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Introduction

This guide is intended to document any patches released subsequent to the last full version release, and will contain documentation on ALL patches to date. It is our opinion that all patches released should be implemented as quickly as possible to insure that you don't encounter problems that have already been corrected by existing patches.

However, we recognize that there are factors that might delay your implementation of a given patch or set of patches, and this guide is provided to assist you in making the decision to implement a given set of patches.

By documenting changes as they happen, it is our hope that you will be able to implement the patches in a timely fashion, and avoid problems that have already been corrected.

What is the Consolidated Patch Release?

The Consolidated Patch Release is a conglomeration of all patches that have been made available to incorporate minor bug fixes that were made available on an emergency basis, and new critical fixes that have NOT been released prior to this time.

Each version of the Consolidated Patch Release will **require** that the install/update program be run, just to update the version in YOUR RAP Admin panel.

While each patch release is documented individually, all files should be uploaded at the same time, and the actual upgrade process only has to be run once.

RAP Version 3.2.1 (28 July 2010)

1. Modified IPN processing to keep unnecessary records from being written to the sales table.
2. Modified the Add On settings file to be compatible with PHP version 5.3.
3. Modified primary RAP settings file to eliminate a potential “hack” situation.
4. Corrected an error where the order button causes a refresh of the sales page if “Allow External Affiliate Order Link” was not set.
5. Corrected a problem that prevented reseller log in.
6. Corrected a problem where Equity Partners could not participate in 100% commission products.

Files Affected:

rap_admin/install.php
rap_admin/ipn.php
rap_admin/settings.php
rap_admin/addon_settings.php
rap_admin/includes/index.php
rap_admin/includes/reseller.php
rap_admin/library/functions.php

RAP Version 3.2.2 (01 Aug 2010)

1. Removed spurious characters in the “Manage Salesletters” page of RAP Admin.
2. Incorporated Add On developer “hook” into IPN processing to provide enhanced ability to process dynamic pricing (i.e. dimesales, limited quantity sales, etc.).
3. Eliminated “bleeding” of front end discount coupon pricing over to back end (special offer/OTO) pricing.

Files Affected:

rap_admin/install.php
rap_admin/index.php

rap_admin/ipn.php
rap_admin/includes/index.php

RAP Version 3.2.3 (05 Aug 2010)

1. Corrected problem where Equity Partner commissions were not being apportioned correctly when the Equity Partner was added with an “Effective Date” vs. being effective at the time of product launch.
2. Modified the system to correct a problem where default From Name and From Email were not used when product specific options were not provided in System Emails.
3. Modified JV sign up to correct the “opt-out” link at the end of the sign up confirmation email.
4. Modified both affiliate and JV sign up to eliminate new window when auto opt-in for resellers was selected.
5. Corrected footer links to new “legal” templates (disclaimer.html, privacy.html, terms.html), when used in the “reseller” pages.
6. Modified CSS file for admin menu to provide better contrast in the RAP Admin menu.

Files Affected:

rap_admin/install.php
rap_admin/index.php
rap_admin/includes/index.php
rap_admin/library/functions.php
rap_admin/adminmenu-files/styles_rq3cp.css
product/tmpl2/ (multiple files)
product/tmpl/footer.html

RAP Version 3.2.4 (26 Aug 2010)

1. Corrected problem where Equity Partner commission calculations caused a “divide by zero” warning on the first sale of a new product.
2. Corrected a problem where subscriptions were double posting to the database.

3. Improved System Email handling in the IPN process.
4. Modified upgrade process to correct problems with implementation of the new “Marketplace Override” option.

Files Affected:

rap_admin/install.php
rap_admin/index.php
rap_admin/ipn.php
rap_admin/settings.php
rap_admin/sqlupdate.php
rap_admin/includes/index.php
rap_admin/library/functions.php

RAP Version 3.2.5 (30 Sep 2010)

1. Corrected a problem where affiliate nicknames that contained mixed upper/lower case, were not being correctly credited for referrals.
2. Added support for several new payment currencies, allowing more people to use their native currency (note – If using these new currencies, be sure to read the comments on the Paypal website re: limitations for conversion to/from these currencies).
3. Eliminated the use of Modal Windows in the affiliate center because of problems encountered by some users with modal window sizing, and/or HTTP 406 error created by some web servers. If upgrading from any previous v3.2.x release, this change also allows you to remove a significant amount of javascript code from your header.html template.
4. Corrected a problem where the Email All function sent spaces in the “from name” field, causing those mails to be relegated to the recipients’ spam folder.
5. Significant enhancements in speed of bulk mailings from your RAP system.

