

R12.2 Extension and Development Tips and Tricks

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Agenda

- Development Standards (2 tips)
- OnLine Patching, EBR (6 tips)
- Concurrent Programs (4 tips)
- Interfaces (3 tips)
- PL/SQL Code (7 tips)
- Don't Hard Code Configure Instead (5 tips)
- Use New Technology (3 tips)

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Development Standards



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1) Oracle EBS Development Standards

- It is extremely important in the R12.2 world to follow the Oracle EBS Development Standards:
 - Deploying Customizations in Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2 (MOS Doc ID 1577661.1),
 - Oracle® E-Business Suite Developer's Guide Release 12.2 (Part No. E22961-13), September 2015
 - Oracle® Workflow Developer's Guide Release 12.2 (Part No. E22011-11), September 2015
 - Oracle® E-Business Suite Integrated SOA Gateway Developer's Guide Release 12.2 (Part No. E20927-10), September 2015
 - Oracle® E-Business Suite Desktop Integration Framework Developer's Guide Release 12.2 (Part No. E22005-10), September 2015



2) Your EBS Development Standards



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- You need your own organizations development standards that cover:
 - Documentation
 - What was the gap, who requested it, high level design, on going maintenance, how to migrate it, etc
 - Object Naming Conventions
 - Not just DB and File System Objects
 - Also migration and patch conventions
 - Script structure
 - Source Code Control
 - Now with multiple filesystems and code in the database it become even more important that you start making changes from the current version
 - Check out some of the OpenSource options:
 - GIT/GITHub (Merge)
 - Subversion (Merge or Lock)



OnLine Patching, EBR



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3) Register Your Custom Application

- This is essential in R12.2 for Edition Based Redefinition (EBR) to work.
- This will include your custom top and environment variables to get to it.
- Come up with a short name prefixed by 'XX' and use this throughout your custom work.
 - DB Objects, Filesystem Objects, Concurrent Programs, etc
 - A good option is a stock trading symbol (1-4 characters) or a company abbreviation
- Keep Short Name and Product Code the same.
- One Custom Application vs Module Centric Custom Applications
- Possibly create additional applications if you have some really large customizations

```
select t.APPLICATION_NAME,  
       t.DESCRPTION,  
       a.APPLICATION_SHORT_NAME,  
       a.PRODUCT_CODE,  
       a.BASEPATH  
from FND_APPLICATION_TL t,  
     FND_APPLICATION a  
where a.APPLICATION_ID = t.APPLICATION_ID  
      and a.APPLICATION_SHORT_NAME like 'XX%';
```

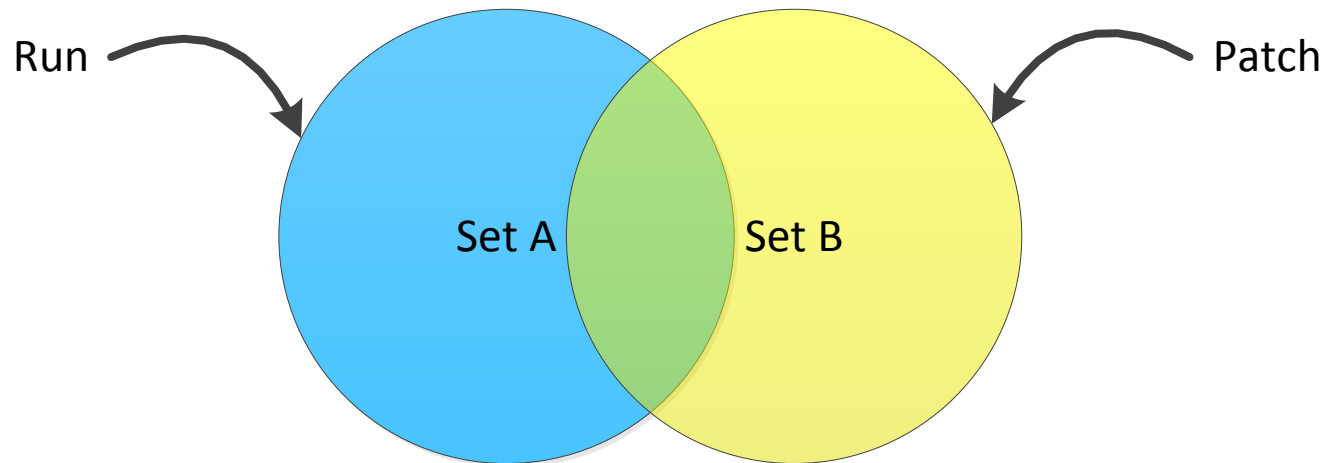


| Application Name | Description | Short Name | Product Code | Base Path |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| O'Reilly Media Custom | O'Reilly Media Custom Application | XXORM | XXORM | XXORM_TOP |



4) Know Edition Based Redefinition

- Become very familiar with Edition Based Redefinition (EBR) in the DB and understand how it works especially within the EBS OnLine Patching paradigm





4) Know Edition Based Redefinition

- Editionable DB Objects are:
 - Synonyms
 - Views
 - All PL/SQL Object Types
Function, Package Spec/Body, Procedure, Trigger, Type and Type Body
- Everything else in the DB is non-Editable
- Simple Rules
 - A Non-Edited Object cannot depend on an Edited Object
 - An Edited Object (View) cannot be involved in a Foreign Key Constraint
 - An Abstract Data Type cannot be both edited and evolved





