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Oracle Reports
Statement of Direction

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Executive Summary

Oracle Reports is available in Fusion Middleware Releases 12.2.x for which 12.2.1.3.0 is under premier support till December 2021, and for which 12.2.1.4 is under premier support till December 2023. See Oracle's Life Time Support Policy (LSP)

https://www.oracle.com/us/assets/lifetime-support-middleware-069163.pdf

Oracle Reports is no longer under active development which means that there are no plans to add any additional functionality to the product. Only bug fixes may be made available as per the error correction policy listed in the Life Time Support Policy. Customers who seek an alternative to Oracle Reports should consider using Oracle BI Publisher (or Analytics Publisher), however there is no upgrade or migration assistance offered for moving from Oracle Reports to Oracle BI Publisher.

Oracle continues to evaluate the technical feasibility of making the existing Oracle Reports available in future Fusion Middleware releases beyond 12.2.1.4.0. If feasible, Oracle Reports will not offer any new functionality and only bugs fixes may be made available as for the currently supported 12.2.x versions.

Oracle Reports Releases and Direction

Oracle Reports 10g, shipped in 2005 was the last feature bearing release. Since then, Oracle Reports 11gR1 and 11gR2 were released. Only minor enhancements were added to the product during these releases with emphasis on improving product stability via bug fixes. The 12c releases have focused exclusively on improving product stability via bug fixing. There are no plans to add any additional functionality in the current supported versions (12.2.1.3.0 and 12.2.1.4.0) for Oracle Reports. If technically feasible, Oracle Reports may be made available in subsequent Fusion Middleware releases, again with bug fixes being the sole improvement over previous releases. Feasibility to do this will be subject to continued availability of the technologies that Oracle Reports depends on.

Recommended Alternative to Reports

Oracle BI Publisher is Oracle's strategic product for enterprise reporting. This solution allows authoring, managing, and delivering pixel-perfect customer facing reports against various data sources with web browser or desktop tools and minimal impact to transactional system. Customers are recommended to use Oracle BI Publisher for their reporting needs. Consider re-implementing your reports using BI Publisher.

Conclusion

Oracle Reports is currently available with Oracle Fusion Middleware's 12.2.x release. Oracle Reports is supported in accordance with the Oracle Fusion Middleware Lifetime Support Policy. There are no plans to add any additional functionality to Oracle Reports. The emphasis is on maintaining product stability via entitled bug fixes. Customers are advised to use Oracle BI Publisher for their strategic reporting needs.

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