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Overview

Document Purpose

These release notes provide information regarding the Breaking Point 8.0.1 release. This includes information about new features, resolved SRs, known defects and workarounds (if available).

Background

Powered by Application and Threat Intelligence, BreakingPoint enables companies to maintain resilient IT infrastructures against escalating threats. Only BreakingPoint security and performance testing products stress and optimize end-to-end IT infrastructures by creating real user actions with a blend of application and attack traffic including malware, mobile malware, DDoS, and more.

Technical Support

To contact the BreakingPoint Support team, e-mail them at support@ixiacom.com or call them at 1-818 595 2599.

Documentation

The following table lists the latest documentation for all BreakingPoint products.

Document	Location
Ixia BreakingPoint User Guide	https://strikecenter.ixiacom.com/docs/BPS_UserGuide_8.0.1.pdf
Ixia BreakingPoint Virtual Edition (VE) User Guide	https://strikecenter.ixiacom.com/docs/BPS_VirtualEdition_UserGuide_8.0.1.pdf
Ixia BreakingPoint Storm Installation Guide	https://strikecenter.ixiacom.com/docs/BPSStorm_InstallationGuide_8.0.1.pdf
Ixia BreakingPoint FireStorm Installation Guide	https://strikecenter.ixiacom.com/docs/BPS_FS_InstallationGuide_8.0.1.pdf
Ixia BreakingPoint FireStorm ONE Installation Guide	https://strikecenter.ixiacom.com/docs/BPS_FS_ONE_InstallationGuide_8.0.1.pdf
Ixia BreakingPoint 20 Installation Guide	https://strikecenter.ixiacom.com/docs/BPS_20_InstallationGuide_8.0.1.pdf
Ixia BreakingPoint Virtual Edition (VE) Installation Guide	https://strikecenter.ixiacom.com/docs/BPS_VirtualEdition_InstallationGuide_8.0.1.pdf

New Features

New Simplified NAT Implementation

Complete re-architecting to seamlessly address NAT scenarios using simple 2-arm configurations. Users will no longer have to follow the complicated workflow of splitting the test in dual 1-arm configurations and synchronizing the client and server Superflow actions with conditional requests.

In this release over 2995 predefined Superflows (80%) and ~80 predefined App profiles have been qualified and tagged for NAT testing and we will continue the validation in subsequent releases.

Please note AppSim and SessionSender are the only components that benefit from this redesign, in addition we have added this enhancement on PerfectStorm, Firestorm and Storm platforms. BreakingPoint VE support will be fully qualified in the next release.

Performance Degradation Note

Due to these NAT enhancements certain tests, when run on the FireStorm or Storm platforms, will achieve slightly lower performance than earlier releases. In particular HTTP CPS, GTP throughput and some mixed application profile performance has degraded by 10-15%, for more details refer to BUG1366697 in the [Known Defects](#) section below.

BreakingPoint VE Enhancements

We have enhanced BreakingPoint VE to support more flexible deployment models by:

- Decoupling of vController & vBlade into separate OVA or QCOW2 images
- Adding the ability to attach and detach vBlade to vController via web GUI or REST API
- Supporting configurable Static IP or DHCP based communication for vController and vBlade

These are key steps in better enabling support in various cloud/VM environments, in addition we have also reduced the CPU and memory resource footprint of BreakingPoint VE deployments low performance use cases and also increased performance of CPU-bound metrics (TPUT / CPS) by 50%.

Also we have introduced support for IPv4/IPv6 DNS, Bit Blaster and SCTP functionality on the VE platform.

User-based policing – LDAP

User-identity based policing, as opposed to an IP address, is becoming prevalent in enterprises to combat BYOD. In order to validate the performance and scale of user based application enablement policies of NGFWs we have enabled emulated clients to be authenticated with an external LDAP server prior to allowing those clients to generate application traffic.

DDoS Lab

Dedicate user interface that unifies different infrastructure elements for a consistent and intuitive workflow to build DDoS test scenarios. The DDoS lab enable you to easily blend application and DDoS traffic and also gives quick access to ATI predefined attack patterns with geo location support to define the real world source and destination of the traffic.

Infrastructure Enhancements

The following improvements are designed to simplify and deliver more flexibility in your testing:

1. Increased match conditions (3 to 63) - Address complex use cases involving a distribution of response size and related extension file types.
2. New "Multi-Match Response 200(OK)" HTTP Server action - Defines the HTTP 200 OK response that occurs for defined match criteria (similar to a Conditional Request that has multiple matches).
3. Conditional DNS for transparent proxy scenarios - Provides a mechanism to transparently redirect traffic flows using user-configurable DNS resolution parameters.

REST API

RESTful APIs support for automation of BreakingPoint. This release supports the following scenarios:

- Upload/Import previously defined configurations
- Run, Cancel and Stop the test
- Poll real-time stats and download reports
- Limited configuration changes – timelines, network neighborhood association

TACACS+ based login

As we start to see the trend of PerfectStorm ONE units being deployed in live networks, secure access to the test system becomes a key requirement. To accommodate this trend we have added Terminal Access Controller Access-Control System Plus (TACACS+) support which controls remote authentication/login into PerfectStorm, Firestorm and BreakingPoint VE platform via an external TACACS sever. Currently two privilege modes supported - Administrator & User.

ECC Cipher Performance Optimization

ECC (Elliptic Curve Cryptography) cipher performance has been optimized by 3x for CPS and 20Gbps of throughput per card utilizing hardware capabilities of the Cavium processors on PerfectStorm platform.

Use of SSL to secure internet communication is increasing at a rapid pace. ECC is being pushed as alternative to RSA keys as ECC can offer the same level of cryptographic strength at much smaller key sizes - offering improved security with reduced computational resources.

Routing Robot UI Scalability

You can now generate stateless traffic with just a single Routing Robot component and network neighborhood per 100G & 40G interfaces. This dramatically reduces configuration time. A typical 100G configuration now is 5 mins – down 80% from 25 mins; similarly the typical config time on 40G is reduced from 10 mins to 4mins.

HTML5 Transition

This release continues the transition to HTML 5 for several user interface screens including:

- Real-time Statistics
- Resiliency Score
- Lawful Intercept Lab

XGS2-HS Chassis

Support for the new 2-slot chassis XGS2-HS with High performance controller (940-0012). The 2-slot chassis can support any two PerfectStorm cards for applications and security testing with BreakingPoint.

FlixOS Enhancements

Together with the Flix OS 2015.2.1001.99 and IxOS 8.0.1 Patch1 releases, PerfectStorm (XGS12/2-HS chassis) and PerfectStorm ONE customers can benefit from the following platform enhancements:

- Ability to change the Admin account default password
- Option to disable direct RDP using the WebIP to IxOSVM
- New FTP based Flix OS upgrade method in addition to the existing local USB Flash drive method

Software Compatibility

BreakingPoint 8.0.1 Firmware Release is a cross-platform release. Please review the following table to identify the software required for your hardware platform.

Platform	BreakingPoint Firmware	IxOS Software	Flix OS Software
Firestorm chassis (Storm, Firestorm, Firestorm20)	BreakingPoint 8.0.1	Not applicable	
Firestorm ONE appliance	BreakingPoint 8.0.1		
XGS12-HS chassis (PerfectStorm Load Modules)	BreakingPoint 8.0.1	IxOS 8.01 EA Patch 1	Flix OS 2015.2.1001.99
XGS2-HS chassis (PerfectStorm Load Modules)	BreakingPoint 8.0.1	IxOS 8.01 EA Patch 1	Flix OS 2015.2.1001.99
PerfectStorm ONE Fusion appliances	BreakingPoint 8.0.1	IxOS 8.01 EA Patch 1	Flix OS 2015.2.1001.99
BreakingPoint Virtual	BreakingPoint 8.0.1	Not Applicable	

Hardware Compatibility

The BreakingPoint 8.0.1 Release is supported on all hardware platforms and BreakingPoint VE.

3-slot Firestorm Chassis and Firestorm ONE appliance

Part Number	Description
981-0001	BreakingPoint Firestorm, 3-slot chassis
981-0058	BreakingPoint Firestorm ONE, 4-port 10/1 GigE SFP+ appliance
982-0001	BreakingPoint Firestorm 4-port 10/1GigE SFP+ blade
982-0021	BreakingPoint System Controller
982-0037	BreakingPoint Storm, 1 GigE 4-port blade
982-0026	BreakingPoint Storm, 1 GigE 8-port blade

982-0027	BreakingPoint Storm, 10 GigE 4-port blade
982-0040	BreakingPoint Firestorm 20, 20-port 10/1GigE SFP+ blade

12-slot XGS12 chassis and PerfectStorm Fusion Load Modules

Part Number	Description
940-0006	XGS12-HS 12-slot, Chassis Bundle
944-1201	PerfectStorm Fusion, 2-port 40/10GE QSFP+ Load Module (PS40GE2NG)
944-1200	PerfectStorm Fusion, 8-port 10/1 GE SFP+ Load Module (PS10GE8NG)
944-1209	PerfectStorm Fusion, 4-port 10/1 GE SFP+ Load Module (PS10GE4NG)
944-1210	PerfectStorm Fusion, 2-port 10/1 GE SFP+ Load Module (PS10GE2NG)
944-1202	PerfectStorm Fusion, 1-port 100GE CXP Load Module (PS100GE1NG)

