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1 Adabas Version 7.2 Release Notes

This document gives an overview of the features of Adabas Version 7.2 that have been introduced or modified since the previous release (Version 7.1.1). It also describes how to convert to and from previous database versions, e.g., versions 6.7.1, 7.0, 7.1, and 7.1.1.

The document contains the following sections:

- **General Information**
- **New, Modified and Dropped Features**
- **Limitations and Restrictions**
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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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- Add product feature requests.

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This chapter provides information which you should be aware of before you install and use Adabas Version 7.2.

Supported Operating Systems

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2. Log into Empower. Once you have logged in, you can expand **Products & Documentation** in the left menu of the web page and select **Product Version Availability** to access the Product Version Availability screen.
3. Use the fields on the top of this screen to filter its results for your Software AG product. When you click the **Search** button, the supported Software AG products that meet the filter criteria are listed in the table below the filter criteria.

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- the Software AG end-of-maintenance (EOM) date for the product; and
- the Software AG end-of-sustained-support (EOSS) date for the product.



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Installation

System Requirements

The system requirements for the current version of Adabas are contained in the installation documentation *System Requirements* (for Linux platforms) and *System Requirements* (for Windows platforms).

Compatibility with Previous Versions

If you are upgrading from an earlier version of Adabas to Version 7.2, you should first read the release notes of any intermediate or skipped versions in order to find out about any compatibility issues that might exist.

Support for Adabas Version 7.1.1

Adabas Version 7.2 is the official replacement for Adabas Version 7.1.1. Details of when support for earlier versions will cease can be found in Empower.

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New, Modified and Dropped Features

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This chapter describes the new and modified features in Adabas Version 7.2

New Features

Adabas Cluster for Linux

The utilities ADABCK and ADAMUP are now fully supported in the cluster environment.

Adabas Encryption for Linux

- Starting with this version, WORK container files are encrypted when the database encryption is active.
- The Key Management System of the Azure Cloud is now supported by Adabas Encryption.

Adabas RESTful Server

- With this version, only users with administrator rights can start or stop the database. A new function to add or remove user administration rights has been added and a manual modification to the administration.xml file is no longer required.
- If the ADADATADIR location changes after using the change_adadatadir script, the new location must be updated for use with the REST service.

Modified Features

- Reading by ISN can now be done in descending order.
- Support of the descriptor option 'XI'. The 'XI' option is used for unique descriptors in periodic groups to exclude the occurrence (index) number from the definition of uniqueness.
- The RBAC system file and initial data are no longer loaded from a backup file to avoid conflicts with block sizes of the database containers.

Dropped Features

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This chapter describes the limitations and restrictions that apply to Adabas Version 7.2

Adabas RBAC

The conversion from and to a version prior to Version 6.7.1 is not supported when the Adabas Role-Based Security feature is enabled.

Azure KMS

The conversion to a version prior to Version 7.2 is not supported for databases using the Azure Key Management System.

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This section describes how to convert an existing database from one version to another.

When the Adabas Role-Based Security feature is enabled, proceed with the steps described in the section [Upgrading Databases with Adabas Role-Based Security](#).

The sections below describe a conversion of databases without the security feature:

Procedural Steps

The following procedural steps are highly recommended when converting a database:

1. Create a backup of your existing database.

Use the old version of *ADABCK* to backup the whole database.

2. Modify the security configuration files.
3. Convert the version of the database by performing the steps described below.
4. Validate the consistency of the database.

Use the *FIELD* and *INDEX* functions of the *ADAVFY* utility to validate the consistency of the database.

Modify the Security Configuration Files (Version 6.7.1 and above)

The following settings in the security configuration file *adaauth.ini* are mandatory:

```
ACTION=YES  
MODE=ADABAS
```

Please refer to the section *Configuration of Adabas Role-Based Security* for further information on the file location and content.

Upgrading Databases from Versions 6.7.1 through 7.0.1 and 7.1.1 to Version 7.2

Upgrading a Database in Place

A database running a version prior to version 7.2 can be upgraded in several ways. The easiest and recommended way is to convert it in place by running *ADACVT*. If Adabas Role-Based Security is enabled, refer to the section [Upgrading Databases with Adabas Role-based Security enabled](#).

