

Hello and welcome to this deep dive presentation that introduces the enhancements to Cúram that are available in 8.2.0.0

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Accessibility Improvements and Updates

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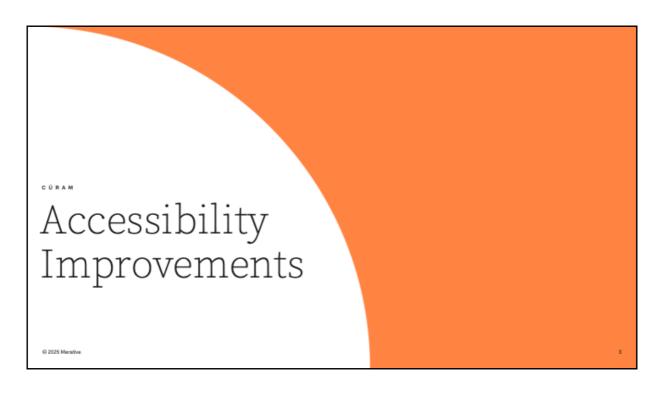
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There is new legislation both in the US and Canada designed to ensure that users with accessibility needs receive equal access to the systems available to them.

In the US, a new rule was finalized revising Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The rule requires that US state and local governments make their websites and mobile applications accessible for people with disabilities and comes into effect in April 2026.

In Canada, there's the Accessible Canada Act (ACA) which came into force in 2019. The overarching goal of the ACA is to realize a barrier-free Canada by 2040. The legislation benefits all Canadians, especially persons with disabilities, through the proactive identification, removal and prevention of barriers to accessibility.

This section details the Accessibility Improvements now available in 8.2.0.0 in the Caseworker Application

# Accessibility Improvements

Recent updates improve accessibility throughout the Cúram application. Enhancements include increased font size and weight for better readability, along with improved support for screen readers and keyboard navigation.

These changes will benefit many different types of users of the system.

The following sections detail before and after screens and descriptions (where applicable).

Note: If a client has customized any of the pages mentioned, these changes made by Merative will need to be taken into consideration in that client's code

Refer to the External Release Notes for additional details for any of the items listed below.

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The following sections of this enablement material details before and after screens and descriptions, where applicable.

In addition, you will also find some technical details regarding the improvement made and if any specific upgrade steps are required to take advantage of the improvements.

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To read additional information about any of the improvements, refer to the External Release Notes.

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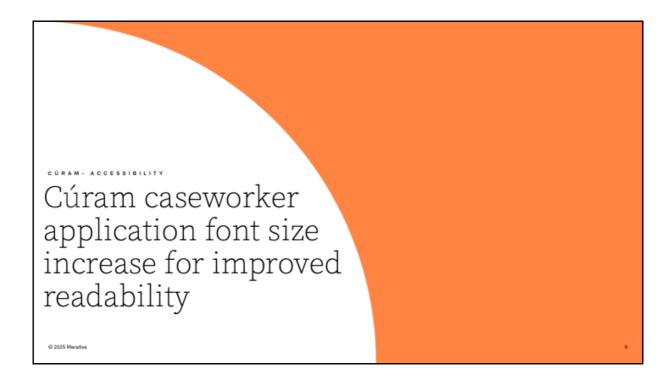
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The font size in the Cúram Caseworker application has been increased to improve readability

Based on customer feedback, the font size in key areas of the caseworker application has been increased from 12px to 14px to improve readability. This update supports accessibility and aligns with design best practices.

Caseworker application font size increased to improve legibility

## Summary of Changes

- Increased the font size on read-only labels and input fields from 12 to 14 pixels.
- 2. Letter Spacing changed from 0.32 pixels to 0.16 pixels.
- 3. Increased the font size on the Shortcuts menu for sub-categories from 12 to 14 pixels.
- 4. Increased the font weight on the Shortcuts menu for categories to semibold (font-weight:600px).

These changes aim to improve legibility while minimizing the risk of text wrapping or truncation.

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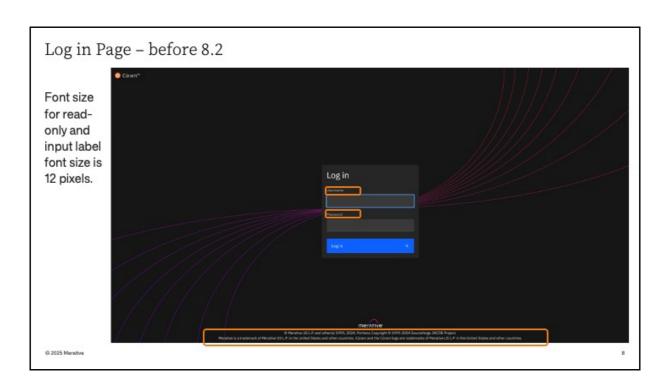
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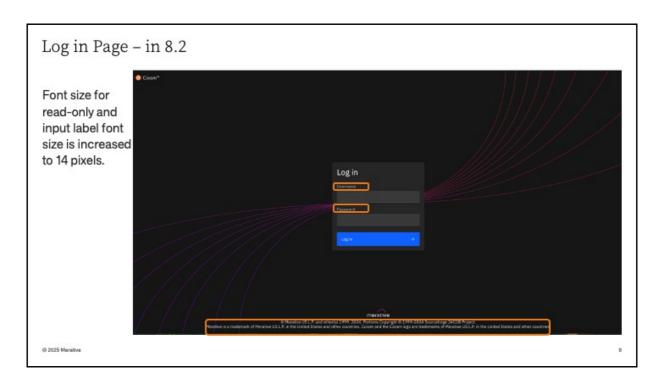
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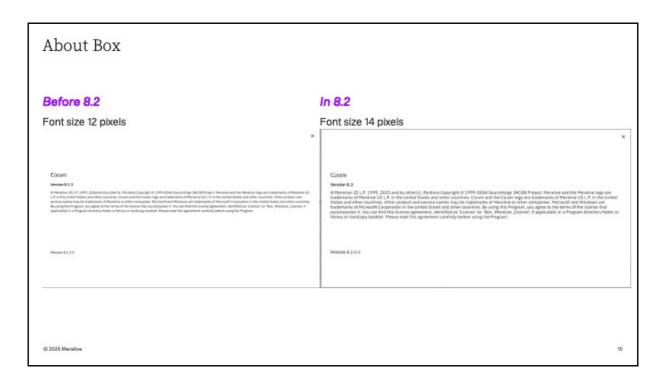
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Log in page Before 8.2, *Font size for read-only and input label font size 12 pixels.* 

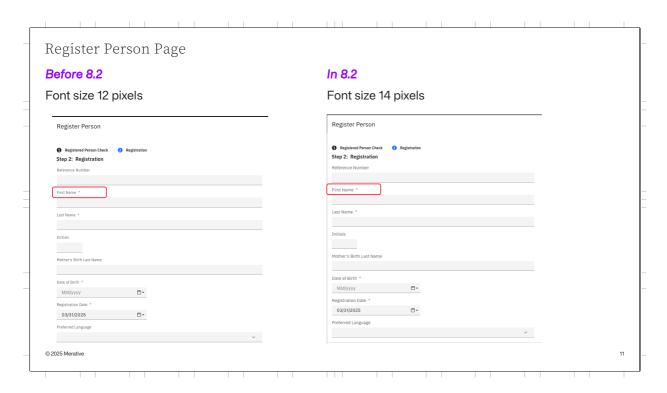


Log in page In 8.2 Font size for read-only and input label font size increased to 14 pixels.



# **About Box**

The font size on the About Box has been increased from 12 pixels to 14 pixels.



# Register Person Page

The font size on read-only labels and input fields has been increased from 12 to 14 pixels.



