



Using the Approvals Management Engine (AME)

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Speaker's Qualifications

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- 6 years supporting Oracle Applications
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We Are Marquette

- 5000 Faculty, Staff, and Student Employees
- ★ Version 11.5.10
 - Financials since 1997
 - HR/Payroll since 2003
- ★ AME Version B
 - PeopleSoft SA





Presentation Objectives

Discuss:

- Role of AME Within Oracle E-Business Suite
- Components of AME
- Transaction Tables (HRSS)
- Workflow Requirements and Changes Needed

Demonstrate:

 Component generation for sample Business Rule with results







Approvals Management Engine

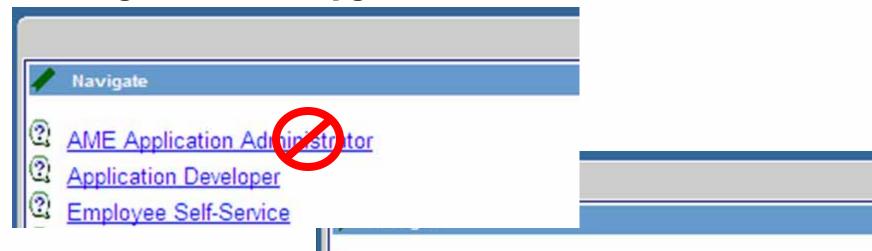
- A Module within Oracle E-Business Suite
- Interprets Business Rules for Approvals
- Use can vary by module (HRSS vs. AP)
- Extremely Flexible
- Workflow understanding is important





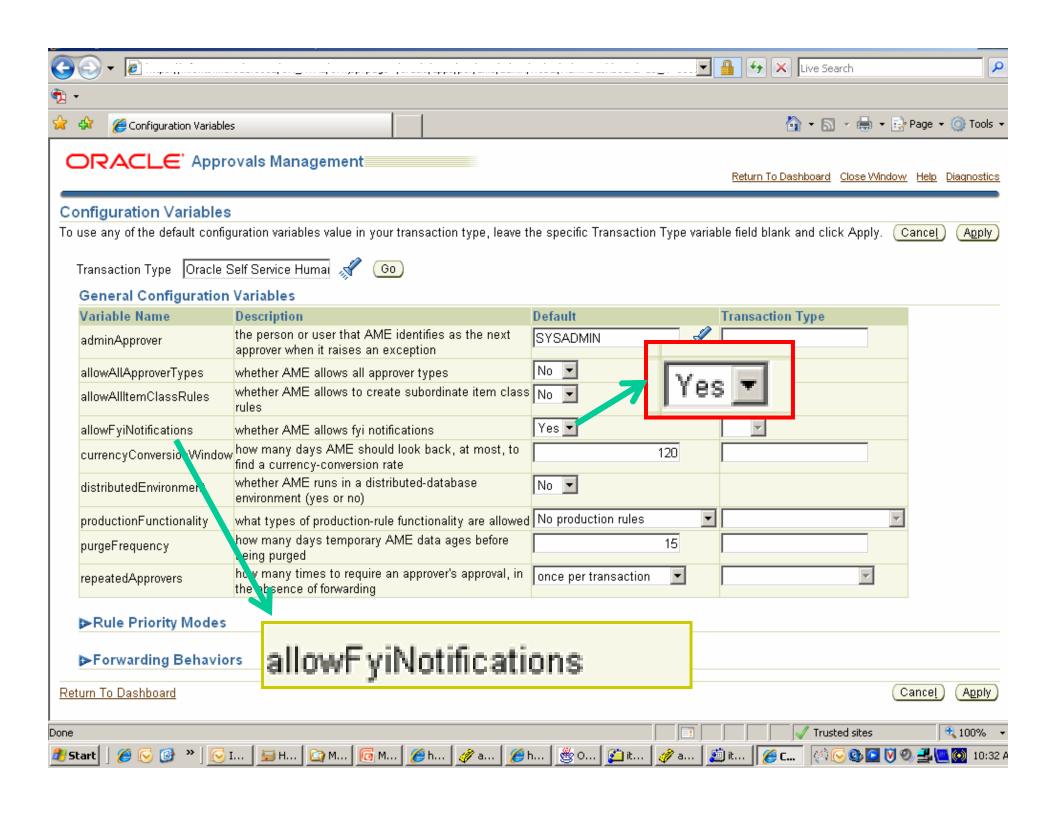


Upgrading from AME.A to AME.B: System Administrator > Requests > Run > Approvals **Management Post Upgrade Process**



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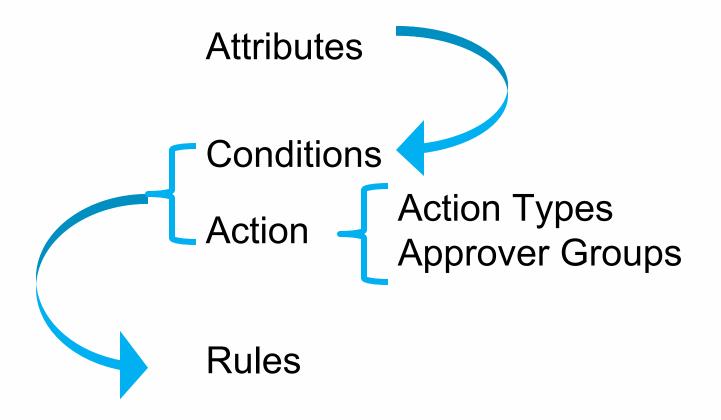
Application Developer Approvals Management Administrator Approvals Management Business Analyst Employee Self-Service







Components







Attributes

- Business Facts: database item values, true/false determinations, etc.
- Used to build conditions

Examples:

- True/False whether current transaction is a pay raise
- Annual Salary of Employee
- Department Name on Assignment
- Workflow Process name of transaction







Conditions

- The IF clause of a rule
- Evaluate Attributes
- Returns True or False for transaction
- All Conditions must return True for Rule to fire





Action Types

- HOW approvers are generated
 - Based on existing hierarchy (chain)
 - User-specified list of persons
- Give ORDER of approvals:

pre-chain >> chain >> post-chain







Approver Groups

- WHO is in the group
- Generally only needed for Pre- and Post-Chain action
- Two ways to Identify Persons
 - Static List of Persons
 - 2. Dynamic List of Persons

IMPORTANT: Query must return correct syntax, e.g., "PER:person id"







