

Pexip Infinity Secure Mode Deployment Guide

Introduction

This guide contains instructions for deploying and using Pexip Infinity in a secure mode of operation.

For further information about the deployment instructions and configuration settings described in this guide, please see the Pexip Infinity technical documentation website.

Securing the host environment

The VMware host environment must be hardened before deploying Pexip Infinity. It is expected that the host server contains at least two physical network interfaces and that management access to the ESXi host is restricted to a specific physical network and that virtual machines (VMs) are connected to a separate physical network.

Instructions for performing VMware-specific hardening are described in the VMware ESXi Server 5.0 Security Technical Implementation Guide which can be found at http://iase.disa.mil/stigs/Documents/u_ESXi5_Server_v1r5_stig.zip.

Management of the ESXi host can run out-of-band of the video conferencing network.

Reserving virtual machine resources

The resources allocated to each virtual machine must be reserved after it has been deployed. This ensures that each VM has guaranteed access to the resources that it expects and is thus isolated from any other VMs on the host.

To do this, find the VM in the vSphere client and edit its settings. There are separate settings for CPU, Memory, and Disk hardware.

CPU resource limits

There are three CPU resource settings: **Reservation**, **Limit**, and **Shares**. These specify the guaranteed CPU resource for the VM, the maximum CPU resource for the VM, and the weighting applied to the VM when sharing resources with its siblings.



These should be configured as follows:

Reservation

Select the menu entry labeled Maximum.



(The value associated with Maximum will then appear in the Reservation field.)

Limit	Select the menu entry labeled <i>Minimum</i> .
Shares	Select Normal.

These settings ensure that the VM is guaranteed access to all of its allocated CPU resource, with no ability to burst above this resource allocation. Note that the MHz/GHz values for **Reservation** and **Limit** should thus be identical. As the resources are guaranteed, no sharing is necessary, so a setting of **Normal** is appropriate.

Memory resource limits

There are three memory resource settings: **Reservation**, **Limit**, and **Shares**. These specify the guaranteed memory resource for the VM, the maximum memory resource for the VM, and the weighting applied to the VM when sharing resources with its siblings. These should be configured as follows:

Reservation	Select the Reserve all guest memory (All locked) check box.
Limit	Select the menu entry labeled <i>Minimum</i> .
Shares	Select Normal.

These settings ensure that the VM is guaranteed access to all its allocated memory resource, with no ability to burst above this resource allocation. Note that the MB values for **Reservation** and **Limit** should thus be identical. As the resources are guaranteed, no sharing is necessary, so a setting of **Normal** is appropriate.

Disk resource limits

There are two disk resource settings: **Shares**, and **Limit - IOPs**. These specify the weighing applied to the VM when sharing resources with other VMs on the host, and the maximum number of IOPs the VM is permitted to consume. These should be configured as follows:

Shares	Select Normal.
Limit - IOPs	Enter the appropriate number of IOPs for the Virtual Machine. The sum of all IOP limits for all VMs on the same host must not exceed the capacity of the datastore.

These settings ensure that the VM is limited to its fair share of IOPs. As the sum of all IOP limits on the same host do not exceed the host capabilities, sharing is not necessary, so a setting of *Normal* is appropriate.



BIOS configuration

The BIOS of each Virtual Machine must be configured and secured after deployment. This ensures that the system boots from the correct devices and that this configuration cannot be modified by unauthorized personnel.

To do this:

- 1. Use the vSphere client to edit the configuration of the VM to force it to boot into the BIOS as soon as it is powered on. This is usually found under VM Options > Boot Options as a configuration item named Force BIOS setup. This option should be selected to force entry to the BIOS on the next boot.
- 2. Power on the Virtual Machine and open its console, which should contain the BIOS setup utility.
- 3. Configure the boot order:
 - a. Go to the Boot configuration page, and ensure that Hard Drive is the first entry.
 - b. Expand the Hard Drive device tree and ensure that VMware Virtual SCSI Hard Drive (0:0) is the first entry.
- 4. Configure the BIOS security:
 - a. Go to the Security configuration page.
 - b. Configure a Supervisor password to prevent unauthorized modification of the BIOS configuration.
- 5. Save and exit.
 - a. Go to the Exit configuration page.
 - b. Select the Exit Saving Changes option.

