

Release Note of Standalone Timetabling Tool (STT) Version Upgrade (Version 1.1)

The STT Upgrade Package for version **1.1.03.18072019** is now available for download from WebSAMS Download Site (URL: <http://www.websams.edb.gov.hk/eng/stt/index.html>).

The STT can carry out auto-update for this version if users select “Enable Auto Update” under “Setting” in the STT with access to the Internet/server for update.

Please note that the STT has upgraded from the series of Version 1.0 to Version 1.1 since November 2018 and the prerequisite version for this package is 1.1.01.15112018 or above. For users who are using Version 1.0 (i.e. version 1.0.xx.ddmmyyyy), auto-update is not applicable and your school should re-install STT using the Installer File of Version 1.1 (i.e. versions 1.1.02.21062019 or 1.1.03.18072019), which supports migration of database from previous version (if any). For details, please refer to the installation guide from WebSAMS Download Site mentioned above.

*** For prevention of data loss, users are reminded to back up the STT_EDB.DB located at the db folder under the installation directory to another location if the users choose to **uninstall** or **reinstall** the STT.*

1. Application

Major Enhancements / Changes

NA

Other Enhancements / Changes

NA

Problems Resolved in This Version

1. Data Set Management
 - a. When the previous version of STT data file is imported, the Daily Consecutive Load Limit for all teachers will mistakenly default to 1, which should be the number of periods per day.
2. Pre-assignment
 - a. The lessons in Consecutive Time Slot (CTS) constraint group cannot be pre-assigned to feasible time slots in some situations.

3. Generating and Tuning

- a. The previously selected result set, instead of the latest one generated by Auto Generation/Batch Generation, is loaded and shown when closing and entering the screen of Generation and Tuning again.

Known Issues

1. If Adobe Reader DC is used to open user manual, it may not be possible to open other PDF files until the user manual is closed. It is known that previous version XI of Adobe Reader is not affected.

2. Housekeeping on Major / Minor upgrade

The minimum hard disk spaces required to run major / minor upgrade are:

Installation Drive: 100MB

Each Major / Minor Upgrade will download major / minor package in the STT installation folder.

Should you have any queries or need any assistance, please contact your School Liaison Officer of WebSAMS Team or STT Hotline at 3464 0579.

Gentle Reminder to STT Users

With an aim to safeguarding the security of STT, schools are recommended to follow the guidelines of "Information Security in Schools – Recommended Practice" at the location of:

<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/edu-system/primary-secondary/applicable-to-primary-secondary/it-in-edu/information-security/information-security-in-school.html>

Every item included in the IT Security in Schools – Recommended Practice (ITSS) is applicable to STT and essential for the establishment and maintenance of the IT Security Policy defined by every school.

Besides, STT users are recommended to regularly visit the Information Security website of HKSAR (<http://www.infosec.gov.hk>) for updated information of IT security.

In particular to the areas of password management and incident handling procedures, the followings are highlighted in order to assist schools to review their definition and enforcement:

- a) *All STT users are recommended to set password for the reports exported from STT. Passwords should not be shared or divulged unless necessary. The risk of sharing passwords is that it would increase the probability of security being compromised.*
- b) *Schools should well define their own Security Incident Handling Procedures for IT Systems including STT and notify the right people accordingly.*