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Overview

The IBM® Storage Management Pack for Microsoft System Center Operations Manager (SCOM) is a set of software modules, or management packs, which allow you to access and monitor IBM storage systems using the host-based Microsoft SCOM interface.

Each individual management pack includes modules for monitoring the storage system's alerts, events, health state, physical components, and logical components. In addition, graphic diagrams show a visual representation of the hierarchy and relationship of selected storage system components, with more detailed information.

Compatibility and requirements

This section specifies the compatibility and requirements of version 1.3.0 of the IBM Storage Management Pack for Microsoft System Center Operations Manager (SCOM).

Supported operating systems

The IBM Storage Management Pack for Microsoft SCOM can be installed on any Microsoft Windows or Windows Server operating system that is supported by Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2007 R2 or by Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2012 (depending on the version you are using).

Note: This version of the IBM Storage Management Pack for Microsoft SCOM can be installed on all site servers that run SCOM agents, in addition to the regular installation on the SCOM management server.

- For a complete list of operating systems supported by Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2007 R2, see the Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2007 R2 technical information website (technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb309428.aspx).
- For a complete list of operating systems supported by Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2012, see the Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2012 technical information website (technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh205990.aspx).

Supported storage systems

The IBM Storage Management Pack for Microsoft SCOM supports different IBM storage systems, as listed in the following table.

Important: The IBM Storage Management Pack for Microsoft SCOM can detect the following IBM storage systems over IPv4 connections only.

Storage system	Microcode version	Compatibility note
IBM XIV® Storage System	10.2.2, 10.2.4.x	N/A
	11.0.0, 11.1.x	
IBM Flex System™ V7000	6.4.1	N/A

Storage system	Microcode version	Compatibility note
IBM Storwize® V7000	6.1.0, 6.2.0, 6.3.0, 6.4.0, 6.4.1	N/A
IBM System Storage® SAN Volume Controller	5.1.0 6.1.0, 6.2.0, 6.3.0, 6.4.0, 6.4.1	N/A
IBM System Storage DS8000®	5.4.3, 5.5.1, 5.6.0, 5.6.1, 5.6.2, 5.6.3	N/A
IBM CIM Agent for DS Open API	5.4.3, 5.5.1, 5.6.0, 5.6.1, 5.6.2, 5.6.3	Applies to the embedded DS CIM agent version
	5.4.0	Applies to the proxy DS CIM agent version

Attention: Although the proxy DS CIM agent supports IBM DS8000, IBM DS6000™, and IBM Enterprise Storage Server® (ESS) systems, DS6000 and ESS systems are not supported by the IBM Storage Management Pack for Microsoft SCOM.

Required software on the host

Prior to installing the IBM Storage Management Pack for Microsoft SCOM, one of the following Microsoft SCOM versions must be installed on the host system.

- Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2007 R2, or –
- Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2012

Change log

This section summarizes the changes made in different version releases of the IBM Storage Management Pack for Microsoft SCOM.

Version 1.3.0 (November 2012)

Version 1.3.0 adds support for the IBM Flex System V7000 storage system.

Additional changes in version 1.3.0:

Ticket ID	Description
SCOM-243094	Enhancement: Event IDs are now assigned to each SCOM event that is related to the SAN Volume Controller storage system. This allows event filtering and classification based on these event IDs.
SCOM-244312	Enhancement: All class objects in the IBM Storage Management Packs are now public class objects (rather than private class objects), allowing easier customization of alert rules.
SCOM-244842	Enhancement: The severity level of different events can be changed using the <code>scomu.cmd</code> utility. For more information, refer to the user guide.

Version 1.2.0 (September 2012)

Version 1.2.0 added support for Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2012 and for microcode version 6.4.0 of the IBM Storwize V7000 and IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller storage systems.