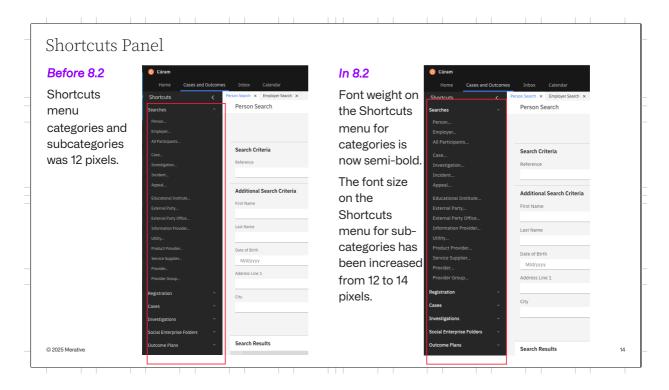
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# Person Home Page Navigation

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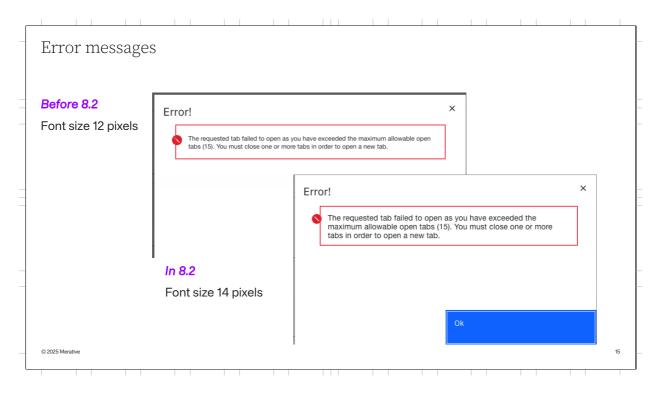


#### **Shortcuts Panel**

Before 8.2, the font size for Shortcuts menu categories and subcategories was 12 pixels

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Error messages The font size has been increased from 12 to 14 pixels.

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Evidence Dashboard accessibility enhancements:

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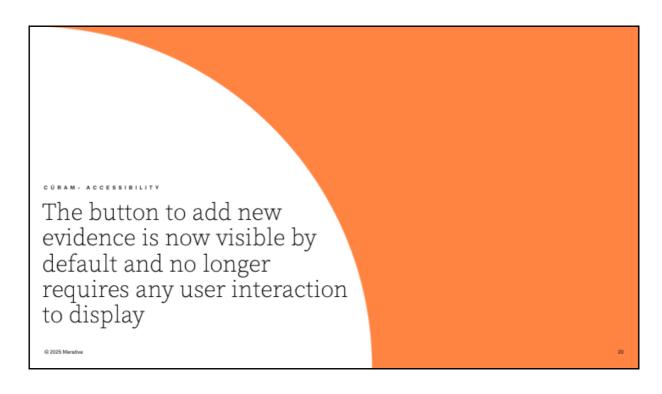
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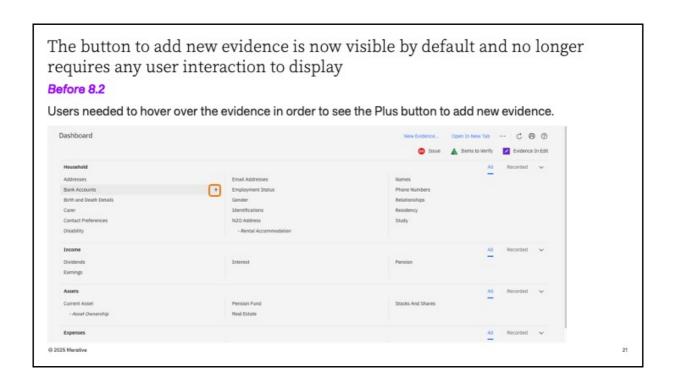
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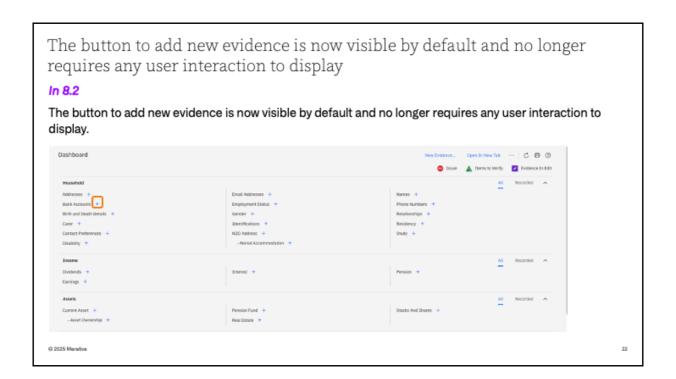
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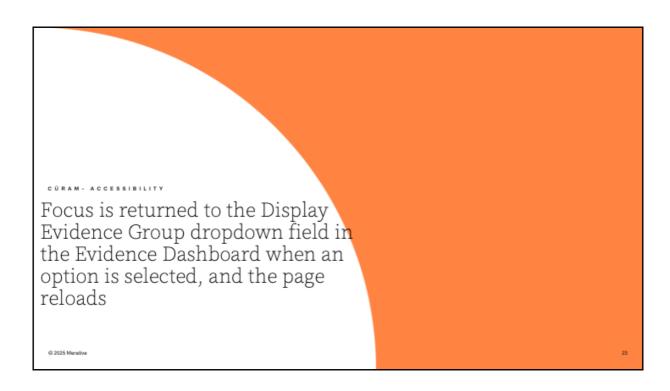
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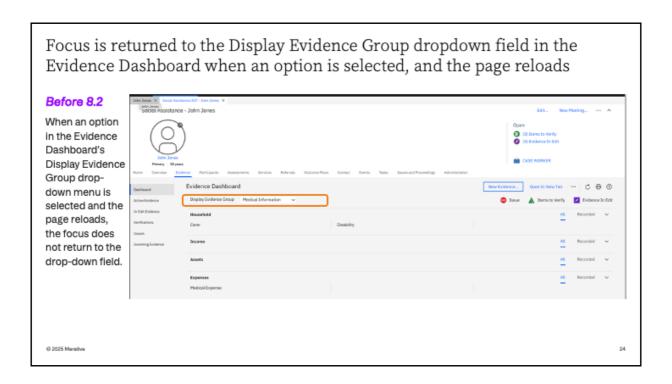
Prior to 8.2.0 Users needed to hover over the evidence they wished to add in order to see the Plus button to add new evidence.



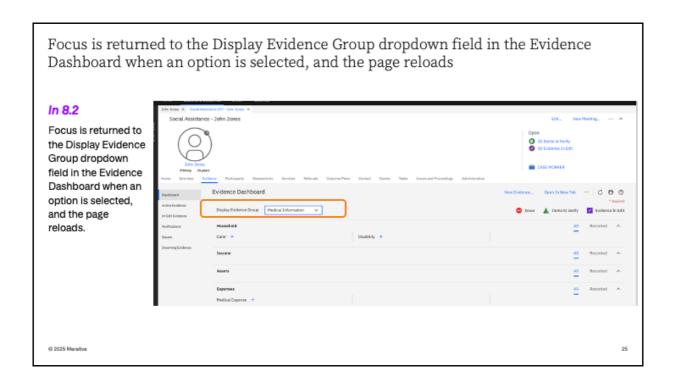
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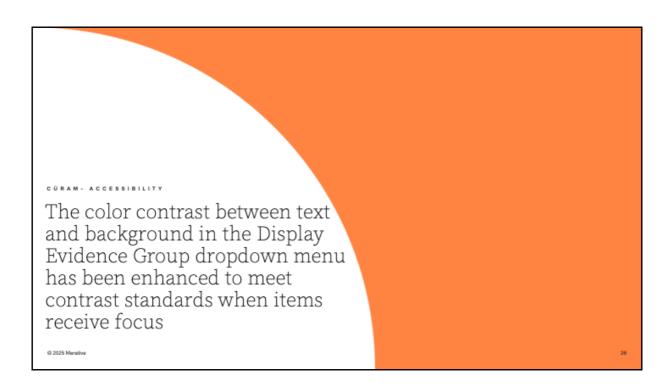
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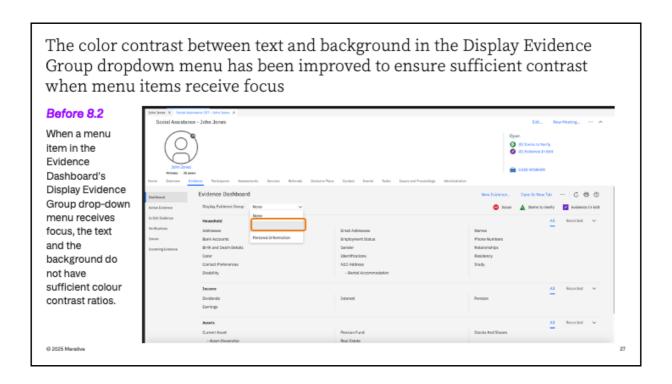
Prior to 8.2.0 When an option in the Evidence Dashboard's Display Evidence Group drop-down menu was selected and the page reloaded, the focus does not return to the drop-down field.



