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The Future of Oracle Forms

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Past, Present, Future

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We've Come A Long Way



Oracle continuing to invest and evolve Forms

*For more information about Oracle's commitment of Forms and Reports,
please see the Oracle Tools Statement of Direction on OTN:*

<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/issue-archive/2010/toolssod-3-129969.pdf>

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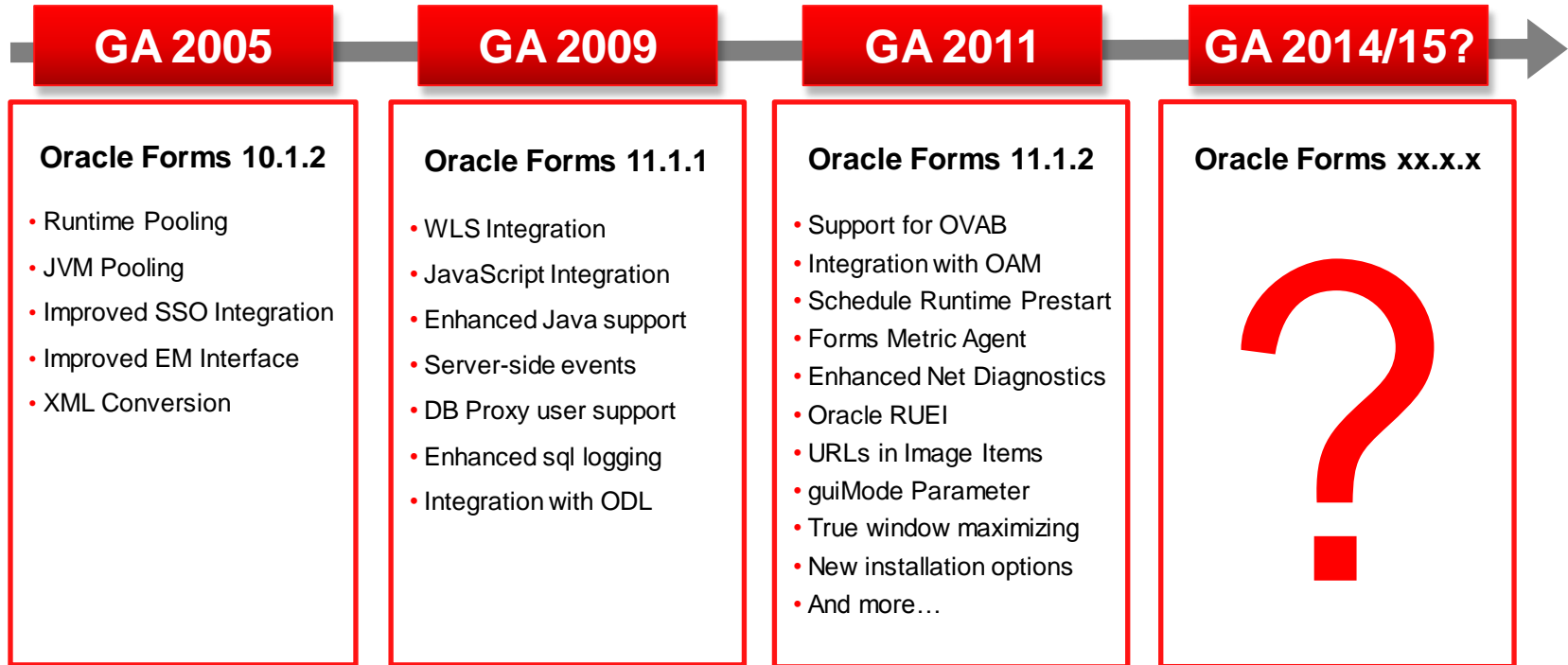
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Roadmap and Features



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What's Next – A Look Into The Crystal Ball

The next generation of Forms is in early stages of development. Here are a few areas being considered:

- Integrate with the latest WebLogic Server
- Integration and Certifications with more Oracle products
- Productivity improvements to the Forms Builder
- New applet parameters to enhance runtime behavior
- New and improved security features
- Access to more external or system events (currently only AQ is accessible)
- Improved SSO integration
- Improved diagnostic features
- New client deployment options
- New installation options
- Many more still under review...

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Why Upgrade To The Latest Version?

