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

Clone of DBN8 – Paul
  o There are issues with the backup not being available for clone to happen
  o Per Paul, the clone will be done by Monday, November 30
  o 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
  o To begin on Jan. 5 with data as of Jan. 4 at 5 pm from PBAN
  o Tentative time to complete is Jan. 5 thru Jan. 11
  o Item discussed at Thursday’s Client meeting
  o 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
  o 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
  o 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
  o 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.
o 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

o 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

o 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

o 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

o 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