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Release Notes

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Overview

Pulse Secure Virtual Traffic Manager 20.2 is a feature release of the Pulse Secure Virtual Traffic Manager product family, containing a number of performance and functionality enhancements and bug fixes.

New Features

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

Report Number	Features	Description
VTM-11579, RFE-1416, SR15337	geo.* support for IPv6 addresses	The TrafficScript functions that take an IP address and return geographic information, such as geo.getLatitude, geo.getCity etc. now accept IPv6 addresses as inputs. The locations.cfg configuration file used to specify geographic information for private address ranges, or to override the built-in database can now accept IPv6 address ranges.
		Note that "geoip" update packages available from my.pulseecure.net older than geoip_update_20200519.tgz do not include IPv6 information.
VTM-42891, RFE-1228	geo.getTimeZone() TrafficScript function	A new TrafficScript function geo.getTimezone() allows a public IP address to be used to lookup the timezone at the location of that address, if known.
		This will be given in the form used by the IANA time zone database, for example "America/San Francisco".

Report Number	Features	Description
VTM-40264, RFE-1217	UDP Performance Improvements	Added a new multi-processing mode of operation for UDP. The Traffic Manager is now able to make use of the Linux kernel socket option SO_REUSEPORT to use multiple child processes in more cases, and improve performance when load balancing UDP traffic.
		A new setting udp_smp_mode on the virtual server can be set to 'legacy' to switch back to the old behavior.
VTM-42984, RFE-1457	Setting GLB loads via monitor scripts	Add a new feature to set the load for a GLB location to a custom value when using an external program as a monitor, by printing a line to stdout with "vTM-set-node-load: " followed by an integer. This value is used by GLB algorithms and is also returned by the TrafficScript function glb.service.getLocationLoad().

The Traffic Manager will install version 4.9-43423 of the Pulse Secure Virtual Web Application Firewall.

Product Compatibility

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

Software

Linux x86_64: Kernel 2.6.32 - 5.2, glibc 2.12+ For Route Health Injection: ncurses 5 (libncurses.so.5, libtinfo.so.5)

Containers

Docker: 1.13.0 or later recommended

Cloud Platforms

- Amazon EC2 as a virtual appliance or native software install
- Microsoft Azure as a virtual appliance
- Google Compute Engine as a virtual appliance or native software install

Hardware Platforms

Bare Metal Server - for information on qualified servers, see the Pulse Secure Virtual Traffic Manager Hardware Compatibility List at https://www.pulsesecure.net/techpubs

Virtual Appliance Editions

VMware vSphere 6.0, 6.5, 6.7

- XenServer 7.1, 8.0, 8.1
- Microsoft Hyper-V Server 2016
- Microsoft Hyper-V under Windows Server 2016 and 2019
- QEMU/KVM (RHEL/CentOS 6.x, 7.x; Ubuntu 16.04, 18.04)

Resource Requirements

Virtual appliances should be allocated a minimum of 2GB of RAM.

Large Objects in the Webcache

A Traffic Manager running version 20.1 or later will be unable to store objects greater than 2GB in the web cache, even if the web cache is enabled and all cacheability conditions are met. If you rely upon this feature, please contact Pulse Secure Technical Support through the usual support mechanism (see "Technical Support" on page 8).

Fixed Issues and Other Changes

The following table lists issues that have been fixed and are resolved by upgrading to this release.

Report Number	Description		
Installation and Up	Installation and Upgrading		
VTM-43039, VTM-43059	Fixed the recommendations for free space requirements on the virtual appliance in the <i>Virtual Appliance Getting Started Guide</i> . Previously this stated that 600MB was required on /logs and 600MB was required on /; it now states that 2.7GB is required on /logs, with no requirement on the root partition.		
Administration Serv	er		
VTM-43112	Fixed an issue where IPv4 addresses in the Subject Alternative Name certificate extension were displayed with their components reversed in the Administrative UI or when using the cert tool.		
VTM-43084	Fixed an issue where the permission check needed for the addition of a rule to a virtual server or GLB service could be bypassed.		
TrafficScript			
VTM-43180	The Perl Compatible Regular Expression library (PCRE) has been updated to version 10.35, addressing CVE-2019-20454.		
VTM-43014	The function request.setVirtualServerTimeout() now accepts 0, causing the related timeout to be disabled.		
VTM-42900, VTM-42845, RFE-1228	Added a TrafficScript function sys.tztime.format() to allow the formatting of Unixepoch times for any timezone available in the system timezone database. Where the Traffic Manager is installed as software onto a "minimal" system it may be necessary to install the full version of this database in order to access timezone information other than (for example) UTC.		
Connection Processing			

