CA Chorus™

Product Information Bulletin

Incremental Release/Version 4.0 (Genlevel INC00)

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To: CA Chorus™ for z/OS Customers

From: The CA Chorus Product Group

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Subject: CA Chorus Version 4.0 Incremental Release

Dear Valued Customer:

CA Technologies is pleased to present you with an **Incremental Release** of CA Chorus for z/OS, an integral component of the family of solutions that we provide for z/OS.

CA's Incremental Release Program is a customer-interactive delivery model where new product features are developed and released using the Agile development methodology. CA's development teams work closely with customers to create product features for rapid implementation. Rather than waiting for a list of features to be completed before making a new product release available, we work with customers to release new features incrementally, as they are completed.

The Incremental Release program enables product development teams to more quickly match customer and market requirements than those products released under the previous waterfall release methodology. CA supports incremental releases in accordance with CA's Incremental Release Program – Support Policy and Terms. At the conclusion of the Incremental Release program, all of the new features and maintenance introduced during the program will be rolled into a 'complete' release, which we then support under CA's standard support policy.

To participate in the Incremental Release program, review CA's Incremental Release Program – Support Policy and Terms and contact Tom Repede, Product Manager (Thomas.Repede@ca.com, 1-630-505-6079), to discuss the customer requirements recommended for participation. While participation in the Agile development process is not mandatory, CA recommends that customers who are implementing a release during the Incremental Process participate to ensure that they are aware of all release communications.

General Information

In addition to this Product Information Bulletin, CA Chorus consists of the following:

- CA Chorus Product Package
- CA Chorus Third-Party Prerequisites
- CA Chorus Prerequisite Validator
- CA Chorus 4.0 *Installation Guide*
- CA Chorus 4.0 *Site Preparation Guide*

To download CA Chorus Release 4.0, acquire it using the CA Chorus™ Software Manager (CA CSM) Product Acquisition Service.

Product Enhancements

Product Enhancements for the Incremental Release Program will be delivered throughout the length of the program. To see a list of the new features for your incremental release, see the [CA Chorus maintenance grid](#). You can also reference the CA Chorus *Release Notes,* which we will update throughout the program to reflect the enhancements as we add them to the release.

Documentation

CA Chorus documentation is available from the Documentation Bookshelves section of the [CA Chorus product page](#) on CA Support Online.

The bookshelf lets you view and search HTML and Adobe PDF versions of the documentation for the release. The documentation set includes the following guides:

- *Administration Guide*
- *Installation Guide*
- *Message Reference Guide*
- *Product Guide*
- *Release Notes*
- *Site Preparation Guide*
- *Troubleshooting Guide*
- *Upgrade Guides*

CA Chorus now includes scenarios to help you work more efficiently. A scenario is concise, easy-to-find information presented in the context of how a specific customer role interacts with a product to achieve a specific goal. Scenarios can have the following traits:

- Explain product-related business processes and complex tasks.
- Provide a narrative example and diagrams.
- Reside in traditional guides, as standalone Knowledge Base articles on your product page, or both.

Additionally, the CA Chorus bookshelf includes end-to-end content so you have access to content and related links from Support, Marketing, Product Management, and so on.

CA Common Services for z/OS Prerequisites

Before you install CA Chorus, we strongly recommend that you install CA Common Services for z/OS Release 14.1. Quality Assurance has certified this release.

Data Center Modernization

CA Technologies has developed a standardized set of intelligent, automated software management services designed to dramatically simplify mainframe management and help organizations to lower IT costs, sustain critical skills, and increase business. This set of tools will help:

- Make IBM System z mainframes substantially easier to own and optimize
- Compensate for shortfalls in staff expertise and experience with "smart" installation, configuration, and tuning techniques
- Simplify and automate your day-to-day mainframe management so limited staff can be more productive
- Enable you to continue investing in the mainframe platform with confidence
- Address your performance, scalability, security, "green" computing, and compliance objectives

Data Center Modernization provides CA mainframe products with state-of-the-art management solutions. Visit the Data Center Modernization site to find out the latest information, such as:

- CA CSM product brief describing the latest release information and features
- The CA CSM features your product supports (installation, acquisition, deployment, maintenance, and configuration)
- CA CSM Resource Center, featuring presentations and videos
- CA Product Health Checks – what products are integrated with the IBM Health Checker for z/OS
- CA Mainframe Maintenance Procedures, including details about:
    - Corrective and Preventive Maintenance
    - CA Recommended Services (CA RS)
    - FIXCAT

Release schedules for Data Center Modernization technology are aggressive, so check the ' News' section of CA Chorus product page and Data Center Modernization.

Getting Started

You must install CA Chorus for z/OS using CA CSM. For more information, see the CA Chorus *Installation Guide*.

License Management Program (LMP)

The CA License Management Program (LMP) maintains licensing for CA products on the z/OS platform. LMP provides a standardized, automated approach to license management and is designed to eliminate the difficulties inherent in tracking the accurate licensed use of CA Technologies products.

If you have questions about LMP or would like to view your LMP license keys, see the section on CA Support Online under the heading 'Licensing'. For complete installation instructions, including LMP information, see the CA Chorus *Installation Guide*.

Maintenance Procedures

The CA z/OS Products installable via CA Chorus Software Manager follow a defined maintenance philosophy and have adopted the following standards:

- Installation and maintenance is provided using SMP/E
- Adoption of ERROR HOLDDATA standard for PTFs and FMIDs in error
- Adoption of FIXCAT HOLDDATA for PTFs required for an upgrade of software, hardware devices, or functions

Applying Agile Feature PTFs

In an Incremental Release, new product features, in addition to maintenance, will be delivered in the format of an SMP/E PTF. These PTFs can be downloaded from CA Support Online and managed through SMP/E or installed via CSM. The following SOURCEID will be assigned to PTFs to help you manage the installation of Agile Features (New Features):

SOURCEID	Description
SPE-AF*nn*	Identifies that the PTF contains a Product Feature developed under the Agile methodology, where *nn* represents the feature number for the Incremental Release.

The following FIX Category has been created to identify new product features:

Categories	Description
CA.Function.AgileFeature	Identifies PTFs that deliver Agile features for an Incremental Release.

The list of PTFs for downloading can be found within CA Support Online by accessing the product maintenance grid. All PTFs can be accessed by clicking the 'PTFs since INC00' hyperlink. To see new features only, open the link called 'New Features'.

Thank You

We are dedicated to ensuring that your use of CA Chorus is successful, and we thank you for your continued support of CA Technologies. If you have questions regarding this software solution, contact your local technical support group. Also, visit our support web site.