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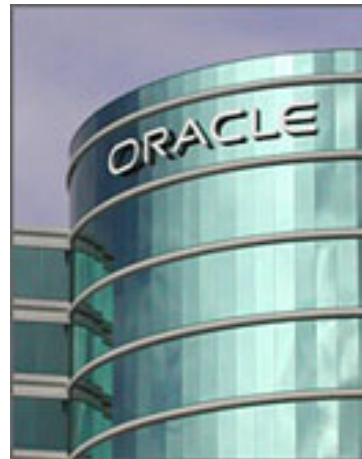
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Summary

Oracle's goals are to increase the quality of customers' superior ownership experience, support the complexities of managing for success in a global economy, and reduce overall information technology (IT) costs.

To attain these goals, Oracle's strategy is three-fold:

- (1) **Protect** – Oracle will continue to help protect customer's investments in JD Edwards World software by continuing to enhance JD Edwards World capabilities and committing to supporting JD Edwards World until at least 2013.
- (2) **Extend** – JD Edwards World is extending system capabilities by producing A9.1, a new release to be completed in 2006.
- (3) **Evolve** – JD Edwards World customers have more options than ever before to continuously evolve system capabilities, including planned conversions to Oracle's future ultimate evolution, FUSION.

The JD Edwards World line of products is specifically designed to support complex business operations with minimal operational costs. Product imperatives driving JD Edwards World enhancement efforts include:

- Compliance Support
- Operational Excellence
- Technology Improvements
- International Operations

JD Edwards World Release A9.1 focuses on these goals and imperatives, while continuing to provide significant value to a broad range of organizations.

As the first major JD Edwards World release since 1997, JD Edwards World Release A9.1 includes significant enhancements to; Address Book, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll, Shop Floor Control, Inventory Management, Sales Management, and Procurement.

Compliance Support

Compliance mandates affect all JD Edwards World clients, with a growing need for accountability in all sectors. Mandates such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and FDA Regulation 21 CFR Part 11 require documentation and

control in both business and IT management processes. JD Edwards World Release A9.1 delivers:

Address Book

Security will be enhanced through the proliferation of business unit security into additional address book application, inactivation codes by system and the merging of search type and action code security.

Approvals Workflow

Expanded regulatory oversight means that customers must be able to demonstrate that data in master and transaction files is correct and that the processes for maintaining that data are in control. The Approval Workflow enhancement will allow our customers to route new records and changes to existing records for approvals before those changes take effect.

Customers will be able to separate data entry from the update of the table, so that changes to critical files can be reviewed and approved before they take effect. The first transactions for which this functionality will be activated are those involved in maintaining address book, customer master data, and supplier data. The ultimate goal is to have the approval functionality available for all critical master files and control tables.

Compliance

Security enhancements will include creation of Segregation of Duties reporting that has become critically important in demonstrating sound security practices in a variety of regulatory audit processes. Reporting initially will support procure to pay and order to cash business processes.

Operational Excellence

Even in a time of tight cost controls, excellent organizations continue to invest in new processes and technologies in order to stay ahead of the competition. Reduction of waste and optimized operational performance continue as organizational imperatives. Profitable differentiation can occur when the organization personalizes business with internal or external customers. JD Edwards World recognizes and respects inherent differences in customer and customer groups. To this end, JD Edwards World Release A9.1 will deliver the following innovative improvements:

Address Book

In addition to supporting the existing parent/child address book structures, a new method for consolidation of customers and suppliers will be designed to expand the flexibility of Address Book, Accounts Receivable, and Accounts Payable function and reporting. JD Edwards World will increase flexibility by allowing suppliers to be paid by multiple bank accounts. Reinforcing the flexibility theme, users of JD Edwards World distribution will be able to deactivate address book numbers more selectively across Accounts Receivable, Sales, and Purchasing systems.

