

PAGE 1: Release 2.2 has arrived! Read about all the new application enhancements and needed user actions.

PAGE 2: Additional details about future planned Operating System (OS) support in OTCnet for Windows 8.1 and Windows 10.

Also, if your agency is considering development of an Interface for use with OTCnet, make sure to read the latest Fiscal Service policies.

PAGE 3: Get the most out of the Agency Comment Field for your business needs. Check out information on tips for utilizing this OTCnet feature.

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Release 2.2 is Here!

This exciting release introduced system requirement changes, enhancements to strengthen the security of both OTCnet Online and Offline, and the removal of low use reports from the application. Provided below are details about the changes, and enhancements, in addition to, a list of user actions that will ensure the application operates properly.

	System Requirement Changes		Removed Reports in Release 2.2	
IE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully supports IE 10 and 11 Not supporting IE 7, 8, or 9 	Deposit Processing Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjustment Activity - FRB Report Deposit Activity - FRB Report Access Groups by Users Report Activity Report View CA\$HLINK II File Status Report View FRB CA\$HLINK Transmission Report 	
OS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully supports Windows 7 Not supporting Windows XP or Vista 		Check Capture Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OTC Endpoint Check Cashing Policy Report OTC Verification Groups Report
TLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires OTCnet users to enable Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.2 			

We recognize that Agencies have varied IT configurations and group policies; therefore Release 2.2 may impact your agency differently. We recommend that you work with your IT Department to ensure the following requirements are implemented: 1.) Disable Compatibility View Mode 2.) Disable Enterprise Mode (IE 11) and 3.) Update Group Policy to ensure that your IE browsers are not emulating IE 7, 8, 9.

Until the above Group Policy setting are reviewed, please consider the steps below to configure workstations:

Step 1: Access OTCnet using Developer Mode in IE 10:*

- Click **F12** to bring up Developer Mode
- Under the Browser Mode tab select **Internet Explorer 10**
- Under the Document Mode tab select **Standards**
- Page should refresh automatically

Step 2: Access OTCnet using Developer Mode in IE 11:*

- Click **F12** to bring up Developer Mode
- Click the **Emulation** tab
- Under the Document Mode select **10**
- Under User agent string select **Internet Explorer 10**

*Note: Developer Mode will need to be utilized each time to access OTCnet Online until the necessary changes have been made to update your Group Policy or IE Enterprise Mode settings. Contact your IT Department to check and review the above changes.

Agency Interface Development

There is an increasing demand around Agencies who are developing their own internal point of sale systems to capture check images, which are sent to OTCnet using a standard file Interface.

Although, OTCnet does support agencies using the standard file interface, we want to ensure all agencies are aware of the procedures and steps involved with the implementation. Fiscal Service must approve all new OTCnet file interface connections prior to the agency implementation.



The majority of agencies that use the OTCnet application are able to meet their daily operational needs without developing this service; yet, historically agencies that have a strong need to use the interface process usually display the following characteristics:

- The ability to routinely upgrade the interface to support the latest OTCnet system configurations
- A high volume of checks that are currently being processed through Check Capture
- Point of Sale development as part of a larger agency modernization effort
- The need to eliminate a duplicate business process

If you are considering developing or currently developing an OTCnet point of sale interface, please contact the Deployment Team to gain approval and to coordinate development, testing, and to align your agency's effort with our OTCnet schedule.

Mailing Address Change for Foreign Check Deposits

There is a new mailing address for foreign check deposits. Moving forward, please mail all Foreign Check deposits and the deposit ticket to the new address below:



Bank of America
TXI-160-06-24
1950 N Stemmons Fwy
Suite 6001
Dallas, TX 75207-3132

Future Operating System Support Plans for OTCnet

The OTCnet Team is in the process of working towards full support of Windows 8.1 and Windows 10 for use with the OTCnet.

If your agency is planning an upgrade to Windows 8.1 or Windows 10, please contact the Deployment Team.



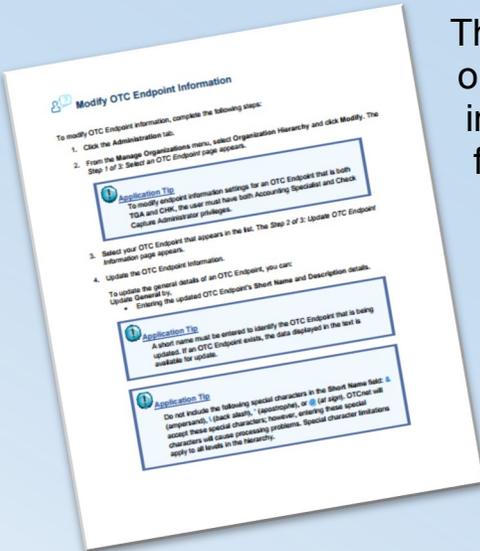
Review Agency Comment Field Configuration

As a reminder, the Agency Comment field allows authorized users to add or modify information specific to an endpoint or ALC+2. This information is sent to CIR as part of the check transmission and is used for identification purposes. Use of the Agency Comment field is optional and should be utilized based on agency needs.

The agency comments will be mapped to a 215 Deposit Ticket or 5515 Debit Voucher for a specific ALC+2 when the voucher information is transmitted. All agency comments will be sent from OTCnet to the Collection Information Repository (CIR).

To ensure that the appropriate Agency Comments are entered for each of your agency endpoints, the Check Capture Lead Operators and Supervisors should reference this job aid to make any necessary edits:

https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsservices/gov/rvnColl/otcnet/training/wbt/content/Isn534HTML2004/M/sims/pja_mod_otc_endpt_info.pdf



Next Up ... Release 2.3

Release 2.3 is currently in development with an anticipated release date of Fall 2016.

23 OTCnet reports will be converted to Jasper and available to be exported in PDF, Word, and Excel file types.

Deposit Processing	Check Processing	Administration	Reports
Deposit Processing Reports	Check Processing Reports	Historical Reports	
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Please select the report you would like to view. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjustment Activity (FI) Adjustments by OTC Endpoint Daily Voucher Report Deposit Activity (FI) Deposits by Accounting Code Deposits by OTC Endpoint Deposit History by Status Non-Reporting OTC Endpoints Processing Options by OTC Endpoint Security Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Access Groups without a PLSA Users by Access Group (FI) Users by Access Group (FPA) User Information Users by Role (FI) Users by Role (FPA) Administration Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View CIR File Status View Vouchers Completed View Vouchers In Progress 			

Reminder of New OTCnet Team E-mail Addresses

Since early Spring 2016, the OTCnet Team has been transitioning to new e-mail addresses. Going forward, please utilize the e-mail addresses listed below for all e-mail correspondence. Also please be sure to take time and update your e-mail address contacts list for future reference.

New E-mail Address

OTCnet Customer Support Team

FiscalService.OTCChannel@citi.com

OTCnet Security Team

FiscalService.OTCSecurity@citi.com

OTCnet Deployment Team

FiscalService.OTCDeployment@citi.com

General OTCnet Information

FiscalService.OTCInformation@citi.com

OTCnet User Recertification

FiscalService.OTCUserrecert@citi.com