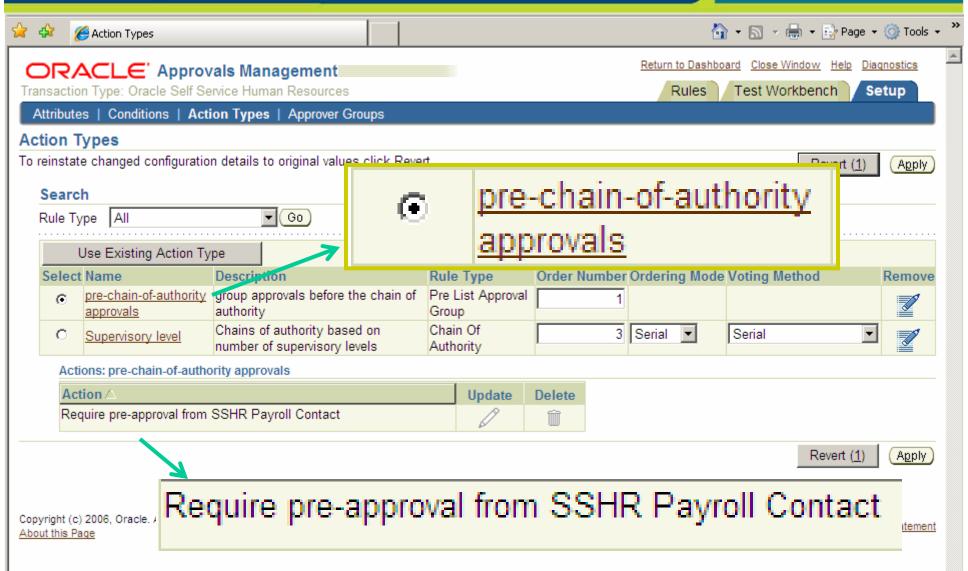
Actions

- The THEN statement of a rule
- Combine Action Type with Approver Group
- Automatically generated for Pre- and Post-Chain action types for each App Group
- Many seeded actions for Chains, e.g., supervisor levels up to 10.



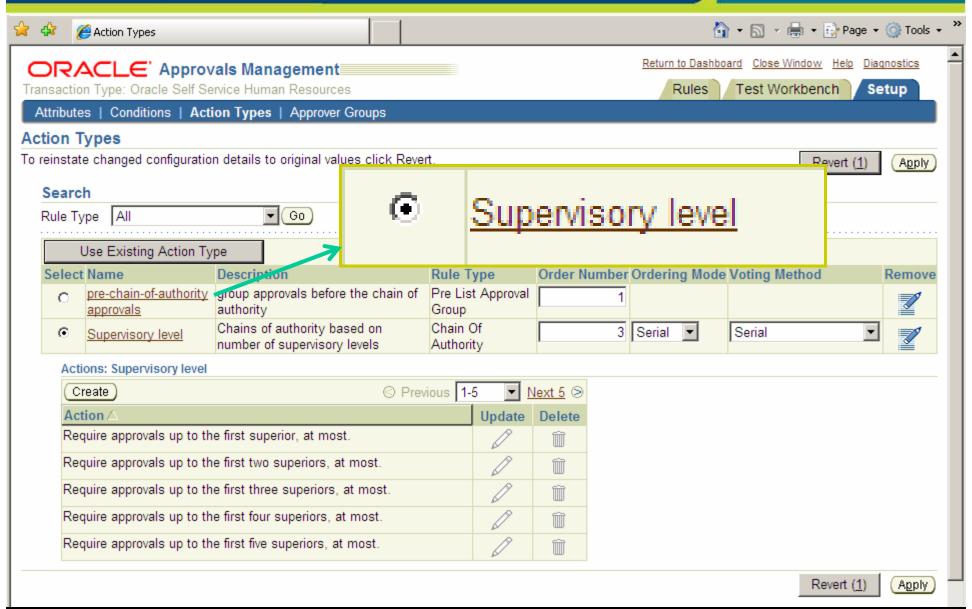






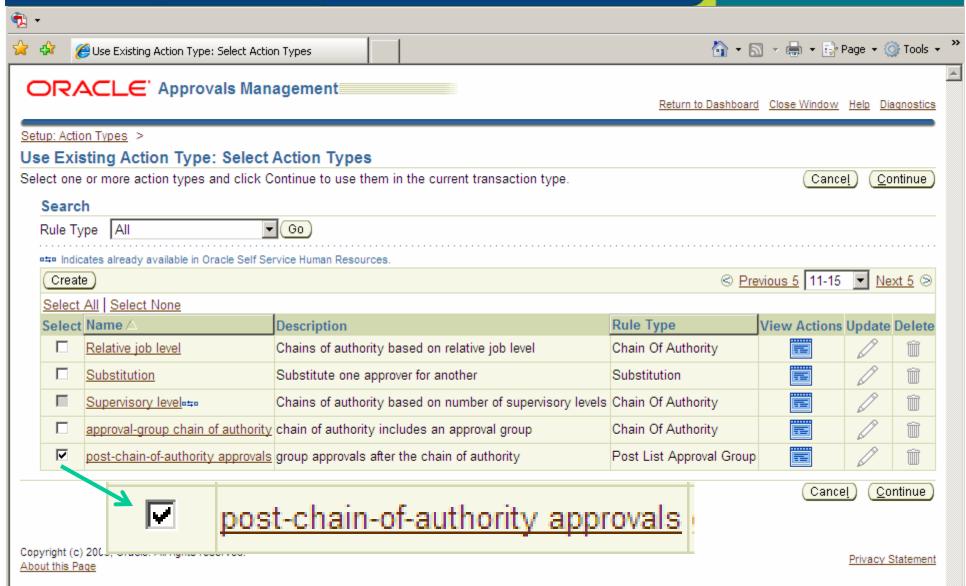






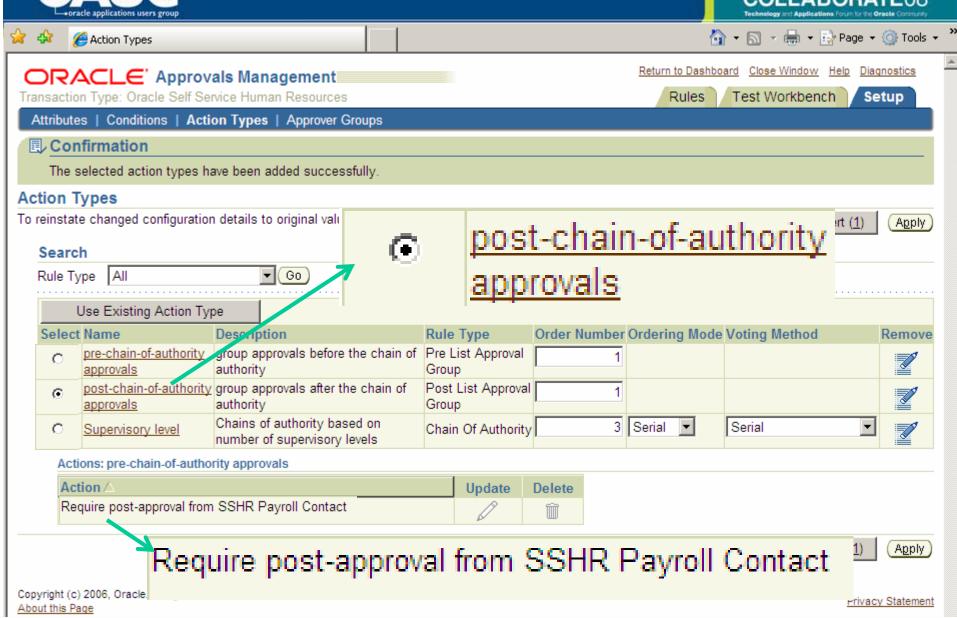
















Rules

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IF (Condition 1 is true,
   Condition 2 is true...)
THEN (Action 1,
        Action 2...)
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Rule Types

- List-Creation = Chains of Authority
- Pre-List Approver Group
- Post-List Approver Group
- Combination
- Substitutions

Rule Categories

Approval

FYI





Sample Business Rule

- A Termination Requires
- FYI to Budget Department before supervisor approval is granted;
- 2. Approvals required from up to 2 supervisors;
- 3. FYI to Benefits Dept. *after* supervisor approval, but only if Salary >= \$50,000;
- 4. FYI to anyone to whom employee Released Information.