4) Know Edition Based Redefinition

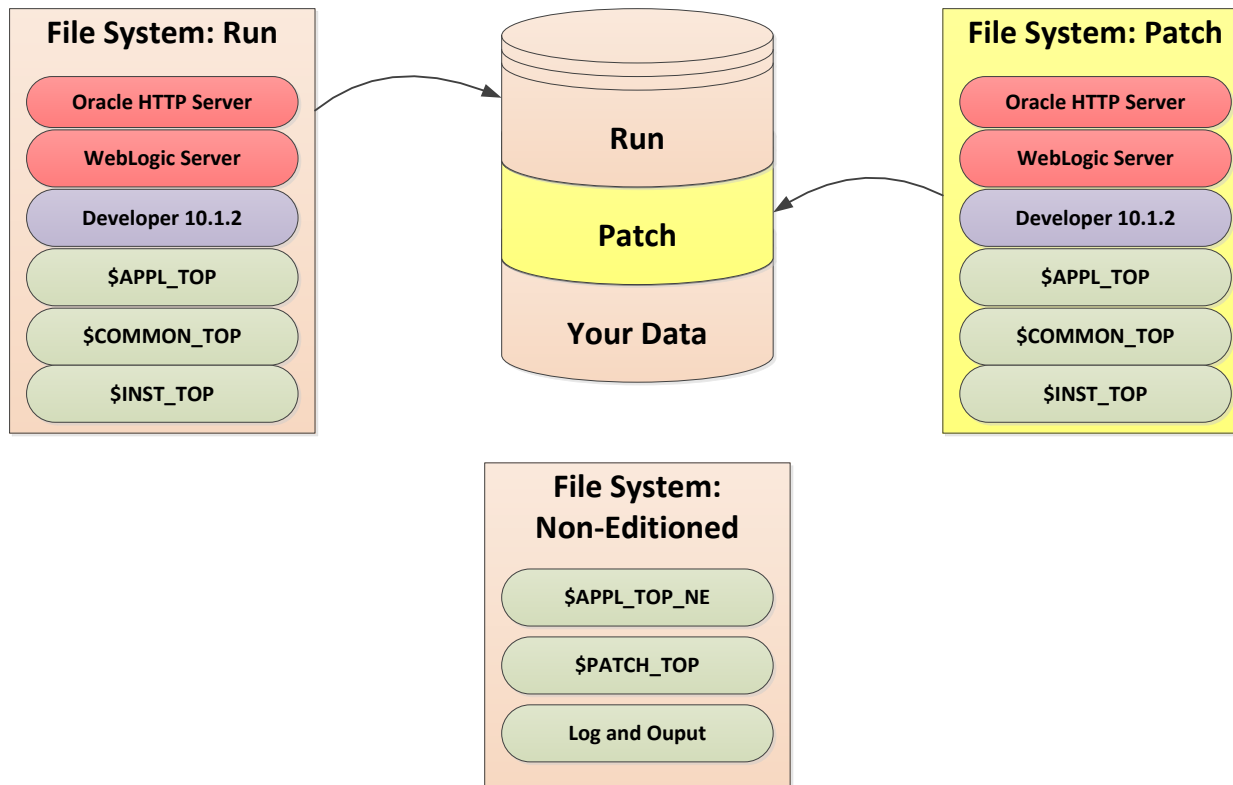
- Edition
 - Basically this is an attribute assigned to the DB session
 - You have two: Run and Patch
 - Only affect: Views, Synonyms, PL/SQL
- Editioning View
 - This provides a logical representation of the data
 - Physical table storage may be different
- Cross Edition Triggers
 - Forward Cross Edition Trigger to update the Patch data
 - Reverse Cross Edition Trigger to update the Run data



5) Understand EBS Editions



- File system structure:
 - Edited: Run and Patch
 - Non-Edited
- Database Objects
 - Edited: Run and Patch
 - Your Data



5) Understand EBS Editions



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- How to identify your Edition:

OS:

```
echo $FILE_EDITION
```

DB:

```
select ad_zd.GET_EDITION_TYPE,  
       ad_zd.GET_EDITION  
from dual;
```



5) Understand EBS Editions



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- How to set your Edition:

OS:

```
source /oracle/ebs122/EBSapps.env run
```

or

```
source /oracle/ebs122/EBSapps.env patch
```

```
echo $RUN_BASE      - the run filesystem
```

```
echo $PATCH_BASE   - the patch filesystem
```

DB:

```
ad_zd.SET_EDITION ('RUN')
```

or

```
ad_zd.SET_EDITION ('PATCH')
```



6) Develop in Run Edition

- All development in your DEV instance will happen in that instances Run Edition
- Only Run Editions have a UI
- Be aware of patch cycles in your DEV instance



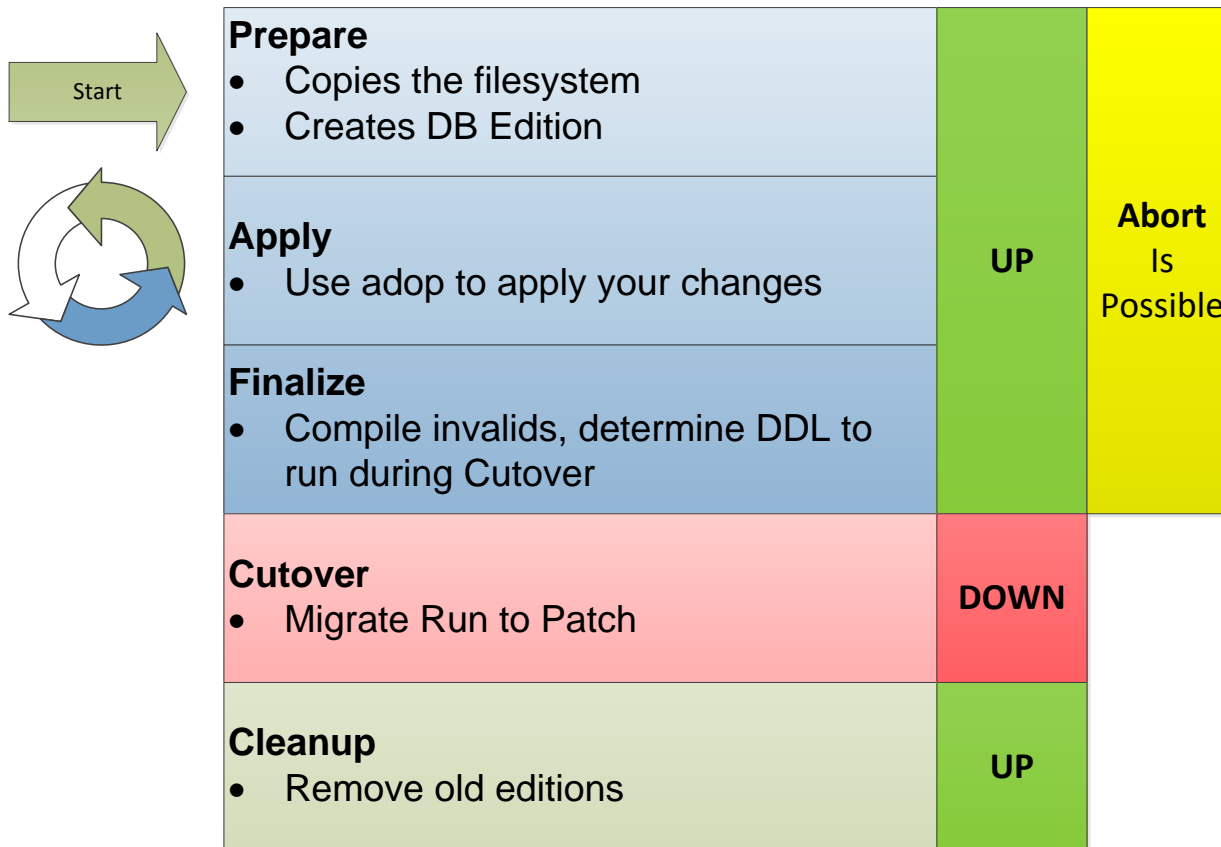
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7) Understand EBS OnLine Patching

- Patch Cycle
- What happens during each step in the Patch Cycle



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7) Understand EBS OnLine Patching



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- How to check the status of patching, where in the cycle are you?

