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VALUABLE FEATURES

Reverse engineering physical database Compare and Merge utility

IMPROVEMENTS TO MY ORGANIZATION

We have offshore developers/DBA who actively request/implement DDL changes vs. a development database. The changes are reversed-engineered into both logical and physical schemas with generated DDL for source control check-in/check-out and other environment synchronization. With both onshore and offshore development teams working 18x5 days, it is an easy way to control check-in's while also maintaining schema views.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

This version does not properly generate SQL Server computed columns; future versions do this.

USE OF SOLUTION

I've used it for eight months.

STABILITY ISSUES

No issues encountered.

SCALABILITY ISSUES

No issues encountered.

CUSTOMER SERVICE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Customer Service: It was pretty good once the licensing phase was completed. Technical Support: It's good.

PREVIOUS SOLUTIONS

I am relatively new to this company, but in previous companies I used CA ErWin and SAP PowerDesigner. ErWin is very easy to use, as is PowerDesigner. The latter also provides a free developer viewer tool. At this point, all three products seem pretty equal: I would look at the conceptual model (business process rule) capture/conversion/maintenance with dynamic links to logical/physical ER with data dictionary/MDM capabilities to possibly separate them.

ROI

Since we are just reverse-engineering existing databases, and not using it for primary design/deployment/communication, relatively low.

PRICING, SETUP COST AND LICENSING

Review the total number of architects/DBAs who need full access and developers who need to view the model/data dictionary to determine number/types, and whether a stand-alone vs. repository version is needed.

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