Questions from April 2016 Tech Webinar

Title: What's New in Primavera Unifier 16.1

#	Question	Answer
	Can you provide more information on the BIP Viewer for PCM? We are in process of moving away from PCM v13, so not sure if BIP Viewer is an option since PCM v13 does not use/support BI Publisher for Reports.	BIP has the capability to query and view any SQL database. In the BIP Viewer solution that was discussed you would view records in the PCM database through a BIP driven interface (screen) similar to the PCM dashboard. You would not be creating any new forms but would be able to run reports from the PCM database. The reports could be saved in Word or Excel for analysis or presentation. We can show an example of how this would work if you contact us.
2	Can you elaborate on the complexities of moving PCM Data to Unifier?	Some PCM logs have similar columns in Unifier and can be easily exported from PCM and then imported to Unifier using Excel. However, some PCM logs such as Submittals, Payment Requests, Change Management have very dis-similar columns (or data structures) that require you to export from PCM to a temporary database, then modify the data as needed before importing to Unifier.
3	Can I create my PCM forms or do they come with Unifier already?	Many forms are already in 16.1. You can modify those or create your own using BI Publisher. We are also looking at methods to take BI forms that were customized in PCM and then "copying" them into BI for Unifier. That will be the subject of a future tech webinar. However, because the data is stored completely differently, you should plan on any PCM "form" design conversion to Unifier forms will be a manual effort. Also, depending upon how you used these, if you are now using the workflow in Unifier, you may not have as great a need for the printed forms.

	It sounds like you're not encouraging moving PCM datacan you elaborate?	There are reasons to migrate data and other reasons to maintain PCM data intact. Moving data and documents from PCM to Unifier requires changes to out of the box Unifier design and also has some complexity depending upon what you migrate. Additionally, the question of data integrity for existing information can be challenged if all data isn't completly matched up. For this reason, we typically recommend keeping a legacy system intact for historical data. Contact us to discuss this in more detail.
5	Can you explain more on how to move existing licenses of PCM to Unifier?	Working with an Oracle representative you can trade the existing PCM licenses into Oracle in return for Unifier licenses. In most cases there is usually additional costs involved but your PCM licenses can be used to reduce your initial software investment in Unifier.
	What do I do with all of my attachments in PCM when the PCM records are moved to Unifier?	They can also be moved. However this is a good example of where modifications will need to be made to change the pointer from the PCM location+filename to a Unifier location+filename. They can be recovered and moved but it will take some level of programming/interaction to accomplish this.
7	Does the audit trail in Contract Manager transfer to Unifier?	Contract Management (PCM) has little or no real audit trail and the most you might be able to bring into Unifier is date created and date changed and possibly who (user) did the last change. Also this requires custom setup of the Unifier data elements to add containers for PCM data fields.

8	What if I have never used Primavera Contract Manager and just want to use Unifier to start from scratch?	You have a much simpler problem than those who have historical data that they want to bring into Unifier. That data may be from PCM or some other tool. The benefit to you is that most of the Business Processes you need are already set up in Unifier and ready to go.
9	Can you copy from one meeting minute to the next and carry over information?	Yes Unifer Meeting Minutes will allow a user to "Copy" the prior Meeting Minutes and carry over all relative information including the option to include attachments.
1-	Does Change Mangement work in Unifier like PCM?	Yes and No. Out of the box Unifer has a workflow already setup. Customization is required to use Unifer Change Mangement like PCM. All of Unifier is configurable and workflow design is a key element in Unifier. Unifier is designed to utilize workflow, where PCM Change Management was designed to "emulate" workflow, but was not a true workflow design. In PCM, "Change Management" module was the "workflow" design, and as such is not required in Unifier to process change documents.
10	How is security handled for documents?	Each user in Unifer has specific rights and will only see the documents/Business Process that they are allowed to have access for. Security is a major component in Unifier and if needed can drill down to the document level in setup. Keep in mind that the more detailed security you need, the greater the level of administration is needed.