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Output to automated testing tools

The Output to TestDirector print option enables you to create documents for testing software applications that can be imported into Mercury TestDirector 8.0.

Centralized role administration

Users can filter content by roles, but cannot be denied access. An important point to remember though is that the live system is never touched except in Do It mode. In Do It mode, users would be able to view the UPK Content, but would only be able to execute the procedure in the Oracle application if their security settings allowed. So users would never be able to update the live system except in areas where they already have permission as a PeopleSoft user.

One option to limit the content a user can see is to publish a different player for a specific role or roles. For example, you might publish a self-service only player that would only provide content for self service applications. You could even break it down further than this. Maybe publish a self-service-benefits only player, for example. In this scenario, each player would have it's own URL.

Backward compatibility

When a new version of the UPK comes out, it provides import and upgrade mechanisms to automatically upgrade your current UPK content to the latest UPK version. The UPK Developer is backward compatible with older versions of PeopleTools, **so there is no need for multiple versions of the UPK**. For example SA 9.0 and HCM 8.9 would be serviced by the same UPK install.

Visual impaired

All delivered document outputs and the HTML web site option conform to Section 508c requirements for accessibility. Just as an FYI, the HTML web site is the player output option for older or non-IE browsers where users manually advance the content. Read below for Section 508 details:

The HTML Web site is designed to conform to Section 508c requirements for accessibility. The site meets the following requirements: it can be read by a screen reader such as JAWS; it is not color dependent; the font size can be changed by the user; it is fully functional without using a mouse; and it does not depend on an audio track for functionality.

All document output is designed to conform to the following Section 508c requirements for accessibility: the document can be read by a screen reader such as JAWS, except for headers, footers, and image alternative text; and the text background shading is formatted to meet legibility standards for the visually impaired.

Usage tracking authentication

There are two possible methods of authenticating a user for Usage Tracking. The two methods are Windows and Forms. With Windows authentication, you identify Windows usergroups that will have administrative permissions, and the access a user has is determined by their Windows login. With Forms authentication, you must create users in the Usage Tracking server database and assign appropriate rights to each user.

Testing Tools Other Than Mercury

Regarding the ability to use UPK content for testing tools other than Mercury...Since Mercury is the only testing tool supported out of the box, customers have the following two options for using UPK content in other testing tools:

- Modify existing output types to produce content consumable by other testing tools. For example, if a customer did not have Mercury but did have another testing tool, they could modify the Mercury template so that it instead produced content formatted for the other tool.
- After test documents have been published, re-format them to meet the format requirements of the other testing tool.