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New Oracle E-Business Suite Release Helps Organizations Further Optimize Business Processes and Reduce Costs While Enabling a Modern User Experience

Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2.6 Includes Enhancements Across All Functional Areas, a Richer, More Modern User Experience, and Increased Operational Efficiency

To help organizations keep pace with a rapidly-changing global business environment, Oracle has released <u>Oracle E-Business Suite 12.2.6</u>. This latest release continues a pattern of ongoing functional and technical innovation, providing new functional capabilities across the suite, a modern user experience and mobility, and increased operational efficiency.

"To stay competitive today, organizations need to address business challenges with greater automation and efficiency while providing their workforce with a modern user interface and mobility," said Cliff Godwin, senior vice president, Oracle Applications Development. "With Oracle E-Business Suite 12.2.6, Oracle continues to deliver new customer-driven capabilities across the applications and to modernize the user interface, while reducing the costs of owning and running Oracle E-Business Suite."

New Functional Capabilities Across Oracle E-Business Suite

Oracle E-Business Suite 12.2.6 delivers customer-driven functional advances and support for new business models to help organizations further optimize their business processes. Key advances include:

 Order Management: Oracle Order Management extends support for flexible ordering of products, services, subscriptions and warranties with new recurring billing options. Oracle Quoting integrates with electronic signature providers to streamline customer approval of ordering documents.

- Logistics: Intelligent interleaving of inbound and outbound tasks in Oracle
 Warehouse Management reduces deadheading and increases warehouse
 productivity. Oracle Inventory Management enables material classification tagging
 such as country of origin or packing code for printing on shipping documents. Oracle
 Yard Management can be deployed in E-Business Suite and non-E-Business Suite
 instances and can service remote and local facilities.
- Procurement: Oracle Procurement Command Center provides an enhanced view of supplier performance that includes employee reviews from Oracle iProcurement and supplier evaluations from Oracle Supplier Lifecycle Management. Oracle Project Procurement Command Center better aligns project and procurement teams with visibility to line-level changes to procurement plans. Oracle iProcurement now supports a spot buying process that lets privileged requestors create certain purchase orders without involving the procurement team. Procurement buyers can influence search relevance rankings in Oracle iProcurement Information Discovery to guide end users to preferred items and suppliers. Oracle Procurement Contracts delivers a complete view of linkages between procurement documents and contracts.
- <u>Projects</u>: Mapping of effort coefficients from activity resource requirements (ARR) to a schedule of values (SOV) improves project control and visibility. Project costing options reduce time and effort associated with expenditures and accounting adjustments. Project invoice consolidation simplifies billing for customers with many projects.
- <u>Manufacturing</u>: Expanded support for measuring yield at various process levels improves process manufacturing yield and margin. Landed cost support in project manufacturing provides a more complete view of project costs.
- <u>Value Chain Planning</u>: Oracle Service Parts Planning provides policy-based automation of parts replenishment, allowing service organizations to optimize service parts inventories.
- <u>Service</u>: Oracle Field Service and Oracle TeleService support the capture of
 multiple products located at the same site on a single service request. Service users
 can update task statuses tailored to the service tasks they are performing. Oracle
 Depot Repair offers a user-friendly web portal that lets authorized service partners
 submit approval requests and claims for outsourced repair work.
- Asset Lifecycle Management: Oracle Enterprise Asset Management allows a single
 work order to span multiple linear assets on an asset route to streamline work order
 management. Calendar-based preventive maintenance scheduling expands existing
 scheduling options. Maintenance staff can print work order packages using Oracle
 AutoVue to include technical drawings and other documents required to complete
 the work.
- Financials: Oracle Advanced Collections increases efficiency and lowers days sales outstanding by streamlining collection activities by customer, account, or bill-to levels. Oracle Channel Revenue Management improves accuracy and reduces exceptions by enabling channel revenue to be managed as a subledger.
- Human Capital Management: Payroll administrators can review and analyze retro
 pay details using a new, simplified UI. Oracle Time and Labor lets administrators
 credit overtime hours to absence accruals such as paid time off. Employees can
 leverage an Oracle Time and Labor calendar view of time card entries with
 configurable colors.

Modern User Experience

Oracle E-Business Suite 12.2.6 continues an ongoing pattern of user experience modernization that emphasizes simplified layouts, tablet optimization, and consistency with Oracle Cloud products. Key advances include:

- More Tablet-Optimized User Interfaces: Additional tablet-optimized UIs are
 provided in functional areas where users have a high mobility requirement, including
 shipping, receiving, and reservations.
- More HTML User Interfaces: HTML alternatives to several existing Forms
 interfaces offer simpler layouts and more modern user interactions. Examples
 include the Update Assets UI in Enterprise Asset Management, and AOL setup UIs
 for Users, Responsibilities, and Flexfields.
- Enhanced Information Discovery Applications: Oracle E-Business Suite Information Discovery applications include more product content and enhancements, enabling users to identify and act on high-priority transactions without custom operational reporting. New capabilities include a 360-degree order view in Order Management, asset reconciliation with GL in Financials, and Boolean search support in Installed Base.

Operational Efficiency

A key feature of Release 12.2 is Online Patching, which offers a smooth, predictable patching process that can dramatically reduce maintenance downtimes while maintaining business continuity. This latest release improves the efficiency of seed data and file handling during patching operations, shortening the Online Patching cycle. In addition, Run and Patch editions of customization files are automatically synchronized during Online Patching to reduce administrative overhead.

Supporting Resources

- Oracle E-Business Suite
- Oracle E-Business Suite Learning Subscription (includes free video content)
- Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2.6 Highlights (video)



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