Steel-Belted Radius
Release Notes
SBR 6.24-R3
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Steel-Belted Radius Release - 6.2 Release Notes

These release notes accompany Release 6.2 of the Steel-Belted Radius software. Before you install or use your new software, you should read these release notes in their entirety, especially the “Known Problems and Limitations” section on page 8.

If the information in these release notes differs from the information found in the product documentation, follow these release notes.

You can find these release notes in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format on the Pulse Secure Technical Publications Web page, which is located at: https://www.pulsesecure.net/techpubs.

Product information for Steel-Belted Radius can be found at https://www.pulsesecure.net/products/steel-belted-radius/

System Requirements

Linux

The Steel-Belted Radius for Linux server software package includes the server daemon, various dictionary and database files to support authentication, and the SBR Administrator application, which provides an administration user interface:

**Supported Operating Systems**

- RedHat Enterprise Linux ES 6.0
- RedHat Enterprise Linux ES 7.0
- SUSE Linux 12

**Note:** Release 6.2 drops support for RedHat Linux ES/AS version 5.x and SuSE Linux 11.x.

**Qualified Operating Systems**

- RHEL 6.2, 64-bit
- RHEL 7.2, 64-bit
- RHEL 7.3, 64-bit
- SUSE 12, 64-bit

Windows

The Steel-Belted Radius for Windows server software package includes the server software, various dictionary and database files to support authentication, and the SBR Administrator application, which provides an administration user interface.

**Note:** To enable Audit log, enable it in radius.ini file. Please refer the SBR Reference Guide for clear instructions.
Supported Operating Systems
• Windows Server 2012
• Windows Server 2008
• Windows Server 2003
• Windows 10
• Windows 8.1
• Windows 8
• Windows 7

Qualified Operating Systems
• Windows 2012 server R2, 64-bit
• Windows 2008 server R2, 64-bit
• Windows 2003 server R2, 64-bit
• Windows 10 Enterprise, 64-bit
• Windows 8.1 Enterprise, 64-bit
• Windows 8 Enterprise, 64-bit
• Windows 7 Enterprise SP1, 64-bit

**Note:** SBR-E 6.24 does not support Windows 2003 Server.

SBR Administrator - GUI

**Note:**
Webdeploy cache in the client machine where SBR-E Administrator GUI is launched, has to be cleared in the following scenarios,
1) Users upgrading from SBR-E lower releases to SBR-E 6.23 - Reason being Administrator GUI has been modified due to the feature "Dual Stack IPv4/v6"
2) Users upgrading from SBR-E lower releases to SBR-E 6.24-R3 - Reason being Administrator GUI (client module) has been enhanced to provide TLS1.2 support

To clear webdeploy cache, if SBR-E Administrator GUI is launched as "admin" user, then go to "C:\Users\admin\AppData\Roaming\Pulse Secure\WebDeployer" folder and clear all the files.
Qualified Browsers and the corresponding JAVA Runtime Environment

Internet Explorer

- SBR Administrator GUI launches only on 32-bit Internet Explorer
- Internet Explorer version until 11.0.42 has been qualified

Mozilla Firefox

- SBR Administrator GUI launches only on 32-bit Mozilla Firefox
- Mozilla Firefox version until 51.0.1 has been qualified

JAVA Runtime Environment

- SBR Administrator GUI until SBR-E 6.23 has been qualified from JAVA 1.7 to JAVA 1_8_0_101
- From JAVA 1_8_0_131, Oracle has been discontinued MD5 RSA support and therefore all SBR-E release until 6.23 will not be launching Administrator GUI successfully due to security checks
- In SBR-E 6.24, Administrator GUI binaries have been signed with SHA-2 and therefore SBR-E Administrator GUI will be launched successfully with JAVA1_8_0_131 version

SQL Database Servers

The following databases are recommended for use with the Steel-Belted Radius server running on Linux using JDBC or running on Windows using ODBC:

