

Oracle[®] Unified Method (OUM) Oracle Brief

Are you looking to achieve strategic business goals?

The Oracle[®] Unified Method (OUM) is Oracle's standards-based method that enables the entire Enterprise Information Technology (IT) lifecycle. OUM provides an implementation approach that is rapid, broadly adaptive, and business-focused. OUM includes a comprehensive project and program management framework and materials to support Oracle's growing focus on enterprise-level IT strategy, architecture, and governance.

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OUM supports Oracle-based business solutions including:

- Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA)
- Enterprise Integration
- Custom Software
- Identity Management (IdM)
- Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC)
- Database Security (DBS)
- Performance Management
- Business Intelligence and Analytics
- Enterprise 2.0
- Enterprise Application Implementation

Oracle's Global Methods team has packaged OUM to accelerate your IT projects. OUM presents an organized, yet flexible, approach. Its defined, operational framework helps anticipate critical project needs and dependencies. With OUM, you can move efficiently through the IT lifecycle to quickly achieve measurable business results.

Key Benefits

- **More Focused Effort** – OUM enables projects to clearly define business scope and needs to create enterprise business process models. This planning results in tighter scope control, more accurate business understanding, and a firm foundation for client acceptance.
- **Built-in Flexibility** – By combining activities and tasks in different ways, OUM can be applied to many types of information technology software development and implementation projects.
- **Saves Time** – Seasoned information technology practitioners representing years of experience have contributed their knowledge to OUM. Project teams can take advantage of this experience by leveraging these leading practices along with industry standards.
- **Higher Quality** – OUM subscribes to an iterative approach that incorporates testing and validation throughout the lifecycle, rather than testing for quality only at the end of the project.
- **More Cost Effective** – OUM facilitates improved control of project expenses by using a flexible work breakdown structure that allows you to perform only necessary tasks.
- **Reduced Project Risk** – Implementing an iterative, broadly applicable method mitigates requirements mismatch. A key focus of each iteration in OUM is to identify and reduce the most significant project risks. This ensures that the most critical risks are addressed as early as possible in the project lifecycle, which results in a measurable reduction of schedule and budget risks.

OUM Supports Oracle-based Projects

The Oracle Unified Method provides guidance for:

- Project and Program Management
- Enterprise IT Strategy, Architecture, and Governance
- Business Requirements Collection and Analysis
- Design
- Implementation
- Technical Architecture
- Testing
- Performance Management
- Data Acquisition and Conversion
- Documentation
- Organizational Change Management
- Training
- Transition
- Operations and Support

What's in OUM

The OUM offering provides you with a comprehensive toolkit:

- *Overview Material* – Provides an overview of OUM's approach to IT projects, including the industry standards upon which OUM is based.
- *Guidelines* – Phases, processes, tasks, roles, and template guidelines that cover every aspect of an Oracle-based business solution.
- *Templates* – Templates enable fast and easy creation of high quality work products.
- *Tailored Work Breakdown Structure* – These standards enable an easy start in managing your project.

Helping Your Team

OUM is designed to get your project started on the fast track. It defines comprehensive, detailed steps for the entire Information Technology lifecycle, guiding all of your team members – regardless of their level of experience – in clearly understanding the implementation process and their role on the team.

Using easy-to-customize documentation templates, you develop a robust, detailed plan that gets your project team up and running quickly.

Partner with Oracle Consulting Services

We're there when you need us. The Oracle Consulting team is focused exclusively on Oracle Technologies, and we have the experts that others turn to for leading practices in Oracle software implementations. We know Oracle best and can provide your business with tightly integrated, comprehensive, superior services throughout your ownership experience.

As the developers of OUM, our intimate knowledge and experience with the process make us a productive part of your team immediately. Working closely with your in-house staff, we help keep your project on target to meet your objectives. In addition, we transfer the knowledge and skills required to maintain and expand the completed system to your staff, empowering them to keep your systems performing.

Hardware and Software Requirements

- Minimum of 1 GHz processor speed
- 55 MB of disk space
- 520 MB RAM minimum
- Windows 2000, XP, NT 4.0
- Microsoft Office 2000 or later
- Microsoft Project 98 or later (Optional)
- Microsoft Visio 5.0 or later (Optional)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader 6.0 or later
- Microsoft Internet Explorer version 6.0 or later or Netscape 7.0 or later

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