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Interoperability of Bloombase StoreSafe and Thales e-Security keyAuthority® for Data At-Rest Encryption

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Executive Summary

Thales e-Security keyAuthority KMIP-compliant key management server is validated by Bloombase InteropLab to run with Bloombase StoreSafe data at-rest encryption security solution. This document describes the steps carried out to test interoperability of keyAuthority KMIP-compliant key manager with Bloombase StoreSafe software appliance on VMware ESXi. Client host systems on Microsoft Windows Server, Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL), SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES), Oracle Sun Solaris, IBM AIX and HP-UX are validated against Thales powered Bloombase StoreSafe with EMC VNX unified storage system as backend storage.

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Purpose and Scope

This document describes the steps necessary to integrate Thales e-Security keyAuthority with Bloombase StoreSafe to secure sensitive enterprise business persistent data managed in storage systems. Specifically, we cover the following topics:

- Install and configure Bloombase StoreSafe
- Integrate Bloombase StoreSafe with keyAuthority
- Interoperability testing on client host systems including Linux, Windows, IBM AIX, HP-UX and Oracle Sun Solaris

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Assumptions

This document describes interoperability testing of keyAuthority with Bloombase StoreSafe. Therefore, it is assumed that you are familiar with operation of keyAuthority, storage systems and major operating systems including Linux, Microsoft Windows, IBM AIX, HP-UX and Oracle Sun Solaris. It is also assumed that you possess basic UNIX administration skills. The examples provided may require modifications before they are run under your version of operating system.

As keyAuthority key manager is third party hardware option to Bloombase StoreSafe data at-rest encryption security solution, you are recommended to refer to installation and configuration guides of specific model of keyAuthority for your actual use case. We assume you have basic knowledge of storage networking and information cryptography. For specific technical product information of Bloombase StoreSafe, please refer to our website at http://www.bloombase.com or Bloombase SupPortal http://supportal.bloombase.com.

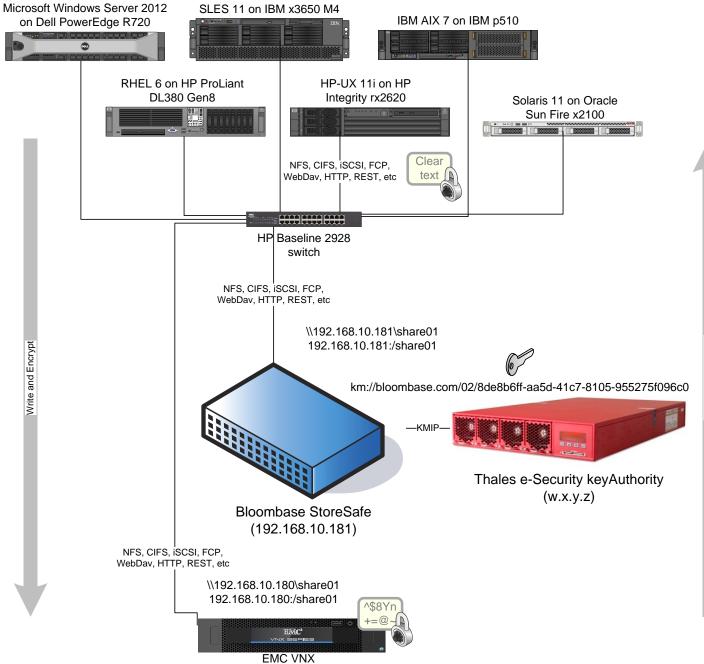
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Infrastructure

Setup

The validation testing environment is setup as in below figure

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Read and Unencrypt

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Thales e-Security keyAuthority

KMIP Key Manager	keyAuthority
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Bloombase StoreSafe

Bloombase StoreSafe	Bloombase StoreSafe Software Appliance v3.4 on Bloombase OS 5 (security hardened Linux OS kernel version 2.6)	
Server	VMware Virtual Machine (VM) on VMware ESXi 5.5	
Processor	4 x Virtual CPU (vCPU)	
Memory	8 GB	

