



Abak

Release Notes

Abak 7.4.0

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These release notes summarily describe new features included with this new Abak version.
We invite you to read them carefully and contact our [training department](#) for any question about how to use these new features.

This document includes corrections for all sub-versions since version 7.3.1.0

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Abak Web available since version 7.3

Abak Web was introduced with the previous version (7.3) with most widely used features:

- Timesheets and expense accounts entry
- Timesheets fast entry
- Timesheets and expense accounts approval
- Client management
- Vendors management
- Contacts management
- Projects management

In coming versions, we will gradually introduce some features already available with the Client-Server version of Abak, from now on called “Abak Classic”, up to the point that all features are available in Abak Web. Improvements to the system will usually be available only in Abak Web. Only fixes for issues will be done in Abak Classic.

Basically, Abak Web follows the same logic as Abak Classic. The presentation of windows and components can be slightly different, but processing applies the same rules, unless an improvement has been brought in the Web version. Such improvements will be presented in release notes.

Joint release note for Abak Classic and Abak Web

Since release notes must report all changes made to both Abak Classic and Abak Web, we needed to adapt our presentation for release notes.

From now on, we will list new features and fixes for reported issues altogether, grouped by sections. To help you find your way in this new list, for each item presented we specify whether the item has an effect on “Abak Classic” and/or “Abak Web”.

Here is the basic layout for presenting each item:

Note title	<i>Classic: Change type</i>
	<i>Web: Change type</i>
Details on the change made.	

Change types may be:

- **No Change:** Nothing has been changed for the version
- **New feature:** The item is a new feature for the system.
- **Improvement:** The item already exists but a change has been made to make it more efficient and/or user friendly.
- **Now Available:** The item already available on Classic (or Web) version is now available on Web (or Classic) Version.
- **Not available:** The item is not available for the version.
- **N/A:** Not applicable for the version.

GENERAL

New currency available

Classic: Improvement
Web: Improvement

The Sterling pound is now available by default on all new installation. Please contact our support team if you want to add this new currency on your existing installation.

Reference tables management now available in Abak Web

Classic: No change
Web: Now available

You can now manage your reference tables in Abak Web. Features are identical to Abak Classic.

Mobile access

Classic: Not available
Web: Now available

Access Abak timesheets with smart phones. Available platforms are iPod Touch 2nd generation, iPhone and iPad. Abak Web is required. Available as an option. Must be purchased separately.

Error message when accessing to documentation in help menu

Classic: Issue fixed
Web: N/A

An “Access violation” error message was displayed when attempting to access documents from the help menu if we clicked on the button to open or upload the document and the specified folder for hosting help documents was empty. From now on, the open or uploading button is not available if the folder is empty.

Few compatibility issues with Internet Explorer 7

Classic: N/A
Web: Issue fixed

When accessing Abak Web with Microsoft Internet Explorer 7, display issues arose in grid or control display. These issues have been fixed.

Excel icon deactivated under some circumstances

Classic: No change
Web: Issue fixed

In different windows, the Excel export button may be deactivated unexpectedly. The issue has been fixed.



TIMESHEETS AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS ENTRY

Batch duplication now available in Abak Web

Classic: No change

Web: Now available

The batch duplication entry for timesheets is now available in Abak Web. Features are identical to Abak Classic.

Phase revision now available in Abak Web

Classic: No change

Web: Now available

The phase revision option is now available in Abak Web. This allows users to consult or update transactions directly from the transactions list. Phase revision upon phase selection will be available only in Abak Classic.

Task/Expense description not generated in client's language

Classic: No change

Web: Issue fixed

When a transaction was entered for a client with a different language from the user's, and the task description was not configured in the client's language in reference tables, the default description "Undefined english desc." was generated in the user's language instead of the client's language as it is, in Abak Classic. This issue has been fixed and the description is generated the same way in both versions.

Focus on Error tab upon error

Classic: No change

Web: Issue fixed

If an error occurs when saving timesheets, the focus was not set to the "Error" tab as expected. This issue has been fixed and the error details are shown in the Error tab in the lower right section of the window.

Invoice note created upon transaction entry

Classic: No change

Web: Issue fixed

When entering a note in a timesheet, the value was saved only in the actual note field. The invoice note was left unfilled. This process was different than in Abak Classic, where both fields were filled with the same value. This process has been harmonized to mimic Abak Classic behavior. Remember that this invoice note can be set with a different value than the actual value upon draft invoice management.

Fatal error when entering a timesheet if Abak is not properly configured

Classic: No change

Web: Issue fixed

When entering timesheets, quantity is saved in hours and days. If the number of hours per day was not specified in the employee profile or in system configuration, this resulted in a division by zero, producing a fatal error message. This issue has been fixed and 7 is the default number of hours per day, as Abak Classic.



Negative values accepted in transactions entry

Classic: No change

Web: Issue fixed

Negative quantities or prices can now be entered when entering timesheets or expenses account. This feature was already available in Abak Classic but had not been carried in Abak Web. Now this issue is fixed and both versions allow negative values.

Toolbar icons status not updated in the transaction grid

Classic: No change

Web: Issue fixed

In the detailed timesheet entry window, when moving from one transaction to another in the list, the status of some icons may change to make it available or not, depending on the status of the transaction. This icon change was not performed when moving between transactions using the keyboard arrows. It worked fine when moving using the mouse. This issue has been fixed.

Billable checkbox not set properly

Classic: No change

Web: Issue fixed

When creating a new transaction on a project by phase, if the billable parameter of the phase was not set to the same value as other sources for this parameter (Project, Resource and Task) the phase parameter was ignored. This issue has been fixed and whatever are values from other sources, the transaction will be set as specified in the phase definition, like it is in Abak Classic.