PerfectStorm ONE Fusion Appliances

Part Number	Description
941-0028	PerfectStorm ONE Fusion, 40GE 2-port QSFP+ appliance (PS40GE2NG)
941-0027	PerfectStorm ONE Fusion, 8-port 10/1 GE SFP+ appliance (PS10GE8NG)
941-0031	PerfectStorm ONE Fusion, 4-port 10/1 GE SFP+ appliance (PS10GE4NG)
941-0032	PerfectStorm ONE Fusion, 2-port 10/1 GE SFP+ appliance (PS10GE2NG)
941-0033	PerfectStorm ONE Fusion, 8-port 1 GE SFP+ appliance (PS1GE8NG)
941-0034	PerfectStorm ONE Fusion, 4-port 1 GE SFP+ appliance (PS1GE4NG)

2-slot XGS2 chassis and PerfectStorm Fusion Load Modules

Part Number	Description
940-0006	XGS2-HS 2-slot, Chassis Bundle
944-1201	PerfectStorm Fusion, 2-port 40/10GE QSFP+ Load Module (PS40GE2NG)
944-1200	PerfectStorm Fusion, 8-port 10/1 GE SFP+ Load Module (PS10GE8NG)
944-1209	PerfectStorm Fusion, 4-port 10/1 GE SFP+ Load Module (PS10GE4NG)

944-1210	PerfectStorm Fusion, 2-port 10/1 GE SFP+ Load Module (PS10GE2NG)
944-1202	PerfectStorm Fusion, 1-port 100GE CXP Load Module (PS100GE1NG)

For PerfectStorm platform, please refer to the [Product Compatibility Matrix](#) available on Ixia's website. An Ixia website account is required before accessing.

Browser Compatibility

Firmware Release 8.0.1 continues Ixia's transition to an HTML5-based architecture for the Ixia BreakingPoint user interface. Mac users with OS 10.8.2 can use Firefox or Google Chrome as their browser. Safari, Internet Explorer, Opera and beta versions of HTML browsers are not supported.

Browser	Recommendation for Windows	Recommendation for MAC
Google Chrome	45 & 46	45 & 46
Firefox	38.01 & 39.03	38.01 & 39.03
Microsoft Edge	20	N/A
Safari	Not supported	Not supported
Internet Explorer	Not supported	Not supported

Note: In BreakingPoint 3.5.1, and higher releases, logging in to the management UI will not be allowed from HTML browsers that have a maximum SSL version setting that is limited to only sslv3 (ssl3).

Upgrading to Release 8.0.1

Before you upgrade to a new firmware release, please create a backup of your current system.

Release Compatibility

BreakingPoint	8.0.1
IxLoad	8.01 EA
IxNetwork	8.01 EA
IxOS	8.01 EA Patch1
FlixOS	2015.2.1001.99
Licensing	4.30 EA Patch1
HLTAPI	8.01 EA
IxANVL	8.95 EA
IxChariot	9.20 EA, 7.30 EA SP3
Test Conductor	3.60 GA

General Notes

Specific instructions for installation on PerfectStorm and FireStorm systems are contained in the sections below.

Backing Up the Ixia BreakingPoint to a NFS Server

This example uses an Ubuntu Linux computer and the Ixia BreakingPoint system.

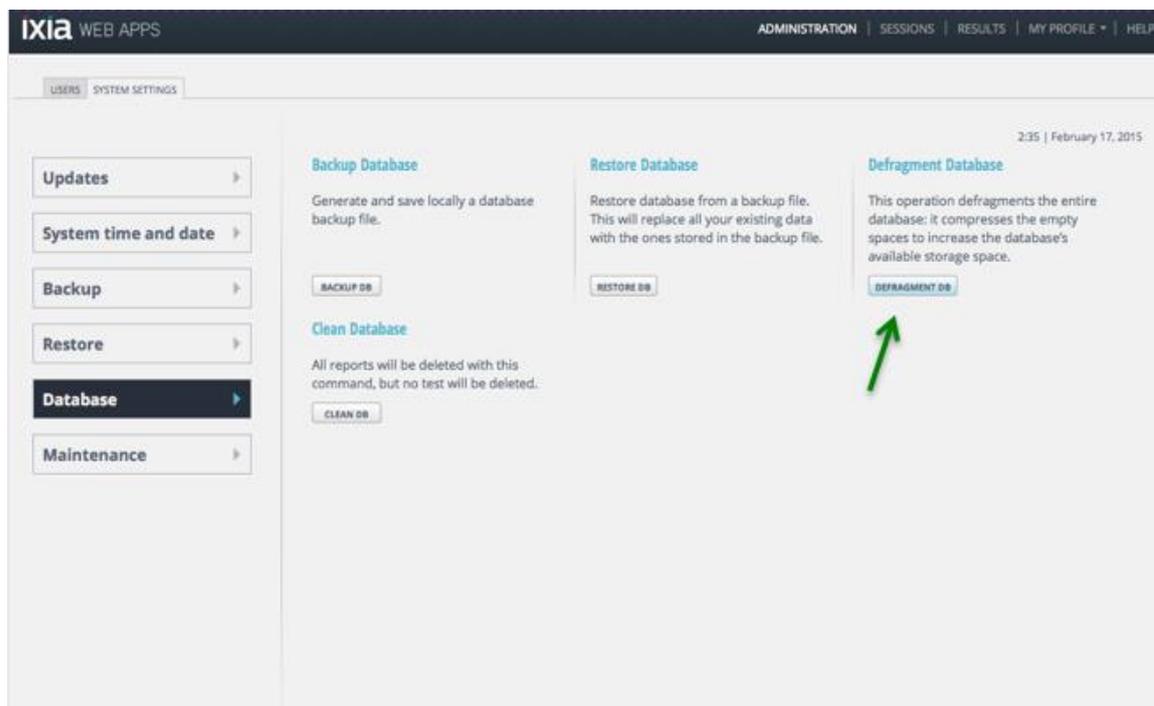
Starting from the Linux computer:

1. Download the required software
 - a. `sudo apt-get install nfs-kernel-server portmap`
 - b. `sudo /etc/init.d/nfs-kernel-server start`
2. Export the shared directory
 - a. `sudo mkdir /var/nfs/`
 - b. `sudo chown nobody:nogroup /var/nfs`
 - c. `sudo chmod 777 /var/nfs`
3. Allow Directory Exporting
 - a. `sudo vi /etc/exports`
4. Add the Following Line to /etc/exports
 - a. `/var/nfs 12.33.44.555(rw, sync, no_subtree_check, insecure)`
5. Export the Shared Directory

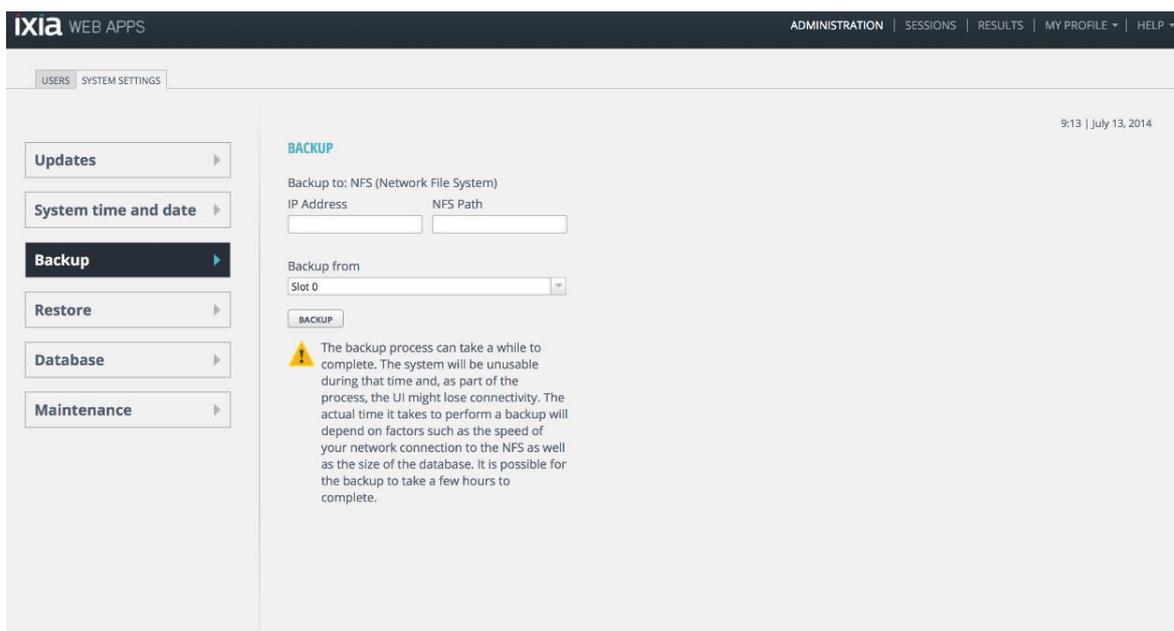
a. `sudo exportfs -a`

Setup NFS Backup on the Ixia BreakingPoint System

1. Log in to the Ixia BreakingPoint and navigate to **Database** within the Ixia Web Apps (Administration > System Settings).
2. Run the **Defragment Database** option (this may take some time to complete).

