



VISION Updates

We are currently working on Fall 2020 (VDM 9.6 and VLS 6.6) software release. This release is planned to launch towards end of January or beginning February 2021.

We want to inform you of the features planned for this release.

VDM 9.6

1. Objective Hierarchy Objectives

We are making a few modifications to VISION Developer's Objectives. These changes described here affect the Terminal and Enabling Objective nodes in VISION Developer's Objective workbench.

- On the Objective node's Content page, VISION can now convert Power Point (PPT) content to an MP4 movies and add it as Web-based Learning content for delivery in VLS courses.
- We have renamed the Objective's Consolidation page to "Analysis Links" and this page will display all Analysis item links (Direct, Consolidation, and Indirect) to the objective.
- VDM no longer requires a Deselected Task (an Analysis hierarchy task node that had been linked to an objective but was removed from training) be unlinked from its Objective(s).

2. Program Hierarchy Nodes

- When you create a new Organizer or Training Unit in the Program hierarchy, VISION will no longer force you to select a "Level Name" before you create the node. You will still be able to choose a level name, if you use that feature, on the node's General page.
- As with Power Point (PPT) in Objective content, VISION can convert PPT on the Introduction pages of Program nodes to MP4 movies and store it as Web-based Learning content for delivery in VLS courses.

3. Reports

We are improving the Developer's Reports system with the following features:

- We are adding a new report that will identify the items in a VISION Developer Project that have been modified and need to be reviewed.
- We are expanding the Report Generator Language to include information from the VLS. This will enable you to generate VISION Developer reports that include some information created in VLS:
 - Qualified people on a Task with associated qualification information.
 - VLS Courses that are based on a VDM Course and associated information.
 - VLS External Courses (that deliver a TU at the request of a LMS) and associated information.
- You can email report scripts to FOCUS or to other customers from within VISION's Reports.
- You can save any Report Generator report in either PDF or DOCX format.

4. General Improvements

- When you create or edit a Question node (in the Objectives hierarchy), you will no longer be prompted to change the topic (after the first time). This is a feature you will be able to turn on or off on the Main Menu's Preferences menu.
- The "Go to Hierarchy" feature in the Links Windows has been simplified so that when you use it on a shared node, the instructions for what to do next are clear and easy to use.
- VISION Developer Projects that are associated with an Organization in the VLS won't be able to be locked in the VISION Security program. Currently VDM Projects can be "locked" (made inaccessible) in VISION

Security, regardless of whether they are being used in the VLS, which may cause VLS users to be locked out of a project that they are using. If you wish to lock a project in VISION Security you will still be able to do so, you will just have to remove it from the VLS Organization first.

VLS 6.6

1. Courses and Exams

- We are improving VLS exams by adding a feature that will allow learners to resume an exam from where they left off if the exam becomes unavailable suddenly (if the computer loses power, for example). This feature has automatic reentry settings and manual reentry settings to suit different security needs.
 - We have added a new way for instructors to assign learners to VLS course events. When assigning learners to a course event, Instructors can import a list of learners from an Excel workbook.
- We are creating a database script that will move a course (including all past versions, Events, and student data) from one Organization to another.
- The Course Exam Results report include the question, the number of correct and incorrect answers, and the explanation all on the same page. This will make it easier to evaluate or review a question as a whole.

2. User Accounts

We are improving VISION's security and user account management with the following features:

- VLS users who create courses or events in VLS (Instructors, Site Admins, or Admins) are required to have VDM privileges for the VDM Project that contains the course. The Instructor of the Course Event must also have the same VDM privileges.
- We are adding a new report in the Personnel area that will display VLS Users who have VDM accounts.
- VLS has a new Utility to associate VDM user accounts with VLS user accounts.
- In the "Courses" area, users can filter for only the courses available to them based on their VDM security access.
- VLS has a new filter on the general Users menu that adds an option to search on the user's VLS Security Role.

These features will work together to make it easy to associate VDM and VLS user accounts and identify any VLS users (Instructors, Site Admins and Administrators) who will need VDM accounts.

3. Automatic Emails

We are improving the Learning Station's email system with the following features:

- We are adding a list of all of the system's automatically generated (triggered) emails in a new Configuration page.
- When a VLS user assigns a VDM user to work on an Action Tracking item, VLS sends an automatic email to the VDM user.
- When a learner declines the digital signature at the end of an exam, VLS sends an automatic email to the instructor associated with the exam.
- Instructors can send manual emails to selected students enrolled in a course event.
- When an Administrator adds a new user to VLS, the program will send two emails to the new user; one as a Welcome email and one containing a temporary Password.

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