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Upgrading to R12.2 - Tips, Pointers, & Lessons Learned

A Functional Guide to What You
Need to Know

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R12.2 Upgrade Introduction

- Art Dowd, Consulting Director, O2Works
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 - Extensive business background
 - Implemented / Upgraded Oracle eBus Suite
 - 20 years with Oracle Applications
 - Experience with Oracle Consulting and two well regarded Oracle Applications consulting firms
 - Board Member of OAUG Upgrade SIG



Why Upgrade

- Per Oracle, when there is compelling business reason to do so...
 - **New features and functionality to assist business**
 - Change in business direction; keep IT aligned
 - Replace customizations and bolt-ons with standard features
- Take advantage of Tech. stack improvements
- Obtain better support when patched current
- Stay “in” support





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Oracle E-Business Suite Support Schedule

NEW: Continuous Innovation on E-Business Suite 12.2

- On October 18, 2019 Oracle announced they were moving to a Continuous Innovation support model for Oracle E-Business Suite 12.2
- What that means... there will be no 12.3 release.
- Future releases will separate technology stack updates from applications code updates
 - **Applications Updates** - Ongoing updates to EBS 12.2 applications code (similar to the current annual updates). Updates will be cumulative and will combine bug fixes and new features into a consolidated, suite-wide patch set that can be applied with online patching. Significant application regression testing will be required.
 - **Tech. stack Updates** – Refresh of the Oracle Fusion Middleware platform technologies. These will allow customers to obtain new versions of the technology stack without upgrading the Oracle EBS applications code. Testing should be similar to quarterly patch testing.
- **Support date:** Oracle will not discontinue offering Oracle Premier Support on the Continuous Innovation releases prior to 2030. Beginning in 2019 Oracle will annually review whether or not to extend the Premier Support offering for an additional year.



Oracle Application Support

Release	GA Date	Premier Support Ends	Extended Support Ends	Sustaining Support Ends
11.5.10	Nov 2004	Nov 2010	Nov 2013	Indefinite
12	Jan 2007	Jan 2012**	Jan 2015	Indefinite
12.1	May 2009	Dec 2021**	Not Available	Indefinite

Customers must have the indicated baseline patches (or above) for new Severity 1 production bug fixes as per Patch Requirements for Extended Support of Oracle E-Business Suite Release 11.5.10 (see Doc ID 883202.1).

** For more detailed information on EBS 12.0 and 12.1 bug fixing and for Extended Support minimum patch pre-requisites, please refer to the EBS Error Correction Support Policy (Doc ID 1195034.1). For additional information regarding the above points, please see the EBS Support Policies FAQ (Doc ID 1494891.1).

Customers running Oracle Fusion Middleware 10gR2 and 10gR3 in the Oracle E-Business Suite version 12 internal technology stack will remain supported for the duration of the support period for Oracle E-Business Suite 12.

E-Business Suite Applications Extensions for Oracle Endeca Products and EBS Mobile applications follow the Lifetime Support Policy of the E-Business Suite Release they utilize.

Product	Latest release	GA Date	Premier Support through at least	Extended Support	Sustaining Support
12.2	12.2.8	Oct 2018	Dec 2030	Not Applicable	Indefinite

Oracle E-Business Suite has moved to a Continuous Innovation model for the 12.2 release. This means that E-Business Suite provides support via regular Oracle E-Business Suite Updates that can deliver new application functionality and feature enhancements, underlying technology stack updates, as well as fixes that have undergone thorough testing without a major upgrade.

Premier Support for Oracle E-Business Suite Continuous Innovation Releases will be provided through the “Premier Support Through At Least” date above. At Oracle’s discretion, the “Premier Support Through At Least” date above may be extended in one-year increments. Oracle currently has no plans to end Premier Support on the Oracle E-Business Suite Continuous Innovation Releases. However, if it is no longer practicable for Oracle to continue to provide Premier Support for these products, then Oracle reserves the right to not to extend the “Premier Support At Least Through” date and the existing date will be set as the End Date for Premier Support.

