

Product Brief

Upgrading Layer7 Privileged Access Manager

Key Benefits

- Improved hybrid enterprise support.
- Optimized user experience.
- Enhanced operational efficiencies and security.
- Increased integration flexibility.

Key Features

- New clustering replication architecture.
- New target connector framework.
- Java-less PAM agent.
- Expanded integration support for Active Directory, Azure, and SailPoint.
- Exclusive privileged credential checkout.
- Retrospective break-glass approval workflow.

Overview

CA Technologies is committed to enhancing and strengthening its privileged access management portfolio. Upgrading to the latest release of Layer7 Privileged Access Manager (formerly CA Privileged Access Manager, and herein referred to as Layer7 PAM) provides new and enhanced features, cumulative bug fixes, and security and operational efficiency improvements.

The key enhancements available in Layer7 PAM 3.3 include:

- **New clustering replication architecture.** Layer7 PAM now leverages the v8 group replication capabilities of Oracle MySQL, which provides enhanced stability and reduced maintenance downtime.
- **Target connector framework.** Layer7 PAM now enables customers to easily build custom connectors for remote targets that are not supported with out-of-the-box connectors.
- **Java-less PAM agent.** Layer7 PAM introduces the PAM access agent, which is a lightweight Java-less alternative to the existing PAM client.

The table below provides a simplified summary of the features and enhancements available for 3.3 and for previous versions. For more detail, review the product documentation.

Features and Enhancements

Features and Enhancements	3.0*	3.1*	3.2*	3.3
New clustering replication architecture. Leverages Oracle MySQL v8 group replication capabilities, which provides enhanced stability and reduced downtime.	No	No	No	Yes
Target connector framework. Enables you to easily build custom connectors for remote targets that are not supported with out-of-the-box connectors.	No	No	No	Yes
Java-less PAM agent. Provides a lightweight Java-less alternative to the existing PAM client.	No	No	No	Yes
Enhanced Microsoft Azure support. Use the connector to update passwords for Azure AD accounts to manage cloud-only accounts. Also, now supports Azure.gov.	No	No	No	Yes
Enhanced transparent login support. Enables a transparent login for multiple accounts as part of a policy for optimized user experience.	No	No	No	Yes
Enhanced PIV/CAC smart card support. Enables you to map specific fields from PIV/CAC card to fields in an Active Directory for authentication.	No	No	No	Yes
Enhanced break-glass approval process. Configure policy to allow immediate break-glass access to account credentials with a retrospective approval option.	No	No	No	Yes

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Exclusive checkout support. Enables policies to guarantee that a user has exclusive rights to a credential when it is checked out.	No	No	No	Yes
Enhanced SailPoint identity IQ integration. Adds SCIM interface option for SailPoint IIQ integration.	No	No	No	Yes
Updated cryptographic algorithms. Adds new strong cryptography algorithms and extends forward-secrecy.	No	No	No	Yes
Enhanced backup support. Copy and compress database backup files in one step.	No	No	No	Yes
Azure support and integration. Discover and protect Azure privileged accounts. In addition, Layer7 PAM is available as an Azure Virtual Hard Disk (VHD) appliance.	No	No	Yes	Yes
Mobile device support. Check out and check in passwords from a mobile device. Also supports password policies.	No	No	Yes	Yes
Certified SailPoint identity IQ integration. Provision and de-provision Layer7 PAM users, process privileged access requests, define role inheritance, and certify privileged user access through SailPoint integration.	No	No	Yes	Yes
Enhanced mainframe support. Supports a mainframe proxy bring-your-own-client approach, auto-login and session recording for mainframe 3270 and 5250 systems.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Windows proxy alternative. Minimizes Layer7 PAM footprint by allowing the appliance, instead of an agent, to directly perform service, task, and credential management, and to perform discovery functions.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Enhanced PIV/CAC authentication. Kerberos with PIV/CAC card authentication now includes Windows RDP and Web portal access. Enhancements also include support for single and multiple smart card readers.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Expanded Amazon Web Services (AWS) support. Added support for protecting international AWS instances in: Frankfurt, Seoul, London, and US East (Ohio).	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Expanded Microsoft Support. Enables the Layer7 PAM client to automatically trust certificates in the Windows trust store. Allows you to retain policies and rotate credentials as accounts move to different Active Directory operating units. Provides full support for Windows 2016 operating systems.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Enhanced user interface. A new graphical user interface to improve usability.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Management console. A new console for organizations, such as MSPs, that administer large cluster deployments or multiple disparate sets of clusters.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New NIST-approved encryption module. Appliance ships with a new NIST-approved, FIPS 140-2 certified C-Security Kernel for cryptographic operations when in FIPS mode.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
External REST APIs. New REST APIs: RADIUS and TACACS; configProperties; splunk; sessionRecordings; sessionRecordingConfiguration; and sysLogConfiguration.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Enhanced localization. Solution supports Japanese localization and use of international Japanese and Italian keyboards for RDP connections.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Session recording enhancements. You can now set up a secondary share to provide storage failover for session recording data. Also, session recordings are now encrypted using AES-256 cipher for increased security.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Logging improvements. The access and credential management components now return unified log messages that show the associated user, device name, and target account.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TLS communication protocol flexibility. By default, TLS 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2 communication protocols are enabled. These can now be disabled to enhance security for inbound communication.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Network teaming. You can set up Network Teaming, also known as NIC teaming, bonding, or aggregation, to combine multiple network cards together for enhanced performance or redundancy.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

* Some enhancements were introduced in service packs or controlled releases.