

Webinar Topics

PD Tips for Getting Started in the New School Year

- Retrieving Training Certificates
- Displaying Training History

CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update

- Adding User Accounts for Staff

Test Development Update

Field Testing Studies and Voices from the Field

Remote Testing Update

New Writing and Language Tests

Hidden Gems of the CASAS Website

CASAS News



National News and Updates

September 22, 2021

Welcome to the September 2021 CASAS National Webinar!

- Your **phones and computers** are automatically muted.
- Please post **questions related to the presentation in the Q & A, *not*** in the Chat Box.
Due to the large attendance, CASAS Staff will respond later to any unanswered questions.
- Please only post **technical difficulties about using Zoom for today's webinar** in the **Chat Box**.
- **Recording of the webinar and PPT** will be posted in the "What's New" section in the "News and Updates Webinars" page on [www.casas.org](https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/webinars). (<https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/webinars>)

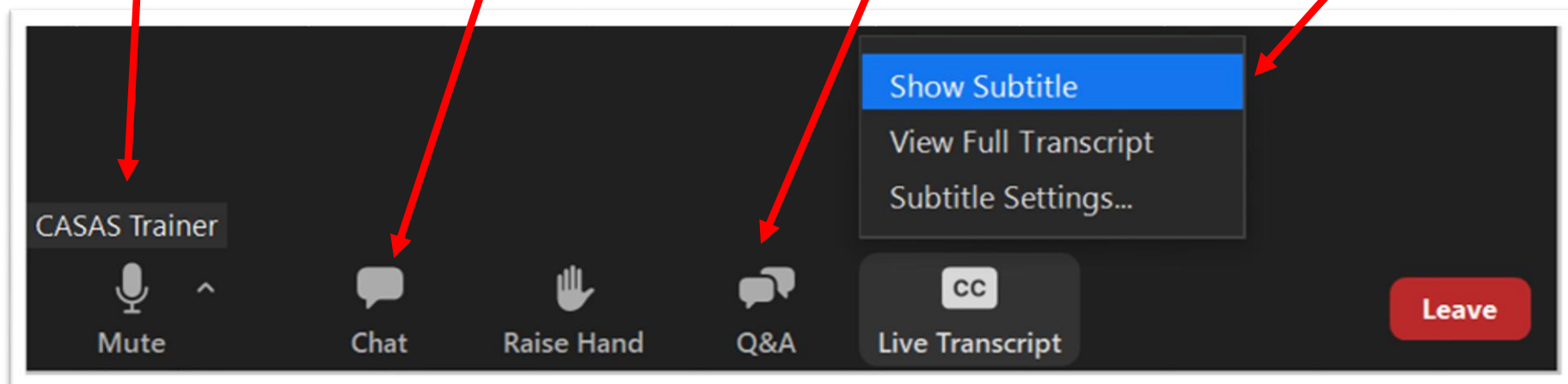
Before we start: Webinar Tips

Check your
audio
settings

Use chat only
for webinar
technical
issues. Select
all panelists for
support

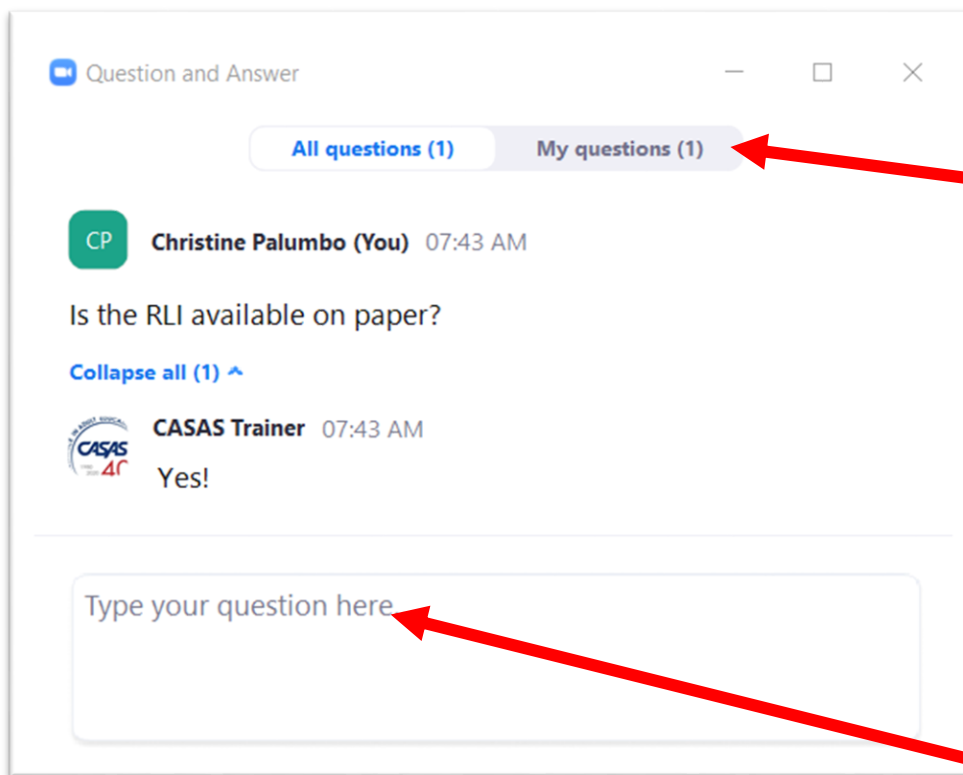
Q & A is used for
questions about
the presentations
and specific
questions for the
presenter(s)

Enable
Closed
Captions



“Q&A”: Questions for the Presenter

- Type questions directly related to the presentation



Click to see
your Qs & As
or all Qs & As



Webinar Topics

PD Tips for Getting Started in the New School Year

- Retrieving Training Certificates
- Displaying Training History

CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update

- Adding User Accounts for Staff

Test Development Update