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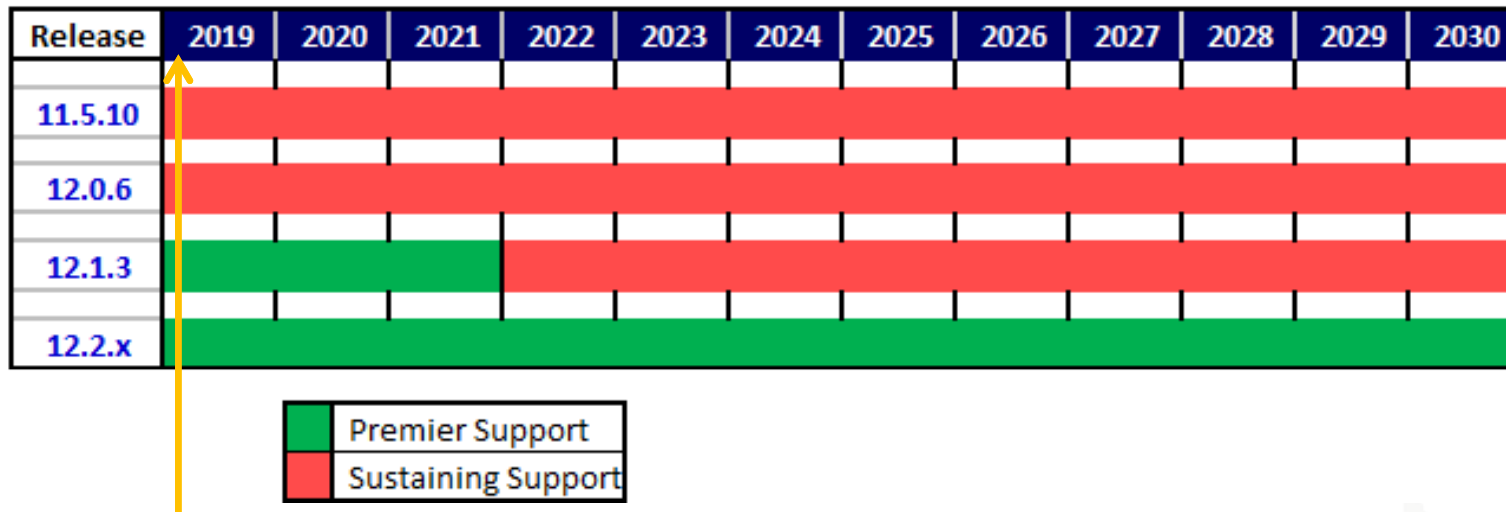
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Support timeline



February,
2019

For more information check:

- My Oracle Support Note 1494891.1 - E-Business Suite Releases - Support Policy FAQ
- MOS Note 1195034.1 - EBS 12.0 and 12.1 Extended Support minimum patch pre-reqs

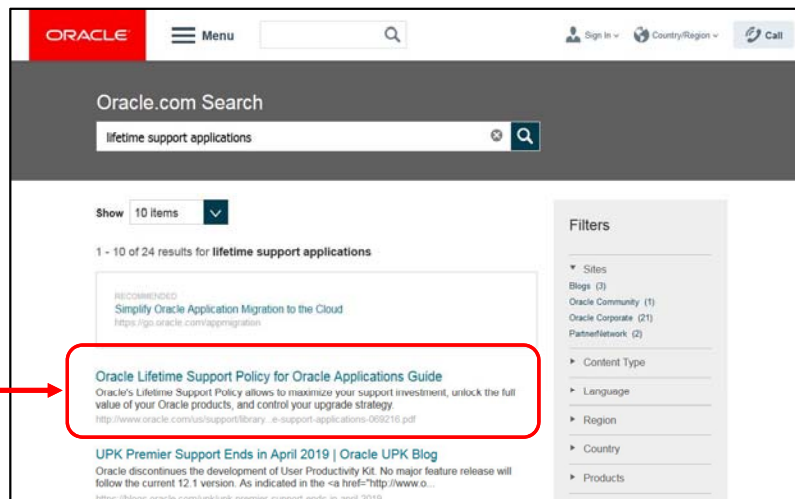
Application Support Document

Oracle Lifetime Support Policy
Oracle Applications

Go to: www.Oracle.com

Query: "lifetime-support-applications"

Choose: "Oracle Lifetime Support Policy for Oracle Applications Guide"



<http://www.oracle.com/us/support/library/lifetime-support-applications-069216.pdf>



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Types of Upgrades

Upgrade Type

- **Technical upgrade only**
 - Focus on the tech stack / less expensive option
 - Led by DBA / Tech team with little functional support
 - Functional impact = testing and possibly training
 - Common with dot release upgrades (i.e. 11.5.9 to 11.5.10)

Management / Executive Sponsor			
Project Manager			
DBA / Sys. Admin	Technical Lead	Developer / Analyst	Super Users
B/A Fin	B/A SC & Other	Business Process Owners	Trainer
Help Desk / Network Support			
End Users / Testers			

Success = NO CHANGE on go-live Monday



Upgrade Type

- **Full Business-Aligned Upgrade**

- Aligned with Business objectives / ROI expectation
- Inclusive, wide-ranging project across IT and Business
- Requires more Executive Sponsorship
- Change Management Project; not just technical

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Represents the typical 11.5.10 to R12 upgrade or one that includes significant functional or process changes



