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# Defense Collaboration Services

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# Introduction to DCS

- **Defense Collaboration Services (DCS) is the follow-on capability to Defense Connect Online (DCO).**
- **DCS is an open source solution that provides secure web conferencing and instant messaging services for unclassified and classified networks.**
- **Web conferencing capabilities include: office document presentation, desktop sharing, whiteboard, within conference text chat, polling/voting, and the ability to record sessions.**
- **Chat capabilities include: persistent chat rooms, one-to-one instant messaging, and presence information.**
- **DCS resides on milCloud, a virtual hosting environment offered as a service to both internal DISA customers and external mission partners.**
- **The service is available at no cost for Mission Partner operational use.**

<https://www.dcs.apps.mil> or <https://www.dcs.apps.smil.mil>

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# Operational Status

- **1 October 2014: First made available for COCOM testing.**
- **16 December 2014: DISA internal operational use.**
- **30 January 2015: DCS approved for operational use by mission partners.**
- **19 March 2015: Internet accessibility enabled.**
- **Organizations must transition to DCS no later than 30 May 2015 to enable DCO shutdown on 24 June 2015.**
- **DCS will continue to evolve to meet DoD mission requirements.**
  - **Completed in the last 12 months: PKI integration, mobile code signing, user rights management, guest access, 20X increase in meeting capacity, downloadable recordings, custom meeting URL, presentation document download, fixes, and enhancements.**
  - **Current development priorities: Fixes, sharing multiple panels of content simultaneously; improved file sharing; improved recording; free-text panels; improved slide conversions; mobile client.**

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# Transition Preparation



- **Configure DoD Networks to allow DCS access**
  - Implement CYBERCOM TASKORD 15-0019 w/FRAGO 1 & 2
- **Implement DCS desktop requirements**
  - Flash 11.2 or newer
  - Java SE v7 Update 45 or newer
- **Training**
  - Live training offered 4x/week. Schedule & links posted to [www.dcs.apps.mil](http://www.dcs.apps.mil)
  - User guides and desktop configuration guides available for download at [www.dcs.apps.mil](http://www.dcs.apps.mil)

Detailed transition preparation instructions  
outlined in the DCS Playbook.  
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