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To: CA Common Services for z/OS Customers
From: The CA Technologies Common Services for z/OS Product Team
Subject: General Availability Announcement for CA Common Services for z/OS Version 15.0

On behalf of CA Technologies, a Broadcom Company, we appreciate your business and the opportunity to provide you with high-quality, innovative software and services. As part of our ongoing commitment to customer success, we periodically release updated versions of our products. Today, we are pleased to announce that CA Common Services for z/OS Version 15.0 is now available.

New high-level features for CA Common Services for z/OS Version 15.0 are as follows:

- CA Common Services for z/OS (CCS) 15.0 is a cumulative update. It contains all maintenance previously released and new functionality added after the last service update of CA Common Services for z/OS 14.1.
- CCS 15.0 contains a reduced quantity of pax files. The reduction simplifies and improves the process of installing CA Common Services. Several pax files were consolidated.
- CCS 15.0 consumes less disk space than previous releases.
- CCS 15.0 contains a consolidated group of FMIDs based on their type of functionality.
- The CAIENF/CICS and CAIENF/DB2 components are now enabled when initializing CICS and DB2.
- A few obsolete components have been removed from CCS 15.0.

For more information about the CA Common Services for z/OS Version 15.0 changes that affect you, refer to the CA Common Services Release Notes at <https://docops.ca.com/ca-common-services-for-z-os/15-0/en/release-notes>.

We would like to provide you with an ample amount of time, 18 months, to upgrade to CA Common Services for z/OS Version 15.0. Therefore, please also consider this letter your written notification that we will discontinue support for CA Common Services for z/OS Release 14.1 effective **June 30th, 2020**. It is important that you receive this information early to successfully plan your migration. This will also allow our Development organization to more effectively focus its resources on and add value to the next release of CA Common Services for z/OS.

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You can download your copy of CA Common Services for z/OS Version 15.0 online at <https://support.ca.com/>, where you can also utilize CA's case management system. To install CA Common Services for z/OS Version 15.0, follow the instructions in the *Installing* section in the CA Common Services for z/OS documentation at [DocOps.ca.com](https://www.ca.com/docops). If you have any questions or require assistance, contact CA Customer Care online at <http://www.ca.com/us/customer-care.aspx>,

Should you need any assistance in understanding these new features, or implementing this latest release, our CA Services experts can help. For more information about CA Services and how you can leverage our expertise, please visit www.ca.com/services. To connect, learn, and share with other customers, join and participate in our CA Common Services for z/OS Community at <https://communities.ca.com/community/ca-mainframe-community>.

For a list of Education courses recommended by role, please visit the [CA Learning Paths](#) and select the desired product. We update courses based on functional impact as well as high-demand; therefore, courses created from previous releases may apply to the current release.

Please review the CA End of Service/End of Life Policy within the *Working with CA Support guide* available at <https://support.ca.com> by navigating to the Support Policies link.

Thank you again for your business.