Case Study Update: A Roadmap To Fusion Applications

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Introduction

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory ("JPL") is a federally-funded research and development center located in Pasadena, California. The workforce is composed of roughly 5000 employees and another 2000 contractors. JPL functions as a National Aeronautics and Space Administration ("NASA") center, managed by the California Institute of Technology, specializing in robotic space exploration missions. The Mars Rovers and the Cassini mission to Saturn are two better-known examples of JPL's missions. JPL's institutional business systems are based on applications from version 11.5.10.2 of the Oracle E-Business Suite, specifically Financials, Project Accounting, Human Resource Management Systems, Payroll, and Discrete Manufacturing.

This paper summarizes the latest version of JPL's 5-year Roadmap for upgrading from 11i to Release 12, then possibly on to Fusion Applications.

Background

We're actually moving to the next iteration of ERP at JPL. The emphasis will be on integration and flexibility, applying the lessons learned so far (we originally implemented 10.7SC in 1998), and keeping in step with Oracle.

In choosing a direction for packaged applications, whether it's E-Business Suite, PeopleSoft, or even a non-Oracle product, it's important to recognize that all available choices include some flavor of Oracle Fusion Middleware or something similar to it. In fact, many Oracle applications customers running the latest versions of their respective applications (be it PeopleSoft, Siebel, E-Business, etc.) are already running on some version of Oracle Fusion Middleware. In fact, to understand Oracle Fusion Middleware is to understand Oracle Fusion Applications

Assumptions

The assumptions for JPL are:

- 1. We'll continue to utilize some flavor of Oracle's applications.
- 2. Oracle's Applications Unlimited program will continue to grow and develop the respective product lines through at least 2010.
- 3. Oracle's Lifetime Support program will be viable through at least 2012.

Why Are We Considering Fusion Applications At All?

For JPL, Fusion Applications offers a value proposition based on three important points:

- 1. An emphasis on standards-based integration we have many different data storage "stovepipes" at JPL utilizing many different technology stacks: Microsoft, MySQL + PHP, .NET and Oracle all have a significant presence. The ability to integrate across these technology stacks will make or break our ability to deliver broad and accurate business intelligence into the hands of our decision makers.
- 2. A focus on business processes JPL's business systems are organized around business processes that cut across organizations and traditional applications (we think in terms of a procure-to-pay process rather than Payables and Purchasing applications). Fusion Applications aligns more closely with our business model.

3. A richer user interface – our users are constantly asking for changes and extensions to user interfaces as a means of doing their jobs in a more efficient manner. Fusion Applications, through the application of Enterprise 2.0 technologies, will support a richer and more flexible UI for our users.

The End State

After considering our dependence on Oracle, at least for the next several years, and JPL's business needs, we developed the following conceptual depiction of our desired end state:



Note: if this is too tough to read, check the PowerPoint slides for a larger picture!

The Approach

Our plan calls for an upgrade to E-Business Release 12, which we'll then use as a baseline for incremental upgrades to Fusion Applications. In the meantime, we've already started with using Fusion Middleware components when opportunities arise.

The Roadmap

In considering both Oracle's Fusion Architecture and JPL's conceptual architecture as depicted above, the one point that should stand out is the complexity. In fact, the complexity is such that we found it necessary to build a roadmap for each layer of the architecture. The following pages display the latest version of the roadmap for each layer of the architecture.

The Database Layer Roadmap

Architecture Element - Database		2008				2009				2010				2011		
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The Applications Server Layer Roadmap

Architecture Element - Application Server		2008				2009				2010				2011				2012		
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10.1.3.x (Fusion Middleware)																				
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SOA/Web Services/BPEL Training/Discussions																				
Data Exchange Architecture Project																				
Services-Based integration (Based on DEA Infrastructure & Pilots)																				
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The Applications Layer Roadmap

Architecture Element - Applications		2008				2009				2010				2011				2012		
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The Data Repository Layer

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The Process Integration Layer Roadmap

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Data Exchange Architecture Project (joint with Apps Server)																				
Services-Based Integration (Based on DEA Infrastructure & Pilots) (joint with Apps Server)																				
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Application Integration Architecture (including Process Integration Packs)																				
Web Center (as UI for Composite Apps) (joint with Unified Access)																				
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The Business Intelligence Reporting Layer

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The Unified Access Layer

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Web Center (joint with Process & Integration)																				



The Development Environment Layer Roadmap

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The Lifecycle Management Layer Roadmap

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