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Re: Effort Reporting System – Base Release 8.3

We are pleased to announce the availability of Release 8.3 of the base Effort Reporting System.
This is an interim release , which includes one optional change to the application. It adds a new
configuration option, which when enabled, will allow permissions based on funding sources,
sponsored projects, fund orgs, and account orgs to work on reports that have any of those
resources only in their "below-the-line" items (i.e. Other Sponsored and Non-Sponsored).

A complete summary of the 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* has been updated for this release. A new version of this document is
included with the release materials.

Configuration Files

The ERSConfig.xml file has changed, adding a new option flag to control loading of below-the-line report resources.

Interface Process Changes

With Release 8.3, there are no changes to any interface process file specification.

Database Changes

There are no structure changes to the ERS database 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. NB: older, unmodified ERSConfig.xml files are backwards-compatible with the new option. If the new option is not found in the file, the application defaults to the previous behavior, which is to not include the below-the-line resources.
5. 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.

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