Files Affected:

rap_admin/install.php
rap_admin/sqlupdate.php
rap_admin/index.php

rap_admin/includes/index.php
rap_admin/includes/reseller.php
products/tmpl/header.html
products/tmpl/affcenter.html

RAP Version 3.2.6 (5 Oct 2010)

1. Corrected a problem where the Email All feature failed with “Fatal Error: Allowed memory size of 33554432 bytes exhausted...”

This was the result of either a large number of products, a large number of sales, or BOTH! Excessive memory was required to dedup the mailing list.

The Allowed memory setting was doubled in RAP, and modifications were made to the RAP system to require only a fraction of the memory as previous versions.

2. Corrected a problem where customers with mixed case (i.e. any uppercase letters) email addresses were not being correctly opted out of your list, when requested.
3. Added a new template, and 3 new variables (for use on that template) to allow for customizing the order button when a discount coupon is used.

You will need to name the template in your template folder, as follows:

If you set up a discount coupon named “7day”, then simply name your custom coupon_button.html file (in your template folder) as “7day_button.html”.

The following tokens have been included in the new templates provided. Use them as you see fit.

<?= \$sys_dc ?> - to show the name of the coupon
<?= \$sys_dc_daysleft ?> – to show how long before the coupon expires
<?= \$sys_dc_expires ?> – to show the date/time that the coupon expires

To see this in action, have a look at the order button at:
<http://i-net-sales.com/test32/>

then take another look with a discount coupon:
<http://i-net-sales.com/test32/?dc=testexpire>

4. Corrected a typo on the rap_admin/delcoupon.php page.

Files Affected:

rap_admin/install.php
rap_admin/index.php
rap_admin/settings.php
rap_admin/delcoupon.php
rap_admin/includes/index.php
rap_admin/library/functions.php

product/tmpl/coupon_button.html
product/tmpl2/coupon_button.html

RAP Version 3.2.7 (15 Oct 2010)

1. Implemented the “Global JV Partner” option, allowing a JV Partner to sign up once, but still receive JV-level commission rates for all products. This is a global option, which, when set, applies to all products.

The option can be set during installation, or from the ‘System Settings’ menu.

2. Eliminated “false positives” in Fraud reporting.

Because Paypal reports payment from the PRIMARY paypal address, previous releases would report a potential fraud condition when an affiliate promoted your product(s) using an alternate Paypal email address.

Thanks to Carlos Martinho, and his terrific post on the forum at: <http://rapidactionprofits.com/forum/index.php?topic=15511.0> ... this has been overcome. Carlos pointed out a section of the IPN documentation that I hadn’t realized/understood (despite about 8 years of using IPN for my own systems), and a thorough review of his explanation has resulted in a fix that is also a new feature. With this patch, affiliates will be able to use an alternate Paypal address, and still get credit for their sales.

3. Corrected problems where different configurations of the Special Offer/One Time Offer options did not always produce the desired result.

Setting the One Time Offer option now produces a true one time offer. The customer will see your OTO once, and ONLY once, if you have set this option.

Files Affected:

rap_admin/install.php
rap_admin/sqlupdate.php
rap_admin/index.php
rap_admin/settings.php
rap_admin/ipn.php
rap_admin/includes/index.php
rap_admin/includes/reseller.php
rap_admin/library/functions.php

RAP Version 3.2.8 (27 Oct 2010)

1. Affiliate statistics for Special Offers (previously labeled as OTO), were inadvertently dropped from v3.2.
This patch causes any special offer (whether it is to be seen repeatedly, or as a one-time offer), to be shown in the affiliate stats area as an “upsell” item.

Files Affected:

rap_admin/install.php
rap_admin/index.php
rap_admin/includes/reseller.php

RAP Version 3.2.9 (31 Oct 2010)

1. The new “Special Offer” feature created problems if the offer was not a one-time offer, and the customer chose to decline your special offer.

