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Overview

Welcome to Deltek Acumen Touchstone 8.11.3 Release Notes. These release notes contain a summary of the following:

- New Features and Enhancements
- Software Issues Resolved

Pre-Installation Information

The Acumen Touchstone Installation and Administration Guide provides pre-installation checklists that include all of the necessary steps for a successful implementation. Deltek recommends reviewing these topics for both new and upgrade installations to ensure that you have the correct configuration.

Custom Programming

Before you upgrade to Acumen Touchstone 8.11.3:

- Review all existing custom work at least eight weeks prior to your intended go-live date.
- Compare your custom work to the new functionality being provided in this release.
- If this new version possesses the functionality contained in your custom work, these custom programs may no longer be needed. If the functionality contained in your custom work is not provided in this release, you must ensure the custom work remains intact through the upgrade process.
- Identify any hot fixes or patches that you plan to deploy with your Acumen Touchstone 8.11.3 upgrade. Ensure that, following the hot fix or patch deployment, you retain all custom functionality.
- Deltek strongly recommends that when upgrading, you first deploy an instance of Acumen Touchstone 8.11.3 in your test environment. This allows for functional UAT (User Acceptance Testing) to ensure that all mission critical custom features are still available to the user community. Typical deployments call for a 30 – 45 day test period before upgrading into your production environment.

Note: Deltek's Technical Services team is available to support you as you plan for this upgrade. We offer both technical and custom services, ensuring the best possible Deltek experience. Contact DGSCONSULTANTS-PES@Deltek.com.

New Features and Enhancements

This section includes summaries of the new features included for this release.

Cookie Consent

Deltek has enhanced cookie transparency in Acumen Touchstone.

Acumen Touchstone uses only necessary cookies to ensure proper operation of its products. These cookies support essential functionality like authentication, session management, and secure access. They are required for the service and therefore do not track or store personal data for marketing or analytics purposes. No tracking, advertising, or marketing cookies are used.

Acumen Touchstone now displays a message that certain cookies are necessary for proper function. When you first access Acumen Touchstone through a browser, a new Cookie Settings dialog displays to explain that authentication cookies are stored temporarily and either deleted when the browser closes or retained for future sessions, depending on your browser settings. By clicking **OK**, you can proceed and use Acumen Touchstone uninterrupted.

Note: Cookie deletion and retention depend on how your browser is configured. If your browser is set to clear cookies when it closes, or if you switch to a different browser and access the Acumen Touchstone (via URL) for the first time, the Cookie Settings dialog displays again.

PPM Administrator Enhancements

This section includes the latest PPM Administrator enhancements and how they affect Acumen Touchstone.

OAuth 2.0 Support for SMTP Email

You can now configure PPM Administrator/EPM Security Administrator to send email messages via SMTP using OAuth 2.0, replacing the old, less secure method of sharing and storing username and password. This update improves security with token-based authentication, enables enhanced permissions, supports multi-factor authentication, and ensures compatibility as providers end basic authentication.

OAuth Authentication for SMTP Email Settings

You can now configure OAuth Authentication for your SMTP email settings, providing more secure email delivery options. The Communications tab has been updated to support **Basic**, **OAuth**, and **Anonymous** authentication types.

The new **OAuth Flow** dropdown lets you select how to authenticate with your email provider. Each option suits different security needs and service setups.

- **None** (traditional SMTP)
- **Authorization Code**
- **Authorization Code with PKCE** (Proof Key for Code Exchange)
- **Client Credentials**

The tab adapts automatically based on your **OAuth Flow** selection.

- When you select **None**, you configure email using the familiar **Basic SMTP Settings** (SMTP Server, Port, Username, Password) section.
- When you select an option other than **None**, the **Basic SMTP Settings** become optional and the new OAuth-specific sections, **OAuth SMTP Settings** (for your email server details) and **Authentication Settings** (for your OAuth credentials), are required.

After you save your OAuth configuration, you can click **Get OAuth Token** to authenticate with your email provider and securely store your access token. Changing your SMTP settings will delete your current token, requiring you to obtain a new one to keep authentication synced with your configuration.

Centralized Authentication

With the latest updates to authentication, your login experience is now managed through centralized **Mixed** authentication. How you log in to Acumen Touchstone is determined by the user authentication mode assigned to you, not by the product's authentication settings.

When you are set up with **Windows Authentication**, you are logged in automatically using your Windows credentials. The login dialog box no longer displays, and the SYSADMIN login option is not available. If you need to change or recover your password, you must be set up with **Basic Authentication**—this is especially crucial for administrative tasks or integration scenarios you may encounter.

