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1. Product Release Information

Product Name: Empowering Technology Framework 3.0

Release Number: v3.0.3009

Release Date: 2008/6/2

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2. Introduction

This document contains the release notes for Empowering Technology Framework 3.0. The following sections describe the release in detail and provide late-breaking or other information that supplements the main documentation.

3. What's New

- 3.0.3009 0602, 2008
 - i. Issues solved
 - 1. eDataSecurity UI will stop working when launching it on x64 DT
 - 2. Tooltip sometimes will not show when mouse hovers on the text of notification panel
 - ii. UI/Specification changes
 - None
 - ii. 3rd party library
 - iii. Known issues

ETF

- 1. Dll files are not signed
- 2. Shortcut "Empowering Technology" still shows on Desktop after uninstalling.
- 3. ETFv3.0.3009 is not compatible to eAP v3.0.3000 or older version, ETF v3.0.3000 is not compatible to eAP v3.0.3009

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or newer version

4. Upgrading ETF v3.0.3000 or older version to ETFv3.0.3009 is not supported.

iv. Limitation list

1. e-tab cannot be dragged when OS is adjusting window position
2. Progress bar of eAP installer pops up when Silent uninstall ETF
3. ETF portal will above all APs which is not topmost
4. eAP UI only supports 96, 120 dpi
5. In some languages (ex: TC), redundant "?" in InstallShield wizard when upgrading eAP.
6. In some languages (ex: SV), the license statement UI of installer is not arrange well.
7. If quick menu overlaps with any AP window, and move the AP window at the moment that quick menu is just going to slide up, part of quick menu edge will be drawn on the AP window

1. Minimum System Requirements

System Processor: Intel or AMD IA32 processor

System Memory: 512MB+

Free Disk Space: 20MB+

Operating System: Microsoft Windows Vista

Existing Software: .NET Framework 2.0

2. Installation and Upgrade Notes

- Normal Installation
Double click installer program.
- Silent Install

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If machine supports Int15, using the following command line to execute the installer program

ETF_V3.0.xxxx.exe -s

- Silent uninstall

Using the following command line to execute the installer program if ETF exist

ETF_v3.0.xxxx.exe -s -f1"c:\program files\Acer\Empowering Technology\uninstall.iss"

3. Command Line Options

Below are command line options that can be used when installing Empowering Technology Framework from command line prompt.

1. Install ETF with Skin option

(a) Install ETF with Consumer skin

Ex: ETF_v3.0.xxxx Consumer

(b) Install ETF with Commercial skin

Ex: ETF_v3.0. xxxx Commercial

(c) Install ETF with DT view

Ex: ETF_v3.0. xxxx DT

(d) Install ETF with NB view

Ex: ETF_v3.0. xxxx NB

(e) Other Arguments, Framework will get model value from bios when ETF is first time launched

2. Install ETF with WMI or Int15 option

(a) Install ETF with WMI

Ex: ETF_v3.0.xxxx WMI

(b) Install ETF with Int15

Ex: ETF_v3.0.xxxx

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4. Version History

- 3.0.3008 0425, 2008
 - i. Issues solved
 - 1. [0316] Unhandled exception pops up when Updating ETF.
 - 2. Add WMI option for installing. To fix the issue that Blue screen occurs on machine without Int15 when launching eSettings.
 - 3. [0317] [FI]The wording of "Boot Options" is cut.
 - 4. [0318] [FI]The wording of "Power Plan" tab is cut and sleep and hibernation setting lost comma ",".
 - ii. UI/Specification changes
 - 1. Add tool tip for Maintab control
- Recommend to reboot after upgrading ETF
- 3.0.3006 0321, 2008
 - i. Issues solved
 - 1. [0312] After ETF uninstallation is finished, it always pops up Documents window.
 - 2. [0313] Unhandled exception pops up when Cheange password fail
 - 3. [0314] [AR] The "warning" window button wording disappears
 - 4. [0315] [LV] The Password center wording incomplete in eLock
- 3.0.3005 0307, 2008
 - i. Issues solved
 - None
 - ii. UI/Specification changes
 - Change QuickMenu UI SPEC for ePower