Pexip Infinity Management Node deployment and bootstrap configuration

This section describes the steps needed to deploy the Pexip Infinity Management Node into the secure environment described above.

1. Use the vSphere client to deploy the Management Node OVA onto the selected ESXi host system.

See Installing the Management Node for full instructions on how to do this.

The VLAN ID used for the Management Node must not conflict with existing reserved VLAN IDs and must not use VLAN ID 4095 (which is reserved for virtual guest tagging), as the system will be locked down according to the VMware ESXi Server Security Technical Implementation Guide.

- 2. Log in to the Management Node console as the admin user. A password for this user must be set.
- 3. Enter the admin user password to permit the installation wizard to start.
- Complete the installation wizard as described in <u>Installing the Management Node</u>, ensuring that:
 - o Enable incident reporting is set to no.
 - Send deployment and usage statistics to Pexip is set to no.

On completion, the installation wizard will reboot the system.

- 5. Use a web browser to connect to the Pexip Infinity Administrator interface and ensure that you can log in using the credentials configured in the installation wizard.
- 6. Log in to the Management Node console as the admin user. Issue the following command:
 - \$ securitywizard
- 7. Enter the admin user password to permit the security wizard to start.
- 8. Complete the security wizard, providing answers as described below:

Setting	Value
Enable FIPS 140-2 compliance mode	YES



Setting	Value
Disable system administrator account	YES
(this applies to SSH and console access)	
Accept ICMPv6 redirects	NO
Drop incoming packets to closed ports rather than reject	YES
Accept multicast ICMPv6 echo requests	NO
Enable IPv6 Duplicate Address Detection	NO
SIP UDP listen port *	5060
SIP TCP listen port *	5060
SIP TLS listen port *	5061
Active management web sessions *	100
Active per-user management web sessions *	10
Enable management web validation of host headers	YES
Enable TLS 1.0	NO
Enable Anonymous DH for outbound SIP/TLS	NO

^{*} The SIP listen ports and web session limits may be customized for the target environment, as appropriate.

On completion, the security wizard will reboot the system. After the system has rebooted, no OS-level user access will be

Pexip Infinity Conferencing Node deployment

When deploying Conferencing Nodes, note that:

available on the system and it cannot be re-enabled.

- Before deploying any Conferencing Nodes, you must complete the Management Node deployment and bootstrap configuration.
- As the host system will be locked down according to the VMware ESXi Server Security Technical Implementation Guide:
 - All Conferencing Nodes should be deployed manually (see <u>Manually deploying a Conferencing Node on an ESXi host</u>).
 - The VLAN ID used for the Conferencing Node must not conflict with existing reserved VLAN IDs and must not use VLAN ID 4095 (which is reserved for virtual guest tagging).

Pexip Infinity application configuration

This section describes the application-specific configuration required for Pexip Infinity to operate in a secure environment.

This configuration is performed using a web browser to access the Pexip Infinity Administrator interface. Log in to the Administrator interface using the credentials configured earlier in the installation wizard.

More information about all of these settings can be found on the Pexip Infinity technical documentation website.

TLS certificates

This section describes the process for bootstrapping the PKI environment.

Management Node and Conferencing Node server certificates

The Pexip Infinity platform ships with default self-signed server certificates for the Management Node and each Conferencing Node. Because these certificates are self-signed, they will not be trusted by clients. Therefore you must replace these certificates with



your own certificates that have been signed by a trusted certificate authority. You should also configure a SIP TLS FQDN on each Conferencing Node that matches one of the entries in the TLS certificate.

Creating a certificate signing request (CSR)

You can use Pexip Infinity's inbuilt Certificate Signing Request (CSR) generator to assist in acquiring a server certificate from a Certificate Authority.

