



SIMS Discover 2020 Autumn Release Note

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Purpose of this Release

Discover enables schools to analyse their SIMS data and to display the results in a variety of graphical formats, e.g. bar graphs, progression line graphs, pie charts and Venn diagrams.

Discover draws the data from a warehouse (or database) that is an extract of the SIMS SQL database. The Discover database resides on the server and is updated by means of a scheduled task. The Discover database manages a high level of data traffic so that several graphs can be created and viewed at the same time for the purposes of data comparison. It is possible to drag and drop various data items from one graph onto another to create a brand new graph.

Included in This Release

There are no new features provided as part of the Discover 2020 Autumn Release.

Prerequisites for Using Discover

Before installing Discover, it is suggested that you identify a suitable machine in your establishment with the highest possible specification and ensure that the following applications, devices and drivers are installed:

- SIMS 2020 Autumn Release.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We do not test all permutations of versions and we do not support mismatched installations because we cannot guarantee that they will work.

- SQL Server 2012, 2014 or 2016. If you are running Discover on SQL Server 2016, you are strongly advised to run SQL Server 2016 in 2012 compatibility mode.
- Microsoft .NET Framework version 3.5. SIMS already contains the necessary components of the Microsoft .NET Framework that are utilised by Discover.
- A CPU with a Core Duo 2 or a higher specification processor.
- A dedicated graphics card with appropriate drivers installed.

NOTE: It is suggested that a CPU with an integrated chipset is not used to run Discover.

- At least 4GB of memory.
- The Discover database requires at least 50MB space on the server where it resides.
- The Discover Transaction log requires at least 100MB space on the server where it resides.

Important Information Regarding Discover Documentation

A wide range of documentation is available from the Discover [Documentation Centre](#). The Discover [Documentation Centre](#) is accessed by clicking the [Question Mark](#) button in the top right-hand corner of the application.

User documentation that is accessible via the Discover [Documentation Centre](#) is hosted on the web.

NOTE: If you wish to access the latest user documentation for the SIMS 2020 Summer Release without logging into SIMS, the [Documentation Centre](#) is accessible via the Capita Software Support Portal (https://support.capitasoftware.com/csm?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0036819).

How you access the Documentation Centres from within the various products has not changed:

- In SIMS 7, click the [Documentation](#) button on the SIMS [Home Page](#) (via [Focus | Home Page](#))
- In FMS, select [Help | FMS Documentation](#)
- In Discover, click the [?](#) button
- In Satellite products, click the [Help](#) link.

Alternatively, visit the SIMS User Documentation Hub (https://support.capitasoftware.com/csm?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0037321), where you can access our range of Documentation Centres.

You do not have to log in to the Capita Software Support Portal to access user documentation.

If you have any comments or questions regarding any SIMS user documentation, please email the SIMS Publications team (publications@capita.com). Alternatively, you can provide feedback on each Documentation Centre resource using the **Helpful?** and **Rate this article** functions. When giving feedback, please provide enough information for us to locate and investigate the issue.

Important information about using the Discover Documentation Centre

- You might encounter issues when attempting to open any New Feature videos or Tutorials whereby you are asked to install the required version of Flash Player and/or an on-screen dialog suggests that Online Help content cannot be displayed. More information on these issues is available (<http://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/kb/known-issues-acrobat-xi-reader.html>). These issues can be resolved by downloading the latest version of Flash Player (<https://helpx.adobe.com/flash-player.html>).
- If Google Chrome is your default Web browser, you must download PDF files instead of opening them in Chrome to ensure that PDF files display correctly. This is achieved by entering **chrome://settings** in the Address Bar then pressing **Enter**. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click **Advanced**. In the **Privacy and security** section, click **Content settings**. Scroll towards the bottom of the list, click **PDF documents** and move the **Download PDF files instead of automatically opening them in Chrome** slider to the on position.

If you require assistance with this or any other issue you encounter when attempting to access user documentation, please contact the SIMS Publications team (publications@capita.com).

Where to Find More Information

Please ensure that you have read and understood the *Discover Typical Installation Guide* before attempting to install or upgrade Discover.

For hosted sites and advanced installations, please ensure that you have read and understood the *Hosted Discover Concise Install Guide* and the *Discover Technical Guide* to enable you to set up your system correctly.

All relevant handbooks referred to throughout the release note can be obtained from any of the following locations.

Via Discover...

Click the **Question Mark** button in the top right-hand corner of the application to display the Discover **Documentation Centre**.



Question Mark button

Via the Capita Software Support Portal...

User documentation is also available from the Capita Software Support Portal (<https://capitaswprod.service-now.com/csm>).

If you are unable to obtain the required handbook using any of these methods, please email us (publications@capita.com) and we will be pleased to send a copy to you.

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