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- 3.0.3004 0306, 2008
 - i. Issues solved
 - 1. [0309] Without enter password in Confirm Password the OK button become bright when use eLock for the first time.
 - 2. [0310] eSettings is not working after upgrading ETF from 3.0.3002 to 3.0.3003.
 - 3. ETF will fail to be installed if LAN RJ45 connected
 - 4. ETService sometimes will fail to restart
- 3.0.3003 0215, 2008
 - i. Issues solved
 - 1. [0301] ET tab has the residual image after S3/S4 long run
 - 2. [0303] The password protection does not work for eRY in a specific procedure
 - 3. [0304] ET bar becomes incomplete after hibernation
 - 4. [0305] D2D does not ask user to input password
 - 5. [0307] eRY's Notification still exist after it is clicked
 - 6. [0308] The window "eRY UI ... stopped working" pops up if ETF is not installed in the default folder on x64
- 3.0.3002 0125, 2008
 - i. Issues solved
 - 1. [0284] The frame "Summary" flicks when dragging the scroll bar
 - 2. [0285] Background of ET tab is not set as transparent.
 - 3. [0286] The password center " ! " icon has not enlarged in 120dpi
 - 4. [0288] eRY's password protection is still disabled after enable it
 - 5. [0292] No response if launching eRY/eLock in a specific procedure
 - 6. [0294] ET Service is not started if install ETF on another folder path.
 - 7. [0295] The wrong password dialog is blocked by check password dialog if type wrong password twice.

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8. [0296] On x64 OS, ETF will be removed if cancel uninstalling eLock by removing ETF.
- 3.0.3001 0118, 2008
 - i. Issues solved
 1. [0169] The style of each eAP's error message for Guest account is not consistent
 2. [0250] [MUI][All] Help is still in English instead of native language
 3. [0255] eSettings can be installed without ETF
 4. [0256] Help file is not closed and removed after uninstalling
 5. [0262] The UI of ETF->About and ePower->Battery->Details is inconsistent
 6. [0263] The "OK" button shows too early when I change password
 7. [0264] The corner of square to enter password have black point
 8. [0265] Use for Acer eLock ... still can be checked even eLock is not installed
 9. [0266] Redundant Tool-Tip shows in Password Center
 10. [0268] The wording of "Create a New Password" is not consistent
 11. [0269] The order of pressing the Tab key in password center seems to be wrong.
 12. [0270] The window "Create a new Password" is set as topmost and affect the operation of other APs
 13. [0271] The Install Msg box behavior is inconsistent
 14. [0273] ETF should not be uninstalled if eRY fails to uninstall
 15. [0276] Password Center can be opened by eLock and eRY simultaneously
 16. [0277] A message "An error occurred...." pops up after uninstall eLock and start to run the reboot process.
 17. [0279] Cursor wrong in 120 dpi
 18. [0281] For 120 DPI, the bottoms of some letters are

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cut.

19. [0283] The Taskbar in right side or in the left side the ETF behavior is inconsistent

- 3.0.3000 0102, 2008

- i. Issues solved

1. [0168] No black frame in the page "Network"
2. [0169] The style of each eAP's error message for Guest account is not consistent
3. [0183] Notification Panel does not pop up in the first event after rebooting
4. [0215] In PT, ETF is launched automatically after booting.
5. [0216] In native OS, context menu of notification panel is still EN.
6. [0228] Notification Tray Icon still exist after uninstalling
7. [0230] For 120 DPI, eAP icon is too close to the border of ET bar
8. [0235] [MUI] In x64 NL 120 DPI, The Notification icon Wrong
9. [0236] In TC, redundant "?" in install shield wizard when upgrading eAP.
10. [0240] Focus does not in "New Password" in the window "Create a new password"
11. [0241] Fail to launch eAPs after cancelling uninstallation of ETF
12. [0242] Cannot pop up notification panel in another administrator account.
13. [0243]
[MUI][DE/EL/PT/CS/PL/FI/RU/TR/NO/SK/LV/HR/RO]
Missing ":" in check password dialog.
14. [0245] No Request Password Flow when disabling Password Protection
15. [0247] The password procedures is not adequacy
16. [0249] [MUI][ES] In Question dialog, some letters seem to be wrong.