CLIENTS / PROJECTS / VENDORS / CONTACTS MANAGEMENT

Deletion of approved project possible in Abak Web

Classic: Not available

Web: New feature

Up to now, deletion of a project was impossible as soon as at least one project approval was made, whether there were transactions in the project or not. From now on, only in Abak Web, if no transaction has been entered in the project, it will be possible to delete the project, even if an approval has been made on it. In Abak Classic you will still need to undo the project based approval to be able to remove the project.

Purchase order entry available in projects management window

Classic: Not available

Web: New feature

It is now possible to issue purchase orders from the project management window. These purchase orders can therefore be consulted, printed or updated after they have been issued. This is a new Abak Web feature that will not be available in Abak Classic.

Manual entries from the client's/project's list of transactions

Classic: No change

Web: Now available

You can now enter manual transaction from the transactions list of a client/project management window in Abak Web. Features are identical to what is available in Abak Classic.

Batch assignment of resources to projects

Classic: No change

Web: Now available

You can now assign resources using the batch assignment feature in Abak Web, just like in Abak Classic. This feature adds all resources belonging to the selected executive entity. These assignments are made without any rate or quantity calendar.

Datebook notes from clients, vendors or projects management

Classic: No change

Web: Now available

The option to access to datebook from the client, project or vendor management window is now available in Abak Web. Features are slightly different from the Abak Classic as the same icon can be used to display or update the note. Abak classic uses separate icons for consulting and for updating.

Invoice reprint from the client's/project's management window

Classic: No change

Web: Now available

It is now possible to display and print invoices from the client's or project's management window in Abak Web. Features are identical to what is available in Abak Classic.



Reports launched from clients/projects management list

Classic: No change

Web: Issue fixed

When launching a report from the clients or the projects management window, we needed to enter the client or the project number. Now the behaviour is the same as in Abak Classic and the Client (or project) number is automatically filled. No change has been made in Abak Classic.

Error displayed on user defined fields on contacts

Classic: Issue fixed

Web: N/A

An error message was displayed when trying to save contact profile after adding a new value into a user defined field without changing anything else in the profile. This issue has been fixed.

Duplication of resources assignment to projects

Classic: No change

Web: Issue fixed

When duplicating a project with resources assigned to, a sudden logout may occur on some circumstances. This problem affected only Abak Web. This issue has been fixed.

Resources not showing in assignment to phase dropdown

Classic: No change

Web: Issue fixed

Some resources may not display in the dropdown list for assignment to a phase. This problem was caused by an overly restrictive filter applied to the list. This issue has been fixed.

Display highlights in projects management window

Classic: No change

Web: Now available

In the project list, it is now possible to set highlight colors (background and font) for projects that meet date criteria. This feature is used the same way as in Abak Classic.

Display highlights: more options

Classic: Improvement

Web: N/A

You can define up to 8 display options of display highlights. You can also choose to distinguish between quantity (hours) and amounts and between 80% and 100% reach of the budget. A validation has also been added to avoid defining the same highlight twice.



RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Department and function mixed up in the resource management grid

Classic: Issue fixed

Web: N/A

If your codes were similar for departments and functions, the department column in the resource management grid was showing function of the resource instead of the department. This issue has been fixed.



TRANSFERS

Posting with zero as value on QuickBooks® transfer

Classic: Issue fixed

Web: N/A

When a posting was made with 0 as amount an error occurred when transferring to QuickBooks ®. Now when such situation occurs, the posting is shown in the journal in Abak, but no lines with 0 amount are not transferred to the accounting system.

Decimal separator in Simply Accounting transfer

Classic: Issue fixed

Web: N/A

A decimal separator issue may occur when transferring invoices to Simply Accounting if your installation was defined with decimal separator as comma for report generation. This issue has been fixed and we can now define separately decimal separator for reports and for Simply Accounting transfer in the "ServerSettings.ini" file.



REPORTS

Total printed on a separate page on transactions list

Classic: New feature
Web: N/A

On the transactions list report, the total of the whole report is printed on a separate page at the end of the report. This new feature is aimed to have a report that can be broken in separate parts with a sub-total looking like a total of each part of the report, without having the grand total on the last part.

Total printed on budget report by phase

Classic: Issue fixed
Web: N/A

On the budget report by phase, if you had large dollar amounts (more than 1 million) some columns may overlap on totals. This issue has been fixed on legal size paper. If you expect to have large amounts, choose to print your report on legal size paper.

Sorting on reference did not work properly

Classic: Issue fixed
Web: N/A

When specifying a sorting by transaction reference in the transactions list the grouping on reference was not performed properly. This issue has been fixed.

Date truncated on timesheet and expense account reports

Classic: Issue fixed
Web: N/A

On the timesheets report and expense accounts report, the end of the date may not be printed if you have a recent installation. This issue has been fixed.



OUTLOOK INTEGRATION

Synchronizing assignments with no ending date caused an error

Classic: Issue fixed

Web: N/A

When synchronizing assignments to Microsoft Outlook, if your assignment had no ending date, an error message was displayed, specifying that the ending date was earlier than the starting date. From now on, when no ending date is specified for the assignment, the task (or appointment) sent to Microsoft Outlook is set to end 365 days after the starting date.

Long text truncated in Outlook

Classic: Issue fixed

Web: N/A

When synchronizing Datebook notes to Outlook, if the message linked to the appointment was too long, it was truncated in Outlook. This problem has been fixed and the message is not truncated anymore.