OS:

```
adop -status
```

DB:

```
sqlplus apps @ADZDSHOWED.sql
```

- This is especially important to verify if a patch cycle is in process in the development instance so you don't lose your work





8) Use EBS Tools to Deploy Changes

- When deploying your changes in an Online Patching environment you won't have a UI
- So you must use the EBS tools to migrate changes

FNDLOAD

MOS Note: Tips and Examples Using FNDLOAD
(Doc ID 735338.1)

XMLImporter/XMLExporter

MOS Note: How to use XMLImporter/XMLExporter to import/export personalization (Doc ID 344204.1)

WFLOAD

MOS Note: How To Use WFLOAD To Download, Upload, Upgrade, Force Upload A Workflow To Database? (Doc ID 1569004.1)

XDOLoader

MOS Note: How To Use XDOLoader to Manage, Download and Upload Files? (Doc ID 469585.1)



Concurrent Programs



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9) Names

- Follow a convention for the User Concurrent Program Name
 - Users clearly know what is custom
 - Users know generally what module the custom program is related to, usually a two letter abbreviation after the short name:
 - ‘XXCUST INV%’ – Inventory custom
 - ‘XXCUST GL%’ – General Ledger custom
- Program Short Name
 - Should match your Executable Name



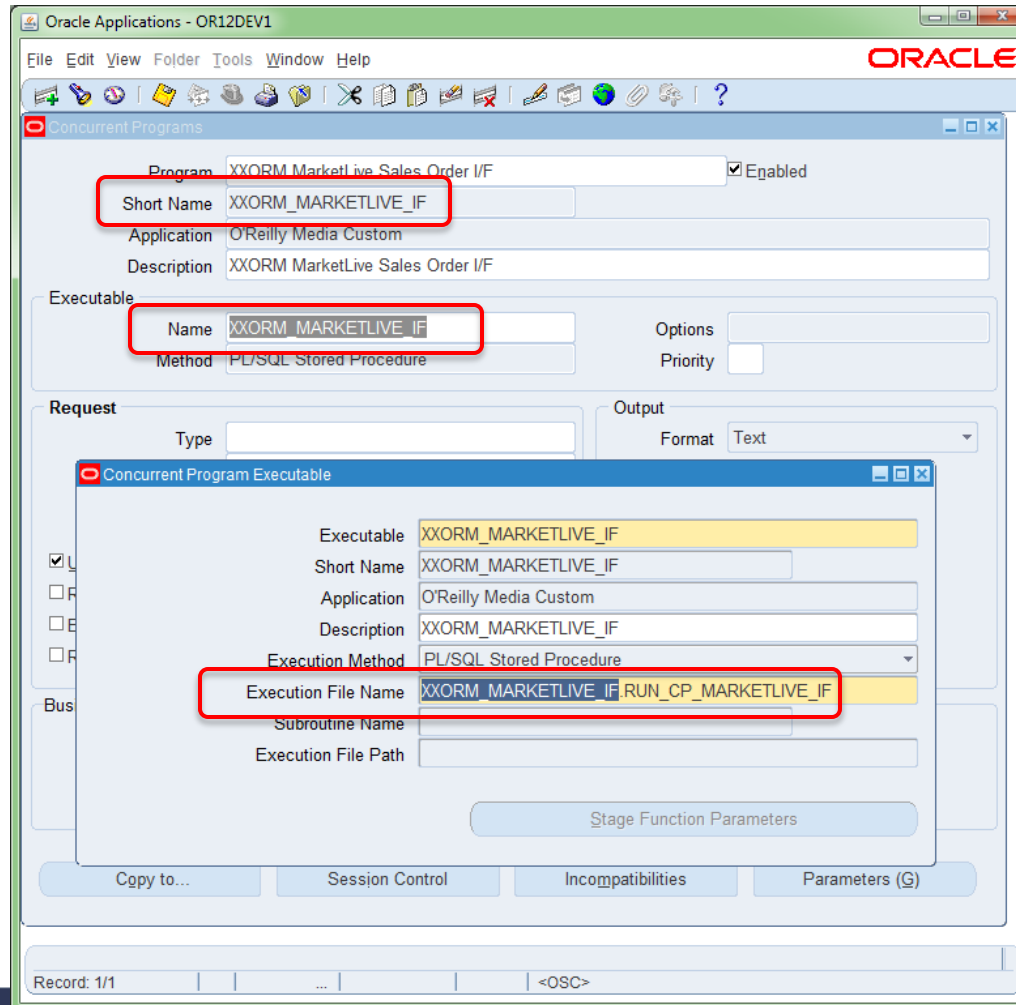
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9) Names

- Generally keep the Program Short Name same as Executable Name same as Execution File Name



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10) Output File

- The output file is for the end user
- Make sure it is as clear as possible
- Always include the:
 - Parameters user submitted with
 - Request ID (fnd_global.CONC_REQUEST_ID)
 - Database Name (v\$database.NAME)
 - Start Time, End Time, Calculated Run Time (min)
 - Summarized Counts at end

Output files can be saved and then brought out later and questioned. You won't always know where the user ran it, or how.