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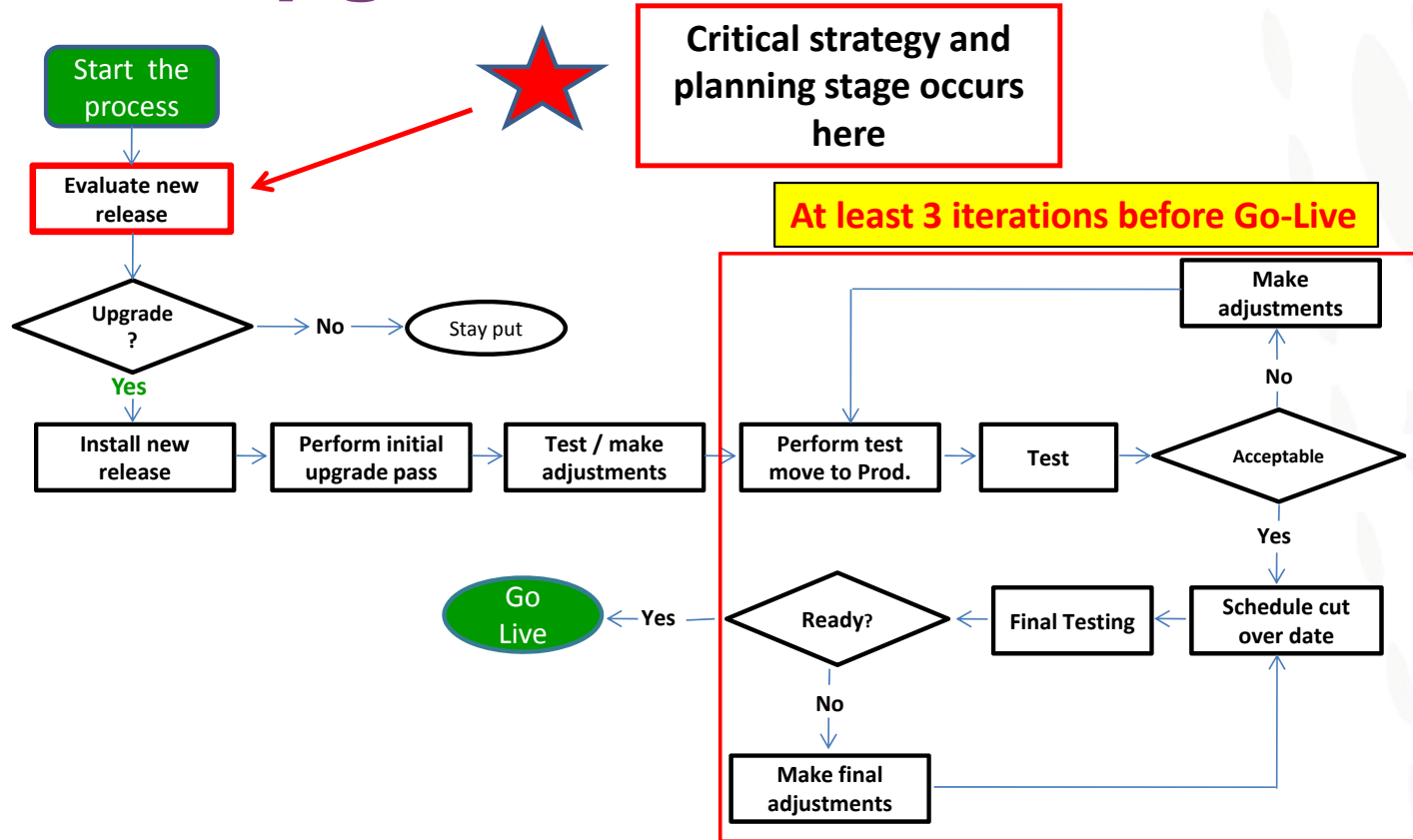
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Repeatable Methodology / Upgrade Process

Build a Repeatable Process

- **Secure** - Active Executive sponsorship and support
- **Communicate** – Transparent reporting on Progress
- **Gather** - Proper Materials
- **Recruit** - The Right Team Members
- **Organize** - Create and Update Critical documents
- **Analyze and Plan** – Use Iterative Method (minimum = three rounds)
- **Execute** - A Serious and Dedicated Testing Process
- **Experience** - Have a leader, bring back the vets

Upgrade Process Flow





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Critical documents

Organize Critical Documents

DBA Playbook – The DBA activity will drive the R12.1.3 to R12.2.X upgrade. Playbook will cover all of the DBA steps, timings, outcomes, and issues. It should also serve as the base plan to which functional tasks such as testing, code remediation, training, and more testing is added.

Master Impact List – Complete full listing of all potential changes that should require investigation or testing

- Drives new features use and all testing
- Applies to standard Oracle features and Customer- created impacts

