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Quest Software has successfully tested Performance Analysis for Oracle 6.5.4 for compliance with OMB security requirements for Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC) compatibility for Microsoft Windows XP.

The results of these tests demonstrate that in each instance, the FDCC reference image remained compliant with the security configuration tests represented in the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP) data streams.

It was discovered that Performance Analysis for Oracle must be launched by a user with administrative privileges the very first time it is run (upon completing installation). The product can thereafter be launched by users that do not have administrative privileges. The product needs to be installed by a user with administrative privileges.

Performance Analysis for Oracle runs in the standard user context without elevated system administration privileges, with one exception. It is necessary for non-administrative Windows users to be assigned the 'Create Global Objects' Windows role in order for Performance Analysis for Oracle to connect to its data repository.

We utilized the NIST validated C5 Compliance Platform from Secure Elements to conduct our SCAP testing and certification. The following three FDCC scans were run:

- Guidance for Securing Microsoft Windows XP Systems for IT Professional - Corrected (Version 1.0.4)
- Guidance for Securing Microsoft Windows XP Firewall for IT Professional (Version 1.0)
- Guidance for Securing Microsoft Internet Explorer 7 for IT Professionals (Version 1.0)

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