PC Upload / Download

Spreadsheet applications support many “off system” functions, such as forecasting, budgeting, and asset management. Transfer of this important information can be time-consuming, cumbersome, and in some cases, sacrifice data integrity and security – causing decisions to be made from inadvertently inaccurate information. Using existing data scrubbing and validation engines, JD Edwards World will help streamline and solidify the process of information transfer with A9.1, supporting both batch and interactive uploading and downloading of information.

Service & Warranty Management

JD Edwards World software is an acknowledged leader in manufacturing and distribution functionality. The planned functionality for managing service and warranty contracts will extend the value of these functions by allowing service contracts to be recorded, materials to be returned for repair, repair orders to be executed, and repair costs to be expensed or billed to the customer. Service on items will be integrated with the rest of the system, which will facilitate planning, providing and accounting for that service in a seamless process.

Lot Control Enhancements

For customers in highly regulated industries, new enhancements will allow for effective lot management across the enterprise and the retention of lot characteristics throughout this process. JD Edwards World customers will

have the benefit of greater flexibility and control, with visibility of lot characteristics at all times. This information is invaluable in quickly and efficiently resolving customer service issues, quality matters and possible product recalls.

Quality Management

The effect of poor quality is enormous for any company. The ability to measure the cost of poor quality is essential to process improvement. Enhancements to the Quality Management System will help our customers identify areas in the process where failures occur, reduce the costs of scrap and rework, and increase their customer satisfaction by improving overall product quality.

Kanban

Lean practices are gaining widespread adoption as companies around the globe seek to reduce inventory-carrying costs, eliminate lead times, and improve productivity. JD Edwards World A9.1 will contain new enhancements to the Kanban Management module to facilitate the demands of a lean/flow organization. The Kanban Management system will enable an automated "pull" based kanban process that links internal and external supply chain partners.

Spousal Life Insurance

With its flexible deduction, benefit, and accrual functionality, JD Edwards World Payroll accommodates a wide variety of calculation requirements. This enhancement enables payroll to calculate life insurance premiums for employee spouses, eliminating the need for tracking information or calculating these amounts outside of Payroll.

Positive Pay for Payroll

Reducing exposure to check fraud is increasingly important to today's financial managers. Financial institutions offer positive pay services to combat this risk by identifying and notifying clients of exception items.

JD Edwards World Payroll check processing will incorporate the ability to create positive pay files for transmission to the bank. A generic file format will allow for various bank requirements. The process will accommodate multiple pay cycles and transmittal to the bank according to the desired frequency.

Technology Improvements

JD Edwards World keenly recognizes the software investments customers have made and is actively working on continuous improvements in the upgrade process. Simplifying time-consuming, efficiency-draining tasks surrounding upgrades and providing standardized tools are our goals. JD Edwards World Release A9.1 provides:

Upgrade Improvements

A streamlined upgrade process will save valuable resources while minimizing disruptions to daily work. Data analysis tools will allow for better planning, estimation, and execution of the upgrade. Tools that assist in assessing customizations will simplify the process of evaluating and applying custom modifications. Net change documentation and training will facilitate the adoption of software enhancements. Proactive support sessions and remote upgrade services will be available throughout the upgrade process.

Service Oriented Architecture

Enterprise systems, such as JD Edwards World, face a continuous challenge to incorporate innovative technologies. Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) is a technology concept that is rapidly emerging as a powerful enabler of communication between disparate systems. Integration of business processes between JD Edwards World and other SOA enabled systems will be possible with the release of A9.1 through the design of web services that expose JD Edwards World application and data logic to external systems.

International Operations

Real-time enterprises understand the necessity of global reach and access, creating an increased need for JD Edwards World customers to expand into new markets and geographies, as well as to ensure continued compliance in existing markets. Oracle is committed to protecting our customers' software investment by ensuring that in a world of ever-changing statutory and local business requirements, the required updates are provided.

Localizations

JD Edwards World Release A9.1 will provide localizations for 17 countries. Of particular note are additions to Brazilian localizations, a solution for German GDPdU, and financial system localizations for a newly supported country, Russia.