

Oracle Applications Release 11i Newsletter

The contents of this newsletter were contributed by **Solution Beacon** consultants who have accumulated extensive experience during the numerous installations, implementations, and upgrades of Release 11i that we have performed for our clients. We also welcome your participation in this newsletter. If you would like to contribute on any Release 11i topic, please send your contact information, topic, and a short abstract to mweiss@solutionbeacon.com. We would also appreciate any feedback from our readers if you have successfully or unsuccessfully implemented one of the suggestions from any of the newsletters. Comments or suggestions are always appreciated. Please send to mweiss@solutionbeacon.com.

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A FREE Workshop for Functional Oracle E-Business Suite Users and Managers

"Gain more business value from your Oracle 11i Applications"

Presented jointly by AppWorx and Solution Beacon

Where: Burlington, MA at the Boston Marriott Burlington

When: Wednesday, November 9, 8:30 – 11:00 AM*

*Continental breakfast served at 8:00 AM

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You'll learn how to:

- Ensure the reliability and accuracy of your Oracle Financials processing and reporting through the removal of human intervention steps
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Presenters include:



Paul Cyphers has over twenty years of extensive applications implementation experience for five major software packages: Oracle, PeopleSoft, J.D. Edwards, Siebel and SAP. He has led development methodologies for other solution initiatives such as Program\Project\Change Management, Quality Management, Enterprise Performance Measurement and Business Process methodologies. Paul has also led cross-functional international teams developing new and upgrading existing content for applications to be deployed on global implementations. Prior to joining Solution Beacon LLC, he held methodology director, senior consultant, project manager, systems manager, production supervisor and several materials management positions.



Alex Givens is a senior technical analyst for AppWorx Corporation, makers of the AppWorx job scheduling and application automation software. During the past 10 years Alex has helped a variety of organizations improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their applications processing by applying AppWorx automation software and principles. Many of these organizations are using AppWorx to coordinate and control processing within the Oracle E-Business Suite. Alex has spoken on application automation at several international and regional conferences, and presented over a dozen web seminars on automating manual processes in the Oracle E-Business Suite.

John Nicholson, Solution Beacon

The Road to NashvilleSM Workshops: Features, Functions and the Future of 11i

If you can't make it to the OAUG/IOUG/Quest conference, **Collaborate '06**, in Nashville next year, you can still experience the great educational and networking opportunity of the conference by attending one of our highly-acclaimed Release 11i Workshops. Join OAUG and Solution Beacon for a **FREE**, one-day event featuring multiple technical and functional presentations, delivered by some of the foremost experts in the Oracle community.

We'll also be giving away a **complimentary one-year OAUG membership**, a \$595 value, at each stop on the Road to NashvilleSM tour!

The remaining dates and locations are as follows:

St. Louis, MO – November 11, 2005



Los Angeles – Jan 19, 2006
San Ramon, CA – February 9, 2006
Boston – March 3, 2006
Dallas – March 31, 2006

The Road to Nashvillesm will conclude with our final presentations at **Collaborate '06** in Nashville, TN, April 2006.

Sample Agenda

TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS	FUNCTIONAL PRESENTATIONS
Fusion Middleware	The ABCs of Workflow - Setup
11i Apps DBA	Application Management Tools
Release 11i RAC and Linux	11.5.10 New Features: E-Business Suite
Care and Feeding of 11i	Business Process Execution Language (BPEL)

To register online, view agendas, or learn more about our presenters, please visit us at <http://www.solutionbeacon.com/RTNStops.htm>.

For more information, please email kzastro@solutionbeacon.com.

Kandi Zastro, Solution Beacon

Ask the SB Experts

Correction to Q&A from August 2005 Edition: Question: I thought 11.5.10 required the 1.3 version of Jinitiator. I'm at a site where they are still using 1.1.8 (and they are actually using two versions of 1.1.8 in the same instance, 1.1.8.16 for the status monitor (that's what's in the global preferences page) and 1.1.8.24 for the 6i forms. It's working, but should I be warning them to upgrade their Jinitiator, and, if so, why?