Alternative Method to Upgrade a Database

You can also convert a database from an older version to Version 7.2 using the utility *ADABCK*. This is done by restoring a backup made with *ADABCK* of the older version and restoring it with *ADABCK* Version 7.2. *ADABCK* will make the necessary changes during the restore operation.

The internal structure of the database has changed. Therefore you must first delete the database in the target environment – then you can restore the database.

If the source database had been encrypted, the key management system used must provide the appropriate keys. For details refer to the section *Adabas Encryption for Linux*.

Upgrading Databases with a Version Prior to Version 6.7.1

If you want to convert a database from Version 3 or Version 5, you must first upgrade the database to Version 6.7.1, as described in the *Release Notes* of the version-specific documentation, and then proceed as described above.

Downgrading Databases with Version 7.2 to a Previous Version

Two options are available to go back to a previous version. After having verified the security configuration files, you can either convert a database in place to a previous version, or you can make a backup of the database and restore it (to a different place). When the Adabas Role-Based Security feature is enabled, a downgrade to a version prior to 6.7.1 is not supported.

Modify the Security Configuration Files

The following settings in the security configuration file *adaauth.ini* are mandatory:

```
ACTION=YES  
MODE=ADABAS
```

Please refer to the section *Configuration of Adabas Role-Based Security* for further information on the file location and content.

Downgrading a Database in Place

You can use the utility *ADACVT* to convert a database to a previous version. This is the recommended method. *ADACVT* converts the database in place to the selected target version. A downgrade is not possible if features introduced with a more recent version than the target version were used. This method is not applicable if the encrypted source database is to be decrypted – in this case proceed as described in the section [Alternative Method to Convert from Version 7.2 to an older Version](#).

Please bear in mind that ADATCP is available since Version 6.7.1. Going back to an older version might imply changes in your infrastructure if ADATCP is in use.

Alternative Method to Convert from Version 7.2 to an older Version

It is also possible to convert a Version 7.2 database back to an older version using the utility *ADABCK*. This is done by restoring a backup made with *ADABCK* Version 7.2 with the utility *ADABCK* of the respective target version.

The internal structure of the database has changed. Therefore you must first delete the database in the target environment before you restore the database. However, this method is not applicable if features introduced in more recent versions than the target version were used. It is not recommended either, if the Adabas Role-Based Security feature is used.

Versions 6.7.1 and below do not support encryption; the encrypted database must first be decrypted. A backup of an encrypted database can be restored to an older version without encryption in a similar way. For this purpose, first run the restore operation with option *ENCRYPTION=NO*. The backup taken from the decrypted database can be used to restore the database for use in a previous version.

If the source database had been encrypted, the key management system used must provide the appropriate keys. For details refer to the section *Adabas Encryption for Linux*.

Please bear in mind that ADATCP is available since Version 6.7.1. Going back to an older version might imply changes in your infrastructure if ADATCP is in use.

Upgrading Databases with Adabas Role-based Security enabled

This section describes how to convert a database when the Adabas role-based security feature is enabled. Note that a conversion is only supported for Adabas version 6.7.1 and above.

Procedural Steps

The procedure to convert a database with Adabas role-based security is:

1. Create a backup of your existing database, as described above;
2. Modify the security configuration files;
3. Convert the database using ADACVT;
4. Validate the consistency of the database, as described above.

Modify the Security Configuration Files

The following settings in the security configuration file *adaauth.ini* are mandatory:

```
ACTION= YES  
MODE=ADABAS
```

Please refer to the section *Configuration of Adabas Role-Based Security* for further information on the file location and content.

Authorization

Perform the following steps if the Authorization feature is enabled for your database:

MODE INI

- Save the security definitions that are stored in the security configuration file *adarbac.ini*;
- Use ADADBM RBAC_FILE to load the RBAC system file;
- Use ADACVT to convert the database;
- Use ADARBA to define your site-specific security definitions that are defined in the file *adarbac.ini*.

MODE ADABAS

- Save the security definitions that are stored in the RBAC system file;
- Use ADACVT to convert the database;

Audit Trail

The location and layout of the audit trail log file created by Authentication has been modified, please refer to the *Audit Trail* section of the document *Adabas Role-Based Security*.

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This section contains information about features that will be dropped in future versions of Adabas.

Adabas 6.7.1

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