

VistA Audit Solution (VAS)

VAS 2.5

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 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 release includes the following updates:

Enhancements

- Implemented User Search functionality

Remediations

- Fix: The VistA Audit Solution User Guide is now 508 Compliant
- Fix: Additional 508 minor updates

2.1. New Features and Functions Added

VAS 2.5 brings the following enhancements:

- The ability to search for all patients accessed by a single user.

2.2. Known Issues

- All search results (user interface and reports) which include dates from June 17, 2025, through July 1, 2025, may have missing data and/or records from other patients. The root cause of this issue was remediated on July 2, 2025, and work is underway to correct the errant data. Please note that this only affects data between the dates of June 17, 2025, through July 1, 2025. Data within this period remains suspect until data cleanup is complete. Data searches that are targeted before June 17, 2025, or after July 1, 2025, are not affected by this issue.
- A VAS printing issue was identified that occurs when a user highlights data and right clicks to print; the filter shows first user, which may not be the correct user.

3. Product Documentation

The following documents apply to this release:

- WEBS*2*6 Patch Description
- VAS 2.5 User Guide
- VAS 2.5 Release Notes
- VAS 2.5 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