Example of Master Impact List

Master Impact Analysis - Upgrade to R12.1.2 for 11.5.9 - SNAPSHOT

Release	New Functionality	Classification	Impact on Business Process	Impact on Customization	Impact on Testing	Impact on Training	Status	Owner (Who?)	Ranking (H,M,L)	Notes
AP										
R11.5.10	Enhanced Matching Controls for Oracle iSupplier Portal	Optional	No	No	No	No				
R11.5.10	Supplier Bank Account Update Enhancements	Mandatory	Yes	No	Yes	Yes				
R11.5.10 CU1	1099 Formatting with XML Publisher	Dependent	Yes	No	Yes	Yes				
R12.0	Legal Entity	Mandatory	Yes	No	Yes	Yes				
R12.0	Multi-Org Access Control	Mandatory	Yes	No	Yes	Yes				
R12.0 RUP3	US Form 1099 Legislative Changes	Dependent	Yes	No	No	No				
R12.0 RUP4	US Form 1099 Legislative Changes	Dependent	Yes	No	No	No				
R12.1.1	Enhanced Withholding Tax Calculation for Brazil	Optional	No	No	No	No				
PO										
R12.0	E-Business Tax	Mandatory	Yes	No	Yes	Yes				
R12.0	Document Publishing Enhancements	Optional	No	No	No	No				
R12.0 RUP2	iSetup APIs	Optional	No	No	No	No				
R12.1.1	PO and Requisition Mass Update (12.1.1)	Optional	Yes	No	Yes	Yes				
R12.1.2	Procurement Web Services – Purchasing (12.1.2)	Optional	No	No	No	No				
R12.1.3	Landed Cost Management (LCM) Integration (12.1.3)	Optional	No	No	No	No				
GL										
R12.0	Streamline Consolidation Mappings	Mandatory	No	No	No	No				
R12.0	Replacement for Disabled Accounts	Optional	Yes	No	Yes	Yes				
R12.1.1	Enhanced Financial Statement Generator Reporting to Display Content Set Values	Mandatory	Yes	No	Yes	Yes				
R12.1.2	Streamlined Excel-based Financial Statement Publishing	Mandatory	Yes	No	Yes	Yes				
R12.1.3	Limit Accounts in Budget Wizard	Optional	Yes	No	Yes	Yes				
AR										
R12.0	E-Business Tax	Mandatory	Yes	No	No	No				
R12.0	Legal Entities	Mandatory	Yes	No	No	No				
R12.0	Subledger Accounting	Mandatory	Yes	No	No	No				
R12.0	Receivables Reconciliation Enhancements	Optional	Yes	No	No	No				
R12.1.1	Cash Application Work Queue	Optional	No	No	No	No				
R12.1.1	Enhanced Performance for High Volume Receivables Processing	Mandatory	Yes	No	No	No				
R12.1.2	Enhanced Aging Report to Support Multi-Fund Accounts Receivable	Optional	No	No	No	No				



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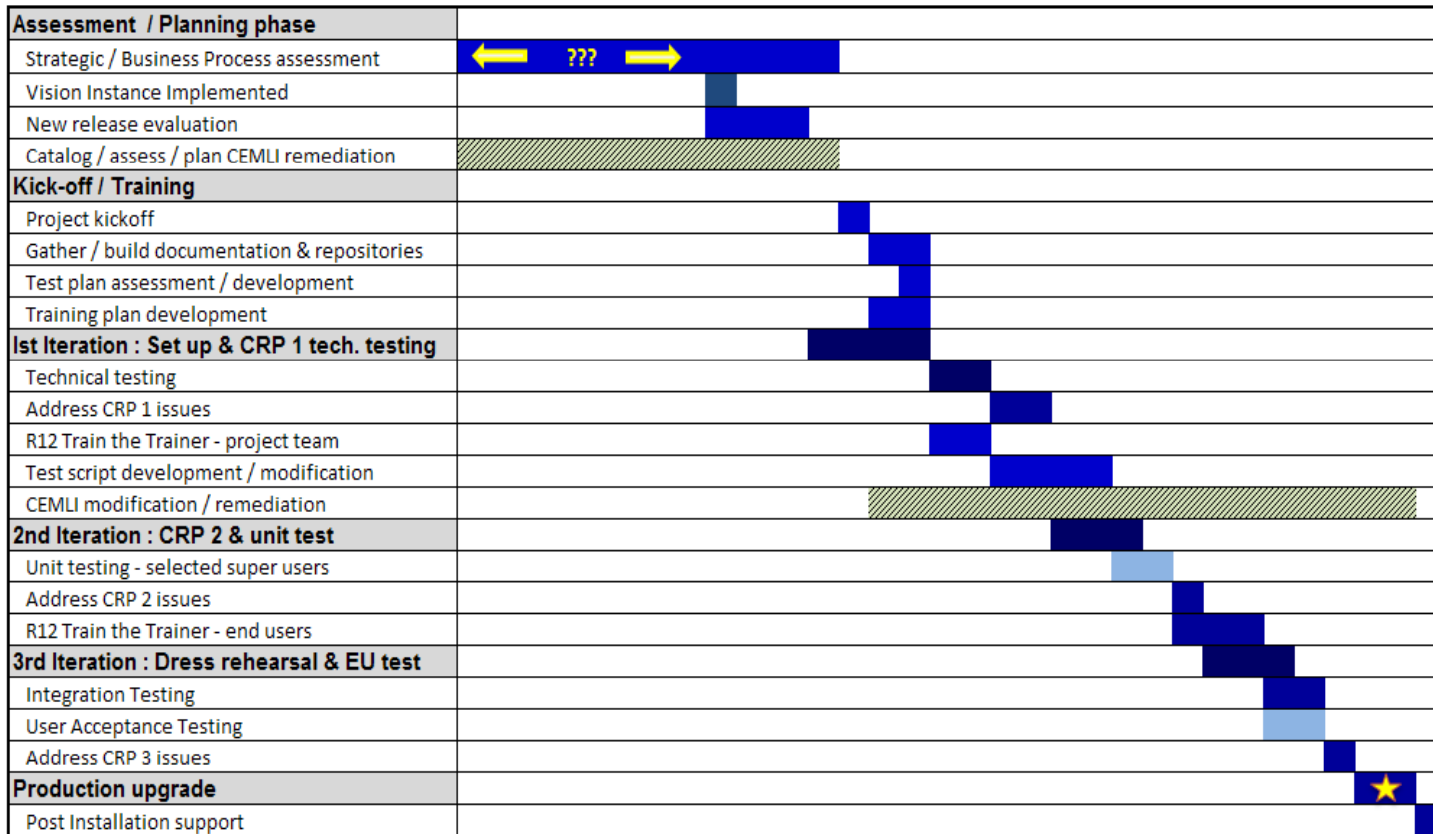
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**Upgrade timing /
timeline**