Field Testing Studies and Voices from the Field

Remote Testing Update

New Writing and Language Tests

Hidden Gems of the CASAS Website

CASAS News



Professional Development Tips for Getting Started in the New School Year

Dawn Montgomery
CASAS Implementation Specialist

Copy of your Certificate

If you need a copy of your Certificate from the current program year (i.e., after July 1):

1. Go to training.casas.org.
2. Log in to your training module.
3. Scroll down and click **Certificate of Completion**.
4. Click **Get your Certificate**.

Note: Copies of certificates from prior program years are no longer accessible after the modules are reset at the start of every new program year.

Your CASAS Training History

1. Go to www.casas.org.
2. Click **Login** and enter your User credentials.
3. Click Your name (at the top) to access your Training History.
4. Click **Print** at the bottom of the web page.
5. From the print Setup window:
 - a. Select PDF.
 - b. Click **Settings**, and then check *Headers* and *Footers*, and *Background Graphics*.
 - c. Click **Print**.

NEW! Training Module Options

For Certification...

- Access anytime
- Begin with “About This Training”
- Complete all content
- Complete “Checks for Understanding” and activities
- Submit your “Test Security Agreement”
- Get your “Certificate of Completion”

As a Resource...

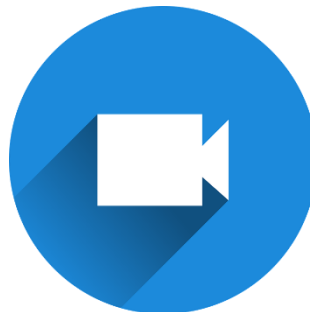
- Hop on anytime
- Jump around
- Access content whenever needed
- Download and save, or print resources

CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update

Adding User Accounts for Staff



Help documentation and short video that demonstrates how to add local program staff (users) to the CASAS Online System with access to TOPSpro Enterprise and/or CASAS eTests.



Access the Help Document + Video from the Index on the Training site.

