

- 🔴 Oracle development tools and database
- 🔴 Oracle partner
- 🔴 More choice for our customers
- 🔴 Secure database environment
- 🔴 Several deployment options

Answer's Technical Environment

Answer Enterprise has been developed using the Oracle development tools and enabled to run against the Oracle database.

Answer Solutions Ltd has been an Oracle partner since the company's inception. This gives us full access to all of the latest Oracle database, tools and associated education. More importantly, it gives us access to the Oracle experts and support facilities in order to use the tools and database to develop better applications for our customers and prospective customers.

So what does this mean for a customer or prospective customer?

- 🔴 Choice in deployment
- 🔴 Choice in hardware
- 🔴 Choice in operating systems
- 🔴 Standard look and feel and methods of running
- 🔴 Secure database environment

Deployment

Answer can be deployed in an organisation in one of two methods:

- 🔴 Client Server
- 🔴 Intranet

The Vendor, Customer and Employee Portal applications can be deployed via:

- 🔴 Extranet
- 🔴 Internet

Whilst all of Answer is web enabled, we believe that many of the GUI 'Thick Client' interfaces are more usable in client/server, not in HTML form, and are preferred by Users. These are the majority of in house or back office Company functions.

The Vendor, Customer and Employee Portal applications are only capable of being deployed over an Extranet/Internet.

The advantages of an Intranet over Client/Server deployment are the lower hardware specifications of the PC and the smaller amount of software that needs to be loaded onto the Client PC.

For an Intranet deployment, the PC only needs a Web Browser, such as IE (Internet Explorer) 5 or later. All required runtime files are downloaded automatically on demand.

For an Intranet, Extranet or Internet deployment additional Oracle provided software may be required. This software is Oracle 9i AS.

For a Client Server deployment, the PC requires Forms 6i Client Runtime and any dependent software that the Oracle installation will manage.

Choice in hardware and operating systems

- This attempts to answer the question of what Answer runs on.

- For Client Machines, Answer can be run on any 32-bit Windows Operating System i.e. Windows 95 or later.

Prior to defining a deployment plan we will always check the supported Oracle deployment catalogue.

- In terms of the database server, this can be Windows 2000, NT and all flavours of UNIX, including LINUX. It will also run under the legacy VMS operating system.

- Given that the WINDOWS and UNIX environments are supported, it gives a wide range of hardware choice. Typically this would be:

- HP
- IBM
- Compaq
- DELL
- SUN and so on

- Check with Answer Solutions to confirm that any hardware/operating system that you are interested in is valid. Email us on info@answersolutions.com