Attention: Automatic login using Windows credentials only applies when a single data source is available and configured for Mixed authentication. For more information, see the *Deltek PPM Administrator 1.0.0 Cumulative Update 03 Release Notes* or *Deltek EPM Security Administrator 8.6 Cumulative Update 02 Release Notes*.

If you are in a centralized authentication environment, setting the system-level authentication to **Windows Authentication** exclusively is not supported.

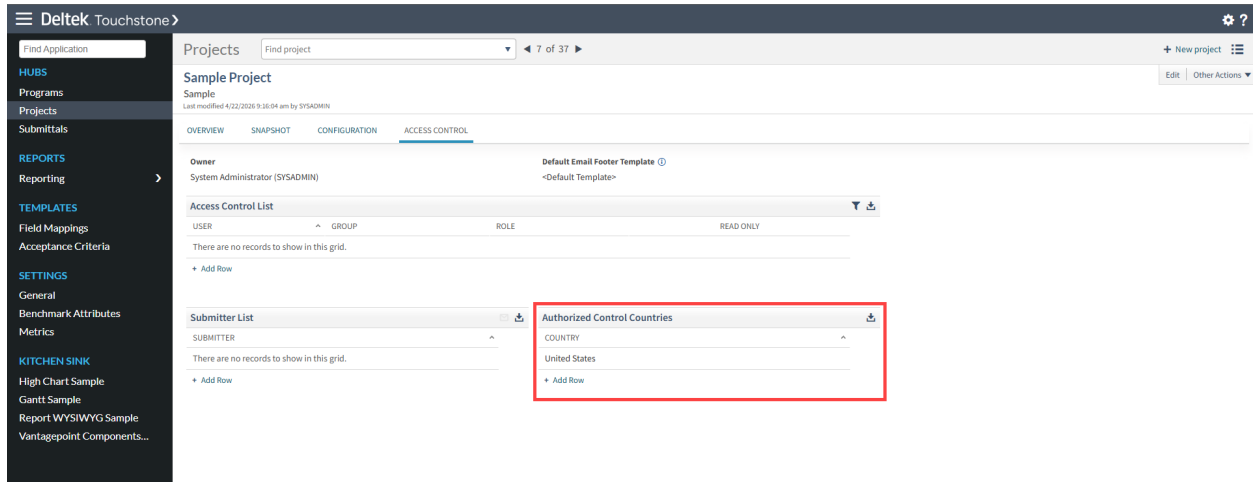
Attention: For more information, see the following sections of the *Deltek PPM Administrator Help / Deltek EPM Security Administrator Help*:

- [Deltek PPM Administrator Login Screen](#)
- [Enable Windows Authentication](#)
- [Password Policies / Password Policies Dialog Box](#)
- [System Authentication Tab / System Settings Dialog Box](#)
- [User Authentication Tab / User Details Form: Authentication Tab](#)

Support for Authorized Control Countries

This functionality becomes available in a PPM product when the Enable Control Country Validation option is selected on the Settings tab of the Systems form in PPM Administrator.

In Acumen Touchstone, the feature is displayed in the Projects hub.



Once the ACC feature is enabled in PPM Administrator, the PPM product enforces access control by displaying the Authorized Control Countries grid in the Access Control tab. The grid enables you to assign country-specific access permissions to users and groups for the selected contract.

You can configure ACC assignments at multiple levels:

- At a user level, you can assign individuals one or more control countries using PPM Administrator. They can access contracts that match at least one of their assigned countries.
- At the group level, you can assign each group to a single control country using PPM Administrator. Users whose ACC assignments include the group's control country can join that group.
- At the project or contract level, you can assign one or more control countries to a project or contract. You can then assign users or groups with matching ACC assignments to the project or contract's access control list (ACL).

Attention: For more information on the ACC feature, see the following sections of the *Deltek PPM Administrator Help*:

- System Settings Tab
- Groups General Tab
- Users General Tab

Software Issues Resolved

Descriptions of Software Issues

You will notice that the descriptions of some software defects contain extra information, including ways to work around the defects. For the most part, these issues were addressed before this release through hot fixes, and the additional information was developed to help you decide whether or not you needed to install the hot fixes.

When you install this release, you must install all fixes in the release; you cannot choose to install some and not others. Nevertheless, this additional information has been included in case you instituted some of the workarounds and can now stop using them, or you simply want more background information about the defect repairs.