R12 Upgrade High Level Time Line



Upgrade Project Team Size

**R11.5.10 to R12.2.X
or FULL UPGRADE**

Management / Executive Sponsor			
Project Manager			
Technical Lead	Business Analyst Fin. Apps	Business Analyst SC & Other	Trainer
DBA / Sys. Admin	Developer / Analyst	Business Process Owners	Super Users
Help Desk / Network Support			
End Users / Testers			

**R12.0.6 or R12.1.3 to R12.2.X
TECHNICAL UPGRADE**

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The reduction in Project team size significantly decreases overall effort needed for training and indoctrination. There will be less testing required for new functionality but customization and integration testing will be critical. Use of experienced testing resource is important.



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**Some important
considerations**

Upgrade Planning

Planning process needs to be comprehensive and inclusive of Business alignment and technical aspects

- Areas to evaluate include:
 - Upgrade extent
 - Business alignment
 - Hardware / platform / network capacity
 - Human resource availability – who and when
 - Training capacity and tools
 - Application support
 - Testing strategy and experience
 - Oracle product strategy
 - Project planning & management capacity

Oracle Applications Upgrade Workshop



Putting Oracle to Work

Key Facts—O2 Works

- 100% reference-able client base
- Strid Oracle E-Bus focus
- Consultants average more than 11 yrs. experience on Oracle products
- Wide ranging customer base of more than 130 clients
- Heavily involved in Oracle Application User Groups and Oracle Communities

Services Offered:

- Upgrades
- New Implementations (full and modules)
- Remote Support (DBA / Sys. Admin. & Functional)
- Application optimization
- Training
- Client Advocate support
- Testing services

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If your Organization runs the Oracle E-Business Suite, you have an upgrade in your future.

Upgrades can be intimidating, time-consuming, and challenging. Per Oracle Corporation, customers should upgrade when there is a business reason to do so. In today's IT environment, it is critical that there is a return on your upgrade investment. To do that successfully, upgrades should be approached with the same level of planning, strategy, and execution as the original implementation.

O2 Works LLC, with decades of hands-on experience, is offering a concise, packaged assessment designed to identify all of the technical and functional issues that need to be considered as part of any Oracle EBS upgrade effort.

Areas to be explored include:

- Upgrade extent:
 - Technical and functional upgrade efforts
 - Upgrade vs. re-implementation
- Business alignment:
 - New features / functionality of potential new modules
 - Customization & extension assessment / evaluation
 - Top ten needs list
- Capacity planning:
 - Hardware and network scale-ability
 - Downtime requirements
 - Database instance strategy
 - Resource expectations
- Training and application support
 - Review current learning tools
 - Assess existing support effectiveness
 - Evaluate on-going training needs
- Other considerations:
 - Patching status
 - De-support timeframes
 - Testing capacity, strategy
 - Oracle product strategy / direction considerations
- Project planning capacity
 - Who needs to be on the team and when

Description of Service: Depending upon the size of your application footprint, O2 Works will deploy a team consisting of a technical lead and 1–2 functional resources to perform the assessment. It is expected that the evaluation will be completed within 1 week's time and results presentation/report will be completed in the following week.

Deliverables: Engagement deliverables for the upgrade assessment include:

- Technical Assessment of current environment
- Strategic upgrade briefing meeting / presentation for key personnel and end-users covering:
 - Proven upgrade strategy for customizations and extensions
 - Third party tool recommendations
 - Best practice recommendations for testing and training
 - Project planning assistance for technical and functional teams
- Final report detailing pre and post-upgrade recommendations



Compelling New Features

- In Cliff Godwin's EBS Roadmap presentation on 4/8/19, he highlighted many new features that have been added to 12.2.X. Among that group are things like:
- New Enterprise Command Centers that are designed for key indicator reporting and dashboards by positions.
 - Initially they covered Assets, Payables, Receivables, Enterprise Asset Management, Inventory Management, and Order Management.
 - Another 19 centers are expected out in the next few months
 - This is the incorporation of the former Endeca applications into EBS for those on release 12.2.4 or higher.
 - <http://www.oracle.com/us/products/applications/ebusiness/ebs-enterprise-command-center-brief-5108750.pdf>
- Continued enhancements in the mobile apps including Android capabilities
- More improvements in the Human Capital Management (HCM) applications

Some new features in 2018



- **Tip:** Look for enhancements in areas where Oracle operates (i.e. Financials, Procurement, HCM, etc.)
- Improvements in Order Management for subscription management
- iSupplier enhancement for 3rd party brokers
- More features and functionality around Warehouse Management, Inventory and Shipping
- Asset Lifecycle & Service improvements to **Enterprise Asset Management** for managing maintenance tasks / scheduling
- Check out “Announcing Oracle E-Business Suite 2018 Innovations”

<http://www.oracle.com/us/products/applications/ebs-2018-innovations-5119373.pdf>

Compelling New Features Resource

New Features in 12.2.X:

- Cliff Godwin's presentations found on: education.oracle.com/subscriptions/ebs provide an excellent overview of what is new in 12.2. Free access with your Oracle log on.