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17. [0250] [MUI][All] Help is still in English instead of native language
18. [0251] [MUI][FI] Password Center
19. [0252] The "Framework.launcher.exe" can't silent uninstall
20. [0253] The content of the quick menu is cut on Multi - Language system
21. [0255] eSettings can be installed without ETF
22. [0256] The HELP File is not have close
23. [0257] The background's color of ePower's message is not correct
24. [0260] ET bar is not closed after silent uninstall.

- 3.0.2002 1219, 2007

- i. Issues solved

1. [0115] The reaction of clicking low power notification is not correct.
2. [0130] ET bar shows with ET tab when restarting DT
3. [0137] The ETF bar will show abnormal color when I do account switch (It would happen that just changing the account back).
4. [0155] ET tab flicks and becomes white when hovering
5. [0169] The style of each eAP's error message for Guest account is not consistent
6. [0170] The bar of CPU speed, LCD brightness, Graphics power mode is not equal in length
7. [0171] The word "Unlock All" overlaps "Lock All" on the portal slide.
8. [0172] No response over 30 sec when hovering eLock
9. [0173] Notification does not auto-hide in a specific procedure
10. [0174] The topmost Notification is not updated
11. [0175] Notification Panel auto hide immediately and does not exist in 6 sec in a specific procedure

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12. [0179] Notification center always pop the first message not the latest one
13. [0180] ET bar shows in the middle of Screen instead of e-Tab in the first launching after reboot
14. [0182] eTab and ET bar shows simultaneously after rebooting
15. [0183] Notification Panel does not pop up in the first event after rebooting
16. [0184] Position of Notification Panel is incorrect if Taskbar is auto-hidden
17. [0186] In "UUID" and "Serial Number", the spacings between two adjacent numerals are not the same.
18. [0187] In Chinchilla x64 the dialog to ask user's confirmation pops up when silent uninstallation
19. [0188] No hyperlink in Notification Panel
20. [0189] The UI of ETF installer is still English.
21. [0191] Wording "OK" is not in the middle position in the button in 120 DPI
22. [0192] For some native OS (PT/TC/SC/SV/DE/JA), wordings of InstallShield are still English.
23. [0193] [MUI] Main UI tab
24. [0194] For 120 DPI scale, width of each sheet title is the same as 96 DPI scale.
25. [0195] For 120 DPI scale, the icons are too large and exceed the boundary.
26. [0197] [MUI] password without ":" at check password dialog in English version
27. [0198] [MUI] missing letters at password center dialog in Danish version
28. [0199] [MUI] trimmed wording at check password dialog in Danish version
29. [0200] [MUI] wrong dialog title and trimmed button in Finnish Version
30. [0201] [MUI] trimmed wording at password center in Greek version

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31. [0202] [MUI] a trimmed button at password center in Greek version
32. [0203] [MUI] a trimmed button at password center in Turkish version
33. [0204] [MUI] button overlay other control at password center in (LT)Lithuanian version
34. [0205] [MUI] text OK was not at the center of button on about dialog at 120DPI mode in Greek version
35. [0206] [MUI] insufficient space to layout in password center at 120 DPI mode in Greek version
36. [0207] [MUI] Missing words on check password dialog at 120 DPI mode in Greek version
37. [0208] [MUI] Insufficient space to lay on modify password dialog at 120 DPI mode in Greek version
38. [0209] [MUI] trimmed text on wrong password format dialog at 120 DPI mode in Greek version
39. [0210] [MUI] Insufficient space to layout at password center at 120 DPI mode in Hungarian version
40. [0211] [MUI] Insufficient space to layout on create and modify password dialog in Hungarian version
41. [0212] [MUI] Insufficient space to layout at password center at 120 DPI mode in Russian version
42. [0213] [MUI] Insufficient space to layout in both modify and create password dialog at 120DPI mode in Russian version
43. [0214] [MUI] Missing text at wrong password format dialog at 120 DPI mode in Russian version
44. [0217] [MUI] "OK, Cancel, Yes, No" are missing in 8 languages.
45. [0219] Unhandled exception appears if press ALT+F4 to close ET tab.
46. [0222] UI of "toolbar" is not suitable
47. [0228] Notification Tray Icon still exist after uninstalling

