Understanding Pages

Pages are the primary graphical interface by which you view and alter data in your PeopleSoft system. In many cases, these pages are representations of rows of data in your database tables. You use them to view, enter, and update data stored in application tables. Each page also provides features in the form of buttons or links to help you navigate through the system. As you change or add information to your database, you need to be familiar with effective-dating logic and the various page action options as you work with historic, current, and future data. PeopleSoft uses many different types of elements to organize information on pages and to enable you to enter data, including data-entry, functional, and data processing elements.

Many PeopleSoft components run in deferred processing mode to reduce interaction with the server thereby providing better performance. This means that, when using some pages in the browser, you can input data with minimal interaction with the server. Each trip to the server for data processing refreshes the page on the browser, which may cause the display to flicker and may also slow down your application. If deferred processing mode is specified for a component, a page within that component or a field on a page within the component also performs processing in deferred mode.

**Note.** Interactive mode is the opposite of deferred mode processing.