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<th>Database</th>
<th>ODBC Connection</th>
<th>JDBC Connection</th>
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<td>Oracle 11G</td>
<td>instantclient-basic-win-x86-64-11.2.0.1.0.zip</td>
<td>oracle-instantclient11.2-basic-11.2.0.1.0-1.x86_64.rpm</td>
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<tr>
<td>MS-SQL 2014</td>
<td>ODBC Driver 11 for the SQL Server</td>
<td>sqljdbc_3.0.1301.101_enu.tar.gz</td>
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</table>

Qualified OS Platforms for SBR while connecting to above Database Servers

- RHEL 6.2, 64-bit
- RHEL 7.2, 64-bit
- Windows 2012 server R2, 64-bit
- Windows 2008 server R2, 64-bit

SQL Database Clients

- If you use Oracle stored procedures on a Steel-Belted Radius server running Windows, choose the Oracle 9i client.

Note: Oracle 10 typically requires a patch for Oracle bug 4516865 to correct the installed Oracle file access modes.

LDAP Servers
Steel-Belted Radius Server acts as an LDAP client in order to query various LDAP servers for authentication and authorization information. It uses “OpenLDAP” client APIs in Linux platform and “Winldap” client APIs in Windows platform.

**Qualified LDAP Servers**
- Active Directory Server in Windows Server 2008 R2
- Open LDAP Server 2.4.44 in RHEL 6.7

**New Features and Enhancements**

**SBR Release 6.24**

**TACACS+ Support in SBR-E Linux Platform**

SBR-E from 6.24 Release onwards acts as a TACACS+ server in Linux platform. tac_plus is a TACACS+ daemon. It provides Steel-Belted Radius server with TACACS+ authentication, authorization and accounting services.

Key features include:
- NAS specific host keys, prompts, enable passwords
- NAS and ACL dependent group memberships
- Flexible external back ends for user profiles (e.g. via PERL scripts or C LDAP (Active Directory), SHADOW)
- Connection multiplexing (multiple concurrent NAS clients per process)
- Session multiplexing (multiple concurrent sessions per connection, single-connection)
- Scalable, no limit on users, clients or servers
- Compliant to latest TACACS+ protocol specification

**OpenSSL Dynamic Linking**

Steel-Belted Radius uses OpenSSL libraries for various security functionalities. These OpenSSL libraries were statically linked by SBR-E libraries and binaries. From SBR-E 6.24 release onwards, OpenSSL libraries will be dynamically linked to SBR-E libraries and binaries. However, the OpenSSL libraries will be shipped as part of SBR-E package and Steel-Belted Radius will use the shipped OpenSSL libraries irrespective of the OpenSSL version installed in the Linux machine.

**RHEL 7.3**

Steel Belted Radius is qualified in RHEL 7.3 from SBR-E 6.24 onwards.

**SBR Release 6.23**

**Implementation of IPv4 - IPv6 Dual stack support for RADIUS clients**

- RADIUS client enhancement to configure single entry for IPv4 and IPv6 addresses in SBR and accept both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses for the same RADIUS client entry.
**Note:** The OpenSSL version used in SBR is upgraded from OpenSSL 1.0.2d to OpenSSL 1.0.2j in order to support TLSv1.2 and address various security vulnerabilities.

**SBR Release 6.22**

Evolving malware and threats along with the growing need of anytime access to enterprise applications and data has created new network vulnerabilities. To address this, Pulse Secure Steel-Belted Radius, released the following features:

**Implementation of TLSv1.2 Protocol in EAP Plugins**

- Transport Layer Security (TLSv1.2) protocol provides improved flexibility and enhanced security
- TLSv1.2 supports modern encryption algorithms such as SHA-256, AES cipher suites
- The newly introduced parameter AllowTLSFallback enables fallback to support SSL/TLS protocol versions
- The newly introduced parameter MinimumProtocolVersion specifies the protocol version (TLS v1.0/TLS v1.1/TLS v1.2) to be used for EAP

**Note:** The OpenSSL version used in SBR is upgraded from OpenSSL 1.0.0s to OpenSSL 1.0.2d in order to support TLSv1.2 and address various security vulnerabilities.

