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Presentation Abstracts – Technical Track

9:15 – 10:30 AM

Care and Feeding of 11i

John Stouffer, Solution Beacon, LLC

The focus of this presentation will be to share "real world" experience as well as tips and techniques to administer and maintain the complex Oracle Applications environment delivered with Release 11i. Release 11i is the biggest and most complex applications release ever! There have been ten 11i releases with major changes to tools and technology stack. Each release addresses bug fixes and has added new module functionality. There are three specific Oracle environments that must be supported for Release 11i – database, applications and web. Administering and maintaining these environments has become a full time job for the Applications DBA. All environments require differing levels of support but each has to be maintained to fully utilize and make the most of the Release 11i applications. We will discuss all of these administration and maintenance processes for the Apps DBA and will share "real world" recommendations for each.

10:45 – 12:00 PM

Rapid Migrations to Release 11.5.10

John Stouffer, Solution Beacon, LLC

Release 11i10 is more stable and robust than previous point releases. With the desupport of Oracle8i at the end of June 2005 and the recent release of 11.5.10.2, it's time to migrate to the latest release of the Applications and upgrade to version Oracle9i, or 10g, of the RDBMS! In addition to some basic facts about the technology and features of the newest release, we'll share proven strategies to help make your migration project a success. Join us for lessons we've learned performing successful Rapid Migrations to bring your Applications current as efficiently as possible.

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1:15 – 2:30 PM

Release 11i/RAC and Linux

John Stouffer, Solution Beacon, LLC

Learn from real world experiences about RAC (Oracle9i and 10g) challenges and success stories as well as Linux experiences and recommendations. As the hardware trend continues to move towards low priced "commodity" hardware, learn some of the factors that determine whether RAC and/or Linux is appropriate for your environment.

2:45 – 4:00 PM

Fusion Middleware

John Stouffer, Solution Beacon, LLC

With the acquisition of PeopleSoft and JD Edwards, Oracle Corporation is in the process of combining all product lines into the next generation of applications called "Fusion". However, Oracle is currently offering a new suite of products called the "Fusion Middleware" to address and allow for easier integration of your existing applications, regardless of whether they are PeopleSoft, JD Edwards, Oracle Release 11i or even legacy systems. Fusion Middleware helps organizations integrate disparate systems and manage enterprise complexity more efficiently. Regardless of which Application in use at your company (JD Edwards, PeopleSoft or Oracle E-Business or legacy systems) you can take advantage of some of the newest features and functions now instead of later, while concurrently preparing for the release of Fusion. This presentation brings to light how Fusion can help you while separating myth from reality.

Presentation Abstracts – Functional Track

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11.5.10 New Features: E-Business Suite

Paul Cyphers & Susan Behn, Solution Beacon, LLC

This New Features Workshop provides an overview of what is included in the Release 11i E-Business Suite, including terminology, release history and point release features. There will also be an overview of the overall applications complete with common features. Emphasis is on the most useful and popular new features for the Financials Suite that have been added throughout the 11i lifecycle with the primary focus on 11.5.8, 11.5.9 and 11.5.10.

Presentation Abstracts – Functional Track

10:45 – 12:00 PM **Application Management Tools**
Paul Cyphers, Solution Beacon, LLC

Managing Oracle Applications has in ways become easier with various tools that are available but has also introduced a level of complexity that is often baffling and complex to understand. Oracle has introduced many new tools to help manage the increasing complexity of the applications and there are also many third party tools that are available. The confusion lies in knowing which tools do what and how effective they are, along with what works and what doesn't. Come hear about the various tools that are available for application and change management for the Oracle Applications and let us help you unravel the enigma that exists regarding the tools that are available to help you manage your Oracle Applications.

1:15 – 2:30 PM **Business Process Execution Language (BPEL) – Wave to the Future**
Paul Cyphers, Solution Beacon, LLC

Business processes have for a long time been an integral and important part of leveraging and managing ERP applications. All the major applications (Oracle, JDE, PeopleSoft and SAP) have spent a great deal of time mapping business processes to the software processes. During the later 1990s there was an extensive movement towards standardizing an execution language that could be deployed over multiple applications. Oracle utilizes BPEL in the execution of processes within and across multiple applications to meet business requirements. With the addition of JDE and PeopleSoft applications to the Oracle product line, there is a need to understand how this impacts the integration of applications for the future. The presentation provides an overview of what BPEL is and what it currently does, along with an understanding of how this impacts the future regarding integration and Oracle's Fusion initiative.

2:45 – 4:00 PM **ABCs of Workflow - Setup**
Susan Behn, Solution Beacon, LLC

Workflow is everywhere in Release 11*i*. But if it's not setup properly, your users won't get the benefits, and worse, you may have experienced problems that you aren't even aware of. This presentation will discuss how to setup workflow in the 11.5.9 or 11.5.10 environment.