Test Development Update

Linda Taylor

CASAS VP Assessment Development

NRS-approved CASAS Assessments for ESL

- Life and Work Reading - 80 series

Beginning Literacy - Forms 27 and 28

Reading for Language Arts - Forms 513/514

- Life and Work Listening - 980 series

All are NRS-approved to **February 2023**
(like all other NRS-approved ESL tests)

Current & Next GOALS Series and NRS Status

For ABE/ASE

- Reading GOALS - approved through 2025
 - Next Reading GOALS series in development
- Math GOALS for ABE/ASE - approved through 2023
 - Next Math GOALS series in development

For ESL

- ESL Reading GOALS and Listening GOALS
 - Final form studies in progress
 - To be submitted for NRS approval in 2022

Field Testing Studies

Karen Burger

National Program Specialist & Field Test Coordinator

Field Testing – Voices from the Field

- ❖ Yanira Chavez, WIOA II Coordinator, Burbank Adult School, California
- ❖ Veronica Pavon-Baker, Director of Adult Programs, Literacy Volunteers of Collier County, Florida

Demographics Needed!

**For Ongoing eTests Unscored Embedded Field Test Items
We need your help!**

These *data elements* are essential for CASAS test research studies:

- **Gender**
- **Native Language**
- **Ethnicity/Race**

A student only needs to enter this info one time.

How to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-taWcS4EPVU&t=8s>

Math GOALS Item Testing – Urgent need

- **When?** Now and ongoing through November 2021
 - Math Final Forms Studies begin in January
- **Who?** ABE and ASE Learners
 - ESL students at NRS Level 4 in Reading
- **Delivery?** CASAS eTests
- **Methodology?** Locator + up to three level tests
- Student gift cards in the amount of \$5-\$25 based on number of tests completed
- Agencies receive complimentary web-testing units

Participate in CASAS Final Forms Studies

Listening and Reading for ESL

- **When?** Now and ongoing through June 2022
- **Who?** Adult learners in ESL/ELL programs and ABE students whose first language is not English
- **Delivery?** eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)
- **Methodology?** Locator/Appraisal + one or two level tests
- Student gift cards in the amount of \$5 per test completed
 - Bonus gift cards for special studies
- Agencies receive complimentary web-testing units
- FAQs available at [Field Testing Opportunities](#)

How do I get started?



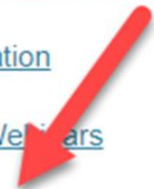
- Communicate with teachers/administrators in program
- Gather information about participation
- Ask students about their interest

For more information visit our field testing webpage or contact:

- Fieldtesting@casas.org
- Karen Burger
 - kburger@casas.org
 - 800.255.1036 ext. 177

What's New Remote Testing

- [Getting started with CASAS eTests](#)
- [Live Facilitated Training Registration](#)
- [Office Hours Registration](#)
- [News and Updates Webinars](#)
- [Field Testing Opportunities](#)
- [EL Civics Exchange](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [Fairness and Equity Statement](#)