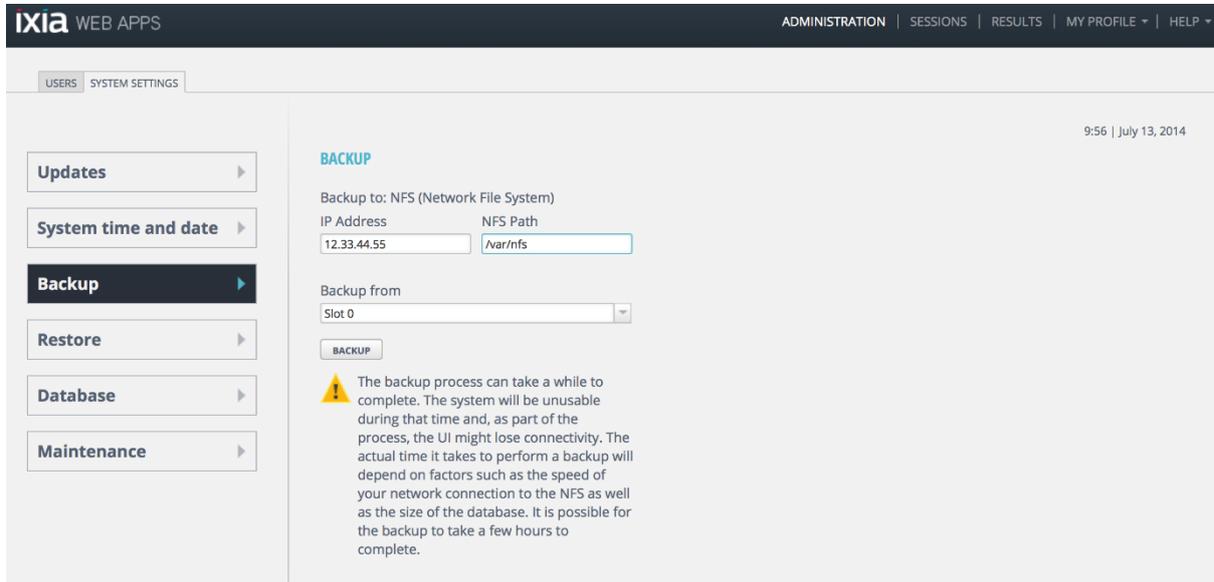


3. Log in to the Ixia BreakingPoint and navigate to **Backup** within the Ixia Web Apps:



4. Enter the IP address of the NFS Server and the Location of the Shared Directory:

- a. (example) IP Address: 12.33.44.55
- b. (example) NFS Path: /var/nfs
- c. (example) Backup From: Slot 0



Installation on BreakingPoint FireStorm

Ixia strongly recommends that you create backups of your system before upgrading to the 8.0.1 Firmware release *and* after upgrading to the 8.0.1 Firmware release.

Note: After upgrading to 3.4.1 and above, Backup and Restore to USB is supported on Firestorm and Firestorm ONE.

The table below describes the steps that are required to upgrade to 8.0.1 from earlier BreakingPoint Firmware releases.

Current BreakingPoint Firmware	Upgrade Path to BreakingPoint 8.0.1 Firmware
3.5.1	-> 8.0.1
3.5	-> 8.0.1
3.4.2	-> 8.0.1
3.4.1	-> 8.0.1
3.4	-> 8.0.1

3.3.1	-> 3.5.1 -> 8.0.1
3.3	-> 3.5.1 -> 8.0.1
3.2	-> 3.3 (or higher version) -> 3.5.1 -> 8.0.1
3.1	-> 3.3 (or higher version) -> 3.5.1 -> 8.0.1
3.0.1	-> 3.3 (or higher version) -> 3.5.1 -> 8.0.1
3.0	-> 3.3 (or higher version) -> 3.5.1 -> 8.0.1

Note: During an update from 3.0, the user may encounter the following system error: "Nov 21 16:03:54 localhost [dbchecker] database connection not functional, restarting". This is a normal occurrence. Ignore the message and continue with the upgrade.

After upgrading the FireStorm system to version 8.0.1, you must restart the system in order for all of the subsystems to initialize.

Upgrading multi-blade FireStorm systems to Release 8.0.1, requires installation of the new firmware to all Firestorm blades. For example, if the Ixia BreakingPoint software needs to upgrade a Firestorm in slots 0, 1, and 2, all blades must be checked before upgrading. The FireStorm in slot 0 will upgrade at a relatively shorter time than the Firestorms in slots 1 and 2.

Installation on XGS12-HS Chassis and PerfectStorm ONE Fusion Appliances

To install BreakingPoint 8.0.1, you must perform the following steps:

1. Upgrade the FLIX OS to version 2015.2.1001.99.
2. [Upgrade the IxOS version to 8.01 EA Patch 1](#)
3. Upgrade BreakingPoint software to firmware 8.0.1.
4. After the BreakingPoint software upgrade has completed, we recommend that you perform a backup.

Upgrading FLIX OS

In order to install BreakingPoint 8.0.1 on a XGS12-HS chassis the operating system running the chassis controller must be updated to FLIX OS 2015.2.1001.99. The update procedure is described in a document named, "FlixOS-2015.2.1001.99 Upgrade Guide", which is available at the following locations:

Ixia Support Site:

<http://www.ixiacom.com/support-overview/product-support/downloads-updates/versions/21>

Ixia BPS Strike Center:

<https://strikecenter.ixiacom.com/bps/osupdates>

Note: New PerfectStorm and PerfectStorm ONE systems currently shipped to customers do not require a FLIX OS update. The systems ship with the latest FLIX OS version. Customers who currently use the PerfectStorm system must upgrade the FLIX OS.

Upgrading IxOS 8.01 EA Patch 1

Software and Installation Instructions are located at the following locations:

Ixia Support Site:

<http://www.ixiacom.com/support-overview/product-support/downloads-updates/versions/21>

Ixia BPS Strike Center:

<https://strikecenter.ixiacom.com/bps/osupdates>

Note: The version numbers displayed in the images below may differ from the version numbers that are displayed when you upgrade IxOS 8.01 EA Patch 1.

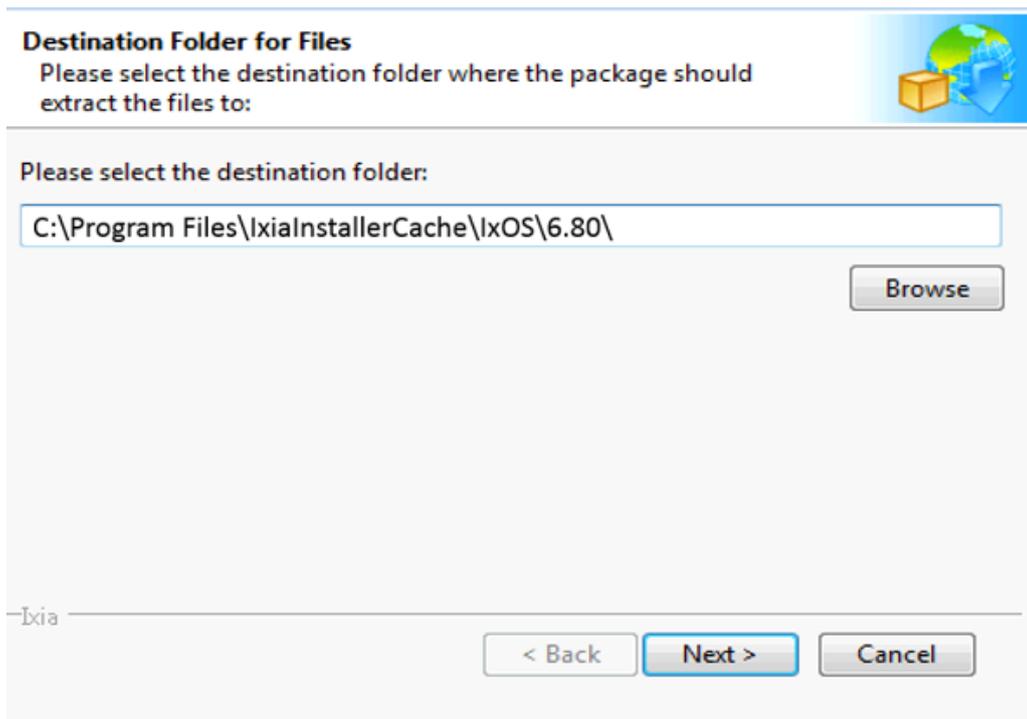
Note: BUG1354074: A Stop Error (Blue Screen) may occur while upgrading IxOS due to a Microsoft Windows issue. A Microsoft hotfix is available to resolve this issue, see [Windows Update kb2675806](#).

