CA Chorus™ Software Manager Fix Strategy

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CA Chorus Software Manager 6.0

CA Chorus Software Manager 5.1

Installation and Maintenance Methodology

CA Chorus Software Manager is provided in a standalone installation package and maintenance is provided via SMPE/E in element replacement format.

The CA Mainframe Stack for z/OS is the set of CA Technologies mainframe products that have adopted the following standardizations:

- Installation and maintenance is provided via SMP/E
- Adoption of ERROR HOLDDATA standard for PTFs in error
- Installable using CA Chorus Software Manager (CA CSM), previously CA Mainframe Software Manager (CA MSM)
- Products have been validated for interoperability. PTFs which pass test criteria are designated as CA Recommended Service for z/OS
- Adoption of FIXCAT HOLDDATA for PTFs is required for an upgrade of software, hardware devices or functions.

For product releases following these standards, service packs will no longer be required. CA Recommended Service (CA RS) for z/OS identifies PTFs that have passed additional quality validation criteria over a measured time cycle. A SOURCEID of CARyymm is part of the assign statement. Starting January 2013, CA Technologies will begin shipping monthly CA RS addendums in between the quarterly CA RS levels. The first addendum will be published in Feb 2013. See the CA RS website for more details. Additionally, CA CSM automates this update process. For non-CA CSM users, refer to the CA RS for z/OS page on CA Support Online to find the CARyymm.txt file.

Corrective maintenance can be downloaded from CA Support Online at any time. If you anticipate a large number of PTF updates to your system for a specific release, the Aggregate Maintenance solution enables an efficient download process.

CA Chorus Software Manager base Versions or Releases are available for electronic download only.

Maintenance Delivery & Timeframes

CA Chorus Software Manager Releases 5.1, 6.0 provides maintenance using the following delivery methods. The goal of the CA Chorus Software Manager product team is to generate these deliveries using the guidelines specified:

- Individual Fixes as needed

All z/OS PTFS that are found in error will be placed in error using SMP/E Error HOLDDATA.

Delivery Definitions

Individual Fix: A published fix which addresses the product defect as documented in the original test fix. An individual fix can contain binary patches or a cumulative component(s) and/or element(s) replacement and must be applied to an existing product environment.

Error HOLDDATA: PTFs that are found to be in error are marked in error. The Error HOLDDATA will be placed into a consolidated file. The HOLDDATA can be downloaded from https://support.ca.com/irj/portal/anonymous/phpdocs?filePath=0/8319/8319_errorholddata.html.

CA RS for z/OS: CA Recommended Service for z/OS provides preventative maintenance across the entire CA Technologies Mainframe z/OS Stack, giving you a way to manage risk while keeping your environment up to

date. The CA RS for z/OS contains a validated service level of PTFs that have been tested in the Integrated System Test lab for at least 90 days and all HIPER PTFs that have been validated for at least 30 days.
CA CSM: An application with a web-based user interface (UI) that helps you download, install, maintain, deploy and configure z/OS products and provides a unified view of the products that are installed at your site . Please refer to the CA CSM homepage for details.