



Working with **PEOPLESOFT FORMS** and
Approval Builder

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Some Fast Facts:

- Founded 1887 (relocated to Hamilton in 1930)
- Canada's most research-intensive, medical-doctoral university
- One of four Canadian universities ranked in the world's top 75.
- 31,843 Students 10,000+ employees, 988 FT Faculty
- 196,000 alumni representing 139 countries
- One of the Top 5 employers in Hamilton region

- [More fast facts here:](#)



THE DETAILS

McMaster's current environments and images

➤ Financials And Supply Chain Management (FSCM)

- (aka "Finance" and/or "GL")
- Version 9.2.25

➤ Human Capital Management (HCM)

- (aka "HR")
- Version 9.2.24

➤ Campus Solutions (CS)

- (aka "student" and/or "campus")
- Version 9.2.07

PeopleTools Version = 8.55.22

SESSION GOALS

- ❖ Connect with other PeopleSoft From and Approval Builder (PSFAB) users
 - gain insight and learn from mutual experience
 - encourage co-operation amongst individuals and institutions
- ❖ Connect with new/potential PSFAB users
 - provide a resource, answer questions, provide tips and suggest best practices
 - learn from the mistakes of others
- ❖ Build relationships and consensus amongst PSFAB users
 - Increase interest and activity on community forums
 - support existing enhancement “Ideas”
 - build support content
 - network with potential resources

Overview:

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the PROMISE:
(and the process)

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the STRUGGLE
(and the gaps)

3

the REWARDS
(and the reboots)

4

the LESSONS
(and the hope)

THE PROMISE

and the process

How McMaster come to implement PSFAB tools and what it took for us to produce work-able solutions for our business.

THE PROMISE *so why am I doing this?*

Ease of adoption

- Packaged tool
- Low cost/risk
- Minimal configuration
- Cross-Module
- Easy implementation
- Easy development

Potential

- Approval Workflow Engine (AWE)
- Database integration
- Component Interface (CI) mapping
- Customization potential

THE PROCESS

so how am I doing this?

Form Design Tools

- Design Form / Manage Forms
- Define Prompt Records
- Form to CI Mapping
- Document Form References

Approval Workflow Engine (AWE)

- User List Setup
- Transaction Registry
- Configure Transactions
- Setup Process Definitions

Security

- Form Admin/Designer Role
- Form Access role (Fluid)
- Role based User Lists

Database Tables and Query Tools

- Query Manager
- Building views (Application Designer)
- Security Tree (delivered/custom)
- SQL Developer
- SQL statements (insert select)

Data Mover Scripts (DMS)

- Form migration tools
- Vital to avoid activation issues

People Tools / Portal

- Structure and Content

Consider... PS Utilities

- Chrome browser extension
- Identify Components
- Identify DB Tables/Fields
- Cross-environment Favourites

THE STRUGGLE

and the gaps

So if it's easy to adopt and use, why can it be difficult to implement effective forms?

THE STRUGGLE

to accept
the things
you cannot
change.



Not as robust as other form-specific applications



Minor but significant differences between Fluid and Classic



Classic design tool can be challenging and time-consuming



Fluid has better design tools but imposes additional limitations



Lack of formal documentation and resources

THE STRUGGLE

to get to where you want to go

- **Select an appropriate place to start**
- **Prepare for a realistic (potentially long) development cycle**
- **Include Form requirements in project management plan(s)**
- **Consider all the stake-holders for UAT**
- **Utilize all potential resources and documentation**
- **Work within the constraints of the tool(s) – > methodical**
- **Carefully consider between Classic and Fluid (if applicable)**

the **FLUID** versus **CLASSIC** question...

Classic – the good

- Rewards creativity
- More design flexibility – fonts/colours/size
- “Section” fields can display lengthy text/instructions/ headers
- Displays “Long Labels”
- More suitable for large forms with many fields /complicated layouts

Classic – the not so good

- Difficult and frustrating design environment
- Columns can be difficult to align
- Lack of real-time save / preview
- Premature navigation integration
- No editing of Activated forms

Fluid – the good

- Better design tool, easier and faster
- Real time preview w/3 display modes
- Adjusts column layout based on display
- Easy, real-time saving
- Introduces touch screen compatibility

Fluid – the not so good

- No “Long Labels” (18-character max)
- Cannot re-use labels after saving
- “Section” field type replaced by “Divider”
- Cannot change font, text-size, colour
- Replaces check boxes with Yes/No switch
- Instructions hard to find (hamburger menu)
- No editing of Activated forms

Fluid – other considerations

- Requires fluid approvals
- May requires PTools and Image updates

In between good and evil,
black and white,
us and them,
we find
THE GAPS

Form Designer Limitations:

