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NIST announces the final release of NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-40 Revision 3, Guide to Enterprise Patch Management Technologies. Patch management is the process for identifying, acquiring, installing, and verifying patches for products and systems. This publication is designed to assist organizations in understanding the basics of enterprise patch management technologies. It explains the importance of patch management and examines the challenges inherent in performing patch management. It provides an overview of enterprise patch management technologies and it also briefly discusses metrics for measuring the technologies' effectiveness. NIST SP 800-40 Revision 3 complements the previous release (version 2), which was published in 2005.