Storage System

Storage System	EMC VNX Virtual Appliance on ESXi 5.5
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Client Hosts

Model	Dell PowerEdge R720	HP ProLiant DL380 Gen8	IBM System x3650 M4	HP Integrity rx2620	IBM System p5 510	Oracle Sun Fire x2100
Operating System	Microsoft Windows Server 2012	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6	SUSE Linux Enterprise 11	HP-UX 11i	IBM AIX 7	Oracle Solaris 11

Configuration Overview

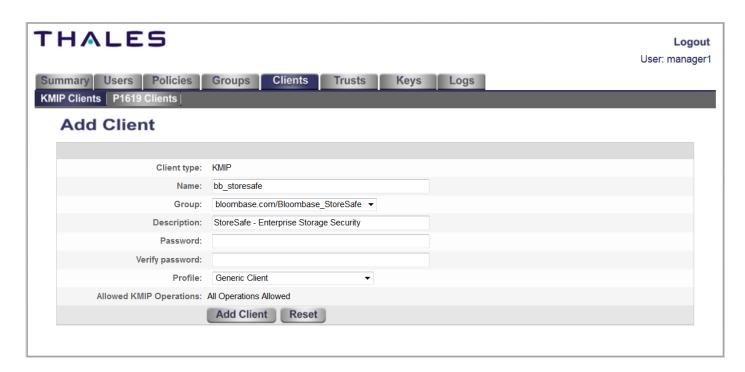
Thales e-Security keyAuthority

keyAuthority is installed and configured as a network attached appliance with IP address w.x.y.z assigned.

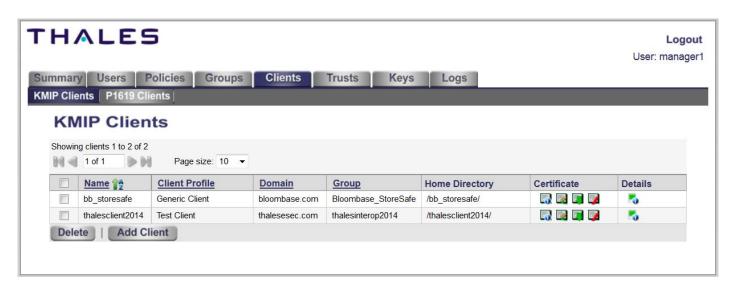
For the purpose of this interoperability testing, domain "bloombase.com" is provisioned and assigned for the Bloombase StoreSafe software appliance instance.

X.509 key pair "CN=bloombase, O=Thales, OU=Support, L=Milpitas, ST=CA, C=US, E=support@thales.com" is created and assigned as the authentication key pair for Bloombase StoreSafe.

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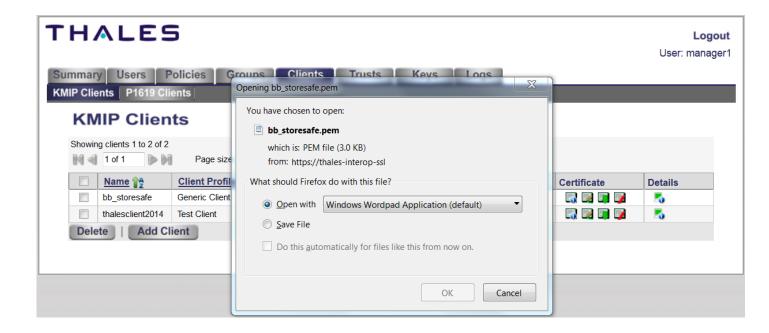


Client authentication key is signed and registered.



