Oracle Forms to Oracle Application Express

A Migration Roadmap

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Today's Agenda

- Oracle Forms
 - Status Today
 - Why Migrate?
- Other Options
 - .NET, PHP, and Java
 - Apex
- Apex Migration
 - Generate XML Files
 - Create Conversion Project
 - Review/Edit Forms Metadata
 - Generate Apex Application
 - Manually Update Application



Oracle Forms Today

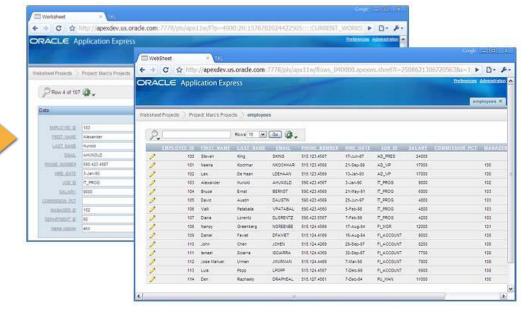
- Mature and Robust
 - Introduced mid 80's
 - Many major releases
 - A lot of "Out of the box" functionality
 - Extendable with Java (PJCs)
- Easy to use
 - Declarative
 - Leverages full Oracle database capabilities and existing SQL & PL/SQL skills
- Supported
- Development Continues



So Why Migrate?

- Modern "look and feel"
- HTML based solution
- Support (Both Development and Client)







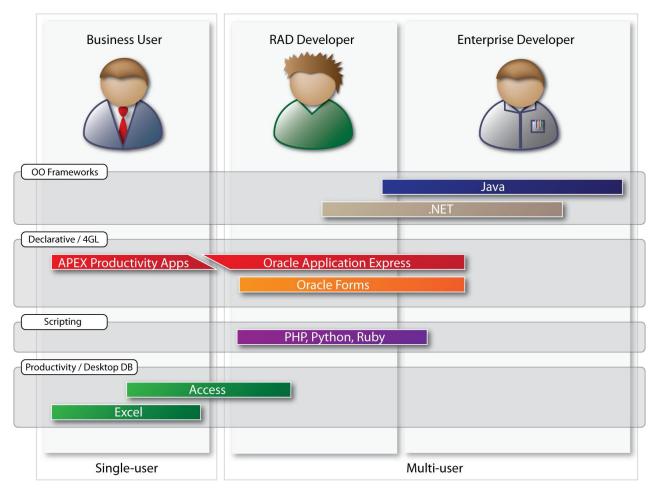
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.NET, PHP, and Java

- Object Oriented Languages
 - Could require retraining
 - Not as declarative (productivity)
- Different data types
- Database features
- No built in Forms conversion utility



Targets the Rapid Application Development Community



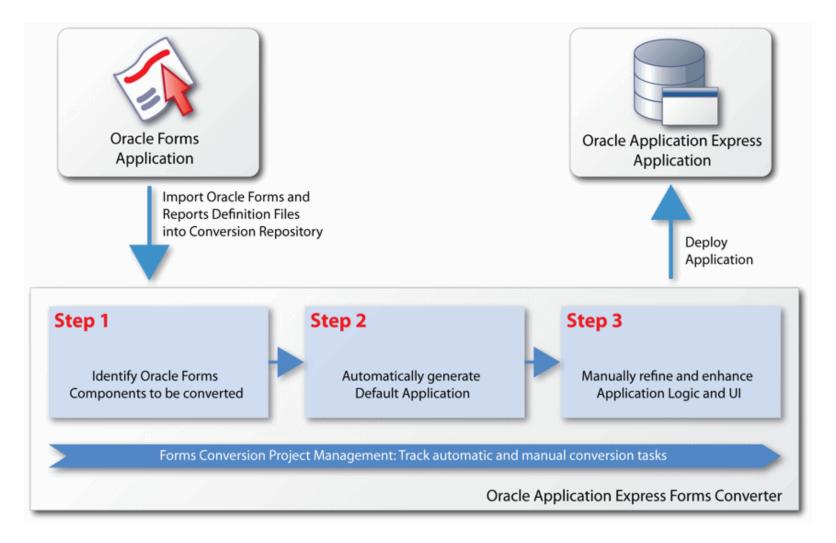


Side by Side

Feature	Forms	Apex
4GL Declarative	Yes	Yes
4GL Languages	SQL and PL/SQL	SQL and PL/SQL
User Interface	Java	HTML
Page Layout	Windows and Canvases	Pages and Regions
Client-side Field Control	Form triggers	JavaScript and Ajax
Web Service Support	Yes	Yes
Charting	BI Beans	Flash Charts
Locking	Pessimistic, Optimistic, Custom	Optimistic, Custom
Database Connections	Synchronous	Asynchronous
Concurrent User Support	Database connectivity maintains by user session	Database connectivity only maintained for the processing of requests
Architecture	3 Tier	2 Tier



