Enterprise Edition Version 2.0 Release Notes

Introduction

This document outlines the changes in Enterprise Edition version 2.0 release. For the latest information about product updates, tips, and techniques, visit the Scholastic Education Product Support website at www.scholastic.com/productsupport.

New Features and Enhancements

All Programs

- **Browser-Based Client Software**

  All programs are now housed on the SAM Server (for local installations) or a Scholastic Data Center (for hosted installations) and are accessed over a network or secure Internet connection. Programs open in a browser window. There is no client software to install on workstations, and programs are accessed through the Student Access Screen or the Educator Access Screen.

- **Student Access Screen and Educator Access Screen**

  The Student Access Screen or Educator Access Screen opens in a separate browser window. The screens have icons for every program installed on the server. Clicking an icon takes the user to the Login Screen for that program.

- **Media Delivery**

  All program media is now housed on the SAM Server or Scholastic Data Center and is accessed over a network or secure Internet connection.

- **Scholastic Media Accelerator (SMA)**

  The Scholastic Media Accelerator (SMA) is a new product that can be installed on a separate media server and controls all media for version 2.0 programs, providing a more direct link to program media. The SMA requires a server with the following characteristics:

  - **Operating System**: Windows XP or later; Macintosh OS X 10.5 or later
  - **Processor**: Pentium 4 processor 2 GHz or more; Intel-based Mac
  - **Memory**: Minimum 2.0 GB of RAM
  - **Hard Drive**: Minimum 25 GB available drive space
  - **Drive Speed**: 7200 rpm drive
  - **Network**: Gigabit Ethernet

  Scholastic recommends working with your Scholastic field engineer to evaluate your deployment to determine if it is necessary to install the SMA, and where to install it.

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Scholastic Achievement Manager (SAM) v2.0

- **Activity Monitor**

  SAM version 2.0 offers a Web page displaying key SAM server performance indicators and metrics for troubleshooting including scheduled jobs, database connections, CPU usage, and server requests by product.

- **Data Management Features**

  SAM version 2.0 provides users with the ability to import admins, select fields for export, export a subset of schools on a server, and select start and end dates on export.

- **Fields in Export Fields**

  New fields have been added to the *.csv export files: school number, class ID, and date range. Users may also now select a subset of schools for export, allowing student data exports from a group of schools, rather than one or all schools.

- **File Naming Conventions**

  File naming conventions for all export files have been revised so that the year comes first in the time stamp section of the filename. This facilitates proper export file sorting.

- **Improved Backup Files**

  Product version information is now included in database backup files.

- **Search Features**

  SAM version 2.0 provides users with new search options. The **Search** link on the SAM home page opens the search function in SAM instead of in a browser window as in previous versions.

  Search queries have been improved to include all active students in the users domain.

  Search parameters have been improved to allow for greater specificity in results.

- **Server Utility**

  Server Cleanup Utility now deletes backups in the Alternate Backup location.

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READ 180® Next Generation v2.0

- **New User Interface**

  The new user interface features the student's name, title of the current selection, and links to the five zones, including the new Writing Zone.

- **Student Dashboard**

  The Student Dashboard monitors and displays students' progress through the program. Students use different tabs on the Dashboard to view their achievements. Upon login, students have 45 seconds to view their Dashboard before moving to the Zone Menu.

- **Writing Zone**

  The Writing Zone becomes visible on the Zone Menu when students have completed their work in the Success Zone. Teachers may use the *READ 180* Next Generation Program Settings in SAM to set which students move to the Writing Zone at the end of a segment. When students have finished their work in the Writing Zone, they publish their work to the teacher, who may access it through the SAM Student Digital Portfolio.

- **Student Digital Portfolio**

  Districts with *READ 180* Next Generation and SAM on their servers will see a purple Portfolio tab and **Portfolio** button on their SAM installations. Clicking the tab or button opens the Student Digital Portfolio. The Student Digital Portfolio collects students' published writings and oral fluency recordings. Teachers may then organize and grade student assignments with the help of built-in rubrics and point-of-use help features. Grades submitted by teachers via the Portfolio will then appear in SAM reports.

- **eReads**

  eReads is an independent component of *READ 180* Next Generation aligned to the Topic Software. eReads may be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection. Students may also access eReads through the Student Access Screen.

- **Home Screen Navigation**

  Students may now use the Tab key to navigate from zone button to zone button. Pressing Tab once highlights a button, and continuing to press Tab moves the highlight from button to button. Pressing the Space Bar selects the highlighted button.

- **Word Windows**

  Visiting the Word Window is mandatory the first time a student visits the Reading Zone for a new segment.