Starting From the Windows VM:

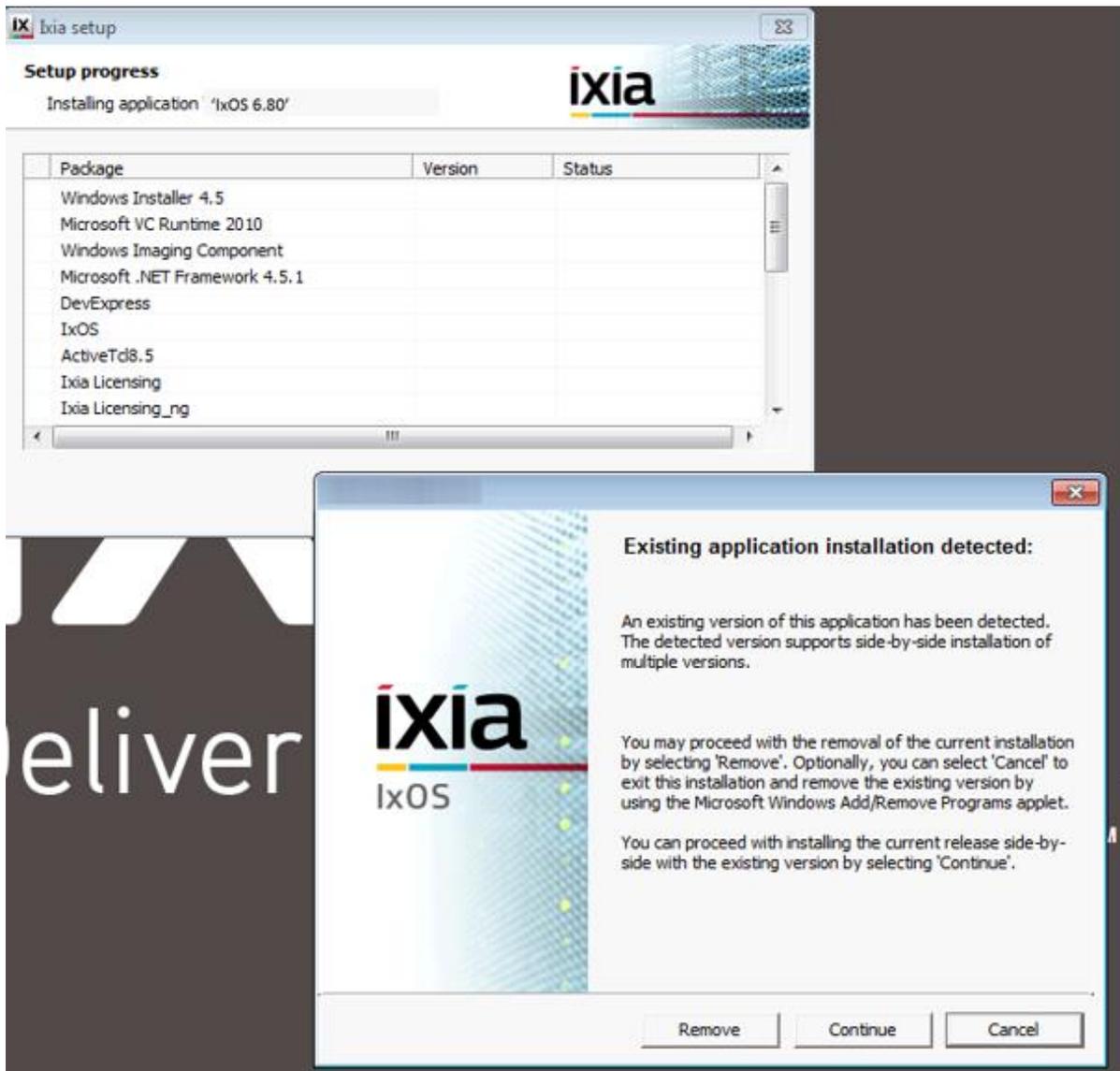
1. Open Remote Desktop and Login to the Ixia Windows VM.
2. Copy the IxOS executable to the Desktop.
 - a. You may need to copy the *.exe file onto the Ixia Windows VM.
 - b. The file can be directly downloaded on the VM using the link above.
 - c. If no direct network access to ixiacom exists, then a shared file system with the Ixia Windows VM is needed to gain access to the VM.
3. Stop IxExplorer and IxServer.
 - a. Use a graceful shutdown, File -> Exit
4. Run *.exe.



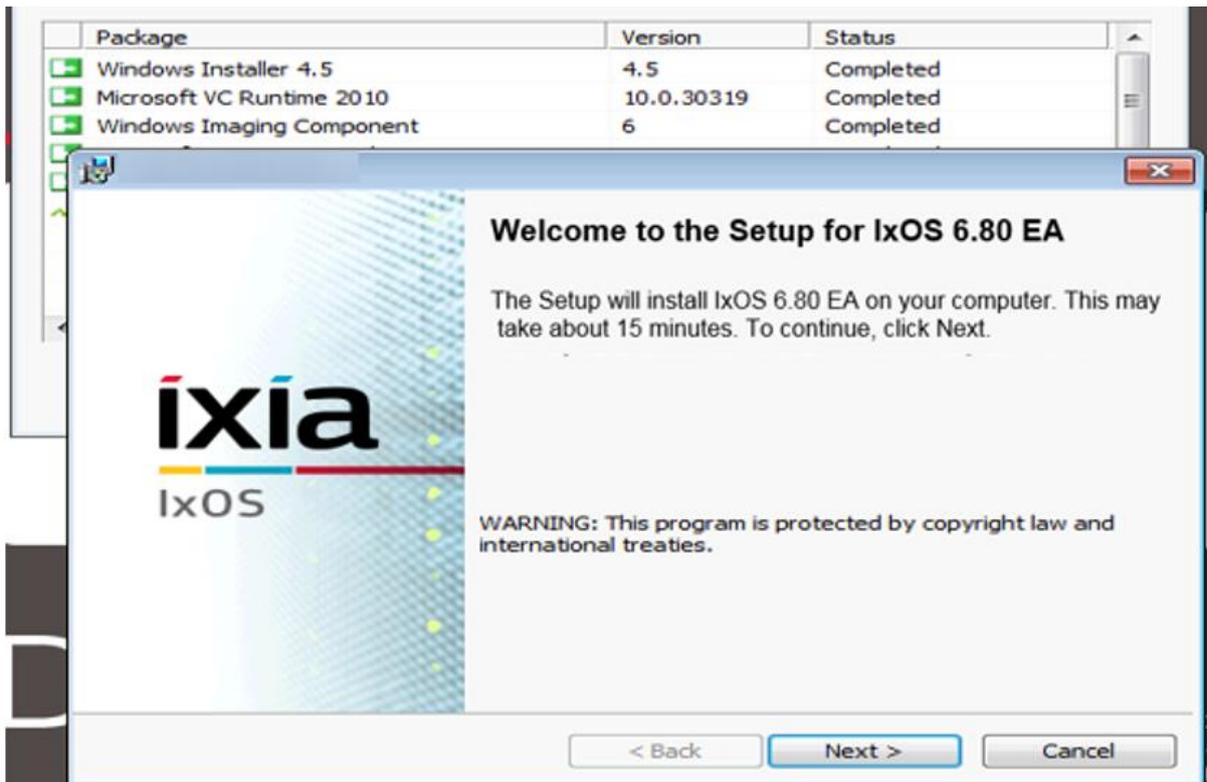
5. Click the **Run** button.



6. Accept the Default Destination Folder for the Installation. Click **Next**.



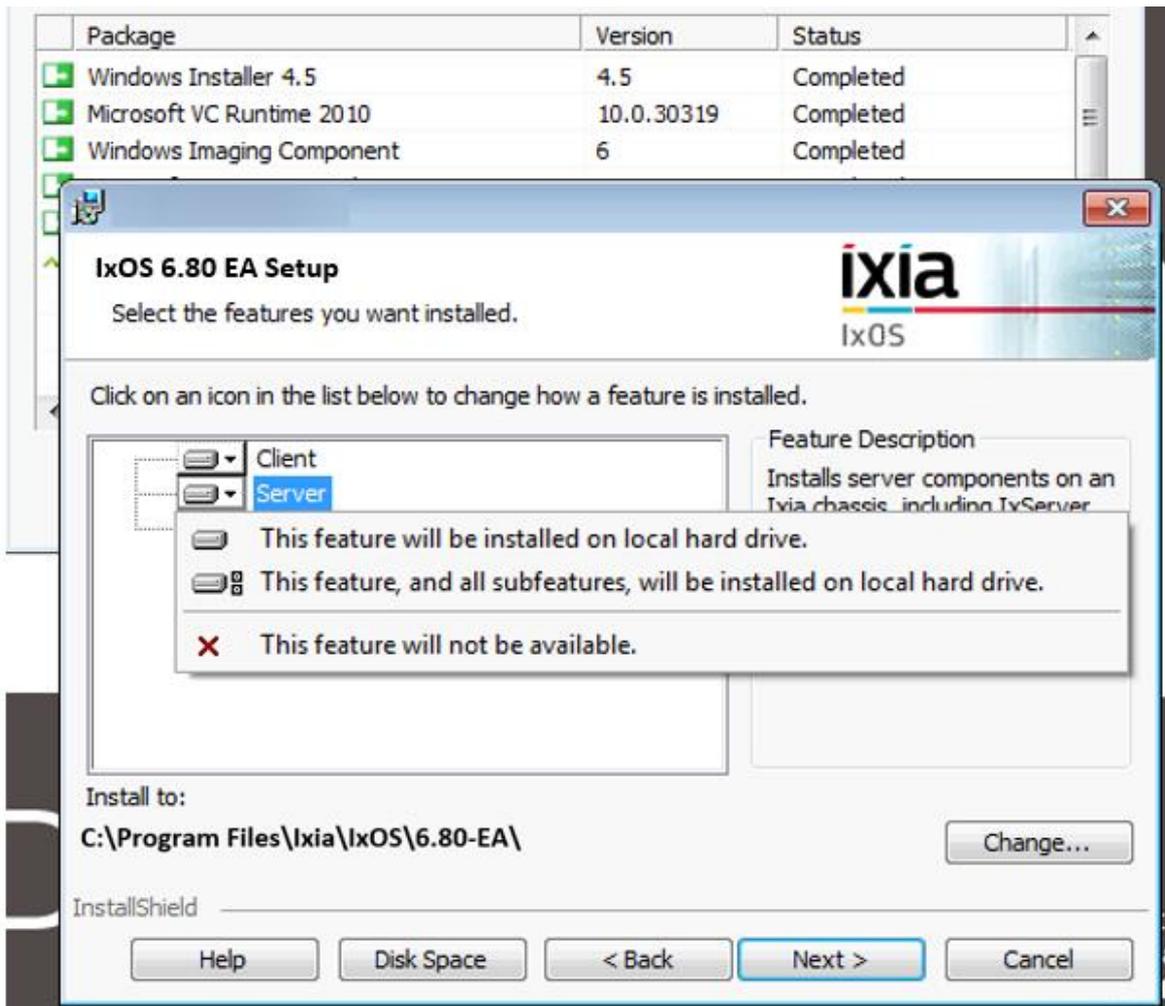
- a. Select **Continue** on the "**Existing application Installation detected:**" window.



