

Banner 8 Technical Meeting - November 24, 2009

Attendees: Alex Garcia, Mrinal Virnave, Bruce Schaa, Kim Montoya, Pam Jeffries, Rich Chavez, Terry King, Mark Hammersmith, Crystal Wang, Paul Berver, and Laura Ramirez

- ODS Upgrade News – Olga/Mrinal
 - There are no performance issues; except for phone book, but that has been fixed
 - Today is the first day of running reports
- Restructure of Banner 8 Meetings – Alex
 - Tuesday meetings will become our Tuesday technical meetings with EAS, DBA, USA
 - Client Meetings
 - Thursday meetings will become our Client meetings. The focus will be on the users and their testing; technical people will be invited to attend
 - Crystal would like to invite PSL clients to the Client meetings to know status of their testing with Time Card. Crystal will send a list of people to Laura
 - E-HIRE questions will be asked of HR at next Client meeting per Crystal
- BANINST1 Access – Alex
 - Jesus requested that developers have access to UBN8 and PBN8 with BANINST1 schema
 - Per Paul, developers have access to DBN8 with BANINST1, but not UBN8. Mrinal should have access to UBN8
 - Paul will set BANINST1 with same password as in DBN8 for the developers
- Data Conversion Issues (encountered during training) – Alex
 - Waiting on Siiri to reply on this issue per Alex
 - Art wants a list of tables that had no data, as reported from Student training
 - Per Pam, the original e-mail was sent to the DBA group
 - Q: (Pam) Can we do a compare on tables from one instance to another? A: (Paul) We can compare the import/export of the tables
 - Q: (Alex) Do you want Laura to include in the list of tasks? A: (Paul) Yes.
 - Laura will include in the list of upgrades and tasks for Banner 8 project
 - Per Mrinal, Bruce Ernst has a way to compare tables based on a script he has. There have been many validation tables in Student that have changed
 - Q: (Alex) Would Art be ok with this information or do we need to resend the original e-mail? A: (Paul) Please send the original e-mail to DBA
- E-HIRE 8.0 Upgrade – DBA
 - Crystal sent request on Nov. 9th
 - Per Paul, he hasn't gotten to it yet; dependent on clone of DBN8; maybe next week
 - There are other installs, upgrades, and the clone going on at this time

- Security Group E-HIRE Testing – Terry
 - Testing is going ok for now
 - Terry has no access to the bansecr role
 - Mrinal asks that Liz meet with Shaun to resolve this bansecr issue
 - There are issues with E-HIRE per Terry; can't do any Workflow tabs due to Luminis not installed
 - So far Banner Security Group can do everything else that they currently do

- Clone of DBN8 – Paul
 - There are issues with the backup not being available for clone to happen
 - Per Paul, the clone will be done by Monday, November 30
 - Schema Order
 - Paul has a concern regarding schemas in that he wants to know which ones are more important to restore first
 - In particular, Paul wants the schemas in a priority order
 - Developers to provide Paul with the priority schema order

- UBN8 Refresh – Alex
 - To begin on Jan. 5 with data as of Jan. 4 at 5 pm from PBAN
 - Tentative time to complete is Jan. 5 thru Jan. 11
 - Item discussed at Thursday's Client meeting
 - Mrinal suggests doing a semi-automation of upgrades in applying 8x versions. Mrinal will work with Paul to refine this process next week

- Systems Testing – Alex
 - Appworx Checklist
 - Thorough searching and testing was done by Bruce and Kim to include all the Appworx jobs that we run
 - The list of Appworx jobs that run against Banner will be sent to RS group by Alex
 - Alex will update the Appworx Checklist and send the revised one to all developers and Laura will post on the Banner 8 website
 - Departmental List
 - Mrinal requested that a "short list" be sent to each department/area to assist them with their testing
 - Q: (Mrinal) Do we have that list available? A: (Alex) No, we have not compiled it yet
 - Mrinal feels that it may be easier to nag the clients if we provide them with their dept. list
 - User-Created Jobs
 - Kim is concerned with Prema's question on whether or not EIS had tested Financial Aid's Appworx chains/modules at Client meeting last Thursday
 - Bruce reiterated that any jobs created by clients, should be tested by clients, not developers
 - Alex will follow-up with SIM and let them know that they are responsible for testing their own jobs

