

PeopleTools Compatibility and Adoption Policy for Campus Solutions 9.0 (Doc ID 1365646.1)

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APPLIES TO:

PeopleSoft Enterprise CS Student Administration - Version 9 and later
PeopleSoft Enterprise CS Student Financials - Version 9 and later
PeopleSoft Enterprise PT PeopleTools - Version 8.50 to 8.50 [Release 8.4]
PeopleSoft Enterprise CS Student Records - Version 9 and later
PeopleSoft Enterprise CS Recruiting and Admissions - Version 9 and later
Information in this document applies to any platform.

DETAILS

PeopleTools Adoption Policy

PeopleTools releases occur approximately every twelve (12) months. Standard Support starts with "General Availability" (GA) and is in effect for each release until 12 months following the next release of PeopleTools, followed by an additional 12 months of Critical Patch Support; this means that each Tools release is supported for approximately 36 months.

Traditionally, PeopleSoft applications required customers to upgrade their PeopleTools (PT) version as part of a major application upgrade. In response to customer demand, Oracle made two significant changes:

1. PeopleTools releases became backwards compatible to enable previous application releases to take advantage of new features and functions delivered with each new versions of PeopleTools.

Please see Knowledge Document ID 1348959.1 for more information on the PeopleTools Support Policy.

2. Campus Solutions (CS) adopted a "Continuous Delivery: model, built upon the 9.0 release, that delivers enhancements and new products without requiring the traditional major release upgrade.

CS Tools Adoption Policy

Working with the HEUG Technical Advisory Group (TAG), the PeopleTools and Campus Solutions development teams have defined a PeopleTools adoption policy that provides reasonable options for customers to stay current on PT, while adopting new features in CS. This new policy builds upon the Tools 8.50 minimum requirement for Campus Solutions that was instituted in July 2011. The basic policy is as follows: Campus Solutions customers will need to proceed with a Tools upgrade no later than 24 months after a specific Tools release becomes generally available. This approach has some built in flexibility for customers, but also allows the CS product to incorporate, over time, new capabilities that are delivered in PeopleTools releases.

Customers may want to consider these options when completing their Tools upgrade planning.

Option A: Upgrade to each new PeopleTools release every 12–15 months

- Advantage: Early access to new features and functions, certified on latest technology
- Risk: Annual upgrade planning and workload, coordination with application maintenance

Option B: Upgrade to every other new release in 20–24 month intervals

- Advantage: Environment stability, less effort spent on upgrade activity
- Risk: Delayed access to new functionality, PTools P1 support only during Critical Patch window

Campus Solutions customers should be upgraded to Tools 8.52 as of October 2013.

• Specific functionality dependent upon new People Tools releases will be documented in the Pre-Release Notes and customer facing documents posted in advance of the impacted bundle. The following is found in the installation documentation for Campus Solutions 9 Bundle #33:

1. The Rules Engine feature is dependent on PeopleTools 8.53.04 for its functioning.
2. Student Activity Guides feature is dependent on Peopletools 8.53.06 for its deployment.
3. The Evaluation Management System (EMS), Program Enrollment (PE), Activity Management (AM) and Research Tracking (RT) features integrate with the Rules Engine. This allows users to develop rules to enforce their institution specific business logic & policies and calculate results. These four features do NOT require Tools 8.53.04 and could be used independently but by virtue of Rules Engine integration and a choice to create and enforce the rules as part of the process, makes them require 8.53.04 as well.

For your reference, here are the PeopleTools release dates:

Tools 8.50 – Sept 2009

Tools 8.51 – Sept 2010

Tools 8.52 – Oct 2011

Tools 8.53 – Feb 2013

Tools 8.54 – July 2014

Using the above PeopleTools release dates, here is a guide to help calculate the date by which one would need to upgrade to a minimal Tools version to be in conformity with the Campus Tools Adoption policy:

Tools 8.51 GA Sept 2010 + 24 months = Should be upgraded to Tools 8.51 or higher by Sept 2012

Tools 8.52 GA Oct 2011 + 24 months = Should be upgraded to Tools 8.52 or higher by Oct 2013

Tools 8.53 GA Feb 2013 + 24 months = Should be upgraded to Tools 8.53 or higher by Feb 2015

Tools 8.54 GA July 2014 + 24 months = Should be upgraded to Tools 8.54 or higher by July 2016

Note: By complying with the above minimum Tools version and dates you are in conformity with the Campus Tools Adoption policy. However, specific features may require a higher Tools version than this minimum Tools requirement. These Tools prerequisites will be stated specifically in the bundle documentation and in this Knowledge Document.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: See PeopleTools Delivered Style Sheet Compatibility And Campus Solutions 9.0 (Doc ID [1551861.1](#)) Concerning the default Style Sheet for CS 9.0.

REFERENCES

[NOTE:1551861.1](#) - PeopleTools Delivered Style Sheet Compatibility And Campus Solutions 9.0

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