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Attributes Needed:

- True/False if transaction is SS Termination
- Employee's Current Salary

Conditions:

- Transaction is SS Termination is TRUE
- Current Salary >= \$50,000







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Approver Groups:

- Person(s) in Budget Department (static)
- Person(s) in Benefits Department (static)
- Person(s) granted Released Information (dynamic)







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Rules:

- 1. Pre-List, FYI, Budget App Group *
- 2. List-Creation, Approval, Up to 2 Supervisors
- 3. Post-List, FYI, Benefits App Group
- 4. Post-List, FYI, Released Information Grantees *



^{*}Could be combined into one rule as an alternative







🚝 Business Analyst Dashboard



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Business Analyst Dashboard

This table displays the transaction types in the order you accessed them.

Transaction Types

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Name	Application	Rules	Test	Setup
Payables Invoice Approval	Payables		82	
Oracle Self Service Human Resources	Human Resources		8	
Purchase Requisition Approval	Purchasing		87	
AMW Audit Procedure Approval	Internal Controls Manager		87	
AMW Control Approval	Internal Controls Manager		87	

▼ Recently Updated Rules

This table displays the rules whose definition and usages has changed. 30 (Go)

Since number of days

Name		Rule Type	Transaction Type	Action	Date	User	Update
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1. Select the transaction type

Approval Process Setup



2.Define the components

Approvals Management uses these components within the approval rules.

Attributes

Define attributes to fetch business facts for a specific transaction.

Conditions

Define conditions to evaluate attributes. within rules. If all conditions in a rule are true then the rule is active for the transaction

Action Types

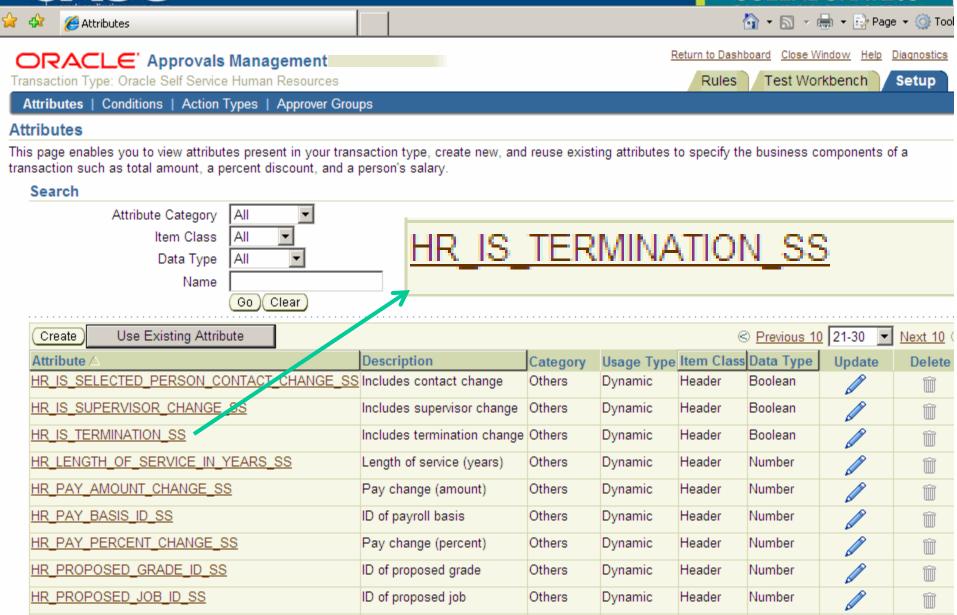
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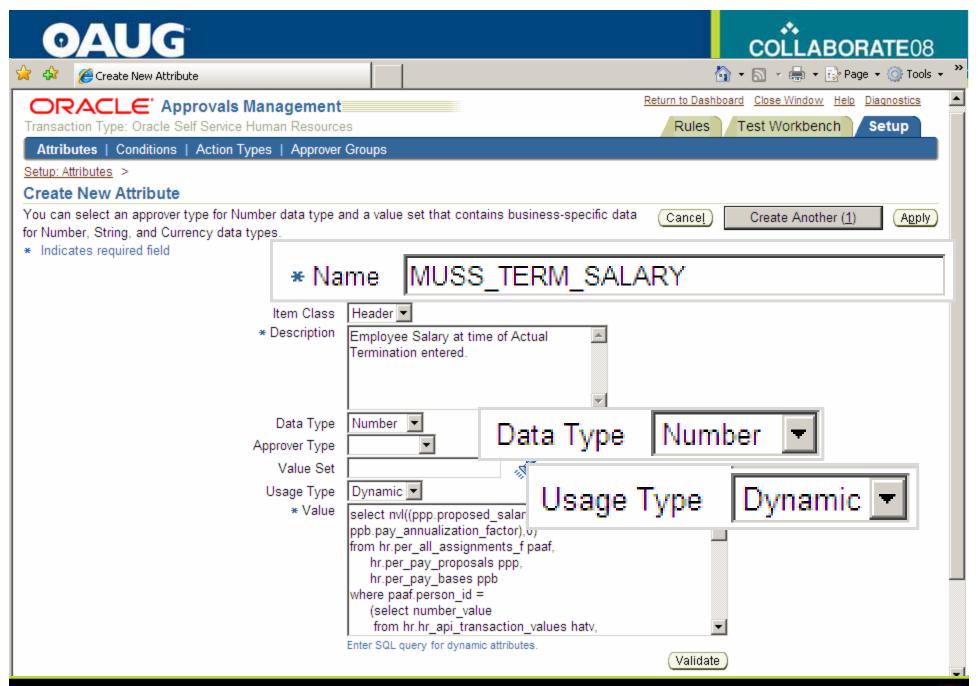
Approver Groups

Define approver groups to contain approvers who are usually members of peer groups such as payroll or expenses