- LetGen Process
 - Q: (Kim) How will we test the LetGen process? How do we test against Banner 8? A: (Mrinal) Only use what is available in banner-p and use that as a basis for testing
 - Per Kim, there are differences in the initial setup by Shaun within the banner-d and banner-p boxes
 - Q: (Pam) Is there any way that this process can be rewritten? A: (Kim) No, that is not possible as a rewrite would be an enormous effort. The script also includes all the FormFusion modifications
 - The same box is used for running both development and production letters. Mrinal will assist developers in this effort
 - Kim says that Shaun does not recommend that the LetGen process be created in Appworx

- WebTailor Admin Access
 - Crystal just found out that there are 21 users that have WebTailor admin roles in PBAN
 - Mrinal thinks that perhaps SIM was testing the granting of access
 - The list of roles will need to be revised. Mrinal and John will have to address this issue
 - Crystal will send the list of WebTailor admin roles to Mrinal

- Test Plans – Alex
 - Kim's concerned that clients had a blank look on their faces when asked about their testing and test plans
 - Q: (Kim) Do they have their test plans ready? A: (Pam) Not everyone had Banner 7 test plans, only HR
 - Pam suggests that all client test plans be posted on the Banner 8 website
 - Per Bruce, Kim Eiland is planning to test the grading process as part of her testing in Banner 8
 - Q: (Kim) How is Kim Eiland meeting that aspect of letting us know how her testing is going and what she will be testing?
 - Mrinal suggests that PMs schedule weekly meetings to inquire how their testing is going and revert to test plans
 - Per Pam, we need to request test plans from the clients
 - Q: (Pam) Do clients have their test plans? A: (Alex) Yes, Gary and Lori have theirs and we met with them last week
 - Per Pam, the users should be testing and including in their test plans, any changes that were fixed with recent upgrades or patches
 - Q: (Mrinal) Alex, you're following up with an e-mail to the clients on Fridays, right? A: (Alex) Yes, this will be done

- Other/Issues/Concerns
 - PBN8 Status – Paul
 - Q: (Paul) Is anyone using it? A: (Bruce) No.
 - Q: (Paul) Can I do any type of deployment with it? A: (Bruce) Yes.

- Upcoming Upgrades/Patches – Paul
 - HR 7.2.11 upgrade – This is stuck in Sungard’s hands as they are having us back-level extensively in the HR module
 - 5 General 7.6 patches – Mrinal says that there are 5 patches that will need to be applied to be in compliance. He will send a list to DBA and Laura to coordinate and apply in all Banner 7 instances for now

- Training – Pam
 - Multi-Year vs. EIS – UBN8 for Finance training and DBN8 for EIS training on Dec. 1
 - Adobe Flex – appears to be working in development per Pam and Mrinal. Users to test are needed and Alex will ask Lynne to point it to UBN8

- DARS Upgrade – Pam
 - Pankaj will work with Jack and Carla on the DARS upgrade
 - Pankaj stated that we need to upgrade first
 - PMO has a meeting regarding the upgrade of DARS tomorrow

- FMS – Pam
 - Going live Dec. 16 per Pam
 - There are some scripts that are not in Production yet, but are not required for go-live
 - One spec is outstanding and Pankaj is working with the clients on this

- ODS Client Testing – Pam
 - Q: (Pam) Do ODS users have to test their own ODS jobs?
 - A: (Mrinal) Yes, they will need to test their own jobs. Dudley needs to do certain tasks before users can test