University of Maryland, Baltimore Cuts Costs and Streamlines Training Processes

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**Challenges**

- Train and support 800 new end users of five modules within Oracle’s PeopleSoft Financial Management
- Develop and distribute courseware and post-implementation support for end users and some functional team members
- Eliminate time and expense of creating, populating and maintaining a separate training database and separate help files

**Solution**

- Implemented Oracle’s PeopleSoft Enterprise Financial Management to improve efficiency, reduce costs, connect disparate operations, and streamline processes
- Used Oracle User Productivity Kit to develop and generate animated simulations, job aids and manuals for six instructor-led classes for end users
- Integrated UPK training files as help files within Oracle’s PeopleSoft Financial Management application
- Introduced Oracle User Productivity Kit’s DoIt! mode which leads end users through task-specific steps as it floats over the active production window
- Eliminated the expense of developing, populating and maintaining a separate training database by replacing it with easily updated simulations developed with Oracle User Productivity Kit
- Maintained synchronicity between training materials and production environment using Oracle User Productivity Kit simulations, which are updated easily, and as needed