2624265 - Migration from SAP PowerBuilder/InfoMaker 12.6 to Appeon PowerBuilder/InfoMaker 2017

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Symptom

Customer wants to migrate from SAP PowerBuilder/InfoMaker 12.6 to Appeon PowerBuilder/InfoMaker 2017

Reason and Prerequisites

In 2016 SAP entered into a partnership with Appeon to safeguard the future of existing customer investments in PowerBuilder and InfoMaker. Since June 2017 a new generation of PowerBuilder and InfoMaker is available from Appeon. The new product is called "Appeon PowerBuilder 2017". It offers multiple new features including support of Windows 10 (more details: see https://www.appeon.com/products/power-builder/powerbuilder-upgrade-benefits.html).

Appeon is supporting and maintaining Appeon PowerBuilder/InfoMaker 2017 and later, but Appeon cannot provide patches for older SAP PowerBuilder/InfoMaker versions. Therefore, Appeon cannot offer maintenance for SAP PowerBuilder/InfoMaker 12.6 and earlier versions.

Customers wishing to migrate to Appeon PowerBuilder/InfoMaker 2017 require a new contractual agreement directly with Appeon (www.appeon.com). Upgrades to Appeon PowerBuilder 2017 are not included under Sybase or SAP maintenance contracts because this is a new product which is independently created and owned by Appeon.

Solution

Appeon PowerBuilder/InfoMaker 2017 is based on the SAP PowerBuilder/InfoMaker 12.6 source code. As such, most customers on SAP PowerBuilder/InfoMaker 12.6 should require only minimal code changes (if any) during the migration to Appeon PowerBuilder/InfoMaker 2017. Regression testing will be the primary effort.

However, some features are discontinued in Appeon PowerBuilder 2017 (like EAServer, WinForm and WPF/WCF projects). Customers must remediate the usage of these features in their existing PowerBuilder version before migrating to Appeon PowerBuilder 2017. Appeon PowerBuilder 2017 contains a Migration Assistant that identifies the potential usage of such features. Furthermore, the following resources are available to help you migrate to Appeon PowerBuilder/InfoMaker 2017:

- Appeon PowerBuilder 2017 Migration Guide: https://www.appeon.com/support/documents/appeon_online_help/pb2017r2/migrating_pb_apps/
- Appeon PowerBuilder 2017 Migration Video: https://youtu.be/1qhbFDJvx3M
- Technical Q&A on Appeon Community: https://community.appeon.com

- Online ordering of Appeon PowerBuilder/InfoMaker: https://www.appeon.com/pricing.html (If you are not able to enter your order online, you can contact Appeon's sales staff (mailto:sales@appeon.com) for instructions how to place an offline order or referral to an authorized reseller.)

Other Components

Component	Description
BC-SYB-IM	InfoMaker

This document refers to

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2482456	PowerBuilder 12.6 / InfoMaker 12.6: No Maintenance Renewals beyond June 2018

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