Standard DS2 V2 (2 Core, 2 NICs)	
Azure-V	 Standard DS3 V2 (4 Core, 3 NICs) 	
	 Standard DS4 V2 (8 Core, 3 NICs) 	
AWS-V	• T2.Medium (2 Core, 3 NICs and 2 NICs)	
	• T2.Xlarge (4 Core, 3 NICs)	
	• T2.2Xlarge (8 Core, 3 NICs)	

To download the virtual appliance software, go to: https://support.pulsesecure.net/

VMware Applications

The following table lists the VMware applications qualified.

Platform	Qualified
VMware VMware Horizon View HTML Access, version 7.7, 7.6	• Rewriter
VMware Horizon View Server version 7.7, 7.6	VDI Profiles

Upgrade Paths

The following table describes the tested upgrade paths. Please note that here x and y refer to the following: x: Latest maintenance release version

y: Any release version

Upgrade From	Qualified	Compatible
9.1R1	Yes	-
9.0Rx	Yes	-
9.0Ry	-	Yes
8.3Rx	Yes	-
8.3Ry	-	Yes

For versions prior to 8.3, first upgrade to release 8.3Rx | 8.3Ry or 9.0Rx | 9.0Ry, and then upgrade to 9.1R2.

Note: If your system is running beta software, roll back to your previously installed official software release before you upgrade to 9.1R2. This practice ensures the rollback version is a release suitable for production.

Note: On a PCS/PPS virtual appliance, we highly recommend to freshly deploy a PSA-V from 8.3Rx based OVF, when any of the following conditions are met:

- If the disk utilization goes beyond 85%.
- If an admin receives iveDiskNearlyFull SNMP Trap.
- If the factory reset version on the PSA-V is 7.x | 8.0.

Upgrade Scenario Specific to Virtual Appliances

PSA-Vs cannot be upgraded to 9.1R2 without a core license installed. Follow these steps to upgrade to 9.1R2:

- 1. If PSA-V is running 8.2Rx:
 - a. Upgrade to 8.3R3 or later.
 - b. Install Core license through Authcode.
 - c. Upgrade to 9.1R2.
- 2. If PSA-V is running 8.3R1:
 - a. Upgrade to 8.3R3 or later.
 - b. Install Core license through Authcode.
 - c. Upgrade to 9.1R2.
- 3. If PSA-V is running 8.3R3 or later:
 - a. Install Core License through Authcode.
 - b. Upgrade to 9.1R2.

General notes

- 1. For policy reasons security issues are not normally mentioned in release notes. To find more information about our security advisories, please see our **security advisory page**.
- 2. In 8.2R1.1 and above, all PCS client access binaries (Network Connect, WSAM, Host Checker, JSAM, Windows Terminal Services, Citrix Terminal Services) are signed with a SHA2 code signing certificate to improve security and ensure compatibility with Microsoft OS's 2016 restrictions on SHA1 code signing. This certificate will expire on April 12, 2021. For details, refer to KB articles KB14058 and KB43834.
- 3. Important note: Windows 7 machines must contain a March 10, 2015 Windows 7 Update in order to be able to accept and verify SHA2-signed binaries properly. This Windows 7 update is described **here** and **here**. If this update is not installed, PCS 8.2R1.1 and later will have reduced functionality (see PRS-337311 below). (As a general rule, Pulse Secure, LLC recommends that client machines be kept current with the latest OS

- updates to maximize security and stability).
- 4. When custom ciphers are selected, there is a possibility that some ciphers are not supported by the web browser. If any ECDH/ECDSA ciphers are selected, they require ECC certificate to be mapped to the internal/external interface. If an ECC certificate is not installed and mapped to the internal and external ports (if enabled), administrators may not be able to login to the appliance. The only way to recover from this situation is to connect to the system console and select option 8 to reset the SSL settings. Option 8 resets the SSL setting to factory default. Any customization is lost and will need to be reconfigured. This is applicable only to Inbound SSL settings.
- 5. Pre-5.0 Android and pre-9.1 iOS devices don't support Suite B ciphers. If Suite B is enabled, Pulse client on pre-5.0 Android and pre-9.1 iOS devices will not be able to connect to PCS device.
- 6. Minimum ESAP version supported on 9.1R1 is 3.2.7 and later.