The screenshot shows the Oracle University website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "ORACLE UNIVERSITY", "SUPPORT", and "CONTACT US". Below this is a search bar and user information: "MY TRAINING" and "Welcome Art (Sign Out)". The main heading is "Oracle E-Business Suite Learning Subscription". Below the heading is a paragraph describing the subscription as a digital learning resource for Oracle E-Business Suite training. A large image of a woman at a laptop is shown. Below this is a "Channels" section with four cards: "EBS Strategy and Roadmap", "EBS and Oracle Cloud", "Applications Technology", and "Asset Lifecycle and Service". The "EBS Strategy and Roadmap" card is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from this card to the right-hand screenshot.

The screenshot shows the "EBS Strategy and Roadmap Channel" page. The header includes the channel name and a video thumbnail of Cliff Godwin. Below the header is a description: "Stay up-to-date with the latest strategies and roadmaps for all of your E-Business Suite applications through key conference presentations from senior management, release announcements and interviews with Product Development's subject matter experts." Below this are two content cards: "What's New (Free Access)" and "Virtual Conference (Free Access)". Both cards indicate "12 Topics" and have a "+Q" button. The "What's New" card is highlighted with a red box.

Compelling New Features Resource

EBS Content available from:

education.oracle.com/subscriptions/ebs

- Multiple Roadmap and features presentations covering long term strategy as well as Release highlights covering what's new in:
 - R12.2.5, R12.2.6, R12.2.7
 - Mobile apps
- Also check...**My Oracle Support**
 - Release Content Documents
 - Value Proposition Documents
 - Training videos

Oracle E-Business Suite: Strategy and Roadmap Highlights Duration : 00:18:04	Oracle E-Business Suite: Innovations in 2018 Duration : 00:51:12	Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2.7 Highlights: Investments Across the Suite Duration : 00:28:34	Oracle E-Business Suite Mobile Release 7 Highlights Duration : 00:14:17
Oracle E-Business Suite: Roadmap Update - Enabling Modern Business Models Duration : 00:02:43	Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2.6 Highlights: Investments Across the Suite Duration : 00:34:39	Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2.5 Highlights: Investments Across the Suite Duration : 00:17:59	Oracle E-Business Suite Mobile Release 6 and Off-Cycle Release Highlights Duration : 00:14:22
Oracle E-Business Suite Mobile Release 5 Highlights	Oracle E-Business Suite: EBS on Oracle Cloud	Oracle E-Business Suite Information Discovery	Enhancement Request Process for E-Business



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Need some Oracle on-premise sales help?

- Your former Oracle Sales Rep, who used to handle your on premise inquiries is only compensated for Cloud sales, so he will not likely be very interested unless there is a potential Cloud project.
- If you need help with your on premise Oracle EBS applications and want to expand your footprint or add licenses, e-mail inquiries to: LICENSESALES-NAA_US@ORACLE.COM or contact:

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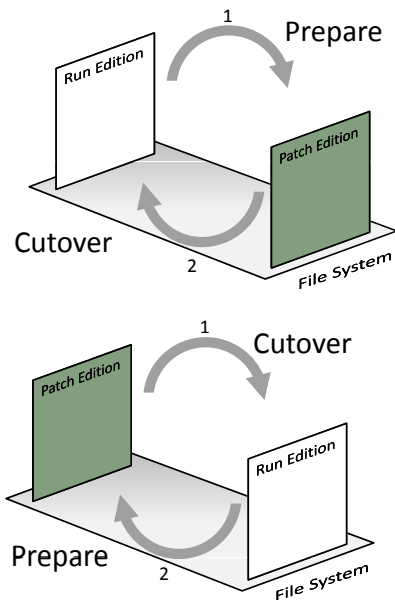
R12.2.X and On-line Patching

Oracle Applications R12.2.X

- Available as of Open World, 2013
- Represents the **HOLY GRAIL of Patching**... minimal downtime (middle tier re-boot only)
- Makes use of Edition-Based Redefinition (EBR) feature of the 11g and 12c Database
- Had initially been delayed for more than 2 years for extensive testing due to potential risk
- Beta testers consisted primarily of Oracle partners and integrators so the initial testing did not necessarily hold up to “full use” environments
- The post upgrade ability to avoid down time outages is critically important to 24 hour shops (i.e. world-wide operations and 3 shift manufacturers) who can't accommodate down-time.



