VistA Audit Solution (VAS)

VAS 2.1

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 to implement the VAS 2.1 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 2.1 release includes updates:
- VSR-4697 Search for Patients within specific Date Range
- VSR-6566 Input Field character restriction
- VSR-6554 Remove Caps lock enforcement in VAS patient search field change filter
- VSR-6533 No patient found error message

The VAS 2.1 Release includes the ability to search for patients who are specifically marked Restricted or Sensitive that were modified within a date range (within last year, 6 months, 3 months). There is also better Form input ability as the application now has character restriction on Input Fields. The Caps lock enforcement in the VAS patient seach field change filter has been removed to provide a better user experience. A No patient found error message has also been included to notify a user when a search returns zero results.

2.1. New Features and Functions Added

VAS 2.1 brings the following enhancements:

- New Input Field character restriction

- Search for Patients within specific Date Range

- No patient found error message

- Remove Caps lock enforcement in VAS patient search field change filter

2.2. Known Issues

If a user enters a date range where no Patients are returned, the loading indicator does not disappear. A known workaround is to refresh the browser page. This issue will be resolved in a subsequent release.

3. Product Documentation

The following documents apply to this release:

- WEBS*2*2 Patch Description

- VAS 2.1 User Guide

- VAS 2.1 Release Notes

- VAS 2.1 Deployment, Installation, Back-out and Rollback Guide (DIBRG)

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