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Contacting ISIS for Support

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1 Introduction

ISIS Papyrus Europe AG provides support services throughout the entire Papyrus implementation and operation process including training and consulting, analysis of customer processes and custom application development.

In order to facilitate communications and responsiveness in case help is needed from us, we have compiled this guideline.

This document describes how to prepare technical information when you ask a question about the use of ISIS products, applications built on top of them or when reporting unexpected product behavior. This information is required by ISIS Product Support (support@isis-papyrus.com) and provided to internal support teams like the ISIS Project Quality Assurance representatives, if needed.

Note that, if a question is more related to marketing, sales or administration, you can contact your ISIS customer care representative via your local ISIS office, directly by phone, or by e-mail to info@isis-papyrus.com.

Before getting in contact with ISIS Product Support, please prepare all the necessary information, as described in the chapter "Steps to take if you need support".

The more relevant information we get, the more likely it is that a question can be answered in a short time.

Help us to help you. Thank you!



2 Availability of ISIS Product Support

If you have questions or need help with one of our products, please do not hesitate to call us or send us a support request.

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Internet contact form: <http://www.isis-papyrus.com/e/pages/1/2/support.html>

Note: In case of production critical situations always call ISIS Product Support and do not rely on e-mail only.

3 Types of Technical ISIS Support

We offer two kinds of technical support services to meet our customers' requirements: Product support and application support. The current supported releases are to be found on the ISIS website under <http://www.isis-papyrus.com/e/pages/1/2/support.html>.

3.1 Product Support

Every customer with a valid ISIS maintenance order may benefit from a number of options available.

ISIS Product Support will reply and attend to your questions promptly and try to provide you with a resolution as soon as possible.

The reported request will be analyzed in the ISIS labs, and if necessary, we will send you a patch or update to solve the problem.

3.2 Application Support

The design of document and business applications is not covered by the standard ISIS maintenance order.

Of course, we will try to provide technical support also for such inquiries and offer solutions based on available business application knowledge.

However, tasks like identifying application programming errors, fine-tuning of DOCDEF applications, Designer/Capture extraction definition and other, require detailed data and knowledge of system and business applications and thus can only be handled on an advisory level.

If suggestions provided by ISIS are not sufficient or applicable in the given situation, or if the implementation of any new requirement is requested, we recommend asking for assistance from an ISIS consultant.

Customers may request the services of an ISIS consultant for a fee with ISIS Marketing Services (e-mail: info@isis-papyrus.com) or by contacting the customer care representative or local ISIS company office for the appropriate pricing and resources for your situation.

3.3 Papyrus System Migration Support

ISIS supports customers under maintenance in their Papyrus WebRepository migration projects to the most recent version.

Upgrades to the latest release level are needed to guarantee a maintainable system. For the currently supported releases, see the ISIS Website under <http://www.isis-papyrus.com/e/pages/1/2/support.html>.

We strongly recommend to follow the procedure outlined below with the assistance of an ISIS consultant throughout the described phases. Note that an ISIS consultant order usually takes up to 4 weeks lead time.

Efforts of each of the phases described below need to be carefully estimated and planned as they depend on system complexity and size, skills of involved people and completeness of available test plans but typically range from several weeks to several months.

