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This document describes the Deployment, Installation, Back-out, and Rollback Plan for new products going into the VA Enterprise. The plan includes information about system support, issue tracking, escalation processes, and roles and responsibilities involved in all those activities. Its purpose is to provide clients, stakeholders, and support personnel with a smooth transition to the new product or software, and should be structured appropriately, to reflect particulars of these procedures at a single or at multiple locations.

Per the Veteran-focused Integrated Process (VIP) Guide, the Deployment, Installation, Back-out, and Rollback Plan is required to be completed prior to initial operating capability (IOC), with the expectation that it will be updated throughout the lifecycle of the project for each build, as needed.

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# Introduction

This document describes how to deploy and install the Compensation and Pension Record Interchange (CAPRI), as well as how to back-out the product and rollback to a previous version or data set. This will include installation of CAPRI Patch DVBA\*2.7\*251. This document is a companion to the project charter and management plan for this effort. In cases where a non-developed COTS product is being installed, the vendor provided User and Installation Guide may be used, but the Back-Out Recovery strategy still needs to be included in this document.

## Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to provide a single, common document that describes how, when, where, and to whom CAPRI will be deployed and installed, as well as how it is to be backed out and rolled back, if necessary. The plan also identifies resources, communications plan, and rollout schedule. Specific instructions for installation, back-out, and rollback are included in this document.

## Dependencies

CAPRI is a system that gives Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) claims processors and others access to compensation and pension examinations, clinical documents, and reports vital to process benefits claims. CAPRI consists of VistA patch DVBA\*2.7\*251 and a client application (GUI). Installation requires the following prerequisites:

* VistA Patches (for VHA only)

The following is a list of REQUIRED builds for this KIDS distribution (DVBA\*2.7\*251). KIDS will not allow the installation of this patch without their prior installation.

**Required Builds**:

DVBA\*2.7\*250

* Approved release from the VIP Triad.
* Test site sign-off from VBA Beta Sites and VHA IOC Sites.
* VIP Release Review Approval for Patch DVBA\*2.7\*251.

## Constraints

There are no identified constraints to the installation of this VistA component of CAPRI.

# Roles and Responsibilities

This section describes the teams who perform the steps described in this deployment plan.

Deployment and installation activities are performed by representatives from the teams listed in the following table. This phase begins after the solution design (including deployment topology) is complete. Design activities are not included in this phase.

| **Team** | **Phase / Role** | **Tasks** | **Project Phase (See Schedule)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CAPRI Development Team  | Deployment | Plan and schedule deployment  | Deployment |
| CAPRI Development Team | Deployment | Develop O&M Plan | Deployment |
| Release Readiness | Testing | Conduct VIP Release Review Approval | Testing |
| Test Sites | Testing | IOC and BETA Tests Patch DVBA\*2.7\*251 | Testing |
| VBA/VHA Business Offices | Deployment | Develop Communications Plan and key messages well in advance | Deployment |
| Health Product Support | Testing | Review Patch DVBA\*2.7\*251 | Testing |
| Health Product Support | Deployment | Release Patch DVBA\*2.7\*251 nationally | Deployment |
| Regional PM/FIS/OPP PM | Installation | Ensure authority to operate and that certification and authorization (C&A)/security documentation is in place | Installation |
| Infrastructure Operations  | Installation | Install the patch as scheduled | Installation |

Table 1 Deployment Roles and Responsibilities

# Deployment

**NOTE:** VistA Patch DVBA\*2.7\*251 must be installed in all production VistA systems

Deployment and installation of the Compensation and Pension Record Interchange (CAPRI) is planned as follows:

1. **National Release: 11/20/23** VistA Patch DVBA\*2.7\*251 will be deployed to all 132 instances of VistA within a 1 - day of compliance period

The release of the patch will be performed by Health Product Support (HPS) members, supported by the CAPRI project team, along with representatives from peer organizations. The installation will be performed by Local, VISN, or Regional IT support personnel.

## Timeline

The installation and deployment runs for 90 days, which includes a warranty period to monitor for defects. The approximate timeline for this effort is shown in the table below:

| **Phase** | **Activity** | **Start** | **Finish** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| General Release | IOC Testing | 11/17/23 | 11/17/23 |
| National Implementation | 11/20/23 | 11/20/23 |
| Warranty Period | 11/20/23 | 02/18/24 |
| (Dates shown are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.) |

Table 2 CAPRI Patch DVBA\*2.7\*251 Deployment Timeline

**Suggested** **Deployment Schedule:**

* Day 1-5: Install DVBA\*2.7\*251 into all the production VistA systems (CAPRI GUI DVBA\*2.7\*243.07 is compatible with that VistA patch)

## Site Readiness Assessment

This deployment will enhance the capabilities of the existing CAPRI system. This section discusses the locations that will receive the upgrades to the CAPRI system.