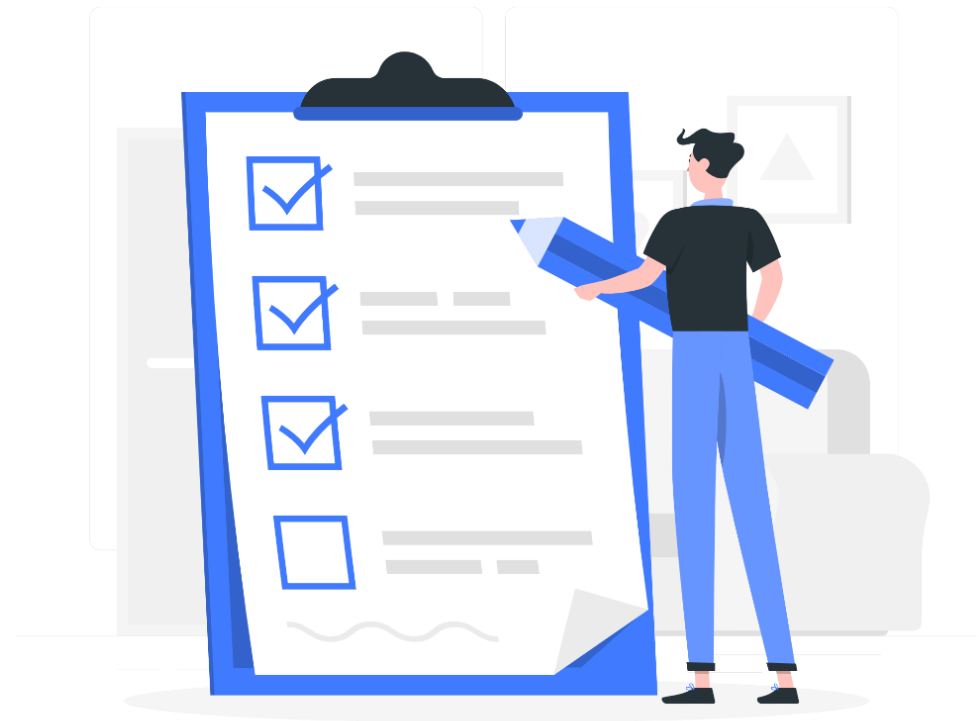
Remote Testing Update

Linda Taylor

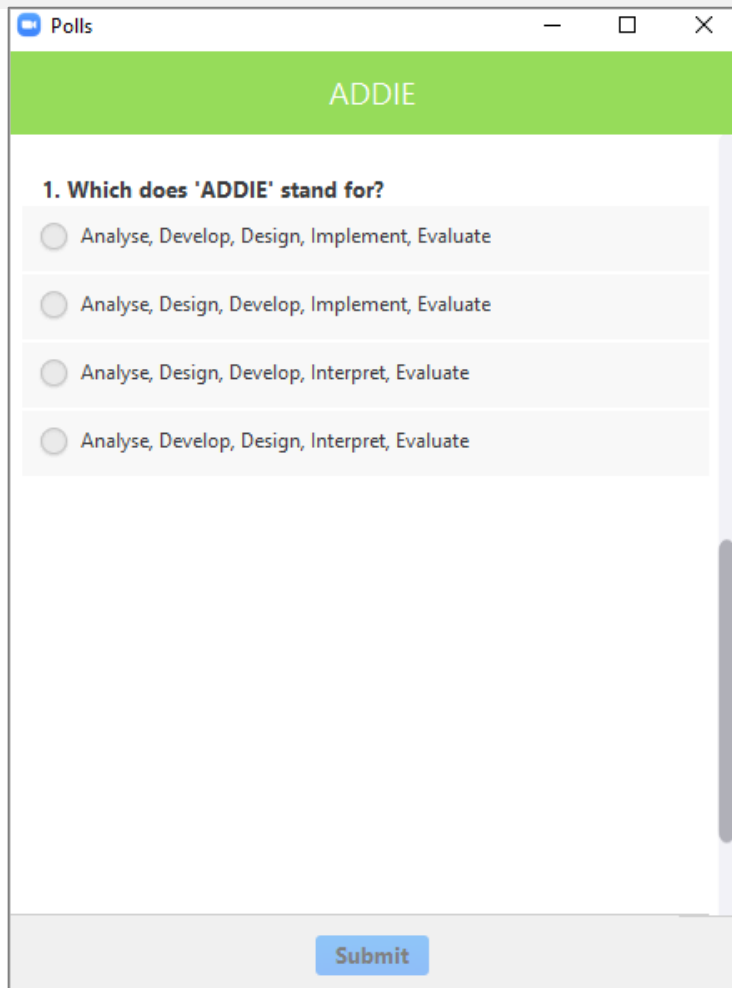
CASAS VP Assessment Development

Polls

- Please answer 3 poll questions about remote instruction and assessment.
- Submit your answers.



Polls



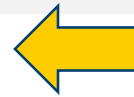
Polls

ADDIE

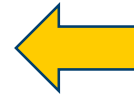
1. Which does 'ADDIE' stand for?