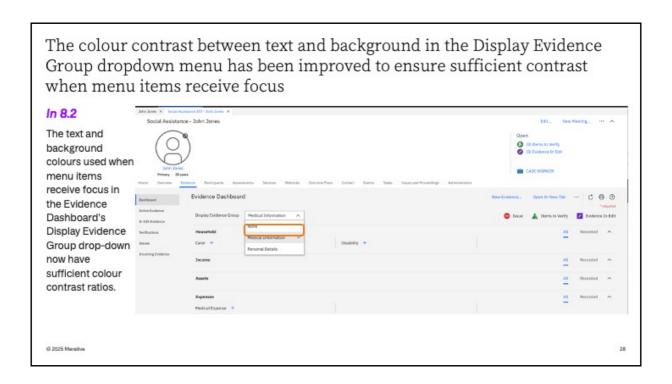
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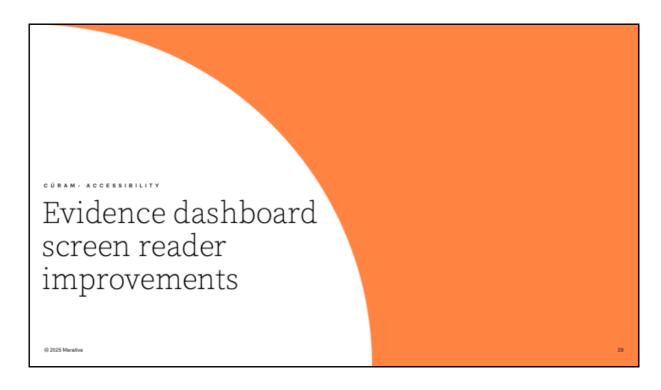
The colour contrast between text and background in the Display Evidence Group dropdown menu have been enhanced to meet contrast standards when items receive focus.



Prior to 8.2.0, when a menu item in the Evidence Dashboard's Display Evidence Group drop-down menu receives focus, the text and the background do not have sufficient color contrast ratios



uln 8.2.0, the text and background colors used when menu items receive focus in the Evidence Dashboard's Display Evidence Group drop-down now have sufficient color contrast ratios.



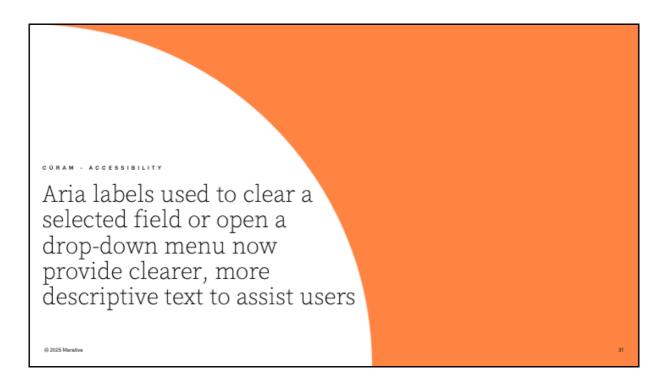
Evidence dashboard screen reader improvements

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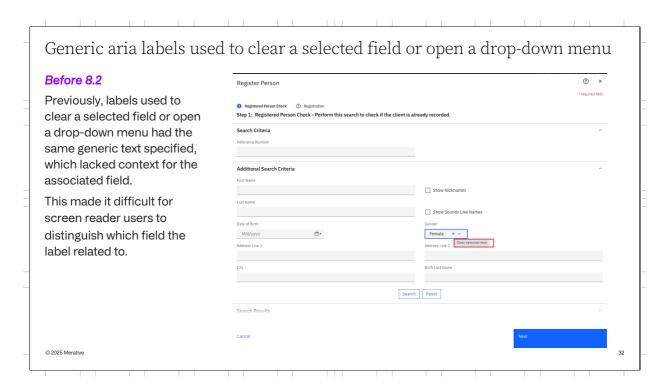
Problem	Resolution	WCAG
,	Clear and concise text is now announced to screen reader users when navigating the dashboard.	1.3.1
attributes cause invalid announcement of headings, buttons and regions on the Evidence Dashboard for screen reader users	The Evidence Dashboard has been updated to ensure that clear and concise text is announced to screen reader users when navigating through the dashboard. Interactive elements, such as the expand/collapse and filter buttons, now function correctly. The button to create a new piece of evidence is now revealed by default and no longer requires user interaction to display.  Additionally, unique labels have been provided for all interactive elements, and their programmatic status is accurately updated. This ensures that screen reader users receive full context for the current element. To support this, four message entries in the related curam.message.EVIDENCEDASHBOARD message file have been deprecated. New message file entries have been added, allowing arguments to be inserted into the messages to provide context to screen reader users regarding the current element.	1.3.1

The evidence dashboard screen reader improvements are described by detailing the Problem and the resolution applied. The associated WCAG Checkpoint reference is also supplied for each item.

To view full details of each problem and resolution, consult the release notes.

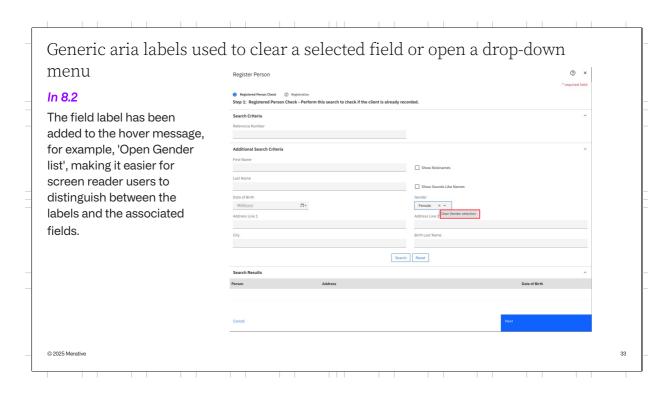


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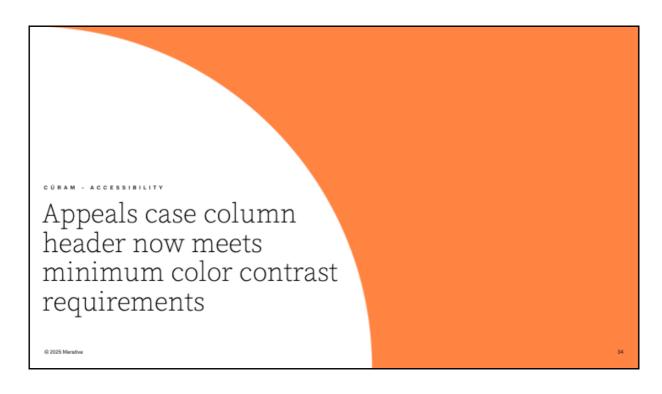


Before 8.2, previously labels used to clear a selected field or open a dropdown menu had the same generic text specified, which lacked context for the associated field.