* Value

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    hr.per pay proposals ppp,
                                               be null
    hr.per pay bases ppb
where paaf.person id =
   (select number value
   from hr.hr_api_transaction_values hatv,
        hr.hr_api_transaction_steps hats,
        hr.hr_api_transactions hat
   where hatv.name = 'P PERSON ID'
   and hatv.transaction_step_id = hats.transaction_step_id
   and hats.transaction id = hat.transaction id
   and hat.transaction id = :transactionId)
and (select date value
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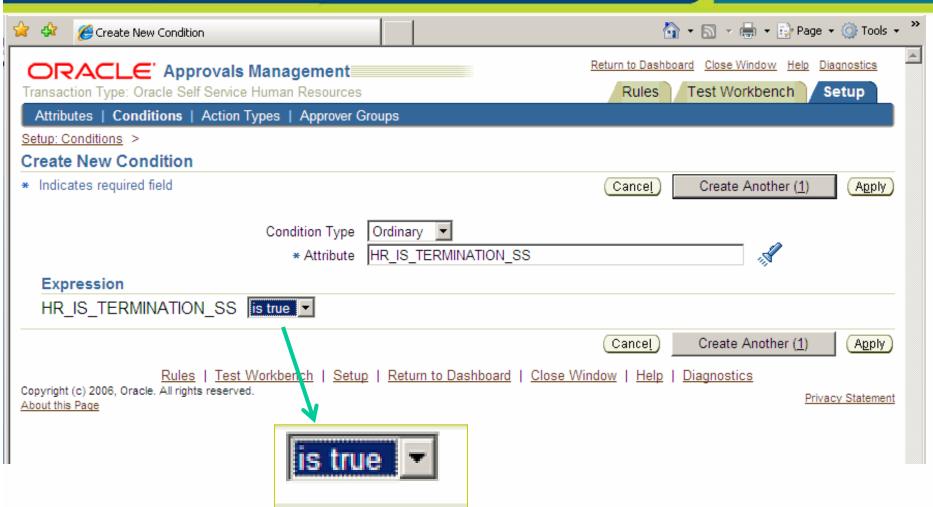
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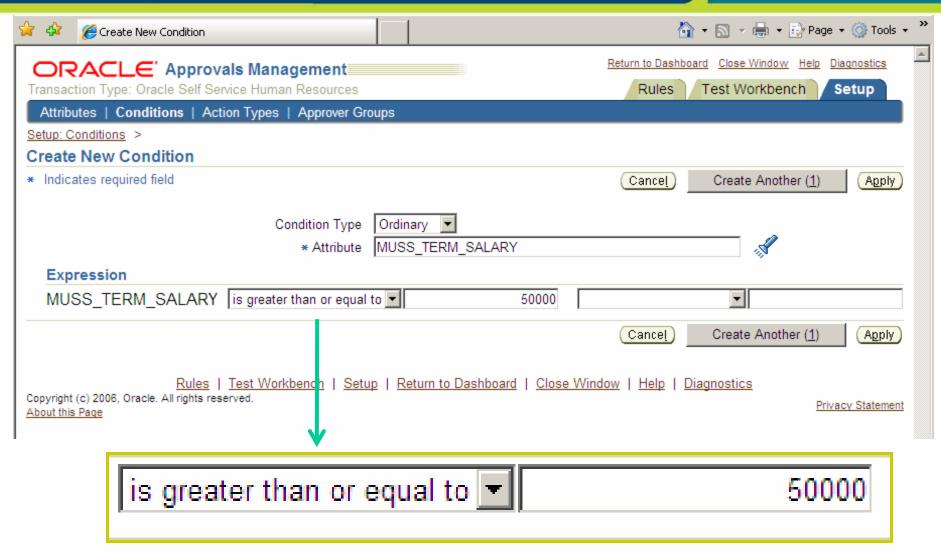








