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Re: Effort Reporting System – Base Release 9.3

We are pleased to announce the availability of Release 9.3 of the base Effort Reporting System. This release includes many enhancements and improvements, as well as bug fixes.

- This release includes the following enhancements:
 - 1115 – Negative values on statistical compliance reports displayed as zeros.
 - 1319 – late pay should not re-issue the entire report if line certification is on. This enhancement requires a new report status, “Reissued-Partially Certified”.
 - 1367 – A new notification, RNLP, generated when late pay creates a report for an employee who did not previously have a report in the given reporting period.
 - 1660 – On multi-certification reports, clicking the certification check box for a line immediately saves the change and increments the report’s version number.
 - 1673 – Adds a new interface batch job to load Without Salary (WOS) employees.
 - 1681 – Adds a new indicator on the list and report views to flag effort reports still under preliminary review or requiring additional action.
 - 1760 – Coalesce notifications across roles for the same user.
 - 1828 – Expand notification template field to accommodate more text.
 - 1830 – Add Piloting Functionality: reporting periods can now be marked as pilot periods, and given a list of pilot participants, ERS will only generate reports and process late pay for those employees.

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, adding a new option flag to control the RNLP (late pay generated a new report) notification.

Interface Process Changes

Release 9.3 introduces two new optional interface load processes, WOS employees, and Pilot Period. See the Installation Guide and the Interface File Specification for more details.

Database Changes

There are structure changes and additional base installation data inserts with this release. See the ERS_9-3_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 branches 9.1. Base ERS will no longer release any fixes or enhancements to this branch.

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