Note: From 9.1R2 release onwards, Network Connect (NC) client and legacy Windows Secure Application Manager (WSAM) client are not supported.

Note: From 9.1R1 release onwards, Active Directory Legacy Mode configuration is not supported. If you have an existing Active Directory authentication server using Legacy Mode, first migrate to Standard Mode and then upgrade PCS. For the detailed migration procedure, refer <u>KB40430</u>.

New Features in 9.1R2 Release

The following table describes the major features that are introduced in this release.

Feature	Description
SP-Initiated SAML SSO	Pulse Secure supports SP-initiated SAML SSO when PCS is configured as IdP in gateway mode. PCS uses the existing user session in generating SAML assertion for the user for SSO.
IDP initiated SAML Single Logout	This feature provides a single logout functionality wherein if a user gets logged out of a session from one application, PCS (configured as IdP) notifies all other connected applications of that user with Single Logout.
	Pulse client expects the machine ID is unique on each machine. If multiple endpoints have the same machine ID, for security reasons, the existing sessions with the same machine id are closed.
Flag Duplicate Machine ID in access logs	A new access log message is added to flag the detection of a duplicate Machine ID in the following format:
	Message: Duplicate machine ID " <machine_id>" detected. Ending user session from IP address <ip_address>. Refer document KB25581 for details.</ip_address></machine_id>
Microsoft RDWeb HTML5 Access	The newly introduced Microsoft RDWeb resource profile controls access to the published desktops and applications based on HTML5. The Microsoft RDWeb templates significantly reduce the configuration time by consolidating configuration settings into one place and by prepopulating a variety of resource policy settings.
	Note: In the 9.1R2 release, Microsoft RDWeb HTML5 access does not support Single Sign On. SSO will be made available in the future release.
Backup configs and archived logs	Two new methods of archiving the configurations and archived logs are available now apart from SCP and FTP methods:
on AWS S3/Azure Storage	Pulse Connect Secure now supports pushing configurations and archived logs to the S3 bucket in the Amazon AWS deployment and to the Azure storage in the Microsoft Azure deployment.
V3 to V4 OPSWAT SDK migration	PCS supports the migration of servers and clients to OPSWAT v4 to take advantage of latest updates.
Report Max Used Licenses to HLS VLS	From 9.1R2 release, the licensing client (PCS) starts reporting maximum used sessions count instead of the maximum leased licenses count. For MSP customers, this change helps in billing the tenants based on maximum sessions used.

Feature	Description
	PCS/PPS supports upgrading from 8.2Rx to 9.1R2 for the following supported platforms: • VMWare ESXi
VA Partition Expansion	KVMHyper-V
	When upgrading a VA-SPE running 8.2R5.1 or below that was deployed with an OVF template to a higher version, the upgrade was failing. This feature solves the upgrade problem for VMWare, KVM and Hyper-V. Refer KB41049 for more details.

Fixed Issues in 9.1R2 Release

The following table lists Fixed issues in this release.

Problem Report Number	Summary
Pulse Connect Secure	
PRS-367907	Summary: FQDNST denied IP is going via tunnel.
PRS-370210	Summary: Clear config on PSA 300 fails with unable to mount /webserver partition.
PRS-372439	Summary: Post failover, session resumption delayed with Pulse Client.
PRS-373290	Summary: Clear config on PSA 300 fails with unable to mount /webserver partition.
PRS-375013	Summary: Radius OTP as Secondary authentication fails for the Pulse Client.
PRS-375329	Summary: HOB failed to launch through Java in IE.
PRS-375886	Summary: JSAM launch failing for IE -JAVA.
PRS-376312	Summary : Factory reset from VMware VA console does not load the factory reset version and loads the current version.
PRS-376348	Summary: VDI: VMWare View 5.1 client does not connect after upgrade.
PRS-376859	Summary: Premier Java Applet for Terminal Service failed to download .jar file.
PRS-377945	Summary: Publishing for certain block types causes many log messages and other side effects.

Known Issues in 9.1R2 Release

The following table lists known issues in this release.