Answer: Release 11.5.10 out of the box came fully tested with JInitiator 1.3 but JInitiator 1.1.8 is still fully supported with some exceptions as noted below:

There are certain 11.5.10 advanced product module features that require the use of JInitiator 1.3 but they are pretty esoteric. If you upgrade to J2SE 1.4, you must upgrade to JInitiator 1.3.

Correction: If the AD utilities are on 1.1.8 the upgrade of the AD utilities to Java 1.4 is optional. The Jinitator upgrade to 1.3 is required ONLY if the AD utilities are upgraded to Java 1.4. (See MetaLink 246105.1)

Thanks to Nancy Iles of Omni Hotels for catching this.



Question: I use TOAD to load procedures, views, etc into oracle. On the INFORM_I (solaris, oracle 8.1.7.4) it used to take 1 minute to open Procedure Editor. On TITANIC (linux, oracle 9.2.0.6) it takes 10-12 minutes to open it. I am wondering if there are ports or settings somewhere on the Linux box that are slowing us down. The hardware is much better, more/faster processors, so I would think the Linux connection would be BETTER, not 10 times worse. (I am also searching the Quest Knowledge Base, but have not found anything yet.)

Answer: If you have slow performance loading procedure editor in TOAD increase the OCI Buffer to 999 under View > Options > Oracle > General.

Something else you can do to see which query is hanging the Proc Editor, go to the TOAD folder and launch SQLMonitor.exe. Check the TOAD.exe checkbox on the left hand side and then launch the Proc Editor. Check to see which queries hang in TOAD.

Question: We are upgrading from 11.5.7 to 11.5.10 and I am looking for some information on this type of upgrade

Answer: The upgrade from 11.5.7 to 11.5.10 is well documented in the 11.5.10 MP instructions and Consolidated Update instructions (see below). Please review these documents closely and follow every step as there is a major technology component upgrade in conjunction with this upgrade that the DBA will have to perform manually (for the most part).

1. Release 11.5.10 Maintenance Pack Installation Instructions – MetaLink 259484.1, 29-JUL-2005
2. Oracle Applications Release 11.5.10.2 Maintenance Pack Installation Instructions – MetaLink 316365.1, 29-JUL-2005
3. Technology Validation Utility for Oracle Applications Release 11.5.10 – MetaLink 277366.1, 28-JUL-2005

Good luck.

Question: I've heard that Oracle Apps can only use 40bit certs? I did not think we had any limitation and it was mainly a browser limit.

Answer: We've never had a problem with 128 bit, but we'd stick to more recent versions of 11i (>11.5.4). From MetaLink note 123718.1 "A Guide to Understanding and Implementing SSL with Oracle Applications 11i":

"Due to restrictions imposed by the United States during the initial development of Oracle Applications Release 11i, rapid installs up to 11i.4 include the Export Edition of Developer 6i. The result of this being that Oracle Wallet Manager and Forms 6i Server supported a private/public key size no longer than 512 bits and corresponding 40-bit client-server message encryption.



Since the original release of Oracle Applications Release 11i, laws concerning encryption strength have relaxed, Developer 6i has gained an "approved product" status effectively removing the distinction between domestic and export encryption and a key size of 1024 bits and corresponding 128-bit client-server message encryption has become the recommended standard."

Question: We are currently undertaking an upgrade from 11.5.6 to 11.5.10. I have been searching the OAUG web site for info on upgrades to 11.5.10 but everything appears to be to 11.5.7 or earlier and is dated 2003. Is the OAUG Upgrade SIG still active and if so can you point me to where I can get some more recent upgrade information.

Answer: Yes, we are still active. Just met at Oracle OpenWorld on 8i, 10.7, 11.0 and 11i desupport topics along with Fusion roadmaps (presentation attached). Trying to keep up with Oracle's notifications and movement but we're always playing catch-up.

