



Hyperion Upgrade Season – What choices do you have?

Hyperion On-Premises & EPM Cloud

A lot of customers are stuck in Hyperion versions 11.1.2.x and below. It is well known that premier support for these versions will end by Dec 2021. For such customers, what choices do they truly have? They can either consider staying on-premise and upgrade to 11.2 (which is supported through 2031) or consider migrating to Oracle EPM Cloud.

Option A: Considerations for On-Premise Hyperion 11.2

- **Support from Oracle**
 - Premier support across all applications through 2031
 - Enhancements drove by customer needs and priorities
 - No in-place upgrade to 11.2
- **Functionality**
 - EPMA is decommissioned in 11.2
 - Workforce and Capex modules are not available in 11.2
- **Assess your current environment**
 - Performance issues/aging infrastructure
 - Map system components to servers, diagram, eliminate inefficiencies
 - Identify data volumes, application types, expansions, users and interfaces
 - DR and Failover requirements
 - Current upkeep costs
 - Employee skill sets
 - Release support

Option B: Why consider EPM Cloud?

- A robust, centralized repository for data collection and reporting across all finance functions
- Purpose-built modules with business users in mind, within finance and beyond
- Out-of-box features reduce customization
- Integrated dimensionality and metadata governance across all business processes
- Multiple collaborative reporting options for management and external needs
- Task scheduling and automation to see results faster and alleviate the manual effort
- “Behind-the-scenes” monthly updates to take advantage of the latest features
- Free online guidance and training options to keep up on all that is offered and ease user adoption

Benefits and Key Features of moving to SaaS



Benefits

- Extraordinary rapid environment provisioning (implementation time can be the same)
- No hardware costs
- No IT services needed
- Reduced technical application support
- No software installation, configuration, or maintenance
- OPEX subscription-based



Key Features

- Automatic Patch Updates
- Integration with on-premise ERP & Other Software
- Utilizes on-premise Smart View
- Built-in wizards, tutorials, guides, and task lists to create applications



Learning Curve With Oracle EPM Cloud

- Functionality differences to anticipate when moving from On-Premises to Cloud
 - Similarities
 - Planning Enterprise (PBCS) familiar navigation with on-prem Planning, but not the same technical design/configuration for Workforce, Capex, Projects modules
 - Consolidation and Close (FCCS) overlaps with HFM, but underlying scripting now in Calc Manager language (Essbase scripts)
 - Account Recs (ARCS) has rapid implementation potential to quickly satisfy regulatory and audit control requirements
 - Tax Reporting (TRCS) is similar to HTP and leverages design concepts of HFM
 - Narrative Reporting (EPRCS) fast, user-friendly implementation leveraging Smart View, and intuitive reports design
 - Profitability (PCMCS) has near parity with the management ledger option of HPCM on-prem
 - Analytics Cloud (OACS) same concepts with on-prem Essbase and Dashboards
 - Data Management (EDMCS) is the same basic setup as DRM, but the pricing model could affect design choices
 - New Functionality released on a monthly basis via automatic updates

Oracle does provide a plethora of admin materials and guided tutorials for any new features and functionality. The overall strategy is to move towards a unified user interface and intuitive navigation flows.

Our Recommendations Based On Past Learnings

- **Integrate the 5 Principles of Cloud Deployments in manageable chunks.**
 - Scalability
 - Resiliency
 - Security
 - Application Design
 - Management/Monitoring
- **Stopgap measures**
 - Ensure you have a strategy for any point in the process in which you might need to revert/rollback.
 - Run in the parallel – common sense before cutting over to a new cloud-based system.
- **Monitor and Track progress**
 - Know how to monitor your implementation process throughout all stages
 - How good is your governance of the project?
 - Do you have full buy-in and support from C-level, middle management, and implementors?
 - Need buy-in across the board and need to keep on top of the migration project.
- **Roll “Something” Out ASAP!**
 - Get to the end product as quickly as possible so you can get the feedback quickly to change and adapt as needed.
 - Better to gain exposure and learn how the features fit your needs sooner than later.
- **Socialize the “Future State” early and often**

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Right Experience

- History of success
- Deep Oracle experience
- Accelerator toolkit to reduce risk and cost



Right Partner

- Understands your industry
- Right sized



Right Approach

- Collaborative and flexible approach
- Responsive
- Cost effective delivery model



Right People

- Executive commitment
- Experienced team
- CoE involvement



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