- Maximum # of instances for each “Use Type” (FORM_SD table)
- “Code” and “Yes/No” map as 4- character “Text”
- “Prompt” fields also map as Text
- “Prompt” limited to 4, 5, 10, or 20-character maximums
 - will not prevent linking to fields that exceed configuration
 - exceeding max yields dead-end user validation error
- Activation dead-end
 - most form components permanently lock after activation
 - fields can be added but not deleted
 - major changes usually require complete rebuild
- Saving dead-end
 - cannot reuse field identifier (classic) / label (fluid) after saving
 - even if you delete the field you cannot reuse label
- Fluid is more restrictive:
 - no “Section” fields/use types
 - labels/header 18 characters max

Functionality Gaps:

- Cannot create default field values
- Cannot auto-populate fields / display read only fields
- Cannot disable default fields (e.g. “Subject”, “More Info”)
- Inactivating Form does not remove Navigator menu link
- Can’t embed form into approval emails
- Accessibility to form instances very restrictive
 - only those who submit/approve can retrieve later
 - admin role does not provide access
- Only Form “Owner” can view in design, activate/inactivate (Admins can take ownership)



PSFAB DESIGN

QUICK DEMONSTRATION

- Classic vs. Fluid Design Tool
- Field “Use Types”
- Workflow basics

PSFAB DESIGN_{basics}

(CLASSIC)

Navigation:

Enterprise components > Forms > Design a Form

Enterprise components > Forms > Manage Form

Security Roles:

FORM_ADMIN

FORM_DESIGNER

Design a Form

Enter any information you have and click Search. Leave fields blank for a list of all values.

Find an Existing Value

Add a New Value

▼ Search Criteria

Search by: begins with

Search

Advanced Search

[Find an Existing Value](#) | [Add a New Value](#)

Design a Form

Find an Existing Value

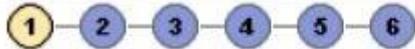
Add a New Value

Form

Add

[Find an Existing Value](#) | [Add a New Value](#)

Design Form



Step 1: Basic Information

Form EST

Status In Design

***Effective From** 

Effective Until 

***Label**

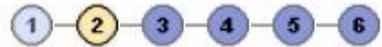
***Long Description**

(254 Characters)

218 characters remaining

***Owner Id** 

Design Form



Step 2: Instructions

Form EST

Instructions



Typing instructions is boring and we know that no one will ever read them so why not make some text **BIG, Bold and RED**

Step 3: Form Fields

Form EST

Left Column		Personalize Find View 8 [?] []					First	1-9 of 9	Last
	*Label	*Use Type	*Length	Field Status	Details				
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Header / Info	Section		In Design	Details		↓	+ -	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Text boxes	Text	10	In Design	Details	↑	↓	+ -	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Drop Down	Code	4	In Design	Details	↑	↓	+ -	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Check box	Y/N	1	In Design	Details	↑	↓	+ -	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Date Field	Date	10	In Design	Details	↑	↓	+ -	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 Time	Time	15	In Design	Details	↑	↓	+ -	
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Data Base lookup	Prompt	20	In Design	Details	↑	↓	+ -	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 Signed numeric	Signed	7.2	In Design	Details	↑	↓	+ -	
<input type="checkbox"/>	9 Number	Number	7.2	In Design	Details	↑		+ -	

↓ Move to Right Column

↑ Move to Left Column

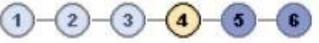
Right Column		Personalize Find View All [?] []			First	1 of 1	Last
	*Label	*Use Type	*Length	Field Status	Details		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1			In Design	Details		+ -

Single column style

Fields of right column will be moved under the fields of left column.

FORM “USE TYPE” MAXIMUM INSTANCES: FORM_SD TABLE:

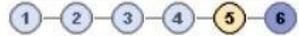
FIELD “USE TYPE”:	Maximum Allowable Fields	FORM_SD Field Label
Date	10 (or 8 may vary by module)	SD_DATE_#
Time	15 (or 8 may vary by module)	SD_TIME_#
Text		
4 Character Text Code (i.e. drop-down) Yes/No (Checkbox in classic) Prompt	10 (or 12 may vary by module) (maps here in classic finance)	SD_TEXT4_#
5 Character Text Prompt	10	SD_TEXT5_#
10 Character Text Prompt	15	SD_TEXT10_#
20 Character Text Prompt	15	SD_TEXT20_#
30 Character Text	10	SD_TEXT30_#
50 Character Text	10	SD_TEXT50_#
254 Character Text	5	SD_TEXT254_#
Number / Signed		
9 Digit	10	SD_INT_#
7.2 Digit	10	SD_NUM9_#
15.4 Digit	8	SD_NUM19_#



Step 4: Attachment Templates

Form EST

Form Attachment Templates		Personalize	Find			First	◀	1 of 1	▶	Last
Description	Attached File	Attach	Open							
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Attach"/>	Open	<input type="button" value="+"/>	<input type="button" value="-"/>					



