

Oracle Ultra Search
vs
Oracle Secure Enterprise Search
Frequently Asked Questions

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTION

Oracle Ultra Search is a feature of the Oracle Database, and is also available in Oracle Application Server and Oracle Collaboration Suite products. It is a tool for finding **public** documents on corporate Web servers, databases, mail servers, file servers, Oracle10g Portal instances, Oracle Files and Mail.

At Oracle Open World in Tokyo, on March 2, 2006, Oracle launched a new product called Oracle Secure Enterprise Search (SES). This new product provides simple, secure, fast, stand-alone search for the Enterprise. The main difference from Ultra Search is that SES provides strong support for searching private/secure documents, and it is a standalone, easy to use product that is separate from the database. In more detail, SES provides the following:

- Better quality search results
- Secure Search, including the ability to store access control information in the search engine index
- Secure connector framework for accessing content from data sources
- Simple, "one-touch" install – no database setup required
- Simple administration, monitoring and tuning
- Added functionality, such as spell-checking, alternate keywords, suggested links, etc.
- Web services access to the search engine
- A roadmap that includes:
 - Secure connectors to many software application packages, such as, Oracle Content Services, Microsoft NTFS, Documentum, Lotus Notes, Oracle ERP and CRM applications, etc.
 - Ability to seamlessly integrate with 3rd party Directory and Authentication servers, such as, Microsoft Active Directory
 - And more advanced search features, such as visualization, clustering, and automatic classification

Oracle Ultra Search will continue to ship with the current releases of the Oracle Database, Oracle Application Server and Oracle Collaboration Suite. However, Ultra Search has been effectively transitioned into maintenance mode, i.e. no new features will be implemented in Ultra Search and it will be maintained on a "bug fix only" basis. We expect most Enterprise Search customers to move to Secure Enterprise Search.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. I am currently using Oracle Ultra Search. Can I continue to use it?

Yes. Oracle Ultra Search will continue to be maintained and supported in existing releases of Oracle 10g Database, Oracle Application Server 10g and Oracle Collaboration Suite 10g. However, there will be no enhancements in Oracle Ultra Search after Oracle 10g Database Release 1. Ultra Search will continue to be available in Oracle Database beyond 10g but it will be in "bug fix" only, maintenance mode for the foreseeable future.

2. I have already deployed Oracle Ultra Search for free, as part of my Oracle database. Why should I pay for Oracle Secure Enterprise Search?

Oracle Ultra Search is not "free" – rather, Oracle Ultra Search is included at no additional cost when you buy the Oracle Database, Oracle Application Server or Oracle Collaboration Suite. Pricing for Oracle Secure Enterprise Search is at \$30K/CPU or \$60 per Named User or \$30 per Employee. But some users may pay less for Secure Enterprise Search than for Oracle Ultra Search. For example, if you pay a CPU-based license fee for the Oracle Database and make heavy use of Oracle Ultra Search, you are typically paying additional Oracle Database license fee for your search. Whereas, the Oracle Secure Enterprise Search product may reduce that cost.

We expect that the additional functionality and simplicity of Oracle Secure Enterprise Search will persuade most Oracle Ultra Search users to switch to Oracle Secure Enterprise Search at the earliest opportunity.

3. I am currently using Oracle Ultra Search. Why should I switch to Oracle Secure Enterprise Search?

Oracle Secure Enterprise Search includes significant new functionality, and will continue to be enhanced, whereas, Oracle Ultra Search is in maintenance mode.

You should move to Oracle Secure Enterprise Search if:

- You want a secure search engine
- You want better quality search results
- You want a simple to use, standalone search engine
- You want to securely access data sources (e.g. Oracle Content Services, Oracle Portal, Lotus Notes, Documentum, etc.)
- You want added functionality, such as, spell-checking, suggested links, alternate keywords
- You want advanced secure search capabilities (e.g. Query Time Authorization, document-level access control)

- You do not have an Oracle Database or have Oracle Database expertise
- You want advanced search functionality, such as, visualization, classification, etc., over time
- You want web services access to the search engine
- You want incremental enhancements

4. Where can I find out more information about Oracle Secure Enterprise Search?

Oracle Secure Enterprise Search has been released for Windows, Linux, Solaris, HP-UX and AIX. Visit <http://www.oracle.com/technology/products/oses/index.html> for more information.

5. OK, I have read this FAQ, but I still have many more questions.

If you have more questions on Oracle Ultra Search and Oracle Secure Enterprise Search, send mail to the Product Manager, Stefan.Buchta@oracle.com