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Re: Effort Reporting System – Base Release 7

We are pleased to announce the availability of Release 7 of the base Effort Reporting System. This release includes numerous enhancements and bug fixes. Highlights of these changes are:

- Enhanced navigation features
- Enhanced report list subscription options
- Simplified printing dialog from the web application
- Redesigned administration interface for reporting schedule
- Redesigned authorization scheme for access to administrative tasks
- Redesigned authentication interface to support UCTrust
- Enhanced USER interface loader now supports deactivation
- Additional customizable field labels
- Numerous bug fixes
- Numerous user interface improvements

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.

Documentation changes

The *Installation and Operations Guide* and the *Customization Guide* have been updated for this release. New versions of these documents are included with the release materials.

Configuration Files

Several classes have been moved to a new package name which requires that references to this package name be updated in ERSConfig.XML.

Configuration item: <uc-builder-package>
should be changed from edu.ucop.ers.access to edu.ucop.ers.userinfo

For reference, see the updated sample ERSConfig.XML file in the /config folder.

Skin Changes

Elements of the web application skin have changed with this release. Campuses who have built a custom skin folder under the /campus directory should compare folders and copy any new or changed objects to their custom skin folder, then re-apply local changes.

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.

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. Run the DBMS-specific R7 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 Adam.Cohen@ucop.edu or call (510) 987-9193.

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