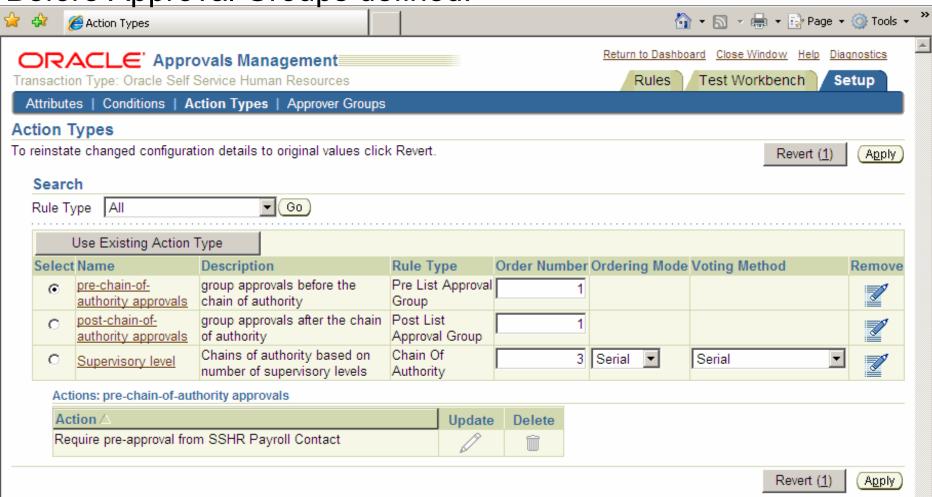






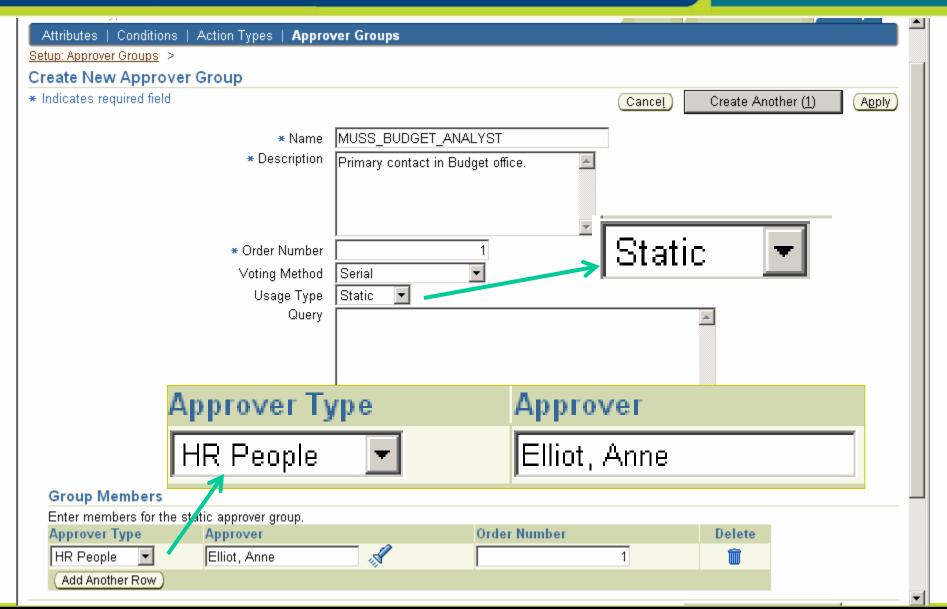


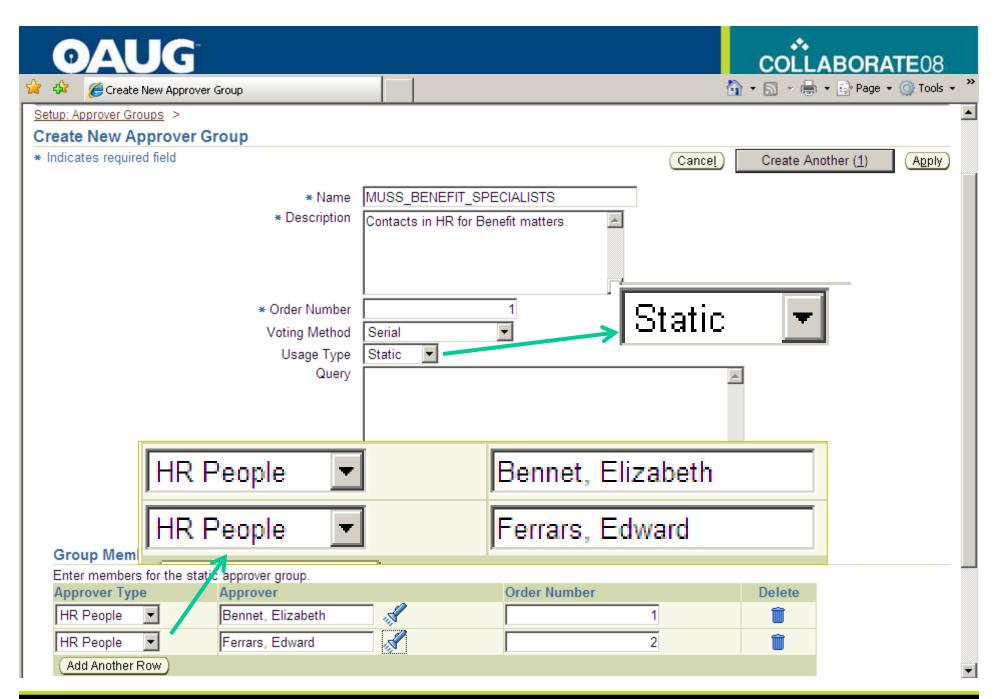
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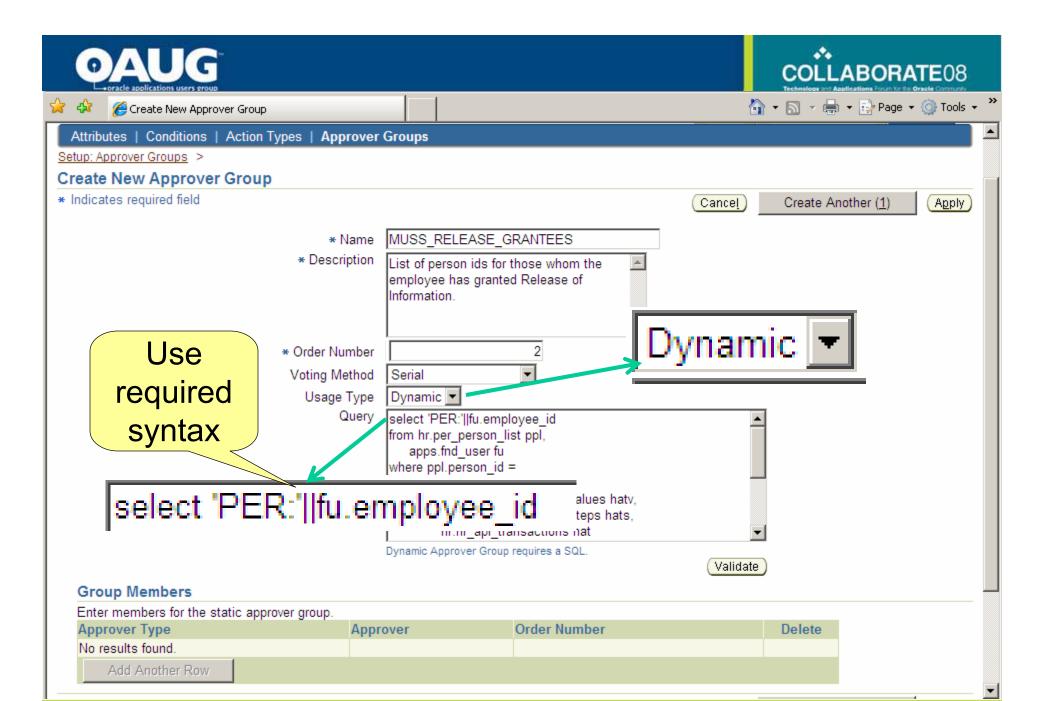