Problem Report Number	Release Note
Pulse Connect Secui	re
	Symptom: Shutdown of PSA-V deployed on KVM hypervisor does not complete.
	Conditions:
PRS-14530	- PSA-V is deployed on KVM hypervisor.
	- Shutdown is initiated from PSA-V virtual console.
	Workaround: None
	Symptom: Sometimes end-user is unable to access backend resources.
	Conditions:
PRS-361501	1. PCS is deployed as an AP cluster.
PR3-301301	2. Admin has configured VLAN source IP under User Roles.
	3. VIP changes from active node to passive node.
	Workaround: Log out and then log back in as an end user.
	Symptom: DNS Search Order notes for macOS needs correction as Device only DNS is supported in
PRS-374575	macOS.
rns-5/43/5	Condition: macOS supports Device only DNS.
	Workaround: None

Problem Report Number	Release Note	
PRS-377549	Symptom: Older PSIS is not upgrading to 9.1R2 PSIS version. Condition: When CTS, WTS and VDI gets upgraded to 9.1R2 in Windows 10 Redstone 5 and later, PSIS is not upgraded to latest version. Workaround: None. Old PSIS will continue to work and no impact seen.	
PRS-377700	Symptom: Using REST API - Archiving Schedule settings change from hourly to specified time does not update the hour/minute setting. Condition: None Workaround: Apply the same API again the second time.	
PRS-378101	Symptom: JSAM fails to launch on Mac OS Catalina 10.15. Conditions: - Configured a role with Host checker Configured JSAM access with auto-launch. Workaround: None	
PRS-379014	Symptom: After single logout with PCS as SP, the SP lands on either IdP page or SP page. Condition: PCS is configured as IdP and another PCS configured as SP with single logout enable. Workaround: None.	

New Features in 9.1R1 Release

The following table describes the major features that are introduced in this release.

Feature	Description
Software Defined Perimeter	Pulse Secure SDP uses PCS appliances which individually act as either an SDP controller or an SDP gateway. Mobile users of the Pulse Secure Client perform authentication on an SDP controller which runs an Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (AAA) Service. The SDP controller then enables direct communication between the user and the SDP gateways that protect the user's authorized resources and enables requested encryption.
DNS traffic on any physical interface	Prior to 9.1R1 release, DNS traffic was sent over the Internal interface. Starting with 9.1R1 release, an administrator can modify the DNS setting to any physical interface namely Internal Port, External Port or Management Port.
Authentication failure management	Account Lockout option is provided to manage user authentication failures for admin users of local authentication server. The admin user account will be locked after specified number of consecutive wrong password attempts. The account will be unlocked after the specified lockout period or by using the Unlock option.
Support for "client-name" parameter in HTML5 Access	User can pass "client-name" in HTML5 rdp using launcher method. The %clientname% variable is matched with a workstation ID and normally that variable is unique and dedicated remote desktop computer name.
Deploying PSA-V in KVM	User can deploy PSA-V in KVM using a template.
	AWS VPC GW and Azure VNet GW drop packets if the source IP is the endpoint tunnel IP. This feature NATs endpoint tunnel IP to Internal interface IP. The NAT allows user to access internet resources when connected to a VPN tunnel on an Azure or AWS-based PCS.
REST API enhancements	Enhancements include: - Getting Config without Pulse packages such as ESAP package and Pulse Client package - Backing up and restoring binary configuration

Fixed Issues in 9.1R1 Release

The following table lists Fixed issues in this release.

