

RISC Analysis Version Notes

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This version no longer installs to C:\Program Files on Vista, Win7, Win8.

This is primarily because of the countless problems caused by Microsoft's Virtual Folders.

Some notes regarding Microsoft's implementation of Virtual Folders is towards the end of this document.

In general, most users should not notice a difference. However, one or two users may need to re-register RISC Analysis if the installer can not read from the existing Virtual Folder.

This version includes Power8 Systems.

We hope to have PureFlex & Jxx Blades included in the near future.

Users should notice a new icon their desktops with this update.



RISC Analysis
Web Refs

This provides a link to the RISC Analysis Web Refs Portal, which in turn provides quicklinks directly some of IBM's important web locations.

LSCFGs

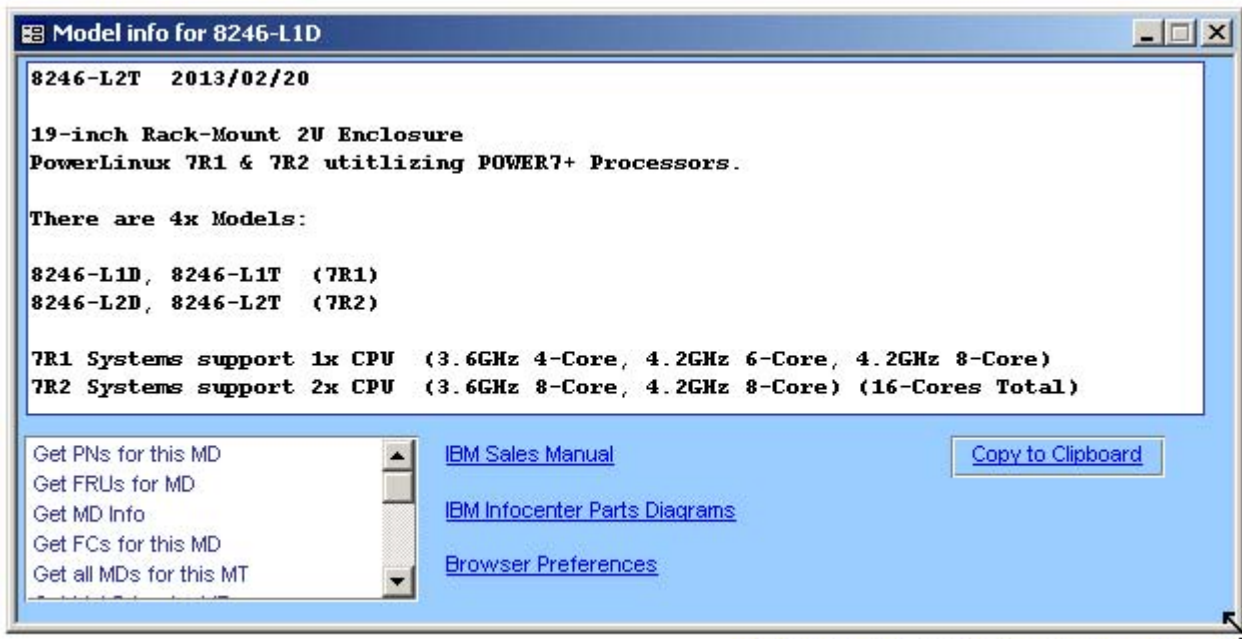
It seems that a lot of people are unaware that we can convert LSCFG reports to more useful data, including FCs, MTs etc.

LSCFGs can either be emailed to us, or submitted via the LSCFG button on the main Tool Bar in RISC Analysis.

General FYI.

A few weeks ago, a RISC Analysis user of some years was unhappy about the size of the info display, for example MT 8246-L1D below.

In fact, these borders can be re-sized. This applies to most of the info windows, including PNs, FCs etc.



The borders on most windows are re-sizable

Microsoft's Virtual Folders.

You install a program to your computer.

It installs to C:\Program Files\App Name - As it is supposed to per Microsoft.

Some years ago, Microsoft insisted that programs should never install to C:\AppName - Only use the C:\Program Files folder - that's what it's there for!

Then, along comes Vista and Microsoft says, "Oh Boy, we can't have users installing to C:\Program Files, that's dangerous (for some reason). We'll create a Virtual Folder instead".

"This way, when the user thinks they installed to one place, it'll be somewhere totally different!"

"Oh, and here's a good idea, we'll make that a Hidden Folder!"

Very Cool, except that

Updates are Never installed or mapped to the Virtual Folder by Windows.
Uninstall Does Not remove the program from the Virtual Folder.

So developers yell at Microsoft and they reply, well, if you don't want to use Virtual Folders, either install with Run As Admin turned on, or install to C:\AppName.

In other words, do the thing they told us not to do.

For this reason, the current version of RISC Analysis will no longer install to C:\Program Files. It will only install to C:\RISC Analysis on any system running a Vista Based O/S. This includes Win7 and Win8.

Code Signing.

Another alternative is for us to get a Security Certificate by jumping through unnecessary hoops, paying \$1,500 to \$2K a year for imaginary security.

Code Signing is the binary equivalent of 'The Emperor's New Clothes' and offers little more than false security to anyone.

Vendors of malicious software can easily get bona fide or fraudulent certificates. Just because something is code signed does not mean it is safe, and consequently Code Signing becomes a pointless exercise.