



Moving from Oracle E-Business Suite to Oracle Cloud Applications



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ABSTRACT

For the past 25 years, the Oracle E-Business Suite (EBS) on-premise applications have provided organizations with reliable functionality for mission-critical transactions in finance, procurement, human resources, and payroll. However, the pace of innovation in EBS has slowed considerably due to Oracle's emphasis on its Cloud Applications solution. Recognized as a Leader by Gartner in 2020, Oracle Cloud Applications (Financials Cloud, Budgeting Cloud, HCM Cloud) is a "Software-as-a-Service" with turnkey provisioning from Oracle. This means hardware is no longer required and access is device-independent and highly secure. In addition, the solution places a high emphasis on user experience and advanced reporting with new features and capabilities delivered quarterly. Oracle has intelligently developed the Cloud Applications platform by incorporating all of the best features and functionality from E-Business Suite and PeopleSoft with innovative functionality, such as Accounts Payable Automation and dashboards, built from the ground up. **The question is not if an existing E-Business Suite customer should move to Oracle Cloud Applications, but rather how an organization can move to the new platform in an efficient and cost-effective manner.**

Introduction

New software installations typically involve a labor-intensive and costly approach over an extended timeline. For customers currently using Oracle EBS, Sierra-Cedar realized this traditional method does not need to apply when moving to Oracle Cloud Applications. Why? **Because the move is from Oracle to Oracle. Same concepts, different platforms.** Therefore, Sierra-Cedar created a new approach for clients to move to Oracle Cloud Applications called **Platform Upgrade**. It involves pre-mapped business processes, functional configurations, and data migration tools to accelerate the move and provide efficiencies with respect to time and effort. Sierra-Cedar built this fast-track concept on our deep experience gained from delivering more than 50 EBS projects as well as 50 Cloud Application projects over the past 10 years.



How it works

The Platform Upgrade approach starts with a Project Initiation Briefcase consisting of scripts that detect custom objects and configuration elections in EBS as well as prebuilt business process mapping tools. The briefcase is Sierra-Cedar's method to gain efficiencies during the initiation of the project. Next steps involve a Migration Toolkit that transports configuration and transaction data into Oracle Cloud while integrations are re-established. The tools rapidly create the Oracle Cloud Applications environment and provide customers with ample time to validate data and processes and then get trained on the new functionality.



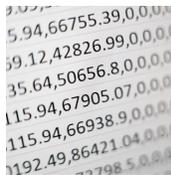
What about reports and interfaces?

Reports and interfaces are analyzed and either rebuilt (from batch integration to real-time), re-established (keeping as-is), or redesigned in the Cloud Applications. Sierra-Cedar's pre-existing library of reports and integrations help accelerate the process.



What about customizations?

We run our prebuilt detection scripts to catalog and analyze the EBS custom objects (forms, routines, additions to the schema) before the project starts. The project team then determines the disposition for each EBS customization by either mapping newly available functionality or utilizing the configuration and personalization tools within the Cloud Applications.



What about data?

Sierra-Cedar's Migration Toolkit significantly reduces the overall data conversion effort with its pre-built extraction scripts, cleansing routines, load utilities, and validation tools. In addition, we will assign a Data Conversion Concierge to record and repeat the data cleansing and validation steps throughout the journey to free up the client participants to focus on more value-added activities.



What about testing?

Prebuilt, automated testing routines rapidly validate the Cloud environment 80-90% faster than manual methods. Furthermore, a project saves time with Sierra-Cedar's Project Initiation Briefcase and Migration Toolkit to allow for extra test cycles as needed.

Bottom line

Sierra-Cedar's Platform Upgrade approach to move organizations from EBS to Oracle Cloud Applications is expected to yield significant efficiencies through reduced efforts and shorter timelines without compromising quality. The result is a cost-effective Cloud Application instance that is rapidly made available so that adequate time is allocated for the client to perform verification and refinement through conference room piloting, data validation, training, and the procession to "go-live."

Why Sierra-Cedar

For more than 25 years, Sierra-Cedar has provided consulting and managed services related to Oracle ERP Applications to Government and Education clients. Our strongest assets are our employees who perform business process re-engineering within the context of the leading features and functionality that exists in the Oracle Cloud Applications. We have worked on more than 2,500 Oracle engagements and every one is focused on client satisfaction and excellence in delivery.



Next steps

Learn more about Sierra-Cedar's Platform Upgrade approach to moving EBS to Oracle Cloud Applications by signing up for a **complimentary two-hour Discovery Workshop**. This workshop will include a high-level discovery, details of Sierra-Cedar's experience and solutions, a conceptual roadmap, and testimonials from Sierra-Cedar clients that have implemented Oracle Cloud Applications. This workshop can be conducted in-person or via a web conference. To schedule a Discovery Workshop, please email us at Contact@Sierra-Cedar.com.

Words from our clients

"Going live on Oracle Cloud Applications in January 2020 allowed Lucas County to continue doing business without missing a beat during the COVID-19 pandemic. Oracle Cloud Applications enables us to work efficiently and timely from any location. Decision makers are able to receive real-time accurate data to make the best decisions possible during this crisis, which has been a blessing. We thank Sierra-Cedar for its dedication, hard work, and professionalism in helping us complete our Oracle Cloud Applications conversion on time and on budget."

Tony Stechschulte, Director of Accounting
Lucas County, Ohio

"The State Bar of California replaced its aging JD Edwards system with Oracle Cloud Applications, which provides employees with a modern user experience that is intuitive, secure, and easy to use. Our partner, Sierra-Cedar, helped us improve processes, expand functionality, and automate business workflows. This enables us to operate efficiently, anytime, and from anywhere."

John Adams, Former Chief Financial Officer
The State Bar of California