Step 5: Publish to Menu

Form EST

Root > Customers > Customer Information



Up one level



Sequence number

Content References

Personalize | Find | View All | First | 1-10 of 10 | Last

Quick Customer Create	10
General Information	20
Dun & Bradstreet	30
Dun & Bradstreet Lookup/Order	31
MICR Information	40
Corporate Customer Tree	50
Corporate Tree Messages	60
Supplier Information	70
Electronic File Transfer Name	80
Reimbursable Agreements	90

Design Form



Step 6: Approval Process

Form EST

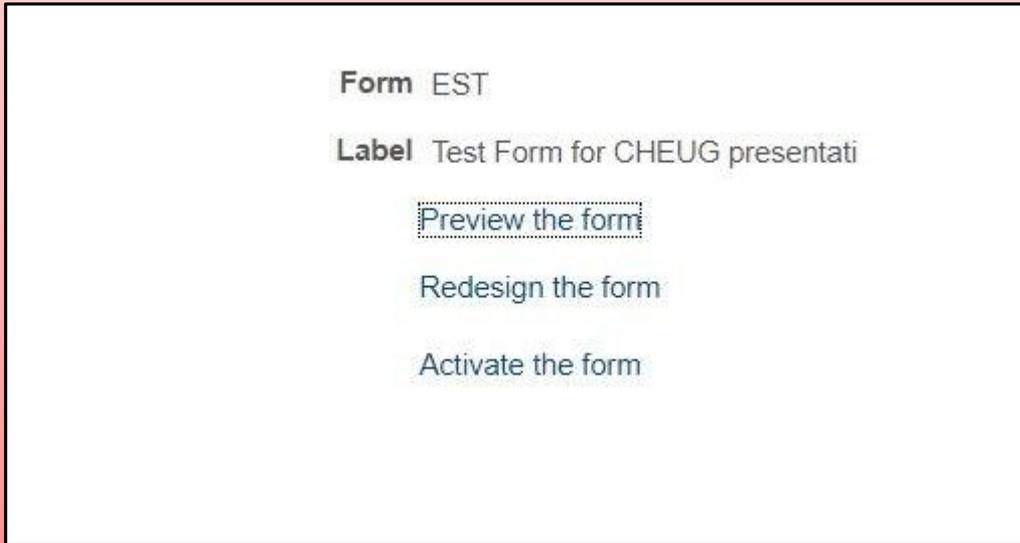
*Lockdown Options

Steps		Personalize	Find	View All			First	1-4 of 4	Last
	Approver User List	Description							
1	<input type="text" value="CUST_SETUP_APPRV"/>	Customer Setup Form Approval	+	-					
2	<input type="text" value="Director"/>	Facilities Director	+	-					
3	<input type="text" value="Finance Cheque Signer"/>	AP Finance Cheque Signer	+	-					
4	<input type="text" value="ACCOUNTS_PAYABLE_REVIEWER"/>	Accounts Payable Reviewer	+	-					

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DID YOU GET TO THIS SCREEN?

Excellent! The Form is now **Saved**.



The screenshot shows a form configuration interface with the following elements:

- Form** EST
- Label** Test Form for CHEUG presentati
- Preview the form** (highlighted with a dashed border)
- Redesign the form**
- Activate the form**

- Click Preview > confirm layout, test fields/prompts etc...
- Click Redesign > go back into design/make changes
- Click Activate > activate (seriously, don't activate)

YOU DID NOT GET THIS SCREEN?
Bummer! The form is NOT Saved ☹️



Form EST
Label Test Form for CHEUG presentati
[Preview the form](#)
[Redesign the form](#)
[Activate the form](#)

Message

Changes conflict with another data item. (18,5)

When trying to save your changes, the system found a conflict with other information in the database.

This problem may be because of changes made simultaneously by another user. Make a note of the changes you have made, then cancel the page. Reload the page and look for changes. Ensure that your changes are still appropriate, then retry them.

If the problem persists, it may be due to an application programming error and should be reported to technical support staff.

This message occurs when a key is changed on an existing record, and the new set of key values conflicts with an existing record. The application should ensure that any changes to keys result in a unique record.

OK

There is a duplicate field label.. Go go back to step 3. Find it and change it.

Message

The form field "Random8" cannot be mapped to the storage record.

OK

**There are too many instances of a field "Use Type".
Delete the extras in order to save; customize FORM_SD
table if you need to add more fields of that type.**

*** BUG ALERT ***

Design Form



Step 5: Publish to Menu

Form EST

Root > Customers > Customer Information



Up one level

Content References

Personalize

Quick Customer Create

General Information

Dun & Bradstreet

Dun & Bradstreet Lookup/Order

MICR Information

Corporate Customer Tree

Corporate Tree Messages

Supplier Information

Electronic File Transfer Name

Reimbursable Agreements

Once you have completed all six stages of the Classic Form Designer / Activity Guide and your form has been saved, the navigation menu item as configured in Step 5 automatically publishes to the nav menu, even if you haven't activated the form. Not sure if this is a documented bug.