This was not a problem for products set up with a One-Time Offer (OTO checked). This patch corrects the problem when a customer declines a “recurring” Special Offer.
2. A function for calculating the difference between two dates (i.e. the time left before expiration of a discount coupon), caused errors when running on PHP version 5.3, or later.

The function was re-written to accomodate PHP version 5.3 or later.
3. Special Offer (upsell) pricing and commission percentages added to affiliate center product catalog.

Files Affected:

rap_admin/install.php
rap_admin/includes/index.php
rap_admin/includes/reseller.php
rap_admin/library/functions.php

RAP Version 3.2.10 (18 Nov 2010)

1. Creation of the new “Special Offer” feature did not properly convert the One-Time Offer flag, to automatically set the Special offer flag in the database. This meant that pre3.2 one-time offers had to be manually flagged to also set the Special Offer flag.

This patch insures that the Special Offer flag is automatically set for all one time offers.

2. The defaults (Item Name and Administrator Email were not used for the “From Name” and From Address when sending system emails (i.e. download emails and eCheck notifications) to your customer.

This meant that From Name and From Address had to be set in the System Email options for each product, or these emails would be sent with an empty from address.

This patch insures that the defaults are used if not explicitly supplied in the “System Email” settings.

Files Affected:

rap_admin/install.php
rap_admin/sqlupdate.php
rap_admin/ipn.php

RAP Version 3.2.11 (26 Nov 2010)

1. Corrections were made to allow for Paypal to calculate/add Tax to the order amount (product price). Previously, your product price was required to include any tax amount, so you did not have the flexibility of dynamic tax calculation.
2. Seven new currency codes were implemented, to make RAP useable by merchants in ALL currencies currently supported by Paypal (currently 23

different currencies).

New currencies, not previously supported are:

- Brazilian Real
- Israeli New Sheqel
- Malaysian Ringgit
- Mexican Peso
- Phillipine Peso
- Taiwan New Dollar
- Thai Baht

Note – Brazilian Real and Malaysian Ringgit are supported as a payment currency and a currency balance for in-country PayPal accounts only.

3. In conjunction with #1 (above), Locale Codes were expanded to include ALL 243 locale codes currently supported by Paypal. The Locale Code controls the default language that the user sees on the Paypal login page.
4. Corrections were made to disallow duplicate Affiliate/JV Partner signup with a different password.
5. Corrections were made to insure that retrieval of Affiliate/JV Partner login details are sent to the “preferred contact” email address, rather than to the Primary Paypal email address, where one exists.

Files Affected:

rap_admin/install.php
rap_admin/index.php
rap_admin/ipn.php
rap_admin/includes/index.php
rap_admin/includes/reseller.php

Upgrade Your Existing Installation(s)

Upgrade the Admin Panel Script

First, **upload** ALL files (and folders) from the rap_admin/ folder in the Consolidated Patch Release, to the rap_admin folder on your web host using your favorite FTP tool.

Depending on the features of your FTP program, the easiest way to do this is to simply drag the rap-admin folder into the root folder on your web host. If you do not have the ability to “drag” the folder, select it, and then copy (upload) it. In either case, only the files in the Consolidated Patch Release will be uploaded, replacing files of the same name that already exist on your web host.

To complete the upgrade, simply **run rap_admin/install.php** to update the version in YOUR Admin Panel.

Upgrade Individual Products

The code in the page footers of the HTML templates, that was intended to link to the new “legal” templates works fine for most of the pages, but they are incorrect in the templates that are invoked from reseller.php file (i.e. all of the templates intended for use in the affiliate area).

For instance, the code for linking to the Terms of Service looked like this:

```
<a href="?action=terms" target="_blank">Terms</a>
```

This code was corrected in v3.2.3 to read:

```
<a href="index.php?action=terms" target="_blank">Terms</a>
```

If you look closely, you’ll see that the correction is that “index.php” was inserted just before the “?”.

The same modification was done to the links to the disclaimer page, and the privacy page.

For consistency, this patch was applied to all of the page templates in the tmpl2/ folder.

Since all of the templates in the tmpl/ folder share a common footer (tmpl/footer.html), this correction was only required in the common footer file.