

To: Software Developers Conference Attendees

From: US Department of Education

Re: Changes to the "SFA to the Internet Update" Q&A session from the Software Developers Conference

Below is an update to the Q&A for the "SFA to the Internet Update" session from the Software Developers Conference which was held August 9th. The response to the second and third questions regarding ISP line drops and running old compression software has been changed. Please disregard the previous "SFA to the Internet Update" Q&A you may have received.

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Question: Will users have an issue with their connections "timing out" with the SFA to the Internet solution?

Answer: The EasyAccess Client is transaction based. Each file that is downloaded/uploaded is treated as single transaction. Therefore, timeouts should not be an issue as they were in the past when transmissions were treated as one long connection.

Question: What happens if the Internet Service Provider (ISP) line drops?

Answer: The transmission will fail at the point the line is dropped. The initial send would still happen up to the point of the line drop. The data would not be mailboxed because it would not have the O*N95 trailer. Users can use the restart feature to continue where the session left off.

Question: What would happen if users were still running the old compression software?

Answer: The compression software is built into the EasyAccess Client software. The compression step should be removed from their current JCL or script job stream.

Question: Does ONVTAM and DSXMITX go away or are they still running on these mainframes?

Answer: The EasyAccess Client software is replacing these transmissions methods.