The resulting CSR file contents should be submitted to the CA for signing. After the CA has signed the CSR, the certificate will be ready for uploading.

In deployments that do not use DNS resolution, the Common Name should contain the IP address of the Conferencing Node instead of an FQDN — to achieve this you need to use third-party tools such as the OpenSSL toolkit (http://www.openssl.org), available for Windows, Mac and Linux.

Uploading a certificate to a Pexip node

To upload a new TLS server certificate for the Management Node or a Conferencing Node:

- 1. From the Pexip Infinity Administrator interface, go to Platform Configuration > TLS Certificates.
- 2. Select Add TLS certificate.
- 3. Complete the following fields:

certific	ou must upload the certificate file that you have obtained from the Certificate Authority (typically ith a .CRT or .PEM extension). Do not upload your certificate signing request (.CSR file).
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	rtificate must be valid for the hostname or FQDN of the Management Node or Conferencing Node to it will be assigned.
	n paste multiple certificates into the text area, but one of those certificates must pair with the ated private key.
•	the PEM-formatted private key into the text area or alternatively select the file containing the private at is associated with the new TLS certificate.
Private	e key files typically have a .KEY or .PEM extension. Pexip Infinity supports RSA and ECDSA keys.
	nally, paste any additional PEM-formatted parameters into the text area or alternatively select the file ning the parameters that are to be associated with the new TLS certificate.
genera	m DH parameters and an EC curve name for ephemeral keys can be added. Such parameters can be sted through the OpenSSL toolkit using the commands openssl dhparam and openssl ecparam. ample, the command openssl dhparam -2 -outform PEM 2048 generates 2048 bit DH eters.
Note t	hat these parameters can alternatively be added 'as is' to the end of the TLS certificate.
Nodes Select	one or more nodes to which the new TLS certificate is to be applied.
Ifrequ	ired, you can upload a certificate and then apply it to a node later.

4. Select Save.

Trusted CA certificates

You must also upload the trusted Certificate Authority (CA) certificates for the secure environment. This must include any required chain of intermediate certificates for the CA that signed the server certificates. Note that the default set of trusted CA certificates that ship with Pexip Infinity are not used when FIPS 140-2 compliance mode is enabled.

To manage the set of custom trusted CA certificates, go to **Platform Configuration** > **Trusted CA Certificates**. This shows a list and the current status of all the trusted CA certificates that have been uploaded. From here you can:



- Upload a file of Trusted CA certificates: select Import files, select Choose Files to pick one or more PEM files that you want
 to import, and then select Import.
 - This adds the certificates in the selected files to the existing list of trusted CA certificates (or to the list of TLS certificates, depending on the certificate types contained in the file). If a certificate with the same subject name already exists (e.g. when replacing an expired certificate), that certificate will be updated with the new contents from the file. Any duplicate certificates are ignored.
- View or modify an existing certificate: select the Subject name of the certificate you want to view. The decoded certificate
 data is shown.
 - If required, you can modify the PEM-formatted certificate data and select Save.
- **Download all certificates**: select **Export**. A **ca-certificates.pem** file containing all of the custom-added certificates in PEM format is created and automatically saved to your local file system.
- Delete one or more certificates: select the boxes next to the certificates to be deleted, and from the Action drop-down menu select Delete selected Trusted CA certificates and select Go.

IPv6 (optional)

If required, configure the IPv6 address and IPv6 gateway addresses of the Management Node and each Conferencing Node.

To configure these addresses:

- Go to Platform Configuration > Management Node and click on the name of the Management Node.
- Go to Platform Configuration > Conferencing Nodes and click on the name of the Conferencing Node.

