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Oracle Forms 12c (12.2.1.19)

Why this Presentation

- Last month we got Patch 12.2.1.19 for Linux
- Support for 12.2.1.4 will end at

Oracle Fusion Middleware Releases – 12c

Release	GA Date	Premier Support Ends	Extended Support Ends	Sustaining Support Ends
Fusion Middleware 12c (12.1.x) [1]	Dec 2011 – Feb 2015	Dec 2017	Dec 2019 [2]	Indefinite
Fusion Middleware 12c (12.2.x) [3]	Oct 2015 – Apr 2016	Dec 2025 [4, 5]	Dec 2027 [5]	Indefinite

- The Current Version of Oracle Forms Oracle Forms 12c was first released in October 2015 along with many other components in the Oracle Fusion Middleware (FMW) 12c (12.2) technology stack. In addition to the many improvements delivered as part of FMW 12c, Oracle Forms specifically includes many new features and enhancements. Updates included in Oracle Forms 12c offer the ability to not only freshen up the appearance of aging applications, but also greatly improve performance, and make administration easier. The new browser-less client configuration options offer a way to no longer worry about compatibility with constantly changing browser versions and their underlying technologies.

Documents i am using

- Oracle Forms and Reports
- Current Version 12.2.1.19
- Release Notes for 12.2.1.19

Update or new Installation

- What should I know before starting the update
  - System Requirements and Specifications for Oracle Forms and Reports
    - **No changes between 12.2.1.x and 12.2.1.19 ?**
  - Repository Creation Utility Requirements
    - Database version is: Equal to or higher than 19.14.0
    - Database supported type is Oracle Enterprise Edition.
    - Database is installed with Oracle JVM enabled
    - Character set is AL32UTF8

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- Product-Specific Memory and Disk Space Requirements

Installation Type	Disk Space required
Fusion Middleware Infrastructure	2.2 GB
Fusion Middleware Infrastructure With Examples	2.3 GB

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Standalone Forms Builder	3.5 GB
Forms and Reports Deployment (includes Fusion Middleware Infrastructure)	6.5 GB

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Minimum Requirements for the Linux Operating System

X86-64	Oracle Linux 7 (UL9+) and Red Hat Linux 7 (UL9+)

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To correct this, it is necessary to relink as follows:

Set the ORACLE_HOME environment variable and point it to the Forms home, for example:export ORACLE_HOME=*<FORMS HOME>*

Issue the following commands:cd $ORACLE_HOME/procbuilder/lib

make -f ins_procbuilder.mk sharedlibs dejvm_install

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make -f ins_forms.mk sharedlib frmopmn_wrp_install frmctrl_install frmweb_install frmcmpb_install frmcmp_install frmbld_install

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- Current releases are available on GitHub here: https://github.com/freemansoft/jacob-project/releases.

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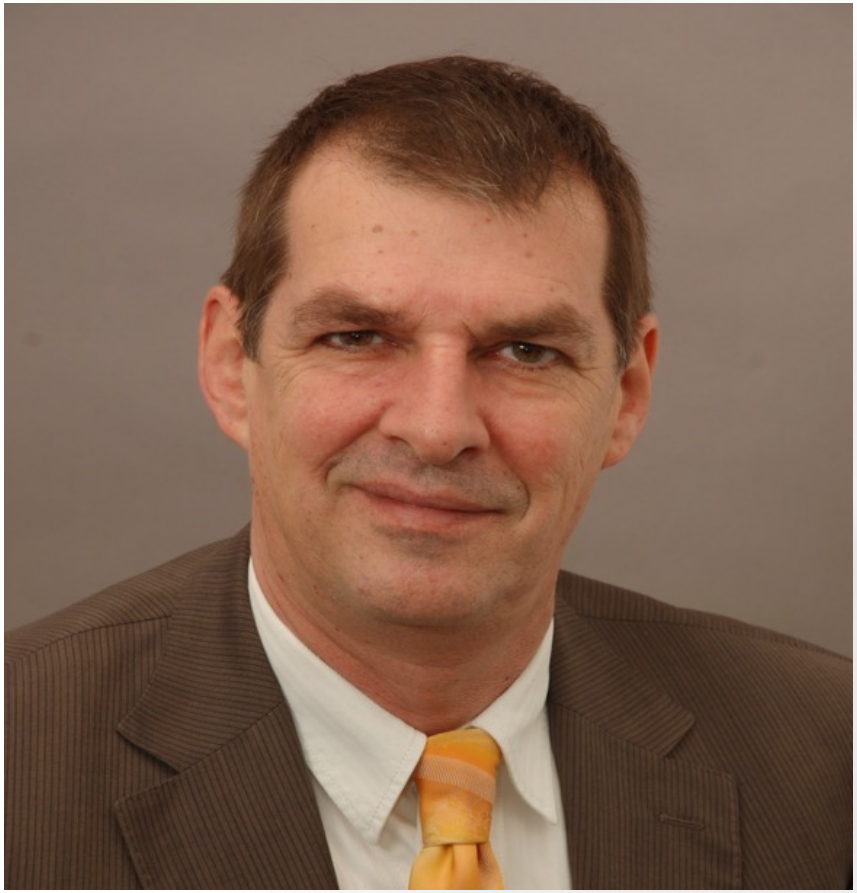
  - User exits should be regenerated using a version 19.14.0.0 pre-compiler.

Thanks for listen



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