

The Veteran Health Administration (VHA) VISTA Maintenance Challenge was a contest issued by Health Systems Implementation Training and Enterprise Support (HSITES) via FORUM to all Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) field facilities. Its goal was to solicit functionality for streamlining and increasing efficiency in maintaining Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VISTA) systems at Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMC). The following two proposals were initially selected as VISTA Challenge winners for implementation:

1. The VISTA Auto Patch Utility (VAPU) is Class III software created to automate the Kernel Installation and Distribution System (KIDS) installation steps. This gives VAMCs the ability to automate patch installations.

2. The master servant patching system is Class III software that allows site support personnel to patch multiple sites remotely.

As work progressed on the VISTA Auto Patch Utility, the proposal submitters continued their discussions and it became clear that they wanted to advance not only VAPU and the master servant patching system, but an enhanced version of that combination.

While this software was developed, it was never implemented at any VA Facility and never went into a production environment.

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List of Untested Software:

1. VistA Auto Patch Utility (VAPU)
2. Patch Slammer
3. Kernel Patch XU* 8*345