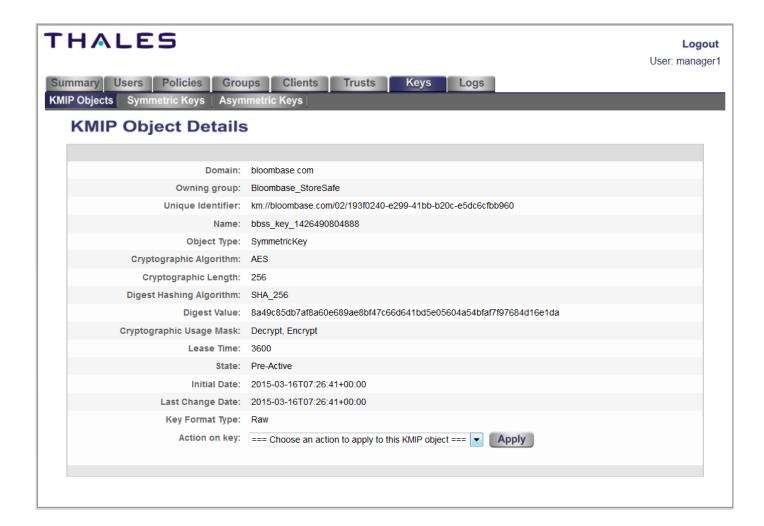
Signed client authentication certificate in PEM format is exported from keyAuthority web management console and imported to Bloombase StoreSafe client key store via web management console.

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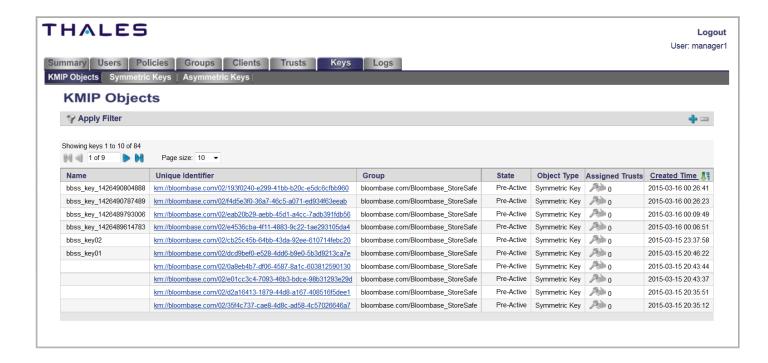
An AES-256 key of identifier "km://bloombase.com/o2/8de8b6ff-aa5d-41c7-8105-955275f096co" is generated and provisioned for Bloombase StoreSafe's actual data at-rest encryption use.

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KMIP key objects are listed.

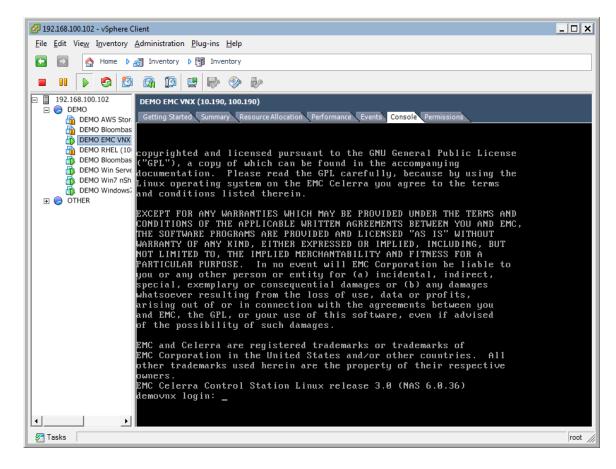
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EMC VNX Storage

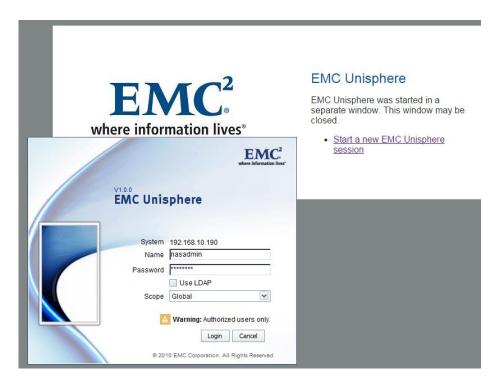
EMC VNX virtual appliance is used in this interoperability test which is able to provide storage services over network storage protocols including NFS, CIFS, iSCSI, etc.

