IMDS Newsletter XXXI

IMDS NT Special 3

INTERNATIONAL MATERIAL DATA SYSTEM

In this special issue for IMDS NT (referred to as IMDS Release 8.0) you can read about the following:

1. Documents available for IMDS Release 8.0

The following links provide access to several documents we have created to assist you in preparing for the transition to IMDS Release 8.0; we revised some of these documents from existing materials.

1. Quick Reference documents, providing a step-by-step overview on two basic functions:

Download Create tips for components
Download Create tips for a material MDS

2. * NEW * **Video Tutorials,** describing how to work within IMDS Release 8.0:

IMDS Release 8.0 Introduction - Homepage and Login (9 MB)
IMDS Release 8.0 Introduction - Landing page and Search Criteria (12 MB)
IMDS Release 8.0 Introduction - Search Results (22 MB)
IMDS Release 8.0 Introduction - Details (12 MB)

3. * NEW * **Presentation comparing functions** IMDS Release 7.2 and IMDS Release 8.0

Download the presentation

4. IMDS Release 8.0 IMDS User Manual

Please remember to check on the IMDS NT Information webpage regularly.

2. IMDS Release 8.0 User Migration preparation

Before migration, please ensure 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 Release 8.0, and will not permit you to use 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 subpages.

You do not need to be concerned during the migration whether your suppliers and customers are using the same IMDS release you are using! Information received from and sent to suppliers and customers is independent of the release, and will be available with the same speed as always regardless of version. Customers or suppliers migrated to the new version may have a brief learning curve with IMDS Release 8.0, which may result in slower action initially, but this is not a system delay. Encouraging your suppliers to use the information sources list above before the migration will help minimize this potential impact.

Release 8.0 does not change the IMDS internal information; i.e. your MDSs, customers, suppliers, etc. Only the way you access your data changes. No resending or reworking needs to be done.

3. IMDS Release 8.0 User Migration process

The starting point for all IMDS use remains www.mdsystem.com. Until you are migrated, please continue to use the link to Classic IMDS 7.2. When you log in, the system will check whether your company has been migrated to IMDS Release 8.0. If not, the log-in works as always. If your company has been migrated, you will see a notification. Once notified, you cannot continue to use the IMDS Release 7.2 link. Please use the IMDS Release 8.0 link instead. After clicking this link you must log-in again. Your user ID and password for IMDS Release 8.0 are identical to the ones used in IMDS Release 7.2.

During the transition period, some companies will use Release 7.2, and some will use Release 8.0:
1. Companies not yet migrated continue to use only IMDS Release 7.2.
2. Companies once migrated will only use the new IMDS Release 8.0.

HP has worked with the supplier community to identify early adopter companies. These companies will be the first to migrate and to use IMDS Release 8.0 in production. These companies are and will remain in close contact with HP to provide feedback on the production system behavior. After the early adopter period, migration will proceed over a period of many weeks. Leveraging the learning from the early adopter experience, we will define the migration waves. After your first log-in to IMDS Release 8.0, please use the IMDS Release 8.0 link from the start page for future system usage.
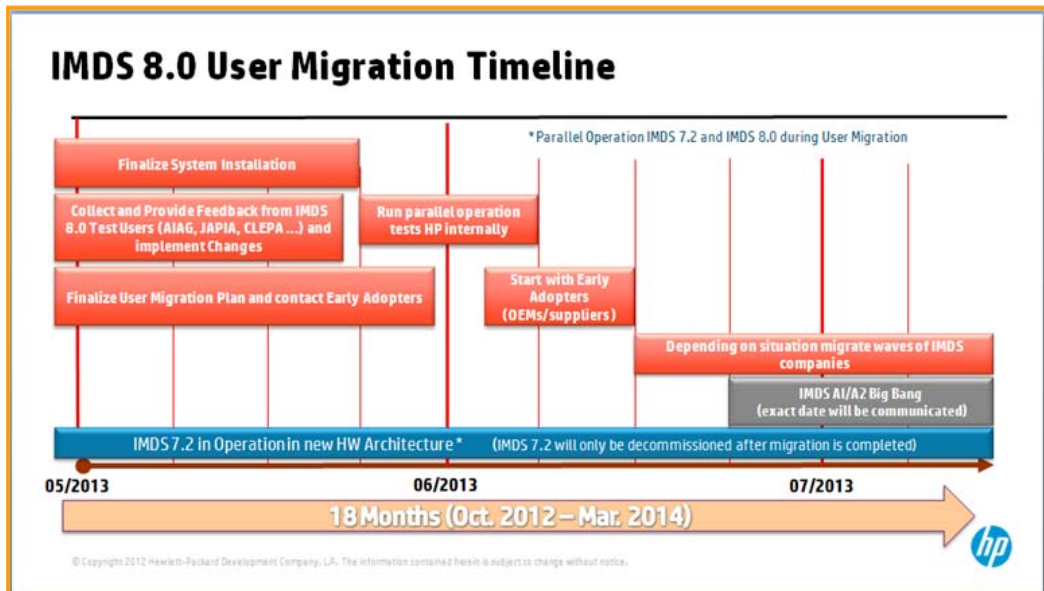
Throughout the migration, our primary and uncompromising goal is to ensure issues are minimized and contained. While we appreciate the desire to move quickly, we will not sacrifice operational integrity to accelerate the transition or maintain intermediate milestones. Any migration dates or schedules we communicate are guidelines based upon our understanding at the time. This information should at no time be perceived as a commitment, and will change as circumstances require.

4. IMDS Release 8.0 Training courses available

Our HP training partners are currently developing and offering seminars and classes to guide you through all the changes connected to IMDS Release 8.0. Please check their offerings regularly on our IMDS Advanced Solutions >> Training Webpages.

Several courses will be announced on our **IMDS NT Information webpage.**

5. IMDS Release 8.0 User Migration time line

6. Special migration for IMDS-a2 and IMDS-AI users

All IMDS Advanced Interface (IMDS-AI) and IMDS Advanced Accelerator (IMDS-A2) accounts will migrate together. We will communicate the date to them prior to their migration. IMDS-A2 users will experience no changes during the IMDS Release 8.0 transition. For IMDS-AI and AI batch client there are no changes anticipated either. AI users who also use the IMDS web interface will continue to work with the Classic IMDS application (IMDS Release 7.2), even after other users from their company are migrated to IMDS Release 8.0, until notified in the above mentioned communication.

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

We are a small supplier and have been working with IMDS for 10 years. We need some time to train our IMDS staff to prepare for the switch to IMDS Release 8.0. Can our migration be postponed? Also, do we have to change our existing MDSs to work with IMDS Release 8.0? Thanks.

Dear IMDS user company,

Please let us explain why postponing the migration for a single company will not be possible. Early adopter companies are migrating right now, at the beginning of June 2013. We will use what we learn during their migration to manage the migration of subsequent companies using consistent procedures and methodologies. This will ensure the integrity of every company's information. Exceptions for single companies would compromise the consistency of these procedures, introduce variation into the process, require additional scripting and testing, and delay the overall migration. It is neither feasible nor desirable to incur any of these risks, delays, or expenses.

For your second question the answer is: no, you will not need to change of MDSs at all. Whereas some previous IMDS Releases required changes to MDSs to continue using them, with this release the data behind the new user interface remains exactly the same. No changes are needed to your datasheets.

We understand your concerns about using the new environment. However, we offer support at the links above to help you understand how to perform your IMDS responsibilities and tasks in the new release.. We would like to hear from you again after your company was migrated to IMDS Release 8.0.

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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