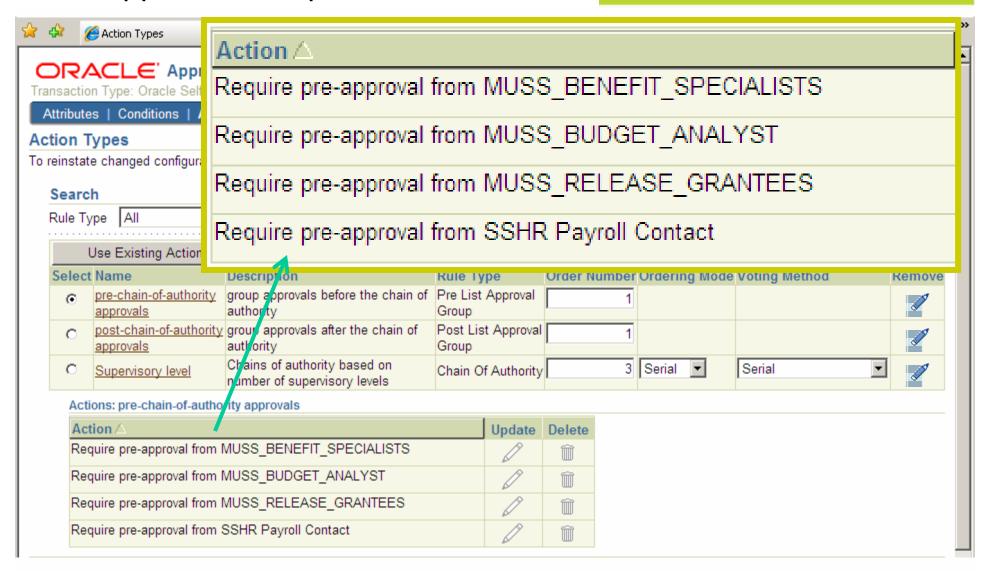






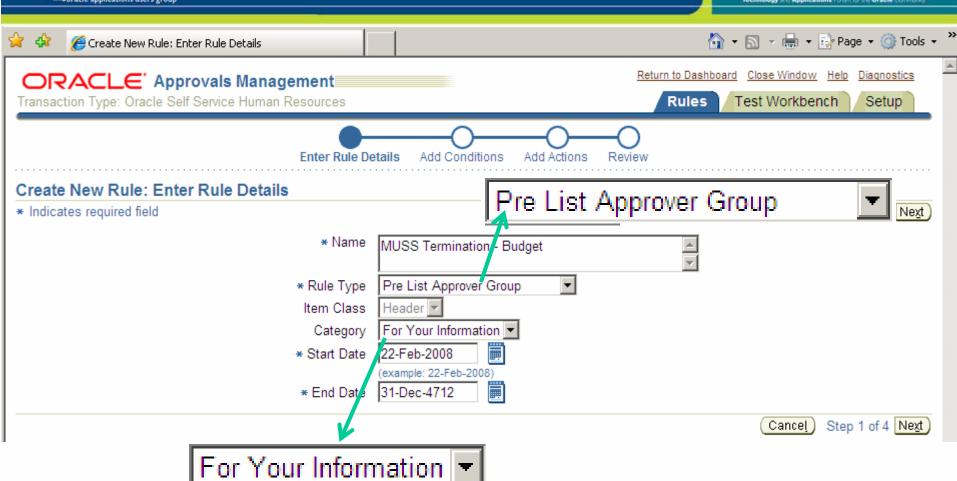


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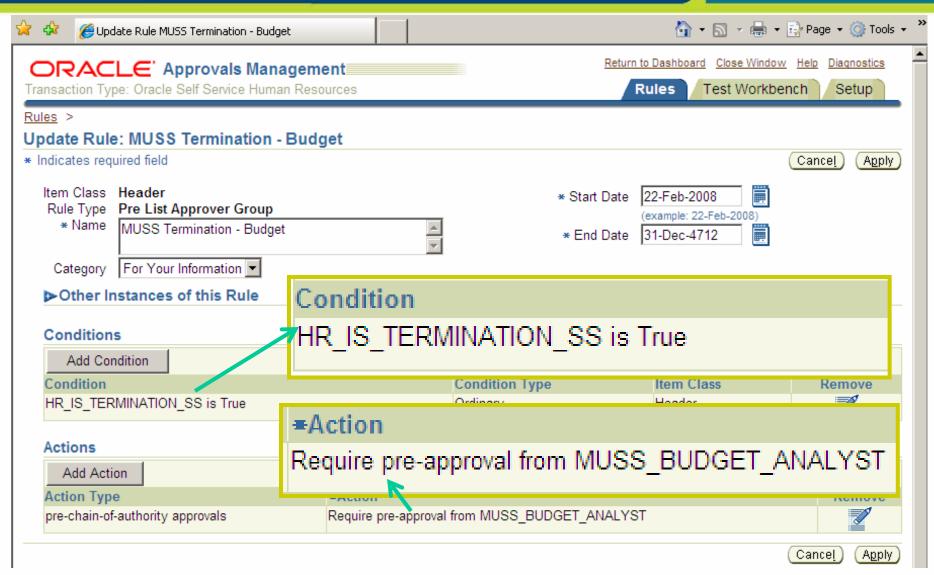






