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INTRODUCTION

Oracle currently supports and maintains Oracle SCM *6i*, Oracle *9i* SCM, and Oracle SCM *10g*. All these SCM releases provide structured object and file based software change management for the corresponding Oracle Designer release. Oracle *9i* SCM and Oracle SCM *10g*, offer file based software change management for the corresponding Oracle JDeveloper release. Oracle SCM is licensed and ships with Oracle Developer Suite

The functionality offered by these three Oracle SCM releases is broadly similar. Significant version number variations designate technology alignment with corresponding Designer and JDeveloper releases rather than significant new functionality.

The emergence of new technologies, particularly J2EE, and the open source version control solutions favored by many Java developers, has influenced the direction we are taking with Oracle SCM. Oracle will not be adding new functionality to Oracle SCM, but will instead focus effort on maintaining and supporting existing features and adding greater support in JDeveloper for 3rd party lifecycle technologies such as CVS and Subversion.

PLANS FOR MAINTENANCE

Oracle SCM has been placed into maintenance mode. This means that Oracle will continue to fix bugs but there will be no new features added to the product. Error Correction Support for Oracle SCM *6i* ended on 01/31/2005, for Oracle *9i* SCM on 06/30/2005 and for Oracle SCM *10g*(9.0.4) on 12/31/2006 - in line with the corresponding Oracle Designer *6i*, *9i* and *10g* end of maintenance plans. Oracle Designer *10g* (10.1.2.2) is the currently supported product.

SOFTWARE CHANGE MANAGEMENT AND JDEVELOPER GOING FORWARD

Up until, and including JDeveloper *10g* (version 10.1.2), JDeveloper users who purchase the product will receive media kits containing JDeveloper with design-time features for CVS, Oracle SCM, and ClearCase, along with Oracle SCM server

and client tool components. JDeveloper users who choose to download the product from OTN will get the design-time features for CVS, Oracle SCM, and ClearCase within the JDeveloper download. Oracle SCM is not available as a separate download. JDeveloper and Designer users should use the version of Oracle SCM bundled with their respective tools.

Commencing with JDeveloper 10g (version 10.1.3), only the design-time features for CVS are included within the JDeveloper product. Design-time for other 3rd party lifecycle technologies such as ClearCase and Subversion are available for download from OTN. There is no support for Oracle SCM in JDeveloper 10g (version 10.1.3)

CUSTOMER IMPACT

Existing users of Oracle SCM 6i and Oracle9i SCM should plan to upgrade to Oracle SCM 10g (10.1.2.2). This will ensure they continue to have a fully maintained and supported development environment.

All existing users of Oracle SCM should carefully evaluate the features of the product and decide if its functionality is likely to meet existing and future needs. If so, continued use of Oracle SCM will be a viable option. If new features are required then users should consider alternatives and plan a potentially long-term transition strategy to their chosen replacement. No migration technology to other software change management systems is currently planned by Oracle.

Existing users of Oracle SCM with JDeveloper should consider migrating to an SCM solution that continues to be integrated into JDeveloper.



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