- ☐ Analyse, Develop, Design, Implement, Evaluate
- ☐ Analyse, Design, Develop, Implement, Evaluate
- ☐ Analyse, Design, Develop, Interpret, Evaluate
- ☐ Analyse, Develop, Design, Interpret, Evaluate

Submit



Close the poll



Answer the poll



Submit the poll

New Developments in Remote Testing

- Remote testing **up to 12 students at a time** using Approach 2 or 3
 - Ongoing pilot
- Remote testing of Listening, Reading and Math **on phones**
 - Ongoing pilot data collection
- **Development of eTests mobile app with integration of video conferencing**
 - In development
- Remote testing with **3rd party proctoring service** -- depending on field interest
 - Please email remotetesting@casas.org if interested in this.

New Writing and Language Tests

Linda Taylor

CASAS VP Assessment Development

#1 – Essay

- Students write an essay in response to a written prompt.
- Takes 45 minutes to one hour.
- **Auto-scored!**
 - **Results come within seconds!**
- Currently used in the NEDP Program's Diagnostics Phase for screening.
 - CASAS conducted numerous validation studies to check the accuracy of the machine scoring compared to human scoring.
- In development to deliver on the eTests platform.

#1 – Sample Essay Prompt

- Healthy eating habits are very important, but many people do not have healthy eating habits. Why is this? What can be done about it?

#2 – New Multiple-choice Language Test

- Major purposes:
 - Screen for readiness to pass an HSE exam, or transition to post-secondary instruction, or work.
 - Assist in placement, guiding instruction, and monitoring progress in writing skills.
- Two test levels, two forms per level
- 20 – 30 minutes

#2 – New Multiple-choice Language Test

- For students at NRS 3 or higher, based on Reading GOALS score.
- Aligned to CCRS Language Standards
- Diagnostic information will be provided.

New Writing and Language Assessments

- Only available through CASAS eTests – not on paper
- Cost -- one eTests test administration unit (WTU)
- Students can take one or both tests.
- Not submitted for NRS approval for pre- and post accountability reporting
- Optional
- Availability -- TBD

Invitation to Pilot Test Writing

If your agency would like to pilot test

- the Essay or
- the Multiple-choice Language test – or
- Both writing tests

Contact casas@casas.org to express interest in this project.

Fairness and Equity in CASAS Assessments

- CASAS policy and practice ensures fairness and equity
 - for all test items and forms
 - for all test types (e.g., multiple-choice, generated response, portfolio assessment, etc.).
- Many of these fairness and equity practices take place during the item and test development process, including:
 - item reviews by practitioners from diverse backgrounds
 - DIF and other psychometric analyses for possible bias
 - development of score interpretation guidelines that reflect equity and diversity principles
- CASAS also conducts ongoing item and test review.
- Information is posted on the CASAS website.

Hidden Gems of the CASAS Website

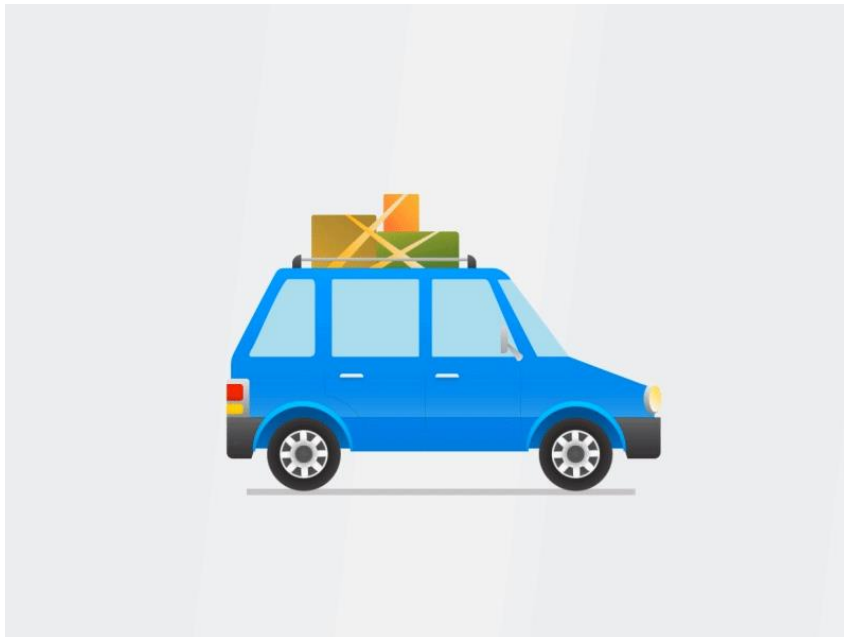
Linda Taylor, CASAS

Hidden Gems of the CASAS Website

- What's New section
- National News and Updates webinar registration and archives
- Help documentation and videos
- Social Media Newsroom
- Summer Institute 2021 Presentations