R12.2 Overview



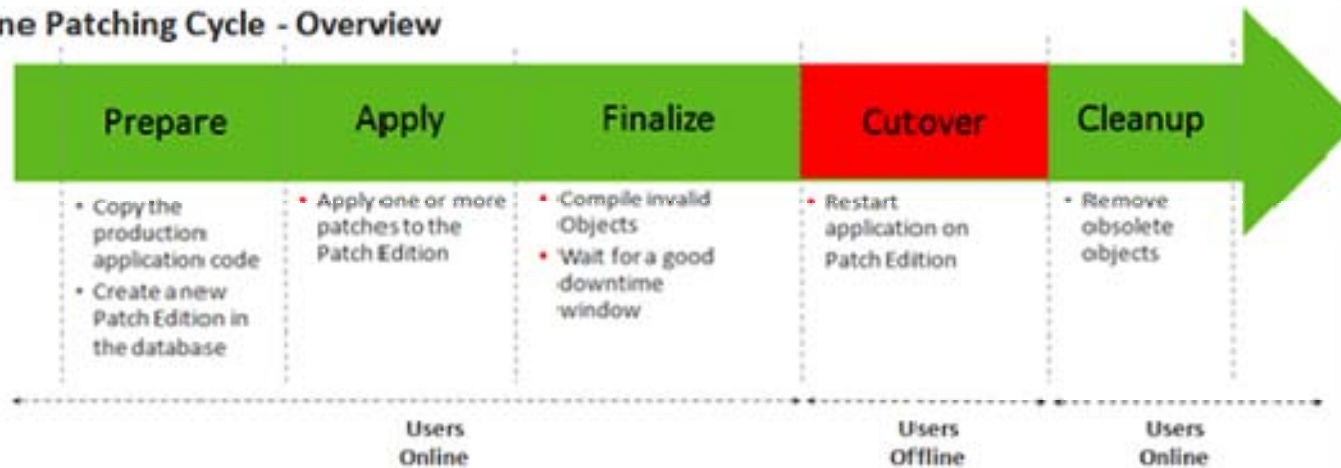
Two complete file systems are always present

- **Run Edition** - Used by the running Application
- **Patch Edition** – Either:
 - Currently being patched
 - or
 - Waiting for the next patching cycle
- The two file systems are rotated between Run and Patch during every patch cycle

Source: Kevin Hudson - *Online Patching with Oracle E-Business Suite 12.2*

R12.2 Online Patching Cycle

Online Patching Cycle Online Patching Cycle - Overview





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Other Essential 12.2 Topics

Top 9 frequently-asked questions about Online Patching

1. **Which Oracle E-Business Suite releases can Online Patching be used with?**

Online patching is used with Oracle E-Business Suite 12.2 and higher.

2. **What types of patch are applied online?**

All Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2 patches are applied online. This includes one-off patches, patch rollups, consolidated updates and security patches.

3. **What is the Online Patching cycle?**

The Online Patching cycle is a sequence of inter-related steps (phases) used to apply patches to an Oracle E-Business Suite system. (see *the prior slide illustration*)

Source: <https://blogs.oracle.com/stevenChan/>



Top 9 frequently-asked questions about Online Patching

4. ***What tool is used to apply online patches?***

The AD Online Patching (adop) command-line utility is used to manage the Online Patching cycle.

5. ***Is there any downtime in Online Patching?***

There is a short period of downtime when the application tier services are shut down and restarted. The database remains open all the time.

6. ***Do I upgrade to Release 12.2 with Online Patching?***

No. After you upgrade to Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2, you will enable Online Patching.

Source: <https://blogs.oracle.com/stevenChan/>



Top 9 frequently-asked questions about Online Patching

7. *Once I upgrade to Release 12.2, can I still apply patches in the traditional way?*

No. All patches for Release 12.2 will be online patches. The traditional, pre-12.2 method of applying patches will not work.

8. *Can I still use adpatch in the Release 12.2 Online Patching environment?*

No. While the Oracle tools may internally invoke the adpatch utility, direct user invocation of adpatch is not allowed.

9. *Are there any plans to make Online Patching available with pre-12.2 releases?*

No. Online patching can only be used with Release 12.2.

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14 things that stand out w/ R12.2

For DBA'S

1. Familiarity with and tuning of BEA's Weblogic server
2. Use of AD On-Line Patching (**ADOP**) to apply patches
3. The lack of clear error messages in ADOP logs
4. The absolute need to take snapshots of the file system and guaranteed restore points of the database before patching
5. The handling of custom tops via the ADOP synch driver



14 things that stand out w/ R12.2

For DBA'S

6. The strange errors that un-resolvable database links can cause in patching and upgrading
7. Importance of balancing the upgrade patch freeze with application of the latest tech and functional patches.
 - a. It is critical to arrive at a stable plan.
 - b. Additional database, tech and application patches can drastically change the experience of a mock upgrade.
 - c. You want to arrive at a point where you are NOT seeing new errors for more than one iteration. This is especially critical for large, complex clients

14 things that stand out w/ R12.2

For DBA'S

8. Implementing security via roles for given users
9. Default weblogic memory settings are not adequate. This goes for java memory settings on start up parameters .
10. Handling of 3rd party products

For DBA'S and Developers:

11. The manner in which CEMLI's (customizations) have to applied



14 things that stand out w/ R12.2

For All:

12. Everything must be tested during mock go-lives, no short cuts for either functional or technical people
13. All hands on deck for go-live. That means Linux admins and network people are present in case they are needed to quickly make corrections to firewalls, Linux configurations--no one gets a pass during go-live
14. Perform load testing via OATS or some other tool. It is unacceptable to experience performance issues after go-live due to lack of load testing

Customization Strategy

<http://searchoracle.techtarget.com/tip/Working-with-custom-code-in-E-Business-Suite-upgrades>