Global settings

Go to Platform Configuration > Global Settings and review — and modify where required — the following settings:

Setting	Action
Enable SIP	Review the call protocols (SIP, H.323, WebRTC and RTMP) and disable those protocols you do
Enable H.323	not need to support.
Enable WebRTC	
Enable RTMP	
Enable chat	Disable this option.
Enable outbound calls	Disable this option.
Enable support for Pexip Infinity Connect and Mobile App	Disable support for these applications.
DSCP value for management traffic	Set a DSCP value for management traffic sent from the Management Node and Conferencing Nodes. We recommend a value of 16.
Enable SSH	Disable this option.
Signaling port range start and end	Verify the range of ports (UDP and TCP) that all Conferencing Nodes are to use for signaling.
Media port range start and end	Verify the range of ports (UDP and TCP) that all Conferencing Nodes are to use for media.
OCSP state and OCSP responder URL	Set this to Override and specify the OCSP responder URL to which OCSP requests will be sent.
SIP TLS certificate verification mode	Set this to On.
Enable HTTP access for external systems	Ensure that this option is disabled.
Login banner text	Configure this field with some appropriate text for your deployment.



Setting	Action
Management web interface session	Set this to 10 minutes or other timeout value suitable for your deployment.
timeout	

Configure user accounts and authentication settings

You must configure the Pexip Infinity platform to authenticate and authorize login accounts via a centrally managed LDAP-accessible server.

Account roles

- 1. Go to Users > Account Roles.
- 2. Select the existing Read-only role and remove the following permissions:
 - May view logs
 - May generate system snapshot
- 3. Select the existing **Read-write** role and remove the following permissions:
 - May view logs
 - o May generate system snapshot
- 4. Create an Auditor role:
 - a. Select Add role.
 - b. Specify a Name of "Auditor".
 - c. Assign the following permissions to the role:
 - Is an administrator
 - May use web interface
 - May use API
 - May view logs
 - May generate system snapshot
 - d. Save the role.

LDAP server connection details

You must configure the details of the LDAP-accessible server and, initially, set the system to authenticate both locally and against the LDAP database:

- 1. Go to Users > User Authentication.
- 2. Set the Authentication source to LDAP database and local database.
- 3. In the LDAP Configuration section, specify the connection details for the LDAP-accessible server.
- 4. Save the settings.

LDAP group to role mapping

LDAP roles are used to map the LDAP groups associated with LDAP user records to the Pexip Infinity account roles. You must configure a separate LDAP role for each LDAP group for which you want to map one or more Pexip Infinity account roles.

- 1. Go to Users > LDAP Roles.
- 2. Select Add LDAP role.
- 3. Configure the role:



Option	Description
Name	Enter a descriptive name for the role.
LDAP group DN	Select the LDAP group against which you want to map one or more account roles. The list of LDAP groups is only populated when there is an active connection to an LDAP server (Users > User Authentication).
Roles	Select from the list of Available roles the account roles to associate with the LDAP group and then use the right arrow to move the selected roles into the Chosen Roles list.

- 4. Save the role.
- 5. Configure as many LDAP roles as required, ensuring that every account role is mapped to at least one LDAP group.

Enable certificate-based authentication

This configuration requires administrators to log in to the Pexip Infinity Administrator interface by presenting (via their browser) a client certificate containing their user identification details.

- 1. Install suitable client certificates into the certificate stores of the browsers to be used by the Pexip Infinity administrators. The identities contained in the certificates must exist in the LDAP database.
- 2. Go to Users > User Authentication.
- 3. Set Require client certificate to one of the Required options as appropriate for your installation:
 - Required (user identity in subject CN): users identify themselves via the identity contained in the subject CN (common name) of the client certificate presented by their browser.
 - **Required (user identity in subjectAltName userPrincipalName)**: users identify themselves via the identity contained in the **subjectAltName userPrincipalName** attribute of the client certificate presented by their browser.
- 4. Save the settings.

When a client certificate is required, the standard login page is no longer presented. Administrators will not be able to access the Pexip Infinity Administrator interface if their browser does not present a valid certificate that contains a user identity which exists in the selected **Authentication source**.