The document you are looking for is the 11.5.10.2 Maintenance Pack document if you plan on using the Maintenance Pack approach to upgrade to 11.5.10.2/9i. (MetaLink Doc 316365.1). You can also upgrade to 10g for the database but we do not have any current customers running 10g in production with the Applications.

If you are planning to use the "Rapid Migration" approach (install 11.5.10.2 and replace the installed database with a copy of your databases, upgrade to Oracle9i and run the 11.5.10 MP), there are no documents on this as Oracle considers this to be client specific for each customer and more of a consulting engagement.

Both options are fully supported by Oracle. We've found that the Rapid Migration approach is much faster, easier and provides a "cleaner" environment from a technology stack perspective than the traditional Maintenance Pack approach.

FYI – you'll need double your current hardware (CPU and memory) to run 11.5.10.2 at the same performance levels you have currently. Lots of Java in the database and applications tiers requires high performance environments. Get the fastest CPUs you can find for the Java. 11.5.10.2 is also a much larger environment with over 200 modules, 300,000 objects and 180,000 bug fixes. And, as you know, everything is installed regardless of licensing.

Question: We are getting an error in iProcurement when we do the following:

1. Log into Oracle SLCIP iProcurement – Consolidated
2. If we click on any of the Store (My Favorite Store or Specific Store) links we get errors
3. If we click on any other link on the page, we do not get an error. It is almost like these are the only links that have any Java related requests in them.

Could this be some sort of internet setting issue?

Answer: Check to see if there some spyware called newdotnet installed. Along with installing files in the file system it also puts information in the registry and even registers .dll's. You need to remove the entries from the registry and delete the files from the file system and instruct



Adaware to run at startup in order find and delete the .dll's. Once this is done, iProcurement should work like a charm. The newdotnet spyware in part, redirects the browser which was causing the error.

Question: We bought a new piece of hardware in preparation for our 11.5.10 upgrade next year. The new IBM box has OS 5.2. Our old IBM box has OS 4.3.3.

Can I follow the normal cloning procedures to move an instance from box a to box b or are there special re-link/recompiles that will need to take place?

We are currently on 11.5.8/8.1.7.4.

Answer: I reviewed MetaLink note 231901.1 (Oracle in 32-bit / 64-bit Kernel Mode on AIX 5L). Basically the MetaLink note states that if you are going to run 5L in 32-bit mode, and are running 8.1.7.x, no changes are required and you would be able to clone. However, we would highly recommend you install the 64-bit kernel. That means a bit more upfront work before you clone. Oracle 8.1.7 will run in the 64-bit kernel with the patch mentioned in the MetaLink note. This way, when you upgrade to 9i/10g as part of the 11.5.10 upgrade, you won't have to worry about reconfiguring AIX 5L kernel from 32-bit to 64-bit (this could be slightly invasive process). Also, you would need to install the post-wait kernel extensions by running rootpre.sh (located in the StartCD directory) before installing any Oracle product.

In addition, please review MetaLink note 241652.1 (Oracle Applications 11.5.8 Installation Update Notes for AIX Based Systems B10264-02).

The Senior Consultants at Solution Beacon, LLC

Oracle Critical Patch Update – October 2005

Oracle Corporation released the October 2005 Critical Patch Update (CPUOct2005) on October 18th, 2005. CPUOct2005 includes patches for the following product suites:

- Oracle Database
- Oracle Application Server
- Oracle Collaboration Suite
- Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control
- Oracle E-Business Suite

There is a pre-installation note for each of these product suites. This pre-installation note is focused on Oracle E-Business Suite. For information on the other products, please review their pre-installation notes:



Note 333956.1 Oracle Critical Patch Update October 2005 Pre-Installation Note for Oracle Database
Note 333959.1 Oracle Critical Patch Update October 2005 Pre-Installation Note for Oracle Application Server
Note 333961.1 Oracle Critical Patch Update October 2005 Pre-Installation Note for Oracle Collaboration Suite
Note 333979.1 Oracle Critical Patch Update October 2005 Pre-Installation Note for OEM Grid Control