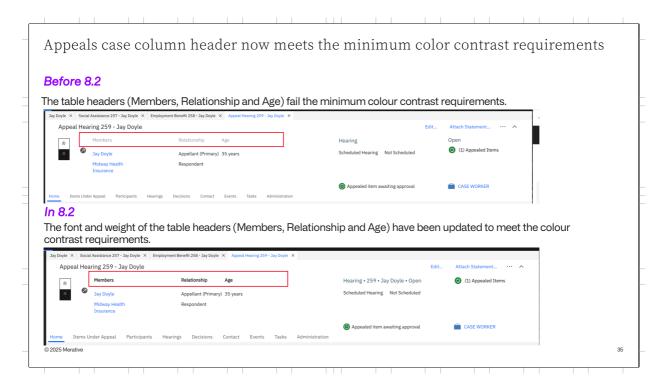
This made it difficult for screen reader users to distinguish which field the label related to.



After 8.2, the field label has been added to the hover message, for example, 'Open Gender list', making it easier for screen reader users to distinguish between the labels and the associated fields.

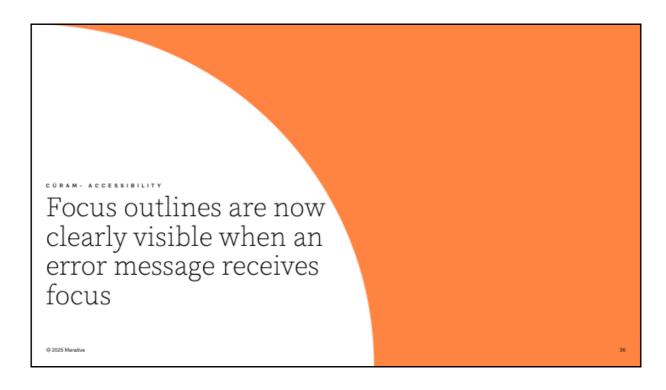


Appeals case column header now meets minimum color contrast requirements

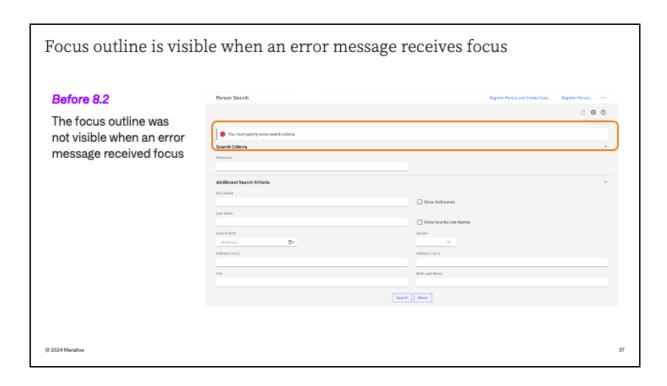


Prior to 8.2.0.0 the column header on Appeals case was difficult to see as it had insufficient contrast with the background color, and failed the minimum color contrast requirements.

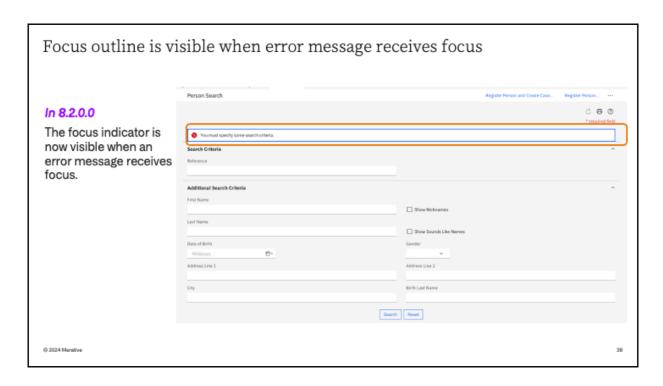
In 8.2.0.0 the font and weight of the column header on Appeals cases has been updated to meet the color contrast requirements.



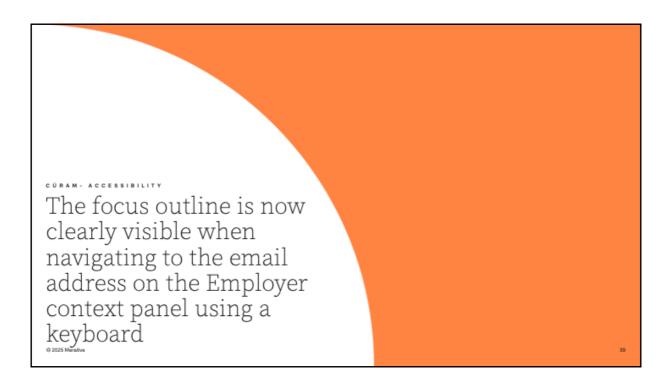
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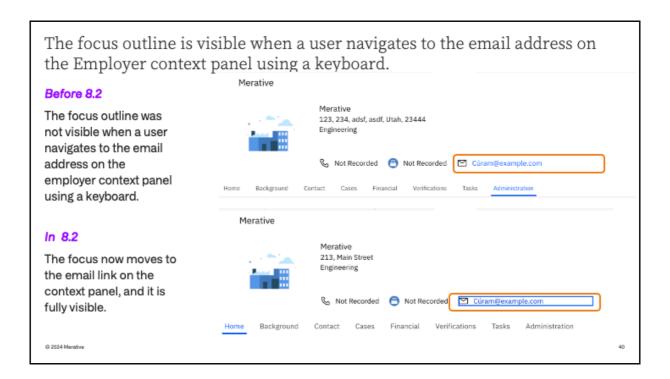
Before 8.2.0.0 The focus outline was not visible when an error message received focus



In 8.2.0.0 The focus indicator is now visible when an error message receives focus.

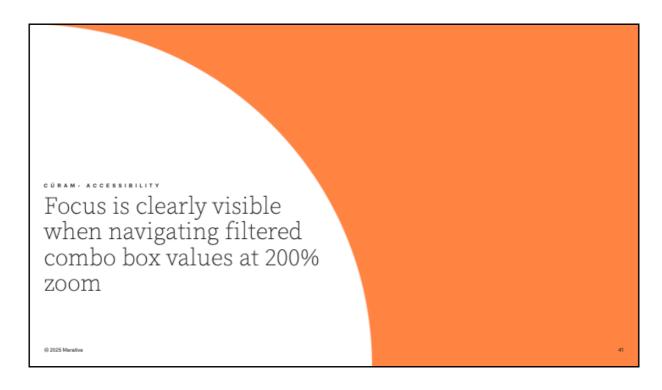


The focus outlines are now clearly visible when navigating to the email address in the employer context panel using a keyboard.

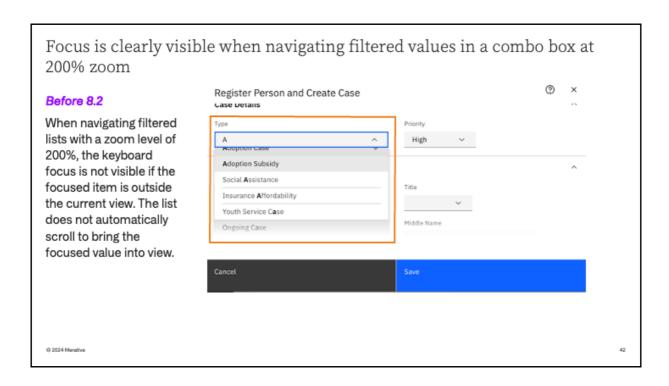


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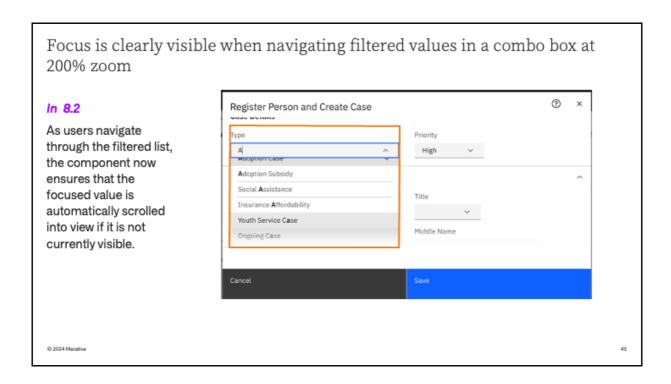
In 8.2.0.0, the focus now moves to the email link on the context panel, and it is fully visible.



