

ORACLE BUSINESS APPROVALS FOR MANAGERS

KEY BENEFITS

INCREASE MOBILE BUSINESS USER PRODUCTIVITY

- Role-based applications that deliver key tasks to the mobile user
- Convenient means to request additional information or provide comments to requesters
- Related business intelligence insight to support decision-making process through Oracle Business Intelligence Suite Enterprise Edition Plus
- Contextual information passing from approval tasks to business intelligence reports

SUPERIOR USER EXPERIENCE

- Intuitive user interface fully leveraging Apple iPhone mobile platform
- Flexible browsing and sorting of approval tasks
- Cell-level drills in reports for additional guided analysis

SEAMLESS INTEGRATION & ROBUST SECURITY

- Scalable and seamless integration with Oracle enterprise and business intelligence applications through Oracle SOA Suite technologies
- User authentication through Oracle Identity Management to ensure robust security
- Support of SSL encryption protocol

Oracle Business Approvals for Managers delivers targeted, intelligent and task-focused information to help mobile business users make informed decisions and take action immediately and securely from their iPhones.

Task-Focused Mobile Solution

Organizations are expanding globally in order to compete effectively in today's challenging business climate. A greater proportion of the workforce is becoming more mobile, driving their need for untethered information. These mobile business users are increasingly turning to smartphones and PDAs to help them gain broader access to enterprise information so that they can still be productive while on-the-go.

Oracle Business Approvals for Managers is designed specifically with the mobile business users in mind. It is a task-focused mobile solution that enables managers and executives to view pending actions related to expenses, purchase requisitions, as well as job vacancies and offers on the iPhone. Additionally, managers and executives are able to perform approval decisions conveniently with the ease of a few taps on the iPhone. The approval updates are processed securely in the core Oracle enterprise application system via web services. Managers and executives no longer need to wait until they return to the office before they can take appropriate approval actions on day-to-day business decisions.

Relevant Business Intelligence

To make the right approval decisions, managers and executives may need insights to appropriate information that is relevant to the tasks at hand. Oracle Business Approvals for Managers leverages the design from the recently launched Oracle Business Indicators iPhone product as the foundation for an innovative approach to provide analytical reports with data that is in context with the pending approval task. The analytical reports are provided either as pre-defined content from the suite of Oracle Business Intelligence Applications, or as custom-built reports with Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition Plus tools platform.

Web services are used to pass key information about the item requiring approval so that the analytical reports can retrieve and display information that is in context and relevant to the item. For example, an executive can analyze current expense vs. budget levels to make an informed approval decision on an expense report. Similarly, a manager can examine recent requisition activities for his cost center before taking action on a pending purchase requisition, or a hiring manager can review average pay compensation or headcount reports before approving or rejecting a job offer.

The additional business intelligence insight provides enterprise information to managers and executives right at their fingertips, and helps to ensure that the right decisions are being made.



Figure1. Oracle Business Approvals for Managers application

Superior User Experience

Oracle Business Approvals for Managers is built as a native application on the Apple iPhone to take full advantage of the mobile platform. It offers a highly intuitive and flexible user interface to enable easy browsing and sorting of various approval tasks. Additionally, it provides convenient means to request additional information from or provide comments to requesters as options in the approval and rejection process.

Charts and tables in the business intelligence reports are displayed with superb clarity on the iPhone's high resolution screen. Managers and executives can easily zoom in and out of report details using the mobile platform's multi-touch (or "pinch") technology. Report-level filters can help to refine the granularity of data that is displayed. Furthermore, cell-level drills up or down along dimensional hierarchies can enable viewing of summary analysis to increasing levels of detail, or launch other related reports to perform previously defined guided-analysis.

This superior overall end user experience enhances the ease with which managers and executives can execute approval decisions conveniently on the iPhone.

Scalable Integration and Robust Security

Oracle Business Approvals for Managers is tightly integrated with Oracle enterprise applications through the deployment of flexible and powerful Oracle SOA Suite

technologies in a companion product called Oracle Business Approvals Connector for Managers. Oracle SOA Suite supports highly scalable integrations between applications, and provides a rich set of features to manage data volume efficiently.

Furthermore, Oracle Business Approvals for Managers leverages the Identity Management facility within Oracle SOA Suite to authenticate user security. Therefore, access to approval tasks as well as related business intelligence reports is secure, consistent and relevant to the job functions of individuals throughout the seamless integration.

Oracle Business Approvals for Managers also supports Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol. This robust encryption technology assures that the user can view any number of approval tasks and analytic reports securely through the trusted SSL connection.

Licensing and Availability

Oracle Business Approvals for Managers requires the licensing of a server product called Oracle Business Approvals Connector for Managers to provide the secure and robust integration with Oracle enterprise applications. Oracle Business Approvals Connector for Managers can be licensed directly from Oracle.

The English version of Oracle Business Approvals for Managers iPhone client application can be downloaded for free from the following iTunes App Stores: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.

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