Automate Metadata Access and Collection for Metadata Management

Informatica® PowerCenter® Metadata Exchange Options are connectors for collecting and accessing metadata for Metadata Manager, a key feature of PowerCenter Advanced Edition. Metadata exchange connectors are available for such sources as:

- Mainframes
- SAP ERP
- Data modeling tools
- Business intelligence (BI) tools
- Relational repositories
- Flat files
- PowerCenter repositories

Once collected, the metadata can be used in Metadata Manager to manage data integration environments. These options enhance enterprise-wide visibility into your data integration environment, enabling your IT organization to better control it. With these options, your IT team can be more productive.

The Metadata Exchange Options coordinate the interchange of technical and business metadata from data modeling tools, BI tools, source and target database catalogs, and PowerCenter repositories, helping IT organizations leverage the time and effort already invested in defining data structures.
Key Features

Automatic Metadata Import/Export
The wizard-driven interface of these options makes it easy to select applications with which you want to exchange metadata. Metadata can be automatically imported for use in Metadata Manager to aid development. And metadata can be exported from Metadata Manager to provide visibility into data transformation to other applications. Metadata descriptions can be expanded with metadata from other applications. And data modeling and BI tools can be supplied with metadata descriptions documented in PowerCenter.

Comprehensive Connector Support
These options connect to a wide variety of metadata sources, including:

- DB2/zOS Mainframe
- SAP R/3 ERP
- Relational files: JDBC, Oracle, IBM DB2, SQL Server, Informix, Teradata, Netezza, flat files
- Informatica PowerCenter
- Data modeling tools: CA ER/win, Oracle JDGme, Sybase PowerDesigner, IBM InfoSphere DM, Embarcadero ER Studio
- BI tools: Oracle OBIA, Business Objects, Cognos BI, Microstrategy, Microsoft SQL Server Reporting and Analysis Services
- Custom metadata connectors

Key Benefits

Enhance Enterprise-Wide Visibility into Data Integration Environments
With the Metadata Exchange Options, your IT organizations can enhance the visibility of your data integration environment by being able to collect business and technical metadata from a wide variety of sources. Developers can ensure that users see the latest and most relevant view of the flow of data through their environment.

Increase IT Productivity
These options dramatically increase your IT organization’s productivity. You can automatically connect to a wide variety of sources to collect metadata—no hand coding is required. These options employ a wizard-based, step-by-step process to import or export the appropriate metadata into/from the PowerCenter metadata repository. These options accelerate PowerCenter deployments and simplify and streamline the development of data integration solutions.

Ensure Control of Data Integration Environments
These options help your IT organization exercise more control over your data integration environment. They ensure accurate data processing across the enterprise by verifying that metadata structures are consistent between PowerCenter and other applications. They speed and simplify the metadata update process between systems to guarantee ongoing consistency. They enable your IT team to use Metadata Manager to its fullest to manage your data integration environment.

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