NavBar: Navigator



Recent Places



My Favorites



Navigator



Customer Information



Quick Customer Create

General Information

Dun & Bradstreet

Dun & Bradstreet Lookup/Order

MICR Information

Corporate Customer Tree

Corporate Tree Messages

Supplier Information

Electronic File Transfer Name

Reimbursable Agreements

Test Form for CHEUG presentati

Anyone who clicks on this Menu item and tries to add a form instance will get this error message:

Message

Invalid value -- press the prompt button or hyperlink for a list of valid values (15,11)

The value entered in the field does not match one of the allowable values. You can see the allowable values by pressing the Prompt button or hyperlink.

OK

The form designer tool however will not allow you to skip this step. If working in a production environment, it may be best to first select a menu component that is not visible and change it later.

Design Form

1 2 3 4 5 6

Step 5: Publish to Menu

Form EST

Root > Customers > Customer Information

Up one level

Sequence number

Content References Personalize | Find | View All | First 1-10 of 10 Last

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Field is required.
You have left a field empty and a value must be entered.

OK

< Previous Next > Cancel

PSFAB DESIGN_{basics}

(FLUID)

Navigation:

Design Forms Tile

My Forms Tile

Security Role Needed:

FORM_ADMIN

FLUID FORM DESIGNER

Finance Tasks 	Finance Work List 	Financial Reporting Hub 	Design Forms 
FLUID APPROVAL HISTORY VI... 	My Forms 	Approvals 	Auto-Fill Testing 

1

FLUID FORM DESIGNER

1
Form

2
Layout

3
Instructions

4
Approval

5
Security



Widgets

- Text
- Prompt
- Yes No Yes/No
- Code
- Date
- Number
- Signed Number
- Divider

CHEUG Form

Back

Description

Approval Status **Initial** Created On 11/04/2019

Divider1

*Text <input type="text"/>	Prompt <input type="text"/>
Yes/No <input type="radio"/> No	Code <input type="text"/>
Date <input type="text"/>	*Number <input type="text"/>
Signed Number <input type="text"/> -121.00	<input type="text"/>



Field Properties

Use Type **Prompt**

*Label Prompt

Field Status **In Design**

Description

*Length **5**

Required No

Prompt Record

SetID

Prompt Control

Delete

MANAGING FORMS

FORM OWNERSHIP CONSIDERATIONS

Classic Navigation:

Enterprise components > Forms > Manage Form

Fluid Tile:

Design Forms

Design Forms



FLUID FORM OWNERSHIP

*Form

Add

Status	Effective Date From	Effective Date To			
In Design	11/04/2019		Edit	Transfer	
Activated	09/30/2019	09/30/2100	Edit	Add To Homepage	Transfer
In Design	11/04/2019		Edit	Transfer	
In Design	11/04/2019		Edit	Transfer	

4 rows

CLASSIC FORM OWNERSHIP

ENTERPRISE COMPONENTS > FORMS > MANAGE FORMS

NOTE: Forms in root Folder “Form and Approval Builder” are fluid forms so you can use this screen to manage both fluid and classic forms.

New Window | H

Manage Forms

Portal Label

*Time Period

Forms

Personalize | Find | View All | | | First | 1-17 of 17 | Last

Form	Portal Label	Root Folder	Status	Activate	Inactivate	Total	Initial	Pending	Canceled	Approved	Denied	*Owner Id	Change Owner
1 CF_REQUEST	OLD testing CF request	Catalog Management	In Design	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							SMITHPA	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
2 CRT_UPD_CF	OLD testing CF request	General Ledger	In Design	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							SMITHPA	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
3 CUST_SETUP	New Customer/Sponsor Request	Accounts Receivable	Activated	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>	1	1					SMITHPA	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
4 EST	Test Form for CHEUG presentati	Customers	In Design	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							SMITHPA	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
5 FC_PO_CHNG	Facilities PO Change Request	Purchasing	Activated	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							PRENTIC	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
6 INVCANCEL	Inv. Cancel/Adjust/Write-off	Billing	Activated	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							SMITHPA	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
7 INVREQNEW	Invoice Request	Billing	Activated	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							SMITHPA	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
8 INVREQUEST	OLD DRAFT - Invoice Request	Billing	In Design	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							SMITHPA	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
9 LD_REP_APP	Labour Report Application	Employee Self-Service	In Design	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							SMITHPA	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
10 NEW_CUST	New Customer Request	Form and Approval Builder	Activated	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>	6	1	1			4	SMITHPA	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
11 NEW_SPLR	OLD DRAFT Supplier Set-up	Purchasing	In Design	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							SMITHPA	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
12 NEW_SPLR2	Supplier Set-up/Change Request	Purchasing	Activated	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							SMITHPA	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
13 POC_TEST	Auto-Fill Testing	Form and Approval Builder	Activated	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							PRENTIC	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
14 PO_CHNG	Purchase Order Change Request	Purchasing	Activated	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							PRENTIC	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
15 PO_CHNG2	OLD Draft Add/Edit Sup	Purchasing	In Design	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							SMITHPA	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
16 RSH_APP	Research eApproval Application	Grants	Activated	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							FINEMOR	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>
17 TST_FND	New Trust Fund	Project Costing	Activated	<input type="button" value="Activate"/>	<input type="button" value="Inactivate"/>							PRENTIC	<input type="button" value="Change Owner"/>

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THE REWARDS

and the reboots

What have we ultimately managed to create, how we utilized some of the form-builder's more advanced functions and how we work around its limitations.

so what are **THE REWARDS** for all this struggle?

