Oracle® Applications Release Notes

Release 12 for Apple Macintosh OS X v10.4

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Oracle Applications Release 12 is certified for Apple Macintosh OS X (Mac OS X) v10.4 (Tiger) with the Safari browser (v 2.0 and 3) using the Java 5 (32-bit) plugin.

Additional Information: Refer to the following relevant documents:

- Oracle Applications Release Notes Release 11i for Apple Macintosh OS X v10.4 on OracleMetaLink (Doc ID: 387180.1)
- Oracle Applications Release Notes Release 12 for Apple Macintosh OS X v10.5 on OracleMetaLink (Doc ID: 864552.1)

These release notes contain important information that you should read and understand before you begin to use the Mac OS X v10.4 client with Oracle Applications Release 12. These release notes contain the following topics:

- Requirements
- Known Restrictions and Issues
- Required Patches
- Change Record
- Document Accessibility

REQUIREMENTS

To achieve optimal performance, you must have adequate CPU power and memory on the Mac OS X client. Oracle recommends the following configuration settings.

Hardware Requirements

The Mac OS X client must have 800 x 600 minimum display resolution (1024 x 768 is preferred). For a complete description of Mac OS X v10.4 requirements, go to the Apple Web site at:

http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=301341

Software Requirements

The following software is required:

- Mac OS X v10.4.7 or higher, along with any other security and Java updates in the Software Update program started from the Apple icon menu on the client
- Safari 2 (2.0.4 or higher) and Safari 3* (3.2.1 or higher)
- The J2SE 5 plug-in on Mac OS X v1.5.0_06 (or higher)

*: For all requirements, required patches, known issues, and restrictions on the use of Safari 3 on Mac OS X 10.4, users must review the Release Notes for Mac OS X v 10.5 (Leopard) on OracleMetaLink (Doc ID: 864552.1)
Note:

- Oracle Applications Release 12 is not certified with the Netscape, Mozilla, Firefox, or Opera browsers on Mac OS X.
- Oracle Applications Release 12 is not certified or supported with the Internet Explorer browser on Mac OS X.
- The Oracle Applications client on Mac OS X uses the native Java plug-in that is included with J2SE 5.
- Safari 4 on Mac OS X 10.4 is not currently certified with Oracle E-Business Suite - please ensure that Safari 4 is not selected as part of any installs using 'Software Update' which runs periodically on the Mac desktop - system administrators may want to choose the 'Ignore Update..' selection under the 'Update' pulldown menu of this program for Safari 4 to ensure that users do not inadvertently pick and install this version of Safari.

Mac OS X Settings Specific to Oracle Applications Release 12

Use the following settings to improve client-side performance and usability.

For Safari (under the Safari menu option):

- Under Preferences > Security > Web Content:
  - Select: Enable plug-ins, Enable Java, Enable JavaScript
  - Do not select: Block Pop-Up Windows
- Under Preferences > Advanced: select Press Tab to highlight each item on a webpage

For the Java Plug-in:

- On the Cache tab in Finder > Applications > Utilities > Java > J2SE 5.0 > Java Preferences: select Enable Caching

For System Preferences (in the desktop's dock):

- In Displays > Resolutions: select 1024 x 768 or higher (recommended), or 800 x 600 (minimum)
- In Displays > Colors: select Millions
- In Dock: select Automatically hide and show the Dock (for users with limited screen area)

KNOWN RESTRICTIONS AND ISSUES

Oracle has addressed all major problems that were found during the certification and testing period of Oracle Applications Release 12 against the Mac OS X v10.4 client. While some generally known restrictions do exist in certain applications, customers might uncover additional and unforeseen issues while using Oracle Applications Release 12 on Mac OS X. Oracle will work with all responsible parties to resolve such issues in a reasonable and timely fashion as issues arise.

This section describes the restrictions and issues and contains the following topics:

- General Restrictions and Issues
- Oracle Applications Release 12 Restrictions and Issues

General Restrictions and Issues

The following are general restrictions and issues:

- The Oracle Applications Release 12 client is certified with the Mac OS X client for the U.S. English version only.
- Users must use caution when defining a function key resource because it will affect function key use in Oracle Applications. The Mac OS X v10.4 client also includes a feature called Expose, which redefines certain keys (F9, F10, F11) to perform particular desktop shortcuts by default. This will affect some shortcut function key use in Forms like Query Mode.
- Use of mnemonic shortcuts (with the Alt key as in Windows) is not supported on the Mac OS X user interface and therefore does not work with Oracle Forms-based applications.
Oracle Applications Release 12 Restrictions and Issues

The following restrictions and issues apply to the use of Oracle Applications Release 12 on the Mac OS X client:

- The following Oracle Applications Release 12 products are not certified for Mac OS X: Oracle Applications Release 12 ADI and Web ADI.
- The use of the RETURN (ENTER) or SPACE key to invoke the action on a submit button does not work due to a bug in Safari.
- Oracle E-Business Intelligence: importing an exported entity zip file may fail due to the default behavior of automatic unzipping of downloaded files in Safari. To fix this:
  - In the browser, go to Safari > Preferences
  - Select the General tab, if it is not already the default tab
  - Deselect the option for Open "safe" files after downloading
  - Close the window
- Oracle Learning Management: the chat window in the Instructor and Learner home pages do not work with the Safari browser.
- Oracle Advanced Planning: clicking the right mouse button in the Key Indicators window does not work.
- Oracle Scripting: before using Script Author for the first time on a Mac client, create the following file:
  
  /System/Library/Frameworks/JavaVM.framework/Versions/1.5.0/Home/cctbuilder.properties

  To create this file, open the Terminal application (in the Finder > Go > Utilities folder) and enter the following command:

  sudo touch /System/Library/Frameworks/JavaVM.framework/Versions/1.5.0/Home/cctbuilder.properties

  When prompted for a password, enter one for an account that has system administrator permissions.

- Rich Text Editor issues:
  - Oracle Contracts: when accessibility is set to none, and you want to add variables to the clause text in Create Clause, Update Clause, or Make Non-Standard Clause, go to plain text mode by clicking the Change to Plain Text Mode link.
  - Oracle Marketing: the advanced HTML editing features of the Rich Text Editor are not enabled due to browser limitations. Oracle Marketing, Oracle One-to-One Fulfillment, and Oracle Content Management product users can set the user-level profile option of Self Service Accessibility Feature to Standard Accessibility to enable editing of HTML source instead.

REQUIRED PATCHES

No patches outside of the standard Oracle Applications Release 12 installation are required for the use of the Mac OS X 10.4 desktop as a client.

CHANGE RECORD

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