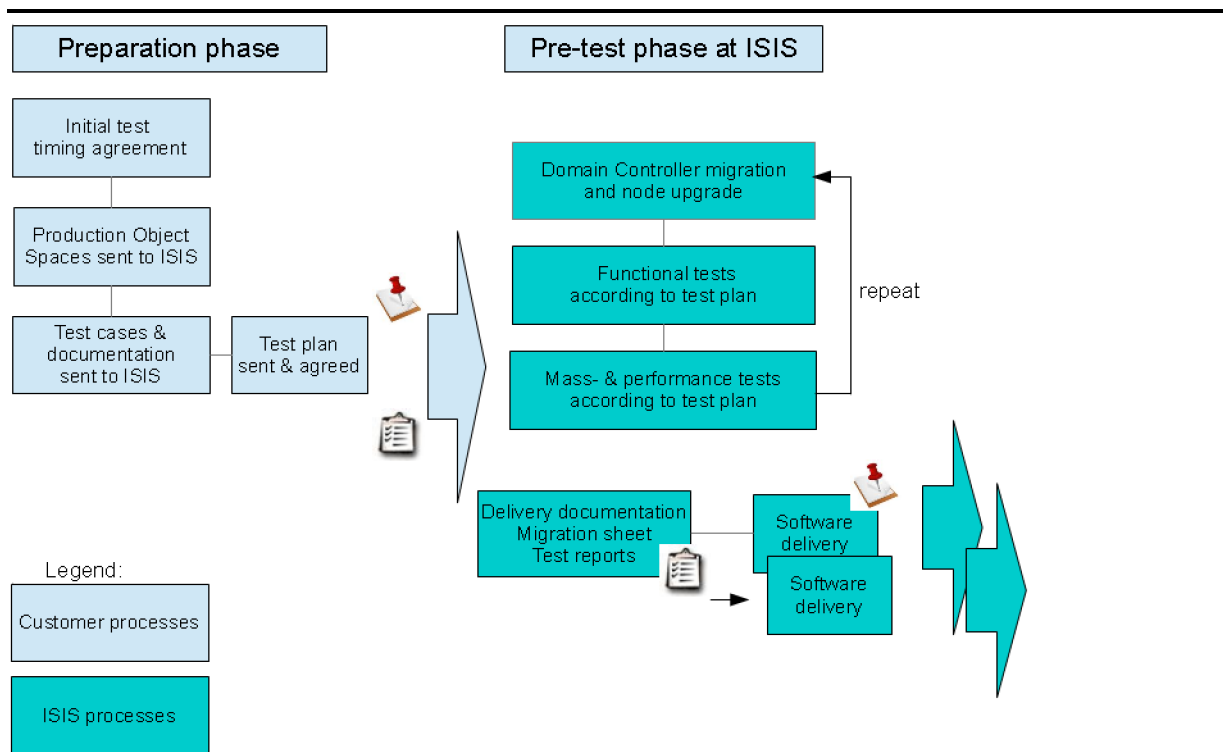


Figure 1: Papyrus System Migration Support / Preparation and Pre-test

1. Preparation phase

The customer has to provide a full copy of the production setup including test cases for each workflow and the associated data with a description how these tests are to be executed and what the expected results are. See the ISIS test plan template document "ISIS Papyrus Test Plan for [Project] (custteste)".

ISIS commonly needs:

- Filled "ISIS Papyrus Test Plan for [Project] (custteste)"
- The Object Space of the Domain Controller for the upgrade & migration tests
 - A PCS log of the Domain Controller
- The Object Space of any Node required for the system end-to-end tests
 - PCS logs of those Nodes
- Step-by-step instructions for the test cases
 - Any source files for the tests
 - Result files to compare ISIS results with the customer's results

Additional data may be required depending on the customer setup and test conditions.

Furthermore, the customer has to provide a dedicated technical contact person who is fully familiar with the Papyrus System to communicate with ISIS in case support from the customer is needed. This is to avoid delays due to insufficient test cases or Papyrus skills which demand for an ISIS consultant working on-site.

2. Pre-test phase at ISIS

ISIS will schedule the migration tests after receiving the above stated prerequisites which can take some time. Based on this information ISIS Project Quality Assurance will establish a reference installation with the currently used Papyrus WebRepository version and verify that each of the provided and documented workflows can be executed without problems and provides the expected results.

Once this was achieved ISIS Project Quality Assurance will perform the upgrade according to the official upgrade procedures (as documented in "Papyrus Objects Papyrus WebRepository & WebControl Installation and Administrators Guide (poinste)") and protocol what has to be done differently due to customer-specific conditions.

After successful upgrade ISIS Project Quality Assurance will perform the provided test cases again and verify that applications behave the same.

This results in a customer-specific set of delivery documentation, especially if it deviates from the standard upgrade process due to customer specific conditions.