- Potential to create powerful and flexible Forms
 - have implemented Forms with up to 45 fields, 25 prompts and sophisticated AWE routing
 - proof of concept in place for Forms to Component Interface (CI) mapping
- Prompts are a useful and versatile tool
 - speeds form entry
 - limits field input to existing data
 - validates field contents
 - “Prompt Controls” can be used to feed data into other prompts and filter/limit options
 - can be utilized to build advanced workflow
- AWE integration offers good configuration options and flexibility
 - basic workflow elements are created automatically when Form is saved
 - little to no configuration is necessary for simple workflow.
 - can be configured to route to different approvers based on form contents and/or queries
 - same workflow components and configuration as other AWE elements
- Forms to Content Interface Mapping
 - can save redundant and time-consuming data entry
- Potential for future enhancements and user customizations to fill gaps
 - FORM_SD table can be modified to accept more data
 - people code event mapping to auto-fill fields



what mistakes can lead to unnecessary **REBOOTS?**

1. Poor planning
2. Activating too quickly
3. Not getting feed back from enough stake-holders
4. Allowing requirements to become a moving target
5. Not adapting business processes to fit
6. Neglecting customizations / configurations



ADVANCED FORM FEATURES DEMONSTRATION

- Prompts and Prompt Controls
- Advanced Workflow
- Component Interface

Invoice Request

*Subject

Priority

Due Date 

Status

REQUESTER INFORMATION:

*Requester Name:

*Email:

*Department:

*Phone# / Extension:

*AR Business Unit: 

CUSTOMER DETAILS:

*Customer Number: 

*Customer Address: 

Contact: 

***If the customer number does not yet exist, please complete the "New Customer/Sponsor Request" form first.

PO # (If appl):

Is this Repeating?

If "YES", Frequency:

If "Other" please specify:

INVOICE DETAILS:

Billing Currency: 

Date: 

Payment Terms:

INVOICE DETAILS / DESCRIPTION (line 1):

Description (more info):

254 characters remaining

Quantity:

Unit of Measure: 

Unit Price:

Taxable?

If "Yes" Select type: 

Charge Code: 

Fund: 

Account: 

Department: 

Program (if appl): 

PC Business Unit (if appl): 

Project (if appl): 

PC Activity (if appl): 

INVOICE DETAILS / DESCRIPTION (if additional line):

Description (more info):

PROMPT CONTROLS

DEMONSTATION

Navigation:

Enterprise components > Forms > Define Prompt Records

Enterprise components > Forms > Manage Form

Security Role Needed:

FORM_ADMIN

Enterprise components > Forms > Define Prompt Records

Define Prompt Records

Personalize | Find | View All | | First 1-15 of 32 Last

	*Prompt Record	Record Description		
1	AR_BU_VW	Business Units from Item Table		
2	BI_CHARGE	Billing Charge Id Table		
3	BI_CHARGE2_VW	Charge Id View		
4	BI_CHARGE_VW	Charge Id View		
5	BUS_UNIT_AR_VW	AR BU, and GL BU View		
6	BUS_UNIT_TBL_GL	GL Business Units		
7	BUS_UNIT_TBL_PC	PC Business Unit Table		
8	COUNTRY_TBL	Countries		
9	CURR_PYMNT_VW	View built over currency codes		
10	CUSTOMER	Customer Header Information		
11	DEPT_TBL	Departments		
12	EX_EMPLID_VW	Employee View		
13	FUND_TBL	Fund Table		
14	GL_ACCOUNT_TBL	Accounts		
15	ITEM_DST	Customer Item Distribution		

Save Notify

Step 3: Form Fields

Form INVREQNEW

Left Column		Personalize Find View 8  				First	1-23 of 23	Last
	*Label	*Use Type	*Length	Field Status	Details			
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 REQHEADER	Section		Activated	Details		↓	+ -
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 REQNAME	Text	50	Activated	Details	↑	↓	+
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 REQEMAIL	Text	50	Activated	Details	↑	↓	+
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 REQDEPT	Text	20	Activated	Details	↑	↓	+
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 REQPHONE	Text	20	Activated	Details	↑	↓	+
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 REQARBU	Prompt	5	Activated	Details	↑	↓	+
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 CUSTHEADER	Section		Activated	Details	↑	↓	+ -
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 CUSTNUM	Prompt	10	Activated	Details	↑	↓	+
<input type="checkbox"/>	9 CUSTADDY	Prompt	4	Activated	Details	↑	↓	+
<input type="checkbox"/>	10 CONTEMAIL	Prompt	20	Activated	Details	↑	↓	+
<input type="checkbox"/>	11 CUSTINSTCT	Section		Activated	Details	↑	↓	+ -
<input type="checkbox"/>	12 CUSTPO	Text	10	Activated	Details	↑	↓	+
<input type="checkbox"/>	13 RECURR	Code	4	Activated	Details	↑	↓	+
<input type="checkbox"/>	14 FEQUENCY	Code	4	Activated	Details	↑	↓	+
<input type="checkbox"/>	15 REQOTHER	Text	20	Activated	Details	↑	↓	+