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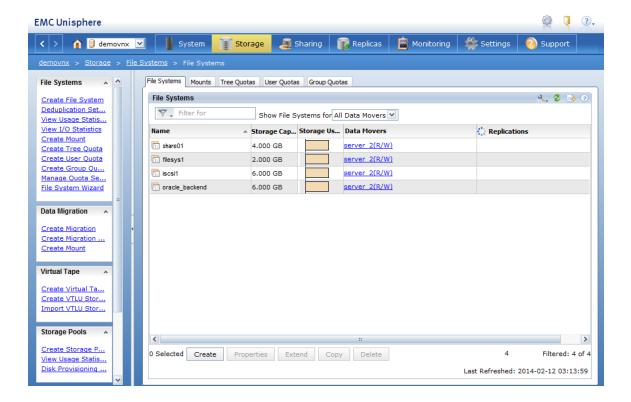


EMC VNX is a unified storage system supporting multiple network storage protocols including NFS, CIFS, HTTP, FCP, FCoE, iSCSI, etc.

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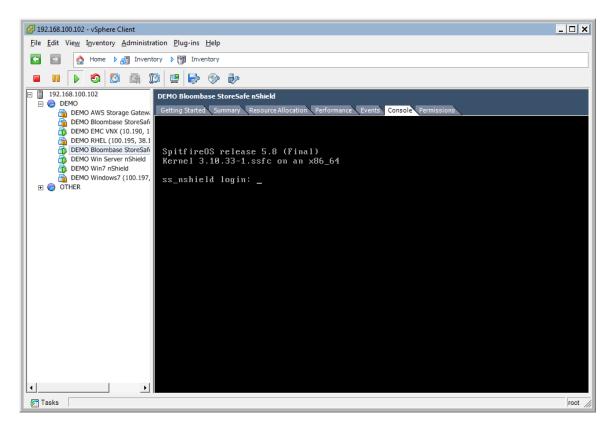
CIFS and NFS storage resources are provisioned on EMC VNX to be used in this testing.



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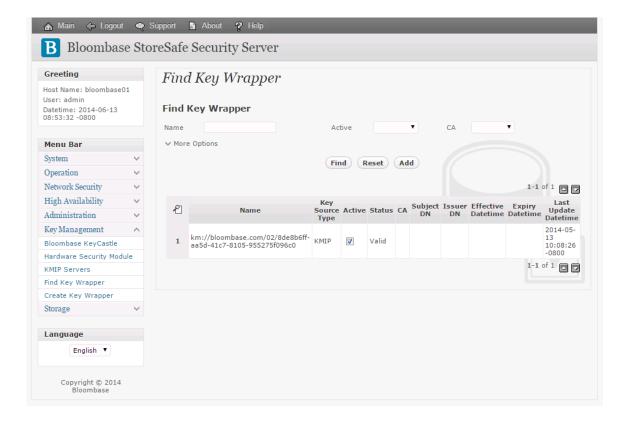
Bloombase StoreSafe

Bloombase StoreSafe delivers unified data at-rest encryption security of files, block devices, objects, sequential storages, etc. In this interoperability test, file-based encryption security service is validated against Bloombase StoreSafe with keys managed at keyAuthority key manager.



Bloombase StoreSafe software appliance is deployed as a virtual appliance (VA) on VMware ESXi.

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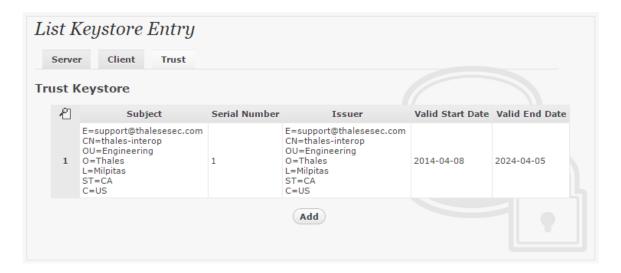


Network Security, Trust and Authentication Configuration

In this interoperability test effort, Bloombase StoreSafe serves as the client of keyAuthority for encryption key access to deliver data at-rest encryption services.