- Take advantage of being certified on modern platforms
- Take advantage of new features and enhancements
- Take advantage of performance and scalability improvements
- Take advantage of easier and improved integration with other products
- Ensure compatibility with newer Oracle products
- Ensure the highest level of security
- Make upgrading to the next version easier
- Remain protected with uninterrupted support

The Time to Act is Now

Product Support Timeline

Release	GA Date	Premier Support Ends	Extended Support Ends	Sustaining Support Ends
10g (9.0.4)	Dec 2003	Dec 2006	Dec 2008	Dec 2009
10gR2 (10.1.2.x) *	Jan - Oct 2005	Dec 2011	Not Available	Indefinite
Portal 11gR1, Forms 11gR1, Reports 11gR1 and Discoverer 11gR1 (11.1.1.x) ****	Jun 2009	Jun 2014	Jun 2017	Indefinite
Forms and Reports 11gR2 (11.1.2.x)	Oct 2011	Oct 2016	Oct 2017	Indefinite

<http://www.oracle.com/us/support/lifetime-support>

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It's Time to Retire

Product Details:

Product: Oracle Forms 6i

Product Version(s): 6.0.8.x

Desupport End Dates:

Error Correction Support (ECS): 31-JAN-2005

Extended Support (ES): 31-JAN-2008

Extended Maintenance Support (EMS): 31-JAN-2007



For detailed desupport information about 6i (6.0.8), refer to MOS Note 228666.1

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Tips For Making Upgrade A Breeze

- Review the new version's documentation.
 - *System Requirements Guide*
 - *Certification Guide*
 - *Installation Guide*
 - *Upgrade Guides*
- Prepare your existing application.
 - Create a backup of all files associated with your application
 - Be prepared to update the code to handle obsolete features
 - Be prepared to make changes to the UI

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Tips For Making Upgrade A Breeze

- Prepare the machine to receive the new installation.
 - Refer to the System Requirements Guide
 - Carefully consider RAM, CPU, disk space, network config. (*hint: more RAM is better*)
 - Stage the needed software on the machine.
 - Ensure that you have the correct JDK installed
 - Ensure that the machine has a static IP address
- Follow the instructions to install WLS 10.3.6 then Forms/Reports 11.1.2.1
- Test the installation before attempting to customize
- Although an Upgrade Assistant Utility is provided, performing a clean install and fresh configuration is always best.

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Valuable Documentation References

- Forms/Reports 11gR2 Documentation Library
 - http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E38115_01/index.htm
- Fusion Middleware Product Certifications
 - <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/middleware/ias/downloads/fusion-certification-100350.html>
- Oracle Lifetime Support Policy
 - <http://www.oracle.com/us/support/library/lifetime-support-middleware-069163.pdf>
- Steps to Maintain Oracle Forms & Reports 11g Release 2 (11.1.2)
 - *MyOracleSupport Note 1373061.1*

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Hybrid Examples

- **Living Side By Side**

Forms running alongside new technologies

- **Visual Integration**

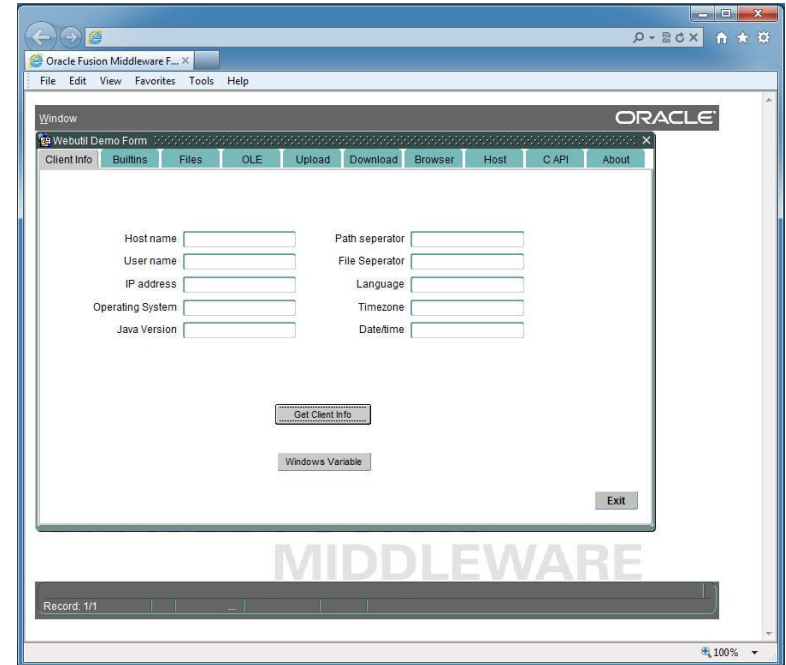
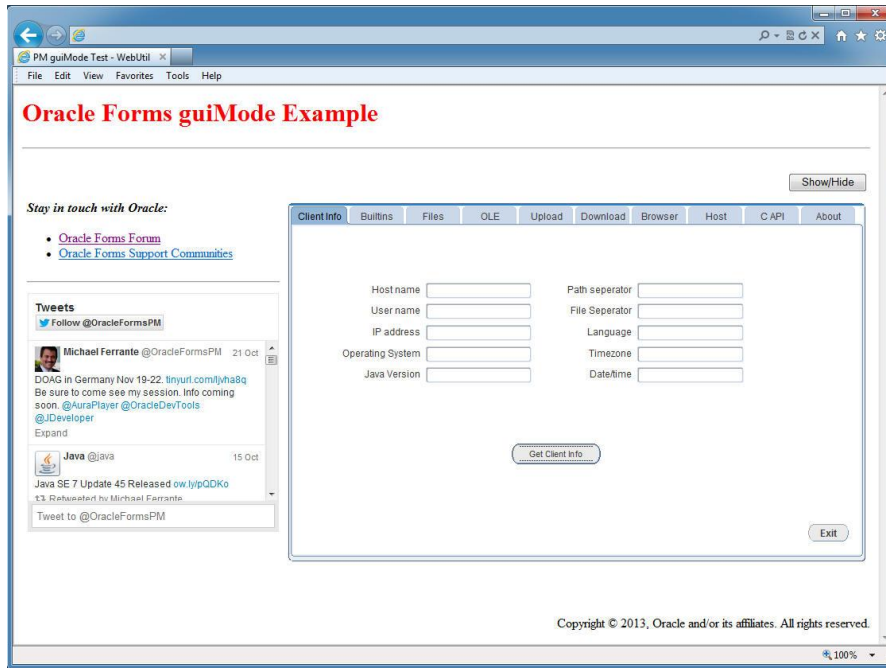
Create a common UI – Forms & ADF/APEX/Java - Javascript