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11) Log File

- The log file is for IT to debug
- Have a debug parameter to keep log files small unless in the middle of debugging
- Consider implementing a log table in the DB to hold messages, it is faster to search
- Always include the:
 - Parameters User Submitted With
 - Request ID (fnd_global.CONC_REQUEST_ID)
 - Database Name (v\$database.NAME)
 - Start Time, End Time, Calculated Run Time (min)

This is often all you will have access to since Output Files are no longer visible to all users of a responsibility



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12) Parameters

- Don't hard code values in the program code, include them in hidden Concurrent Program Parameters with default constant values.
- Better yet store them in a flexible data structure (more on that later)

The screenshot shows the Oracle Applications interface for defining Concurrent Program Parameters. The window title is 'Oracle Applications - OR12DEV1'. The 'Concurrent Program Parameters' window is open for the program 'XXORM Auto FTP' and application 'O'Reilly Media Custom'. The parameters are listed in a table:

| Seq | Parameter | Description | Enabled |
|-----|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10 | Origin_IP | Origin IP Address | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 20 | Dest_Path | Destination Path | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 30 | Dest_Filename | File Name | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 40 | UserName | User Name | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Below the table, the 'Validation' section for the selected 'Dest_Path' parameter is shown. It includes a 'Value Set' of '100 Characters', a 'Default Type' of 'Constant', and a 'Default Value' of 'bank/to_be_processed/'. The 'Required' checkbox is checked. The 'Display' checkbox is also checked. The 'Display Size' is 50, and the 'Prompt' is 'Destination Path'.

Interfaces



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13) Have DEV, TEST, PROD Support

- Always consider support for a DEV, TEST, PROD instance of EBS and corresponding external system
- Automatically know the instance in your code, don't ask the user:
 - OS
 - \$TWO_TASK, or query from DB
 - DB
 - v\$database.NAME
- Based on the instance you are running in have a user editable, flexible data structure that holds the required details (more on that later)



14) Interface Top Directory

- If this is a file based interface, use a common Interface Top Directory structure with directories:
 - To_Be_Processed
 - Done
 - Error
- Put this under the instance path, possibly under **\$APPLCSF**.

`$APPLCSF/interfaces/<if_name>/<processing>`

Where:

Interfaces = constant string

<if_name> = the interface name or abbreviation

<processing> = the subdirectories mentioned above





15) Consider Parsing File in PL/SQL

- Consider parsing your file in PL/SQL rather than using SQL*Loader
 - Much simpler and more robust error/exception handling
- Use utl_file to read the file
- Mount the interface directory structure on the DB tier
- Use DB Directories, not utl_file_dir to reference physical locations
 - These can be quickly updated during clones by the DBA using a script
- I am not a huge fan of Oracle External Tables in the database. These are a quick way to get data into the DB for testing purposes but are not robust enough for production level interfaces in my opinion.



PL/SQL Code



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16) PL/SQL Package Version

- In all of your PL/SQL packages have a Package Version function.

```
FUNCTION PACKAGE_VERSION  
  RETURN VARCHAR2  
IS  
BEGIN  
  RETURN '2016/01/13';  
END PACKAGE_VERSION;
```

- First thing in the Package Body
- This is manually maintained, usually right after the header revision comments
- Now you can query code versions quickly and compare across instances

```
select d.NAME sid,  
       v.PROFILE_OPTION_VALUE site,  
       xxcust_sla_interface.PACKAGE_VERSION,  
       xxcust_sub_interface.PACKAGE_VERSION,  
       xxcust_archiving_source.PACKAGE_VERSION,  
       xxcust_archiving_dest.PACKAGE_VERSION@XXCUST_DEST_ARCH  
from FND_PROFILE_OPTION_VALUES v,  
     FND_PROFILE_OPTIONS o,  
     v$database d  
where o.PROFILE_OPTION_ID = v.PROFILE_OPTION_ID  
      and o.PROFILE_OPTION_NAME = 'SITENAME';
```





17) Structure Your Code

- Use case and indentation to make the code quickly readable
- Either do this manually or using a tool like TOAD

```
if (x_return_status != fnd_api.g_ret_sts_success) then for i in 1 .. x_msg_count
loop fnd_msg_pub.get(p_msg_index => i,p_encoded => fnd_api.g_false, p_data => v_message,
p_msg_index_out => v_msg_index_out);
process_error_message (p_order_source_id => p_order_source_id, p_orig_sys_document_ref =>
p_orig_sys_document_ref, p_orig_sys_line_ref => p_orig_sys_line_ref, p_error_message => 'error: ' ||
v_msg_index_out); end loop; end if;
```

```
if (X_RETURN_STATUS != FND_API.G_RET_STS_SUCCESS)
then
FOR i IN 1 .. x_msg_count
LOOP
fnd_msg_pub.GET(p_msg_index => i,
p_encoded => Fnd_Api.G_FALSE,
p_data => v_message,
p_msg_index_out => v_msg_index_out);

PROCESS_ERROR_MESSAGE (p_order_source_id => p_order_source_id,
p_orig_sys_document_ref => p_orig_sys_document_ref,
p_orig_sys_line_ref => p_orig_sys_line_ref,
p_error_message => 'ERROR: ' || v_msg_index_out);

END LOOP;
end if;
```





18) Reference Parameters in Calls

This

```
fnd_msg_pub.GET(i,  
                Fnd_Api.G_FALSE,  
                v_message,  
                v_msg_index_out);
```

Or This

```
fnd_msg_pub.GET(p_msg_index => i,  
                p_encoded => Fnd_Api.G_FALSE,  
                p_data => v_message,  
                p_msg_index_out => v_msg_index_out);
```





19) Create an Output Framework

- Constant Output Header format that can be used on multiple programs

```
fnd file.PUT LINE (fnd file.OUTPUT, 'Running XXORM MarketLive I/F at '  
    || to_char(sysdate, 'DD-MON-YYYY HH24:MI:SS')  
    || ' Request ID ' || FND_GLOBAL.CONC_REQUEST_ID);  
  
fnd_file.PUT_LINE (fnd_file.OUTPUT, 'Parameters:');  
fnd file.PUT LINE (fnd file.OUTPUT, ' P ORDER_SOURCE_ID = '  
    || p_order_source_id);  
  
fnd file.PUT LINE (fnd file.OUTPUT, ' P ORIG_SYS_DOCUMENT_REF = '  
    || p_orig_sys_document_ref);  
  
fnd_file.PUT_LINE (fnd_file.OUTPUT, ' P_INTERFACE_ORDERS = '  
    || p_interface_orders);
```

- Write to DBMS_OUTPUT or FND_FILE based on FND_GLOBAL.CONC_REQUEST_ID, if -1 then send output to DBMS_OUTPUT
- Constant Output Footer format that can be used on multiple programs