- Minimize EBS custom code
 - phase out obsolete
 - analyze concurrent requests
- Migrate only what's necessary
 - take a new copy from new release and reintroduce the modifications
 - main interface may not have been greatly modified but
 - test additional lookups or validations or extra data transformations that were added
- Forms involve tricky custom code
 - start with fresh menu from Oracle & make changes



R12.2– Code readiness

- Database Objects & code must follow new set of standards using the correct DB synonyms
- The Database 11gR2 EBR feature adds a new logical view over the database objects in EBS.
- Access to these database objects must be via the logical layer.
- Online Patching Readiness Report (Doc ID 1531121.1) for Global Standards Compliance Checker (GSCC) will identify non-compliant custom code that will need to be addressed in the upgrade. 4 reports are generated:
 - ADZDDBCC.LST
 - ADZDPMAN.TXT
 - ADZDPSUM.TXT
 - GSCC_OUT.LOG
- Pop them open in notepad, copy/paste to spreadsheet and use DATA / Text to Columns function
- It will give you a feel for whether you have a small, medium, or large issue
 - In some cases there are scripts that will fix the problem upon re-run
 - Other issues may require manual remediation to the code

R12.2– Hardware Resource Considerations

- Database
 - SYSTEM tablespace requires double current space allocation
 - 25GB increase to 50GB
 - SEED tablespace requires double its current space allocation
 - 5GB increases to 10GB
- File System
 - 2 file systems require double the space of 1 file system
- The new 12c Database encompasses BEA's WebLogic, not the old Apache.
 - This is new and will require learning from unfamiliar DBA's and Sys Admins.
- There is a higher CPU use due to increased utilization of Java in the applications and platform.

Lesson learned: Dedicated Testing Process - Critical

- Have a library of Test Cases
- Detailed test scripts
- Include and use cases from past implementations or upgrades
- Be prepared to add some test cases for new features or functionality
- Modify test cases to reflect new or changed functionality
- Make sure your test cases have specifics about test data and expected results
- Check them back in to the library for next time
- More testers = more familiarity with application prior to go-live
> less productivity loss
- Track every item and assign accountability

What you can expect from 12.2

- No more extended outage windows for patching.
- DBA's will actually spend more time patching.
- One-off patches will be a pain to implement as it will require use of ADOP. (think bicycle / Winnebago)
- There may be degraded performance on the Production instance and while patching is occurring "in the background".
- For functional resources, testing will still be required.
- For developers, it's important to know what the patch cycle is and how long it is supposed to take.





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More Information Sources

More Information on R12.2

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Documentation	My Oracle Support How to Series: How to use Hot Topics Email notification to subscribe to Support Product News, SRs, Bugs, etc. and events so that you Never Miss an Important Update
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	This document helps you plan your move to Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2, providing a navigational flow chart that shows you the high-level steps required for a Release 12.2 implementation and a checklist you can use to ensure you meet the essential prerequisites for a successful Release 12.2 go-live. Read full details
	Oracle E-Business Suite Mobile Apps, Release 12.1 and 12.2 Documentation
	The purpose of this document is to communicate implementation, configuration, and administration information specific to Oracle E-Business Suite Mobile Apps currently available for the iOS operating system and the Android operating system. Read full details
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	This document provides a consolidated list of the latest technology bugfixes required for Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2 and a set of recommended patches to install the technology bugfixes. Read full details
	Applying the Latest AD and TXK Release Update Packs to Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2
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R12.0 Info Center	
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Lifecycle Management	
Install	
Implement	
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Topics (partial list)

- My Oracle Support: How to Series
- Technical Planning, Getting Started, and Go-Live Checklist
- Mobile Apps, Release 12.1 and 12.2 Documentation
- Extensions for Oracle Endeca: Install & Configure
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- Online Patching FAQ
- Release Value Propositions
- EBS Data Model Comparison Report
- EBS ATG Seed Data Comparison Report



Other Valuable R12.2 Resources

- Oracle E-Business Suite Innovations in 2018 (video)
- Oracle E-Business Suite on Oracle.com (many information resources)
- Oracle E-Business Suite Release Content Documents(Doc ID 1302189.1)
- Oracle E-Business Suite Transfer of Information Online Training (Doc ID 807319.1)
- Oracle E-Business Suite Documentation Web Library, Release 12.2 (product doc)
- My Oracle Support
- Appsnet – Good Summary on New Features
- <http://www.oracle.com/appsnet/technology/upgrade/docs/features.html>
- Reference Manuals
- Blogs: Steven Chan: <https://blogs.oracle.com/author/steven-chan> > has been renamed <https://blogs.oracle.com/ebstech/> and is in the capable hands of Elke Phelps and her team
- User Groups / Conferences



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- “Lift and Shift” is not Oracle SaaS (Fusion applications)
 - It is hosting (Oracle on demand, Amazon, Microsoft Azure, Google, Rackspace, etc.)
- There is no “upgrade”; it is a massive Re-implementation
- Customizations are replaced by “Best Practice” functionality
- No more access to data tables
- Oracle “soar to the cloud” program. Launched in June, 2018
 - Designed to move customers from on-premise to the Oracle SaaS Cloud applications
 - Initially supposed to take 24 weeks (re-engineering not included)
 - Base offer included 30 report and 30 interfaces
 - Update in Larry Ellison OpenWorld keynote : average soar project takes 18 months

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