



## IBM AIX(R) Operating System Receives Crucial Government Certification

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Today IBM and Argus announced that AIX 5L(TM) Version 5200-05 for IBM's System p(TM) servers has received Labeled Security Protection Profile (LSPP) at Evaluation Assurance Level 4 augmented (EAL4+) of the Common Criteria security standard when running PitBull® Foundation Version 5.0 from Innovative Security Systems, Inc., dba Argus Systems Group. This multilevel security (MLS) capability allows government agencies and commercial businesses to enjoy a high level of protection for sensitive data. Agencies and businesses can share applications with different security clearances on a single system, and still have assurance that the system will enable only authorized access at the appropriate level. This enhances operating environment security and enables agencies and departments to collaborate securely.

The certification was issued by the German security agency, Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik (BSI), and is recognized by the U.S. Government. LSPP certification is required by many U.S. government agencies, such as the Department of Defense. In order to meet the requirements for LSPP EAL4+ certification, IBM and Argus worked with the independent evaluating agency, atsec information security GmbH, for the past 12 months. atsec evaluated the AIX/PitBull environment from design, test, code, and vulnerability perspectives.

"Many of our customers today are already running mission critical applications and know that the AIX operating system was designed to be the most secure UNIX® operating system in the world," said Karl Freund, Vice President, System p Products, IBM. "This new certification is the very latest in a long line of official certifications that IBM's UNIX servers have undergone, demonstrating to our customers that, through our robust Power Architecture(TM) technology, we remain committed to providing them reliable, scalable and secure solutions."

IBM is committed to the growth of the AIX 5L operating system, and offers the flexibility and integration of AIX 5L and the Power Architecture technologies to meet dynamic customer workload requirements. IBM has detailed an AIX 5L roadmap that already extends beyond 2008 and plans to continue spending significant resources on AIX 5L research and development.

More information in IBM's AIX certifications can be found at <http://www.ibm.com/servers/aix/products/aixos/certifications/>. More information on the PitBull product line can be found at [www.argus-systems.com/product](http://www.argus-systems.com/product). For more information about IBM, visit [www.ibm.com](http://www.ibm.com).

About Innovative Security Systems, Inc., dba Argus Systems Group Argus Systems Group has been providing secure operating system products to government and commercial customers for thirteen years. For more information, visit [www.argus-systems.com](http://www.argus-systems.com).

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