

To: All Batch users
Date: April 19, 2016
Re: Removal of SSL v3.0 Protocol and RC4 Cipher Suite
Number: 1604-07

General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will make changes to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) production environment (including Alpha and Beta environments) on Friday, May 13, 2016, to mitigate security issues.

SEVP will completely disable the following items:

1. Secure Sockets Layer v3.0 protocol
2. RC4 cipher suite

This will leave the Transport Layer Security versions 1.0, 1.1 and 1.2 available, as well as plenty of other modern cipher suites (e.g., RSA with AES).

The removal of the aforementioned protocol and cipher will not affect client certificates, but may affect the ability for batch users to connect to SEVIS Batch.

Comments

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