- **Videos**

  The new video window is about 45% larger than the old window for easier viewing.

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READ 180 v2.0

- **New User Interface**

  READ 180 v2.0 features an exciting new user interface that shows the student's name, the title of the current selection, links to the Progress Report and the Daily Report, and access to the four zones.

rSkills Tests v2.0

- **Stand-Alone Program**

  Starting with *rSkills* version 2.0, teachers may now use *rSkills* with *System 44*® as well as *READ 180*. Teachers must select the student's program and stage in the *rSkills* Program Settings in SAM prior to assigning a test.

Fraction Nation® v2.0

- **Faster Page Loading**

  Improvements have been made to the way animations in the Learn section are loaded. Animations will now load and begin playing more quickly.

FASTT Math® v2.0

- **Growth and Usage Report**

  FASTT Math version 2.0 contains a new report called the Growth and Usage Report, which shows a high-level summary of *FASTT Math* usage at the district level or school level. The report displays students who are both on model (using *FASTT Math* three or more times per week) and off model (using *FASTT Math* less than three times per week). The report also shows the average percent gain for both groups of students.

- **Implementation Report**

  Improvements have been made that allow this report to run faster.

- **Summary Progress Report**

  Improvements have been made that allow this report to run faster.

- **Improved Alert Processing**

  FASTT Math alerts have been eliminated. No alerts are running in the current version of the product.

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Updates

The following issues have been addressed in Enterprise Edition version 2.0.

Scholastic Achievement Manager (SAM) v2.0

- **Roster Import**

  In SAM version 2.0, the District User ID is now a required field for teachers and administrators. Teachers and administrators with records on more than one server in a school district must have usernames and district ID numbers that match exactly, or their access to ITS and DTZ will become disabled (they will be re-enabled when the username and ID number are corrected). It is **vital** that two different users do not have the same District User IDs on the same server when performing an import. If two users have the same District User ID, the newer user will be added to the Roster Import resulting in the older user's account being overwritten. Care should also be taken that a user's District User ID is the same in the import file as in the database, or a new account will be inadvertently created. The Roster Import process also may now be used to update all information in a teacher or administrator profile, provided all District User IDs match. Roster Import now also imports teacher permissions.

- **Data Aggregation**

  The District User ID is now the key field for matching teacher and administrator accounts in an aggregation import. **NOTE**: It is vital that two different users do not have the same District User IDs on the same server when performing an import. If two users have the same District User ID, the newer user will be added to the Roster Import resulting in the older user's account being overwritten. However, this impacts only accounts on the aggregation server.

READ 180 v2.0

- **Home Page Navigation**

  Students may now use the Tab key to navigate from zone button to zone button by pressing Tab once to highlight a button and either continuing to press Tab to move from button to button or pressing the spacebar to select the highlighted button.

- **Reports**

  The number of students no longer differs between the Target Software Report and the Results Summary Report.

  The Topic Progress Report no longer adds four segments to the total when the level is changed in SAM.

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- **Spelling Zone**

  The requirements for completing the Spelling Challenge are streamlined in version 2.0 to allow students to move through the activity more quickly.

- **Word Zone**

  The requirements for completing the Speed Challenge are streamlined in version 2.0 to allow students to move through the activity more quickly.

- **Zone Navigation**

  Students must complete two Quick Check questions before accessing a new zone.

rSkills Tests v2.0

- **Student Data Export**

  Students with Open Response and Writing Prompt data are now included in *.csv exports.

System 44® v2.0

- **Data Exports**

  System 44 *.csv exports now filter by date range.

- **Grading Tool**

  Teachers may now access the *System 44* Grading Tool after using an ampersand in grading success recordings.

- **Progress Monitor**

  Students who select a correct answer at the last possible moment before timing out receive credit for the answer. The answer is not marked as timing out.

- **Spelling Challenge**

  The program no longer freezes after the user submits a word and then clicks the **Word** button.

FASTT Math v2.0

- **Student Placement**

  Student placement no longer resets after 45 days of inactivity.

- **Growth and Usage Report**

  Demographic filter is now fully functional.

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Scholastic Math Inventory v2.0

- **Report Improvements**

  Changing the Performance Level Quantile® in the *SMI* Program Settings in SAM no longer causes the graph in the Student Progress Report to fail to display.

- **Login Improvements**

  Students no longer receive “already logged in” messages upon first logins.

Scholastic Reading Counts!® v2.0

- **Quiz Manager Improvements**

  Quiz Manager Reports now generate regardless of the number of quizzes installed.

  Install Summary Page now contains full results from quiz installations.

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