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Document Conventions

Convention	Description
Bold	Identifies elements on a screen.
Monospace font	Identifies service names and locations in the format <i>folder.subfolder.service</i> , APIs, Java classes, methods, properties.
<i>Italic</i>	Identifies: Variables for which you must supply values specific to your own situation or environment. New terms the first time they occur in the text. References to other documentation sources.
Monospace font	Identifies: Text you must type in. Messages displayed by the system. Program code.
{ }	Indicates a set of choices from which you must choose one. Type only the information inside the curly braces. Do not type the { } symbols.
	Separates two mutually exclusive choices in a syntax line. Type one of these choices. Do not type the symbol.
[]	Indicates one or more options. Type only the information inside the square brackets. Do not type the [] symbols.
...	Indicates that you can type multiple options of the same type. Type only the information. Do not type the ellipsis (...).

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These Release Notes apply to Adabas SAF Security Version 8.3.1. Read this document carefully before installing and using this version of Adabas SAF Security.

Adabas SAF Security (ADASAF) provides protection of Adabas resources using standard security packages in a z/OS operating system environment based on the System Authorization Facility (SAF). These security packages include RACF, Top Secret, and ACF2.

Prerequisites: See SAF Security Install documentation, section Prerequisites.
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New Features

This section provides an overview of new features for Adabas SAF Security Version 8.3.1

- [License File Requirements](#)
- [Adabas Manager and Entire Net-Work Administration Security](#)
- [Support for RACROUTE REQUEST=FASTAUTH](#)

License File Requirements

Starting with version 8.3 SP1, Adabas SAF Security requires an associated license file for *Operation in the Adabas Nucleus* and *Operation in Entire Net-Work*.



Note: If the Adabas SAF Security license file is not available or erroneous, the job/started task may terminate.

For further information regarding the new license requirements, refer to the section *License*.

For installation information regarding the new license requirements, refer to the section *Installation Procedure*.

For general information on Adabas licensing procedures, license check software and license files, refer to the *Software AG Mainframe Product Licensing* topic in the *Adabas for Mainframes* documentation.

Adabas Manager and Entire Net-Work Administration Security

Adabas SAF Security provides protection for Entire Net-Work administration functions ensuring unauthorized use of such functions is not permitted.

In previous versions of Adabas SAF Security, this protection was available for operator commands issued from the console and/or Entire Net-Work's Programmable Command Interface.

With version 8.3 SP1 of Adabas SAF Security, this protection is now available when Adabas Manager is used to perform Entire Net-Work administration.

For further information regarding the protection of Entire Net-work administration functions using Adabas SAF Security, refer to the section *Operation in Entire Net-Work*.

Support for RACROUTE REQUEST=FASTAUTH

Adabas SAF Security can now be configured to perform its authorization checking using `RACROUTE REQUEST=FASTAUTH` instead of `RACROUTE REQUEST=AUTH`.

The use of `RACROUTE REQUEST=FASTAUTH` provides a fast path mechanism which enables the verification of access to resources that have security profiles brought into storage by the `RACROUTE REQUEST=LIST` macro service.

The use of `RACROUTE REQUEST=FASTAUTH` also reduces the number of security-related zIIP switches for Adabas nuclei and Entire Net-Work nodes running with `ADARUN ZIIP=YES`.

Refer to the `SAFCFG` parameters `DBCLASS` and `NWCLASS` for information on how to configure the use of this option.



Note: This new `FASTAUTH` feature requires Adabas Limited Library (WAL) version 8.5 SP3 or above.

Enhancements

Adabas SAF Security Version 8.3.1 incorporates all fixes to previous versions and provides the following enhancements.

- New `SAFCFG` parameter `ALLFILES=N/Y`

- Reduced zIIP switches when using DD SAFPRINT

New SAFCFG parameter ALLFILES=N/Y

The new SAFCFG parameter `ALLFILES=N/Y` controls whether security checks, performed for each individual client session, are at the file level or at the database (“all files”) level.

`ALLFILES=N`, the default, has no effect on the current behavior of performing client session security checks and maintaining cache data and statistical information for each file accessed and updated.

`ALLFILES=Y` changes the current behavior so that client session security checks are performed only once at first file access and first file update. If the client session’s first file access/update is permitted, then all subsequent access/updates to other files are also permitted without the need to perform further security checks.

Refer to the SAFCFG configuration parameter `ALLFILES` for more information.



Note: The use of the new SAFCFG parameter `ALLFILES=N/Y` requires Adabas Limited Library (WAL) version 8.5 SP3 or above.

Reduced zIIP switches when using DD SAFPRINT

The SAFCFG parameter `SAFPRINT` enables security check trace messages to be written to DD SAFPRINT instead of DD DDPRINT.

In the previous version, the use of DD SAFPRINT would result in an increase in zIIP switches for Adabas nuclei and Entire Net-work nodes running with `ADARUN ZIIP=YES`. With version 8.3, Adabas SAF Security now provides the same zIIP switching efficiencies with DD SAFPRINT as it does with DD DDPRINT.



Note: This zIIP switching optimization requires Adabas Limited Library (WAL) version 8.5 SP3 or above

Discontinued Support

None.

Upgrading from Earlier Versions

Refer to *Upgrading from Earlier Versions* in the main documentation for an overview regarding the upgrading of Adabas SAF Security.

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