

ARCHITECTURE REVIEW & PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

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OBJECTIVES

- Perform an architecture review and performance assessment of the PeopleSoft production system

ASSUMPTIONS & SUCCESS FACTORS

- Access to key resources and documentation
- System access to a production like (not production) will be available
- A detailed predefined workbook /checklist will be used to help gather system architecture information and performance data
- Tools will be used to help gather performance data and identify bottlenecks

REVIEW OF CURRENT PRODUCTION ARCHITECTURE

- Identify Server Configuration
- Review HW Specifications
- OS Review
- Disk Storage Device Overview
- Review Network Topology
- Review Database Platform
- Webserver Configuration
- Application Servers
- PeopleTools Environment
- PeopleSoft Application Overview

REVIEW OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

- Review Development and Test PeopleSoft Architecture
- Support Team Review
- Infrastructure Team Review
- Availability Requirements
- Review PeopleSoft Queries
- CM Process
- PeopleSoft fix policy
- System Monitoring
- Job Scheduling
- Other Considerations
 - Security Procedures & Policies
 - Backup & Recovery Procedures
 - Capacity Planning

CURRENT PERFORMANCE OBSERVATIONS/ISSUES

- Describe current overall performance
- Identify slow online processes
- Identify slow batch processes
- Review user complaints
- Review performance tools
 - PeopleSoft Performance Monitor
 - Load testing
- Review any documentation regarding performance
- Identify existing performance modifications
- Code documentation
- Custom Indexes

TOOLS TO MONITOR/ANALYZE PERFORMANCE

- Implement monitoring scripts to analyze the following:
 - Server OS statistics
 - Application Server data
 - Web Server statistics
 - Process Scheduler usage
 - Database statistics

IDENTIFY PERFORMANCE METRICS

- User usage
- Availability
- Batch job performance
- Online Performance
- HW/SW issues
- On-call activity
- CPU utilization
- Database growth
- Defects
- Support call time

PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS VIA WORKBOOK

- Document system architecture
- Present findings
- Recommendations to improve overall system performance
 - Prioritized list

IMPLEMENT CHANGES

- Establish performance baseline prior to change
- TEST change in production like environment
- Implement changes one at a time
- Document changes
- Use metrics to quantify change in system performance

CONCLUSION

- Poor system performance is generally the result of several factors
- Bottlenecks need to be identified and eliminated
- Performance tuning is an on-going iterative process
- Performance should be considered at every stage of the development life-cycle
- Load testing tools should be implemented if possible
- Performance monitoring is a daily process