**SBR Release 6.20**

**Support for SHA-2 for LDAP/AD**

- SBR communicates with backend LDAP & AD servers using LDAP protocol to fetch the user credentials.
- The LDAP protocol supports storing passwords in the encrypted format on the LDAP server and SBR LDAP module supports only SHA1 encryption.
- The feature supports SHA-2 encryption for LDAP external authentication.

**Support for SHA256, SHA512**

- SBR uses the Linux OS user groups and login accounts, as one of the authentication methods
- Support user passwords stored in OS DB are limited to MD5 and Blowfish algorithms only
- The feature is to support SBR GUI authentication with stronger encryption (SHA256 and SHA512)
- Support user passwords stored in OS DB using SHA256 & SHA512 encryption

**Update to OpenSSL libraries**

- OpenSSL upgrade feature: The OpenSSL version used in SBR upgraded OpenSSL 1.0.0s to support features like SHA2 and to fix various vulnerabilities reported.

**Update to OpenLDAP libraries**

- OpenLDAP upgrade feature: The LDAP libraries used in SBR is migrated to OpenLDAP on Linux and the MS LDAP SDK on Windows
Known Problems and Limitations

Problems
The following issues have been identified in the Steel-Belted RADIUS release 6.2 software. The PRS identifier is the tracking number in our bug database.

• **PRS-344244 SBR does not handle IPv6 conflicts for RADIUS clients** - While adding a NASClient with a duplicate IPv6 address, the GUI does not prompt for the error unlike IPv4 address.

• **PRS-332208 Invalid Shared Secret Request Log's file shows empty** - When SBR receives authentication request with invalid shared secret, an empty record is inserted in authlog reports.

• **PRS-332202 OnNotFound=$accept, SBR should send access-accept for LDAP users** - When external LDAP authentication is configured and if OnNotFound=$accept is configured in ldapauth.aut file, SBR is not sending Access-Accept, if searched user is not found in external LDAP server.

Limitations
The following limitations have been identified in the Steel-Belted RADIUS release 6.2 software:

• There will be only one Shared secret field per RADIUS client and it would be used for both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses.

• IP Address range is created only for IPv4 networks and is not available for IPv6 networks.

Resolved Issues
The following issues have been resolved in the various releases of Steel-Belted Radius software. The PRS identifier in brackets is the tracking number in our bug database.

**Release 6.24-R3**

• SBR customer reporting 2 vulnerabilities CVE-2013-2566 and CVE-2015-2808 (PRS-352254)
  
  ▪ Since the TLS 1.0 ciphers are vulnerable, SBR-E Administrator Client GUI has been enhanced to support TLS 1.2 and hence automatically initiate TLS 1.2 ciphers during initial HTTP handshake
  
  ▪ Only the TLS 1.2 RSA ciphers with RSA certificates have been validated. DSA ciphers along with DSA certificates have not been validated
  
  ▪ SBR-E Administrator Client GUI support for TLS 1.2 is provided only on Windows machines from where the GUI is launched

• SBR admin does not list current session count (PRS-352490)

**Release 6.24-R2**

**Note:** If you have already installed Steel-Belted Radius 6.24.1 on the Windows platform, there is no need to install in this release. The 6.24.2 release contains fixes to issues on the Linux release only. We are publishing the Windows release to maintain consistent versioning across platforms.

• SBR 6.24 - If an invalid TACACS+ Server config is entered into the tac_plusd.cfg, it will terminate SBR
without any errors in the main SBR log file (PRS- 353041)

- SBR 6.24 - When using LDAP backend with TACACS+ server, mavis config is ignoring TLS setting and is using TLS configuration (PRS- 353051)
- TACACS+ processes are killed if sbrd start is given when SBR is in running state (PRS- 353173)

**Release 6.24-R1**

- To revise the default ciphers in SBR-E TLS, TTLS, PEAP auth files (PRS-347577)
- Session being removed for unknown reason (PRS-344497)
- Modify SBR-E License Evaluation period from 150 days to 30 days (PRS-345931)
- Remove Delete button from Locked Accounts page in SBR admin GUI (PRS-347409)
- SBR XML import won’t import radius clients that has “range” field configured (PRS-350961)
- Admin GUI jar/ Actievex files are required to be signed by SHA2 certificate for resolving security issue seen in latest Java (PRS-352799)