Report Number	Description	
VTM-43204	Fixed an issue where HTTP/2 requests with a single Cookie header made to a virtual server with http2!merge_cookie_headers enabled could result in the omission of another header field and the addition of its value to the Cookie header when a request was sent to the pool node.	
VTM-43198	Added a configuration setting udp_wbuff_size for UDP virtual servers that can be used to set the amount of memory allocated for write buffers for such sockets, which may be useful when handling high rates of UDP packets. The setting can override the so_wbuff_size global setting and exceed system-provided limits.	
VTM-43195	Fixed an issue that even if udp_endpoint_persistence is enabled, UDP datagrams received from the same IP address and port could still be sent to pool nodes through different UDP source ports if the socket write buffer became full.	
	Added new SNMP counters to monitor the UDP bytes dropped due to failures in writing to UDP sockets:	
	 totalUDPBytesInDropped counters UDP bytes received by the Traffic Manager from clients but failed to be sent to backend servers. totalUDPBytesOutDropped counters UDP bytes received by the Traffic Manager from backend servers but failed to be sent to clients. virtualserverUDPBytesInDropped counters UDP bytes received by a virtual server from clients but failed to be sent to backend servers. virtualserverUDPBytesOutDropped counters UDP bytes received by a virtual server from backend servers but failed to be sent to clients. 	
VTM-43188	Added a system configuration setting udp_read_multiple to control whether or not the Traff Manager should try to read multiple UDP packets from clients each time the kernel reports da received from clients. Previously this behavior was controlled by the multiple_accept setting which now only applies to TCP virtual servers.	
VTM-43038, VTM-25308, SR34763	Improved HTTP/1.1 header parsing to ensure RFC 7230 section 3.2.6 is correctly followed.	
VTM-43027	Added a configuration setting udp_rbuff_size for UDP virtual servers that can be used to set the amount of memory allocated for read buffers for such sockets, which may be useful when handling high rates of UDP packets. The setting can override the so_rbuff_size global setting and exceed system-provided limits.	
VTM-43004	Fixed an issue where the Traffic Manager could fail a lookup of a DNS name if exactly one of IPv4 or IPv6 lookup succeeds. When a negative lookup for one was cached and not expired, but a cached positive result was expired, the negative result was returned.	
VTM-43002 Fixed an issue which caused DNS responses in the dataplane processes to be cached the dns!min_ttl value, even when the TTL of the response is longer. This affected DNS resolution in TrafficScript rules, as well as OCSP urls.		
Analytics Export		
VTM-42750	Fixed an issue in the analytics export that when the endpoint is given by an IP address, the corresponding TLS verification could accept an endpoint's certificate with no IP address as alternative name.	
Service Protection		

Report Number	Description	
VTM-43028	Updated the behavior of the Traffic Manager when receiving an HTTP/1(.1) request with invalid whitespace between an HTTP header name and the colon, to reject the request. This behavioral change is mandated by RFC 7230.	
VTM-43008	Fixed an issue where a malformed chunked HTTP request could cause a further request to be smuggled.	
Global Load Balancii	ng	
VTM-42979	Fixed an issue where using the glb.service.ignoreLocation() TrafficScript function in a GLB service rule would terminate rule processing, preventing any following TrafficScript statements from being executed.	
SSL/TLS and Cryptog	raphy	
VTM-43113	Fixed an issue where error messages generated when a X.509 server identity check failed did not correctly list IP Subject Alternative Names (SANs) present in the certificate being verified.	
VTM-20811, VTM-38785, VTM-38781, VTM-25080, RFE-1162, SR26757, SR34433 When acting as a TLS client, for example when connecting to a node in a pool the server's certificate message, as described in RFC 8446.		

