

## Quick Start Guide

*This guide describes a quick and easy way to install the product.*

### Product overview

IBM® Security Secret Server helps organizations manage, automate, and track the use of shared privileged identities.

#### 1 Step 1: Download IBM Security Secret Server and review the installation documentation



To download your product from Passport Advantage®, follow the instructions in the download document at <http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=ibm10713559>. This page includes links to the IBM Security Secret Server installers.

For complete documentation, see the IBM Security Secret Server product documentation at [http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSWHLP\\_10.4.0](http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSWHLP_10.4.0).

#### 2 Step 2: Evaluate the hardware and system configuration



Evaluate the detailed system requirements.

**Note:** Alternatively, start the Software Product Compatibility Reports tool. Search for the product name, for example, by entering Secret Server, and follow the instructions.

#### 3 Step 3: Set up the server



It is strongly suggested that you use an SSL Certificate for IBM Security Secret Server, and ensure that your server is patched and up to date.

After the server and prerequisites are prepared, download and run your installer. The installation wizard takes you through the installation process.

See the Installation Guide.

#### 4 Step 4: Create your first user



After your instance is created, you are prompted to create your first Administrative account on IBM Security Secret Server.

#### 5 Step 5: Set up folders and roles



It is suggested that you set up a folder structure and a few roles. The folder structure defines how you choose to organize your secrets, and provide access to shared secrets. Roles ensure that you can control access to different parts of IBM Security Secret Server and assign permissions to view certain folders and secrets.

See the User Guide.

#### 6 Step 6: Add an Active Directory Secret



If you plan to use Active Directory integration or run Discovery on your network, set up your Active Directory Secret.

The Active Directory Secret is used to synchronize users and groups. The secret requires permission to search and view the attributes of the users and groups. If you plan to use Discovery, the account requires permissions to scan computers on the network for accounts.

### More information



Product documentation: [http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSWHLP\\_10.4.0](http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSWHLP_10.4.0).

Product support: <http://www.ibm.com/support>

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