

New CAS2Net Release with Feature Enhancements

New features include a Timeout Warning and enhancements for Mid-Point Review reports. This release also fixes uncovered bugs.

1. Timeout Warning

User reports of "getting kicked-off" of the system without warning prompted the creation of a Timeout Warning feature. Per DoD policy, CAS2Net strictly enforces a 15 minute timeout on inactive sessions. This may prove problematic for employees and supervisors entering or updating assessments. While CAS2Net must comply with the policy, this new feature gives you a prompt to act before being automatically logged off. The Timeout Warning applies to the editable assessment forms – i.e. Contribution Planning, Mid-Point Review, and Additional Feedback. It does not apply to the sections of CAS2Net that are "Read Only". This feature will be added to Annual Appraisal in a future release.

Feature Highlights:

• Session status message displayed at the bottom of the web form indicates the "Timeout Warning" feature is active.

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• Session status is updated periodically on the CAS2Net server to maintain the active session while you are working on the assessment form. If no activity is detected since the previous status message, succeeding session status updates show "Session Inactive" and a sequence number.

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• After three consecutive inactive session messages (approximately 10 minutes of inactivity), the "Session Timeout Alert" window pops-up a warning.

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- The "inactive" and "expire in" minutes are updated every 60 seconds over the next 5 minutes.
- When the session expires, the alert window closes and you are automatically logged off.
- NOTE: Typing into any assessment field (or clicking "Save", "Submit" or "OK" to the alert prompt) refreshes the status and the process begins all over again.

2. Mid-Point Review Reports Update

Previously supervisors could not print the Mid-Point Review until supervisor content had been saved. This report has been enhanced to allow supervisors to print reports when any content is saved – either Self-Assessment or Mid-Point Review – or both.

Business Rules:

- When only the Mid-Point Self-Assessment exists, it must be "Released to Supervisor" to be printable by supervisors.
- When supervisor Mid-Point Review content exists, it must be "Released to Employee" to be printable by the employee or higher level supervisors.
- Mid-Point Review Single Employee selection dropdown shows employee name in bold when the current cycle year report is ready for printing. Other employee names are grayed out but selectable to allow printing a report for a different cycle year. Note that selecting a grayed out employee name will not produce results until next year when there is more than one cycle year to choose.

3. Bug Fixes

- Some of the report screens did not work properly in the Firefox browser. The employee selection on Reports has been enhanced to be more efficient and work correctly in Firefox.
- CAS2Net was previously enhanced to allow 6,000 characters of Contribution Planning text. The use of certain special characters caused the database to utilize more than the allotted slots of space which resulted in a "Save" error. This problem has been resolved with this release of CAS2Net.