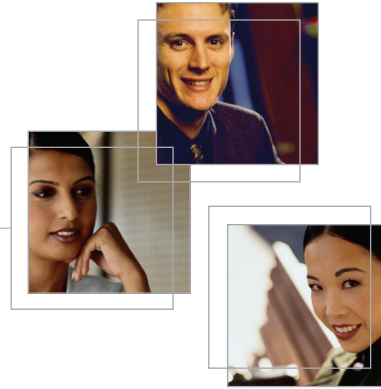


## Oracle–IBM iSeries Frequently Asked Questions



### Q: Does Oracle plan to continue to invest in the JD Edwards EnterpriseOne and JD Edwards World products on iSeries?

A: Yes. Oracle has publicly committed to plans to support the products and has announced plans to continue to enhance these products through at least 2013. For more information on product roadmaps, please visit [oracle.com/peoplesoft](http://oracle.com/peoplesoft).

Following is a list of the currently planned releases for each of the PeopleSoft and J.D. Edwards product lines:

- PeopleSoft Enterprise Version 8.9 in 2005
- PeopleSoft Enterprise Version 9.0 in 2006
- JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Version 8.12 in 2006
- JD Edwards World ongoing maintenance and regularly scheduled enhancements
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### Q: Do IBM and Oracle plan to continue to work together and invest in the iSeries customer community? If so, how?

A: IBM and J.D. Edwards have successfully supported customers together for more than 27 years. To continue this level of support, and in recognition of the importance of the iSeries customer community to Oracle and IBM, both companies have identified a senior executive to oversee the success of the IBM-Oracle alliance and to ensure that the companies work to achieve 100 percent satisfaction among their joint iSeries customers.

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The companies continue to work together on JD Edwards World and JD Edwards EnterpriseOne optimization for iSeries and operating system enhancements to better support these products.

The J.D. Edwards product teams are actively engaged with the iSeries development laboratory to determine ways to optimize the applications for iSeries and identify how IBM should modify the iSeries operating system to better support J.D. Edwards solutions. Also, the iSeries development team continues to provide on-site support to the JD Edwards World and JD Edwards EnterpriseOne teams as well as additional dedicated resources at IBM in Rochester. This support, together with the Link Technical Support Center, and the testing and sizing done in the International Competency Center, ensures customer needs are promptly and effectively addressed.

### Q: Will Fusion operate in the native iSeries environment? How will my iSeries investment be supported by Fusion?

A: Oracle is committed to customer success, and our executives have heard firsthand from many iSeries customers about how important the iSeries roadmap is to their business and ultimate satisfaction with Oracle.

IBM and Oracle are working closely to identify solutions that meet the price/performance expectations of our iSeries customer community. As the Oracle–PeopleSoft integration progresses, we are gathering joint customer requirements to consider for the architecture of Fusion. The iSeries platform is critical to many of our customers' businesses, and we are carefully considering the upgrade path for an iSeries environment.

We hope that our iSeries customers will see the upcoming JD Edwards World and JD Edwards EnterpriseOne enhancements as demonstrated commitment to their business as we work toward defining our longer-term Fusion roadmap. Oracle plans to provide clear and concise roadmaps for our customers before the end of the calendar year so they may plan their businesses accordingly.

**Q: What kinds of activities are under way to define the Fusion roadmap relative to iSeries?**

A: Oracle and IBM have recently gotten together to engage in planning and analysis. This includes active participation by J.D. Edwards product teams within Oracle. Additionally, Oracle is considering launching customer and partner focus groups to assess integration requirements, standards requirements, and interoperability requirements later this year.

**Q: What Oracle products are supported on what operating systems for IBM i5 servers?**

A: The entire Oracle stack is available for AIX 5L and (using the Integrated xSeries Server) on Windows and Linux x86. A production release of Oracle Database 10g for POWER Linux will be available later in 2005.

For i5/OS, there are two products. With the Oracle Transparent Gateway for DB2/400, Oracle users on any supported Oracle database platform have read and write access to i5 data. The Oracle Transparent Gateway for DB2/400 provides transparent access, making i5 data appear to be part of an Oracle database. In fact, end users may actually be unaware that the data resides on an i5 machine. With the Oracle Access Manager for AS/400, i5 applications written in RPG, COBOL, and C can access both DB2/400 and remote Oracle data on any supported platform. This access is completely transparent. i5 end users can read and write information without even realizing where the data resides. Ad-hoc SQL statements can also be issued with the same level of transparency.

