



## CP Studio for Configuration Manager/DCM

### Simplify the Development and Deployment of Configuration Packs

#### *Reduce Deployment Time, Ensure Compliance and Detect Configuration Drift*

Desired Configuration Manager (DCM) is a powerful solution to assess and track regulatory compliance and configuration drift of your IT systems. Yet, to ensure that you can realize its full value, you need to capture existing configurations and policies as well as leverage vendor-provided expertise without an extensive learning curve or the need for hard-to-find experts.

CP Studio delivers the built-in expertise you need to reduce your Configuration Manager/DCM deployment time and author the Configuration Packs that ensure compliance and reduce corporate risk. To help you master your Configuration Packs, CP Studio:

- Reduces the time and effort required to implement Configuration Manager/DCM by reviewing, testing and optimizing Configuration Packs and analyzing their impact for improved results
- Ensures compliance by enabling authoring of Configuration Packs that capture and adhere to corporate policies. The Golden Master wizard captures actual in-use configurations and brings existing policies and best practices into DCM
- Minimizes the risk of unwarranted alerts related to policy breaches or configuration changes by pre-deployment testing of Configuration Packs against QA or production environments
- Allows organizations to utilize existing resources and skill sets when building DCM Configuration Packs. Eliminates the need to learn new languages such as WQL, XPath queries and XML schemas for CP authoring by offering an intuitive browse, point and click approach



*Use CP Studio to master Configuration Pack authoring, implementation and analysis to assure compliance and optimize productivity*

### The Importance of Configuration Pack Lifecycle Management

- Organizations with complex physical and virtual infrastructures are embracing System Center to reduce costs, improve availability and enhance service delivery for Windows-centric servers and applications
- Budget constraints, competing business initiatives and the limited number of System Center professionals available can burden already thin IT departments with new layers of complexity & storms of unwanted alerts from new deployments
- IT organizations need to simplify the deployment and management of System Center to understand and efficiently manage the complexity of Configuration Packs, the vital interface to Configuration Manager/DCM while maximizing time to value and avoiding costly errors that impact availability of production services

### Compelling Benefits across the Organization

- For IT Administrators – Eliminate costly mistakes from impacting production environments by minimizing unwarranted alerts and reducing the complexity of testing, tuning and auditing Configuration Packs
- For IT Architects – Reduce deployment time, effort and risk by identifying the impact of changes throughout the implementation
- For Application Owners – Reduce the impact to end users by ensuring that applications are consistently configured and enable application owners to participate in setting application configuration requirements
- For Business Management and Compliance Managers – Reduce the time to value for Microsoft System Center to deliver enhanced application availability, reliability and regulatory compliance

## CP Studio Key Features:

### Analysis & Planning

**Uncover the Details of Configuration Packs Quickly and Efficiently for a More Streamlined Implementation**

- View all Configuration Pack contents to more easily navigate and analyze important components
- Create a single view of all Configuration Baselines, Configuration Items, Objects and Settings associated with a single Configuration Pack
- Publish Configuration Pack contents to HTML reports to share with application teams during implementation planning

### Authoring & Customization

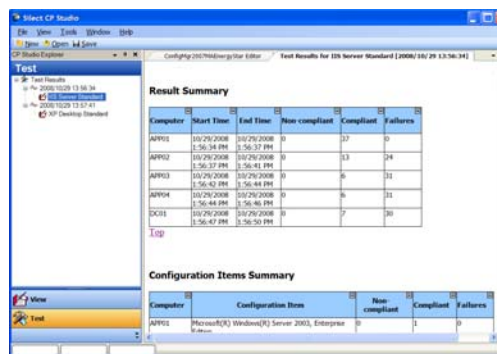
**Save Significant Time with Easy Browse, Point and Click Authoring**

- Author new Configuration Packs, including Baselines, Configuration Items, Objects and Settings
- Edit existing Configuration Packs
- Easily add new Settings or Objects to Configuration Items by scanning existing system configurations

### Testing & Tuning

**Minimize Risk of Unwarranted Alerts Due to Policy Breaches or Configuration Changes being Deployed to Production**

- Check system compliance by testing Configuration Packs against one or more QA and production systems
- Test changes in a "sandbox" before deploying them
- Tune based on test results
- Evaluate test results of Configuration Pack changes to determine potential impact to applications and servers
- Maintain historical test results



The screenshot displays the 'Test Results' window in Silect CP Studio. It shows a 'Result Summary' table with columns for Computer, Start Time, End Time, Non-compliant, Compliant, and Failures. Below this is a 'Configuration Items Summary' table.

Computer	Start Time	End Time	Non-compliant	Compliant	Failures
AWP01	10/29/2008 1:56:34 PM	10/29/2008 1:56:37 PM	0	37	0
AWP02	10/29/2008 1:56:37 PM	10/29/2008 1:56:41 PM	0	33	29
AWP03	10/29/2008 1:56:41 PM	10/29/2008 1:56:45 PM	0	36	31
AWP04	10/29/2008 1:56:45 PM	10/29/2008 1:56:48 PM	0	36	31
DC01	10/29/2008 1:56:47 PM	10/29/2008 1:56:50 PM	0	2	30

Computer	Configuration Item	Non-compliant	Compliant	Failures
AWP01	Microsoft Windows(R) Server 2003, Enterprise Edition	0	1	0

*Use CP Studio test results to assist in pre-deployment tuning*

## Get More Information:

Learn more about how Silect can help maximize your investment in System Center at [www.silect.com/resources](http://www.silect.com/resources):

- Product Training
- Webcasts
- Whitepapers
- Case studies
- Downloads
- Community Links

Find valuable community resources for the use of System Center Operations Manager and MOM 2005 at [www.systemcentercommunity.com](http://www.systemcentercommunity.com):

- Blogs
- Forums
- Discussion Groups

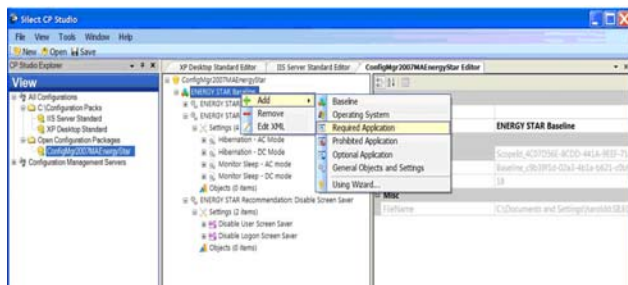
## Also Available from Silect:

### MP Studio for Operations Manager

Simplify the deployment and management of Operations Manager and gain greater control over your Management Pack Lifecycle. MP Studio delivers powerful Management Pack analysis, testing, tuning, auditing, documentation and version control.

### MP Studio for MOM 2005

MP Studio v2.1 addresses key stages of the MP Lifecycle and is specifically designed for managing MOM Management Packs. Utilize report information to assist with planning your upgrade to Operations Manager.



*Add detailed configuration settings to a Configuration Item*

### Golden Master Baseline

**Capture Actual In-use Configurations and Bring Existing Policies into DCM to Ensure Compliance to Key Standards**

- Create an authoritative Configuration Pack by scanning a "Golden Master" system
- Select the type of system characteristics to be included in the Configuration Pack including operating system, applications and Group Policy information
- Extract file and registry settings associated with each application

### Documentation

**Easily Document Configuration Pack Contents with Customizable Reports**

- Easily document and report on any Configuration Pack and its contents with a single click
- Report on Configuration Baselines, Configuration Items, Objects and Settings
- Generate customizable reports in HTML format



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