

Highlights of Policy Minder 1.3

Version 1.3 is another release with many new and enhanced features. Here are the highlights of this new release.

Policy Minder 1.3 enhancements include:

- enhanced capabilities to find and take action on inactive profiles. These capabilities allow you to easily take action (such as setting the status to *DISABLED) on profiles that are inactive for a specified number of days. Also included is a new template specifically designed to allow you to delete profiles after a specified number of days of inactivity.
- an enhanced authorization list category. This category now examines the users and the authority they have to each authorization list. This greatly simplifies the process of monitoring and managing the security configuration of authorization lists. In addition, this category is now available to have the FixIt function run against it should you choose to do so.
- a greatly expanded *SYSVAL (system value) category. This category now includes all i5/OS system values (with the exception of system values such as the date (QDATE) and time (QTIME) system values and the read-only (e.g., QMODEL) system values.)
- many new commands, including commands to retrieve or display the policy information for objects, libraries, directories, user profiles, system values, commands and authorization lists. New FIXxxx commands allow you “fix” a single system value, user profile, object, library, or directory. These commands can be integrated into other products, automated processes or procedures such as change management object promotions to ensure the objects are secured and owned properly.
- a report that allows you to detect programs and service programs containing dynamic SQL. The report lists each program and their current Dynamic user profile setting. (These programs and service programs have to be handled differently when the application’s security scheme is using adopted authority.) The i5/OS method for identifying these programs is time-consuming and often requires programming resources, which can extend a security remediation project. Policy Minder provides the report you need to quickly and easily identify the programs containing dynamic SQL.

In addition to the enhancements listed above, the following enhancements are being made as a result of customer feedback and usability enhancement requests:

- the ability to define, as part of your policy, that a file should be journaled.
- the addition of the join logical file attribute so that joined logical files can be more easily discovered and secured properly.
- the ability to define, as part of your policy, how a program or service program’s Dynamic user profile parameter should be set.
- a function key on most displays that provides an i5/OS command line.
- an input screen on template definition displays that allows you to more easily add multiple items to the template
- a more granular purge of the message log. (You can specify to keep up to one year’s worth of information.)
- the ability to subset a library template to just see the non-compliant libraries.
- the ability to sort by column when displaying the compliance status of libraries and their objects.
- the Work with Compliance (WRKCPL) command now takes a category and sub-category providing the ability to go directly to the category or template that is out of compliance.