Help Documentation & Videos

CASAS training materials are on the move!



Looking for training materials with helpful videos?

- Access the new **Index** on the Training website.
- Development is ongoing with new items added daily.
- So be sure to visit frequently and check out what's new!

Go to: <http://training.casas.org/course/view.php?id=355>

CASAS News

Live Facilitated Training

What's New Remote Testing

- [Getting started with CASAS eTests](#)
- [Live Facilitated Training Registration](#)
- [Office Hours Registration](#)
- [News and Updates Webinars](#)
- [Field Testing Opportunities](#)
- [EL Civics Exchange](#)
- [FAQs](#)

- The training schedule is posted on the CASAS website through October.

CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION

This certifies that

Teacher 58

completed

Module 1 & 2: CASAS eTests Implementation

September 13, 2021

CASAS Certified Trainers

Credit Hours: 3

800TRKS100



Live Facilitated Training Schedule



CASAS eTests Implementation

- **Module 1** – October 5, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register](#).
- **Module 2** – October 12, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register](#).



Paper Test Implementation

- **Module 1** – October 5, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register](#).
- **Module 3** – Please complete the self-study module. / [Click here to enroll](#).



Instructional Implementation

- **Module 4** – September 23, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register](#).
- **Module 1** – October 5, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register](#).
- **Module 4** – October 26, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register](#).

September 23

- **Module 4: Instructional Implementation**

October 5

- **Module 1: CASAS Implementation Basics**

October 12

- **Module 2: CASAS eTests Implementation**

Certificate of Completion


National TE Network Meetings

- Meetings will focus on:
 - NRS guidelines
 - learning “tips and tricks” from accomplished TE practitioners
 - TE features such as the TE Proxy Wizard
 - test results reports
- Confer online with TE data managers and CASAS assessment coordinators from all states to network and share best practices for testing and data collection.
- Attending participants will drive the session with their questions and needs.
- Every other month, on Fridays at 9 am Pacific/Noon Eastern.
Next meeting: TBD -- in October or November
Meeting info will be posted in “What’s New” on CASAS website.

Office Hours with CASAS Staff

- Fridays at 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern. See the schedule on the CASAS website.
- Join us to get one-on-one support, help, suggestions and just plain old encouragement in using CASAS.
- Attending participants will drive the session with their questions and needs.
- Register for Office Hours at:
<https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-office-hours>

What's New Remote Testing

- [Getting started with CASAS eTests](#)
 - [Live Facilitated Training Registration](#)
 - [Office Hours Registration](#)
 - [News and Updates Webinars](#)
 - [Field Testing Opportunities](#)
 - [EL Civics Exchange](#)
 - [FAQs](#)
- 

Next Monthly News & Updates Webinar

What's New Remote Testing

- [Getting started with CASAS eTests](#)
- [Live Facilitated Training Registration](#)
- [Office Hours Registration](#)
- [News and Updates Webinars](#)
- [Field Testing Opportunities](#)
- [EL Civics Exchange](#)
- [FAQs](#)

- Wednesday, October 20
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- Register today!



Thank you for attending!

Recording of this webinar and the PPT will all be posted in the What's New/News and Update Webinars section on the CASAS website.

- General CASAS Information, casas@casas.org
 - Ask any question - including what materials to order
- Order Department – orders@casas.org
 - to place an order or check the status of an order
- Tech Support – techsupport@casas.org
- Training – training@casas.org
- eTests Implementation – golive@casas.org
- Remote Testing – remotetesting@casas.org