

webMethods Oracle Applications Adapter 6.0 Readme

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This file contains important information you must read before using webMethods Oracle Applications Adapter 6.0. You can find additional information about webMethods Oracle Applications Adapter 6.0 on the [Software AG Documentation Web site](#). In addition, the following suite-related information is also available at that location:

Product Documentation (includes installation and upgrade information)
System Requirements Documentation

You can find the following information in the Products section of the [Empower Web site](#):

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1.0 Critical Information

This section lists the critical issues that were known when this readme was published. For critical information found later, go to the Knowledge Center portion of the [Empower Product Support Web site](#).

None.

2.0 Known Issues

This section lists issues that were known when this readme was published. For known issues found later, go to the Knowledge Center portion of the [Empower Product Support Web site](#).

The webMethods Oracle Applications Adapter 6.0 cannot insert date strings that contain non-ASCII characters into the application. To insert these date strings, you will need to convert them to a `java.util.Date` or equivalent `java.sql.*` type such as `java.sql.timestamp` or `java.sql.Date` object and pass that object into the insert service. Conversion of strings to objects may be done by writing a Java service that parses the string using the `java.text.DateFormat` class.

3.0 Usage Notes

This section highlights product limitations and changes to product behavior introduced in this release.

- The webMethods Oracle Applications Adapter 6.0 does not support dynamic connections at runtime. A recommended workaround is to configure the same service multiple times for multiple connections.
- If more than one person edits a transaction definition at the same time, they can overwrite each other's changes. Before you begin editing a transaction definition, make sure that no one else is currently editing the same transaction definition.
- Please note that this version of the product has not been tested using localized versions of Oracle Applications. Actual certification with the specific business forms and tables associated with the non-English installation has not been completed and this adapter may not function properly with different language versions.
- Oracle Applications 11i claims to be a "global" application with a single, world-wide binary. This version is more likely to function properly with this adapter in non-English environments than previous versions, which had separate custom releases for non-English (especially Asian) languages. Non-English Oracle Applications versions prior to version 11i are not supported with this adapter.
- If you expect to display non-English data in your webMethods tools, make sure an appropriate font is installed in your operating environment. If you see hollow boxes or black squares where you expect to see non-English data, modify your JRE `font.properties` file to reference an appropriate font. For information on modifying your `font.properties` file, go to Oracle's Java website. For instructions, see:
<http://docs.oracle.com/javase/1.4.2/docs/guide/intl/fontprop.html>
http://www.unicode.org/help/display_problems.html

- The configuration of the database you use with webMethods Oracle Applications Adapter 6.0 affects the characters the database can contain. Oracle Applications relies on the character set (NLS_CHARSET) that you chose for your Oracle database instance during installation. If you select a non-Unicode encoding for the database, characters from outside that encoding will be lost when you store data in the database. webMethods recommends that you use the most appropriate Unicode encoding for your database character set. See *Installing webMethods Products* and your database vendor's documentation for instructions on choosing and setting the character encoding for your database and environment.

4.0 Fixes and Enhancements

This section describes the fixes and enhancements included in webMethods Oracle Applications Adapter 6.0.

4.1 Fixes and Service Packs Included in This Release

This section lists the fixes and service packs for previous releases that have been included into the current release. If only some issues in a fix or service pack have been included, that partially included fix or service pack is not listed here, and those issues are listed separately in [Section 4.2 Resolved Issues](#). See the Knowledge Center section of the [Empower Product Support Web site](#) for more information about fixes and service packs.

None.

4.2 Resolved Issues

This section lists issues that were resolved in this release and that are not included in the fixes and service packs listed in [Section 4.1 Fixes and Service Packs Included in This Release](#). These issues might have been resolved in a fix or service pack that was not included in its entirety into this release, or they might have been resolved since the last fix or service pack was released.

None.

4.3 Enhancements

For a detailed list of the enhancements included in webMethods Oracle Applications Adapter 6.0, see the Release Notes available on the [Software AG Documentation Web site](#).

4.4 Documentation Changes

This section describes significant changes to the documentation, such as the addition, relocation, or removal of product guides, online help, chapters, or other major content.

- *webMethods Oracle Applications Adapter Installation and User's Guide 6.0* merges the documentation that was contained in *webMethods Oracle Applications Adapter User's Guide* and *webMethods Oracle Applications Adapter Installation Guide*.

- *webMethods Oracle Applications Adapter Installation and User's Guide 6.0* contains information on the installer changes as well as upgrade instructions. This guide is available from the [Software AG Documentation Web site](#) and can also be downloaded as part of the product documentation library from the webMethods Installer.

4.5 Terminology Changes

This section lists terminology that has changed since the last full release of the product.

None.

4.6 Deprecated or Removed Items

This section lists product functionality that has been deprecated since the last full release of the product. Deprecated Built-In services and APIs are listed in the relevant sections that follow this one.

The Transaction Manager and connection objects are now used to perform the actions of native services in OAUtilities. These services must be removed upon adapter service upgrade and can be replaced by WmART services if available.

- `wm.OracleApps.OAUtilities:commit` can be replaced with `WmART.pub.art.transaction:commitTransaction`.
- `wm.OracleApps.OAUtilities:rollback` can be replaced with `WmART.pub.art.transaction.rollbackTransaction`.
- `wm.OracleApps.OAUtilities:startTransaction` can be replaced with `WmART.pub.art.transaction:startTransaction`.
- `wm.OracleApps.OAUtilities:getOAConnection` is obsolete.
- `wm.OracleApps.OAUtilities:returnConnection` is obsolete.
- `wm.OracleApps.OAUtilities:getOARRequests` is obsolete.

4.7 Added, Removed, Deprecated, or Changed Built-In Services

This section lists Built-In services that have been added, removed, deprecated, or changed since the last full release of the product.

None.

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6.0 Support

To obtain support for webMethods Product Suite components, refer to the following resources:

[Empower Product Support Web site](#)

Visit the Empower Web site to learn about support policies and critical alerts, read technical articles and papers, download products, fixes, and service packs, submit feature/enhancement requests, and more.

[Software AG Developer Community for webMethods](#)

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