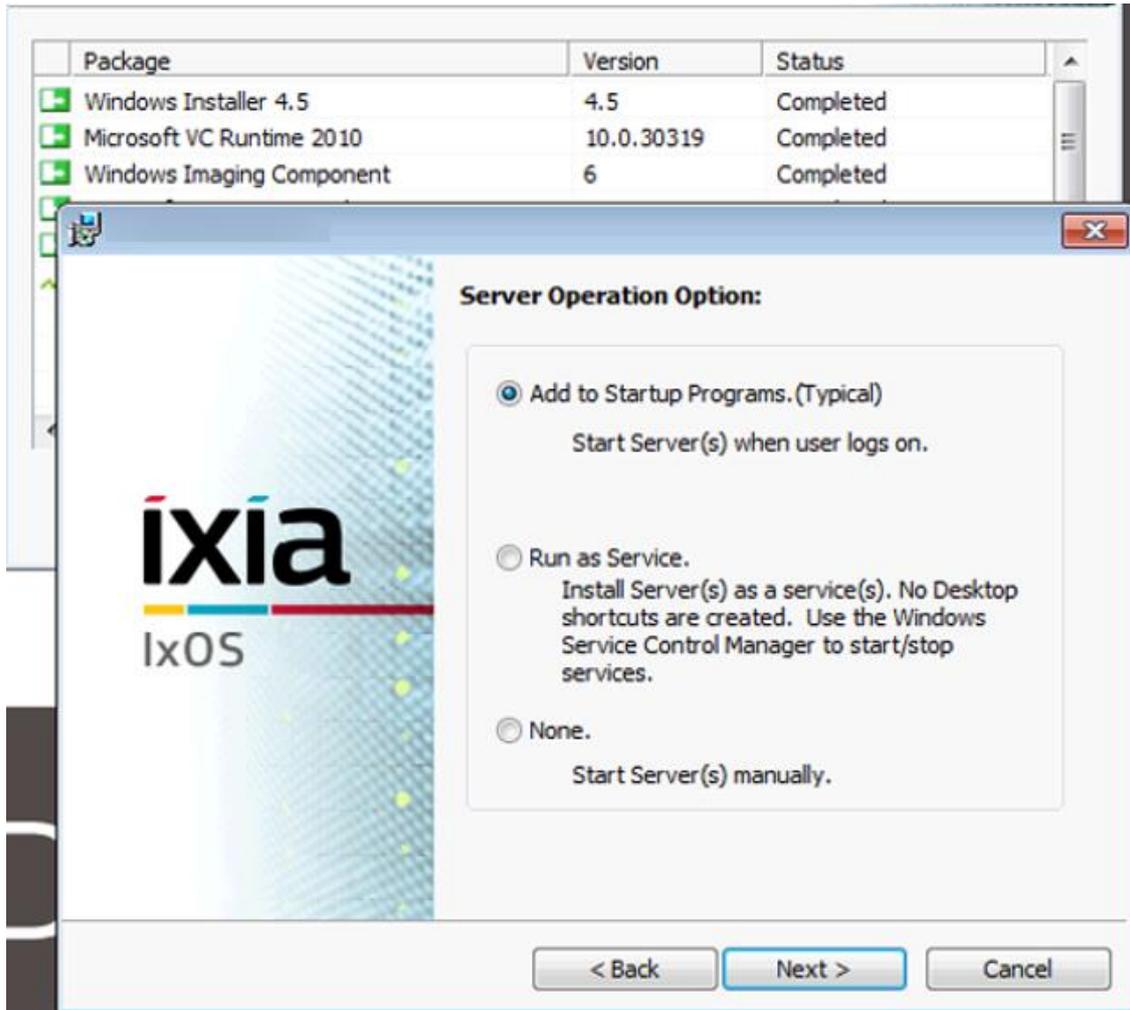
7. Click **Next** on the “**Welcome to the Setup for IxOS x.xx..**” window.



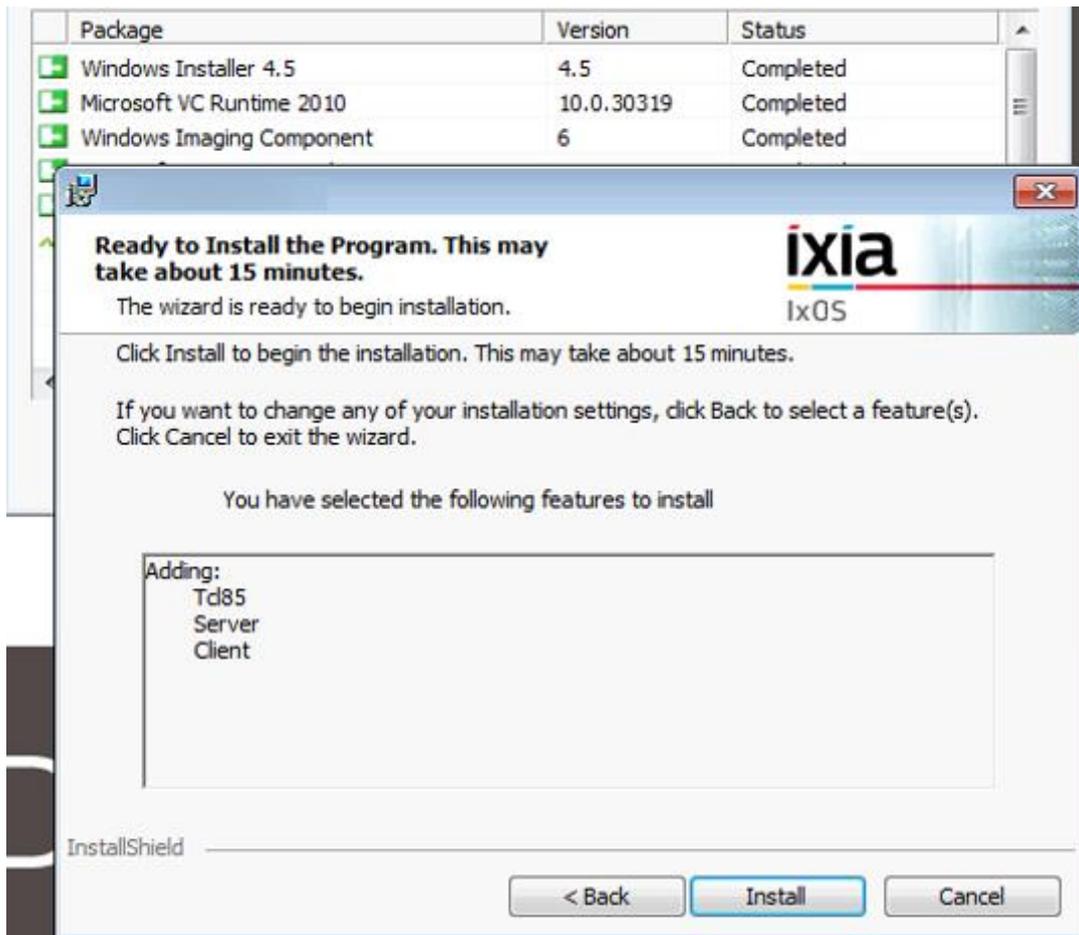
8. Accept the License Agreement, then click **Next**.



9. Set Client and Server to install and **“This feature, and all sub features, will be installed on local hard drive”**, then click **Next**.
 - a. Note: TCL server install is optional.



