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CURRENT/FUTURE RELEASES

The current version is 7.3.1. The IATS Help Desk requires ALL sites to be on version 7.3.1 no later than August 31, 2021.

Please contact the help desk if you need assistance updating to 7.3.1. As a reminder, if you are not on version 7.3.1 you may be paying entitlements at an incorrect rate.

If you do not migrate to version 8.0 when it becomes available later this year, you will be required to obtain your own Sybase license to support version 7.3.0 or 7.3.1.

Travel Tech Messages can be found at the following URL -
<https://www.asafm.army.mil/DFAS-Guidance/DFAS-Policy-Memorandums/>

IATS Help Desk

Contact the following to obtain assistance
IATS-HELP-DESK

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IT successfully upgraded three DFAS sites (Rome, Indianapolis, and Texarkana) to IATS version 8.0 the weekends of June 4th and June 11th, which included the migration from Sybase to MS SQL and CAC enabling the system. This was an extremely complex release and required a great deal of collaboration and coordination throughout multiple DFAS IT directorates, as well as with PSC and stakeholders from the DFAS sites. This was an outstanding team effort.

Reminder to those who have not responded to the Data Call – Please provide the answers to the following information ASAP to the IATS help desk:

A. WHAT IS YOUR ORGANIZATION’S NAME?

B. WHAT IS THE ADDRESS OF YOUR SITE OR INSTALLATION?

C. WHO IS THE MAIN POINT OF CONTACT (POC) FOR IATS AT YOUR SITE (POC NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL ADDRESS)?

D. WHAT VERSION OF IATS ARE YOU CURRENTLY RUNNING?

E. WHAT IS THE SIZE OF YOUR IATS DATABASE IN MEGABYTES?

F. HOW MUCH MEMORY DOES YOUR DATABASE SERVER HAVE?

G. HOW MANY USERS LOGIN TO IATS AT YOUR SITE?

H. DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A LICENSE FOR STANDARD OR ENTERPRISE EDITIONS OF MICROSOFT SQL SERVER?

I. DO YOU HAVE A SQL SERVER DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR (DBA) ON SITE TO ASSIST WITH INSTALLATION?

J. IATS 8.0 IS CAC / PIV ENABLED AND IS REQUIRED BY DOD, BUT SOME SITES CANNOT TRANSITION TO CAC/PIV (LIMITED / NO NETWORK CONNECTIVITY). WILL YOUR SITE IMPLEMENT PIV LOGIN?

K. IF YOU CANNOT TURN ON CAC / PIV, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY NOT?

L. IF PIV IS USED WITH IATS, YOU WILL HAVE TO SETUP ACTIVE DIRECTORY (AD) GROUPS TO USE THE CAC / PIV LOGIN. DO YOU KNOW HOW TO REQUEST AD GROUPS ON YOUR NETWORK?

M. WHAT VERSION OF WINDOWS ARE YOU ON? WINDOWS 10 IS REQUIRED FOR IATS 8.0, MS SQL, AND FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE VERSION OF DTOD.

Please begin preparing for IATS version 8.0!

IATS 8.0 contains substantial changes and will be released later this year. The highlights of IATS 8.0 are:

- Requires the use of SQL Server instead of Sybase. DFAS-IT is looking at how this will impact sites with using Active Directory
- IATS will have full CAC authentication capabilities
- Prepares DFAS for moving to MilCloud

Given the significant changes, we would like to begin the conversations now regarding the use of active directory groups and what variation of SQL Server your site will need (Standard or Enterprise). We have also been made aware that sites that have a database size of less than 8GB may use SQL Express, which is a free version.

Please email us at dfas.indianapolis-in.ztd.other.iats-help-desk@mail.mil with the information in the Travel Tech Message (items 10A through M above).

Thank you for your cooperation as we move to IATS 8.0!