

1. Introduction

This document explains “What’s New” with the next release of the Secure Payment System (SPS ReIP 19.0.1) from the perspective of SPS DEO and CO user roles. This new release offers various enhancements and bug fixes. This new release provides the ability for SPS to support PIV/PIV-I/CAC cards for user authentication. An update to the SPS Self-Contained version Installations and the Safenet Driver used to access SPS User Credential is also available. This document also contains information about upcoming changes to SPS, and to the list of supported operating systems and Java Plug-ins.

This new release is expected to be in production on Monday October 12, 2015. A new SPS Installation CD (dated October 2015) will be available for installing the new version of SPS Self-Contained in November 2015.

2. New Credential Selection Pop Up (All Users)

When SPS Self-Contained is launched, the usual SPS “Warning Message” pop up is displayed (Figure 1).

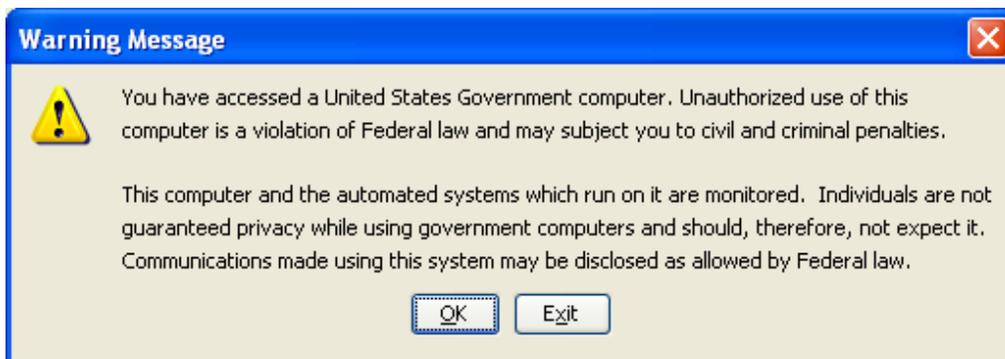


Figure 1: SPS Warning Message Pop Up

Upon clicking the OK button, the “Choose a Credential” pop up is presented (Figure 2). This new pop up shows a list of available Credentials that the user can choose to login to SPS.

Please select the PKI Credential to be used for gaining access to SPS Application by clicking on the appropriate Credential and the clicking on the “Select and Login” Button.

Note: Until the SPS Credential Conversion is completed, the “SPS provided iKey USB Token” is the only Credential that can be used to access SPS Application. The KFC SPS Helpdesk will contact you to initiate the SPS Credential Conversion for your Agency at a suitable time in the near future.