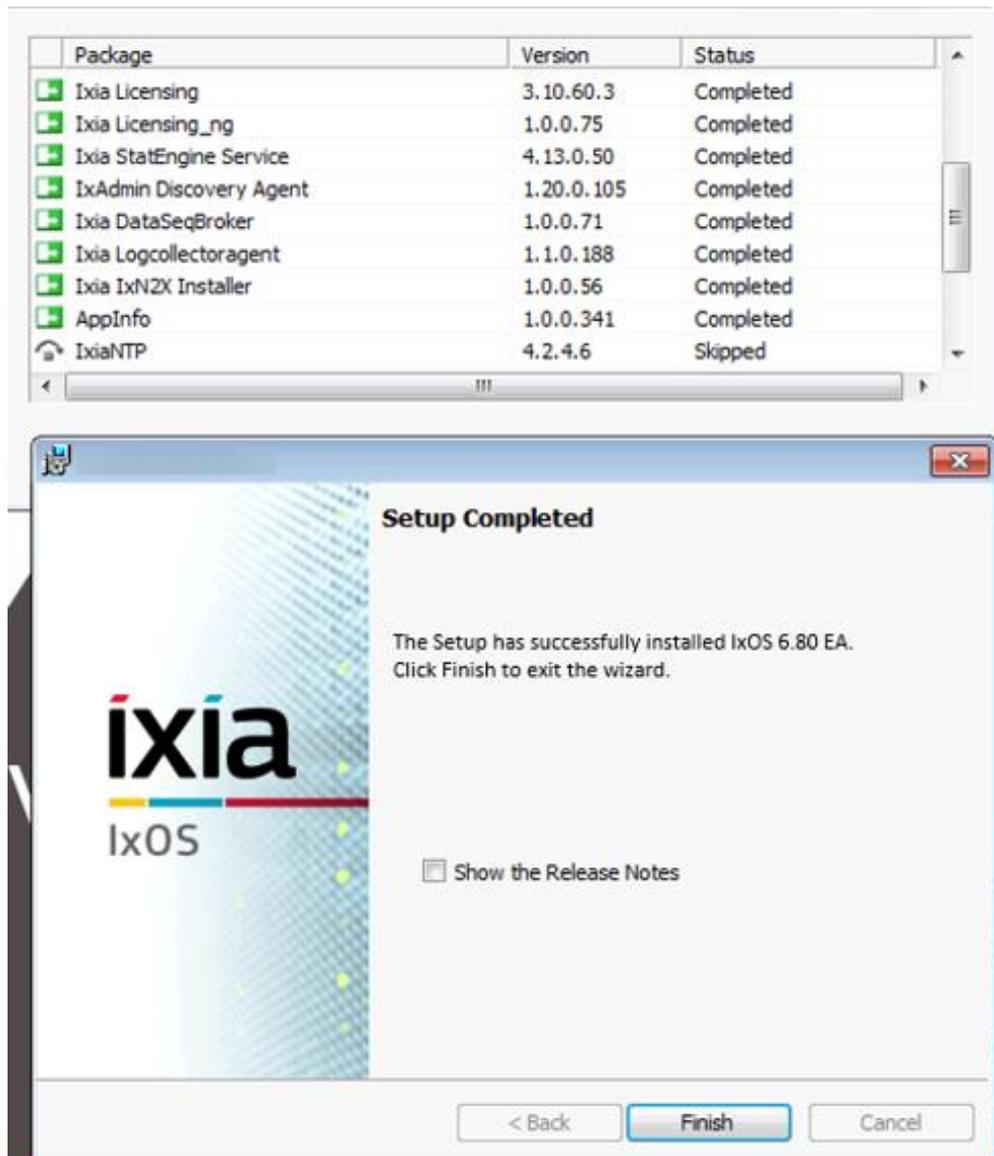
10. Select the following option: **"Add to Startup Programs.(Typical)"**, then click **Next**.



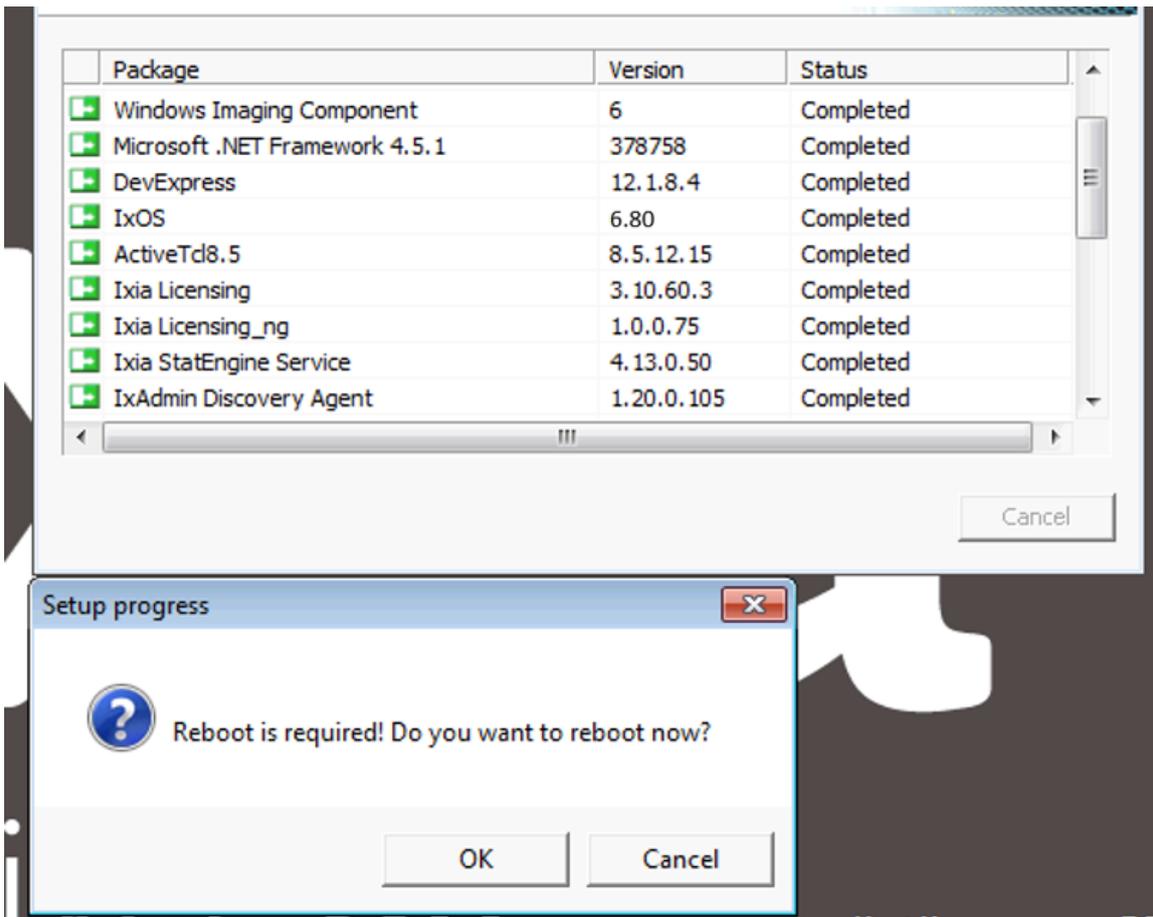
11. After some essential components complete installation, the IxOS server will be ready to install, click **Install**.



12. After several minutes of installation, new IxOS application links will be copied to the desktop.



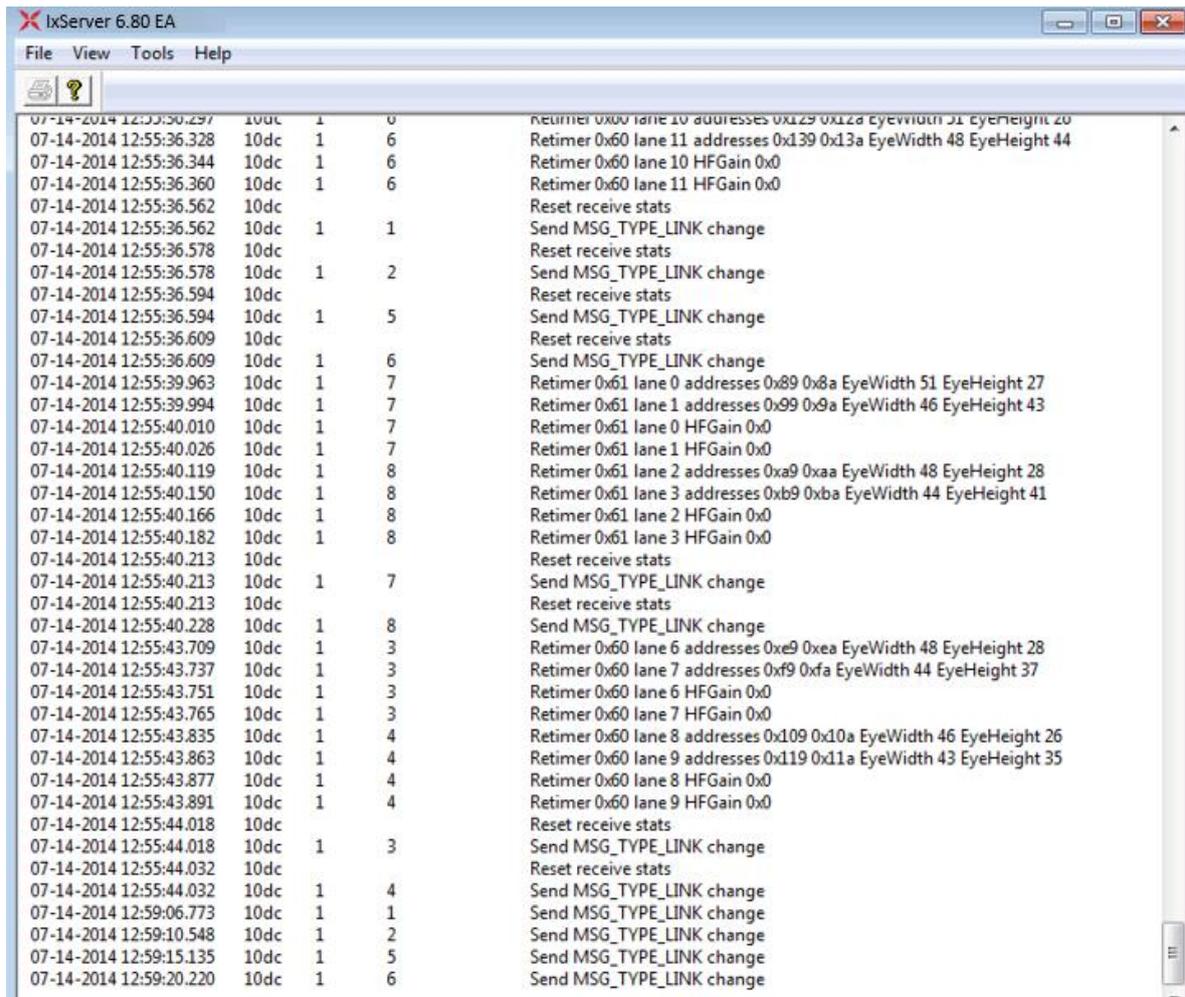
13. After the installation has completed, click **Finish**.



