



Executive Summary

DARC Corporation is an Oracle Application based consulting and products firm. Our Oracle Applications Consulting practice focuses on Functional and Technical consulting, Education and Support Services covering all facets of Oracle E-Business Suite implementations from initial project planning and analysis to post implementation support and education. DARC's area of expertise encompasses Oracle Financials, Projects, Human Resources, Payroll, Manufacturing, Supply Chain and Customer Relationship Management.

Isix is a conversion and interface product co-authored by Brian Connolly, President of DARC Corporation, and Rob Hoffman, Practice Director. While managing large customer projects, they recognized the need for a repeatable, configurable software solution to interface or convert data better, faster, and cheaper than conventional methods. In response to this need, Connolly invented DARC's patented software product Isix, bringing to market the first enterprise application integration (EAI) technology for Oracle Applications. **Select Isix clients include: ACCO Brands, ALCAN Aluminum, Alliant Techsystems, AT&T Wireless, Bechtel Group, Bounty SCA, Brunswick, Burson Marsteller, Carlson Companies, Carnival Cruise Lines, City of Chicago, Concert (AT&T/ BT Global Venture), Cummins Power Generation, Cunard Cruise Lines, DAMARK International, Eaton Corporation, Fidelity Investments, General Electric, General Dynamics, Haworth Corporation, Honeywell Defense Avionics Systems, Invacare Corporation, Level3 Communications, Motorola Corporation, etc.**

Why Buy Isix?

Supported Integration

- Using Isix, you do not have to write, maintain, or upgrade your custom code as you do today
- Isix supports your interfaces, thereby eliminating your maintenance costs of custom code
- Any changes to the Oracle product are reflected in the new releases of Isix
- Isix maintains the Oracle business rules and data integrity from one Oracle release to another

Let the Isix experts maintain the code and changes to Oracle throughout the lifecycle of future Oracle E-Business Suite releases.

Standardization

- Achieve standardization across all integration points relieving dependencies on any single developer

Productivity

- Use software to enhance productivity instead of excessive labor writing and maintaining code
- No offshore resources or conventional custom coding required
- Requirement changes can be made in minutes instead of days or weeks

Problem Solved by Isix

The most significant risk in project cost and resources for a company today is in the conversion and interface implementation of Oracle Applications. DARC's answer to the application Integration problem is a product called Isix. It is revolutionary enterprise application integration Software and an enabler of Oracle's e-business suite. Isix allows companies to quickly and easily implement a flexible integration solution between any disparate information system and Oracle Applications without the need for offshore resources or conventional custom programming of the interfaces or conversion programs. The Isix set of off-the-shelf, intelligent iDapters for Oracle Applications enables seamless interoperability between any system and Oracle Applications. The Isix product eliminates the complexity of system conversion and interfaces from different Software vendors, thereby eliminating the problem.





Product Summary

Isix is an integrated set of interface and conversion software solutions for the Oracle E-Business Suite. It provides a cost-effective, flexible solution for Oracle Applications users who want to interface or convert data into Oracle Applications. Isix reduces implementation time, increases productivity up to 50-75%, and lowers overall support costs.

Product Overview

Many businesses that use Oracle Applications face the complex problem of managing and integrating data from multiple sources. Several factors can complicate the process: companies may store information in incompatible systems, sometimes in different locations, often with different data formats. Within these systems there may be custom information that is not easily translated into a useable format. Legacy systems pose additional difficulties: inflexible, data retrieval, data quality, or data may be stored or structured in ways that is not conducive to relational or object database integration.

DARC developed Isix for Oracle Applications users who want to continue to use existing data sources or convert their existing data sources to Oracle Applications. Their programmers have drawn on years of experience with integration issues to develop a product that has the best features of both off-the-shelf and custom solutions. Its patented software integration solution intelligently paves the last mile of application integration with a powerful, pre-packaged software solution. Isix drives down integration time, cost, and risk to integrate data into an application by using software rather than a conventional hand-coding approach. Conventional hand coding is risky, lengthy and potentially expensive option and one inflexible to accommodating rapid change. Isix delivers robust integration server technology and libraries of configurable intelligent iDapters, which go far beyond mere data transportation. As a result, DARC's customers can use Isix to convert or interface data better, cheaper, and faster than conventional coding methods.