20) Create a Logging Framework



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- Constant Log Header format that can be used on multiple programs

```
fnd_file.PUT_LINE (fnd_file.LOG, 'Running XXORM_MARKETLIVE_IF.RUN_CP_MARKETLIVE_IF at '
|| to_char(sysdate, 'DD-MON-YYYY HH24:MI:SS')
|| ' Request ID ' || fnd_file.CONC_REQUEST_ID);
fnd_file.PUT_LINE (fnd_file.LOG, 'Parameters:');
fnd_file.PUT_LINE (fnd_file.LOG, ' P_ORDER_SOURCE_ID = '
|| p_order_source_id);
fnd file.PUT LINE (fnd file.LOG, ' P ORIG SYS DOCUMENT_REF = '
|| p_orig_sys_document_ref);
fnd file.PUT LINE (fnd file.LOG, ' P INTERFACE_ORDERS = '
|| p_interface_orders);
```

- Write to DBMS_OUTPUT or FND_FILE based on FND_GLOBAL.CONC_REQUEST_ID, if -1 then send output to DBMS_OUTPUT
- Handle a global variable that holds Debug Level, this can be set from a concurrent program parameter
- Also write log messages to a custom table, use PRAGMA AUTONOMOUS_TRANSACTION so you can commit log table entries independently





21) Always Set Request Status

Ensure your program completes with:

- Normal: no issues encountered, viewing output file is optional
- Warning: issues the user can research and possibly fix, need to view output file
- Error: fatal issues, SQL or PL/SQL, unhandled exceptions, need IT assistance to resolve

Define global constants.

```
g_retcode_normal  VARCHAR2(2000) := '0';  
g_retcode_warning VARCHAR2(2000) := '1';  
g_retcode_error   VARCHAR2(2000) := '2';
```

```
PROCEDURE SUBMIT_TEST(p_errbuf          OUT VARCHAR2,  
                     p_retcode        OUT VARCHAR2,  
                     p_source_name    IN  VARCHAR2,  
                     p_reset_all     in  varchar2  
                     )
```

IS

```
v_source_name_code  VARCHAR2(100);
```

BEGIN

```
g_retcode := g_retcode_normal;  
g_errbuf  := NULL;  
g_error_cnt := 0;
```

Put your actual code here

```
IF (g_error_cnt > g_retcode_normal)  
THEN  
    p_retcode      := g_retcode_warning;  
    p_errbuf      := 'See Output File for Error Messages';  
    OUT ('Please review out and log files for errors');  
ELSE  
    OUT ('Test Scenarios Data Generation successful, no errors encountered');  
END IF;  
END SUBMIT_TEST;
```



22) PL/SQL Result Cache



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- As of Oracle 11G DB you can have your PL/SQL Function cache results based on a set of Input Parameters.
- Oracle handles this caching for you automatically in memory.
- You specify what causes the cache to be invalidated.
- Make sure your input parameters are unique enough to correctly define the values, you don't want to cache an AMOUNT column.
- Cache the highest level of data with commonality you can.
- Multiple processes all trying to add values to cache will cause Latch Waits, so be careful how you use this.



22) PL/SQL Result Cache

- Package Spec

```
FUNCTION MY_LOOKUP (p_condition1  VARCHAR2,  
                   p_condition2  VARCHAR2,  
                   p_condition3  VARCHAR2)  
  
RETURN VARCHAR2  
    RESULT_CACHE;
```

- Package Body

```
FUNCTION MY_LOOKUP (p_condition1  VARCHAR2,  
                   p_condition2  VARCHAR2,  
                   p_condition3  VARCHAR2)  
  
    RETURN VARCHAR2  
    RESULT_CACHE RELIES_ON (MTL_CATEGORIES_B)  
  
IS  
BEGIN  
  
.....  
END MY_LOOKUP;
```



Don't Hard Code Configure Instead



23) Don't Hard Code

- If you ever find yourself assigning values in your code, either strings or numeric, ask yourself is there some place else I can get this data.
- If not seeded then consider:
 - Custom Profile Option
 - Descriptive Flex Fields, DFF
 - Key Flex Fields, Inventory : Item Categories



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24) Custom Profile Options

- Application Developer => Profile Option
- Use the SQL Validation to validate input.

Oracle Applications - OR12DEV1

File Edit View Folder Tools Window Help

ORACLE

Profiles

Name: XXORM_POD_NETTING_SUBINVENTORY

Application: O'Reilly Media Custom

User Profile Name: XXORM POD Netting SubInventory

Description: XXORM POD Netting SubInventory

Hierarchy Type: Security

| Hierarchy Type Access Level | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Visible | Updatable |
| Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Application | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Responsibility | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Server | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Server+Responsibility | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| User | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Active Dates

Start: 09-JAN-2013

End:

User Access

Visible

Updatable

SQL Validation used for the Profile Option's List of Values

```
Editor
SQL="select SECONDARY_INVENTORY_NAME \"SubInv\",
SECONDARY_INVENTORY_NAME
into :visible_option_value,
:profile_option_value
from MTL_SECONDARY_INVENTORIES
where nv(DISABLE_DATE,SYSDATE) >= SYSDATE
and ORGANIZATION_ID = 151"
COLUMN="\"SubInv\"(10)"
```

Record: 1/1



25) DFF on Value Set Values



- Obviously you can define DFF's on existing EBS data tables
- What if you want to add a DFF to variable user entered data, like a Value Set Value?

The screenshot shows the Oracle Applications interface for defining a DFF on Value Set Values. The main window is titled "Segment Values" and has tabs for "Values, Effective" and "Values, Hierarchy, Qualifiers". The "Values, Hierarchy, Qualifiers" tab is active, showing a table of values for the "ORM Account" value set. A red box highlights the "Qualifiers" column, which contains the value "Yes.Yes.Asse 10". A red arrow points from this box to the "Flexfield Segment Values" dialog box, which is open in the foreground. This dialog box shows a list of ACodes and their corresponding descriptions, with a red box highlighting the "Qualifiers" column in the background table.