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48. [0230] For 120 DPI, eAP icon is too close to the border of ET bar

ii. UI/Specification changes

1. Remove dragged function for eAP icons.

ii. 3rd party library

iii. Known issues

ETF

1. DLL files are not signed
2. Shortcut "Empowering Technology" still shows on Desktop after uninstalling.

- 3.0.2001 1205, 2007

i. Issues solved

1. [0075] Portal is not located in the middle position of Main Screen
2. [0083] Portal vanishes, shows again, and slide out finally when pressing e-key to hide it
3. [0099] Silent uninstallation is not implement
4. [0133] ETF potal is cut by taskbar when the potal on the right or left side
5. [0136] The ETF 3.0 can install after the ETF2.5
6. [0143] Notification center arrow button missing
7. [0147] The toolbar icon disappears
8. [0148] ePower/eSettings is not uninstalled by ETF installer
9. [0149] The ETF can Execute for GUEST use
10. [0150] Cannot minimize ePower/eLock/eSettings window.
11. [0151] [MUI]"Sorry! This is not an Acer system. "
12. [0152] [MUI]"Check Password"
13. [0153] [MUI] "Empowering Technology Password

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Center" page In [Croatian (hr)]

14. [0154] The Silent uninstall show to msg box in "LTALI"
15. [0156] ET tab is cut off after Disabling "Property->Auto-hide the taskbar"
16. [0159] [MUI] Password Center page
17. [0160] [MUI] Create Password page
18. [0161] [MUI] Change Password page
19. [0162] [MUI] Wrong Password page
20. [0163] [MUI] Context Menu page
21. [0164] [MUI] Password Hint page
22. [0165] Focus of "LCD brightness" is not correct and can not be dragged
23. [0166] Notification Tip can't see the message in Certain Language OS.

ii. UI/Specification changes

1. Change installer project from MSI to original installshield project, therefore, upgrading from v3.0.2000 to v3.0.2001 is not supported.

ii. 3rd party library

iii. Known issues

ETF

1. .Dll files are not signed
2. Does not support 120DPI
3. Shortcut "Empowering Technology" still shows on Desktop after uninstalling.

• 3.0.2000 1123, 2007

i. Issues solved

ETF

1. [0067] Shortcut "Empowering Technology" still shows on Desktop after uninstalling

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2. [0091] Previous button is enabled at the first page, not disable
3. [0092] Next button is disabled at the last page, not disabled
4. [0096] The Notification Tray Icon does not disappear after reading all the Notifications
5. [0099] Silent uninstallation is not implement
6. [0100] Notification Panel does not pop up
7. [0108] Appearance is in TravelMate style for Aspire Model
8. [0111] eAP appearance is TravelMate style after installing in Aspire parameter
9. [0115] The reaction of clicking low power notification is not correct.
10. [0118] Fail to switch notification panel.
11. [0124] The ETF toolbar' HELP is Unhandled exception appears for not EN mode
12. [0125] ET tab is cut off after dragging out of Taskbar
13. [0126] ET bar's position is not remembered and returns back to default
14. [0127] The "Delete this plan window" dialogs can be maximized.
15. [0128] ETF is not launched / ET bar does not show when pressing Scroll Lock on DT
16. [0133] ETF potal is cut by taskbar when the potal on the right or left side
17. [0134] There is one page cannot be shown in help menu
18. [0136] The ETF 3.0 can install after the ETF2.5
19. [0138] The select menu and button angle are not soomth.
20. [0140] The E-power 3.0 can install after the Epower2.5

i. UI/Specification changes

Aspire UI Change, ETF v3.0.2000 is only compatible to eAP v3.0.2000 or newer version

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ii. 3rd party library

iii. Known issues

ETF

1. .Dll files are not signed
2. 120DPI not support

iv. Limitation list

- 3.0.1002 1114, 2007

i. Issues solved
ETF

1. [0111] eAP appearance is TravelMate style after installing in Aspire parameter
2. [0112] The error window "ETF Service is not ready" pops up and no response when launching eAPs in some specific testing samples
3. [0113] ET bar has no response (Happen once)
4. [0117] Statements of "Notification Center" still exist in help file.
5. [0119] Pop up Windows Install dialog during un-installation.