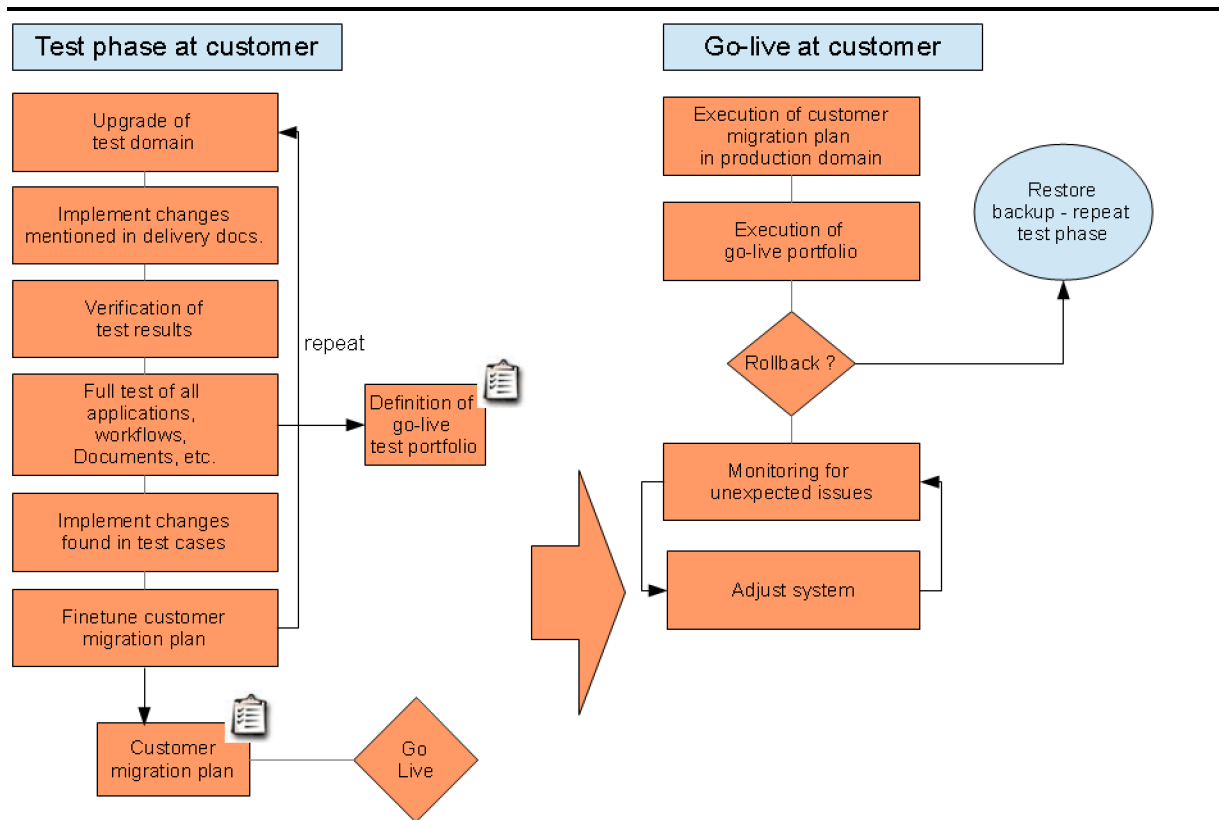


Figure 2: Papyrus System Migration Support / Test phase and Go-live

3. Test phase at customer

According to the delivery documentation provided by ISIS, the customer repeats the migration himself in a local test environment. Separate product authorizations need to be available! Please contact ISIS Marketing.

In case of problems encountered ISIS can be contacted although the involvement of an on-site ISIS consultant is recommended as stated above to help with local adjustments which can be the consequence of deviations between the customer target system and the replicated test environment at ISIS.

The customer runs functional and performance application tests with their business departments and accepts the migration for production.

This leads

1. into a detailed migration plan and procedure which the project manager at the customer has to compile from the ISIS-provided documents, the locally encountered deviations due to differences in the underlying systems and customer-specific internal processes as well as
2. a set of go-live test cases to be used for the go/no-go decision of the production system after its migration.

4. Go-Live phase at customer

1. The customer executes the steps of the migration plan from the customer test phase in the production system.
2. Customer runs the go-live test cases.
3. Decision: go/no-go?
4. In case of a rollback the full backup must be restored and the customer test phase entered again.
5. In case of go-live a system and application monitoring must be established which allows to react on unexpected situations which have to be individually handled.
As stated above ISIS recommends this being accompanied by an ISIS consultant.

4 Steps to take if you need support

Before contacting ISIS Product Support, please try to answer the following questions as precisely as possible.

The following questions highlight the type of information that should be readily available to be provided to the ISIS Product Support in order to clarify the customer situation.

Answers to these questions will help ISIS Product Support to understand the situation and to determine what additional information may be needed to analyze and reproduce the problem at ISIS.

Providing specific and detailed information can speed up analysis and shorten the time for providing a solution.

4.1 What kind of information is essential?

- *Identify the product(s) involved in the questions or causing troubles, e.g.:*

Overview AFP Designer
Papyrus Designer and/or DocEXEC
Papyrus Designer Package/Capture
Papyrus Server Module
Papyrus WebControl or Papyrus WebRepository
Papyrus Desktop
Papyrus Kernel
Papyrus FreeForm®
...

- *What version and compile date is used?*

This can be found in GUI products in the "Help About" and for all other products in the Product Log.

- *Logs:*

Product Logs containing information/messages that define the problem you are experiencing.

PCS log that contains information from the processes and time under investigation (default location is the "ISISCOMM" directory).

Trace logs from products which include options for tracing operations.

