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IMDS NT Training courses in preparation

Our HP training partners are currently developing seminars to guide you through all the changes connected to IMDS NT. Please regularly check their seminar offerings on our [IMDS Advanced Solutions >> Training Webpages](#).

1. Hardware improvement for IMDS NT

As a first step towards an operational next-generation IMDS (**IMDS New Technology**), the current version of IMDS will be migrated to a new cluster of servers. Consisting of high-density, energy-efficient HP Blade Servers, this new cluster delivers the enhanced power, scalability and reliability we require to operate IMDS NT for the worldwide automotive community, while at the same time reducing the total energy consumption and therefore, the carbon footprint of IMDS.

The location and setup of the new IMDS environment remains a fully redundant cluster of servers that extends over the two HP datacenters in Germany (Ruesselsheim and Frankfurt), which together provide disaster recovery and fail-over capability.

The migration to the new cluster is currently planned for the middle of April 2013 and will require a 2 day week-end downtime to complete. Nothing 'visible' in the IMDS application (or IMDS-AI - Advanced Interface) will change for end-users at this stage. However, "behind the scenes" the IP address of www.mdsystem.com will change during this downtime.

To achieve a smooth transition, in May 2013 we plan to run IMDS Classic and IMDS NT in parallel for 6 weeks on this new hardware platform.

2. IMDS NT User Migration

As mentioned above, in May 2013 we will start running IMDS Classic and IMDS NT in parallel for six weeks. During this 6 week period IMDS users will be migrated to IMDS NT. The HP Support team will migrate sets of companies to IMDS NT in defined waves. As an IMDS user you will still start from www.mdsystem.com. Until you are migrated, please use the link to the Classic IMDS. When you log in, the system will check whether your company has been migrated to IMDS NT. If not, the log-in works as always. If your company has been migrated, you will see a notice informing you of this, and asking you to use IMDS NT instead. You will be routed automatically to IMDS NT, where you must log-in again. Username and password for IMDS NT are identical to those of IMDS Classic.

After your first log-in to IMDS NT, please remember to use the link to IMDS NT from the start page for future visits to IMDS. In advance, please make sure you are using MS Internet Explorer 7 or above, or any of the other supported browsers. **Internet Explorer 6 and below will not work with IMDS NT**, and will not permit you to work in IMDS after the transition. Also, to ensure your access is properly migrated, please verify the bookmark you use to access IMDS points to www.mdsystem.com and not to any subdomains.

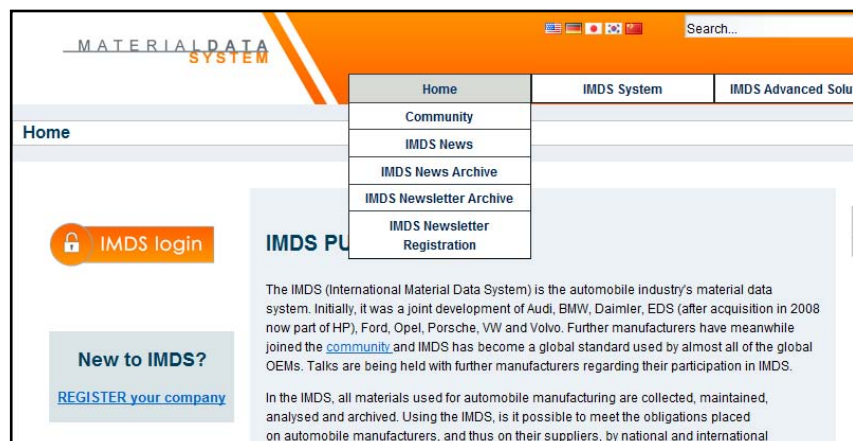
Users of the IMDS Advanced Interface (IMDS-AI) and IMDS-a2 (Advanced Accelerator) will be migrated in one step and informed separately beforehand. However, no special activities for IMDS-a2 users are required. For IMDS-AI there are no interface changes and using the AI batch client requires no changes either. AI users actively logging into the IMDS web-application continue to work with the Classic IMDS application, even if other users from their company are already migrated to IMDS NT, until notified in the above mentioned communication.

3. IMDS NT (IMDS Release 8.0) - Test System

IMDS NT (IMDS New Technology) is the working name for IMDS' architecture and web application modernization which is currently being prepared at HP. However in accordance to the IMDS release numbering standard, the corresponding IMDS Release will be called **IMDS Release 8.0**. An IMDS NT (IMDS Rel. 8.0) test system will be available starting April 2013 for the OEMs and for a limited number of test users from industry and supplier associations (e.g. CLEPA, AIAG and JAPIA). These individuals have been contacted and identified to HP representatives as IMDS NT early testers. These will be the first users to try out the new IMDS Rel. 8.0 (IMDS NT) web application, including core functions like creating MDSs, administration and analysis. Additionally, HP will arrange a web conference to introduce these users to IMDS NT and offer a Q&A session to get them prepared for the IMDS NT testing.

4. New IMDS Information Pages planned

Part of IMDS NT project is the modernization and optimization of the IMDS information pages (previously called "IMDS Public Pages"). These will be based on a different content management system platform which will make it easier to navigate and find specific information. Here you will get a first impression of these webpages:



5. Profile renaming

In the past, we have received frequent requests to rename the Client Manager profile, as this does not exactly describe the tasks of this role in IMDS.

Now - with the transition to IMDS NT - we will change the name of the old Profile "Client Manager" to **Company Administrator**. In the application you will see this change on 10th April 2013. All other material/documents like User Manuals etc. this change will be adopted over a period of time. You may encounter both names during the transition period. As of 10th April onwards, the former

Client Manager will then be called **Company Administrator**

Note: There will be no changes to the specific access rights in IMDS related to this profile.

6. Quick reference documents for IMDS NT

In preparation for the transition to IMDS NT, we are providing two documents you might find useful to review. Those documents already exist for IMDS Classic, but were revised for IMDS NT. These Quick Reference documents provide a step-by-step overview on two basic functions: "Creating a Component MDS" and "Creating a Material MDS", which requires different information to be completed.

[Create tips for components](#)

[Create tips for a material MDS](#)

Please remember to check on the [IMDS NT Information webpage](#) regularly.

7. Users' Echo - e-mails sent to IMDS

We are a small automobile industry supplier company and have been working with IMDS for 10 years now. Many functions were added and we know how to find everything in the application - after the NT-rollout, will it still be possible to use IMDS as it is now? Thanks.



Dear IMDS user company,

Please let us explain why keeping the application as it is now will not be possible:

- Modern web applications such as IMDS NT provide more sophisticated functionality than is available with the old html application and frames used in IMDS Classic. IMDS NT uses new technologies which cannot be supported in IMDS Classic.
- Constantly evolving internet capabilities require applications to be modernized so as to guarantee up-to-date security features.
- Finally, parallel operation of two different applications is simply too expensive: new enhancements like IMDS 2020 will only be developed once, and are much more reliable when developed for the modern platform. Parallel development is simply cost prohibitive.

We understand your concerns about using a completely new environment. However, once you start using IMDS NT, we believe you will be surprised how much easier it is to perform the tasks you need in your daily work. We would like to hear from you again after the IMDS NT rollout.

Best regards,
IMDS Newsletter Team

Your participation

Please help us with your feedback. If you would like to contribute to this Newsletter with articles and comments concerning the IMDS and environmental issues in your company, please contact us by email. For suggestions, further information and questions, please contact imds-newsletter@hp.com

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