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Introduction

This section discusses:

- Purpose of this document.
- Related resources.

Purpose of This Document

This document provides an overview of Oracle's PeopleSoft Campus Solutions (CS) 9.2 release. This document is intended to help you assess the business benefits of upgrading to CS 9.2 and to plan your IT projects and investments.

Related Resources

This section discusses publications that provide technical and functional information for new and enhanced functionality in release 9.2. In many cases, the content in this document may have originated in the referenced documents.

Statement of Direction

The statement of direction typically is published 9 to 12 months before a release. It provides a high-level overview of the major focus of product development efforts, enabling high-level business decision makers to begin preliminary upgrade planning.

For the CS 9.2 Statement of Direction, refer to PeopleSoft Planned Features and Enhancements, Campus Solutions tab (Doc ID [1966243.2](#)) on My Oracle Support.

Cumulative Feature Overview Tool

The Cumulative Feature Overview Tool helps you plan your upgrades. Simply identify the products that you own, your existing release, and your target implementation release; with a single click the tool concisely describes the new and enhanced features and functionality that have become available in CS 9.0 between your starting and target releases. In an easy-to-use, web-based format, you can easily manipulate and sort the results, download the results to Microsoft Excel, or copy the content into other implementation planning documents.

See [PeopleSoft CS Cumulative Feature Overview Tool](#).

PeopleSoft Information Portal

The [PeopleSoft Information Portal](#) – Campus Solutions provides you with a single entry point to locate the documentation, training, and other useful information you need to help with your implementation process and improve your daily experience with our products. The portal includes release content, product data sheets, and links to online help and support.

Executive Summary

PeopleSoft Campus Solutions partners with higher education industry leaders around the globe to deliver the most modern technology solution designed specifically for higher education. Our investment in PeopleSoft Campus Solutions delivers:

- Support for global models of instruction and varied requirements for education and research.
- The deepest and broadest set of capabilities to support the student lifecycle.
- Innovative technologies to enhance, strengthen, and adapt capabilities and processes.
- The ability to recruit, enroll, and manage a flow of students seeking higher education across borders.
- Support for multi-institution, multi-currency, multi-campus, and multi-language operations.
- Cloud, on-premise, and other deployment options so each organization can choose the model that best suits their unique environment and requirements.

Oracle's commitment to innovation and its leadership role in higher education is evidenced by its long-term, ongoing investment to make PeopleSoft Campus Solutions the most complete, flexible, and innovative student system available.

As part of the continued strategy to provide our customers with compelling application choices, Oracle continues investing in Campus Solutions, the premier solution focused on managing students and alumni. The result of that investment is the new release of Campus Solutions: CS 9.2 on December 3, 2015. Customers are encouraged to view the [PeopleSoft Talk video](#) with Mark Armstrong, Vice President for Higher Education at Oracle, for an overview of the CS 9.2 release.

Many customers are seeking to leverage new user experience and lifecycle product management tools available with PeopleTools 8.54 or later. For Campus Solutions to deliver those new capabilities with minimal disruption to our customers' operations, we have found it best to produce a new base codeline. While many customers have embraced the Continuous Delivery Model from Campus Solutions, others have requested an 'upgrade event' that enables them to provide the attention and resources to "getting current" with new capabilities and technology. With CS 9.2, customers realize two advantages: an event they can leverage to get current, and a new mode of applying maintenance that will simplify their IT investment so they get more value out of Campus Solutions.

The Path to CS 9.2

To upgrade to CS 9.2, customers need to be current through CS 9.0 Bundle #34 (July 2014) and HCM 9.0 Bundle #25.

Our plan for this upgrade is to meet customer expectations for a minimally disruptive upgrade event.

We are making every effort to reduce the impact of this release by minimizing the number of functional updates that are required. Also, we are making every effort to reduce the impact by:

- Keeping tables and records structures generally unchanged.
- Reducing the required data conversion by more than 90%, compared to previous major upgrades (such as CS 8.9 to 9.0).
- Forwarding-fitting CS 9.0 bundles through July 2015 (CS 9.0 Bundle 38).

- Following PeopleTools recommended technical adoption standards wherever possible.
- Avoiding the introduction of net new functionality by rolling up new features previously delivered on CS 9.0. CS 9.2 will consist of a roll-up of all the new features and functionality previously delivered on CS 9.0 through the Continuous Delivery Model.

After the initial upgrade to CS 9.2, we will utilize PeopleSoft Update Manager (PUM) tools to deliver fixes and patches, regulatory updates, new features, and enhancements. We anticipate that Campus Solutions will deliver a new Update Image four times each year.

Critical to your plans for upgrading to CS 9.2 is the timeline for CS 9.0 support which is documented in the [Lifetime Support Policy Document](#). The upgrade “window” to CS 9.2 extends from 2016 through the end of 2019. Please note that for Campus Solutions, Premier and Extended Support provide exactly the same level of support, and there is no additional cost for Extended Support.