In addition, review the following MetaLink Notes thoroughly for general information related to the Oracle CPU Program, CPUOct2005, or previous Oracle Security Alerts:

Note 333953.1 Oracle Critical Patch Update October 2005 Advisory
Note 333985.1 Oracle Critical Patch Update October 2005 FAQ
Note 333954.1 Oracle Critical Patch Update October 2005 Documentation Map
Note 237007.1 FAQ for Oracle Security Alerts and Critical Patch Updates
Note 290738.1 Oracle Critical Patch Update Program General FAQ
Note 315713.1 Prior E-Business Suite Security Alerts and CPUs

The Oracle Critical Patch Update October 2005 contains patches for Oracle E-Business Suite.

Notes have been posted on OTN and the CPU Information is documented in MetaLink Note 333953.1

Randy Giefer, Solution Beacon

OAUG 2006 Board of Directors Elections

Elections for the 2006 OAUG Board of Directors are underway. Key Contacts of all member organizations should have already received balloting instructions via e-mail. If your organization's Key Contact has not received balloting instructions, please have the Key Contact e-mail elections@oaug.com for assistance.

Only Key Contacts of OAUG member organizations can vote for their organization. However, we encourage all employees of member organizations to provide input to their respective Key Contacts.

All online votes must be recorded by midnight, Eastern Standard (New York) Time, Monday, October 31, 2005.

To view candidate information and biographies, please visit the candidate information page:

<http://www.powerfeedback.com/oaug/bios/>

OAUG Governance Committee

Note: Our very own Karen Brownfield is one of the candidates. She is on the current board and has agreed to serve again if elected. Her bio in the above link lists her many qualifications. We encourage you to vote for the candidates of your choice and hope that your choice includes Karen. Solution Beacon supports OAUG and its missions and goals.

Mary Lou Weiss, Solution Beacon

Differences between Oracle Apps 11.5.10 and 11.5.9

For customers who are trying to implement Oracle iPayment in Oracle Application Version 11.5.10 and are on IBY.O +, Verisign BEP Servlet version 3.2 does not work. Only version 3.3 works. Verisign states that it should work and it is working in house installation but I would guess that they are on 11.5.9. With 11.5.10 installation client should follow the instructions provided by Verisign. This is the information from Verisign document:

(As applicable to VeriSign Integration on Oracle iPayment)

1. SecurityUtil class for encryption/decryption of Database (DB) password

VeriSign integration uses the 'encode' & 'decode' methods of the **SecurityUtil** class under **oracle/apps/iby/util** package in 11.5.9, for the encryption & decryption of the DB password stored in 'vpsipayment.properties'.

In Oracle Apps 11.5.10, the SecurityUtil class under the oracle/apps/iby/util package doesn't contain the 'encode' and 'decode' methods. Hence, when installing the VeriSign integration on 11.5.10 the user may get the following error:

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NoSuchMethodError:
oracle.apps.iby.util.SecurityUtil.encode(Ljava/lang/String;)Ljava/lang/String;
at com.verisign.iPayment.util.EncryptPassword.main(Unknown Source)
```

The 'encode' and 'decode' methods have been moved to SecurityUtil class under **iby/security** package on 11.5.10.

Due to the above v3.3 of VeriSign Integration cannot be installed on Oracle Apps 11.5.10.

The earlier version 3.2 of VeriSign Integration can be used on Oracle Apps 11.5.10 as it doesn't encrypt/decrypt the DB password.

Workaround:

Continue using v3.2 of VeriSign Integration for Oracle Apps 11.5.10.

OR

If using v3.3 of VeriSign Integration on 11.5.10, please replace the SecurityUtil class under **oracle/apps/iby/util** package with the one attached from 11.5.9.

This file needs to be put at the following location:

```
$COMMON_TOP/java/oracle/apps/iby/util
```

Current Status:

A TAR has been raised with Oracle (4481387.993) & VeriSign is working closely with Oracle to get this resolved ASAP.

2. Oracle Apps 11.5.10 uses JDK 1.4.x while Oracle Apps 11.5.9 uses JDK 1.3.x

VeriSign Integration needs the JSSE package for server certificate validations. The JSSE package comes bundled along with JDK 1.4.x while on JDK 1.3.x this needs to be additionally installed.

The installation scripts & documentation for the VeriSign Integration assume the JSSE package needs to be additionally installed.

Workaround:

For Manual Installation, following steps should be skipped on JDK 1.4.x:

Step 5 Configure Java Secure Sockets Extension (JSSE)

To configure JSSE, use the following procedure:

1 Oracle Apps 11.5.9 uses JDK 1.3.x. Download JSSE from the following location:

```
http://java.sun.com/products/jsse/index-103.html downloads.
```

2 Place the JSSE jar files (jcert.jar, jnet.jar, and jsse.jar) into the

```
%ORACLE_TOP%\ias\apache\jdk\jre\lib\ext directory.
```

Step 8 Modify jserv.properties

c. Include the JSSE jar files in the CLASSPATH.

```
wrapper.classpath=%ORACLE_TOP%\ias\apache\jdk\jre\lib\ext\jsse.jar
```

```
wrapper.classpath=%ORACLE_TOP%\ias\apache\jdk\jre\lib\ext\jcert.jar
```

```
wrapper.classpath=%ORACLE_TOP%\ias\apache\jdk\jre\lib\ext\jnet.jar
```

Step 9 Modify java.security

Add the JSSE provider to java.security in the

%ORACLE_TOP%\ias\Apache\jdk\jre\lib\security\java.security file as follows:

```
security.provider.2=com.sun.net.ssl.internal.ssl.Provider
```

For Automated Installation, following lines of code should be commented out in **vrsninstall.sh** located at pfpro_ipayment/verisign/payflowpro/ipayment/:

```
echo $STARTBLOCK>>$JSERVPROPERTIES_PATH  
echo "#Include the J2SE jar files in the CLASSPATH.">>$JSERVPROPERTIES_PATH  
echo  
"wrapper.classpath=$J2SELIBDIR_PATH/ext/jsse.jar">>$JSERVPROPERTIES_PATH  
echo  
"wrapper.classpath=$J2SELIBDIR_PATH/ext/jcert.jar">>$JSERVPROPERTIES_PATH  
echo  
"wrapper.classpath=$J2SELIBDIR_PATH/ext/jnet.jar">>$JSERVPROPERTIES_PATH  
echo $ENDBLOCK>>$JSERVPROPERTIES_PATH
```

Current Status:

For the manual installation, appropriate documentation changes need to be done.

For the automated installation, VeriSign would have a configurable parameter denoting the Oracle Apps version being used. Based on the value of this parameter, VeriSign installation scripts would automatically determine if the JSSE package needs to be pre-installed or not.

3. Location of *_pages* directory containing the JSP pages

Prior to 11.5.10, *_pages* directory was located at \$OA_HTML/*_pages*, but after 11.5.10 or ATG_PF.H release, this directory has been moved to \$COMMON_TOP/*_pages*. The installation keeps failing because it cannot find *_pages* directory.

Workaround:

For Manual Installation, following steps should be required:

JSP pages should be put into directory pointed by \$COMMON_TOP.

For Automated Installation, following lines of code should be changed in the vrsn.properties file at pfpro_ipayment/verisign/payflowpro/ipayment/:

```
OA_HTML_PATH=/mv1/oracle/democomn/html      needs      to      be      replaced      by  
OA_HTML_PATH=$COMMON_TOP
```

Current Status:

For the manual installation, appropriate documentation changes need to be done.

For the automated installation, VeriSign would have a configurable parameter denoting the Oracle Apps version being used. Based on the value of this parameter, VeriSign installation scripts would automatically determine where to put the JSP pages.

Vivek Awasthi, Solution Beacon and VeriSign

Forms Personalizations for 6i Core Application Forms

Oracle will eventually rewrite all forms in Java, but Oracle is a long way away from a complete rewrite of core application forms. In the meantime, they have provided a great alternative to CUSTOM.pll—Forms Personalization. The first release of the Form Personalization feature was included in the FND 11.5.10 minipack (FND.H), patch 3262159. Significant enhancements to Forms Personalization are included in CU1.

Most changes traditionally done using CUSTOM.pll can now be accomplished using Forms Personalization. One notable exception is the ability to alter LOVs. The good news is both CUSTOM.pll and Forms Personalization play happily together. Forms Personalization fire prior to CUSTOM.pll for the same event.

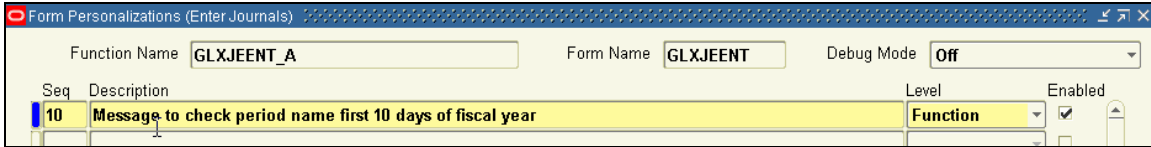
Forms Personalization declaratively alter the behavior of Forms. These changes are effective immediately - no compiling is required. Forms Personalization enables you to implement advance security rules in significantly less time than using the CUSTOM.pll alternative. While many of these personalization can be set up by a skilled super user, the user is generally expected to understand Forms and PL/SQL.

To add personalizations, go to the form you would like to personalize, then access the new feature via Help → Diagnostics → Custom Code → Personalize. If the diagnostics menu does is not available, set the profile option *Hide Diagnostics menu entry* to *No*.

MetaLink note 279034.1 describes how to create forms personalizations. Since the cumulative update patch 1 included significant changes to Forms Personalization you might want to start with page 16 of this note first. If you have applied CU1, some of the information in pages 1-15 is already obsolete. Page 16 is the beginning of the information regarding the CU1 changes.

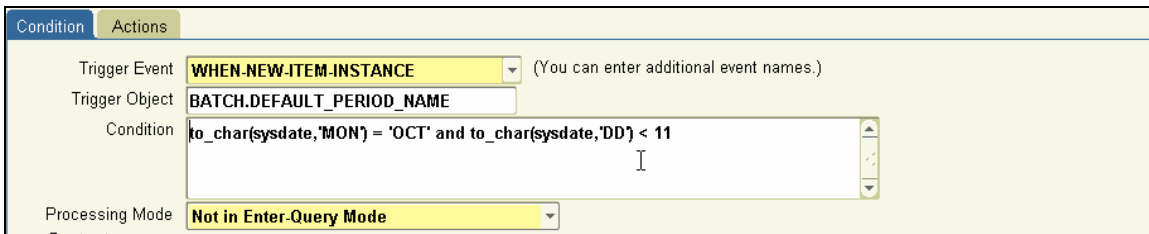
The following example describes the steps to create a simple personalization to remind users to change the period name for closing entries during the first 10 days of the fiscal year.

1. Access the Enter Journals form then access Forms Personalization.
2. Enter a sequence (1-100), description and level (form or function).

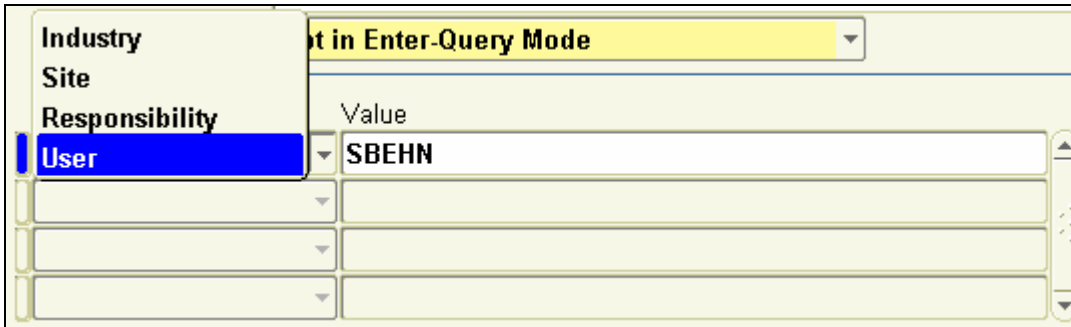


Seq	Description	Level	Enabled
10	Message to check period name first 10 days of fiscal year	Function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

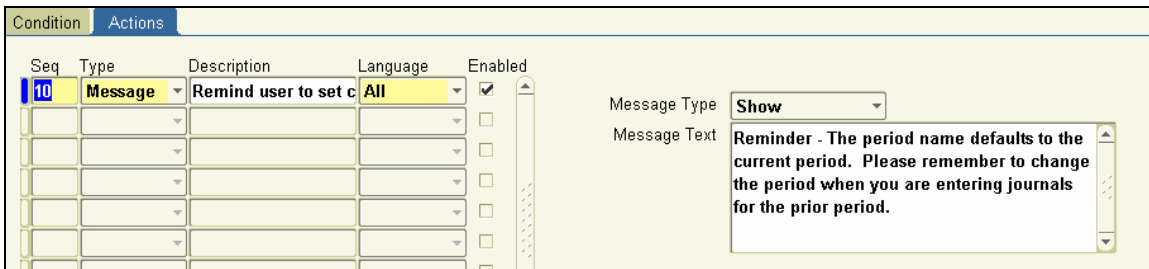
3. Select a triggering event for the execution of this rule. Depending on the triggering event, a trigger object may be required. LOVs are available for these fields.
