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# Product Roadmap

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# Agenda

- ▲ Recent news
- ▲ What we are working on now
- ▲ Looking into the future

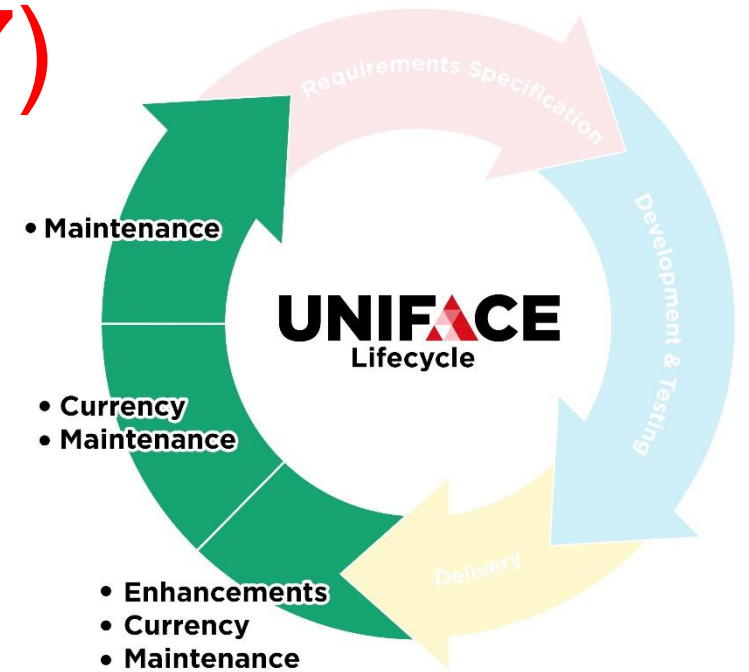
# Uniface 9 support (9.6 and 9.7)

## ▲ Uniface 9.6

- ▲ Uniface 9.6.08 maintenance delivered September
- ▲ Expected to be the final server pack delivered
- ▲ Since December 2017 – Uniface 9.6 is Unsupported

## ▲ Uniface 9.7

- ▲ Uniface 9.7.04 released August 2017
  - ▲ Oracle 12.2 support
  - ▲ Cloud deployment
  - ▲ CentOS Linux support
- ▲ Uniface 9.7.05 will ship early July 2018
  - ▲ Security
  - ▲ Cloud windows server support
- ▲ Uniface 9.7 will be in maintenance mode



# Uniface 10

- ▲ Uniface 10.2 released September 2016
- ▲ Full client capability:
  - ▲ Mobile, Web, Client Server and Batch
- ▲ Frequent updates – 30+ patches
  - ▲ Focused around migration and performance
  - ▲ New features announced on [Uniface.info](http://Uniface.info)
- ▲ Uniface 10.3 will ship early July.

# Security – turning up the heat



- ▲ Security is a big focus area
- ▲ Teams are dedicated to security
  - ▲ Following the Uniface roadmap
  - ▲ Supporting technical support
- ▲ We have engaged an additional external consultancy company
- ▲ Security is more than the product we deliver
  - ▲ The tools we use to build and deliver Uniface
  - ▲ How we build and deliver it
  - ▲ The functionality available in Uniface
- ▲ Security is a shared responsibility

# Security – what we've done

- ▲ Additional measures in the Uniface Product
  - ▲ Tamper proofing of the Uniface distribution – delivered in August
  - ▲ Increased attention on 3rd party technologies – on-going process
- ▲ Additional enablement for customers
  - ▲ Public/Private web service business logic specification
    - ▲ Option in Uniface 9.7
    - ▲ Default in Uniface 10.3 (changed behaviour)
  - ▲ Additional mobile/web features
  - ▲ PathScrambler encryption of login credentials
- ▲ Uniface.info and/or release notes for high level details



# Uniface Cloud - Linux

## ▲ Supporting Linux cloud deployment:

- ▲ Verify Uniface on the MS Azure and Amazon AWS platforms

- ▲ Publish support in the Uniface PAM

- ▲ Include in our testing and verification processes

- ▲ OS Support: Linux (Redhat, SUSE, CentOS)

- ▲ Database Support: Oracle, PostgreSQL and MySQL



## ▲ Delivered

- ▲ Uniface 10 – Uniface 10.2.02

- ▲ Uniface 9 – Uniface 9.7.04





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# Developing Uniface - Continuing our Agile journey

- ▲ Focused on Features
- ▲ Build teams around a feature
- ▲ Frequent patches
  - ▲ Main code line – Always a potentially deployable package
    - ▲ Private build environments
    - ▲ Increased use of feature branches
    - ▲ Changes in how we test
- ▲ Release as soon as the feature is Done!