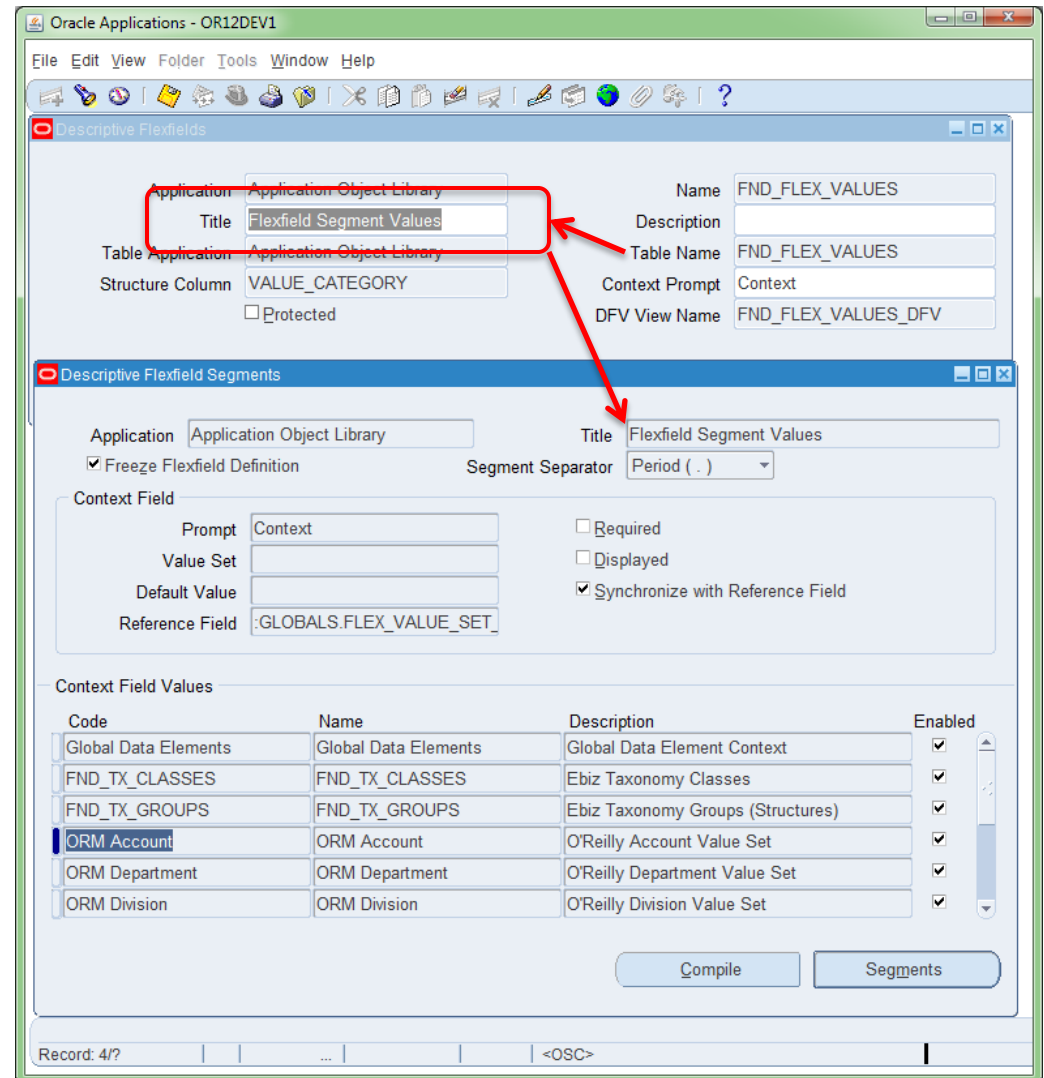
| Value | Translated Value | Description | Parent | Group | Level | Qualifiers |
|--------|------------------|---------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| 131110 | 131110 | Prepaid Health Ins. | | | | Yes.Yes.Asse 10 |
| 131210 | | | | | | |
| 131310 | | | | | | |
| 131910 | | | | | | |
| 140A02 | | | | | | |
| 141000 | | | | | | |
| 141110 | | | | | | |

| ACode | Description |
|---------|---|
| ACode00 | 10 Assets |
| ACode01 | 10 Assets |
| ACode02 | 148 Prepaid Expenses & Other Current Assets |
| ACode03 | |
| ACode04 | |
| ACode05 | 1CFO Cash Flow (From) To Operations |
| ACode06 | OTHERS Other Transactions |
| ACode07 | 148 Prepaid Expenses & Other Current Assets |
| ACode08 | |
| ACode09 | |



25) DFF on Value Set Values

- Value Set Values DFF is called: 'Flexfield Segment Values'
- Make this context sensitive
- Reference Field: :GLOBALS.FLEX_VALUE_SET_NAME
- Each context sensitive column can be optionally required
- Values come from Value Sets as well



25) DFF on Value Set Values

- This gives you one extra dimension to a given Value Sets Values, up to 50 additional columns of data per value
- DFF is context sensitive so different meanings for each value set
- Now when a user assigns a value to the GL Account they must fill in the DFF columns providing additional details for programs and reports to use
- This places the users in control of their data
- Removes dependency on programs or IT staff



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26) Item Categories Structure

- What if you have a requirement for more than one condition columns to provide multiple result values?
- Sort of a multi-dimensional array of config data
- Then use an Inventory Item Category Structure KFF
- Don't assign the Category Structure to an Item Category Set so it will not confuse or impact the Inventory users
- Use the Item Category Codes screen to set values
- This provides 20 segments of data that can be validated using Value Sets
- Segments are limited to character data, 40 bytes in length





26) Item Categories Structure

- Example we have a need to have 9 condition values uniquely define 2 result values
- Segments 1-15 are being used for conditions
- Segments 16-20 are used for results
- You can vary the condition and result columns anywhere from 1 to 19.

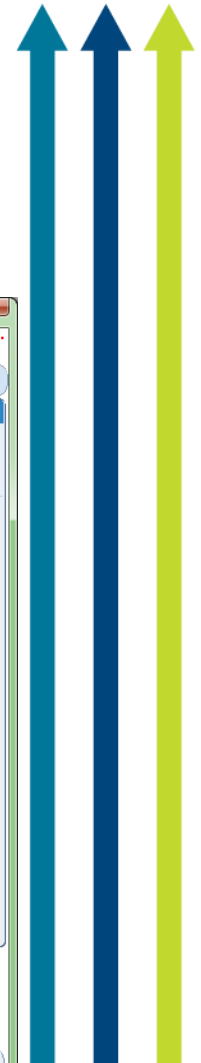
| Segment | Prompt/Description | Value Set | Required | C/R |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----|
| 1 | TRX_TYPE | XXEO_PF_TRX_TYPE_A | Y | C |
| 2 | TRX_SUBTYPE | XXEO_PF_TRX_SUBTYPE_A | Y | C |
| 3 | ASSIGNMENT_TYPE | XXEO_PF_ASSIGNMENT_TYPE_A | Y | C |
| 4 | FULFILL_VIA | XXEO_PF_FULFILL_VIA_A | Y | C |
| 5 | PAYMENT_METHOD_CODE | XXEO_PF_PAYMENT_METHOD_CODE_A | Y | C |
| 6 | PAYMENT_METHOD_TYPE | XXEO_PF_PAYMENT_METHOD_TYPE_A | Y | C |
| 7 | ACCOUNT | XXEO_PF_ACCOUNT_A | Y | C |
| 8 | AMOUNT | XXEO_PF_SPECIAL_STRINGS | Y | C |
| 9 | VAT_COUNTRY | XXEO_PF_COUNTRIES_A | Y | C |
| 16 | Reporting Code | 40 Chars | Y | R |
| 17 | Rpt Sequence Prefix | XXEO_PF_RPT_SEQUENCE_PREFIX | N | R |



