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Re: Effort Reporting System – Base Interim Release 7.4

We are pleased to announce the availability of Release 7.4 of the base Effort Reporting System. This is an interim release that includes numerous bug fixes and performance enhancements. Because of some of the changes in this interim release, this release letter is being provided to assist with planning for installation.

A complete summary of the changes in this release can be found in the “Maintenance and Release Schedule” document on the ERS project website. Complete technical details for each change can be found in the Bugzilla database using the bug number listed on the release schedule.

Java Version Update

Release 7.4 of ERS now uses features of the Java 5 language. The runtime Java environment (SDK or JRE) used by the web application server must support Java 5. Websphere version 6.1 includes the necessary version of the Java JRE. Tomcat relies on a separately installed Java SDK and may require upgrade.

Training Module Update

This release is accompanied by updated training modules. The updated modules have been repackaged in Powerpoint-only format, removing all Breeze features such as audio narration. A number of minor editorial corrections have been made to the slide content.

Documentation changes

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

Configuration Files

There are no changes to the configuration files in this release.

Skin Changes

There are no changes to the web application skin in this release.

Database Changes

The structure of the ERS database has changed with this release. A database upgrade script has been provided in the installation package to facilitate upgrades to existing ERS databases to the current structure. This release introduces the first database view which is used to optimize certain database queries issued by the application. Additional views will be added in future releases.

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.
4. Run the DBMS-specific R7.4 upgrade script to upgrade the ERS database structure.
5. 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.

If there are any questions, please email Steven.Hunter@ucop.edu or call (510) 987-0138.

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