4. The condition is an optional SQL code fragment to limit the scope of the personalization. In this case, I want this personalization to execute only for the first 10 days of the fiscal year beginning October 1st.



5. The context identifies who this personalization applies to. The current options are site, responsibility or user. (Industry is reserved for future use.) I have chosen to apply this rule only to myself.



6. Finally, in the Actions tab, identify "what" you want to do. In this case, I am displaying a reminder message. Action types include message, property, built in or menu.



Seq	Type	Description	Language	Enabled
10	Message	Remind user to set c	All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Message Type: Show
 Message Text: Reminder - The period name defaults to the current period. Please remember to change the period when you are entering journals for the prior period.

Some easy changes you might consider doing via Forms Personalization include:

- Fields, tabs, blocks – make objects required, hide objects, force upper case, change position, prompts or titles, validate



- Menus – Add menu items to be called from the tool bar such as reports or other forms/functions. Optionally, pass global variables as parameters.
- Messages – add messages (temporary training messages are great for new features or changed business processes)
- Built ins – Call a url, trigger, function, etc...

Check our event calendar for demos of Forms Personalization at local user group meetings.

Susan Behn, Solution Beacon

Solution Spotlight: Applimation

Applimation is a leading provider of application lifecycle management solutions that automate maintenance and control of Oracle E-Business applications and manage data growth in Oracle, PeopleSoft and Siebel environments.

The Applimation Integra™ solution suite evaluates and monitors change within Oracle E-Business environments. Integra Apps controls the enterprise application environment by migrating setups between environments, documenting, comparing and continuously monitoring all application setups and controls. Integra Codebase efficiently manages application code by documenting, comparing, monitoring and versioning source code. Integra Access prevents segregation of duties conflicts that may cause security breaches and fraudulent transactions. Integra Transaction notifies key personnel when data anomalies occur and thresholds are breached. Integra Forms alters form behavior through a simple GUI that is tightly integrated with the Oracle E-Business suite.

For more information, please visit www.applimation.com.

Lane Butler, Applimation

Book Offer: "Installing, Upgrading and Maintaining Oracle Applications 11i" is Available!

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<http://www.oncalldb.com/docs/Books/?&L=sb>

Coming Soon: "ABCs of Workflow for Oracle Applications" ... by Karen Brownfield ... Be on the lookout for the new book on Oracle Applications Workflow.

Barbara Matthews, OnCallDBA, Karen Brownfield, John Stouffer and Randy Giefer, Solution Beacon

OAUG: Events in the News

OAUG Call for Presentations Now Open for COLLABORATE 06: Technology and Applications Forum for the Oracle Community

April 23 - 27, 2006
Gaylord Opryland Resort
Nashville, Tennessee, USA