The work of translating data begins with implementing an interface that will manage the transfer of data from the source system to the Oracle Applications. In most cases, customers can use DARC's Isix Wizard to manage these interfaces. The Wizard guides them through the process of configuring inputs, defining source data formats, defining data translations, creating staging tables, and adding custom options, as necessary. Once all of these steps are completed, the Isix interface is ready to interface or convert your data.

Isix iDapters for Oracle Applications

iDapters are intelligent components in the Isix topology that contain application-specific business logic and translation rules for integrating data with the corresponding Oracle DBMS-based application. Through the use of DARC's graphical configuration wizard, Isix iDapters can be applied to solve customers' unique integration requirements, avoiding the pitfalls of the conventional hand-coding approach.

Isix Integration Server

Isix Integration Server is the runtime platform for supporting enterprise application integration providing translation, synchronization, authentication, and interfacing of data among systems. DARC's Integration Server supports interfaces, conversions, and data consolidation projects in addition to being a core infrastructure component of Oracle's e-Business integration.





Distinguishing Features

Isix has been the successful integration and conversion solution chosen by numerous Fortune 100 and smaller companies. Isix enables seamless interoperability between any system and Oracle Applications, simplifying the data integration process for its customers by providing to developers and end-users a standard interface method and platform.

- Isix enables customers to quickly and easily move data from any system into Oracle Applications, whether it is a one-time migration or an ongoing interface of data.
- Isix provides Oracle Applications customers acquiring other firms a solution that allows the company to increase its ROI on the M&A transaction by streamlining the process of integrating the acquired company's data into their Oracle Application system.
- Isix supplies a faster path to centralization of company operations by facilitating the massive conversion of data from distributed Oracle Application installations and consolidating that data into a single global instance with access to all information in real-time.
- Isix offers the ability for organizations with distributed operations to have access to all information regardless of geographical location. A distributed model with data residing in different locations can now be centralized to increase the quality and productivity of the business operations. Isix significantly reduces the costs associated with maintaining a distributed model.
- Isix supports the world of e-Business for its clients by helping them become more efficient and competitive by bringing together their customers, business partners, suppliers, and employees. Isix allows companies to enter the B2B world quickly and easily.

Isix software offers customers distinct value-added features

- Standard, universal gateway for data integration
- Intelligent high-level adapters
- Off-the-shelf integration technology
- Oracle Application specific business logic and translation rule metadata
- Flexibility to implement change rapidly
- Open architecture
- Data integrity
- Maintenance and support for future Oracle Application releases
- A GUI implementation wizard enables easy and flexible implementation by guiding the user step-by-step through configuration of the integration solution
- A scalable solution that supports multiple sources
- Consolidated reporting produces a consistent look-and-feel across all interface points
- Automated installation process
- Automated documentation of your configured interface or conversion
- Complete user documentation





Training

Isix provides comprehensive and specialized training for all users. An experienced, accredited trainer delivers the materials over a four-day period through a lecture and hands-on format. The initial training (two days) introduces the key components and capabilities of Isix. Depending on the user's desired results from the software, advanced training (two days) is available on more complex capabilities.

Basic Training:

While it is recommended to attend both sessions, Basic and Advanced, participants may attend one or both classes depending on their desired results. The Basic training will introduce users to the key components and capabilities of Isix. Through the lecture and hands-on training participants will learn how to create and run data conversions and interfaces. The following topics are addressed:

- Basic components of Isix
- Pre-Installation configurations
- Product default settings
- User and security settings
- Client and server installations
- Isix Interface Wizard
- Data conversions and interfaces
- Differences between files and queries as data sources
- Report generation and evaluation
- Preview of advanced functionality: source table queries, action lists, data elements, data element mapping

Advanced Training:

For more in-depth training that builds on the Basic course, DARC highly recommends the Advanced level program. This training delves into the more complex capabilities of Isix. Participants will gain the skill to recognize and solve problems in the more complex interfaces. Again, through lecture and in-depth hands-on labs, the following topics will be addressed:

- Action Lists
- Custom Data Elements
- Log files
- Implementation Mapping and Validation

Support

DARC provides a dedicated Isix technical support team to assist customers at any time. Customers may contact technical support through a support hotline and/or email. The support team is comprised of front-line support analysts who work with Isix engineers on a regular basis to ensure the highest level of customer satisfaction. Isix customers receive continual maintenance, upgrades, and a warranty as part of their software license and maintenance agreement.