Form Field Edits

Form INVREQNEW

Label CUSTNUM

Required Uppercase

Prompt Record CUSTOMER

SetID SHARE

Long Label Customer Number:
(100 characters) 84 characters remaining

Prompt Control Personalize | Find | View All | [?] | [Grid] | First 1-2 of 2 Last

	*Record Name	*Field Name		
1	MCM_CUST_ADD_VW	CUST_ID	[+]	[-]
2	MCM_CUST_CON	CUST_ID	[+]	[-]

OK Cancel

Form Field Edits

Form INVREQNEW

Label CUSTADDY

Required

Uppercase

Prompt Record MCM_CUST_ADD_VW

SetID SHARE

Long Label Customer Address:

(100 characters)

83 characters remaining

Prompt Control

Personalize | Find | View All |  | 

First  1 of 1  Last

	*Record Name	*Field Name		
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

OK

Cancel

Form Field Edits ✕

Form INVREQNEW

Label REQARBU

Required **Uppercase**

Prompt Record 🔍

SetID 🔍

Long Label
 (100 characters) 83 characters remaining

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	*Record Name	*Field Name		
1	<input type="text" value="BI_CHARGE2_VW"/> 🔍	<input type="text" value="SETID"/> 🔍	+	-

ADVANCED WORKFLOW

DEMONSTATION

Navigation:

Enterprise Comp. > Approvals > Approvals > Transaction Registry

Enterprise Comp. > Approvals > Approvals > User List Setup

Reporting Tool > Query > Query Manager

Enterprise Comp. > Approvals > Approvals > User List Setup

Design Form



Step 6: Approval Process

Form INVREQNEW

*Lockdown Options Lockdown After Submit

Steps		Personalize	Find	View All	First	1 of 1	Last	
	Approver User List	Description						
1	<input type="text" value="INV_REQUEST_APPRV"/>	Invoice Request Form Approval						

User List Definition

User List INV_REQUEST_APPRV

*Description Invoice Request Form Approval

User List Source

- Role
- SQL Definition
- Query Query Name
- Application Class

- Include Users as Input
- Transaction Keys as Input

Status: Initial

REQUESTER INFORMATION:

*Requester Name:

*Email:

*Department:

*Phone# / Extension:

*AR Business Unit:

CUSTOMER DETAILS:

Reporting Tool > Query > Query Manager

Records Query Expressions Prompts Fields Criteria Having Dependency Transformations View SQL

Query Name MCM_FORM_WF_INVREQUEST

Description Form Workflow for BI Specialis

Click folder next to record to show fields. Check fields to add to query. Uncheck fields to remove from query. Add additional records by clicking the records tab. When finished click the fields tab.

Chosen Records

Alias	Record	
	A FORM_SD - Form Supplemental Data Store	Hierarchy Join
	B BI_SPECIALIST - Billing Specialist Table	Hierarchy Join

Expand All Records

Save Save As New Query

Return To Search

Records Query Expressions Prompts Fields Criteria Having Dependency Transformations View SQL Run

Query Name MCM_FORM_WF_INVREQUEST

Description Form Workflow for BI Specialis

Feed

Add Criteria Group Criteria Reorder Criteria

Logical	Expression1	Condition Type	Expression 2	Edit	Delete
	A.SEQ_NBR - Sequence Number	equal to	:1	Edit	
AND	B.EFFDT - Effective Date	Eff Date <=	Current Date	Edit	
AND	A.SD_TEXT5_8 - Text Field	equal to	B.SETID - SetID	Edit	
AND	B.BILL_AUTHORITY_FLG - Billing Authority Flag	equal to	Y	Edit	

Save Save As New Query Preferences Properties Publish as Feed Publish as Pivot Grid New Union

Return To Search

Register Transactions

***NOTE: In Fluid, Process ID = EOFM**

Process ID FormApproval

*Description Form Approval

Owner ID Enterprise Components

*Cross Reference Table FORM_AW

Worklist Prefix

- ▶ Notification Options
- ▶ Internal URL Definition
- ▶ External URL Definitions
- ▶ URL Appending Parameters
- ▶ Default Approval Component
- ▶ Approval Event Handler Class
- ▶ Approval Status Monitor
- ▼ Transaction Approval Levels

