

ATAAPS WINDOWS/GUI RELEASE ADVISORY RELEASE 99-1

This advisory provides information regarding the ATAAPS Windows/GUI application system Release 99-1. The release is available for download and immediate installation at all GUI sites.

A copy of this document should be distributed to all ATAAPS Windows/GUI users. Any questions or concerns regarding the content of this advisory should be directed through the user's Customer Service Representative to SEOPE Customer Support, DSN 922-2990 or commercial (850) 452-2990, extension 310. Please advise Customer Support you are calling with regard to Release 99-1.

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PART I: FUNCTIONAL

MAIN APPLICATION

1. IFAS/DISA INTERFACE (DBMS VERSION ONLY)

The DBMS version of ATAAPS is being modified so the IFAS users can implement ATAAPS GUI. IFAS will provide the Master Employee Record (MER) and two accounting (OMS & JON) interface files. The initial MER file will be in the Defense Civilian Pay System (DCPS) P6631 file format. The OMS and JON files will have an Activity Code of '00'. The IFAS System Administrator for ATAAPS must execute the DBMS ATAAPS Main Application, Administration module and ensure that "DBMS" is the selected accounting system and that the box titled "IFAS SDA" is checked. ATAAPS will produce a Source Data Automation (SDA) file for IFAS and forward to DCPS.

2. TIMEKEEPER REVIEW

The ATAAPS Timekeeper Review Window is being modified to conform to standard display protocol and existing operational guidelines. No new functionality is being added.

3. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Users were being required to select an organization code to close the Project Management window from the Assigned Teams tab where organization codes were blank for any assigned team. If the user did not select a "reporting" organization code, they would have to press CTRL+ALT+DEL to terminate the application. Users will now get a validation warning window to let them know they have not selected an organization code, but will be provided an option to close the window without selecting a "reporting" organization.

PART II: TECHNICAL

MAIN APPLICATION

1. CREATE DEFAULT LABOR

ATAAPS has been modified to restrict entry into Labor Reporting when Default Labor is active. If the Labor Reporting process is active prior to Default Labor executing, processing will be altered to suppress individual Labor Reporting updates until default labor has completed.

Recommended Procedure – To preclude any possible contention problems, it is DFAS SEOPE's recommendation that, prior to executing any pseudo-batch processes (e.g. SDA, Accounting, Default Labor), the site System Administrator contact the site Oracle Database Administrator (DBA) to ensure no ATAAPS users are logged-on to the database. If users are logged-on, it is suggested the Oracle DBA send out a warning message to the users stating they will be logged off in a specified amount of time and, after said timeframe, disconnect the users from the database. The Oracle DBA would then notify the site System Administrator who would, in turn, execute the pseudo-batch process.

Note: A method to circumvent the Labor Reporting restrictions instituted has been developed should a site elect to accept the risk of Default Labor contention in favor of unrestricted Labor Reporting updates. Contact the DFAS SEOPE Help Desk to establish a trouble ticket to ascertain the override information.

2. PASSWORDS

Users now have the capability of entering strong passwords. The only special characters allowed, however, are '\$', '#', and the underscore character, '_'. Although UPPERCASE letters are now allowed, Oracle does not distinguish between lowercase and UPPERCASE.

3. DEFAULT LABOR – STORED PROCEDURES

The Default Labor process has been modified to increase performance and to reduce the amount of computer resources being consumed. The utilization of Oracle stored procedures and SQL efficiency will allow the processes to achieve this goal. This process also corrects a syntax problem on the Create Default Labor screen (Default Labor Tab) and the hardcopy print of the Default Labor Report.

4. DISPLAY OF FEB 29 DATE FOR YEAR 2000 IN CALENDAR OBJECT

The calendar window has been modified to utilize all three (3) rules of determining a leap year. With the third rule applied, February 29, 2000, will be displayed in the calendar.

5. REMOVE FUNCTIONAL LETTER FROM ONLINE HELP SYSTEM

The ability to access the functional letter from the online help has been removed. Since the functional content of the system is contained in both the Release Advisory (sent to customers prior to releases) and the Readme.txt file (distributed with the installation package), the functional letter from the application online help system is not needed.

6. DEFAULT LABOR SYSTEM NUMBER CONTENTION

Users were getting rollbacks when trying to save information after running 'Create Default Labor'. The problem, caused by a system number contention problem, has been corrected.

A. ACCOUNTING APPLICATION

1. STORED PROCEDURES – DBMS ACCOUNTING ONLY

The DBMS accounting download and upload process has been modified to increase performance and to reduce the amount of computer resources being consumed. The utilization of Oracle stored procedures and SQL efficiency will allow the processes to achieve this goal.

2. SOMARDS ACCOUNTING FILE – INVALID RECORDS WITH ENV HAZ CODES

The SOMARDS accounting upload process has been modified to not include hazard codes in records that should not include the hazard codes. This problem was originally identified as a part of SCR X0013.

B. TRAINING CD-ROM

REVISE CD-ROM TRAINING MATERIALS

The informational material on the two previous CD-ROMs (Training and Admin) has been combined into a single Training CD-ROM. The ATAAPS GUI/Windows software, previously located on the Admin CD-ROM, will be available via CD-ROM, should access to the DFAS FTP server, where it is currently located, be unavailable.

C. ENTIRE APPLICATION

ATAAPS SOURCE CODE VERSION UPGRADE

The upgrade to PowerBuilder Version 5.0.04 is required for ATAAPS GUI software to become fully Y2K compliant. Prior versions of PowerBuilder were not Y2K certified by the vendor.

PART III: LIST OF SCRS IN THE RELEASE.

Release 99-1 includes the following System Change Requests (SCRs) and associated ATAAPS Action Request (AAR) tickets reported to the SEOPE Help Desk.

| SCR NUMBER | TITLE | RELATED AAR |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| X0011 | Revise CD-ROM Training Materials | |
| X0012 | IFAS/DISA Interface | |
| X0018 | Main Application Create Default Labor | |
| X0027 | Password Security | |
| X0042 | Timekeeper Review-Edit/Validation, Displays & Other | |
| X0058 | ATAAPS Application Version Upgrade to | |

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| | PowerBuilder 5.0.04 | |
| X0064 | Project Management Window – CTRL+ALT+DEL Problem | |
| X0067 | Stored Procedures – Default Labor | |
| X0089 | DBMS – Stored Procedures – Accounting File | |
| X0110 | Display of Feb 29 Date for Year 2000 in Calendar Object | |
| X0113 | Remove Functional Letter from On-Line Help System | |
| X0117 | Default Labor System Number Contention | 000208 |
| X0119 | SOMARDS Acctg File-Invalid Records with Env Hazard Codes | 000265 |

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