# Security - Visual Studio 2015 update

- ▲ Uniface is built using C++
- ▲ We are rebuilding Uniface using MS VS 2015 (Windows Platforms)
  - ▲ Uniface 10.3 and Uniface 9.7.05
- ▲ Fully supported by Microsoft
- ▲ Work has been needed through all of Uniface
  - ▲ Changes in C++ development techniques
  - ▲ Changes in MS C++ functionality
- ▲ Windows 64 bit GUI has been re-implemented
- ▲ Refactoring across the product



# Visual Studio 2015 – the house of cards!



- ▲ ICU Unicode libraries (had to be) updated
  - ▲ Newer version=newer standards=newer functionality
  - ▲ Potential for incompatibilities in **display/layout**
    - ▲ We are accepting the new standards rather than changing Uniface to go against them
    - ▲ Only where using \$NLS.
    - ▲ Example we found: DIS(\$NLS(short)) dd/mm/yy became dd/mm/yyyy
- ▲ SOAP Stack (had to be) updated
- ▲ C++ Compilers on most Linux and UNIX platforms (had to be )updated
- ▲ DLM updated (now DLM 9.1)
- ▲ Installer (had to be) updated

# Visual Studio 2015 update – what it means for you

- ▲ Security – fully supported by MS
- ▲ We have seen a noticeable increase in performance
  - ▲ Uniface proc execution gave us +/- 20%
  - ▲ Not a ‘structured’ test, so your application may be different
- ▲ Refactoring resolved a number of bugs
- ▲ Higher level of quality
  - ▲ New tests, external testing, etc.
  - ▲ Cleaner code (also from TLS project)
  - ▲ Code changes put into Uniface 9.7.04 patches

# TLS Driver – Client Server & Web

- ▲ Transport Layer Security based on Open SSL [www.openssl.org](http://www.openssl.org)
- ▲ TLS Network Driver – OpenSSL layer over TCP/IP
  - ▲ Choice of OpenSSL encryption ciphers (performance impact)
    - ▲ Application characteristics and requirements
      - ▲ Chatty or large amounts of data
    - ▲ Policy requirements
      - ▲ Is there customer standards?
- ▲ Will be delivered in Uniface 10.3 and Uniface 9.7.05

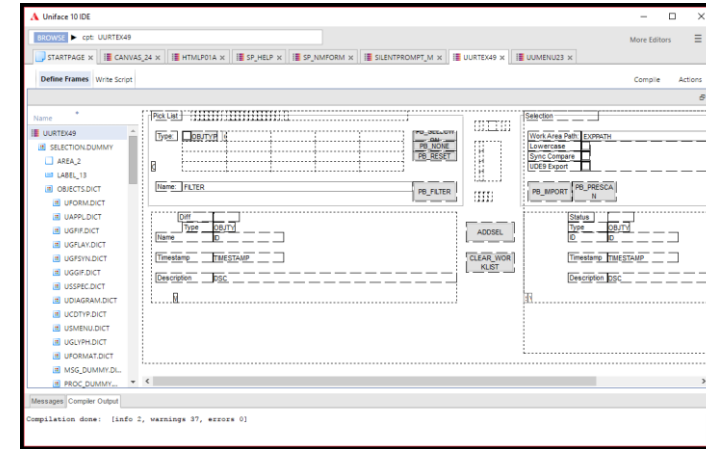


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## Maturing and Expanding functionality

- ▲ Migration/version up
- ▲ IDE performance
  - ▲ Large repositories
  - ▲ Overall IDE developer experience
- ▲ Finalized repository - Structure, optimization and tooling to get there
- ▲ Create table utility
- ▲ Umeta.xml



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## Maturing and Expanding functionality

- ▲ Developer utility integration (Additional menu & user defined tabs)
- ▲ GFP Integration
- ▲ Load Definitions (MS SQL being finalized).

## Security Features included

- ▲ MS Visual Studio 2015
- ▲ TLS Driver
  - ▲ Client Server
  - ▲ Web (probably!)
- ▲ Web Services, etc all previously delivered in Uniface 9.7.x



# Migrating to Uniface 10.3

Migration has been an important part of the Uniface 10 project

- ▲ Under the hood, new migration tooling
- ▲ Undergone a thorough testing program
  - ▲ Internal apps and customer apps we have 'in house'
  - ▲ Migration 'roadshow' conducting test migrations 'on site'
- ▲ Continual feedback to development
  - ▲ Uniface 10.3 has one dedicated 'migration team'
  - ▲ Objective is to make migration easy, simple and painless
- ▲ Testing continues
  - ▲ Additional on-site test migrations



