Avocent® Corporation
ACS 6000 Advanced Console Server
Release Notes
Version 2.4.0
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Update Instructions

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Please refer to the Installation/Administrator/User Guide for detailed instructions to update the ACS 6000 console server to version 2.4.0.

In order to have all features listed in this release available through DSView™ 3 management software, DSView 3 software version 3.7.1 or later and ACS 6000 console server plug-in version 2.4.0.2 are required.

After the ACS 6000 console server firmware has been upgraded to version 2.4.0, it is mandatory that the Web browser cache of any system which intends to be connected to the ACS 6000 console server Web interface is cleared (press Ctrl-F5 from the browser).

ACS 6000 console server firmware version 2.4.0 provides an internal mechanism which preserves the existing configuration when upgrading from firmware versions 2.2.0. However, it is strongly recommended that you back-up the system configuration before the firmware version is upgraded.

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Appliance Firmware Version and Language Support Information

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Appliance/Product	**Firmware Type**	**Version**	**Filename**	**Part #**
Avocent/Cyclades ACS 6000 Console Server	Opcode	V_2.4.0.5	FL0585-017.bin FL0585-017.bin.md5	FL0585-017

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Features/Enhancements

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Please refer to the Installation/Administrator/User Guide and/or Command Reference Guide for details about features supported by the ACS 6000 console server version 2.4.0.

Major features of the ACS 6000 console server version 2.4.0 include:

1. ACS 6000 uses an embedded FIPS 140-2-validated cryptographic module (Certificate #1051) running on a Linux® Power PPC platform per FIPS 140-2 Implementation Guidance section G.5 guidelines.
    - Customer can enable or disable the FIPS Module via OBWI or CLI. Every update the appliance will reboot and the SSH keys will be re-generated.
    - The following applications will be in FIPS mode of operation when FIPS module is enabled: HTTPS, SSHv2, SNMPv3 and ADSAP2.
    - The boot of the appliance will be longer when the FIPS Module is enabled because of the power-up self test (it takes almost 10 min).
    - To establish SSH session will be longer when the FIPS Module is enabled because of the verification of the integrity of the cryptographic module.

2. Web User Interface usability enhancements:
    - My Computer: new option to transfer file from/to the appliance to/from the computer where the browser is running. The option is available for the following operations: "Save Configuration", "Restore Configuration", "Upgrade Firmware" and "Power Management – Upgrade Firmware".
      Make sure the browser allows store file in the computer for "Save Configuration".

3. Event Notifications: new events when FIPS module is enabled:
    - Event 16 – FIPS compatible OpenSSL self test failed
    - Event 17 – Service in FIPS mode
    - Event 18 – Service in non-FIPS mode

4. Login Banner support.
    - Administrator can enable and configure login banner via OBWI and CLI.
    - The login banner is supported by the following sessions: Telnet, SSHv2, OBWI and console.

5. Group authorization has new attribute: session idle timeout. If the group authorization that the user belongs to does not have the session idle timeout configured, the appliance session idle timeout will be applied for the session. (Available in patch release v 2.2.0-19)

6. Support configuration via bootp request. The Bootp Configuration Retrieval option allows the entire unit configuration to be retrieved over Bootp/TFTP during boot and during DHCP renewal. There are two ways to push a configuration during a DHCP request/renewal. The configuration can be sent as file created by the Save Configuration appliance system tool, or it can be sent as a CLI script to be executed under the command line scripting interface. (Available in patch release v 2.2.0-19)

7. Feature Alert Strings supports regular expression in the configuration of the string. (Available in patch release v 2.2.0-19)

8. Multiple Routing Tables is supported. This feature allows customer to configure different networks by built-in Ethernet interface (ETH0 and ETH1) and to have one default gateway for each interface. This feature works only for IPv4 network and requires static configuration of the IP address in both interfaces. (Available in patch release v 2.2.0-19)

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Bug Fixes

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Bug fixes include:

- Telnet Send Break command sends the break signal to the target device. (L3 65582372).
- In CLI, the option "-C" allows customer to execute CLI command in no-interactive mode. (L3-65589589).
- SNMP community name supports special characters. (L3-65602362).
- The SNMP answer for sysObjectId is the Product Object ID.
- The logging configuration depends of the configuration of Data Buffering, ie, the logging configuration will be effective only if Data Buffering status is configured as 'enabled'. (L3-65605084).
- The syslog message header shows only the host name of the appliance. (The string 'src_dev_log@' was removed from the syslog message).
- CPU info shows the correct processor name: 440EPX.
- ACS 6000 console server supports chain of PM10/20 30A with version 1.9.1.
- Minimum value for Session Idle Timeout is 90 sec.
- The SNMPTRAP message with Enterprise OID as specified in the ACS6000-TRAP-MIB file (L3-65614727).
- Regular users can run cli application from the shell prompt. (L3-65618098)

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Known Issues

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This release contains the following known issues:

- Firmware Upgrade for a PDU under Power Management > PDU node has the following restrictions:
    - Multi-selection is available only for PM x000 PDU family
    - May return error when more than one PDU is selected for the operation. In this case click in the Power Management > PDU node in the left menu. The status of a PDU will show up as 'Not Available'. Wait some minutes and click in the node again. When the status change to 'On line', select the PDU again and click reboot (PDU requires reboot after firmware upgrade).
- Wireless LAN devices (PCMCIA cards 16/32 bits and USB) are not supported.
- NIS, IPSec and NFS data logging are supported over IPv4 only.
- The outlet table under PDU Devices drill-down in the Web is not automatically refreshed after a cycle action for SPC power devices and ServerTech PDUs. The user needs to click the refresh button.
- Changes in configuration related to session (including Idle Timeout and Appliance Session Data Logging) are only effective on the next login.
- To use keys in SSH sessions, the authentication type should be configured as local.
- In CAS profile, the options for Auto Discovery and Auto Answer are mutually exclusive. Both cannot be enabled in the CAS Profile configuration for one port. If Auto Answer is selected in the Serial Port 1, Auto Discovery cannot be configured in the Serial Port 1, because both features work with probes and matches though in a different way.
    - Auto Answer tries to match the input. When it matches, it sends the output string

    - Auto Discovery sends the probe string and waits for the input to match with the match string that will handle the target name.
- For SPC power devices and ServerTech PDUs, the max value for polling interval is 20 sec.
- The paste configuration generated by list_configuration command should not have more than 80477 characters.
- The PPP configuration through WebUI and CLI in Dial-In pages is failing in the first time. This requires a re-configuration of the PPP fields.
- The PM firmware version 1.9.2 does not recognize the command 'currseg'. Chain of PDUs that has two segments/circuits should have the same version (for ex: all PM with v 1.9.2 or all PM with v 1.9.1).
- The Event # 308 – PDU Firmware Upgrade Result will not be generated when the PDU is Avocent PM.
- The OTP Auto Refresh operation in DSView 3 is failing to restart the sequence number for the OTP user. Customer should log-in to the appliance using "root" user and run the following command: "opiepasswd –c <username>", and type the passphrase as asked for.