

# Adabas Encryption for z/OS

## Release Notes

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This document applies to Adabas Encryption for z/OS Version 8.6.1 and all subsequent releases.

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# 1 Release Notes

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This document provides a summary of the new and changed features included in Adabas Encryption version 8.6, with links to other areas of the Adabas Encryption documentation set as necessary.

For information regarding Software AG product compatibility with IBM platforms and any IBM requirements for Software AG products, please review the [Product Compatibility for IBM Platforms](#) web page.

This document covers the following topics:

*Enhancements*

Describes the new and changed features in Adabas Encryption.

*End of Maintenance*

Describes how you can determine the end-of-support dates for your Software AG products.

*Documentation and Other Online Information*

Describes the documentation and other online information you can obtain about this release of Adabas Encryption.



# 2 About this Documentation

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## Document Conventions

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Convention	Description
<b>Bold</b>	Identifies elements on a screen.
Monospace font	Identifies service names and locations in the format <code>folder.subfolder.service</code> , 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 (...).

## Online Information and Support

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### Product Documentation

You can find the product documentation on our documentation website at <https://documentation.softwareag.com>.

### Product Training

You can find helpful product training material on our Learning Portal at <https://learn.software-ag.com>.

### Tech Community

You can collaborate with Software GmbH experts on our Tech Community website at <https://tech-community.softwareag.com>. From here you can, for example:

- Browse through our vast knowledge base.
- Ask questions and find answers in our discussion forums.
- Get the latest Software GmbH news and announcements.
- Explore our communities.
- Go to our public GitHub and Docker repositories at <https://github.com/softwareag> and <https://hub.docker.com/publishers/softwareag> and discover additional Software GmbH resources.

## Product Support

Support for Software GmbH products is provided to licensed customers via our Empower Portal at <https://empower.softwareag.com>. Many services on this portal require that you have an account. If you do not yet have one, you can request it at <https://empower.softwareag.com/register>. Once you have an account, you can, for example:

- Download products, updates and fixes.
- Search the Knowledge Center for technical information and tips.
- Subscribe to early warnings and critical alerts.
- Open and update support incidents.
- Add product feature requests.

## Data Protection

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Software AG products provide functionality with respect to processing of personal data according to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Where applicable, appropriate steps are documented in the respective administration documentation.

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# 3 Adabas Encryption Enhancements

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This document describes the Adabas Encryption version 8.6 enhancements.

## **Streamlined Installation**

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Effective from Adabas version 8.6 SP1, Adabas Encryption 8.6 SP1 is included in the ADA861.LOAD library and is available for use subject to the supply of a valid AEZ product license key as described in the Installation and License section of the Adabas for Mainframes release notes.

## 4 End of Maintenance

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For information on how long a product is supported by Software AG, access Software AG's Empower web site at <https://empower.softwareag.com>.

Log into Empower. Once you have logged in, you can expand **Products** in the left menu of the web page and select **Product Version Availability** to access the Product Version Availability application. This application allows you to review support information for specific products and releases.

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The following online resources are available for you to obtain up-to-date information about your Software AG products:

## Software AG Documentation Website

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You can find documentation for all Software AG products on the Software AG Documentation website at <https://documentation.softwareag.com>.

## Software AG TECHcommunity

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Documentation and other technical information is found on the Software AG TECHcommunity website at <http://techcommunity.softwareag.com>, where you can:

- Access product documentation, if you have TECHcommunity credentials. If you do not, you will need to register and specify "Documentation" as an area of interest. If you already have TECHcommunity credentials, you can adjust your areas of interest on the TECHcommunity website by editing your TECHcommunity profile. To access documentation in the TECHcommunity once you are logged in, select **Documentation** from the **Communities** menu.
- Access articles, demos, and tutorials.
- Use the online discussion forums, moderated by Software AG professionals, to ask questions, discuss best practices, and learn how other customers are using Software AG technology.
- Link to external websites that discuss open standards and web technology.

## Software AG Empower Product Support Website

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You can find product information on the Software AG Empower Product Support website at <https://empower.softwareag.com>. This site requires Empower credentials. If you do not have an Empower user ID and password yet, you will find instructions for registering on this site (free for customers with maintenance contracts).

To submit feature/enhancement requests, get information about product availability, and download products and certified samples, select **Products & Documentation** from the menu once you are logged in.

To get information about fixes and to read early warnings, technical papers, and knowledge base articles, select **Knowledge Center** from the menu once you are logged in.