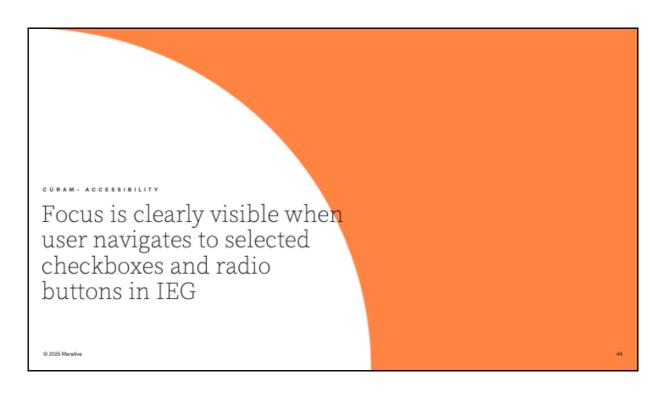
Focus is clearly visible when navigating filtered combo box values at 200% zoom



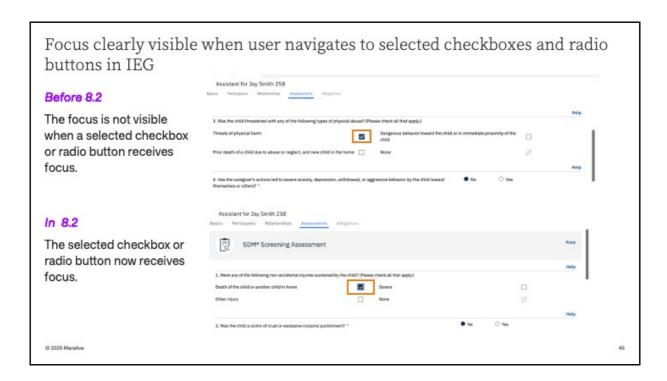
Before When navigating filtered lists with a zoom level of 200%, the keyboard focus is not visible if the focused item is outside the current view. The list does not automatically scroll to bring the focused value into view making it difficult for users to track their position within the list.



In 8.2.0.0, As users navigate through the filtered list, the component now ensures that the focused value is automatically scrolled into view if it is not currently visible.

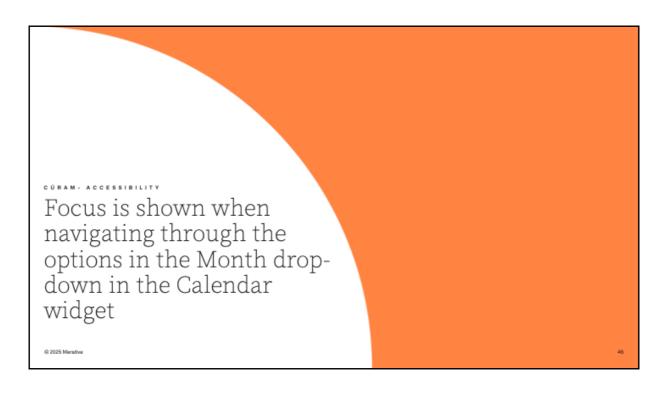


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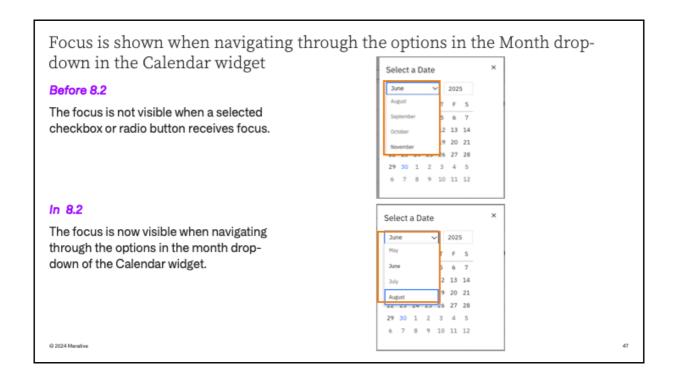


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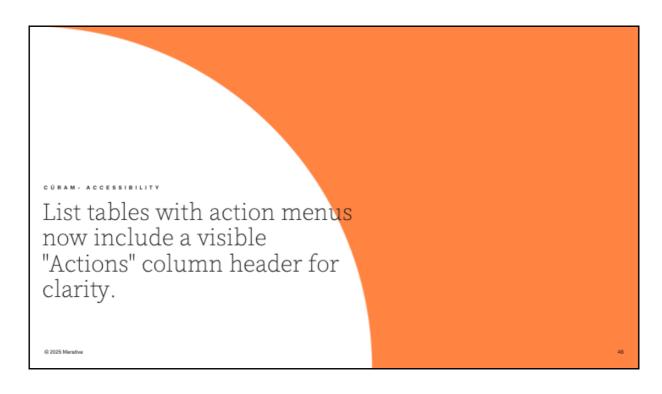
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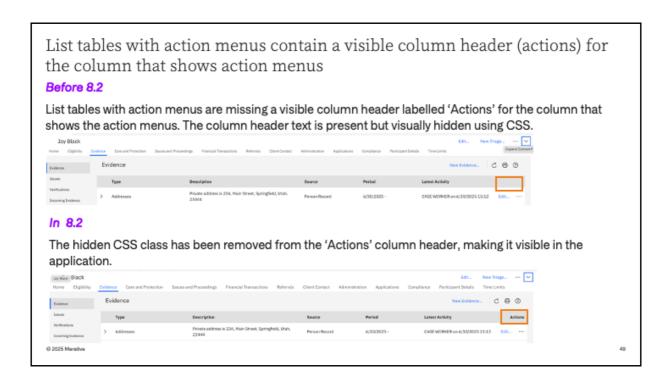
Focus is shown when navigating through the options in the Month dropdown in the Calendar widget



Before 8.2.0.0., The focus is not shown when navigating through the options in the month drop-down in the Calendar widget. In 8.2.0.0, The focus is now visible when navigating through the options in the month drop-down of the Calendar widget.



List tables with action menus now include a visible "Actions" column header for clarity.



Before 8.2.0.0., list tables with action menus are missing a visible column header labelled 'Actions' for the column that shows the action menus. The column header text is present but visually hidden using CSS. In 8.2.0.0, The hidden CSS class has been removed from the 'Actions' column header, making it visible in the Cúram application.



This section groups the list of additional screen reader improvements to aid the visually impaired users in navigating through the Cúram Case worker application

Problem	Resolution	WCAG
The iFrame title text is concatenated with the previous iFrame title text when navigating between in-page navigation tabs in an expanded list row	iFrame titles are no longer concatenated	1.3.1
Accessibility issues on application menu:  Only one item is enclosed in a list.  The application menu button is labelled as 'Application Menu'.  Title attributes are present in the <img/> element of the application menu button, but they are unnecessary.  The aria-expanded attribute is not applied to the application menu button when it is expanded or collapsed.  The aria-controls attribute is missing from the application menu button.	The accessibility issues on the application menu in the application banner are now resolved.	1.3.1
Sortable column table headers have excessive wording due to incorrect use of aria	The screen reader now announces the column header button, and if sorted, it states the sorting order (ascending/descending). For example: 'Person button ascending'.	1.3.1
Case status in the context panel lacks context for screen reader users	The case name, reference number, and status are now grouped in the context panel. A hidden label for screen readers is announced before the case status. As a result, when users navigate to this section, the screen reader now announces the case name, reference number, status label, and status value together, providing clear, contextual information.	1.3.1

The screen reader improvements are described by detailing the Problem and the resolution applied. The associated WCAG Checkpoint reference is also supplied for each item.