Problem Report Number	Summary
Pulse Connect Secure	2
PCS-5064	Summary: Remove legacy mode from Active Directory auth. server.
PRS-375534	Summary: JSAM Stats value (Bytes count) is not getting displayed in IE - Activex.
PRS-375067	Summary: DNS resolution not working for alternate VPN connections.
PRS-374597	Summary: The definition update is not listed for Sentinelone product in "epupdate_hist.xml" file.
PRS-374057	Summary : Unable to add the resource <userattr.framed-route> in IPV4 address under Split tunneling policy for PCS version 9.0Rx.</userattr.framed-route>
PRS-374037	Summary: Rewrite: PSAL launching Citrix app multiple times in an infinite loop on all the browsers.
PRS-373948	Summary : Web Rewrite :: Contents of a web response are not getting compressed as content encoding header is missing in the response from PCS.
PRS-373769	Summary : Host Checker IMC detects the Antivirus Change in the client PC and report it to IMV even when Perform Check every min is set to 0.
PRS-373696	Summary: Split tunneling FQDN policy with special character, fails to save.
PRS-370953	Summary: PTP: Unable to edit word documents hosted on SharePoint 2013 via PTP using MS Edge.
PRS-371023	Summary: Resource access dropped (RDP, SSH etc.) intermittently on SAW environment.
PRS-373102	Summary: Core Access: E-mail web page getting stuck on "login processing".
PRS-373076	Summary: Core Access:Web page shows horizontal scrollbars at the bottom of screen.
PRS-372181	Summary: DanaLoc fails in case of old window object reference from a new window object.
PRS-372834	Summary : PSAM:Pulse SAM takes at least 40 seconds to open custom start up page in UI Options compared to WSAM.
PRS-372677	Summary : AAA/Security/Pulse: SAML AuthnRequest leaks data across users with "Reuse NC/Pulse session" enabled.
PRS-372595	Summary: User getting same IP address assigned from IP pool in few hours.
PRS-372489	Summary : Pulse browser Toolbar is flickering when accessing OWA 2016 resource on iOS device through webrewrite.
PRS-372285	Summary: PSA 7000f Frequently reports one of the power supplies is back up.
PRS-372055	Summary: Unable to save Citrix listed application using Hostname with port number.
PRS-371973	Summary: HC: Compliance fails using Pulse Desktop client 9.0.2 build 1151.
PRS-371970	Summary : Users with username in UPN format in System Local Authserver are unable to log in using TOTF after upgrading to 9.0R3.
PRS-371944	Summary : Killed user session admin log "ADM23534" does not display admin user but the actual user being terminated.
PRS-371800	Summary: PCS device is unable to get the enrolled mobile device attribute from MDM server.
PRS-371394	Summary : Setting the hash property of location object causes problem in IE, Edge and Firefox browsers because the URL is appended with fragment identifier. In chrome and Safari browsers things work fine.
PRS-371602	Summary : Post upgrade to PCS 9.0R3, "License server low-level protocol error Code = [47]" error is triggered on license client.
PRS-371513	Summary: Page does not load via IE browser.
PRS-371406	Summary : "Auto populate domain information" behavior when unchecked: blank first then if wrong password, auto populates domain.
PRS-371357	Summary: HTML5 RDP logging do not show realm and shows ().
PRS-371342	Summary: Add iOS Check 12.1.1.
PRS-371266	Summary: Menu is not loading when accessing the application through web-rewrite.
PRS-371231	Summary: PCS 9.0 VA-DTE :: Nodes in cluster gets disabled automatically.

PRS-371205	Summary : Multicast Traffic not working intermittently in the VPN Tunnel in 8.3R6 / 5.3R6 version and after restarting services, works fine for all users.
PRS-371154	Summary : Wrong information in the log messages for Authorization Only Access when source ip restriction is configured on role.
PRS-371114	Summary: Add support for adding parameters "client-name" for HTML5 Access.
PRS-370138	Summary: Read-only admin sessions see an option as disabled that is actually enabled on user roles.
PRS-369960	Summary : Page displayed while PSAL downloads to a Mac client shows instruction for Mac; but then references Windows System Tray.
PRS-369351	Summary: LDAP authorization does not work when using ikev2 tunnel (handle 10K tunnels+few hundred ikev2 clients).
PRS-369200	Summary: Logs are not fully displayed if select the date as filter.
PRS-369142	Summary : File browsing SSO is not working with user details are given in variable form as well when configured to use system credentials.
PRS-369031	Summary : When a configuration object is renamed, not all of the resulting configuration changes are uploaded to Pulse One.
PRS-368927	Summary: Web process crashes and logs "ERR31093: Program web recently failed." in the event logs
PRS-367879	Summary: Core Access: Unable to import or download the image using PTP.
PRS-367789	Summary: DMI agent not responding to netconf commands as expected.
PRS-367285	Summary: System Active/Passive cluster responding to ICMP request even after shutdown.
PRS-366634	Summary : Pulse IPv6 :: Randomly users are not able to access IPv6 resources through VPN device via VPN tunneling.
PRS-364219	Summary: PSA7000f interface status in Network Settings not working.