**Release 6.23 build 3**

- Watchdog feature in SBR is not working (PRS-346432)
- Sep 2016 openssl vulnerabilities to be addressed in SBR-E (PRS-346092)
- The validation information class request was invalid (PRS-344594)

**Release 6.23 build 2**

- Unable to establish connection to MS-SQL 2014 with SBR v6.21.1 (PRS-345030)
- March/May 2016 OpenSSL vulnerabilities to be addressed in SBR-E (PRS-344658)
- Expired client certificates are not rejected when CRL checking is enabled and that cert is not revoked (PRS-341842)

**Release 6.23**

- SBR LDAPS is not completing SSL/TLS 1.2 handshake correctly (PRS-342520)
- Core is getting dumped in Linux when authenticating SBR with AD LDAP user (PRS-344242)

**Release 6.22**

- EAP-PEAP fails with a message "client issued alert 'client closed the session before handshake was completed'" (PRS-331654).
- SBR Admin GUI is not launching on 64-bit linux machines (PRS-331360).
- Unexpected error while trying to save Auth reports in SBR (PRS-327904).

**Release 6.21**

- CRL check fails when the LDAP CDP does not contain the server IP address or DNS name (PRS-334439).
- SBR installation on D: drive fails (PRS-335962).
Release 6.2

- SBR admin GUI does not work on Windows8
- Enable IPv4-IPv6 address mapping for RSA SecurID authentication
- SHA-2 support on Linux platform (PRS-320984, PRS-327024)
- OpenSSL Vulnerabilities resolved
  - CVE-2014-0224 (PRS-321491)
  - CVE-2015-0235 (PRS-322773)
List of Technical Publications

The documentation for Steel-Belted Radius consists of the following manuals, which can be downloaded from the Pulse Secure Technical Publications Web page located at: https://www.pulsesecure.net/techpubs

- **Steel-Belted Radius Installation and Upgrade Guide**—Describes how to install the Steel-Belted Radius software on a server running the Solaris operating system, the Linux operating system, or the Windows XP/Windows Vista/Windows Server 2003 operating system.

- **Steel-Belted Radius Administration Guide**—Describes how to configure and administer the Steel-Belted Radius server software.

- **Steel-Belted Radius Reference Guide**—Describes the configuration files and settings used by Steel-Belted Radius.

- **Steel-Belted Radius Scripting Guide**—Describes how to use scripts written in the JavaScript programming language to enhance the RADIUS request processing capabilities of the Steel-Belted Radius server.

Documentation Feedback

We encourage you to provide feedback, comments, and suggestions so that we can improve the Steel-Belted Radius documentation. You can send your comments to techpubs-comments@pulsesecure.net, or fill out the documentation feedback form at https://www.pulsesecure.net/techpubs/. If you are using email, please be sure to include the following information with your comments:

- Documentation name
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Modified Open-Source Software

Embedded in this version of Steel-Belted Radius is open-source software that Pulse Secure, LLC has been modified. The modified software includes:

- LDAP C SDK from The Mozilla Foundation
- HTTPClient from Ronald Tschalär
- sunmd5.c, from The OpenSolaris Project
- tac_plus from https://www.pro-bono-publico.de/projects/

You can obtain the source code for the above modifications by requesting them from Pulse Technical Support.
Contacting Pulse Secure Global Support Center

For technical support, open a support case using the Case Manager link at https://www.pulsesecure.net/support/ or call us at 1-844 751 7629 (Toll Free, US).

When you are running SBR Administrator, you can choose Web > Steel-Belted Radius User Page to access a special home page for Steel-Belted Radius users.

When you call technical support, please have the following at hand:

• Your Steel-Belted Radius edition and release number (for example, Steel-Belted Radius/Global Enterprise Edition Release 6.22).

• Information about the server configuration and operating system, including any OS patches that have been applied.

• For licensed products under a current maintenance agreement, your license or support contract number.

• Question or description of the problem, with as much detail as possible.

• Any documentation that may help in resolving the problem, such as error messages, memory dumps, compiler listings, and error logs.

Revision History

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