



CASE STUDY

The fast way to compare and deploy Oracle schemas

Interview

We spoke to Louis-Philippe Normandin, DBA and Database Architect at Techwan SA, about how easy it was to install and use the Deployment Suite for Oracle and how the tools are bringing benefits to Techwan SA and their customers.

What does Techwan SA do?

Techwan SA develops complex applications to bridge computer technology and the most diverse means of communication such as telephony, radio, SMS messaging, alarm networks, paging, and programmable devices.

What's your current role?

DBA and Database Architect.

What's your technical background and experience?

Software Engineer with more than 25 years doing development, database management, and architecture.

What does your development environment look like?

Visual Studio and Team Foundation Server 2010. SQL Server and Oracle databases. PostgreSQL to come. C#, Silverlight, WPF, WCF.

What made you first look at the Deployment Suite for Oracle?

We were already familiar with Redgate's SQL Server tools and needed something similar for Oracle.

How long did it take to install and how difficult was it?

Installation was a breeze and learning to use the product is easy. No tutorial was needed, just the online help was consulted for some specific options.

How has the Deployment Suite for Oracle changed your development processes?

It helps us synchronize the developer modifications on the developer database with the reference database and then to propagate the modifications to clients.

What does this mean for your customers?

It doesn't change much for the clients but it definitely saves us a lot of time. And manual comparison is prone to errors, so the Deployment Suite for Oracle makes our product more stable.

Are there any features or characteristics of the tools that you especially like?

There are many useful options that help manage the synchronization according to our needs. Some other tools we tried before had a hard time comparing objects because it wasn't possible to ignore certain features in the schema.

How would you feel if the tool was taken away?

I'd definitely have to find an equivalent product as doing this by hand is tedious!

What do you do for fun, when you're not programming?

Mountain hikes, bicycle riding, and skiing.



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