

Vista Audit Solution (VAS)

VAS 2.5.1

Release Notes



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1. Introduction

The Veterans Health Information System Technology Architecture (VistA) Audit Solution (VAS) was designed as a real-time web-based interface. VAS provides a nationwide Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant Audit Tracking Solution with the ability to track and report on access logs for patients' Personal Identifiable Information (PII)/Protected Health Information (PHI) data across all VistA instances. VAS users are Privacy Officers, Information System Security Officers (ISSO), and their authorized representatives who need the ability to view the log of Create, Read, Update and/or Delete (CRUD) operations on patient information to respond to HIPAA, employee and Inspector General (IG) requests. This data originates from VistA and flows through in-memory database servers to be stored in the Veterans Affairs Enterprise Cloud (VAEC) Amazon Web Services (AWS). The VAS web-based User Interface (UI) will access and display the data stored in AWS.

Authorized VAS users may view the patient data that was accessed and modified, as well as the individual that performed the actions.

1.1. Purpose

These release notes cover the changes included with the VAS 2.5.1 patch.

1.2. Audience

This document targets users and administrators of the VAS and applies to the changes made between this release and any previous releases of this software.

2. This Release

The VAS 2.5.1 release includes the following updates:

Remediations

- Fixed issue with VAS locking for VAS Privacy Officer names with unexpected characters.
- Fixed user search issue when users enter employee name with exact case matching.
- Remove HashCode ID's from system.
- Fixed user search issue when adding a space and middle name.

Enhancements

- The VAS User Guide is now 508 Compliant.
- Various 508 minor updates.

2.1. New Features and Functions Added

VAS 2.5.1 brings the following enhancements: none

2.2. Known Issues

- VAS Privacy Officers with Unexpected Characters: VAS system was locking for Privacy Officers with an apostrophe in their name. This issue has been corrected so that internal communications can now read their name without causing the system to lock.
- Code solution for User Search Issue (missing employee): An issue with finding employees using exact case matching has been corrected so that employees will now appear in VAS when a user searches for an employee.
- Remove HashCode IDs from system: Removed reliance on hashed IDs in favor of unique identifiers augmented by hashes for patients, users, and locations in system.
- Remediation for User search issue when adding a space and middle name.

3. Product Documentation

The following documents apply to this release:

- WEBS*2*7 Patch Description
- VAS 2.5.1 Release Notes

Appendix A - Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
ADT	Admission/Discharge/Transfer
API	Application Programming Interface
AWS	Amazon Web Services
CRUD	Create, Read/Inquire, Update, and Delete
DG	Registration package
DIBRG	Deployment, Installation, Back-Out, and Rollback Guide
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HWSC	HealtheVet Web Services Client
IG	Inspector General
ISSO	Information System Security Officer
OIT	Office of Information and Technology
PHI	Protected Health Information
PII	Personal Identifiable Information
PIMS	Patient Information Management System
PO	Privacy Officer
UI	User Interface
VA	Department of Veteran Affairs
VAEC	Veterans Affairs Enterprise Cloud
VAS	VistA Audit Solution
VistA	Veterans Health Information Systems Technology Architecture