Pulse Secure Virtual Traffic Manager Appliance

The following table lists issues that have been fixed and are resolved by upgrading to this release.

Report Number	Description
Appliance OS	
VTM-43120	Updated the appliance kernel to 4.15.0-106.107, and updated packages installed on the appliance. These updates include changes addressing:
	CVE-2016-9840 CVE-2016-9841 CVE-2018-19842 CVE-2018-10105 CVE-2018-10372 CVE-2018-10373 CVE-2018-10534 CVE-2018-10105 CVE-2018-10105 CVE-2018-10372 CVE-2018-10373 CVE-2018-10539 CVE-2018-12699 CVE-2018-14465 CVE-2018-14461 CVE-2018-14462 CVE-2018-14463 CVE-2018-14465 CVE-2018-14466 CVE-2018-14462 CVE-2018-14463 CVE-2018-14469 CVE-2018-14465 CVE-2018-14469 CVE-2018-16229 CVE-2018-16230 CVE-2018-16300 CVE-2018-16257 CVE-2018-16228 CVE-2018-16229 CVE-2018-16230 CVE-2018-16300 CVE-2018-16451 CVE-2018-1628 CVE-2018-17358 CVE-2018-17359 CVE-2018-16300 CVE-2018-16451 CVE-2018-17359 CVE-2018-18460 CVE-2018-17794 CVE-2019-17794 CVE-2019-

Report Number	Description	
VTM-42804	Fixed an issue where the zeus.sysd process could fail to start if it exited abnormally because it didn't remove the old pidfile first.	

Known Issues

The following table lists the Known issues in the current release..

Report Number	Report	Description
VTM-41385	Software in Ubuntu 16.04 on GCE	A Traffic Manager software install on a GCE instance running Ubuntu 16.04 can report a serious error "sysconfig_error GCE IP routes error: Didn't find nic label for <mac address="">". This does not occur for Ubuntu 18.04.</mac>
VTM-34654	KVM Network Interface Card renaming	In rare circumstances a KVM host may change the PCI addresses of a virtual appliance's network cards after a reboot, resulting in the network interface labels changing. This can be fixed by removing the configuration from the non-existent card on the Traffic Manager Admin UI System > Networking page and re-adding it to the correct card.
VTM-38881	Obsolete counters are missing from old REST API versions	Obsolete counters removed from version 6.0 of the status API are missing in versions 5.X, despite the schemata published with the product claiming they are still present.
VTM-38948	The format of encrypted bootloader passwords has changed in version 18.2	The format of encrypted bootloader passwords changed in version 18.2. When upgrading from a version earlier than 18.2 with a bootloader password set, the bootloader will be unprotected, and a configuration error will be reported until the password is re-entered. It can be set on the System > Global Settings page of the Admin UI.
VTM-38962	Pre-18.2 Admin UI rollback tools will not offer roll- forward to 18.2 or later	After rolling back from 19.2 to a Traffic Manager version earlier than 18.2, the rollback version selector on the System > Traffic Managers page of the Admin UI will not offer versions after 18.2 as an option. Use '\$ZEUSHOME/zxtm/bin/rollback' from the command line to switch back instead.

Upgrade Instructions

To learn more about upgrading your Traffic Manager, see the *Pulse Secure Virtual Traffic Manager: Installation and Getting Started Guide* applicable to your product variant.

Documentation

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

For policy reasons, security issues are not normally mentioned in release notes. To find more information about our security advisories, see the security advisory page on the Pulse Secure website.

Technical Support

Full support for version 20.2 will be available for one year from the release date of 15 July, 2020. For more information, see the End of Support and End of Engineering Schedule notices at the following location: https://support.pulsesecure.net/product-service-policies/eol/software/vadc-virtual-traffic-manager/

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