# Uniface Cloud – Adding Windows to the PAM

- ▲ Supporting Windows: (Uniface server functionality)
  - ▲ Verify Uniface on the MS Azure and Amazon AWS platforms
  - ▲ Publish support in the Uniface PAM
  - ▲ Include in our testing and verification processes
  - ▲ OS Support: Windows Server 2016
  - ▲ Database Support: MS SQL, Oracle, SQL Server, PostgreSQL, MySQL
  
- ▲ Uniface 10.3
- ▲ Uniface 9.7.05



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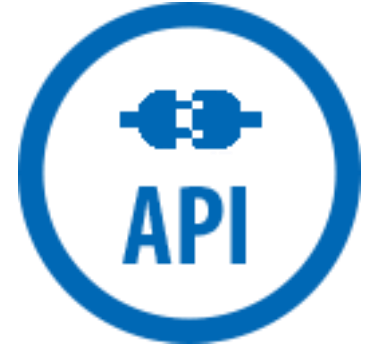
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# Security – ongoing plans

- ▲ Memory management
- ▲ UpopMail over TLS (probably a new U2.0 driver)
- ▲ LDAP over TLS
- ▲ Ongoing



# Uniface 10 – IDE enhancements – short term



- ▲ Load Definitions (Oracle and PostgreSQL)
- ▲ 64 bit IDE
- ▲ Uniface Coding - enabling more from the Scintilla Editor
  - ▲ Code completion - expand the current functionality to include Statements and Operations
  - ▲ Right to Left Support
  - ▲ There is a lot of Scintilla capabilities to enable
- ▲ Fast Form
- ▲ Open Uniface IDE API's and Plugins
  - ▲ Provide customers with options to extend the IDE functionality.
  - ▲ Business opportunity for Uniface partners
  - ▲ Helps manage 'homebrew' development practices
- ▲ Tiny Noticeable Things (TNT)

# Uniface 10 – Shorter term



- ▲ Version Control – Next major project
- ▲ Phased approach
  - ▲ Phase 1 – Workarea support
    - ▲ Uniface 10.3 timeframe (delivered by maintenance updates)
    - ▲ Ability to import and export from a version control file type
    - ▲ Granularity to work as small or as large as required
  - ▲ Phase 2 Synchronization with Version Control storage
    - ▲ Will focus on Git (we have previously talked about SVN)
    - ▲ We want to use the Git client functionality, and not redevelop what Git has already provided.

# Uniface Community Edition

- ▲ Free to use development release
- ▲ Encourage new Uniface developers
- ▲ Encourage existing customers to use new features
- ▲ Encourage new/more Uniface initiatives
  - ▲ New applications
  - ▲ New additions to the IDE
  - ▲ New contributions to samples, GitHub project, etc.
- ▲ Expect in 2018 timeframe



# Uniface 10 – Longer term

- ▲ Web Services usability
  - ▲ Current Uniface capabilities are quite strong.
  - ▲ Implementation can be made easier and more productive
  - ▲ Eliminate/reduce the need for 3rd party/external technologies.
- ▲ Enhanced debugging
  - ▲ Need to enhance and expand current debugging capabilities
  - ▲ Needs to be graphical, integrated, modern, etc.

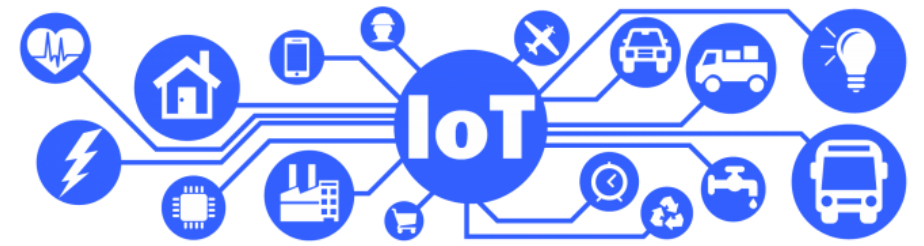




# Uniface Mobile – longer term

- ▲ Offline application execution
  - ▲ Compile resources into the app
  - ▲ Run after install with no network
- ▲ Offline application data
  - ▲ Some functionality now available (Datastore)
  - ▲ Large datasets
  - ▲ Data synchronisation
  - ▲ Upgrading

# IoT – Internet of Things



- ▲ The internetworking of connected devices
- ▲ IoT requires the collection, management and reporting of data
- ▲ Uniface is a very compelling solution for IoT data
  - ▲ Scalable
  - ▲ Portable across on-premise and cloud platforms
  - ▲ Integration options including RESTful API, JavaScript, 3gl
  - ▲ High availability
  - ▲ Management of structured and unstructured data

**Thank You & Questions**

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