### 3.2.1 Deployment Topology (Targeted Architecture)

The VistA component of the new version needs to be installed into all instances of VistA. All facilities will use their established local procedures to install the new software.

Additionally, a nationally released patch updates the files in VistA and only affects the Users with the appropriate CAPRI menu options in VistA.

### 3.2.2 Site Information (Locations, Deployment Recipients)

The new version of CAPRI’s VistA patch (DVBA\*2.7\*251) will be installed across the entire VA Enterprise for all CAPRI Users to all instances of VistA. All facilities in Regions 1-5 will use established location procedures to install the new software.

The following test sites are participating in the testing of the DVBA\*2.7\*251 server software:

* Test Sites:

| **Type** | **Site** |
| --- | --- |
| **VHA** | **Tampa VAMC**  |

Table 3 Test Sites

**NOTE**: The test sites used may change based on a site’s willingness to participate, workload, and other factors. Sites listed in **boldface type** are expected to be primary (“Alpha”) testers. Other sites listed are secondary (“Beta”) testers who will help us uncover any hidden defects before we release nationally.

### 3.2.3 Site Preparation

The following table describes preparation required by the site prior to deployment.

| **Site/Other** | **Problem/Change Needed** | **Features to Adapt/Modify to New Product** | **Actions/Steps** | **Owner** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| All | Create backups | N/A | N/A | Local facility, VISN, or Region |

Table 4 Site Preparation Resources

This section describes the resources needed for deployment and installation.

### 3.2.4 Hardware

There are no new hardware requirements for this software update.

### 3.2.5 Software

Associated patches that must be installed BEFORE `DVBA\*2.7\*251:

CAPRI DVBA\*2.7\*250

Please see the Roles and Responsibilities table in Section 2 above for details about who is responsible for preparing the site to meet these software specifications.

### 3.2.6 Communications

This section describes the communications that need to occur to upgrade CAPRI:

1. The CAPRI Development Team will provide the installation files to VHA and other users (see Section 4). We will work with VHA to proactively notify users to the maximum extent possible, but it is recognized and understood that we may not reach everyone prior to installation of the VistA patch.
2. The CAPRI Deployment Team will conduct weekly status conference calls and ad-hoc calls with test sites and stakeholders to provide status and answer questions.

# Installation

This section describes how to install CAPRI.

## Pre-installation and System Requirements

The installation of the patch will be introducing new files, updating routines, parameters, remote procedure calls, and options.

1. Choose the PackMan message containing this patch.
2. Choose the INSTALL/CHECK MESSAGE PackMan option.
3. From the Kernel Installation and Distribution System Menu, select the Installation Menu. From this menu, you may elect to use the following options. When prompted for the INSTALL NAME enter the patch DVBA\*2.7\*251:
4. Backup a Transport Global - This option will create a backup message of any routines exported with this patch. It will not backup any other changes such as DDs or templates.
5. Compare Transport Global to Current System - This option will allow you to view all changes that will be made when this patch is installed. It compares all components of this patches routines, DDs, and templates).
6. Verify Checksums in Transport Global - This option will allow you to ensure the integrity of the routines that are in the transport global.
7. From the Installation Menu, select the Install Package(s) option and choose the patch to install:
8. When prompted ‘Want KIDS to Rebuild Menu Trees Upon Completion of Install? NO/NO Select NO
9. When prompted ‘Want KIDS to INHIBIT LOGONs during the install? NO/NO Select NO
10. When prompted 'Want to DISABLE Scheduled Options, Menu Options, and Protocols? NO/NO Select NO
11. If prompted ‘Delay Install (Minutes): (0 – 60): 0//’ respond 0.

## Platform Installation and Preparation

We do not anticipate difficulties with version incompatibility. Nevertheless, we recommend deploying the new VistA patch DVBA\*2.7\*251 into all 132 VistA production systems.

All sites should make sure that their test environments mirror the state of their production environments. This is important because it helps identify deficiencies (such as outdated or missing patches) when the new software is installed into the test environment rather than into the production environment.

## Download and Extract Files

Documentation can be found on the VA Software Documentation Library at:

<https://www.va.gov/vdl/>.

Optional Distribution Files that Contain Important User Info

DVBA\_DIBRG.PDF Deployment,Installation,Back-Out and Rollback Guide BINARY

## Database Creation

N/A

## Installation Scripts

Patch installers will follow their local procedures to install the software in accordance with the Installation Guide.

## Access Requirements and Skills Needed for the Installation

Installation of VistA Patch DVBA\*2.7\*251 requires VistA programmer access.

