

# RELEASE NOTES

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Product	Snow Inventory Server
Version	6.0.0
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## FEATURES

The following features have been implemented in Snow Inventory Server version 6.0.0:

### **Compatibility with upcoming release of Snow License Manager**

Inventory Server 6.0.0. includes support for an upgrade of the Data Update Job – or daily maintenance task – due for release in an upcoming version of Snow License Manager. The Data Update Job is the machinery that connects Snow Inventory to Snow License Manager, ensuring that the data collected from a customer environment is correctly replicated in SLM for use in license compliance calculations, managing computers, reports, and visualization.

The modifications to the Data Update Job focus on data handling and the creation of a clear separation of responsibilities between Snow Inventory and Snow License Manager – removing dependencies and enabling best practices. For Snow Inventory users, improvements will be visible in the time it takes to delete computers, users and devices.

### **Support for additional types of inventory information**

Inventory Server 6.0.0 has been prepared to support the extraction of additional types of inventory data to be included in a scan. In this release, support has been added for Snow Oracle Middleware Scanner – a component that will be released later this year. Details of the data extracted will be shared in the updated release notes of the relevant inventory agents, when the scanner component has been released.

## ENHANCEMENTS

The following enhancements have been implemented in Snow Inventory Server version 6.0.0:

- For security reasons, the Master Server and Service Gateway APIs no longer report their local dates and times.
- Inventory Server, Snow Update Service, and Snow Management and Configuration Center can now be installed in a location other than C:\Program Files. The pathname of the desired location for these components can be specified during the upgrade process to this version of Inventory Server in the installation wizard. All three components must reside in the same location.
- Inventory server no longer rejects inventory files containing unexpected and invalid characters. The invalid characters will be skipped, and the remainder of the inventory file will be processed as normal.
- The file attributes FileDescription, FileVersion, ProductName, ProductVersion, and OriginalFilename, collected by the Inventory agent for Windows, are now processed and stored in the Snow Inventory database with their original attribute names.

## CORRECTIONS

The following corrections have been implemented in Snow Inventory Server version 6.0.0:

- Additional data handling has been added to prevent the Inventory Admin Console from unexpectedly quitting when users with either low bandwidth or large data sets were switching between device information pages (PRB0041331).

## LICENSE KEY REQUIREMENT

- A license key for Inventory 6 is required to install and upgrade from earlier versions if Inventory Server. For customers that upgrade from Inventory 5, the license key is entered in Snow Update Service.

## UPGRADE INFORMATION

- When upgrading Inventory 5 to Inventory 6, the disk space for the Inventory database will grow approximately 15%. It is important to make sure that the database server has additional disk space available, both for the data and transaction log files.

## KNOWN LIMITATIONS

- Disk-space information about the APFS file system (introduced in macOS High Sierra) and gathered by the Snow Inventory agent for macOS versions 6.0.0 and higher, is not yet fully supported by Snow Inventory Server. Full support will be provided in an upcoming release of Snow Inventory Server.