

## Press Release

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## **SkyView Partners introduces SkyView Policy Minder for AIX**

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SEATTLE, Wash – September 15, 2011 - SkyView Partners today announced an AIX version of the popular SkyView Policy Minder product.

“AIX is a new platform for SkyView and we are excited to show the AIX community a new way of addressing security compliance and administration. With security compliance and administration, the “devil is in the details”. As with Policy Minder in the IBM i world, we’ve put a lot of rich features in the product to make the life of the administrator much easier. A lot of administrators write scripts to get compliance information. While scripting may get the job done, it’s cumbersome to deal with across multiple partitions. With scripts, it’s difficult to weave in an easy-to-use reporting mechanism that aggregates the data from multiple partitions. With Policy Minder for AIX, we’ve provided a web-based interface that provides a centralized view of your compliance status as well as easy access to reports and the ability to launch compliance checks and fixes to security policy deviations across multiple partitions. ,” explains Carol Woodbury, President of SkyView Partners Inc. “We started with a spec and refined the product and spent a lot of time talking with customers as we moved from prototype to alpha and finally to beta. Beta testers really see the value in this product. They especially like the details of the compliance reports (that show exactly what’s out of compliance) as well as the FixIt function that resets the out-of-compliant value. The FixIt function will also be useful for administrators for configuring new partitions. They can simply import the appropriate configuration settings from a pre-defined file and run FixIt on the new partition. ”

SkyView Policy Minder for AIX automates the compliance processes and security administration associated with an organization’s security policies. The areas that the product examines include:

- Global security settings:
  - auditing attributes

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- group attributes
- login defaults
- password attributes
- user account creation defaults
- other, misc settings
- User account settings:
  - auditing attributes
  - group attributes
  - login defaults
  - password attributes
  - other, misc settings
- Directory and file permissions:
  - Owner
  - Primary group
  - Other
  - Attributes
    - SUID
    - SGID
    - SVTX
  - Extended permissions
  - SUID / SGID files
- Daemons
- Exported directories

Policy Minder for AIX features an admin console that allows the ability to administer one server or multiple servers at the same time. It also features a comprehensive message log for administrative tracking and debug. Further, security policies can be initialized – that is, current settings can be discovered and used as the policy setting.

“Suffice it to say that we put in the work with customers to find out what they needed. It was interesting to hear them describe processes that today are done manually. It seems that they often adopt an attitude of “set it and forget it”. Once a partition’s security settings are configured, no one goes back to make sure it stays the way it was intended. To do so, is cumbersome and time consuming. With SkyView Policy Minder for AIX, that can all be automated. You can automate the setup and the checking and you get some really nice reports to use and share with the auditors. You save time, improve accuracy, and make

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the whole process more efficient. As a system administrator you can get back to work on bottom-line projects and stop worrying about compliance processes and reporting.” said John Vanderwall, CEO of SkyView Partners Inc.

Dan Frissora, an independent consultant contracted by LarsonAllen and others, commented, “Thinking of my most recent experience with clients, the power of the SkyView Policy Minder for AIX toolset is really driven home. These clients, usually small to medium sized businesses with between \$10 million and a \$100 million in revenue, are generally under-staffed, and often not very technical. As I recall these clients and the issues that they faced managing their systems, I can’t help but say that I am impressed with the simplicity and power of this tool. I’ve done a number of (high level) security practices reviews/audits as a consultant and this tool would be a huge benefit for both the auditors and clients. ”

General Availability of this new product is set for September 15, 2011.

### **About SkyView Partners**

SkyView Partners, Inc is a security compliance firm with IBM AS/400, iSeries, IBM i and AIX customers and Business Partners. SkyView Partners’ product development and technical services are lead by Carol Woodbury, former Chief Engineering Manager and Security Architect for the IBM iSeries product line. SkyView Partners is committed to providing clients with products and services that save time, reduce costs and simplify the management of security compliance. To learn more, visit the SkyView Partners website at [www.skyviewpartners.com](http://www.skyviewpartners.com)

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