Some sites utilize shortcut folders on users’ desktops with icons that point to a CAPRI installation on a server.

## Additional Installation Files

In addition to the executable file, there are other files included with the CAPRI installation zip. The general purpose of these files and where they need to be located are as follows:

### 4.7.1 VACAPRIVVA.dll

The VACAPRIVVA.dll file is a dynamic link library that provides the web services client interface for the Virtual VA web service, which was added in patch DVBA\*2.7\*181. **Important: CAPRI will not function without this file.**

* VACAPRIVVA.dll is required for CAPRI to function.
* VACAPRIVVA.dll must be located in the same directory as the CAPRI executable (CAPRI.exe).

The following dialog box displays when CAPRI cannot find the VACAPRIVVA.dll file.



Figure 1. Missing File Alert

### 4.7.2 LIBEAY32.DLL & SSLEAY32.DLL

Libeay32.dll and Ssleay32.dll are dynamic link libraries that provide the web services client interface for the VLER/DAS web service, which was added in patch DVBA\*2.7\*187. **Important: CAPRI requires these files to transfer exam data to VLER/DAS.**

* Libeay32.dll and Ssleay32.dll are required for exam data transfer to VLER/DAS.
* Libeay32.dll and Ssleay32.dll must be located in the same directory as the CAPRI executable (CAPRI.exe).

### 4.7.3 QPDF.EXE, QPDF13.DLL, LIBGCC\_S\_DW2-1.DLL & LIBSTDC++-6.DLL

QPDF.exe, QPDF13.DLL, LIBGCC\_S\_DW2-1.DLL & LIBSTDC++-6.DLL are files that support PDF Compression and Linearization. PDF Compression reduces the file size of the PDF Exam Results included in transmissions between CAPRI and VLER/DAS. Smaller file sizes reduce transmission times.

* QPDF.exe, QPDF13.dll, Libgcc\_s\_dw2-1.dll and Libstdc++-6.dll are required for PDF compression when sending exam data to VLER/DAS.
* QPDF.exe, QPDF13.dll, Libgcc\_s\_dw2-1.dll and Libstdc++-6.dll must be located in the same directory as the CAPRI executable (CAPRI.exe).

### 4.7.4 CAPRI\_Help.chm

The CAPRI\_Help.chm file contains the on-line help functionality.

CAPRI\_Help.chm is not required for CAPRI to function, but its presence is recommended

CAPRI\_Help.chm should be located in the same directory as the CAPRI executable (CAPRI.exe)

If CAPRI is setup to run from a disk drive that is not local to the workstation, CAPRI should be given write permissions to the “TEMP” folder of the workstation. If the TEMP folder is not writable for any reason, the on-line help functionality may not work properly.

### 4.7.5 CAPRI.map

The CAPRI.map file contains a list of error addresses and source code line numbers that CAPRI utilizes to provide more detailed information to the development team when an error occurs in CAPRI.

CAPRI.map is not required for CAPRI to function, but its presence is recommended

CAPRI.map should be located in the same directory as the CAPRI executable (CAPRI.exe)

### 4.7.6 CAPRISession.rdox

* CAPRISession.rdox is a Micro Focus Reflection configuration file. It configures Reflection to terminate when a terminal session disconnects.
* CAPRISession.rdox is used for the new Micro Focus Reflection application
* CAPRISession.rdox is not required for CAPRI to function, but its presence is recommended
* CAPRISession.rdox should be located in the same directory as the CAPRI executable (CAPRI.exe)

### 4.7.7 CAPRITerminalEmulators.ini

* CAPRITerminalEmulators.ini is a Micro Focus Reflection configuration file. It tells CAPRI where the Micro Focus Reflections application is installed.
* CAPRITerminalEmulators.ini should be located in the same directory as the CAPRI executable (CAPRI.exe)

### 4.7.8 ssh\_config

The ssh\_config file provides the parameters used by Micro Focus Reflection Secure Shell to configure PC-to-host security options. CAPRI does not require this file for most functions, but it is required when establishing Reflection Secure Shell terminal sessions using the “Vista” button.

The directory location of the ssh\_config file:

C:\Program Files (x86)\Micro-Focus\Reflection

**NOTE:** The target folder for ssh\_config is typically hidden on most systems.

To show hidden files and folders on Windows, perform the following steps:

1. In the search box on the taskbar, type “hidden files”
2. Select “Show hidden files” from the results.



Figure 2. Show Hidden Files



## 4.8 CAPRI Configuration for Windows and Non-standard Reflection Installations

Prior to launching Reflection, CAPRI searches the directory path that contains the CAPRI executable (CAPRI.exe) for an optional plain text configuration file named "CapriTerminalEmulators.ini.” The purpose of the configuration file is to specify an alternate path that contains the Micro-Focus Reflection executable (Attachmate.Emulation.Frame.exe). If CAPRI does not detect the configuration file, CAPRI assumes that the Reflection executable exists in the default Windows Reflection installation path: "C:\Program Files (x86)\Micro-Focus\Reflection."

