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Re: Effort Reporting System – Base Release 3

We are pleased to announce the availability of Release 3 of the base Effort Reporting System. This release includes several new features as well as bug fixes and additional performance improvements. Documentation on the new features and specific issues resolved with this release may be found in the *ERS Maintenance Schedule* accessible via the Maintenance and Support page of the ERS website, <http://www.ucop.edu/ers>.

Release 2 Errata

The release letter for Release 2 failed to identify a required IBM APAR for DB2 Version 7 (z/OS). Campuses who are installing ERS for operation with this version of DB2 should verify that the fix for IBM APAR PQ92014 is installed. This fix addresses a problem where DB2 does not properly handle certain SQL statements issued by the ERS application.

Documentation changes

The *Installation and Operations Guide* and the *Customization Guide* have not been updated for this release.

Configuration Files

The structure of the configuration files has not changed in this release.

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.

Training Materials

This release includes Base versions of the web-based training modules developed to support ERS implementation at campuses. Please note that the training content was developed using generic rather than campus-specific terminology and formatting. In some cases there may be differences between the terminology and formatting in the training modules and that which is used at your campus. The training modules provided on the UCOP web server are for project purposes only. Campuses will need to load modules on their servers for use actual campus training use.

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. Perform campus release testing.

ERS Listserv

UCOP has created a listserv for ERS release notifications. Release letters will continue to be addressed to the technical contacts but any interested parties can subscribe to the list to receive notification of new releases and other important events. To subscribe to the list, send an email to listserv@ucop.edu with the following in the body of the message:

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subscribe ERS-L first-name last-name
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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.

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

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