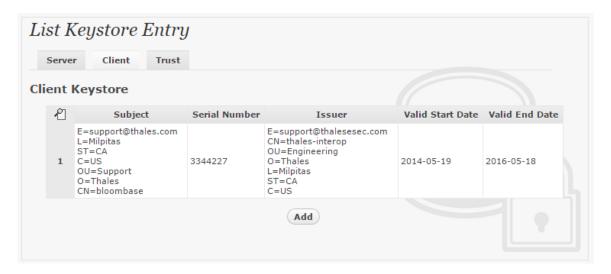
keyAuthority utilizes TLS for data in-flight security protecting privacy of data transmission over network with client applications.

keyAuthority's KMIP service is trusted by adding the certificate authority of KMIP server certificate to Bloombase StoreSafe's trust key store.



keyAuthority utilizes certificate-based authentication for client access control. An X.509 compliant key pair is generated and entered into Bloombase StoreSafe's client key store.

The client certificate is also configured at keyAuthority as a trusted credential which allows access of KMIP services by trusted Bloombase StoreSafe instance from over remote network.

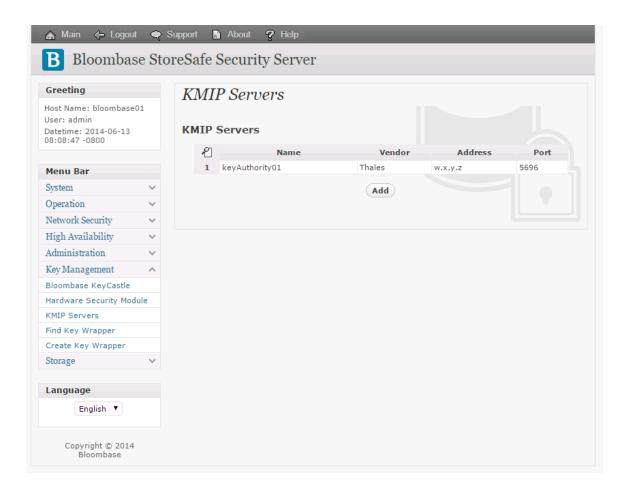


keyAuthority and Bloombase KeyCastle Integration

To enable the built-in Bloombase KeyCastle to utilize keys managed in the network attached keyAuthority KMIP-compliant key manager. The KMIP service configuration at Bloombase web management console has to be set up.

Bloombase supports keyAuthority out of the box due to the fact that both support OASIS Key Management Interoperability Protocol (KMIP).

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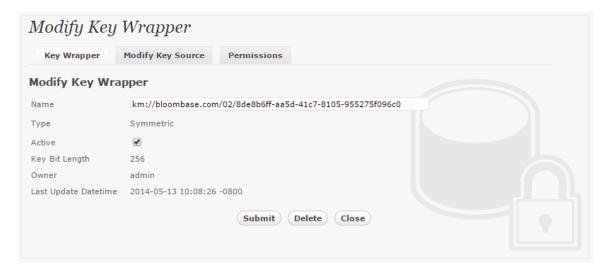
keyAuthority server setting is properly configured at Bloombase StoreSafe web management console and assigned the name 'keyAuthorityo1'.