###  Windows Installation

The example "CapriTerminalEmulators.ini" configuration file provided with patch DVBA\*2.7\*180 is configured to provide support for the default installation path of Micro Focus Reflection on a Windows workstation. Place the configuration file in the same directory that contains the CAPRI executable.

Alternatively, use the following procedure to create the configuration file:

Create the configuration file named "CapriTerminalEmulators.ini" using a plain text editor, such as Notepad. Populate the configuration file with the following three lines:

[Config]

ApplicationLegacy=C:\Program Files (x86)\Attachmate\Reflection\R2win.exe

Application="C:\Program Files (x86)\Micro Focus\Reflection\Attachmate.Emulation.Frame.exe"



Figure 3. Config File for Standard Reflection Installation

**NOTE:** Save the file and place it in the same directory that contains the CAPRI executable.

###  Non-standard Reflection Installations

If Reflection is installed in an alternate location, CAPRI can be configured to accommodate this. In order to do this, one should create a file named "CapriTerminalEmulators.ini" in the directory that contains the "CAPRI.exe" file. In this file, one should specify the location of the "Attachment.Emulation.Frame.exe.” For example, in order to specify a Reflection installation located in "C:\My Files\Attachmate\Reflection,” the CAPRITerminalEmulator.ini should contain the following lines:

[Config]

ApplicationLegacy=C:\My Files\Attachmate\Reflection\R2win.exe

Application="C:\My Files\Attachmate\Reflection\Attachmate.Emulation.Frame.exe"



Figure 4. Config File for Non-Standard Reflection Installation

## 4.9  Micro Focus Reflection

CAPRISession.rdox is the configuration file for the Reflection application.

**NOTE:** If your site uses a non-standard Reflection installation, the CAPRITerminalEmulators.ini file will need to be updated to reflect the value currently used at your site.



Figure 5. New CapriTerminalEmulators.ini file format

[Config]

ApplicationLegacy=C:\Program Files (x86)\Attachmate\Reflection\R2win.exe

Application="C:\Program Files (x86)\Micro Focus\Reflection\Attachmate.Emulation.Frame.exe"

If your site has a non-standard Reflection location, the ApplicationLegacy line will need to be updated to reflect the value currently used at your site. In the example below***, C:\My Files\Attachmate\Reflection*** was the non-standard site. That value will need to be updated on the ApplicationLegacy line – shown below.



Figure 6. New CapriTerminalEmulators.ini with existing non-standard Reflection location

[Config]

ApplicationLegacy=C:\My Files\Attachmate\Reflection\R2win.exe

Application="C:\Program Files (x86)\Micro Focus\Reflection\Attachmate.Emulation.Frame.exe"

##  CAPRI GUI Launch

### 4.10.1 Shared Network Drive or CAPRI access via CPRS Installations

If your site installs CAPRI on a Shared Network Drive and users access a “shortcut” to launch CAPRI or if your users access CAPRI via CPRS, the following MUST be performed to allow users to view PDF files from DAS. Users will receive the following error if this is not done.



**Figure 7. CAPRI Shortcut Launch Error**

If the “Start In” folder for CAPRI shortcut at your site is a read-only only folder, it should be changed to a writable folder. This is the folder where documents from VLER DAS are stored temporarily for users to view documents (ex: PDF).

Our recommendation is to use %TEMP% as the default starting directory. This can be set in the shortcut that is used to launch CAPRI.

* Right-click on the (desktop) CAPRI shortcut, select Properties.
* On the Shortcut tab, in the Start in field, enter %TEMP%.
* Click OK.
* Now, when launching CAPRI, it will be able to write temporary files such as Word documents or PDFs to the temporary directory, and CAPRI will be able to display those files to the user.

**NOTE:** This temp directory change only fixes the “access denied” problem when CAPRI is launched directly from a shortcut.



Figure 8. Example of Starting CAPRI from a TEMP Directory Location



Figure 9. Example of CAPRI accessed via CPRS

Benefits:

1. Each user is guaranteed by Windows to have a unique writable folder.
2. It is a known environment variable and also guaranteed to exist in any environment.
3. Due to VA GPO Policy, this folder gets cleared on logon / logoff, hence no disk space impact is caused.

## 4.11 Back-Out

Back-out Procedures are only needed if there are major problems (examples include the KIDS notice of incompletion or hard errors) resulting from the installation of this patch. Log a ServiceNow helpdesk ticket so the development team can assist in this process.