

PowerCenter Major Release Upgrade Kickoff

Overview

Benefits

- Effective upgrades with minimal disruption delivered by upgrade specialists with unparalleled experience
- Optimal deployment of enhanced features with knowledge transfer to build in-house staff competency
- Guidance through best practices for upgrade environments and test procedures to protect production systems

Typical Duration

- 2 Weeks

IPS Staff Level

- Senior Consultant

Due to the business-critical nature of the Informatica platform, performing an upgrade of an Informatica application to the latest release of the Informatica PowerCenter platform requires thorough planning and preparation. Based on our unparalleled experience with performing such upgrades, and guided by Informatica's Velocity methodology, Informatica Professional Services will help you plan controlled subset upgrades, followed by the complete roll-out of the new platform into production. Additionally, our consultants will review the new capabilities in the release and explore opportunities to deploy them in your existing or future data management applications.

Informatica Professional Services performs major release software upgrades every day of the year. Leveraging our deep expertise helps to mitigate risk.

Key Program Deliverables

Listed below are the deliverables of a Major Release Upgrade Kickoff - these will be based on the customer's environment and will be discussed with key members of the customer's team.

- Upgrade assessment and plan
 - Current environment assessment
 - Upgrade strategy and detailed upgrade and test plans
- Initial upgrade on selected environment
- The remainder of deliverables can also be accomplished as time permits or with additional time beyond the initial 10 days:
 - Testing of existing development on upgraded platform
 - Deployment into production of initial upgrade
 - Upgrade to enhanced functionality on selected environment
 - Deployment of enhanced upgrade into production

Key Program Details

Upgrade Assessment and Plan

Informatica will perform a current environment assessment and prepare a detailed upgrade strategy plan to migrate the existing environment to a new environment. This includes a pre-installation checklist, ensuring hardware availability, selecting the targeted lifecycle environment for the initial upgrade effort, identifying objects that can be cleaned up, identifying dependent objects that need to be migrated to the new environment, reviewing security, planning for a regression and parallel test.

Initial Upgrade on Selected Environment

The Informatica initial upgrade on a selected environment includes installation of a server and clients, creation of services, upgrade of content, upgrade of users and groups, establishing a connection, reviewing the upgrade log for any issues and ensuring that all dependent objects have been copied as well as cleanup of any identified objects.

Testing of Existing Development on Upgraded Platform

Based upon the initial upgrade and the review of the upgrade log for the development environment, Informatica will assist in the initial testing effort and specifically manually test sessions/workflows and monitor sessions and review logs. Informatica will also assist in testing the integrated PowerCenter environment and launching sessions/workflows via external processes, if needed.

Deployment of Initial Upgrade into Production

Informatica will continue efforts to complete deployment into production the initial series of check-point reviews which were gathered from the initial development upgrade, following major milestone of the upgrade as tested. If issue arise the check-points will also serve to provide a quick mechanism for escalation and resolution.

Upgrade to Enhanced Functionality on Selected Environment

Review new release features, functionality and performance optimization options, including reviewing the expanded Informatica client suite, overall domain and services architecture, enhanced security, workflow options and opportunities for process optimization, Knowledge Transfer and Best Practices. Provide proper guidance in new functionality, uses and implementation.

Deployment of Enhanced Upgrade into Production

Subsequent to examining enhanced functionality final check-point reviews and completing a given environment's regression testing, we will deploy the enhanced upgrade to production and also serve in the capacity of providing a quick mechanism for escalation and resolution up to the final cutover to production environment.

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