**Q: What are Oracle's products for Linux running on IBM i5 servers?**

A: Currently there is a developer's release of Oracle Database 10g (including RAC) and a production client release for Linux running on i5. Click [here](#) to download. Later in the summer, Oracle will ship a full production version of Oracle Database 10g Release 2. A full statement of direction is also available from the link above.

**Q: Are Oracle products certified to run on AIX 5L on IBM i5 servers?**

A: The same Oracle binaries that run on AIX 5L on pSeries (p5) will run on i5 with no additional certification required.

**Question: Can IBM i5 servers participate in an Oracle grid?**

A: Yes. In fact, a customer can have Oracle software on AIX 5L, POWER Linux, i5/OS, Linux/x86 and Windows 2000/2003 all on the same box, all at the same time, all interconnected, and then top it off by clustering the i5 boxes with RAC's "grid in a box" within a grid.

**Q: Can RAC run on i5?**

A: Yes, i5 machines can be clustered and run RAC just as p5 can.

**Q: Is Oracle on Linux for i5 the same as Oracle on Linux for p5?**

A: Yes. The Oracle for POWER Linux (that is, Linux running on i5 and p5) is one and the same.

**Q: Will Oracle continue to support PeopleSoft World (aka JD Edwards World) with DB2/400 on i5/OS?**

A: Yes. Oracle currently supports customers running a broad range of non-Oracle products, and Oracle has experience working with competitors' products to solve customer problems. Oracle will work with other database vendors to provide support. Oracle anticipates adopting and continuing PeopleSoft's current support policy. Product support will include defect corrections as they arise, regular product enhancements such as new reports or functionality, and certain regulatory updates.

**Q: Will Oracle continue to support PeopleSoft EnterpriseOne (aka JD Edwards EnterpriseOne) on IBM i5 servers?**

A: Oracle will provide a range of long-term support options for the EnterpriseOne product line (formerly known as J.D. Edwards 5), as well as future product releases of Enterprise and EnterpriseOne.

**Q: Can JD Edwards World on i5/OS store its data in Oracle Database 10g in a Linux or AIX partition on the same i5 server or any other server?**

A: No. The Oracle database cannot be used as a data store for JD Edwards World. There are currently no plans to certify JD Edwards World with the Oracle Database. However, if customers wish to use Oracle, they should migrate to JD Edwards EnterpriseOne or Oracle E-Business Suite.

**Q: Will Oracle continue to support the use of IBM software (DB2, WebSphere) with PeopleSoft products?**

A: Yes, as mentioned above.

**Q: How will Oracle support customers migrating from JD Edwards World on OS/400 to JD Edwards EnterpriseOne on IBM iSeries servers?**

A: As a PeopleSoft customer, there will be no charge if you choose to migrate to the equivalent Oracle license or to the successor product set. You will simply will exchange existing PeopleSoft Enterprise, JD Edwards EnterpriseOne (formerly known as J.D. Edwards 5), and JD Edwards World software licenses for equivalent Oracle licenses, as long as you are fully licensed and current on maintenance. This will also include the equivalent underlying database licenses that are required to run the products, if you are using another company's database to run your PeopleSoft products.

**Q: How will Oracle work with the J.D. Edwards user group?**

A: Oracle values the feedback and input it regularly receives from its independent user groups. Oracle has been in close contact with the PeopleSoft user groups from around the world since the acquisition was announced. Oracle remains committed to the value these user groups offer to customers, and it expects to continue to support the independence of the PeopleSoft user groups.

**Q: Will Oracle be supporting customers through user group conferences?**

A: Yes. Oracle values the feedback and input it regularly receives from its independent user groups. Oracle has been in close contact with the PeopleSoft user groups from around the world since the acquisition was announced. Oracle has a strong relationship with the J.D. Edwards Quest user group organization and will engage and participate at Quest's global conference. Oracle will also be participating at COMMON, the independent user group focused on iSeries. At COMMON Oracle will be offering breakout sessions and demonstrating new functionality in the exhibitor showcase.

Oracle's annual customer event is Oracle OpenWorld. This fall at Oracle OpenWorld there will be a special two-day program for JD Edwards World customers with sessions and activities specifically directed toward J.D. Edwards customers.