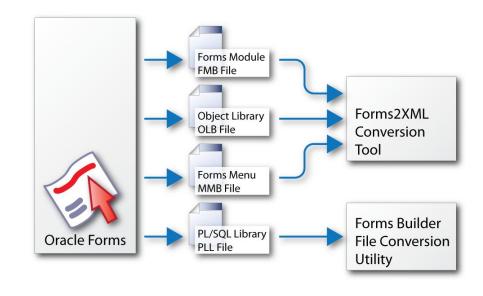
Apex Migration Overview





Load Oracle Forms Source

- ► Run Forms2XML Utility
- **≻Create APEX Project**
- ▶Upload Source Files



Forms2XML Utility:

- Available with Forms 9i & 10g
- May convert Forms 4.x & 6i
 - If conversion fails will need to manually upgrade first

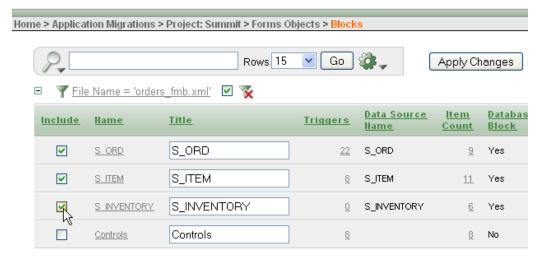




Step 1: Identify Components to be Generated

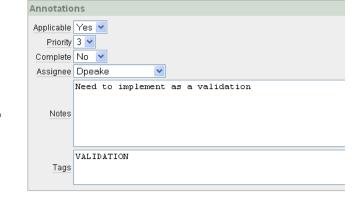
≻Browse Components

- > Blocks
 - Select / Deselect
 - Enhance SQL Query
- > Items
 - Select / Deselect
 - Review Prompts



> Annotate

- Triggers, Program Units, Alerts, etc.
 - Is it Applicable?
 - Document post-generation requirements





Step 2: Automatically Generate Components

Blocks

- Form Interactive Report & Form
- Master / Detail
- Tabular Form

> Items

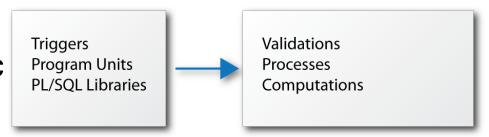
- Date Pickers
- HTML Editors
- Checkboxes
- Radio Groups
- Select Lists
- Pop-up List of Values
- List of Values
- Reports Interactive Reports



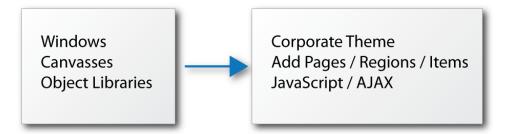


Step 3: Manual Post-Generation Tasks

➤ Application Logic



➤ User Interface



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- Update Completion
- Increases % complete

Completion Status

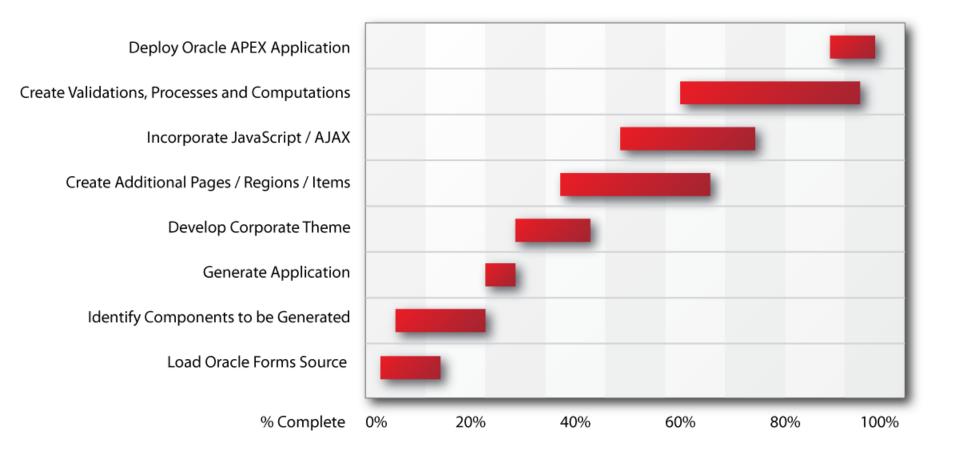
Components: 194

Completed: 155

Percent Complete: 81.58



Track Conversion Progress





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Thank You

> Questions?

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