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Re: Effort Reporting System – Base Release 10.1

We are pleased to announce the availability of Release 10.1 of the base Effort Reporting System. This release includes many enhancements and improvements, as well as bug fixes.

- This release includes the following enhancements:
  - 1725 – 2 new notification events have been added to the system.
    - INTF – ERS Interface Processing Status (generic). This notification is sent out after the successful completion of processing an interface file. It covers the following interfaces: Department interface, Finance interface, PAR interface, Cost Sharing interface, User interface, Organization/Department interface, Sponsored Project Search Processor interface, Pilot Participant interface and WOS Employee interface.
    - LPAY – ERS Latepay Processing Status (generic). This notification is sent out after the successful completion of late pay processing job.
  - 1681 – Flag “Effort Report under preliminary review” has been made customizable. A new option, show-prelim-rvw-flag, has been added to ERSConfig.xml. Setting this flag to false will hide the flag on the report tabs and the report list.
  - 2011 – A new alert message has been added to remind users when payroll cost transfer is required while adjusting efforts. This alert message is customizable. A new option, alert-payroll-transfer, has been added to ERSConfig.xml.

- 2038 - CDUE notification has been enhanced to remove redundant text. The system will send one CDUE notice per PI per reporting period listing all of the PI's projects on reports that are still open.

In addition, this release fixes the following bugs:

- 2089 - Text was missing from the text certification confirmation message.
- 1303 - Typo on Manage Saved Searches Page fixed.

A complete summary of the logged changes in this release can be found at the [Changes](#) link on the ERS Project Website, and in a README found in the /EffortReporting/WEB-INF/classes directory.

## **Documentation changes**

The *Customization Guide* and the *Installation Guide* have been updated for this release. New versions of these documents are available on the [Base ERS web site](#).

## **Configuration Files**

The ERSConfig.xml file has changed. The following 2 new options have been added:

- alert-payroll-transfer
- show-prelim-rvw-flag

## **Interface Process Changes**

Release 10.1 makes no changes to the interface file specification.

## **Database Changes**

There are structure changes and additional base installation data inserts with this release. These changes include: increasing the size of EVENT\_MSG column in the ERSNotificationText table. Existing CDUE type notifications have their data rearranged in ERSNotification. Two new notification events, INTF and LPAY, have been added to ERSNotificationText table.

See the ERS\_R10.1\_UPGRADE... script corresponding to your DMBS vendor.

## **Java Changes**

There are no Java changes with this release.

## Installation Instructions

1. Backup /campus/<campusname> web customization folder (if used) and other configuration files.
2. Download the release WAR file and deploy using the application server deployment tool.
3. Restore /campus/<campusname> web customization folder, if used, after comparing to identify new and changed elements of the ERS skin.
4. Merge your previous version of ERSConfig.xml with the new version, adding the new option.
5. NB: if you are using a tomcat application server, you have to modify your catalina.sh script to set a environmental variable on the catalina JVM:
  - a. CATALINA\_OPTS=-Djava.awt.headless=true
6. Perform campus release testing.

## Timing of Installation

Installation of this release is not urgent. As usual, campuses are encouraged to install this release in as timely a fashion as possible, and in the normal numeric sequence of releases.

## Release Sunset

With this release, ERS is retiring support branch 9.3. Base ERS will no longer release any fixes or enhancements to this branch.

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