26) Item Categories Structure



- Key Flex Field => 'Item Categories'
- Enter a View Name, and EBS will automatically build a view with column names that match you category structure
- Use a View Name like => Code || ' _V'
Ex: XXEO_PF_LKP_RPT_CODE => XXEO_PF_LKP_RPT_CODE_V



Oracle Applications - DEV (Cloned from Jun18 prd backup)

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Navigator - Inventory

Key Flexfield Segments

Application: Inventory Flexfield Title: Item Categories

| Code | Title | Description | View Name |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| XXEO_PF_LKP_RPT_CODE | XXEO_PF_LKP_RPT_CODE | | XXEO_PF_LKP_RPT_CODE |
| | | | |
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| | | | |

Freeze Flexfield Definition Enabled Segment Separator: Period (.)
 Cross-Validate Segments Freeze Rollup Groups Allow Dynamic Inserts

Compile Segments

Record: 1/1 | ... | <OSC>

26) Item Categories Structure



- Define your Category Structure segments, 20 max
- Segments are limited to 40 characters
- Follow a convention for naming or organizing columns: conditions on left, results on right. Also convention for prompts.



| Number | Name | Window Prompt | Column | Value Set | Enabled | Displayed |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | TRX_TYPE | TRX_TYPE | SEGMENT1 | XXEO_PF_TRX_TYPE_A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | TRX_SUBTYPE | TRX_SUBTYPE | SEGMENT2 | XXEO_PF_TRX_SUBTYPE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | ASSIGNMENT_TYPE | ASSIGNMENT_TYPE | SEGMENT3 | XXEO_PF_ASSIGNMENT_ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | FULLILL_VIA | FULLILL_VIA | SEGMENT4 | XXEO_PF_FULLILL_VIA_A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | PAYMENT_METHOD_C | PAYMENT_METHOD_CC | SEGMENT5 | XXEO_PF_PAYMENT_ME1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | PAYMENT_METHOD_T | PAYMENT_METHOD_TY | SEGMENT6 | XXEO_PF_PAYMENT_ME1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | Reporting Code | Reporting Code | SEGMENT16 | 40 Chars | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 | Rpt Sequence Prefix | Rpt Sequence Prefix | SEGMENT17 | XXEO_PF_RPT_SEQUENC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



26) Item Categories Structure

- Here you can see entering values in into the Category Structure Codes
- Inventory => Setup : Categories : Category Codes
- Notice the <anynull> values, more on that later



The screenshot shows the Oracle Applications interface. The main window is titled 'Categories' and displays a table with columns: Structure Name, Category, Description, Enabled, Inactive On, and Viewable by Supplier. The first row is selected, showing Structure Name 'XXEO_PF_LKP_RPT_CODE' and Category 'ARPayment.Payme'. A red arrow points from this row to a detail window titled 'XXEO_PF_LKP_RPT_CODE'. This detail window shows the following fields:

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| TRX_TYPE | ARPayment | Platform AR Payment Transaction |
| TRX_SUBTYPE | Payment | Platform Payment Transaction Sub Ty |
| ASSIGNMENT_TYPE | <anynull> | Matches any value in this given condi |
| FULFILL_VIA | <anynull> | Matches any value in this given condi |
| PAYMENT_METHOD_CODE | CC | |
| PAYMENT_METHOD_TYPE | Visa | |
| Reporting Code | Escrow Deposit Visa | |
| Rpt Sequence Prefix | DV | Escrow Deposit Visa |

At the bottom of the detail window, there are buttons for OK, Cancel, Clear, and Help. The status bar at the bottom of the main window shows 'Record: 1/1' and '<OSC>'.



26) Item Categories Structure

- Write a single PL/SQL utility package that can be used to search a category structure and return the best matching result columns
- This can be generic because you can assume:
 - You have 1 to 19 condition columns
 - You have 1 to 19 result columns
- Mapping of the columns to your data is in the call to the generic function
- Weighted left to right, left segments are the most important conditions, this allows fuzzy searches using special strings <any>, <anynull>, etc
- Use PL/SQL Results Cache to improve performance



26) Item Categories Structure

- You can now configure instead of changing hard coded values
- You don't need to create a custom table and form to hold a matrix of conditions and results
- Empower your users to configure the programs behavior without involving IT



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27) Value Set Values

- How do we take a Value Set's values and add some static constants? I want a value set that contains EBS Currency Codes, and some special strings.
- Create a Value Set that holds the static constants
 - XXEO_PF_SPECIAL_STRINGS

| String | Description |
|-----------|--|
| <any> | Matches any value in this given condition |
| <anynull> | Matches any value in this given condition, including NULL values |
| <null> | Matches only rows with a NULL condition |
| <gt0> | Greater than zero |
| <ge0> | Greater than or equal to zero |
| <eq0> | Equal to zero |
| <ne0> | Not Equal to zero |
| <le0> | Less than or equal to zero |
| <lt0> | Less than zero |

- Create a view that unions in the base values and static constants
- Create another Value Set that is table based on the view



