

GSM Service Packs and GDS Service Packs

1. Introduction

This brief document describes the release strategy for GSM Service Packs and GDS (Global Development System) Service Packs.

2. GSM Service Packs

As described in Global Technical Bulletin GT918 (11 April 2001) GSM Service Packs are released on a "demand basis", typically, when a serious bug has been fixed or, more likely, when a new enhancement has been fully implemented. Although GSM Service Packs are released on the monthly GPS CD they are not tied to the Global 3000 monthly release cycle. However, the "current" GSM Service Pack will always be available on the GPS CD. The **typical** GSM SP release frequency is expected to be **approximately** every 2-3 months.

3. GDS Service Packs

A particular GSM Service Pack will not always be accompanied by an equivalent Global Development System (GDS) Service Pack. For example, GSM SP-6 **was** accompanied by GDS SP-6, but GSM SP-5 and GSM SP-7 were **not** accompanied by GDS Service Packs. Although the Global Development System is being developed at least as rapidly as GSM many of the changes to the development software (e.g. the System Subroutines) are released in the P.\$SDLM0 DLM library and are thus released with the GSM Service Pack.

Although every GSM Service Pack will not always be accompanied by an equivalent GDS Service Pack, it is highly unlikely that a GDS Service Pack will ever be released without an equivalent GSM Service Pack.

4. Evaluation DLM Libraries

The GSM Service Pack strategy (see section 2) is not sufficiently frequent to release new versions of the rapidly developing 32-bit DLM's (i.e. the contents of P.\$SDLM0). A release cycle for the P.\$SDLM0 library that is separate, and more frequent, from the GSM SP release strategy will be available for 32-bit developers.