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# *GemStone/S 6.5.7.5*

## *Release Notes*

### **Overview**

GemStone/S 6.5.7.5 is a new version of the GemStone Smalltalk object server. This special build release fixes a critical bug that can cause system crash.

These release notes provide changes between the previous version of GemStone/S, version 6.5.7.4, and version 6.5.7.5. If you are upgrading from a version prior to 6.5.7.4, please also review the release notes for each intermediate release to see the full set of changes.

No separate Installation Guide is provided with this release. For installation instructions, use the Installation Guide for version 6.5.7.

### **Supported Platforms**

GemStone/S version 6.5.7.5 is supported on the following platforms:

- ▶ Solaris 8, 9 and 10 on SPARC
- ▶ Red Hat Linux ES 5.0

For more information and detailed requirements for each supported platforms, please refer to the GemStone/S v6.5.7 Installation Guide for that platform.

## Changes in this release

### **SEGV due to duplicate call to free memory after a network problem encountered**

When the page manager removes pages from remote shared page caches, there is a code path in which, if a call fails (for example, due to a network error), the buffer used to communicate to the remote caches is freed a second time. This cause the page manager to SEGV, and therefore shutdown the system. (#41184)

The Page Manager code has also been modified so that all pages are retried if any network error is detected while talking to any remote cache. Previously code paths existed where pages may not have been retried. Not retrying risks a race condition with the Stone where a page could be reported ready for disposal before the stone has terminated all gems on the dead remote cache.

The number of times that all pages had to be retried due to a network error or timeout with a remote SPC is now reported in the Page Manger cache statistic SessionStat4.