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Preface

This book is a functional guide for Oracle Application HRMS R12. This guide will help implementers to design, implement, and deliver an Oracle apps HRMS system for customers.

What this book covers

Chapter 1, Introduction to Oracle Applications E-Business Suite, introduces Oracle EBS and describes the architecture of Oracle apps. Along with the architecture, it will cover various modules that are part of the Oracle HRMS family. In addition to this, it will cover the Multi Org Concept in Oracle Application and an overview of multiple organization structure in HRMS, along with practical examples.

Chapter 2, Oracle Application System Administration, shows you how to create application users, responsibilities, custom menus, request groups, and data groups. You will also learn to create concurrent programs and to attach them to responsibility.

Chapter 3, Fundamentals of Flexfields / Value Sets, explains the basics of flexfields. You will learn to define values sets, key flexfields, and descriptive flexfields.

Chapter 4, Business Group, Locations, and Organizations, covers the concept of work structures in HRMS. You will learn the basics of business groups, organizations, and locations in HRMS.

Chapter 5, Job, Position, Pay Grade, and Payroll, deals with the concept of jobs and positions. It defines a job, position and position hierarchy. It explains the concept of people group and payroll terminologies, such as payment methods, salary basis, and payroll definition.

Chapter 6, Entering People Information, talks about creating a new employee and entering employee data and additional data using DFF and KFF. You will also learn the concept of person type.

Chapter 7, Entering Assignment Information, teaches you about entering assignment information, in which you will study various components of assignments. You will also learn about entering assignment-related information. Then, you will also learn about assignment statuses in Oracle HRMS and entering salary for employees.

Chapter 8, Terminations, teaches you about terminating an employee. You will also learn how to reverse terminate an employee. We will also see how to terminate an assignment rather than an employee.

Chapter 9, Absence Management, covers the basics of absence management in Oracle. You will study the configuration of absences in which you will learn about defining absence types, elements, and so on. You will also learn about entering absences by HR and employees. We will see the important concept of calculation of absence duration.

What you need for this book

The list of software required is as follows:

- Internet Explorer, which can be downloaded from http://www.microsoft.com
- Oracle EBS R12 Instance
- Jinitiator 1.3.1.26

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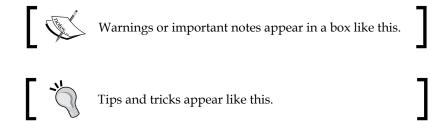
This book is for Oracle Apps HRMS Functional Consultants.

Conventions

In this book, you will find a number of text styles that distinguish between different kinds of information. Here are some examples of these styles and an explanation of their meaning.

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Introduction to Oracle Applications E-Business Suite

Oracle E-Business Suite is an Enterprise Resource Planning, which is also abbreviated as ERP. What exactly do we mean by an ERP? The three words themselves describe the meaning of this. You have an Enterprise that is a company, an organization, or even a small start-up. You need manpower to run this enterprise. Hence the word resource. In order to function effectively and efficiently, you need to manage and plan these resources.

In short, you need to plan your resources in your enterprise to meet the objective of your enterprise. Hence, you need an ERP. There are numerous benefits of Oracle E-Business Suite in today's world. Each business today has various aspects, and managing those aspects is, in its own way, very challenging. Almost every enterprise today is dependent on software technology and applications to perform their day-to-day operations.

So in order to provide an integrated solution, Oracle has come up with a unified solution that helps in managing all facets of running a business on a single platform. Oracle E-Business Suite provides this capability. This helps businesses to make better decisions. In addition, it also reduces cost and in turn increases productivity and profits, which is the bottom line for all businesses.

Oracle E-Business Suite has a wide chain of applications as follows:

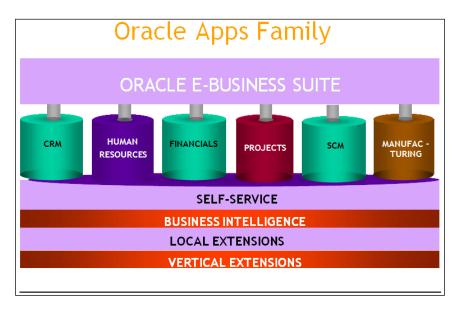
- Oracle Customer Relationship Management (CRM)
- Oracle Financials
- Oracle Human Resource Management System (HRMS)

- Oracle Logistics
- Oracle Supply Chain Applications
- Oracle Order Management
- Oracle Transportation Management
- Oracle Warehouse Management System

The following diagram is a pictorial representation of the Oracle EBS. In the following diagram, we have various applications across Oracle EBS such as CRM and Human Resource and modules such as self-service, which are used across all the applications of Oracle EBS.

Business Intelligence (**BI**) is the set of techniques and tools for the transformation of raw data into meaningful and useful information for business analysis purposes.

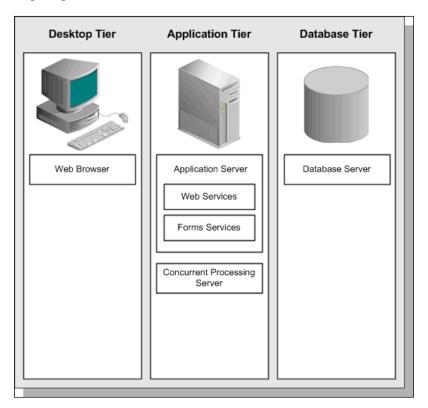
Local and vertical extensions are used in order to integrate, orchestrate, access, and analyze data and processes across applications. Local is within particular applications such as Human Resource, and vertical might be across other applications such as BPEL or other ERPs.



In addition to the preceding applications of E-Business Suites, there are a few other ERPs such as Oracle JD Edwards, Oracle People Soft, and so on, which are provided by Oracle. These also work on similar lines as E-Business Suite and each has their own architecture, as explained in later sections.

Architecture

The following diagram shows the basic architecture of Oracle E-Business Suite:



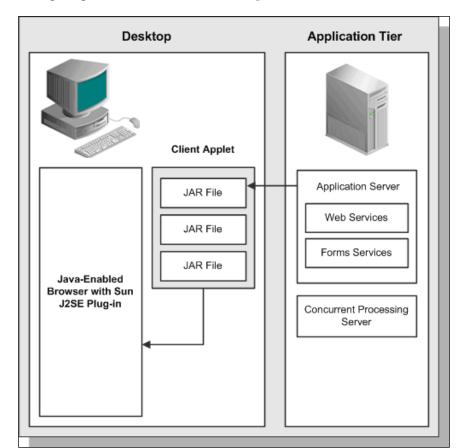
There are basically three tiers in the architecture:

- The desktop tier
- The application tier
- The database tier

The desktop tier

For HTML-based applications, the client interface is provided via HTML. The traditional form-based application used a Java applet in a web browser for client interface. Thus, it supports form-based as well as web-based client interfaces.

There is also an emerging trend of using the Oracle EBS application on mobile phones and hence, various mobile interfaces to use Oracle EBS are coming up in the market which offer an interactive platform for end users.



The following diagram is a form-based desktop tier architecture:

The desktop tier is actually the starting point of accessing the application as seen in the preceding diagram. The Oracle E-Business suite home page is used to log in to the system. This home page can be opened on a desktop client web browser. For all applications, whether web-based, form-based or BI, this home page acts as a single point of access. The following screenshot shows the login page for Oracle applications.