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Confirmit Horizons Continuous Release: Changes in Behavior

This document summarizes important changes in existing functionality in Confirmit Horizons Continuous Release Version. This document will be updated with more information throughout the release period.

System and Administration

Updated Password Change Restraint

[Updated December 23, 2019]

Previously a user could only change their password once before having to wait 24 hours* before being able to change it again. This restraint has been adjusted so that a user may now change their password up to three times before having to wait 24 hours* to be able to change it again.

*Actual time period may differ as it is configured by a system setting, the default value is 24 hours.

Authoring

Survey launch will fail if survey layout contains references to invalid QIDs

[Updated March 21, 2017]

When launching surveys, if any of the themes contain references to invalid QIDs this will result in a survey launch failure. Prior to this release, such errors did not cause the survey launch to fail, but would have resulted in an error being displayed to respondents completing the interview on that page. All themes, including unused ones will result in the launch failure.

CAPI

Removal of Activity Log from CAPI App

[Updated June 8, 2017]

The Activity Log has been removed from the settings section of the CAPI App. This activity log contained internal information used for troubleshooting purposes.

Deletion of synchronized completed interviews in CAPI App

[Updated March 6, 2018]

The deletion of successfully synchronized completed interviews from devices running the CAPI App has changed. The new behavior is dependent on the survey setting Web Options > “Allow respondents to re-enter a completed interview and change their answers”. When this setting is enabled the data will remain on the device for 14 days after synchronization. When this setting is disabled the data will be removed after successful synchronization, without the 14 day delay. The CAPI App will also prevent access to re-interview completed interviews when this setting is disabled. Previously completed, screened and quota failed interviews were only deleted 14 days after successful synchronization.

Data Management

Handling of data exports using separate files

[Updated May 15, 2019]

In version 2019.05 the behavior of separate file data exports with labels is changed, for projects that have Table lookup in the answerlist of loops. Previously the loop iterations would be exported as codes even when the export is set to “Answer Codes as Labels”. From version 2019.05 onwards, the loop iterations will be exported as labels also if the answerlist of the loop has Table lookup.

Handling of locale in Windows Server

[Updated May 14, 2019]

From Windows 10/Windows Server 2016, Microsoft switched their standard to follow the “Common Locale Data Repository” (CLDR) to control how to handle locale (language and region preferences). This is instead of Microsoft manually trying to keep track of official formats used in different languages. The intention is to always use formats that are considered most “correct” in different languages - something that may change over time. More information is available here: <https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/shawnste/2015/08/29/locale-data-in-windows-10-cldr/> CLDR data is used by all major software systems for their software internationalization and localization.

As a consequence of that, Confirmat Horizons will also adhere to CLDR when the Confirmat site is upgraded to Windows Server 2016. This means some Confirmat Horizons exports and imports will be affected by this change (e.g. delimited text files with locale settings). This may also change over time when CLDR is updated, since countries may enforce new policies. Change logs and more information about CLDR is available here: <http://cldr.unicode.org/>

There is a chance that these changes may impact integrations with other systems if the other systems cannot parse, for example a date format correctly (or if other systems provide data in a format Confirmat cannot parse correctly). However, it is most likely that it will not cause issues since this is a standard that most software companies adhere to. For most languages there are no changes, and even for those languages where there are changes, the changes are subtle and should not cause issues. However, we recommend that you verify that automated workflows still provide results as expected.

Empty export files in data exports

[Updated May 14, 2019]

If a data export contains no data, the system will not send empty export files. Previously empty files would be sent. In case it is desirable to send empty files, there is a company setting which can be enabled upon request to allow sending of empty files: “Allow empty files to be exported in Data Processing.”

Change in default filename used for media files exported from Survey Data Export

[Updated November 15, 2017]

The Survey Data Export wizard now allows you to select the filename used when exporting media files (image, video and audio files). You can choose the filename format from either:

- <pid>_<respid>_<loopids>_<qid>_<uniqueid>.<ext>
- <uniqueid>.<ext>

Where the “<pid>_<respid>_<loopids>_<qid>_<uniqueid>.<ext>” is the default, previously <uniqueid>.<ext> was the default.

Reporting and Analytics

Change in behavior in Instant Analytics for professional users exporting data

[Updated April 16, 2019]

The ability to export data as a professional user should be dependent on the professional user account having the SYSTEM_DATA_EXPORT permission, however, Instant Analytics allowed any professional user to export the data via the Export option. We've made a change to how Instant Analytics behaves and now at the time the Instant Analytics report is created the ability to export data will be dependent on the professional user having the SYSTEM_DATA_EXPORT permission. If they have it, the link will exist, if they don't it won't. Existing reports that were generated before this change was made will still allow users to export data.

Panel

Change to password storage for Panel registration surveys

[Updated October 7, 2019]

To strengthen security, the passwords that users set as part of creating a panelist profile in a panel registration survey will no longer be stored in the panelist registration survey database. This change is planned for deployment on Monday October 7th, and will take effect once a registration survey is relaunched (recommended) after this deployment.

Existing panelist records will remain untouched, but from launch onwards, no password will be saved for new panelists. The value will be pushed to the panel database, where it will be hashed, as today, but it will not be stored in the survey anymore. It is still possible to have two password fields (to confirm the password), and validation scripts for the password, as long as they are on the same page.

Password fields in normal surveys (property on open text questions) works as before and will be stored in plain text in the survey database.

Web Services

Change to authoring Web Service for empty texts in lists

[Updated December 23, 2019]

When returning a survey schema from the Authoring API, previously the AnswerText objects were returned regardless of whether a given answer's label was null or not. Now, to improve system performance if the label is null, no AnswerText object is returned.