- **Process / Service Integration**

Run common business logic - DB Events / Webservices

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11g-Release 2 New Feature - guiMode



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Oracle Forms on OTN

The screenshot shows the Oracle Technology Network (OTN) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Oracle logo, a search bar, and a list of menu items: PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, SOLUTIONS, DOWNLOADS, STORE, SUPPORT, TRAINING, PARTNERS, ABOUT. Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: Oracle Technology Network > Developer Tools > Forms > Overview. The main content area is titled "Overview" and includes tabs for Downloads, Documentation, Community, and Learn More. The central focus is the "Oracle Forms Services 11g" announcement, which describes the technology as a component of Oracle Fusion Middleware and highlights its long-established nature and ongoing development. A list of links is provided, including "Statement of Direction", "Forms Strategy and Modernization Webinar (2009)", and "Forms Strategy and Modernization Webinar (2011)". To the left of the main content is a sidebar with a list of product categories, including JDeveloper, NetBeans, Application Testing Suite, SQL Developer, and others. To the right, there is a "Popular Downloads" section listing various Oracle products like Berkeley DB, Enterprise Manager, and Java. At the bottom right, there is a "Oracle Cloud" banner with a "Get Started" button.

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FUSION MIDDLEWARE FORMS

Oracle Forms Services 11g
Oracle Forms, a component of Oracle Fusion Middleware, is Oracle's long-established technology to design and build enterprise applications quickly and efficiently. Oracle remains committed to the development of this technology, and to the ongoing release as a component of the Oracle platform. This continuing commitment to Forms technology enables you to leverage your existing investment by easily upgrading and integrating existing Oracle Forms applications to take advantage of web technologies and service oriented architectures (SOA).

- Statement of Direction
- Forms Strategy and Modernization Webinar (2009)
- Forms Strategy and Modernization Webinar (2011)

News

- ☐ **Come see us at Open World (September 22-26). There will be a "Future of Forms" presentation Monday evening. Check the OOW schedule for details.**
- ☐ Oracle Forms has added its first JDeveloper extension (Forms PJC Wizard 1.0) to the JDev Update Center. Although this extension has been around for some time, it has finally been added to the Update Center, making installation and updating simple. For anyone not familiar with this extension, it is intended to provide a basic template for Oracle Forms developers wanting to add Pluggable Java Components to their Forms applications. Adding PJC's to a Forms application is a great way to enhance the look-and-feel (and functionality) of any application.
03-July-2013

Technical Information

- Oracle Forms 11g Release 2**
Oracle Forms 11g R2 New Features Oct 2011
Oracle Forms 11g R2 Documentation Library Oct 2011
Oracle Forms 11g R2 Certified Platforms Oct 2011
Download Read Me and System Requirements and Specifications Oct 2011
- Oracle Forms 11g**
High Availability 1-Jul-2009
Client Platform Support 1-Jul-2009
Oracle Forms 11g New Features Webinar 1-Jul-2009
All Papers 1-Jul-2009

More ...

Popular Downloads

- Berkeley DB
- Enterprise Manager
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- Enterprise Pack for Eclipse
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- Solaris
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