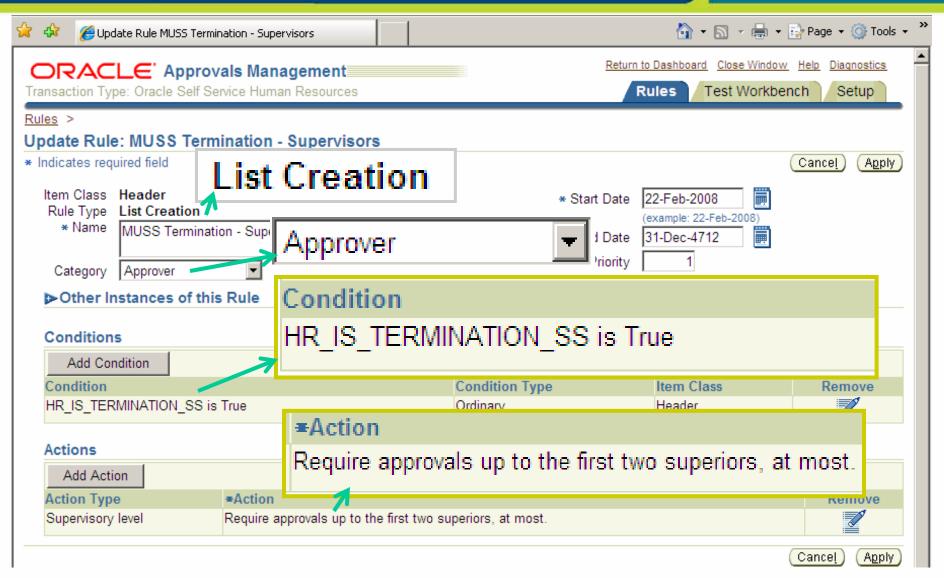






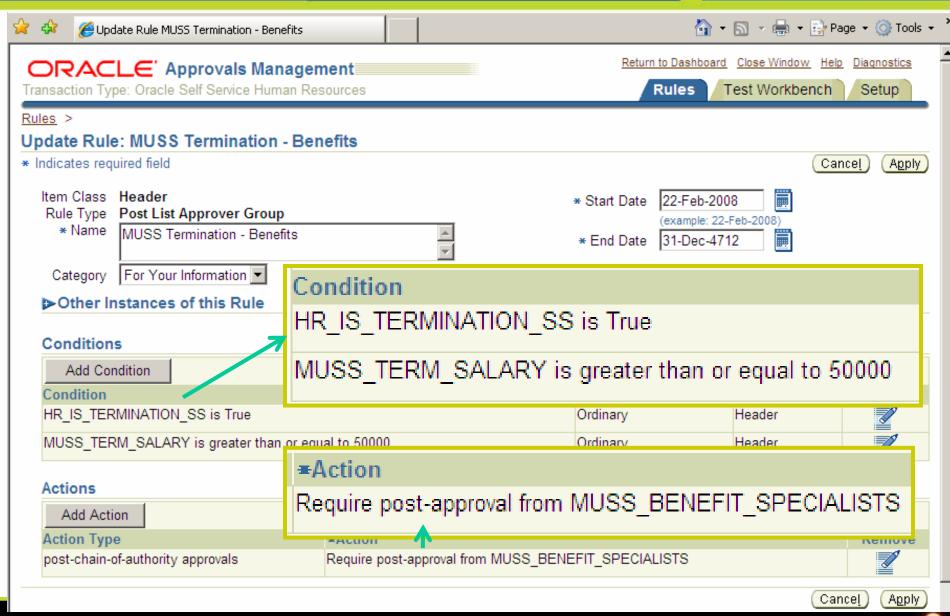






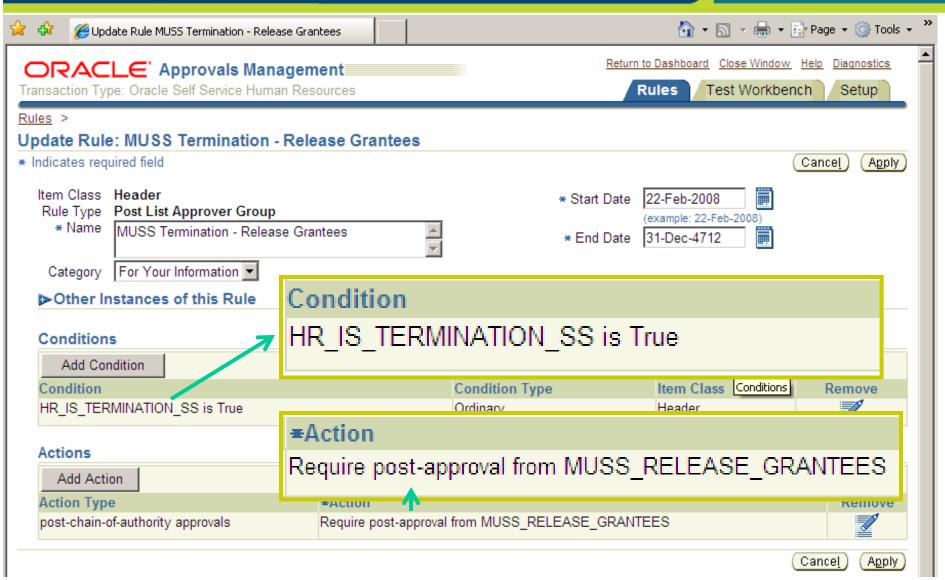














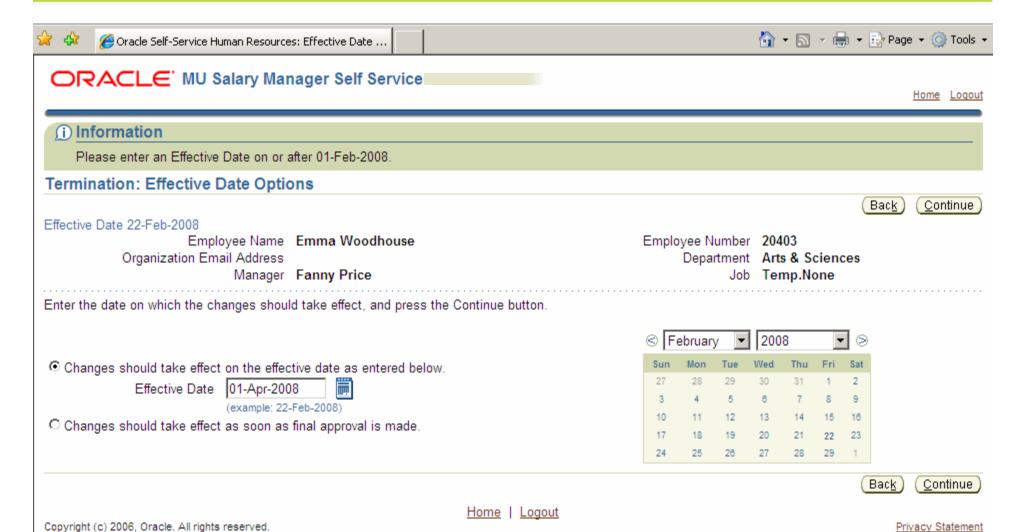


Manager Actions: People in Hierarchy



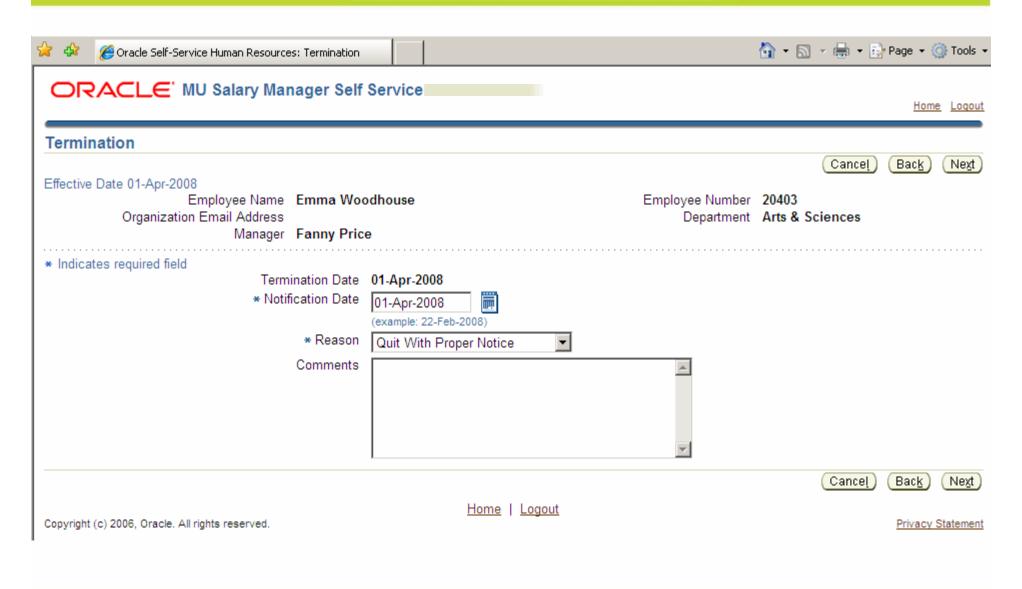






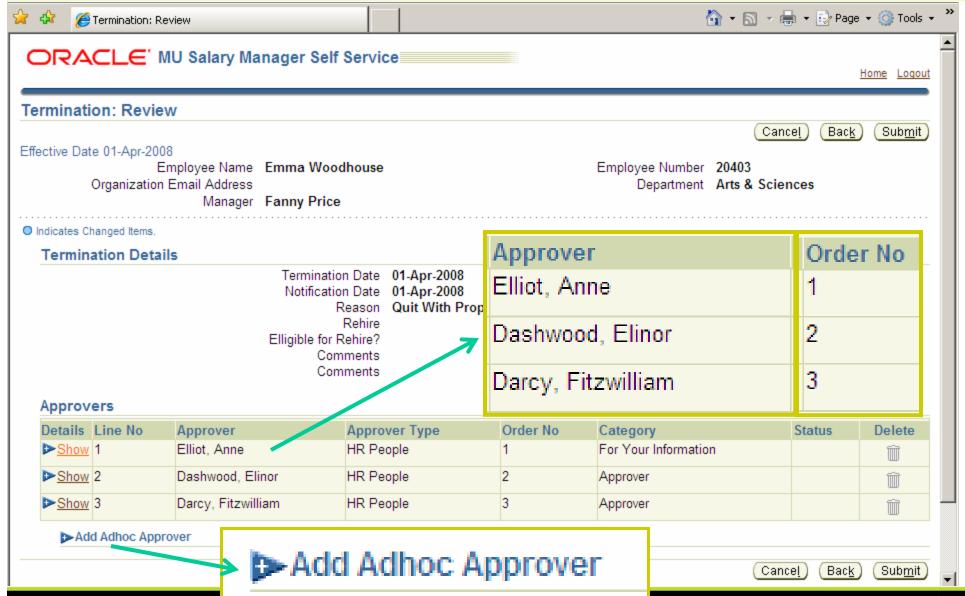










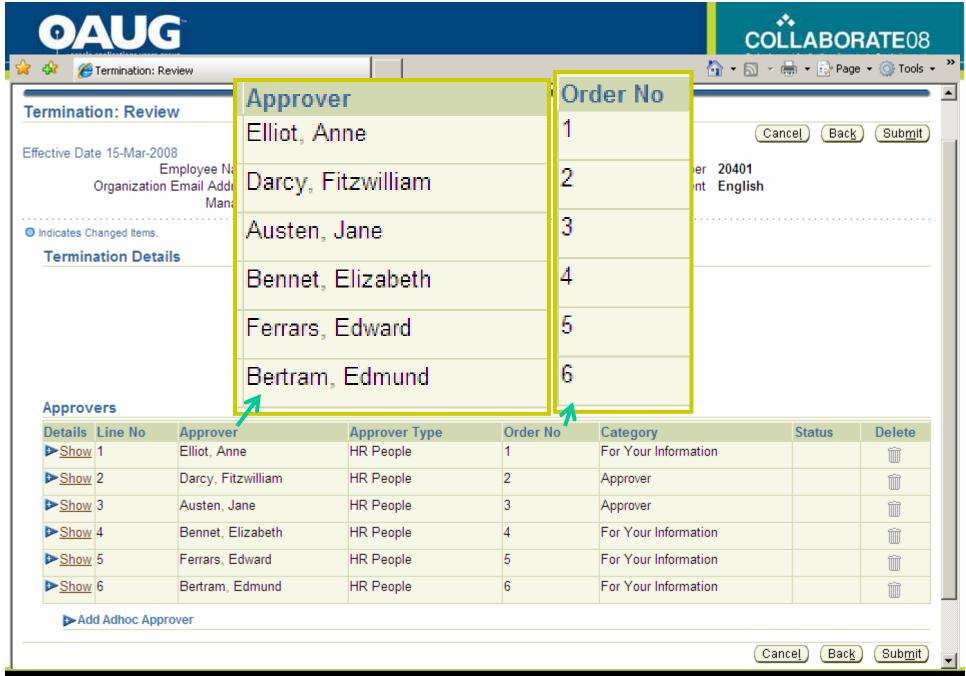






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Notifications Generated*

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1	SUBJECT	FROM_USER	TO_USER	BEGIN_DATE
2	MUSS Termination V5 for Knightly, James requires review	Dashwood, Elinor	Elliot, Anne	2/26/2008 11:14
3	MUSS Termination V5 for Knightly, James (forwarded to Darcy, Fitzwilliam)	SYSADMIN	Dashwood, Elinor	2/26/2008 11:14
4	MUSS Termination V5 for Knightly, James (proposed by Dashwood, Elinor)	Dashwood, Elinor	Darcy, Fitzwilliam	2/26/2008 11:14
5	MUSS Termination V5 for Knightly, James (forwarded to Austen, Jane)	SYSADMIN	Dashwood, Elinor	2/26/2008 11:15
6	MUSS Termination V5 for Knightly, James (proposed by Dashwood, Elinor)	Darcy, Fitzwilliam	Austen, Jane	2/26/2008 11:15
7	MUSS Termination V5 for Knightly, James has been approved	Dashwood, Elinor	Bennet, Elizabeth	2/26/2008 11:16
8	MUSS Termination V5 for Knightly, James has been approved	Dashwood, Elinor	Bertram, Edmund	2/26/2008 11:16
