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Re: Effort Reporting System – Base Release 2

We are pleased to announce the availability of Release 2 of the base Effort Reporting System. This release includes numerous bug fixes and performance improvements, as well as several new features. Documentation on the specific issues resolved with this release may be found in the Bugzilla database accessible via the the Maintenance and Support page of the ERS website, http://www.ucop.edu/ers.

Documentation changes
The *Installation and Operations Guide* and the *Customization Guide* have been updated for this release. Changes are noted with revision bars in the documents.

Configuration Files
The structure of the configuration files have been upgraded with this release.   Customized installation settings must be reapplied to the upgraded base configuration files ERSConfig.XML and ExternalizedStrings.XML.   All other objects, including *ApplicationResources.properties* will be overwritten by the WAR file deployment.

Database Changes
The structure of the ERS database has been changed with this release. A release-specific installation script has been provided to upgrade the database and perform required data conversion steps.

Installation Instructions
1. Backup configuration files:

- ERSConfig.XML

- ExternalizedStrings.XML

- ApplicationResources.properties (only if modified)

2. Download the release WAR file and deploy using the application server deployment tool.

3. Re-apply customization to upgraded configuration files.

4. Run the release database upgrade script to upgrade the database structure.

5. Review revised system documentation.

6. Perform campus release testing.

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

If there are any questions, please email Adam.Cohen@ucop.edu or call (510) 987-9193.

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