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**Note**

Before using this information and the product it supports, read the information in “Notices” on page 5.

**Edition Notice**

This edition applies to version 5.0 of the IBM Configuration Pack for Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager and to all subsequent releases and modifications until otherwise indicated in new editions.

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## About this publication

These Release Notes® provide the latest information for the IBM® Configuration Pack for Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager, v5.0.

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## Conventions and terminology

Highlighting conventions and terminology used in these topics are described in this section.

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The following table describes some of the terms, acronyms, and abbreviations, if any, used in this document.

*Table 1. Terms, acronyms and abbreviations*

Term/Acronym	Definition
SCCM	Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager
DCM	Desired Configuration Manager



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## Information resources

Additional information is available for IBM Configuration Pack for Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager, v5.0.

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## Chapter 1. About this release

The topics in this section provide information about Version 5.0 of the IBM Configuration Pack for Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager.



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## Chapter 2. Known limitations, problems, and workarounds

The following limitations, problems, and workarounds are applicable to the IBM Configuration Pack for Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager.

### Limitations

The following limitations are applicable to the IBM Configuration Pack for Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager.

#### Limitations in the IBM Advanced Settings Utility (ASU):

The IBM Advanced Settings Utility has the following limitations:

**The IBM ASU cannot distinguish whether the endpoint has the required IMM module.**

##### Symptom:

When the IMM/uEFI setting is not found on the endpoint, the IBM ASU displays the message

Could not find setting XXX.XXXXX,

message, but it does not indicate whether the IMM module does not exist or whether only the IMM/uEFI setting does not exist.

##### Description:

If the specific setting is not found on the endpoint, the evaluation script returns any value or output. In this case, the SCCM client agent will deem this setting as not in compliance.

##### Action

Check the Event Viewer logs for more details about the failure. Click **Open Event Viewer > Select Windows Logs > Select Application > IBM Configuration Pack, v4.0.**

### Known problems and workarounds

The following known problems and workarounds are applicable to the IBM Configuration Pack for Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager.

#### A message confirming an uninstallation may be blocked by the installation program processing bar

When the product is uninstalled from the system control panel, a confirmation message window is displayed at the end of uninstallation; however, the installation program processing bar blocks it, preventing you from confirming the uninstallation.

##### Workaround

There are two possible workarounds:

1. Bring the underlying uninstall confirmation window into focus by clicking it, and then click **OK** to complete the uninstallation.
2. Use the uninstallation shortcut option from the **Start** menu to uninstall the product. The confirmation message window is not blocked when using this method.

**The carriage return results in garbled square characters in the Description field in Windows 2003.**

In Windows 2003, when you enter a carriage return in the **Description** field of **Configuration Item** or **Setting Collection** will result in garbled square characters.

**Workaround**

No workaround is currently available.

**The evaluation script does not return any value or output when the IBM ASU cannot get the IMM/uEFI setting.**

The ASU may be unable to get the IMM/uEFI setting for the following reasons:

- It is unable to locate the path of the ASU.exe file.
- The IMM account is incorrect.
- The endpoint does not have the IMM module installed.
- The endpoint has the IMM module installed, but the setting does not exist.
- The setting evaluation is timed out.

The evaluation script launches the IBM ASU to get the IMM/uEFI setting, and returns its value if the setting is found. Otherwise, the evaluation script does not return any value or output.

When this occurs, the SCCM client agent deems that the evaluation script failed and the setting is not in compliance on the endpoint. The non-compliance severity level is Information, the Validation Name is Instance count validation, and Current® Value is 0.

**Note:** If the IBM ASU can get the IMM/uEFI setting but the value is empty, the evaluation script does not return any value or output.

**Workaround**

Review the Event Viewer logs for more details about the failure. Click **Open Event Viewer > Select Windows Logs > Select Application > IBM Configuration Pack, v5.0**.

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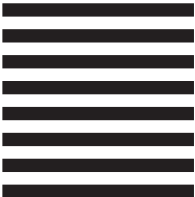
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