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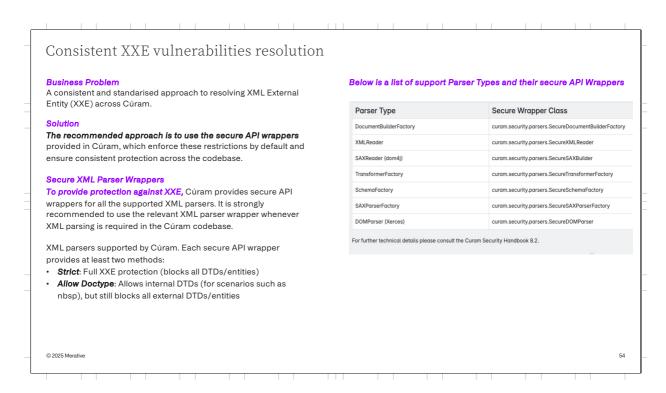
Problem	Resolution	WCAG
No structural markup to logically link the relationship between labels & their values for readonly fields in a cluster	The issue was resolved by implementing a descriptive list structure that associates each label with its corresponding value. This allows screen reader users to understand the relationship between labels and values accurately, improving overall accessibility.	1.3.1
Labels for Organization checkboxes on New Case Appeal modal are identical and not distinguishable by a screen reader	The issue is fixed by placing the checkboxes inside a container, allowing the screen reader to distinguish the labels correctly.	2.4.6
Pages with sortable table headers are incorrectly structured and contain invalid HTML. Specifically, a (p> (paragraph) element cannot be a direct child of a <span> element. Invalid or improperly structured HTML can negatively impact the user experience, particularly for individuals relying on assistive technologies. For example, screen readers may get stuck, read content inaccurately, or skip over important information.</span>	The page has been updated to use valid and correctly structured HTML. The invalid <span> structure has been replaced with a more appropriate                    </br></br></span>	4.1.1
Empty options in combo boxes have no names/labels	A screen reader now reads the empty value as 'Blank value current 1 of x' with a label.	4.1.2

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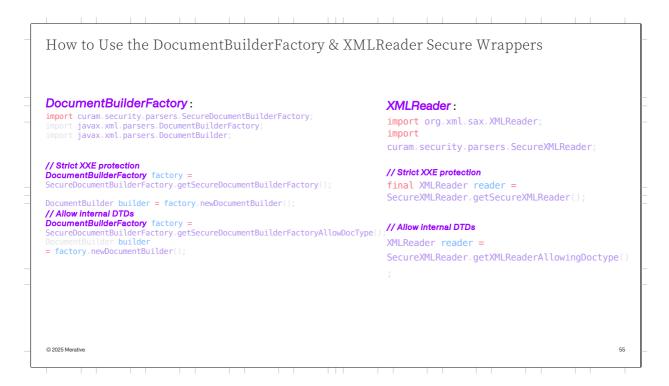


To manage security vulnerabilities in a consistent way wrappers were introduced so that developers needed to add only one line of code to secure it.



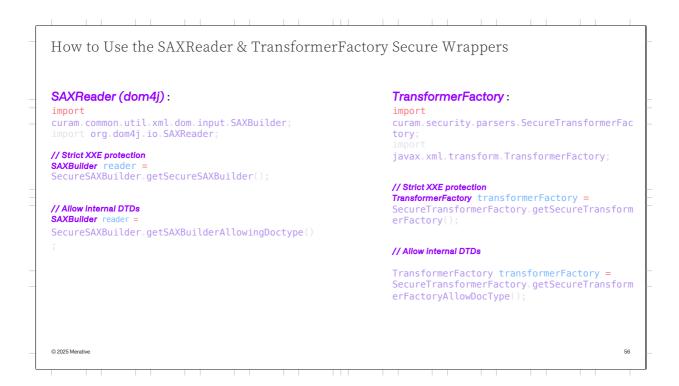
## Examples of the XML parsers supported by Cúram

import curam.security.parsers.SecureDocumentBuilderFactory; import javax.xml.parsers.DocumentBuilderFactory; import javax.xml.parsers.DocumentBuilder; // Strict XXE protection DocumentBuilderFactory factory = SecureDocumentBuilderFactory.getSecureDocumentBuilderFactory(); DocumentBuilder builder = factory.newDocumentBuilder(); // Allow internal DTDs (e.g., for nbsp)



The first two wrapper classes are the Document Builder Factory examples and the XML Reader class exmamples.

Both methods of the wrappers are shown above for Strict XXE protection and Internal Document Type Definition (DTDs) allowing for (allowing non-breaking space) in documents where certain words or numbers should be on the same line. Eg. 100 Euros which would ensure that 100 Euros wouldn't span two lines.



The Third wrapper class SAXReader examples and the fourth wrapper class TransformerFactoryclass examples are shown above.
As before both Strict XXE protection and Allow internal Document Type Definitions is shown in the examples



The fifth wrapper class SchemaFactory examples and the sixth wrapper class SAXParserFactory examples are shown above.
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```
How to Use the DOMParser (Xerces) Secure API Wrappers

DOMParser (Xerces):
    import curam.security.parsers.SecureDOMParser;
    import org.apache.xerces.parsers.DOMParser;

// Strict XXE protection
DOMParser parser =
SecureDOMParser.getSecureDOMParser();

// Allow Internal DTDs
DOMParser parser =
SecureDOMParser.getDOMParserAllowingDoctype();
```

Finally the seventh wrapper class DOMParser examples are shown above. As before both Strict XXE protection and Allow internal Document Type Definitions is shown in the examples

### **Key Points**

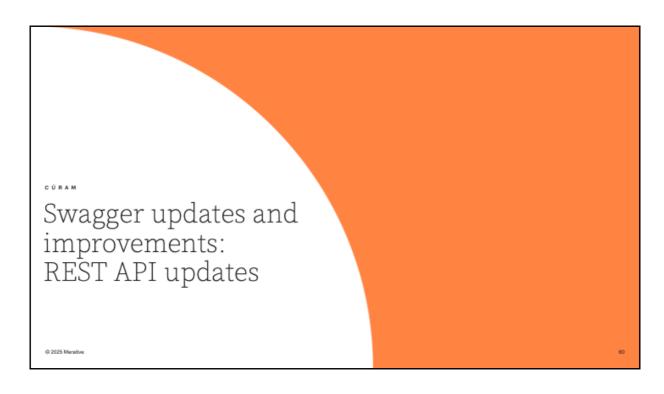
- Default to strict XXE protection. Only use the "allow doctype" methods if there is a proven requirement for internal DTDs (for example, for nbsp in XSL).
- It is recommended to use the secure XML parser wrapper classes provided in Curam rather than the equivalent JDK or third-party parser classes
- The Javadoc for the secure Cúram XML parser wrapper classes provides more detailed information and may be found at the following location - "CuramSDE\doc\api.

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Location of all wrappers: These wrappers are in the **security-inf** package.

- \* Table of Secure wrappers located in the Security Handbook 8.2, XML External Entity (XXE) Security Controls in Cúram Application => Secure XML Parser Wrappers
- \*\* Further examples of the secure wrapper implementations are located under the *How to Use the Secure Wrappers heading*



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# Improve Swagger Specification within REST API

### **Business Problem**

Developers and customers interacting with the REST API face challenges due to limited or unclear API documentation and error messages. This leads to inefficiencies in understanding, integrating, and troubleshooting the API.

#### Solution

Version 8.2 introduces updates to the Swagger infrastructure, enhancing the REST architecture. These improvements provide:

- More comprehensive and clearer API documentation
- Improved error messaging
- Better handling of customer REST requests

These changes aim to streamline the developer experience and reduce time spent on integration and debugging.

### One example:

REST API's within Swagger were displaying without a Referer header description as this field was not mandatory. This change now ensures that the Referer header has a description on all Referer headers for API

