Adabas 8.1 Release Notes

This release lifts many of the limits imposed by prior releases of Adabas, expanding Adabas storage capabilities and usefulness. This document provides a brief summary of the new and changed features included in Adabas 8.1, with links for more information to other areas of the Adabas documentation set.

Because the updates made to Adabas 8 are quite extensive, we recommend that all users read *Planning for Adabas 8* before proceeding with the Adabas 8 installation. This planning documentation describes the architectural changes and new features of Adabas 8, as well as any compatibility or migration issues between Adabas 8 and prior versions of Adabas. Note that some planned features for Adabas 8 are not yet available in this release.

Important:

Be sure that you apply all supplied Adabas 8 maintenance and concatenate Adabas 8 patch-level libraries (L00n), as they are delivered to you. This will ensure that your Adabas 8 code remains up-to-date, supporting all Adabas 8 features as they are enhanced and maintained.

If you are upgrading to this Adabas release from a release prior to the most recent Adabas release (for example, if you are upgrading from Adabas 7.4.3 to Adabas 8.1 and skipping the intermediate upgrade to Adabas 7.4.4), please read the Release Notes for the releases you are skipping to get a complete understanding of all of the changes implemented in Adabas since you last updated your software.

This document covers the following topics:

•	Supported Platforms	Lists the currently supported operating environments for Adabas 8.
a	Enhancements - Version 8.1.4	Describes the new and changed features in Adabas 8.1.4.
a	Enhancements - Version 8.1.3	Describes the new and changed features in Adabas 8.1.3.
•	Enhancements - Versions 8.1.1 and 8.1.2	Describes the new and changed features in Adabas 8.1.1 and 8.1.2.
•	Dropped Features	Lists Adabas features that are no longer supported in Adabas 8.
•	Limitations and Restrictions	Lists the limitations and restrictions currently existing in Adabas 8.
•	Adabas Data Set Compatibility	Describes the compatibility of Adabas data sets across Adabas releases.
•	Applying Zaps	Describes general information on where to locate and how to apply Adabas zaps.
•	Software AG Product Compatibility	Describes the compatibility of Adabas 8 with other Adabas products.
•	End of Maintenance	Describes how you can determine the end-of-support dates for your Software AG products.
•	Documentation	Describes the documentation provided with this release of Adabas.

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