Disable local authentication

Complete the authentication configuration by disabling the local authentication source:

- 1. Log in to the Pexip Infinity Administrator interface (via certificate-based authentication).
- 2. Go to Users > User Authentication.
- 3. Set the Authentication source to LDAP database.
- 4. Save the settings.



Change Authentication

Authentication source	LDAP database * The database to query for user authentication and authorization.
Require client certificate	Required (user identity in subject CN) Whether to require a client TLS certificate for user authentication.
LDAP configuration	
LDAP server address	Idapserver.example.com The hostname the LDAP server. Maximum length: 255 characters.
Allow insecure transport	Permit LDAP queries to be sent over an insecure connection.
LDAP bind username	admin The username used to bind to the LDAP server. This should be a domain user service account, not the Administrator account. Maximum length: 255 characters.
LDAP bind password	The password used to bind to the LDAP server. Maximum length: 100 characters.
LDAP base DN	dc=example,dc=com The base DN of the LDAP forest to query (e.g. dc=example,dc=com). Maximum length: 255 characters.

All authentication is now performed against the LDAP server and no local account information is used.

Note that the "SSH password" is never used, as SSH access is disabled.

Securing network services

DNS servers

Configure at least two DNS servers (System Configuration > DNS Servers).

NTP servers

Configure at least two NTP servers (System Configuration > NTP Servers).

The configuration for each NTP server must include key authentication credentials.

Remote syslog servers

Configure at least one remote syslog server (System Configuration > Syslog Servers).

SNMP

Configure the Management Node and each Conferencing Node to use secure SNMPv3:

- 1. Go to Platform Configuration > Management Node and click on the name of the Management Node.
- 2. Set SNMP mode to SNMPv3 read-only.
- 3. Configure the SNMPv3 credentials (SNMPv3 username, privacy password and authentication password) for this SNMP agent to match those used in requests from the SNMP management station.
- 4. Change the SNMP community to something other than "public".
- 5. Save the SNMP settings for the Management Node.
- Apply the same configuration settings to each Conferencing Node (go to Platform Configuration > Conferencing Nodes and click on the name of each Conferencing Node in turn).

Secure SNMPv3 read-only mode uses SHA1 authentication and AES 128-bit encryption.



Location DSCP tags and MTU

Configure DSCP tags for signaling and media, and set the MTU size for each location:

- 1. Go to System Configuration > Locations.
- 2. Select the first location.
- 3. Configure the DSCP tags. We recommend:
 - o DSCP value for media is set to 51.
 - o DSCP value for signaling is set to 40.
- 4. Configure the MTU. We recommend a value of 1400 bytes to account for the overhead associated with the encryption headers.
- 5. Save the settings.
- 6. Repeat for every other location.

Contingency deployment

We recommend that you maintain a secondary deployment that you can switch to in the event that your primary deployment fails or is compromised.

This fallback system should mimic the primary installation with the following exceptions:

- In addition to supporting authentication and authorization via LDAP, in case connectivity to the LDAP server is down it should also maintain the local admin account and should not use certificate-based authentication:
 - a. Go to Users > User Authentication.
 - b. Set Authentication source to LDAP database and local database.
 - c. Set Require client certificate to Not required.
 - d. Save the settings.
- It should be deployed without licensing.

After the fallback system has been configured, all VMs should be completely powered off and remain off until required.

If the primary deployment is compromised and must be torn down, you should contact your Pexip authorized support representative to return the original license key and then re-activate the same license on the fallback system after it has been brought up.

Certificate signing requests (CSRs)

To acquire a server certificate from a Certificate Authority (CA), a certificate signing request (CSR) has to be created and submitted to the CA. You can generate a CSR from within Pexip Infinity, and then upload the returned certificate associated with that request.

CSRs generated via Pexip Infinity always request client certificate and server certificate capabilities.

Creating a certificate signing request

To generate a CSR within Pexip Infinity:

- 1. Go to Utilities > Certificate Signing Requests.
- 2. Select Add Certificate signing request.