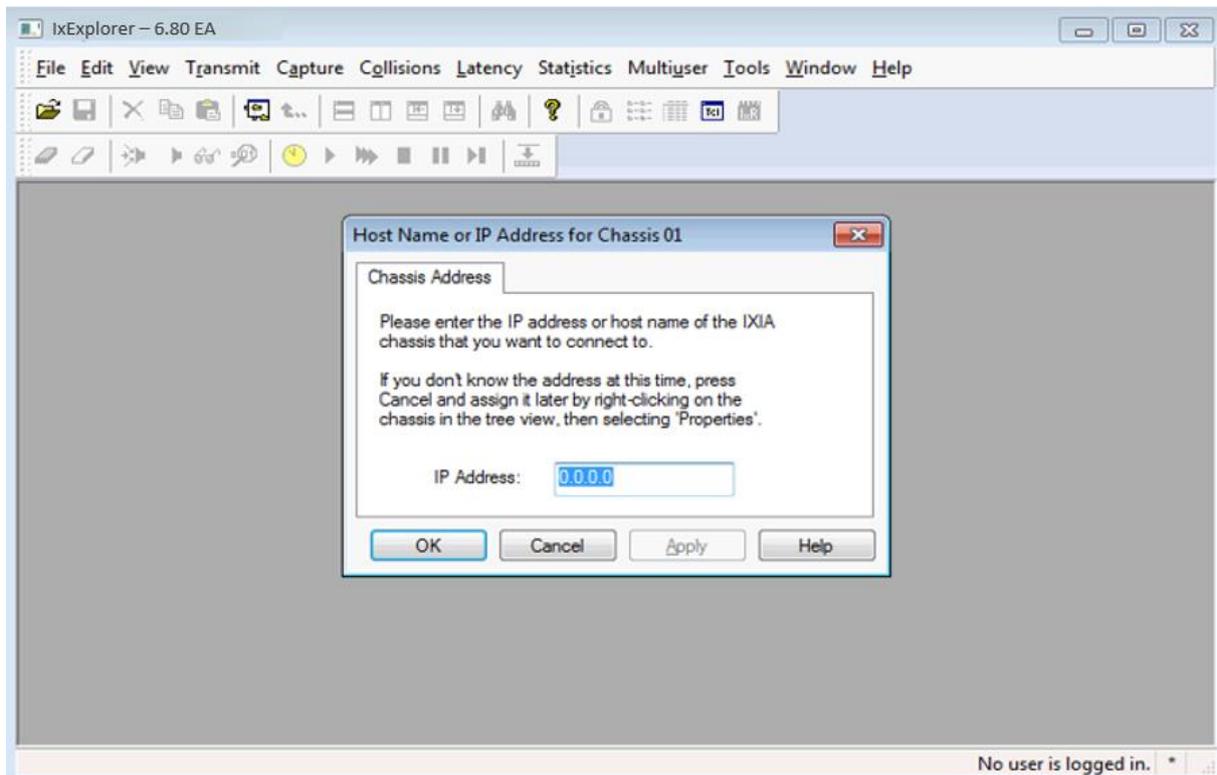
14.The system will ask the user to reboot the Windows VM.

15.After the Windows VM reboots IxServer will start automatically and will continue setting up the system hardware.

- a. Note: Starting IxServer the first time after installation will be slower and may take more than 10 minutes for each slot to be prepared to run with the new IxOS version.



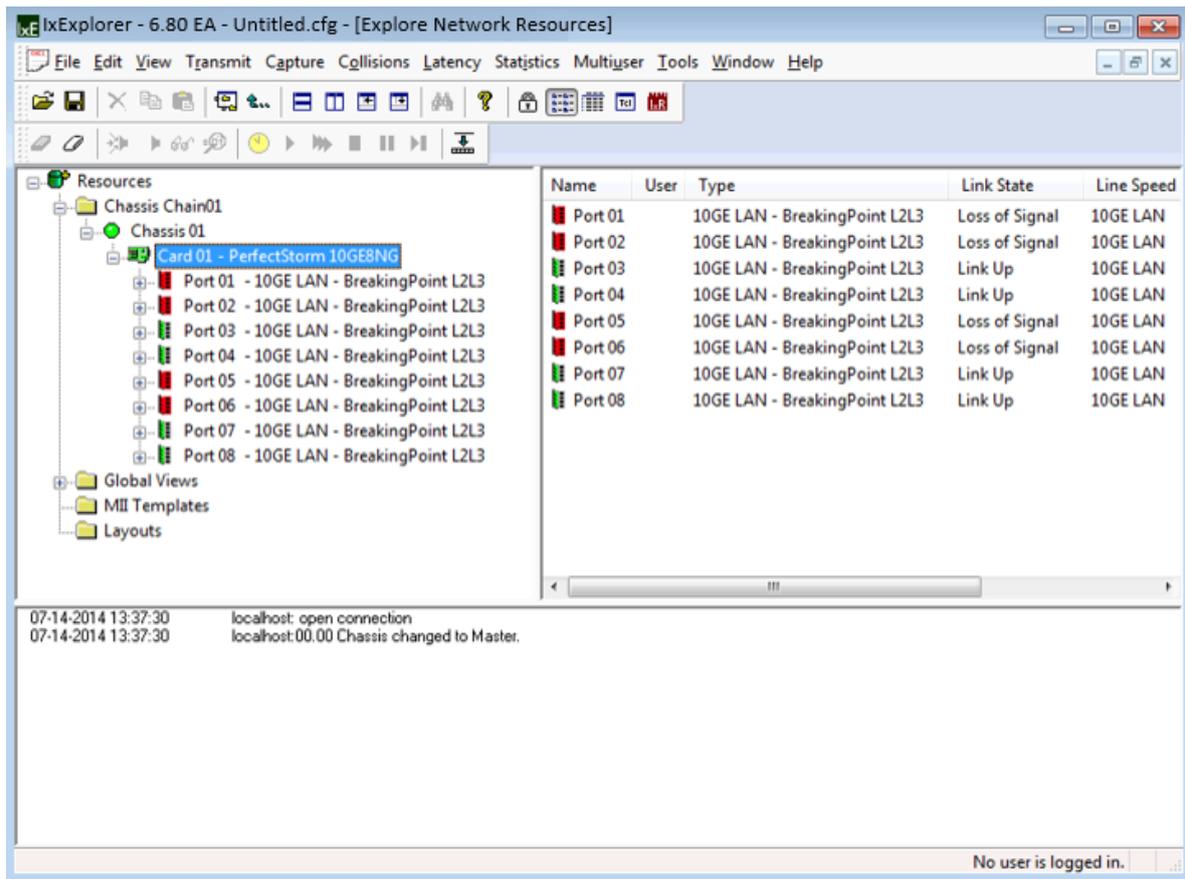
16. The image above shows an example of an IxServer that has completed initialization.



17. Then open IxExplorer and make sure that it is the same version as IxServer.

- a. In the **IP Address** field, type: `localhost`
- b. **Click OK.**

Saving the configuration for a later time is optional, we selected **No** for this example.



18. IxExplorer will show the status of the blades connected to the chassis along with the mode they are running in.

- a. Seeing a green status indicator for Chassis indicates the blade is communicating with IxServer.
- b. Green Ports indicate Link Up status.
- c. Red Ports indicate Link Down status.

Upgrading BreakingPoint Virtual Edition

Note: You must have BreakingPoint VE controller version 3.4.2 or higher to perform this upgrade.

1. Download the BreakingPoint Virtual Edition VM update file.
2. Log in to the Ixia BreakingPoint VE System.
3. Navigate to **ADMINISTRATION -> SYSTEM SETTINGS -> UPDATES**.
4. Select **UPDATE SYSTEM** and then see the image below.
 - a. After you have created a backup of your vController, select the, **I already created a backup**, option.
 - b. **Browse** to the location of the BreakingPoint VE update file and select **OK** to start the update.

	SLOT	VERSION	PROD BUILD	STRIKE BUILD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	3.4.2	236924	236208

5. The BreakingPoint VE update will take 15-20 minutes to complete.
6. To verify that the update has been installed, see the version information in the **Installed Applications** section of the **UPDATES** tab.

Upgrading the BreakingPoint System

To update the Ixia BreakingPoint System.

1. Download the required Ixia BreakingPoint image.
2. Log in to the Ixia BreakingPoint System.
3. Navigate to **ADMINISTRATION -> SYSTEM SETTINGS -> UPDATES**.
4. Select **UPDATE SYSTEM** (see **figure 1** below).
5. Browse to the location of the BreakingPoint update file and select **OK**.
6. The BreakingPoint update will take 30-45 minutes to complete.

Update Packages

The Application and Threat Intelligence (ATI) program provides updates every 2 weeks ensuring delivery of the industry's most up to date application and threat intelligence.

We recommend that customers install the latest ATI update since some BreakingPoint issues are resolved by installing ATI updates (see **Update Packages** in **figure 1** below). ATI Update Packages are obtained from the ATI Strike Center at: <https://strikecenter.ixiacom.com/bps/strikepacks>.

