

Noetix® Migration Services

Oracle® 11i to Release 12

The Report Migration Challenge

Release 12 of the Oracle E-Business Suite (EBS) is a major upgrade to the Oracle Applications software. Upgrading to Release 12 will be a significant challenge for your organization because of the underlying database changes. As a result, a critical component of your application solution, reporting, will be negatively impacted unless proactive measures are taken before go live.

Reports written directly against the database tables run the risk of breaking due to the underlying database changes. Pivotal changes such as Oracle Subledger Accounting (SLA), the Payments and E-Business Tax applications, a common inventory model, and a broader application of the Trading Community Architecture mean some 11i queries won't easily migrate to Release 12. A custom report that pulled data from a table that Oracle deemed obsolete in Release 12 will no longer run, nor will custom reports pulling data from tables that have moved or changed names.

Worse yet, in some cases, custom reports may still run but pull incorrect data.

To ensure that your users have the reports they need for operational decision making from the day you go live with Release 12, this problem must be addressed. The cost to rework these reports can be substantial depending upon how many custom reports your organization uses today. It will take a senior programmer, if not a team of programmers, months to learn all of the new Oracle tables and make the necessary changes to the existing reports. This is a significant effort and major component of any upgrade project.

Lower Your Report Migration Costs and Risk with Noetix

Noetix provides several options to assist with the reporting aspect of your upgrade. Our packaged solutions focus on setting up a reporting environment that will ensure your critical reports are

fully functional in Release 12 and can withstand all future Oracle EBS upgrades. We'll help you identify the reports that must be migrated, migrate and rebase those reports to leverage Noetix software, and train your resources.

Rewriting your reports now based on NoetixViews®, the foundation of the Noetix solution, provides upgrade protection.¹ Noetix protects reports from database changes by automatically remapping new or changed tables to NoetixViews to reflect these changes. In addition, the process of designing and building new reports is greatly reduced with the aid of powerful tools such as the NoetixViews help file and Noetix Search.

Noetix consultants average more than a decade of experience with Oracle Applications including deep functional and technical knowledge. In addition, Noetix consultants are skilled in Oracle BI Enterprise Edition, Oracle Discoverer, Noetix WebQuery®, Business Objects, and Cognos.

Utilizing Noetix consultants backed by Noetix engineers, who have spent 10 person-years to rework NoetixViews for Release 12, will save your IT resources the time and effort to tackle the Release 12 report migration challenge. Once your reports are based on NoetixViews, future migrations will be streamlined.

Planning for Success

When planning your move to Release 12, defining your reporting strategy now before upgrading will help mitigate the risk of reports breaking. Planning ahead is the ideal strategy as it affords Oracle EBS customers the opportunity to evaluate the best approach to meet the needs of the organization. Given the fact

¹ NoetixViews greatly simplifies report development against Oracle E-Business Suite by automatically creating business views of the underlying database. Reports written based on NoetixViews are protected from database structure changes common with application upgrades, ensuring established reports remain operational through upgrades.

that a certain percentage of reports will break, take the time up front to prepare for the upgrade by assessing what reports currently in use are critical to have post upgrade, if not all of them.

Oracle EBS customers at various stages in their implementation cycle can benefit from the Noetix solution whether their implementation plans are 1-3 years out, within 6-12 months, or if they are in the process of implementing now.

Where Does Your Organization Currently Stand?

You are giving serious consideration to your Release 12 upgrade project but it has not been scheduled

Don't wait for the turmoil of the Release 12 upgrade to deal with your reports. Let Noetix help you manage it now and reduce your cost and risk.

You are in the middle of your Release 12 upgrade, you have limited resources and bandwidth, and you are wondering how you will meet the necessary reporting requirements

Noetix has a plan to ensure you go live with the availability of your key reports for continued high end-user satisfaction.

You went live on Release 12 and now are under pressure to have reports available to your end users quickly

Leverage Noetix resources to get out from under the mountain of work quickly. Noetix will provide the best insurance toward meeting report availability deadlines.

How Can Noetix Help?

Regardless of the actual stage of your upgrade to Release 12, Noetix will help the reporting aspect of your project be a success.

Noetix will work with you to assess what reports in 11i are key to the business users. You may have already determined what reports are critical at go live, but if not, Noetix will work with you to assess what reports are key to the business users. Noetix Professional Services will assist customers with rebasing current 11i reports to NoetixViews as well as the creation of new reports against NoetixViews. Noetix can also rebase existing 11i reports to NoetixViews for 11i in order to maintain legacy reporting.

Noetix Professional Services will migrate your legacy reports to leverage Noetix Software. Noetix Professional Services will install NoetixViews and Noetix Generator for your front-end reporting tool(s) in order to migrate your legacy reports.

Noetix will mentor customers on NoetixViews for Release 12.

Noetix will help set the stage for success for those in the planning stages for Release 12. For customers who want to plan for success, they can install NoetixViews and Noetix Generator during their planning stages. Setting up this BI strategy early on means no effort is required to set up your query tool or infrastructure during your upgrade. Customers can then focus their efforts and resources on migrating the key reports.

Key benefits of the Noetix solution:

- ▶ Report migration at upgrade is predefined and manageable, requiring much less time and fewer resources
- ▶ Decoupling the report migration aspect of your Release 12 upgrade project means a portion of the work can be done now
- ▶ Risk of not having key reports ready when you go live is greatly reduced
- ▶ Noetix products can be used during the upgrade and migration to validate setup, processes, and reports
- ▶ Automatic setup of a reporting layer for your query tool — no manual effort is required
- ▶ Overall report development effort is greatly reduced
- ▶ Upgrade protection shields established queries from data structure changes common to application upgrades

For More Information

Discover how you can dramatically increase the return on your reporting investment and enhance your ability to quickly answer critical business questions: call Noetix toll-free at 866-4NOETIX or 425-372-2699. Visit our Web site at www.noetix.com.

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