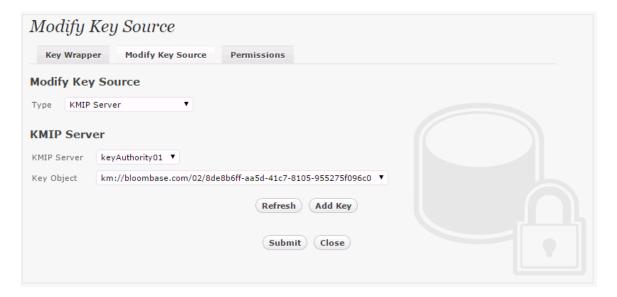
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Encryption Key Provisioning

Existing keyAuthority key "km://bloombase.com/o2/8de8b6ff-aa5d-41c7-81o5-955275fo96co" has to be linked to Bloombase StoreSafe before it can be used for secure storage configuration delivering stored data encryption services.



To properly associate an existing key object at keyAuthority from built-in Bloombase KeyCastle, select Key Source Type as "KMIP Server", KMIP Server as the identifier "keyAuthorityo1" and select the encryption key to be used for data encryption, in this case "km://bloombase.com/o2/8de8b6ff-aa5d-41c7-81o5-955275fo96co".



Backend Physical Storage Configuration

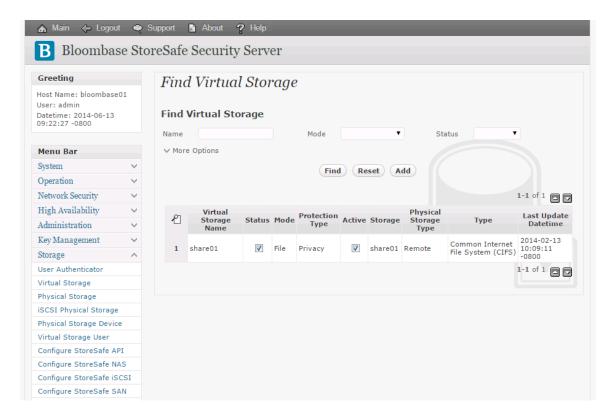
Physical storage namely 'shareo1' is configured to be secured by Bloombase StoreSafe using encryption.

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Secure Storage Configuration



Virtual storage namely 'shareo1' of type 'File' is created to virtualize physical storage 'shareo1' for application transparent encryption protection over network file protocols including CIFS and NFS.

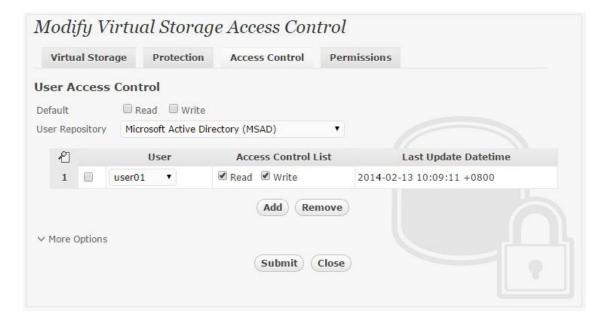
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Protection type is specified as 'Privacy' and secure contents of the backend EMC VNX storage using AES 256-bit encryption with encryption key "km://bloombase.com/o2/8de8b6ff-aa5d-41c7-81o5-955275fo96co" managed at keyAuthority.



CIFS storage protocol relies mainly on user-password authentication for access control. In this test, the Bloombase StoreSafe secure storage resource 'shareo1' is provisioned for user 'usero1' with Microsoft Active Directory integration for user-password authentication and single sign-on.



Conclusion

KMIP key manager

• Thales e-Security keyAuthority

passed all Bloombase interopLab's interoperability tests with Bloombase StoreSafe

Bloombase Product	Operating System	KMIP Key Manager
Bloombase StoreSafe	Microsoft Windows Server	 keyAuthority
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)	 keyAuthority
	SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES)	 keyAuthority
	Oracle Solaris	keyAuthority
	IBM AIX	 keyAuthority
	HP-UX	 keyAuthority

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Disclaimer

The tests described in this paper were conducted in the Bloombase InteropLab. Bloombase has not tested this configuration with all the combinations of hardware and software options available. There may be significant differences in your configuration that will change the procedures necessary to accomplish the objectives outlined in this paper. If you find that any of these procedures do not work in your environment, please contact us immediately.

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