Features of CS 9.2

Selective Adoption

Campus Solutions introduced the Continuous Delivery Model to deliver value-add capabilities with a frequent cadence without the need for major upgrades. The introduction of the PeopleSoft selective adoption tools like the PUM provides an efficient and cost-effective way of managing the Continuous Delivery Model. In CS 9.2, PUM provides customers with the ability to selectively apply changes (patches, regulatory updates, enhancements, and new features) to their environments using the latest delivered PeopleSoft Update Image. We encourage you to access the “Preparing for Selective Adoption in Campus Solutions 9.2” white paper on the Information on PeopleSoft Enterprise Campus Solutions 9.2 page on My Oracle Support (Doc ID [1683816.1](#)) and to visit the PUM Home Page on My Oracle Support (Doc ID [1641843.2](#)) for information on preparing for and using Life Cycle Management tools. We have also conducted customer advisor webcasts on preparing for the CS 9.2 upgrade and PUM recordings that are available at PeopleSoft Enterprise Advisor Webcast Schedule and Archived Recordings on My Oracle Support (Doc ID [1456265.1](#)). A [PUM video](#) is also available on the PeopleSoft YouTube Channel.

New Style Sheet

With the focus on enabling and enhancing the efficiency of end-user transactions, CS 9.2 uses the standard Tangerine style sheet for Classic PeopleSoft pages, including existing self-service pages.

The new style sheet (*PSSTYLDEF_TANGERINE*) offers a contemporary look and improved navigation.

Accessibility

CS 9.2 is the foundation upon which we can make Campus Solutions more accessible for all users. By applying Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 to CS 9.2 we are committed to using internationally recognized standards to achieve that goal. CS 9.2 will use Oracle Accessibility Guidelines (OAG) 2.0 which incorporate the WCAG 2.0 A and AA level standards as their core. We are prioritizing the sequence of accessibility items we will address in the initial CS 9.2 release and beyond.

Enterprise Component Alignment

Enterprise Component features represent common functionality, setup, and configuration capability in PeopleSoft which become available to the Campus Solutions customer base in CS 9.2. These include:

- Forms and Approval Builder—enabling design of online forms, specification of the approval process they require, and deployment. For more information about using Forms Builder in CS 9.2, you are encouraged to access and read the white paper “CS_92_Forms_Builder_WP_vP.pdf” attached to *Information on PeopleSoft Enterprise Campus Solutions 9.2* (Doc ID [1683816.1](#)) in My Oracle Support.
- Datasets—enabling role-based filtering and distribution of data.
- Currency Conversion—recommended standard techniques and formulas to support a common approach to converting currency.
- Toolbar Configuration—system configuration for toolbar functionality including title area, button bar, component-specific data, and toolbar footer.

Changed Reporting

Like all PeopleSoft 9.2 applications, CS 9.2 also uses Oracle BI Publisher for reporting. Though a number of reports were converted from Crystal to BI Publisher in CS 9.0, some Crystal reports were not. Those reports' content references, menu items, pages, run control records related to those components, and the components themselves are not available in the CS 9.2 codeline.

For a list of converted reports, see "What Crystal Reports were Converted to BI Publisher in Campus Solutions 9.0?" on My Oracle Support (Doc ID [1989361.1](#)).

Improved PeopleTools Features

The value of CS 9.2 is extended through PeopleSoft's continued significant investments in innovations that simplify navigation and increase productivity including:

Work Centers

Work Centers are geared toward high-frequency users (like an Admissions Director) to consolidate user tasks, exceptions, alerts, links, and reports into a single, secure role-based "command center" that can be personalized.

Dashboards

Dashboards provide an at-a-glance view of all information relevant to a role and provide the ability to utilize embedded analytics to create content and obtain data critical to decision making.

Pivot Grids

Decision makers, managers, and general users require clear, real-time analytics within Campus Solutions applications. Improved Pivot Grid capabilities dynamically render charts with powerful drag-and-drop interactive grids that eliminate the need to export data to a desktop spreadsheet, keep data secure, and ensure that users have the insight they need to take informed actions.

Activity Guides

While we plan to deliver Student Activity Guides in their current form available from fluid pages, we also plan to apply significant enhancements to Activity Guides in Campus Solutions with PeopleTools 8.55 when available.

Changed HCM Functionality

Generally, HCM functionality will not be available in CS 9.2. CS 9.2 does not provide menu items and navigation to PeopleSoft HCM features and HCM-centric tables like Payroll, Benefits, and Time and Labor. Where necessary, a number of content references related to common setup will continue to be accessible such as the Country Table and the Holiday Schedule. HCM maintenance no longer needs to be applied in CS 9.2. Any changes to HCM objects will be maintained as part of the standard CS 9.2 maintenance process.