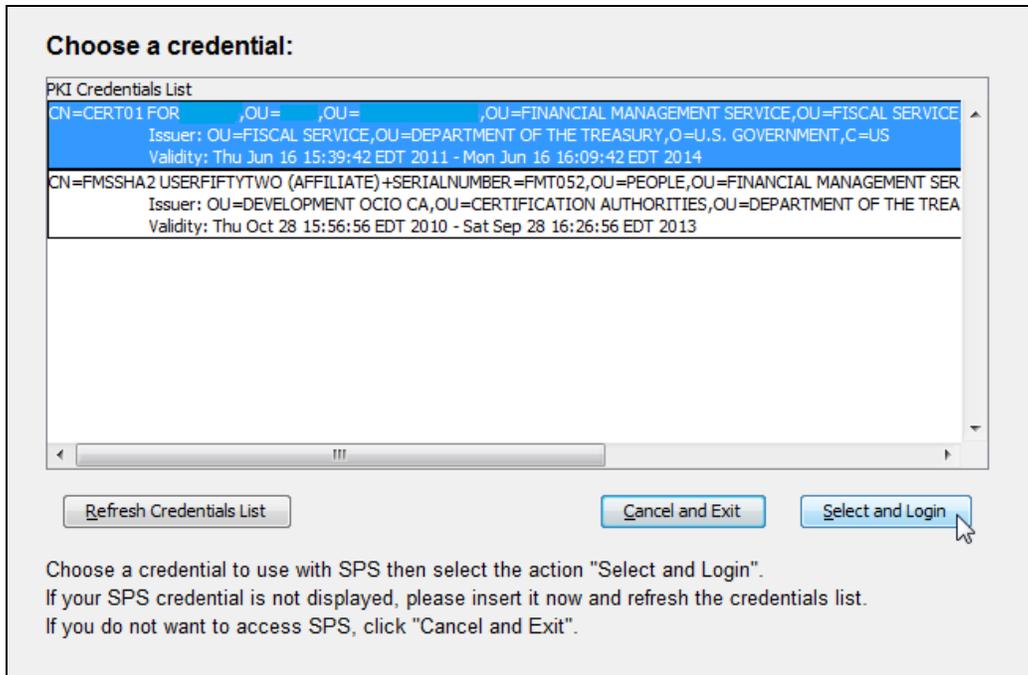


Figure 2: The new "Choose a Credential" Pop Up

To use the PKI Credential from the “SPS provided iKey USB Token”, choose the Credential with “OU=Fiscal Service”. Then click on the “Select and Login” Button and the expected behavior is a new “Token Logon” pop up (Figure 3) that replaces the previous pop up with “Enter Credential PIN.”



Figure 3: "Token Logon" Pop Up

Enter PIN in the “Token Password” Text Box and click on OK Button to login to SPS.

NOTE: After completing the “SPS Credential Conversion”, users will be able to use their PIV/PIV-I/CAC Badges and the “Token Logon” Pop Up would be different than the one shown in Figure 3.

3. Changes to the PKI Operations within SPS Application (All Users)

Starting with this new SPS release, SPS is compatible with two different PKI Credentials: a) SPS provided iKey USB Token and b) Agency provided PIV/PIV-I/CAC badges. To allow for the operation with two different PKI Credentials, the following changes have been made to the PKI Operations within SPS:

3.1. Credential Expiry Warning

The “Choose a Credential” pop up will provide a warning if the Credential is close to its expiry date (Figure 4). This warning replaces the previous “Credential Update Pending” pop up.

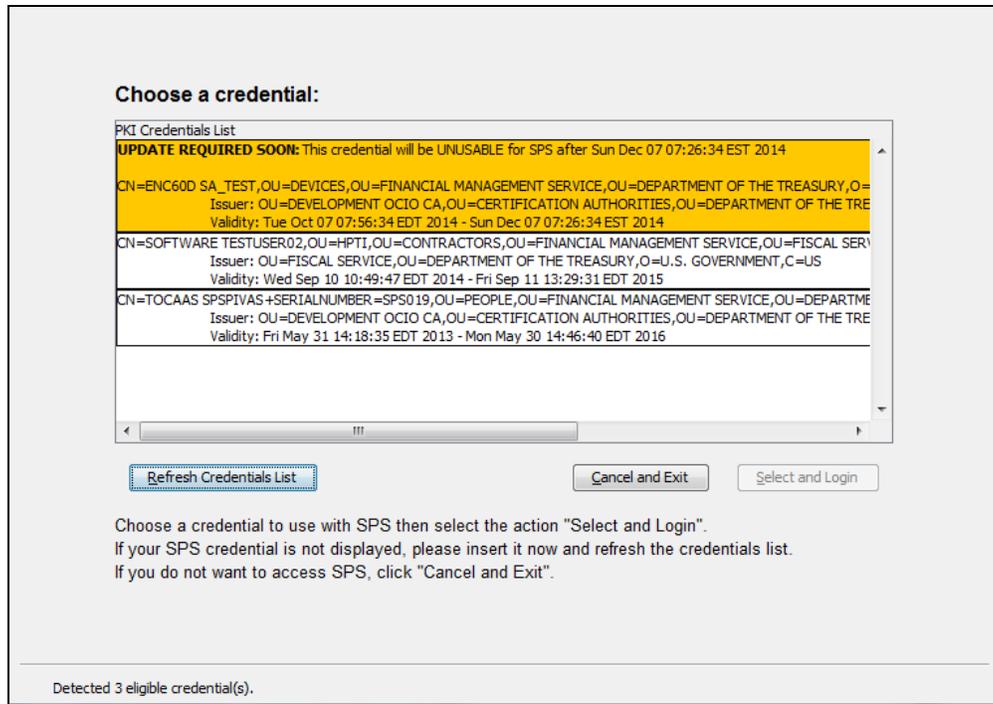


Figure 4: Credential Expiry Warning in the "Choose a Credential" Pop Up

Depending on the Credential, there are two different ways to update your credential. For “SPS provided iKey USB Token”, please visit the “iTRA Application” and perform a “Self Service Update”.

NOTE: The “Credential Management” functionality is no longer provided with SPS Application.