Projects

Defect 2538468

Description: When you attempted to display the project snapshots chart in full screen, an error occurred.

Customers Impacted: This defect affects Acumen Touchstone users who try to display the project snapshots chart in full-screen on their browser.

Workaround Before Fix:

1. Download the project snapshots chart.
2. Open the downloaded image.
3. Display the image in full-screen.

Security-Related Software Issues Resolved

There are no security-related software issues resolved in this release.

Appendix A: Workaround for Installing PPM Administrator on Oracle and SQL Data Sources with Windows Authentication

This chapter provides a workaround for installing PPM Administrator when using Oracle and SQL data sources configured with Windows Authentication. The process involves creating a temporary Oracle and SQL data source with Basic Authentication using the PPM Data Source Management Tool, installing PPM Administrator via the PPM Database Configuration Wizard with this new data source, and then removing the temporary data source after installation.

To install PPM Administrator on an Oracle data source with Windows Authentication

1. In the PPM Data Source Management Tool, select the Oracle data source configured for Windows Authentication and click **Edit**.
2. In the Edit Data Source dialog box, take note of the value of the **Schema** field. This will serve as the **username** for the Oracle data source you will create.
3. Click **Configure** to proceed.
 - Take note of the values of the **Server/host name**, **Port** (if applicable), and **SID** fields. You will use these values when setting up the new Oracle data source.
You will use these values in step 5.
4. Click **Cancel** until you reach the PPM Data Source Management Tool main window.
5. Create a new Oracle data source configured for Basic Authentication.

Note: Use the schema noted above as the Oracle username and provide the password for that user. Use the server/host name, port, and SID that identifies the Oracle database instance. For more information on how to create a data source, see the *Deltek PPM Administrator 1.0 Installation Guide*.

6. In the PPM Database Configuration Wizard, select the new Oracle data source and install PPM Administrator.

Note: For more information on how to create a data source, see the *Deltek PPM Administrator 1.0 Installation Guide*.

7. After installing PPM Administrator, open the PPM Data Source Management Tool.
8. In the PPM Data Source Management Tool, select and delete the newly created Oracle data source. This step ensures that the data source does not display in the list of available options on the PPM Administrator login page.

To install PPM Administrator on an SQL data source with Windows Authentication:

1. In the PPM Data Source Management Tool, select the SQL data source configured for Windows Authentication and click **Edit**.
2. Click **Configure** to proceed.

- Take note of the values of the **Server/instance name**, **database name**, and **Port** (if applicable). You will use these three values when setting up the new SQL data source.

You will use these values in step 4.

3. Click **Cancel** until you reach the PPM Data Source Management Tool main window.
4. Create a new SQL data source configured for Basic Authentication.

Note: Use the Server/instance name, database name, and Port that identifies the SQL database instance. For more information on how to create a data source, see the *Deltek PPM Administrator 1.0 Installation Guide*.

5. In the PPM Database Configuration Wizard, select the new SQL data source and install PPM Administrator.

Note: For more information on how to create a data source, see the *Deltek PPM Administrator 1.0 Installation Guide*.

6. After installing PPM Administrator, open the PPM Data Source Management Tool.
7. In the PPM Data Source Management Tool, select and delete the newly created SQL data source. This step ensures that the data source does not display in the list of available options on the PPM Administrator login page.

Appendix B: For Additional Information

Deltek Support Center

The Deltek Support Center is a support Web site for Deltek customers who purchase an Ongoing Support Plan (OSP).

The following are some of the many options that the Deltek Support Center provides:

- Search for product documentation, such as release notes, install guides, technical information, online help topics, and white papers
- Ask questions, exchange ideas, and share knowledge with other Deltek customers through the Deltek Support Center Community
- Access Cloud-specific documents and forums
- Download the latest versions of your Deltek products
- Search Deltek's knowledge base
- Submit a support case and check on its progress
- Transfer requested files to a Deltek Support Services analyst
- Subscribe to Deltek communications about your products and services
- Receive alerts of new Deltek releases and hot fixes
- Initiate a Chat to submit a question to a Deltek Support Services analyst online

Attention: For more information regarding Deltek Support Center, refer to the online help available from the Web site.

Access Deltek Support Center

To access the Deltek Support Center:

1. Go to <https://deltek.custhelp.com>.
2. Enter your Deltek Support Center **Username** and **Password**.
3. Click **Login**.

Note: If you forget your username or password, you can click the **Need Help?** button on the login screen for help.

Available Documentation for this Release

Installation and other guides are available for this release from the Deltek Support Center.