i. Limitation list

- 3.0.1001 1109, 2007

i. Issues solved
ETF

1. [0024] disabled button text not visible (wrong color)
2. [0029] Fail to drag and drop on the portal

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3. [0030] Notification Center->Date information can not be read completely anyway
4. [0041] Portal pops up without sliding when exiting ETF and launching it again
5. [0057] Portal overlaps Taskbar when Taskbar is on right side
6. [0062] Notification Panel does not pop up when clicking "Notification Tray Icon->Context Menu->Show Notifications"
7. [0066] Version format is wrong when updating
8. [0069] Silent upgrade fails
9. [0075] Portal is not located in the middle position of Main Screen
10. [0077] Portal overlaps Taskbar when showing Taskbar firstly
11. [0078] ETF installer hangs over 10 mins when upgrading
12. [0079] Sometimes can't launch ETF after hiding ETF.
13. [0080] Portal is not topmost
14. [0082] The Notification Center's column width is changed but the title does not
15. [0083] Portal vanishes, shows again, and slide out finally when pressing e-key to hide it
16. [0084] Notification Panel does not pop up at the first clicking
17. [0085] All the Read Items become Unread Items
18. [0086] The default position of Help is overlapped by Portal
19. [0087] Portal is on top, not on bottom after enabling Auto-hide the toolbar
20. [0088] Portal is lifted up after disabling Auto-hide the toolbar
21. [0089] Portal overlaps Taskbar except clicking Taskbar

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22. [0090] The eAP icon does not insert into a new location and be arranged automatically over 1 mins
23. [0091] Previous button is enabled at the first page, not disabled
24. [0092] Next button is disabled at the last page, not disabled
25. [0093] Notification Panel does not pop up if Notification Center is not launched
26. [0094] The Read Notification disappears in Notification Center
27. [0096] The Notification Tray Icon does not disappear after reading all the Notifications
28. [0097] Dll or Exe files of ETF, component and Notification center don't be signed.
29. [0098] Contain Flash file of Acer Empowering Technology v2.5
30. [0100] Notification Panel does not pop up
31. [0101] The wording of notification message is too long and cannot be shown completely.
32. [0102] Fail to launch Help if Appearance is Aspire
33. [0103] Notification Center is in TravelMate Style if Appearance is Aspire
34. [0104] Direction of Hide Button is incorrect when Taskbar is on top
35. [0105] Notification Center window does not shows in foreground when hidden by other AP window and re-launch
36. [0106] Notification Center->Clear All should be disabled if there is no messages
37. [0107] Empowering technology Icon overlaps ePower Icon
38. [0108] Appearance is in TravelMate style for Aspire Model
39. [0109] eAP icon flicks when attempting to be dragged outside Portal

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UI Component

1. [0095] OK button overlaps the orange frame
2. [0039] The focus of tab control is not apparent

- 3.0.1000 1025, 2007

- i. Issues solved

ETF

1. [0001] Portal does not hide by pressing e-key if cursor is on Portal
2. [0003] Portal shows after rebooting the device
3. [0009] eAP title does not show up
4. [00011] Aero setting not recorded
5. [00012] Application title in launch bar is erased when icon is dragged around
6. [0013] Notification center launch error after install (before reboot)
7. [0015] The size of ETF's logo is too small
8. [0018] Suggestion: Disable "Launch Empowering Technology when I log on to Windows" by default
9. [0021] When services sends a message to notification center, notification center does not popup a message dialog.
10. [0022] ETF's help file does not exist
11. [0023] NotificationTip.exe has stopped working due to service is stopped after system boots up
12. [0025] Flick when mouse hovers the toolbar
13. [0027] Drop Down Panel slide when Portal is overlapped
14. [0028] Fail to drag and drop outside the portal
15. [0030] "Notification Center->Date" information can not be read completely anyway
16. [0038] ETF portal is black when boot up the system
17. [0041] Portal pops up without sliding when exiting ETF and launching it again