*Level	*Record (Table) Name		
1	Header	FORM	+ -

Level Record Key Field Label IDs

	Record (Table) Name	Field Name	*Field Label ID
1	FORM	SEQ_NBR	SEQ_NBR

Expand/Collapse All

COMPONENT INTERFACE

FORMS TO CI PROOF OF CONCEPT

Navigation:

Enterprise Comp. > Forms > Forms to CI Mapping

FORM TO CI STEPS:

1. Select Your Component
2. Identify Key Fields
3. Determine Security / Approvers
4. Build Your Form
5. Build Your Component Interface
6. Reap the rewards (presumably)

SetID SHARE

Customer ID NEXT

General Info

*Status Active

Copy From Customer

*Date Added 11/05/2019

*Since 11/05/2019

*Name 1

Name 2

Currency Code

Rate Type

Roles

Page Information (CTRL+J)

Menu: MAINTAIN_CUSTOMERS
 Component: CUSTOMER_GENERAL
 Page: CUST_GENERAL1

App Server: localhost:9000
 Peopletools Version: 8.55.22

OK

Form to CI Collection Mapping

Document Category Form *Description Marlon's NEW_CUST

Document Name NEW_CUST
 Form Type NEW_CUST
 *Mode Add

Enterprise Components > Forms > Forms to CI Mapping

Document Component Interfaces Find | View All First 1 of 1 Last

Component Interface Name CUSTOMER_MAIN_CI Level0 Record Name CUSTOMER

Menu Name MAINTAIN_SPONSOR Sequence

Select All Clear All

CI Collection Property Mappings Personalize | Find | View All | First 1-15 of 15 Last

Seq	Form Field Name	CI Scroll Level	CI Key Field	CI Collection	CI Collection Property Name	CI Property Default	Active Flag	CI Level Main Record	CI Parent Collection Name	CI Record Name	CI FieldName
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Level 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PS_ROOT	SETID	SHARE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			CUSTOMER	SETID
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Level 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PS_ROOT	CUST_ID	NEXT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			CUSTOMER	CUST_ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	CUSTOMER NAME:	<input type="checkbox"/>	PS_ROOT	NAME1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			CUSTOMER	NAME1
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	CURRENCY (BILLING)	<input type="checkbox"/>	PS_ROOT	CURRENCY_CD		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			CUSTOMER	CURRENCY_CD
<input type="checkbox"/>	5		<input type="checkbox"/>	PS_ROOT	CUR_RT_TYPE	CRRNT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			CUSTOMER	CUR_RT_TYPE
<input type="checkbox"/>	6		<input type="checkbox"/>	CUST_TEAM	SUPPORT_TEAM_CD	SUP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CUST_TEAM	PS_ROOT	CUST_TEAM	SUPPORT_TEAM_CD
<input type="checkbox"/>	7		<input type="checkbox"/>	CUST_TEAM	DEFAULT_FLAG	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CUST_TEAM	PS_ROOT	CUST_TEAM	DEFAULT_FLAG
<input type="checkbox"/>	8		<input type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDR_SEQ	ADDRESS_SEQ_NUM	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDR_SEQ	PS_ROOT	CUST_ADDR_SEQ	ADDRESS_SEQ_NUM
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	COUNTRY:	<input type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	COUNTRY		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	CUST_ADDR_SEQ	CUST_ADDRESS	COUNTRY
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	ADDRESS 1:	<input type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	ADDRESS1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	CUST_ADDR_SEQ	CUST_ADDRESS	ADDRESS1
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	ADDRESS 2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	ADDRESS2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	CUST_ADDR_SEQ	CUST_ADDRESS	ADDRESS2
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	CITY:	<input type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	CITY		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	CUST_ADDR_SEQ	CUST_ADDRESS	CITY
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	PROVINCE / STATE:	<input type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	STATE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	CUST_ADDR_SEQ	CUST_ADDRESS	STATE
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	POSTAL / ZIP:	<input type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	POSTAL		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	CUST_ADDR_SEQ	CUST_ADDRESS	POSTAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	CUST PHONE# / EXT	<input type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	PHONE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CUST_ADDRESS	CUST_ADDR_SEQ	CUST_ADDRESS	PHONE

*Description Proof of Concept for Forms to Component Interface Mapping

Approval Status Initial Created On 11/05/2019

Requestor Info:

Requestor Name: PaulyP

Requestor Email: smithpa@mcmaster.ca

Phone# /Extension: 24357

Department: UTS

Customer Details:

Customer Name: Hoping it all Works Out

Address 1: 1 Nowhere St

Address 2:

City: Hamilton

Country: CAN

Province / State: ON

Postal / Zip: 2BorNot2B

Cust Phone# / Ext: 905-945-3243

Currency (billing): CAD

Cust. Contact

Cust. Contact Name: Some Guy

Contact Title: Mr. Nobody

Contact Email: someguy@someplace.ca

Contact Phone: 416-905-1234

Pref. Del. Method: Email

Research Detail

Cust a Sponsor? Yes

If Yes Type: 008

More Information

Attachments

There is no attachment uploaded.