27) Value Set Values

- View XXEO_PF_CURRENCIES_A_V

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FORCE VIEW APPS.XXEO_PF_CURRENCIES_A_V
(
  FLEX_VALUE,
  DESCRIPTION
)
AS
SELECT CURRENCY_CODE, NAME
  FROM FND_CURRENCIES_VL v
 WHERE CURRENCY_FLAG = 'Y'
       AND SYSDATE BETWEEN NVL (START_DATE_ACTIVE, SYSDATE)
                          AND NVL (END_DATE_ACTIVE, SYSDATE)
UNION ALL
SELECT FLEX_VALUE, DESCRIPTION
  FROM XXEO_PF_VALUE_SET_VALUES_V
 WHERE FLEX_VALUE_SET_NAME = 'XXEO_PF_SPECIAL_STRINGS';
```

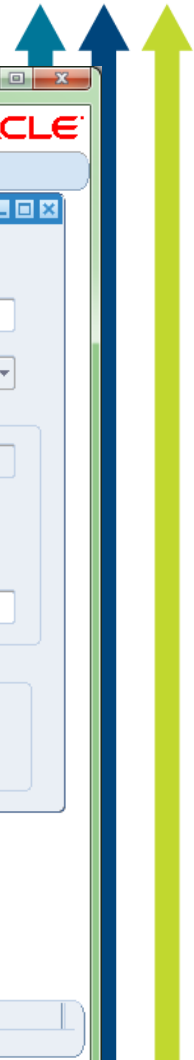




27) Value Set Values

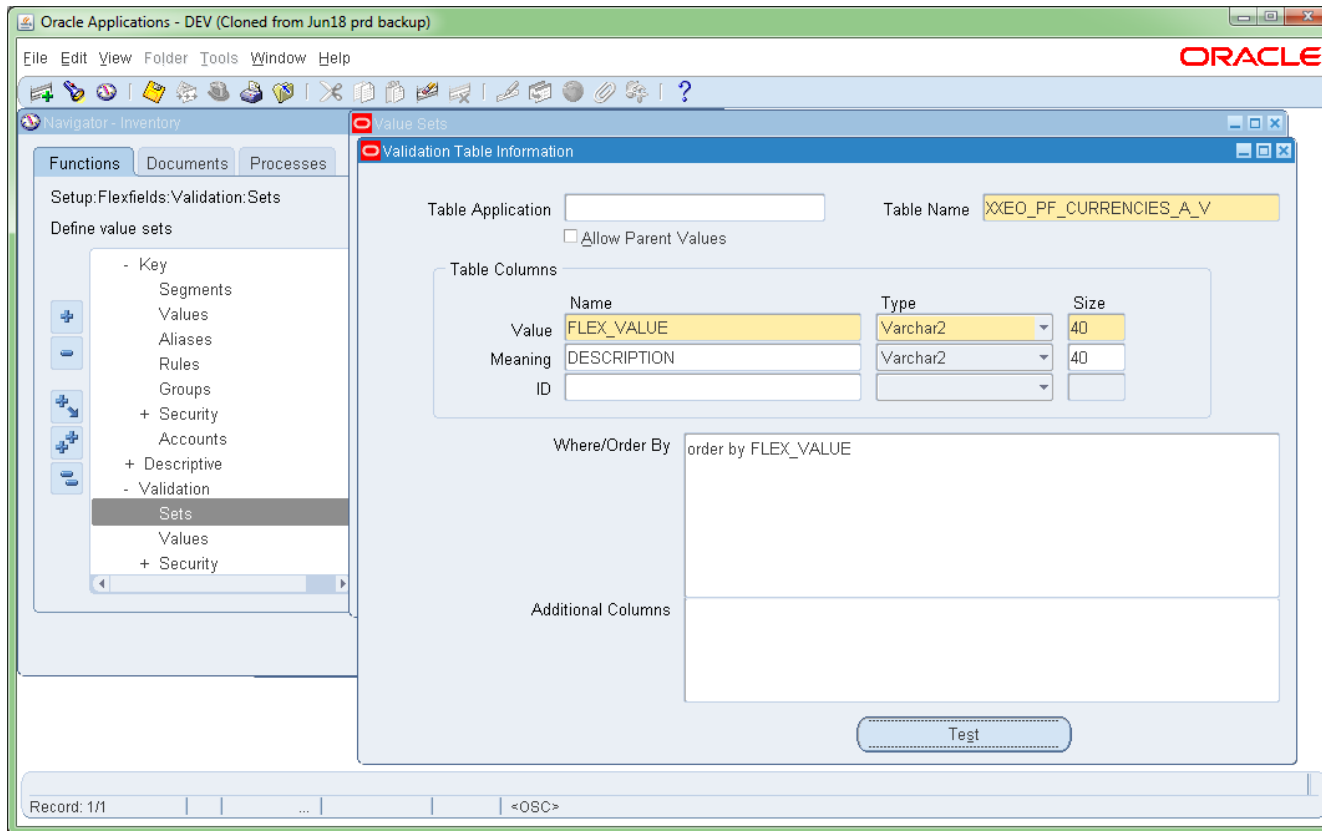
- Value Set XXEO_PF_CURRENCIES_A
- Notice Format Type: Char, Max Size: 40

The screenshot shows the Oracle Applications interface for configuring a Value Set. The main window is titled "Value Sets" and displays the configuration for the Value Set Name "XXEO_PF_CURRENCIES_A". The "Format Validation" section is expanded, showing the "Format Type" set to "Char" and the "Maximum Size" set to "40". The "Value Validation" section shows the "Validation Type" set to "Table". The "Usages" button is visible next to the Value Set Name field. The "Open" button is at the bottom of the configuration area.



27) Value Set Values

- View columns:
 - FLEX_VALUE = Actual value code we will store in the category structure
 - DESCRIPTION = Verbose description to help the user select
 - Don't forget the Order By



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27) Value Set Values

- LOV will have the constant strings first:
<any>, <anynull>, etc
- Then the EBS Currency Codes
- The list will be sorted alphabetically



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Use New Technology



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28) Oracle Reports Replacement

- If you ever find yourself having to open up Oracle Report RDF to make a change ask yourself why?
- Instead:
 - Extract the SQL
 - Use BI Publisher to execute the SQL, generate an XML data stream and format using a template
- How To Migrate Reports To XML Publisher?
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29) Oracle Forms, OA Framework Pages

- If you ever need to create a custom data entry screen don't use Oracle Forms or a custom OA Framework Page, use Applications Express (APEX)
- This tool can be used to create HTML data entry screens or reports
- Deploy to desktops, tablets and smart phones
- Tightly integrates with Oracle EBS and is recommended for light weight EBS extensions by Oracle's ATG team
- Best of all it is Free if you have licensed the DB for development activities

- Extending Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.1.3 and Above Using Oracle Application Express (APEX)
MOS Note: 1306563.1 (Mar-2015)
- Extend EBS Using Applications Express
http://jrpr.com/paper_archive/Collab14_Extend_EBS_Using_APEX.pdf
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30) Custom Web Application Desktop Integrators



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- Consider using Custom Web Application Desktop Integrators
- Oracle now allows you to create Custom WEB ADI's
- Can be used for data entry and reporting
- Oracle® E-Business Suite Desktop Integration Framework Developer's Guide Release 12.2 Part No. E22005-10
- MOS Note: Oracle Web Applications Desktop Integrator Documentation Resources, Release 12 (Doc ID 396181.1)
- Custom SubLedger Accounting JE WebADI I/F
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