

Banner 8 Technical Meeting - October 8, 2009

Attendees: Mrinal Virnave, Alex Garcia, Lynne Ray, Paul Berver, Kit Marlow, Scott Archer, Curtis Ewing, Art Trujillo, John Roberts, Linda Moreno, Olga Conter, Pam Jeffries, Kim Montoya, Jesus Hernandez, Bruce Schaa, Brian Hasslinger, Rich Chavez, Dudley Moore, Mark Hammersmith, Matyas Danter, and Laura Ramirez

- Release of PBN8 Status – Oct. 12th
 - Appworx/SCP Servers writing to same directories in Production – Scott
 - We're at the last step for testing PBN8
 - Everything's working and we're waiting on the pipes
 - Appworx is up and running, except for any gotchas that may come up
 - Q: (Mrinal) Have we moved all the jobs over? A: (Kim) Shaun replaced all hard coded variables with substitution variables instead
 - For E-Print, we need to change the repository for it to be tested by Olga's group
 - The profile changes of Prod vs. Devl have not been done yet
 - Allowing users to test in Appworx Production
 - Q: (Scott) Why are we letting users into the production system? Here we are jumping hoops to not let the users get into our production stuff. It's like opening ourselves to problems
 - A: (Mrinal) We wanted two instances; one for our developers and one for our clients to test
 - Q: (Art) Are Appworx jobs picking up production files? A: (EIS) Yes, but we don't know if the users will know between ODS and Banner production instances
 - Q: (Art) The files written from PBN8 to Appworx, will they say PBAN or PBN8? A: (Jesus) It's an easy fix, really. We don't have it on production. Files are directed to the banner-p box and may get overridden
 - Q: (Art) What determines the PBAN and PBN8 description? A: (EIS/Scott) Scripts need to be changed
 - Q: (Linda/Scott) Can this be done in development? A: (Jesus) Can this be supported by DBA – Art/John? Developers don't want the users in DBN8 because there can be conflicts in updating the data, plus we have trainings going on in DBN8
 - Q: (Laura) Are we not ready to release PBN8? A: (Jesus) Doesn't look like it
 - Kim says that we need to change the scripts and perhaps have a UBN8 instance available, although Scott has not rebuilt Appworx on this instance
 - Q: (Bruce) What about job submission, is that working? A: (Paul) This goes to a separate directory
 - Q: (Pam) Can we release PBN8 to the clients to test forms? A: (Mrinal) We will have to wait until the outcome of tomorrow's meeting
 - For tomorrow's meeting, we will discuss the following:
 - Appworx/SCP Servers

- Determine the level of effort and how many scripts need to be changed due to hard coded variables
 - Pipes issue and will it be resolved soon
 - Q: (Kim) There are also hard coded commands within certain packages and procedures, what should we do about those? A: (Mrinal) We must have a hard coded directory for this and it can be done by DBA
 - Release decision – to be determined after Friday’s meeting
 - Q: (Mrinal) What do we release to the clients?
 - Forms only?
 - Forms and Appworx?
- Gurjobs/Pipes issue – Paul
 - Still having an issue with the pipes. It’s a PATH issue, not finding a library
 - Ticket opened with Sungard. Pipes should be working by Monday per Lynne
 - Siiri’s having an issue with a form, too
 - Q: (Alex) Is Siiri running something in PBN8? A: (DBA) Not sure if she’s running something in PBN8 or DBN8
 - Q: (Mrinal) If Siiri is running jobs in PBN8; she could potentially be running something in Production? A: (DBA) We will confirm what instance Siiri is getting the error and forward the e-mail thread to everyone
 - Q: (Mrinal) We will need to know where the jobs reside. A: (DBA) We can check where it’s all going
 - Q: (John) Is Siiri running jobs in PBN8? Have users been locked out? Is it just your good faith that everyone has been locked out of PBN8? A: (Alex) It was requested that ALL users be locked out from PBN8. It is unknown how Siiri was allowed to access PBN8
 - Q: (Mrinal) Paul wasn’t it you who ran the script to lock users out? A: (Paul) I believe the users were locked out by Kit
 - Per Mrinal, we may feel more confident releasing PBN8 to the clients on Wednesday, October 15th
- Automated start-up scripts (gurjobs) – Jesus
 - This came about after Laura tried testing job submission and it timing out
 - Q: Isn’t there a way to confirm that gurjobs gets turned on automatically? A: (Paul) There is something in place that checks for this
 - Mrinal would like Paul to ensure that gurjobs gets turned on when it should
- Permissions on Banworx – Bruce
 - Per Bruce, the permissions are not the same on DBN8 as they are in UBAN
 - Q: (Paul) What’s the master for this? A: (EIS) Whatever is in PBAN
- Luminis Groups – Mrinal

- Mrinal would like a feasibility study done to determine what direction to take with Group Studio
- We are getting rid of Group Studio. It's unfortunate because Group Studio doesn't have problems like Luminis does
- Mrinal would like for Brian to speak to Susan Waldo to ask her what groups they have out there
- Brian says that there are about 600 to 700 groups available and there has been some traffic

- UC4 E-Print – Kim
 - Met with Shaun due to hard coded repository ids
 - Everything was handled this morning on the Banner 8 side of things

- Release of E-Print to Users – Alex
 - Q: (Alex) Who will test? A: (Kim) The clients will need to test this
 - Q: (Alex) What is the level of effort involved? A: (Mrinal) Once Appworx is ready, then E-Print should be ready for clients to test
 - Per Mark, the users will need to be told where E-Print will be going (a separate repository?)

- Other
 - Third Party Systems
 - Q: (Pam) Are other third party systems on DBN8 and PBN8? A: (Mrinal) Yes
 - Also per Pamela Roggow, she wants the new Intellectcheck version installed on the Banner 7 instances (DBAN, UBAN, and PBAN)
 - HR would like to test by November 13th
 - Per Olga, the new version is already in UBAN and Ben has been testing
 - Sam Hammond has already setup on the server

 - NMSU Products
 - Q: (Pam) Are all NMSU in-house products also on DBN8 and PBN8? A: (Mrinal) Yes, there is everything except Workflow and Xtender
 - These will be installed at a later date and will need to be tested

 - Self-Serve
 - Q: (Pam) Is Self-Serve fully functional in DBN8 and PBN8?
 - A: (Mrinal) Yes, it's there, but needs to be tested

 - Status on DBN8 Clone
 - Q: (Jesus) Is the clone done for DBN? A: (Paul) No, there are issues with the schemas
 - Q: (Jesus) Is there an estimate as to when it will be available, tonight, tomorrow? A: (John) It is hard to give an estimate as to when it will be available. Paul is doing everything in his power to turn over to developers

- Q: (Jesus) You do realize that the longer the clone takes, the longer that my staff will have to wait to continue testing? A: (John) Yes, I realize that, but it will be released when it is complete
- Status on Adobe Flex
 - Q: (Pam) What is the status on Adobe Flex? A: (Lynne) Still reviewing the documentation and will try to have it ready by the training date
 - Per Pam, training that will require Adobe Flex will be held in Dec.
 - Mrinal says that we only need a database and application server (no INB)
 - It's a single folder install and that affects Curtis' group
 - Technical Training, EIS, will be coming up as well per Pam