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18. [0042] Portal right side is cut when turning aero on from vista basic (DT, eAP<=3)
19. [0043] The error window "Unhandled exception ..." pops up after clicking "Notification Center->Hyperlink"
20. [0044] Taskbar overlaps "empowering technology" icon when dragging Taskbar to left side
21. [0045] Repeated items shows in "About"
22. [0048] The description of ePower is disappeared.
23. [0049] Faint labels, gives the impression that it is disabled.
24. [0050] Portal->eAP icon shows black when launching ETF
25. [0051] Inconsistent UI style in restore setting dialog
26. [0052] The UI of general information of battery is too light
27. [0053] Portal flicks when showing and hiding
28. [0055] Taskbar can't show if both Portal and Taskbar are located on bottom
29. [0056] Taskbar can not show if both Portal and Taskbar are located on top
30. [0059] Notification Center can not be launched after 2nd launching
31. [0060] No response when click "Notification Panel->Hyperlink"
32. [0061] Notification Panel does not pop up when clicking "Notification Tray Icon"
33. [0062] Notification Panel does not pop up when clicking "Notification Tray Icon->Context Menu->Show Notifications"
34. [0063] The error window "... stopped working ..." pops up when clicking "Portal->Context Menu->Notification Center" several times
35. [0064] Notification Tray Icon shows, not hides after launching "Notification Center"

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36. [0065]Item "Show Notification", "Close" shows, not "Notification Center", "Show Notification" in "Notification Tray Icon->Context Menu"
37. [0069]Silent upgrade fails
38. [0070]Cannot pup up low battery notification if there is another notification in notification center.
39. [0072] Notification Tray Icon still shows when no Unread Items in Notification Center
40. [0073] e-tab still shows after disable it

UI Component

1. [0024] disabled button text not visible (wrong color)
 2. [0025] UI problem - there are bulge in concern
- 3.0.0002 10 15, 2007
 - i. Issues solved
 - ETF
 - 1. [0037] Warning message pops up when launch ETF
 - 2. [0034] eAP version format is incorrect
 - 3. [0035] Fail to uninstall ETF; Uninstaller hangs over 10 mins
 - 4. [0032] Portal is cut off When Toolbar is on left side
 - 5. [0031] Taskbar overlaps Portal, not cascades when Taskbar is on top
 - 6. [0023] NotificationTip.exe has stopped working due to service is stopped
 - 7. [0019] ETF's about dialog shows on task bar, but notification center does not
 - 8. [0015] ETF 's Icon are wrong on Windows Task Manager
 - 9. [0014] Notification systray icon behavior
 - 10. [0013] Notification center launch error after install (before reboot)
 - 11. [0012] Application title in launch bar is erased when icon is dragged around

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12. [0009] eAP title does not show up.
13. [0008] Sidebar overlaps Portal after clicking Sidebar
14. [0007] No "Context Menu" pops up when right clicking the area "empowering technology"
15. [0006] Icon of ETF in "Programs and Features is incorrect"
16. [0005] Fail to silent install
17. [0004] The other AP overlaps Portal if launch it after Portal shows
18. [0002] Portal shows unexpectedly after plugging in D-Sub of external monitor

UI Component

1. [0024] Disabled button text not visible (wrong color)
 2. Image Button issue:
 - eSetting
 - [0010] In "Boot Options" page, the icons of UP and DOWN are cut.
 - ePower
 - [0008] The icons of power plan operations are cut.
- ii. UI/Specification changes
1. Aero setting is no need to recorded,
- iii. 3rd party library
- iv. Known issues
1. It needs to close ETF and terminate Framework Service When Upgrading
 2. eSetting title sometime will not show when mouse hovers on it
 3. Fail to silent uninstall
 4. Guest user can't use Acer Empowering Technology
 5. Fail to silent upgrade

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v. Limitation list

- 3.0.0001 09 29, 2007
 - i. Issues solved
 - ii. UI/Specification changes
 - iii. 3rd party library
 - iv. Known issues
 - UI Component
 - 1. Image button corner will be cut down, if its' size is too small
 - 2. NumericUpDown control is not supported in this version, because Image button is used in it.
 - 3. Button text color will be set to gray automatically if the button is set as disabled
 - Portal
 - 1. When docking AppBar to bottom, and turn off vista aero, AppBar name will show a moment then disappear when mouse hovers on it
 - 2. If taskbar is docked to left or right side of screen, AppBar width should be cut down, and items on it should be rearranged.