Figure 1: Ixia WEB APPS Start Page

The screenshot displays the Ixia WEB APPS Administration interface. The top navigation bar includes the Ixia logo, 'WEB APPS', and 'ADMINISTRATION'. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'USERS' and 'SYSTEM SETTINGS'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a sidebar with menu items: 'Updates', 'System time and date', 'Routes', 'Backup', 'Restore', 'Database', and 'Maintenance'. The right column is titled 'SYSTEM INFORMATION' and contains a table with the following data:

OS Type	FireStorm
Product Build	230019
Strike Build	229636
WAF Version	2.0.4.28
Disk Usage	32% used
Serial Number	BPS2E000030

Below the table are three buttons: 'UPDATE SYSTEM' (highlighted with a red box), 'FACTORY REVERT', and 'WIPE SYSTEM'. Below this section is the 'INSTALLED APPLICATIONS' section, which contains a table with the following data:

BREAKINGPOINT	Version: 3.4.0
ATI STRIKE PACK	Version: 229636

Below the table is a button labeled 'UPDATE PACKAGES' (highlighted with a red box).

Switching to BreakingPoint Mode

All PerfectStorm Fusion load modules (blades) are capable of operating in IxLoad or BreakingPoint mode. When booting up, all PerfectStorm Fusion load modules default to IxLoad mode.

Note: Load modules retain the mode they were in prior to being rebooted.

On PerfectStorm (XGS12-HS), a red square in the upper right corner of the load module on the Device Status screen indicates that the module is in IxLoad mode. A green square indicates that the module is in BreakingPoint mode. On PerfectStorm ONE, the text "IxLoad Mode" at the bottom left side of the chassis on the Device Status screen indicates that the unit is in IxLoad mode. The text "Settings" indicates that the PerfectStorm ONE unit is in BreakingPoint mode.

To Transition from IxLoad Mode to BreakingPoint Mode:

1. Click a port on the load module to begin the transition process. The **Reboot Slot** window will display.
2. Change the Slot Option setting to **Mode**. Select **BreakingPoint Mode** or **BreakingPoint L2/L3 Mode**.
3. Click **Apply** and wait for the mode change to complete.

Note: The transition from IxLoad mode to BreakingPoint mode takes approximately three minutes for each load module.

Note: To transition multiple load modules to BreakingPoint mode on PerfectStorm, each load module must be allowed to completely transition before the mode change process for the next load module can begin. Transitioning multiple modules simultaneously is prohibited.

Resolved Defects 8.0.1 Release

The following tables list defects from previous releases that have been resolved. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the defects listed here, please contact the BreakingPoint support team at support@ixiacom.com or call them at 1-818 595-2599.

SR #	Description
660129	Resolved the issue on Firestorm/Firestorm One where a super flow for a SIP test could not be opened (loading would never complete).
661414	Resolved the issue where a test that would run in BreakingPoint 3.1 fails to initialize the network neighborhood in later BreakingPoint releases. The issue was due to a limitation on the number of VLANs.
662794	Resolved the issue where the deletion of GTP tunnels, (after the test that utilized them was 100% complete), required a long time to finish or caused the BreakingPoint card to operate in an unstable manner.
664476	Resolved the issue where the server component TCP Window Size value configured in the GUI for a one-arm test is not the TCP Window Size value used during the test.
667925	Resolved the issue on Firestorm/Firestorm One where changing the period between data samples (sampling rate) for a test affects throughput.
673064	Resolved the issue where the RX and TX values reported for a Routing Robot test were not equal (when the values should have been equal) when BreakingPoint was connected to a switch which had VLANs configured.
674156	Resolved the issue where the names assigned to test components were not displayed when defining test criteria (component default names were displayed).
679046	Resolved the issue where Real Time Statistics reports a "GTP-U Tunnels" value that is half the value of "GTP tunnels" when the values should be equal.
679259	Resolved the issue where Routing Robot test wasn't producing line rate Bandwidth with 1518 bytes frame size on PerfectStorm 10G blades.
683737	To resolve failures that occur when attempting to load tests that were locked by a specific user, BreakingPoint has added an Administration panel feature allows users to "Remove locks when exporting".
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688030	Resolved the issue on Firestorm/Firestorm One where changing the period between data samples (sampling rate) for a test affected throughput.

695073	Resolved issues where an IPv6 AppSim tests with more than one component were running through the same physical interfaces. In this scenario, some of the AppSim components were generating errors.
697326	Fixed the description of the Allow Malware option in the user guide. The user guide now correctly states, "Select this option to disable the warning that informs you that your test contains malware."
700538	Fixed the issue where the Drop Packet impairment would not accept a percentage value lower than 1%.
701476	Resolved the issue where the text "insecure" needed to be added to the NFS Server Backup procedure that is provided in this document.

Known Defects

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Multiple Platforms

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BUG1335995	Backup and Restore do not display operation progress while a Backup/Restore operation is running. You will only see a message indicating Backup/Restore is occurring.
BUG1355388	If you use the "unlimited" option for performance measurement while testing with this module, performance will depend on the DUT's ability to handle flow control (pause) frames.
BUG1356056	As CPU activity rises, an SSL test may not achieve amount of rate control that was configured for the test.
BUG1357878	Routing Robot and Bit Blaster tests on 40G PerfectStorm achieve 79.98 Gbps Bi-directional bandwidth at 9K byte Frame size or greater.
BUG1360802	For security-np tests, you should be aware that the application tab in Real-Time Statistics represents transport protocol statistics.
BUG1362229	Intermittently, BreakingPoint becomes unresponsive after a user attempts to run a database cleanup (Administration -> System settings > Clean DB). If the operation does not complete within 30 minutes, restart BreakingPoint (Administration -> Maintenance-> Restart BPS) and retry the database cleanup.

BUG1366697	Certain tests, when run on the FireStorm or Storm platforms, will achieve slightly lower performance than earlier releases. The performance degradation is mainly impacting HTTP CPS Rate (sustain) with approximately 12%, GTP Throughput with approximately 7%, SSL Throughput (AES256, 2048 key) and Enterprise_Datacenter with approximately 5%, Industrial_Enterprise with approximately 8%, Sandvine_1H_2013_NA_Mobile and Sandvine_1H_2013_NA_Fixed with approximately 3%.
BUG1368440	On PerfectStorm 100G in L23 mode, a test with a combination of L23-L47 elements may become unstable because the bandwidth has exceeded the supported limit when using the bi-directional options in Routing Robot. In this scenario, the 100G modules may need to be rebooted to recover.
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BUG1375699	Starting with BPS release 8.0.1 and going forward, the layer 3, BreakingPoint NAT solution is not compatible with devices that open new TCP connections with their own TCP header (seqno, ack, timestamp, etc.) instead of passing through our TCP packets (with the TCP header we send with the packets).
BUG1376600	When using the GTP protocol, the user may see a few exceptions (less than 100), that are due to some corrupted frames that are not recognized as Ethernet frames. These exceptions will not have any impact on the overall test objective.
BUG1377825	For the Session Sender component. Payload packets are considered to be a portion of the padded request from the client side.
BUG1377830	Currently, when running a Session Sender test with the HTTP GET Request, the Session Sender component recognizes "200OK" as the first payload packet. This results in the payload packet count always being 1 less than the configured value.
BUG1378135	For a two component test against DNAT to run properly, it is recommended to configure the components to have different pools of IP addresses or configure different IP address ranges for the components in the BreakingPoint Network Neighborhood. This configuration will help prevent unexpected TCP RESETs and other anomalies from occurring.
BUG1379335	While running in NAT environment, errors with the message "Flow Update/Could not find flow" might appear if the source and destination IP and port count is not large enough to generate unique flow endpoint pairs.

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BreakingPoint Virtual Edition

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BUG1352530	On KVM, after you remove a vBlade Under Manage Virtual Chassis, the UI will continue to display the "Remove virtual blades from selected slots" icon as an option that can be selected.
BUG1389810	If CTRL+Z is keyed in while setting the vBlade static IP address from the console, the process will only partially complete. This scenario may result in unexpected behavior.
BUG1366073	There is no validation imposed on the number of security components that can be used in a low resource environment but using more than four components may lead to unreliable performance.
BUG1366349	In a scenario with a limited number of IP addresses and ports (TCP/UDP), some flows may not be able to initiate. This can lead to flow exceptions. In order to avoid this scenario, ensure to configure a sufficient number of IP addresses and ports.
BUG1367875	If vBlades are connected to a vSwitch where the promiscuous mode is enabled, packets will be dropped and reported as router discards. In order to avoid this scenario, the vSwitch "Notify Switches" settings need to be set to "No".
BUG1368524	In a low memory configuration (vController and vBlades) on Linux, BreakingPoint VE may exhibit unstable behavior due to limited resources.
BUG1368553	If a single test contains multiple network neighborhoods that are connected via a VSwitch which is promiscuous enabled, the RX packet count will be greater than expected. This is due to the fact that the vSwitch has to make multiple copies of the same packet and send it to all interfaces.
BUG1369375	With a BreakingPoint VE configuration consisting of 1 vCPU, a vController with 1 GB of RAM and 4 vBlades, BreakingPoint VE may exhibit unstable behavior due to limited resources.
BUG1371218	<p>After selecting, "Assign Virtual Blades to Empty Slots" on BreakingPoint VE, configuring an IP address and successfully verifying it (clicking Verify button), the Apply button becomes disabled.</p> <p>Workaround: To make the Apply button available, close and reopen the current window.</p>
BUG1371240	At this time, a vBlade can be detached while tests are running on it.
BUG1373159	After detaching a vBlade, verification of the completion of this task in the UI may take longer than expected (up to ~1 minute).
BUG1374105	A vBlade is displayed (and can be configured) in the UI Device Status area during the time when it is being assigned to a slot (Assign Virtual Blade To Empty Slots). The vBlade should not be displayed during this process.

	Manage Virtual Chassis and click on "Assign Virtual Blade To Empty Slots".
BUG1379623	In some scenarios, the static IP addresses assigned to vBlades will not get incremented sequentially.