Oracle’s User Productivity Kit (UPK) is a collaborative content development platform that drives end-user and project team productivity throughout all phases of the software ownership lifecycle. UPK pre-built application specific content provides significant additional benefit beyond the UPK Developer for enterprises deploying PeopleSoft’s Enterprise applications.

**UPK Application Content: “As Delivered” System Process References**

The value of UPK pre-built application content starts from the premise that implementation project teams can save substantial time and labor by leveraging UPK application content as baseline reference system process flows first and then iterating to capture specific business process requirements. The savings can be substantial – project team resources typically dedicated to the preparation of system test data, storyboarding, and process standardization can be greatly reduced.

**Mirrors Oracle Application Development Methodology**

Key to the value of UPK application specific content is the fact that it is authored in tight collaboration with the actual developers who wrote the code, thus creating content which accurately reflects industry best practices with detailed conceptual information.

**Delivering Value Throughout the Software Lifecycle**

The value of UPK application content has relevance in many phases common to software implementation projects. For example, early on in the project lifecycle, UPK play back capabilities allow implementation leads to educate themselves on the delivered system process flows (vanilla functionality) of the new application without having to actually configure a “sand-box” environment, mitigating costs associated with labor and hardware and reducing the new functionality ‘learning curve.’
Eliminate Dedicated Instances To Analyze Delivered Functionality

Once the delivered functionality and process flows of the new application are understood, the project team can use the UPK content as an aid to do the fit-gap analysis. For this phase of the project lifecycle, the functional expert visually moves through a UPK simulation – leveraging the application specific content - while noting in the test document the configuration and/or customizations necessary to achieve the desired business outcome.

Customizing Pre-Built Content

Over the course of an implementation or upgrade, the UPK pre-built content can evolve until it mirrors the final deployed application. The existing pre-built content can easily be modified using the UPK Developer to capture the configuration changes or steps in the new process. UPK’s re-record feature also enables a guided recapture of screens and steps in the application so your UPK content reflects the final state of your application.

Use the UPK Developer to easily customize the content to match your organization’s needs. The UPK Content products contain the following sections:

**Enterprise Portal**

Personalizing Your Homepage
Performing Searches
Using My Links
Working with Community Calendars
Working with Action Items
Using Discussion Forums
Setting Up Intelligent Context Manager
Working with Intelligent Context Manager Pagelets
Administering Collaborative Workspaces
Using Collaborative Workspaces
Using the Discussions Module
Using the Documents Module
Using the Links Module
Using the Action Items Module
Using the Calendar Module
Using the Members Module
Using the Polls Module
Administering the Content Management System
Accessing Content
Working with Managed Content
Working with Categorized Content
Running the Content Categorization Spider
Working with News Publications
Publishing Content

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