Additional changes in version 1.2.0:

Ticket ID	Description
SCOM-22085	Enhancement: Secure storage of passwords and passphrases that are used for connection to IBM storage systems.
SCOM-205094	Enhancement: SAN Volume Controller of microcode version 6.3.0 or later can be logged into with user and passphrase credentials, without needing an SSH key in addition.
SCOM-205099	Enhancement: The IBM Storage Solutions External Runtime Components (previously named "XPyV") are now integrated within the IBM Storage Management Pack code, rather than installed separately.
SCOM-208786	Enhancement: The name of a connected XIV storage system is now displayed in Disk View and additional information panes.
SCOM-210304	Enhancement: Complete mapping of event types (information, warning, error) for Storwize V7000 and SAN Volume Controller.
SCOM-210312	Enhancement: Multiple storage systems are automatically detected in parallel.
SCOM-210314	Enhancement: The IBM Storage Management Pack can now be installed on all site servers that run SCOM agents, in addition to regular installation on the SCOM management server. This allows monitoring data to be collected by each SCOM agent service, which then sends the data to the SCOM management server.
SCOM-232514	Enhancement: A SCOM alert message is displayed if a storage system becomes unavailable.
SCOM-54232	Fixed: The passphrase required for certain SSH connections with Storwize V7000 and SAN Volume Controller cannot be entered.

Version 1.1.1 (September 2011)

Version 1.1.1 added support for:

- Version 11.0.0 of the IBM XIV microcode (XIV Gen3).
- Versions 6.2.0 and 6.3.0 of the IBM Storwize V7000 and IBM SAN Volume Controller microcode.

Version 1.1.0 (December 2010)

Version 1.1.0 was the first release of the IBM Storage Management Pack for Microsoft SCOM.

Known issues

This section details the known issues in version 1.3.0, along with possible workarounds (if workarounds are available).

Note:

- For comprehensive information about known issues in Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2007 R2, see the Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2007 R2 online release notes (<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dd827187.aspx>).
 - For comprehensive information about known issues in Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2012, see the Microsoft System Center Operations Manager 2012 online release notes (<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh561709.aspx>).
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Ticket ID	Description
SCOM-164687	<p>Detailed information of registered events is not displayed for SAN Volume Controller of microcode version 5.1.0 or earlier.</p> <p>Information such as object ID, object name, status, or description is not displayed for IBM SAN Volume Controller if microcode version 5.1.0 or earlier is used. This occurs due to a restriction in the SAN Volume Controller CLI from which events are not reported and cannot be registered.</p> <p>In addition, if numerous events are generated within a short time, only the last 300 events are reported, and fewer events are reported for SAN Volume Controller of microcode 5.1.0 or earlier. This is an intended restriction that is imposed due to performance considerations.</p> <p>Currently there is no workarounds for this limitation (SCOM-164687).</p>
SCOM-238291	<p>When the IBM Storage Management Pack is installed on a SCOM agent and the connected storage system has a large amount of volumes (about 300 volumes per storage system), the discovery data package may exceed the SCOM size limit (4MB).</p> <p>In such a case, a relevant alert message (event ID: 2015) is added to the SCOM event log.</p> <p>To avoid this issue, consider installing the IBM Storage Management Pack on the SCOM management server.</p>
SCOM-238811	<p>The detection of IBM DS8000 storage systems stops if volumes on those systems have names with non-ASCII characters.</p> <p>Currently there is no workaround for this limitation (SCOM-238811).</p>

Ticket ID	Description
SCOM-242651	XIV remote mirroring information cannot be viewed from SCOM if the user account is not defined on the XIV storage system as a storage administrator. Currently there is no workaround for this limitation (SCOM-242651).

Related information and publications

You can find additional information and publications related to the IBM Storage Management Pack for Microsoft SCOM on the following websites.

- IBM Storage Host Software Solutions Information Center (publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/strhosts/ic)
- IBM XIV Storage System Information Center (publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/ibmxiv/r2)
- IBM Flex System Information Center (publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/flexsys/information)
- IBM Storwize V7000 Information Center (publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/storwize/ic)
- IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller Information Center (publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/svc/ic)
- IBM System Storage DS8000 Information Center (publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/dsichelp/ds8000ic)
- Microsoft System Center website (www.microsoft.com/en-us/server-cloud/system-center)

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- IBM Directory of Worldwide Contacts website (www.ibm.com/planetwide)

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