3. Complete the following fields:

Select the name to be specified as the Common Name field of the requested certificate's subtethe FQDN of the node on which the certificate is to be installed. The available options are prepopulated with the FQDNs (hostname plus domain) of the Marcurrently deployed Conferencing Node. The list also includes any SIP TLS FQDN names of you such names have been configured and are different from the node's FQDN. If you want to specify a custom Common Name field of the requested certificate subject name as elected User-provided custom Common Name field of the requested certificate selected User-provided custom Common Name above. Private key Select the type of private key to generate, or select Upload user-provided private key if you own private key. Default: RSA (2048bit) Private key Only applies if you have selected Upload user-provided private key above. Enter the PEM formatted RSA or ECC private key to use when generating your CSR. You can the input field or upload the private key file from your local file system. Select the subject alternative names to be included in the CSR. This allows the certificate to with multiple names (such as a different DNS name), or to secure multiple servers using the You can choose from the same list of names presented in the Subject name field (the name as the Common Name is by default automatically included in the Subject alternative names in some deployments it may be more practical to generate single CSR in which all of your Co are included in the list of subject alternative names. This means that the same single server of CA can then be assigned to every Conferencing Node. When integrating with Microsoft Lync / Skype for Business, subject alternative name entries every individual Conferencing Node in the public DMZ (public DMZ deployments) or in the ton-prevail of the public of public deployments in the ton-prevail of the public of public	
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Province	
Country The 2 letter code of the country where your organization is located.	
Advanced (in most scenarios you should leave the advanced options to their default settings)	
Include Microsoft Certification Authority MMC snap-in to request a certificate from an enterprise CA. Selecting twebServer' certificate template to be specified. Default: disabled.	-



Specifies whether to include the requested subject Common Name in the Subject Alternative Name field of the CSR.
Default: enabled.

4. Select Save.

You are returned to the list of certificate signing requests.

5. Select the CSR you have just created.

You are shown the decoded certificate data.

6. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select Download.

This downloads the CSR to your local file system, with a filename in the format <subject-name>.csr.

Note that the private key is not downloaded, or included within the CSR.

7. You can now submit this CSR file to your chosen CA for signing.

The CA will then send you a signed certificate which you can upload into Pexip Infinity (see below).

Uploading the signed certificate associated with a certificate signing request

When the Certificate Authority sends you a signed certificate in response to your CSR, you can upload that certificate into Pexip Infinity and assign it to one or more of your nodes. Make sure that you upload it via the **Certificate Signing Requests** page as this ensures that it is linked with the private key associated with your original CSR.

To upload the signed certificate:

- 1. Go to Utilities > Certificate Signing Requests.
- 2. Select the original CSR that is associated with the signed certificate.

You are shown the decoded certificate data.

3. Scroll down the page and in the **Certificate** field either paste the PEM-formatted certificate into the input field or upload the certificate file from your local file system.

The certificate file that you have obtained from the Certificate Authority typically has a .CRT or .PEM extension. Do not upload your certificate signing request (.CSR file).

4. Select Complete.

Providing it is a valid certificate and is based on the original CSR:

- o the certificate is uploaded and automatically linked with the private key associated with your original CSR
- o the original CSR is deleted
- you are taken to the Change TLS Certificate page.
- 5. You can now assign that certificate to the Management Node or one of more Conferencing Nodes as required:
 - a. From within the Change TLS Certificate page go to the Nodes field and from the Available Nodes list, select the nodes to which you want to assign the certificate and move them into the Chosen Nodes list.
 - b. Go to the bottom of the page and select Save.

Troubleshooting

If you receive an error message "Certificate and private key do not appear to be part of the same key pair" when attempting to upload a signed certificate, this most likely means that you have tried to upload the certificate against the wrong CSR.

Modifying a CSR

After a CSR has been created it cannot be modified — the only available actions are to download it (for sending to a CA), or to apply the returned, signed certificate that is associated with that request.

If you need to change the content of a CSR, you should delete the original CSR and create a new CSR with the correct content.



Note that a CSR is automatically deleted when the resulting signed certificate is uploaded.