```
"name": "Referer",
"in": "header",
"description": "The Referer header is mandatory for all API requests.",
"type": "string",
"required": true
```

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## CKEditor – Rich Text Editor

### **Business problem**

The Cúram rich text editor is built on CKEditor, a widely adopted and actively maintained content editing framework.

#### Solution

By aligning with the latest **Long-Term Support (LTS)** version, Cüram ensure a stable foundation that benefits from sustained security updates, performance enhancements, and compatibility with future web standards.

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#### Before:

**Security Enhancements Needed:** The current version has not received the latest security updates, which may increase exposure to potential vulnerabilities.

**End of Support**: The version in use is no longer actively maintained, which can make ongoing support and compliance more challenging.

Slower Performance: Less responsive in content-heavy use cases.

Limited Flexibility: Difficult to extend or adapt to modern standards

### After:

**Hardened Security**: The upgrade delivers the latest security fixes, reducing exposure to known vulnerabilities and aligning with best practices.

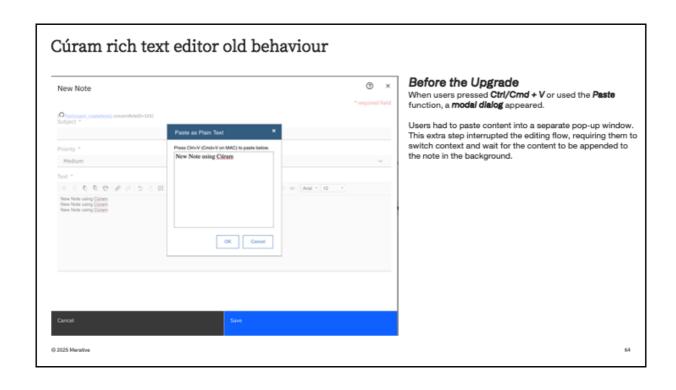
**Long-Term Support**: With 4.25.1 being a Long-Term Support version, the editor now benefits from ongoing maintenance and stability quarantees.

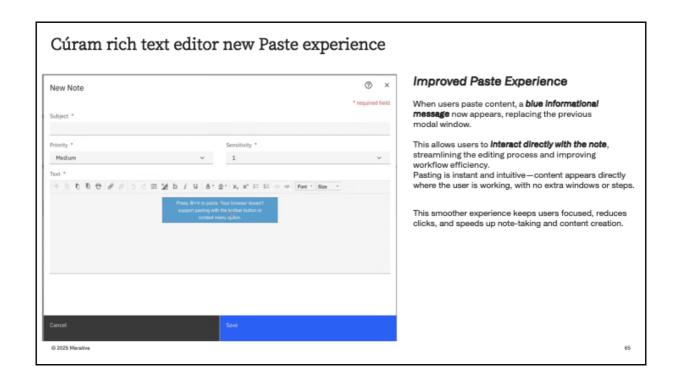
**Improved Performance**: Users experience faster load times and smoother interactions, thanks to underthe-hood optimizations.

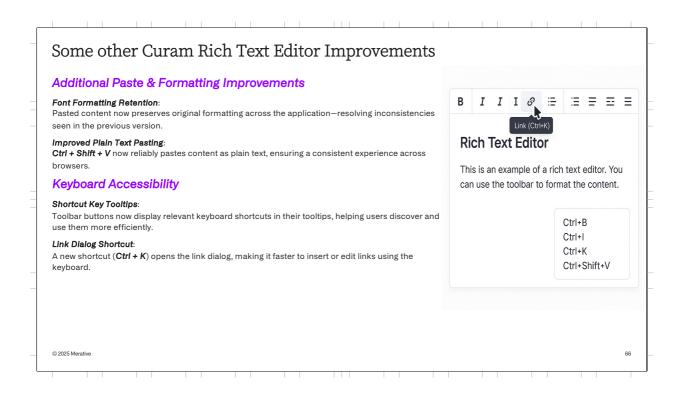
**Future-Ready Foundation**: The platform is now better positioned for future enhancements, integrations, and compliance requirements.

## Some improvements/changes from the rich text editor upgrade

- 1. Paste, Paste as plain text buttons & Right Click Paste mouse click now show informational message.
- 2. Font Formatting being retained after pasting on text editor, that was not working on older version across many areas in application.
- 3. Control + Shift + V is now working as is Pasting texts as plain texts
- 4. Shortcut Key Tooltips in Toolbar:
  Buttons in the toolbar now display shortcut keys in their tooltips, which helps users to know about available keyboard shortcuts. Only buttons that support keyboard actions have in tooltip.
- Keyboard Shortcut for Link Dialog:
   The new version introduces a shortcut (Ctrl+K) to open the link dialog, making it easier for users to insert or edit links using the keyboard.







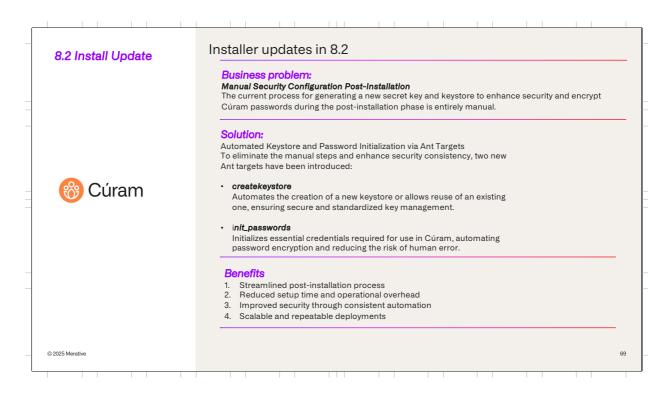
ategory	CKEditor 4.5.10	CKEditor 4.25.1 LTS
curity	Limited security updates	Latest patches; LTS support
upport Lifecycle	Past end-of-support period	Supported until Dec 2028
aste Handling	Modal dialog; formatting often lost	Direct paste; formatting retained; Ctrl+Shift+V for plain text
Performance	Slower load and interaction	Optimized performance and responsiveness
(eyboard Shortcuts	Limited support; no tooltips	Tooltips show shortcuts; Ctrl+K for link dialog
Browser Compatibility	Optimized for legacy browser support (e.g., Internet Explorer)	Modern browser support
Plugin Ecosystem	Limited plugin compatibility	Improved plugin support and documentation
Accessibility	Basic accessibility features	Enhanced keyboard navigation and tooltips

Curam's underlying editor Ckeditor was updated to Long term support version 4.25.1.

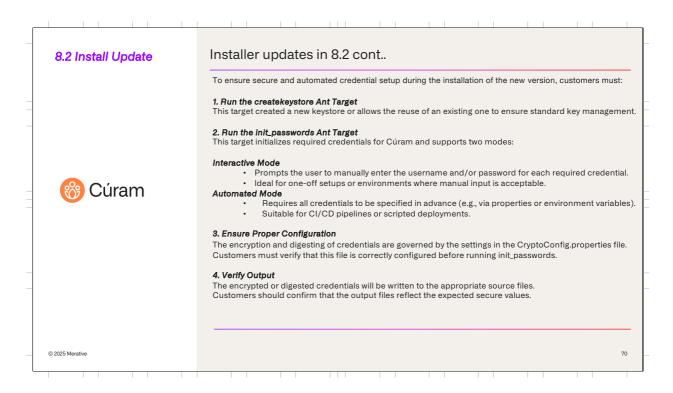
The above table shows the improvements gained from the upgrade.



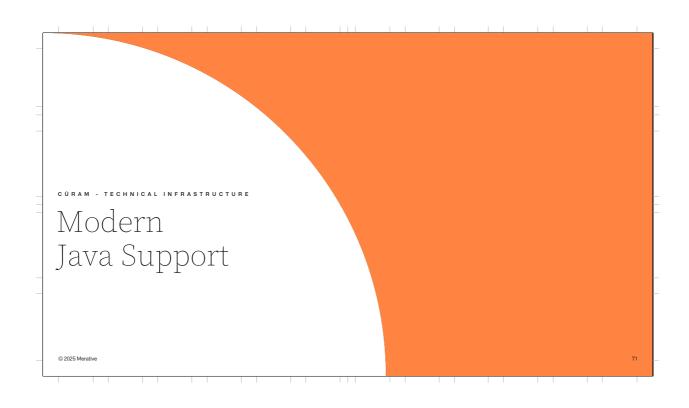
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# Cúram, Liberty and Modern Java

Introduces support for Java 21 in WebSphere Liberty application server, for in-container deployments of Cúram.

### Liberty in container:

 The Cúram application within Liberty can now leverage Java 21's advancements to enhance application server performance, scalability, security and development.