For Agency provided PIV/PIV-I/CAC badges, contact your Agency Credential Support Staff for updating the badge.

3.2. Additional Credential Unlock Interactions

When using PIV/PIV-I/CAC cards to access SPS Application, the users will be prompted for additional Credential Unlock Pop Ups (Figure 5) when performing certain operations – including Acceptance of Rules of Behavior, Certifying Officer performing a Certification action, etc.

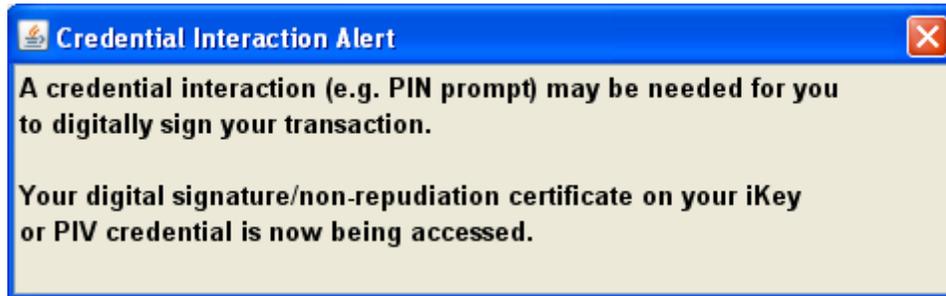


Figure 5: Credential Interaction Alert

3.3. Removal of “Certify without Viewing” Functionality (Certifying Officers)

Certifying Officers no longer have the “Certify without Viewing” functionality. Instead, Certifying Officers are expected to perform “Certify With Viewing” Certifications one single schedule at a time.

4. Enhanced Data Validation for SDPR (Wire) Payments (Data Entry Operators)

The ‘Depositor Account Number’ field is now a required field for all SDPR (Wire) payments. This enhanced validation will eliminate the possibility of SDPR (Wire) Payments being rejected at the backend payment processing system.

5. Elimination of Closed RFCs as Destination RFCs for Schedules (Data Entry Operators)

Fiscal Service has closed two RFCs (Philadelphia and San Francisco) as Payment Processing Financial Centers and merged all Payment Processing to a single RFC (Kansas City). To accommodate this, the destination RFC field will no longer be a required data field in Schedules and is not processed in 440 format Import Data Files. The Destination RFC field will now default to KFC for all Schedules.

6. Application of “Fiscal Service Brand” to SPS (All Users)

“Financial Management Service” is now “The Bureau of the Fiscal Service”. To reflect this, all references to Financial Management Service or FMS are replaced with Fiscal Service.

In addition, the URL for the SPS Application is being changed from `sps.fms.treas.gov` to `sps.fiscal.treasury.gov`. Until further notification, the current URL will be still in use and there is no need to change SPS configurations.

7. Forced Inactivation of Users after 13 months of Inactivity (All Users)

SPS Users who have not logged into SPS Application for 13 months will be automatically changed to “Inactive” status and can no longer login to SPS Application. The 13 month duration will be reset after each successful login to SPS Application.

Users can contact KFC SPS Helpdesk to change their status from Inactive status.

8. Termination of SPS Support for Microsoft Windows XP Operating System

Starting with this new SPS release, access to SPS will fail from Windows XP workstations. Windows 7 (with latest patches and updates) is the only supported Operating System for SPS. There are no plans to support Windows 8 at this time.

For new installations on Windows 7: Please use the new SPS Install CD (dated October 2015) and follow instructions on the CD to install SPS Self-Contained on Windows 7. Note that both Windows 7 Professional and Windows 7 Enterprise editions are supported on both 32-bit and 64-bit versions. SPS Web is not supported on Windows 7.

For existing SPS Self-Contained installations on Windows 7: Please un-install the existing SPS Self-Contained installation and then re-install SPS Self-Contained from the new SPS Install CD (dated October 2015) and follow instructions on the CD.

8.1. Java Plug-in version support for SPS

Since SPS is no longer accessible from a Browser, there is no dependency on Java Web Plug-in versions installed (if any).

9. Upcoming Changes to SPS

The next release of SPS (slated for January of 2016,) is expected to provide the ability to a small number of Agencies the ability to classify their Schedule Types with more granularity. Future releases of SPS will extend this to all Agencies.

10. For More Information

Please contact SPS Help Desk at Kansas City Financial Center for any questions, concerns or additional information via email at

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