Add Attachment

*Description Proof of Concept for Forms to Component Interface Mapping

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Requestor Na

Phone# /Extens

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Address

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Cancel

Review/Edit Approvers

Approver Information

- VALLBACKA, JENNIFER Pending
- LEWINGTON, KELLY Pending
- FIGURA, GRAZYNA Pending
- KNOTT, DEBORAH Pending
- CREAMER, DIANNA Pending

Save Approve Deny

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Approval Status Pending Approval

Created On 11/05/2019

Requestor Info:

Requestor Name: PaulyP

Requestor Email: smithpa@mcmaster.ca

Phone# /Extension: 24357

Department UTS

Cancel

Approve

Submit

Comment I approve. I hope the Component Interface works.

Save & Post Form Save

*Description Proof of Concept for Forms to Component Interface Mapping

Approval Status Approved

Created On 11/05/2019

Requestor Info:

Requestor Name: PaulyP

Requestor Email: smithpa@mcmaster.ca

Phone# /Extension:

Customer Details:

Customer Name:

OK

Address 2:

City: Hamilton

The form (SHARE/10001929) has been successfully posted to the transactional tables thru CUSTOMER_MAIN_CI Component Interface. Link(s) to the transactional component(s) is(are) now available on the form.

Cust. Contact Name

Contact Email:

Pref. Del. Method

Contact Title:

Contact Phone:

Research Detail

Cust a Sponsor? Yes If Yes Type:

More Information

Attachments

There is no attachment uploaded.

Related Documents

Link to Related Component	Component Name	Submitted By	Last Update Date/Time
1 Document Key String	CUSTOMER_GENERAL	CREAMERD	11/06/19 12:10:54AM

- General Info
- Details
- Attributes
- Bill To Options
- Ship To Options
- Sold To Options
- Miscellaneous General Info
- Grants Management

SetID SHARE General Info Links

*Status Level

*Date Added *Since *Type

*Short Name

Name 2

Currency Code Rate Type

- Roles**
- Bill To Customer
 - Correspondence Customer
 - Bill To Selection
 - Correspondence Selection
 - Ship To Customer
 - Remit From Customer

General Information

Enter any information you have and click Search. Leave fields blank for a list of all values.

Find an Existing Value

Add a New Value

▼ Search Criteria

SetID = ▾ 🔍

Customer ID begins with ▾ 🔍

Name 1 begins with ▾

Name 2 begins with ▾

Telephone begins with ▾

City begins with ▾

State begins with ▾

Postal Code begins with ▾

Include History Correct History Case Sensitive

Search

Clear

Basic Search



Save Search Criteria

Search Results

View All

First ◀ 1 of 1 ▶ Last

SetID	Customer ID	Name 1	Name 2	Telephone	City	State	Postal Code
SHARE	10001929	Hoping it all Works Out	(blank)	905/945-3243	Hamilton	ON	2BORN0T2B

Find an Existing Value | Add a New Value

THE LESSONS

and the hope

Recapping some of the things we've learned about the tool and some tips for best practices. What we hope to implement in the future and what future enhancements we hope Oracle will introduce.

what are THE LESSONS that I wish I knew back then?



- Start Simple and temper expectations
- **Never** Activate > work-around activation dead-ends
- Requirements > design > test > requirements > redesign > retest
 - (repeat as much as necessary)
- Stake-holders: get input from everyone
- Use “Section” fields creatively (classic)
- Save constantly in Classic
- Save wisely in Fluid (or consider starting with temp. field names)
- Consider that: More Forms might be >= more fields
- Know thy tables => FORM_SD ([Data mover Scripts Info](#))
- Don't forget about attachments
- Utilize SQL views to:
 - build better prompts / prompt controls
 - work around 20-character max
 - build advanced workflow routings

what are some things that provide **THE HOPE** for the future?

Implementation of Enhancement requests

Component interface potential

Customizations successfully implemented by others

Auto-populate with People Code event mapping (PT 8.56 minimum)

<https://leanitdesigns.blog/2017/06/25/enhancing-fluid-forms-with-peoplecode-event-mapping/>

Potential to clone forms via SQL Insert/Select statements

Application Designer / People code work-arounds

More engagement from more users

Better resources

THE HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL PITCH IN...

Peoplesoft Enhancement Requests (“Ideas”) Related to Forms

Allow “related fields” to auto-populate / default values in noneditable fields

<https://community.oracle.com/ideas/13356>

Issue with Restricted access to approved forms

<https://community.oracle.com/ideas/21374>

<https://community.oracle.com/ideas/20697>

App Designer ability to migrate PSFABS content

<https://community.oracle.com/ideas/17546>

Forms need to be more dynamic and configurable (Possible user customizations)

<https://community.oracle.com/ideas/24941>

Forms Approval Builder Clone Feature

<https://community.oracle.com/ideas/25162>



THANK YOU!