### Future-Proofing:

By adopting Java 21, the Cúram application:

- Ensures long-term support and alignment with the latest Java ecosystem standards.
- Facilitates development of a roadmap from traditional WebSphere Application Server (tWAS) where support ends in 2030.

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		Customer White Paper
		- <u>Modern Java White Paper</u>
		Modern Java Migration Documentation
		- Modern Java Migration Document
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Links to these documents will require customers to login with their account details to access.

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# Application case status in the context panel is visually adjacent to the case name and reference number but lacks context for screen reader users

Application case status in the context panel is visually adjacent to the case name and reference number but lacks context for screen reader users

Before 6.2

• The application case status in the context panel was displayed visually next to the case reference number. While this allowed sighted users to perceive both elements at once, screen reader users had to navigate further down the page to locate the status.

• Additionally, the status was announced without contextual information, potentially causing confusion—for example, terms like "Open" or "Disposed" were presented without clarifying what they referred to.

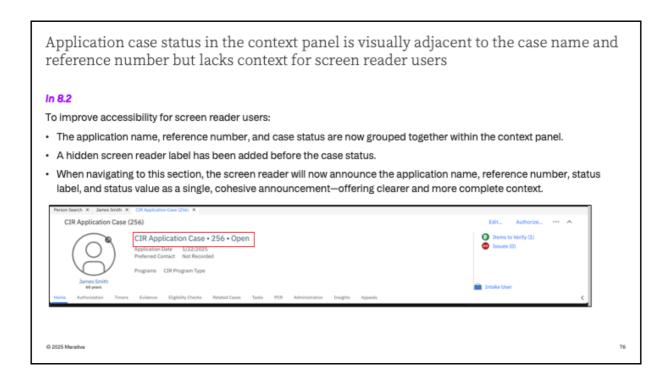
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### **Before 8.2.0.0**

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### In 8.2.0.0

To improve accessibility for screen reader users:

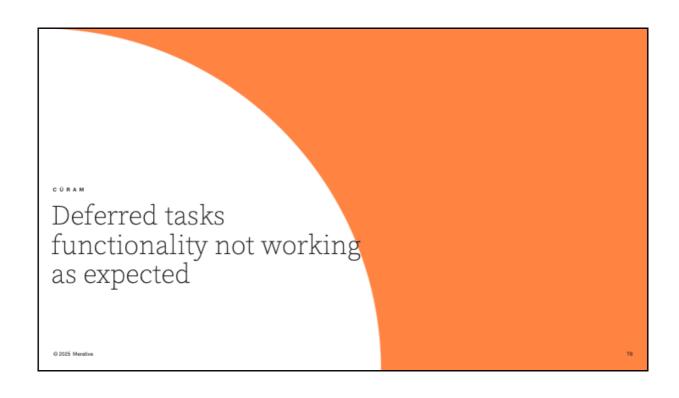
- The application name, reference number, and case status are now grouped together within the context panel.
- A hidden screen reader label has been added before the case status.
- When navigating to this section, the screen reader will now announce the application name, reference number, status label, and status value as a single, cohesive announcement—offering clearer and more complete context.

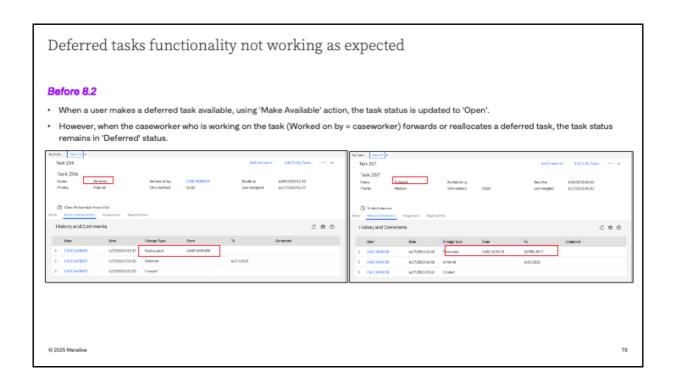
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### Upgrade Considerations:

- Clients upgrading to version 8.2.0.0 will observe updates to the layout of the application context panels, specifically in the
  placement of the reference number and status fields. The application name, reference number, and status are now
  grouped providing clear and comprehensive information.
- · If any of these files have been customized, corresponding updates must be applied to the custom code.

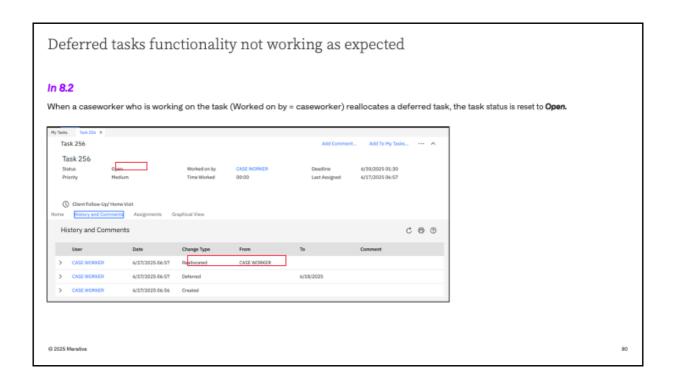
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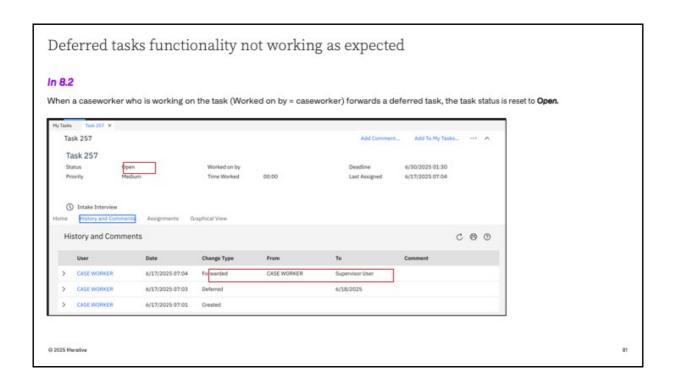
## **Before 8.2.0.0**

- When a user makes a deferred task available, using 'Make Available' action, the task status is updated to 'Open'.
- However, when the caseworker who is working on the task (Worked on by = caseworker) forwards or reallocates a deferred task, the task status remains in 'Deferred' status.



# In 8.2.0.0

• When a caseworker who is working on the task (Worked on by = caseworker) reallocates a deferred task, the task status is reset to **Open.** 



When a caseworker who is working on the task (Worked on by = caseworker) forwards a deferred task, the task status is reset to **Open.** 

Deferred tasks functionality not working as expected

### **Upgrade Considerations**

Clients upgrading to version 8.1.3.0 iFix1 should note the following behavior change:

- Task Status Behaviour: From 8.1.3.0 iFix1 onwards, when a deferred task is reallocated or forwarded, its status will automatically be reset to Open.
- Impact on Existing Deferred Tasks: Existing deferred tasks that were forwarded or reallocated prior to the upgrade will remain in Deferred status.
- Customer Action Required: Clients are advised to manually restart any existing tasks that are in Deferred status after the
  upgrade.

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