- *Dump or core files (zipped)*

For more details, see chapter "ISIS Dump Utility" in the "ISIS Software Installation and Product Authorization Installation and User's Guide" (iinste)

- *Hanging processes or blocked Kernels:*

In case of problems with hanging processes or blocked Papyrus Objects Kernels it is also required to save the PCS shared memory information as following:

- Start PCS Monitor (PCSMON)

- Select the option 'S' from the main menu and specify a file name where the Shared Memory Segment (SHM) file should be saved to

- S. Save shared memory segment into dump file for offline diagnostics
Enter the path/name of the file:

- Create a running dump from the kernel through option 'V'

- V. Create a dump/core file of a process without aborting it
Enter the process id (first column)

- Restart the related node.

- Provide PCS Logs of involved nodes, saved Shared Memory Segment (SHM) file and the running dump to ISIS.

- *Application Data needed for the analysis of the behavior*

Project export
AFP
input data
resources
output data
Project definitions

- *Objects Data needed if Papyrus Web Control or Papyrus Web Repository is involved*

Object Space of the DC
Object Space of the node where the problem occurred.
Product logs like material log, tool journal, tool log relating to the PCS Log for Papyrus Objects

4.2 What kind of information should you provide when contacting ISIS for technical issues?

Would you please describe what happened in detail?

- Which part of the Papyrus System failed?
- How does the product/process fail?
- Did the product produce an error message, crash, or dump or special message about the nature of the problem?
- Send a screen shot of the message or product windows.
- Did the application generate incorrect output?
- If the product output is wrong - explain what is wrong? What was expected to happen?
- Can the job be run successfully with other data or files?
- Does the product work on another system with the same data/file?
- Was there a check whether the data are correct - i.e. compared to data that do work.
- Did the workstation or server seem slow or overloaded?
- Did some components of the system (e.g. a node) "freeze"?
- When does the situation occur?
- Has anything been changed recently on the workstation or server or with the use of the product?
- Any other observations (system activities, other applications running and so on)?
- Could you locate the source of the problem?
- In which environment did the problem happen (PROD, TEST, DEV, ...)?
- Could the problem be reproduced? If so, please provide a step-by-step description.
- Did you check the documentation on the error message "ISIS Product Messages General Users Guide (ipmgue).pdf" or the Product Reference Manuals for information on messages or use of functions?
- Did you discuss the problem with your colleagues and did you try to find a solution?

- What steps have been tried to solve the problem?
- Have you noticed anything we did not ask?

[↑](#) 5 Data Exchange Information

[↑](#) 5.1 HTTPS

ISIS prepared its own application where our customers have the opportunity to exchange data with ISIS via HTTPS. Single file size must not exceed 400 MB. For the upload of bigger data please use the FTP transfer.

The website providing this data exchange application based on HTTPS can be reached via the following URL:

<https://support.isis-papyrus.com>

A user name and password can be requested via e-mail:

support@isis-papyrus.com

After login the following functionality can be selected:

Home	To navigate to the first view from anywhere in this application.
Create New Folder	To create a new folder for a new upload where the Subject field is mandatory. Within the Create New Folder it is possible to: Edit Folder Delete Folder Upload File Commit Upload, which is required to confirm and provide an upload into the ISIS Portal.
Help	Show online help for the HTTPS data exchange application.
Logout	Log out of the HTTPS data exchange application.

5.2 FTP

Alternatively to HTTPS a FTP Server is available for data exchange where every user has a secure and individual space. Access will be provided from ISIS Product Support.

For data transfers this FTP address is available

<ftp://ftps.isis-papyrus.com>

The FTP Server is for short term transfer only. Files will be automatically deleted after 30 days.

The following FTP services are available:

- **FTP** on port **TCP/21** (can be used with **standard FTP Clients** and **web browsers (NOT Internet Explorer 7)**)

If you want to access the FTP folder with a web browser, be sure to use the correct syntax:
ftp://<username>:<password>@ftps.isis-papyrus.com

- **SFTP** over ssh on port **TCP/22** (needs a **SFTP** or **SCP** Client ... e.g. FileZilla, WinSCP)

- **FTP/TLS** (ssl secured FTP) on port **TCP/21** (needs a suitable FTP Client ... e.g. FileZilla)

We recommend using FileZilla (<http://filezilla-project.org/download.php?type=client>) **as FTP Client.**

For access please contact support@isis-papyrus.com.

Disclaimer for the ISIS support server usage: Access to the ISIS support server is solely for business purposes in line with the provisions outlined in the ISIS maintenance order. Any infringement of these provisions will lead to the account being locked. If access is no longer required for reasons of the withdrawal of a client's employee or any changes to their responsibilities, ISIS must be immediately informed in order to disable the account. The client will be held responsible for losses arising from incorrect or delayed indication of such changes.

The ISIS support server will not be monitored and any uploads should be explicitly disclosed to the ISIS Product Support by telephone or e-mail. ISIS will automatically delete content on the FTP Server every 30 days.

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