Known Issues in 9.1R1 Release

The following table lists known issues in this release.

Problem Report Number	Release Note	
Pulse Connect Secure		
PRS-362240	Symptom: User sees detect receiver window rather than PSAL download page upon clicking the apps. Conditions: Users are unable to launch Citrix Apps/Desktop that are published in storefront. Workaround: • Forward the Cookie: CtxsClientDetectionDone=true as name value pair in SSO form or using	
	 custom header policies. Re-click the bookmark by returning to home page and access the SF application again. 	
PRS-373014	Symptom: Virtual Appliance platform license activated message seen every 10 mins in Admin logs. Conditions: Admin has installed Virtual Appliance platform license through authorization codes. Admin has also leased cores from a license server. Workaround: Delete the installed Virtual Appliance platform license (as the cores are provided by license server).	
PRS-373762	Symptom: Named User Remote Repo (NURR) mode does not work when MSSP unlimited license is installed on the License server. Condition: MSSP Unlimited License installed on License server. Workaround: Pulse Secure advises MSSP customers with MSSP SKU to not use NURR mode.	
PRS-374091	Symptom: All client installations fail when using auth proxy in MAC OS. Condition: Client installations in MAC OS using auth proxy. Workaround: None	
PRS-374458	Symptom: Fresh deployment of Azure image on PCS is not available. Condition: Fresh deployment of Azure image on PCS. Workaround: Upgrade the server. A new image will be posted soon.	

Problem Report Number	Release Note
PRS-374790	Symptom: Unable to edit Power Point files within any browser from Share Point 2016 server.
	Condition: In Rewriter mode of browsing Share Point 2016 server.
	Workaround: Create Custom Header Allow policy for the Share Point URL.
PRS-375051	Symptom : Unable to edit existing client to increase or decrease the number of cores leased via REST/XML.
	Condition: Observed in REST PUT request and XML import.
	Workaround: Use the UI to make changes.
	Symptom: Client upload logs fails for Network Connect and JSAM.
PRS-375138	Condition: After launching Network Connect and JSAM on Windows 10, client upload log fails.
	Workaround: None
DDC 276024	Symptom : Intermittently end-user gets "Detected an Internal error" while logging into a browser-based session.
PRS-376021	Condition : When end-user tries to log in to Pulse Connect Secure through Safari browser on Mac.
	Workaround: Reboot the Mac laptop
	Symptom: HOB and JSAM not working in Linux.
PRS-376245	Condition: When end user tries to launch HOB and JSAM on Linux platform.
	Workaround: None
	Symptom: DNS Port selection will not take any effect. DNS traffic will go through Internal Port only.
PCS-11922	Condition: On a PCS Virtual Appliance, when Administrative Network is enabled under Traffic
1 C3 11322	Segregation. This issue is not applicable for PSA Hardware Devices.
	Workaround: None
	Symptom : SNAT functionality failed to work even when it is enabled post the fresh deployment.
PCS-12383	Condition: In cloud instance (Azure/AWS), admin enables the NAT behavior from its initial disabled
	state and sees the NAT functionality failed to work.
	Workaround: PCS needs to be rebooted from the portal post the deployment.
Cloud Secure	
	Symptom : Blocked ECP users will not be updated if Generic is selected under LDAP server Type.
PRS-371781	Condition: LDAP server type selected is Generic.
	Workaround: Select the LDAP server type as Active Directory.
PRS-372846	Symptom: Blocked ECP users will have a "Blocked till time" of 5 minutes.
	Condition: Request count for a particular user is less than 3.
	Workaround: None
PRS-372861	Symptom : Blocked ECP users will not be removed from the ECP reports page based on "Blocked till time".
PRS-372801	Condition : When a user entry is present in the ECP reports page.
	Workaround: None

Documentation

Pulse documentation is available at https://www-prev.pulsesecure.net/techpubs/

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