Before You Install the Mandatory Update for VAX Rdb/VMS Version 3.1B or Version 4.0

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Installing the Mandatory Update Package

Enclosed is a mandatory update package for all customers currently using VAX Rdb/VMS Version 3.1B or Version 4.0. The name of the mandatory update package is RDBVMS_MUPA040 for both versions.

The mandatory update package is only an update; it is not a full kit. Before you install the mandatory update package, you must ensure that Rdb/VMS Version 3.1B or Version 4.0 is already installed.

The VMS operating system Version 5.3 or higher must be installed on your VAX system if you are installing V3.1C.

The installation of the mandatory update checks to see what version of Rdb/VMS is installed on your system. If V3.1B is installed, the mandatory update will install V3.1C. If V4.0 is installed, the mandatory update will install V4.0A. If neither V3.1B or V4.0 is installed, the installation will abort.

If you have Rdb/VMS Version 4.0 installed, you may apply the Version 4.0A kit even if Version T4.1 is installed on the same system. However, the SQL/Services images and RDBSHR.EXE will not be updated.

The installation uses the RDO.EXE image to check the existing Rdb/VMS version number. If you have deleted your RDO.EXE image, you must restore it from the saveset using the VMS BACKUP command. See the *VAX Rdb/VMS Mandatory Update for Versions 3.1B and 4.0* documentation for details. See the VMS documentation set for more information on the VMS BACKUP command.

The *VAX Rdb/VMS Mandatory Update for Versions 3.1B and 4.0* documentation contains the installation guide and the release notes for the update package. These release notes describe the problems fixed in this update, additional known problems not fixed, and additional restrictions for VAX Rdb/VMS Version 3.1B and Version 4.0. This document supplements but does not supersede the VAX Rdb/VMS release notes shipped with VAX Rdb/VMS Version 3.1, Version 3.1B, and Version 4.0.

Running RMU/BACKUP to Multiple Tapes

With Versions 3.1A and 3.1B, large databases that require multiple tapes for RMU/BACKUP operations can, under limited circumstances, create bad backups. For details please read READ_ME.TXT. This file is located on the RDBVMS_MUPA040.A saveset. To extract the file from this saveset, use the VMS backup command:

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$ BACKUP <device>:[directory]RDBVMS_MUPA040.A/SAVE/SELECT=READ_ME.TXT -
_$ MY_DIR:READ_ME.TXT
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Accessing the Documentation for the Mandatory Update

The *VAX Rdb/VMS Mandatory Update for Versions 3.1B and 4.0* documentation is only available online. You should print and read this documentation before you install the mandatory update package. To obtain a copy of the *VAX Rdb/VMS Mandatory Update for Versions 3.1B and 4.0* documentation, start the installation process and specify OPTIONS N on the VMSINSTAL command line. For example:

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$ @SYS$UPDATE:VMSINSTAL RDBVMS_MUPA040 MTA0: OPTIONS N
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VMSINSTAL will then display a menu containing the options of printing or displaying the release notes, or in this case, the *VAX Rdb/VMS Mandatory Update for Versions 3.1B and 4.0* documentation. This document is long; Digital recommends that you print it. The online text version of this book is copied to SYS$HELP:RDBVMS_MUPA040.RELEASE_NOTES during the installation.

Alternatively, you can extract a postscript version of the *VAX Rdb/VMS Mandatory Update for Versions 3.1B and 4.0* documentation from the RDBVMS_MUPA040.A saveset. The file name for this documentation is RDBVMS_MUPA040.PS.