9	MUSS Termination V5 for Knightly, James has been approved	Dashwood, Elinor	Ferrars, Edward	2/26/2008 11:16
10	MUSS Termination V5 for Knightly, James has been approved. These changes are effective from 15-MAR-2008.	SYSADMIN	Dashwood, Elinor	2/26/2008 11:16

*from wf_notifications table







MUSS Termination V5 for Emma Woodhouse requires review

Reassign

From Price, Fanny To Elliot, Anne

Sent 22-Feb-2008 13:32:49

ID 2241332

Attachments

(Before Final Approval)

Summary

Effective Date 01-Apr-2008

Employee Name Emma Woodhouse

Organization Email Address

Manager Fanny Price

Employee Number 20403

Department Arts & Sciences Job Temp.None

Indicates Changed Items.

Termination Details

Termination Date 01-Apr-2008 Notification Date 01-Apr-2008

Reason **Quit With Proper Notice**

Rehire

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Comments Comments

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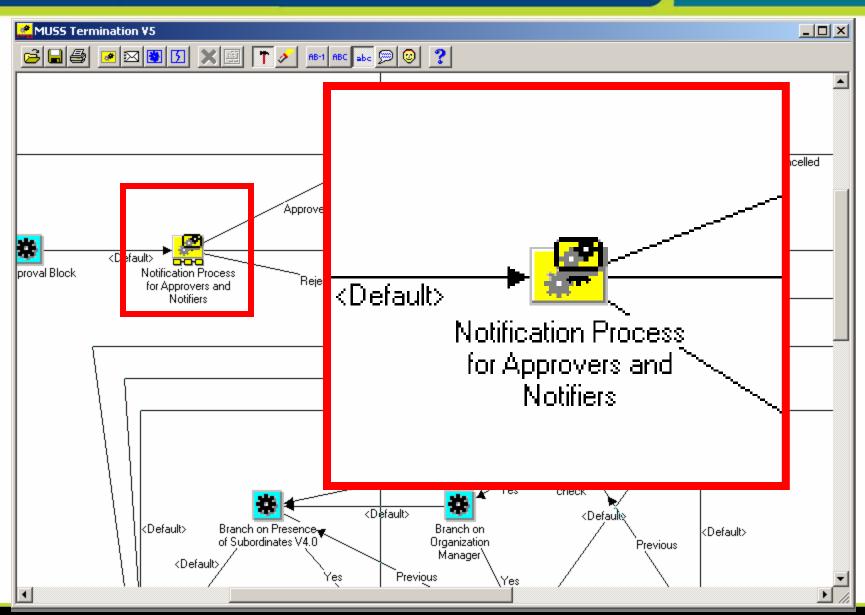


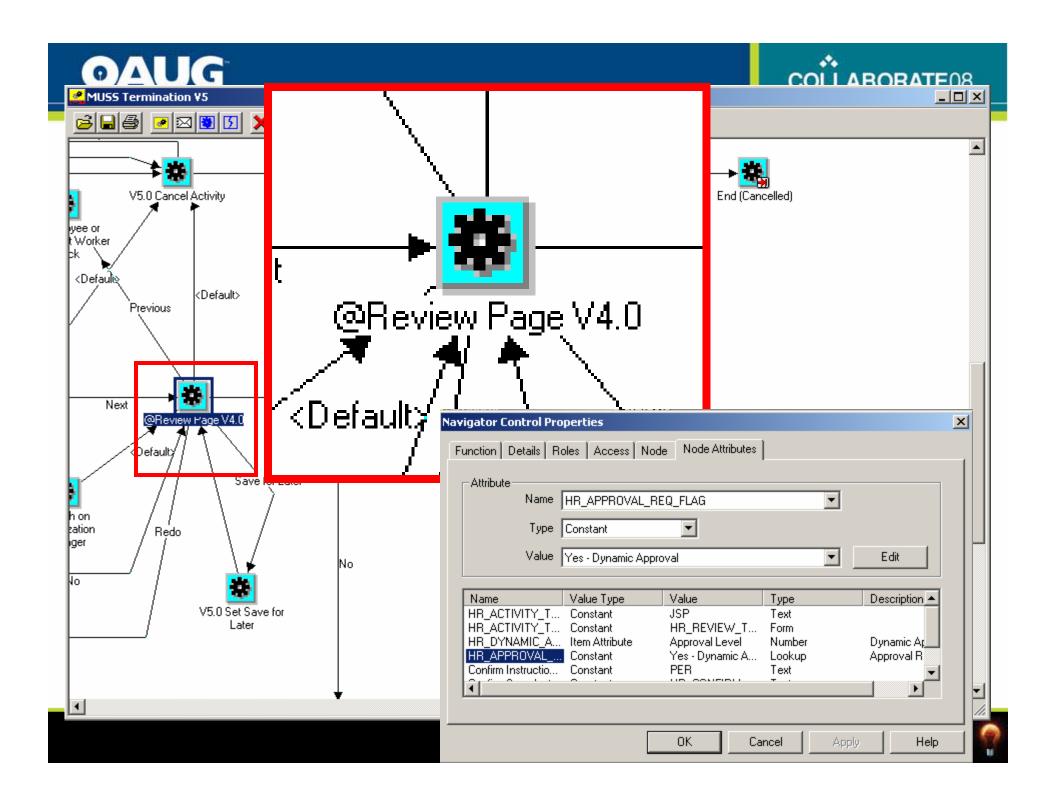
















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Summary

- Available features may vary between modules.
- Actions & Rules are pre-chain, chain, or postchain.
- Transaction Tables are a valuable resource.
- Some Workflow changes required.
- AME is easy, flexible, and fun!





Questions?

Thank you!

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