

Announcing Docutek ERes v5.1.02

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INTRODUCTION

Docutek is happy to announce the v5.1.02 update for Docutek ERes! Please see below for a complete description of the changes included in this update.

IMPROVED COOKIE SUPPORT

For this update, we decided to focus on improving the way that Docutek ERes handles user authentication and external linking. The first step was to optimize the login and logout process for account holders. This change results in faster logins, especially for those users who are accessing their Docutek ERes website via a proxy server. Next, we decided to address a problem within the Safari web browser (MacOS X) that could cause problems when trying to login or access a coursepage. With a little research, we were able to track down the source of the problem, and change our code to once again allow Safari users reliable access to the software. Lastly, we wanted to look at how Docutek ERes handles external coursepage and document linking, especially when coming from popular courseware systems. We were able to make some behind-the-scenes changes to our code that should greatly increase reliability when loading our content within the frameset of another product.

If you previously had problems with any of the above items, or if you would like help linking into Docutek ERes from your courseware system, please contact the Docutek support team for assistance. We will be happy to assist with your tests, or make recommendations on how to integrate Docutek ERes with your existing courseware systems.

USER DEFINED VIEWS

One of the primary design goals for Docutek ERes v5 was the ability for users to dynamically change the information displayed on each of the management screens. We were able to meet this goal with the new design for our management screens, which allowed users to select the number of items show on the page, what data columns should be displayed, how the data is ordered, etc. With the v5.1.02 update we have taken this control one step further, with the addition of user defined views on each of the admin screens. This new feature allows every account holder to create a custom view for each of the admin pages in the system with a single click. Simply select the results per page, data columns, and view (list, search, or display options) that you would like, and then click the "Save Current View" button. The next time that you return to the page, your customized settings will automatically be loaded for you. This fine-grained approach to customization allows each user to tailor their admin pages to their specific role at the university.

The "Save Current View" option will automatically show up on the relevant admin pages after the v5.1.02 update has been applied to your system.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

- Account holders can now save their current view on each of the admin pages; this includes the results-per-page setting, the selected data columns, as well as the default setting for the view radio-button. In addition, administrators can also set default values at the system level that will be used when no user defined view has been specified.
- The current date format has been changed from the default short-date (09/14/2005) to a more readable format (September 14, 2005).
- When selecting a new publisher via the document add or modify sequence it is no longer necessary to uncheck the previous selection.
- The publisher ID field is no longer required and duplicate values are allowed.
- The login and logout sequences have been optimized to allow for faster user authentication, especially when accessing the system via a proxy.
- Fixed a cookie problem with Apple's Safari web browser that would cause coursepage access or logins to fail in some cases.
- In some cases users running Internet Explorer v6 with higher than normal privacy settings could have problems logging into the system when it was loaded via a frameset; this has been fixed.
- In some cases users running Internet Explorer v6 with higher than normal privacy settings could have problems accessing a coursepage or document from within a frameset; this has been fixed.
- Fixed a problem that caused HTML tags to be displayed in some email clients when viewing Docutek ERes notification emails.
- Removed an extra HTML center tag from the homepage; this may have caused the layout of customized headers to change in some cases.
- Added a new report to the Statistics Reports section that shows a list of all the current document associations in the system. This includes the course information (number, name, term, year, and instructor), document title, start visibility date, end visibility date, document association password, and the approval status setting for the document association.
- Fixed a problem in the storage allocation and system growth reports that could cause the displayed data to be incorrectly formatted with some item grouping options.
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- Added display options, and additional search parameters, to the copyright management screen.
- Fixed a problem that could cause an error when placing an order with the CCC, if your username, first name and last name were over 30 characters in length.
- Fixed a problem that would cause CCC orders to fail whenever an invalid or missing publication date was returned from the material search.

INSTALLING THE UPDATE

Docutek strongly recommends you verify that you have a current backup of the Docutek ERes software before you apply any updates to your server. To install this update please ask your server admin to run the "WebUpdate - ERes" program from the server desktop. If you receive a warning message during the download please wait a minute and try once more, as the download servers may be busy. Once you have run the update it's a good idea to run "WebUpdate - ERes" until you will see a message that says "no sites will be updated"; this shows that your system has received all available updates. Please note that there will be no downtime during this update, but if you are prompted to reboot you must do so immediately. If you need help, or would like to request the update be applied to your hosted system, please use the link at the bottom of this email to contact Docutek support.

CLOSING

As always, thank you for your support of Docutek ERes, and for the user feedback that helps improve our system! If you have any comments, questions or suggestions please send them to us via our request form at <http://www.docutek.com/support>.

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