The Oracle Applications Users Group (OAUG) invites the family of Oracle Applications users to share its ideas, innovations and solutions during COLLABORATE 06: Technology and Applications Forum for the Oracle Community.

In 2006, the Independent Oracle Users Group (IOUG) (formerly International Oracle Users Group), the Oracle Applications Users Group (OAUG) and Quest International Users Group (Quest) are leveraging their collective strengths to host a leading technology and applications forum for the Oracle community.

The OAUG call for presentations is now open and the deadline for submission is December 12, 2005.

For more information or to submit your presentation abstract for consideration, visit the OAUG COLLABORATE 06 conference Web site at www.oaug.org/conferences/2006/collaborate06/.

OAUG eLearning Returns: Free Online Education and Training

The OAUG is offering **free**, easy-to-access educational, training and networking opportunities for the Oracle family of applications users — OAUG Training Tuesdays and OAUG Community Thursdays. These sessions will be delivered by the OAUG's most highly regarded training professionals. Review the complete session schedule at www.oaug.org/elearning/.

OAUG Forms Alliance with Oracle Retail Users Group

The OAUG has formed an alliance with the Oracle Retail Users Group (formerly the Retek Users Group), an organization serving Retek, Inc.'s customers. The alliance comes in the wake of Oracle's acquisition of Retek, Inc., earlier this year. Previously, the Retek Users Group was run by its parent company, Retek, Inc., but this relationship changed after the merger and the Retek Users Group's members chose to form an alliance with the OAUG. This relationship enables the Oracle Retail Users Group (ORUG) to maintain its distinct identity as the primary user group dealing with Retek software applications, while being fully integrated under the umbrella of the OAUG.

Additional information regarding the alliance can be found on the OAUG Web site at www.oaug.org.

Robin Dahlen for Meeting Expectations



Upcoming Solution Beacon Events

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
OATS Conference	October 27, 2005	Chicago, IL
Phoenix Apps Day	November 1, 2005	Phoenix, AZ
NCOAUG Conference	November 7, 2005	Chicago, IL
Applimation and Solution Beacon Roadshow	November 8, 2005	New York, NY
AppWorx Roadshow	November 9, 2005	Boston, MA
The Road to Nashville sm Workshops	November 11, 2005	St. Louis, MO
Applimation and Solution Beacon Roadshow	November 15, 2005	Dallas, TX
AppWorx Roadshow	November 16, 2005	Washington D.C.
AppWorx Roadshow	November 17, 2005	Minneapolis, MN
Applimation and Solution Beacon Roadshow	December 6, 2005	Santa Clara, CA
MI-OAUG Apps Day	December 6, 2005	Detroit, MI
Applimation and Solution Beacon Roadshow	December 15, 2005	Atlanta, GA
The Road to Nashville sm Workshops	January 19, 2005	Los Angeles, CA
NorCal Training Day	January 24, 2005	San Ramon, CA
The Road to Nashville sm Workshops	February 9, 2005	San Ramon, CA
The Road to Nashville sm Workshops	March 3, 2005	Boston, MA
The Road to Nashville sm Workshops	March 31, 2005	Dallas, TX

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