



When designing security, there is no substitute for human knowledge and expertise.

Planning and Design are Keys to a Successful Lawson Security Migration

If your organization has not yet implemented Lawson Security 9 (LS9), you have the opportunity to benefit from the experiences of those who have. RPI's Lawson Security Certified experts can help you navigate the transition, avoid common mistakes, reduce costs, and maximize the benefits of LS9.

Getting LS9 Right

Lawson's new security structure represents a robust improvement over LAUA. The benefits include significantly enhanced security capabilities as well as streamlined and simplified maintenance. However, the transition can be a challenging undertaking and can require considerable effort if not planned and executed properly.

Transitioning to Lawson Security 9 is an ideal opportunity to re-evaluate your organizational security needs and the accuracy of existing security classes. The key to a successful security migration is to invest the time up front to fully gather security requirements and design the right model for your organization. A model that results in security that is easy to **understand, troubleshoot, and update** will ensure that LS9 benefits are maximized while the efforts associated with building, testing, and implementation are minimized.

One of the most common mistakes made in security migrations is to convert the existing classes without taking the time to understand whether your configuration is the right one. This can lead to a nightmare scenario with thousands of duplicated authorization rules for identical securable objects across security classes—a structure that is cumbersome and maintenance intensive. Organizations that have attempted to expedite the process through commercial templates and tools have run into unexpected costs and

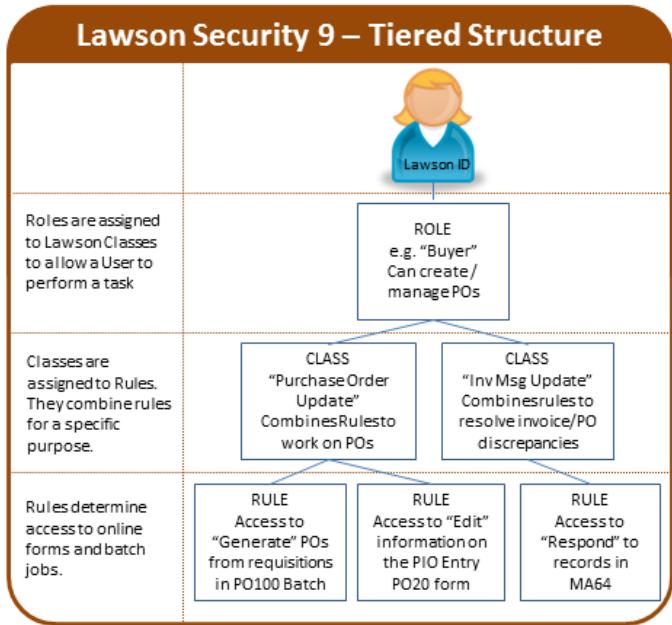
delays downstream. Templates are inflexible and often have embedded errors. Inevitably, they are built on generic assumptions that may not apply to your organization. Leveraging tools that monitor user behavior may satisfy business-as-usual requirements, but can leave you unprepared for special circumstances and once-a-year activities.

The RPI Approach

RPI offers a blended approach of traditional and fast-track security implementation methodologies. By leveraging both methods simultaneously, we reduce implementation time and maintain an emphasis on quality and best practices. We use fast-track tools for build, but, because we know from experience that the analysis and design phases are so important, we deliver this portion traditionally.

Every organization is unique. It takes time to understand your business and what your staff members require to properly perform their job functions. We know that an up-front investment in gathering security requirements and performing the proper analysis leads to solid design and saves literally hundreds of hours in testing and deployment. The right model will also work for future growth on your Lawson system. Our functional experts' deep understanding of Lawson software capabilities can help you determine the features and functionality that will be required moving forward.

Because there is simply no substitute for human knowledge and expertise, we avoid fixed templates. Our proprietary conversion database allows you to build and upload security templates adapted specifically to your organization's needs, saving time without cutting corners.



And don't forget, RPI is easy to work with! Our best-practices approach to Lawson Security assures a cost-effective implementation. Our resources provide assistance where and when needed and work on a timeline tailored to your organization's needs.

RPI LS9 Methodology

Planning & Analysis - The successful transition to LS9 is highly dependent on the Planning and Analysis phase, which encompasses the process of gathering all application, compliance, and audit requirements along with desired controls. User Security Questionnaires are leveraged for the user community needs within each functional area. Any data restrictions required by the customer garner special focus and discussion. Lastly, our LS9 Certified resources work with your IT staff and functional users to study your current LAUA security classes in order to identify deficiencies and areas for improvement in future design.

Model & Design - Our LS9 Certified resources develop a recommended approach based on results of analysis and requirements. This facilitates a Proof of Concept built in conjunction with your organization's Security Administrators. Each functional group will go through the Model & Design phase to ensure we are adhering to original requirements and providing you with a design that offers flexibility and control.

Build Phase - RPI leverages a proprietary conversion program that facilitates the process of converting the modeled Security Classes into an XML format that can be loaded into the system by Lawson tools. Once the load is complete, conditional access rules are modified. We work side by side

with your Security Administrators to build appropriate Security Roles.

Testing Phase - Security Testing should be geared around determining that appropriate access is granted as designed. Our approach is to test specific Roles through Test IDs first. After verifying that Roles and underlying Security Classes/Authorization Rules are set up correctly, we then apply Roles to User IDs and test full access.

Implementation & Support - RPI provides a go-live support and contingency plan to facilitate the deployment process. We will adhere to your change control processes to migrate the new security model into the Lawson production environment.

Security Reporting

RPI places great emphasis on reporting during a Lawson Security Migration. One of many LS9 benefits is better SOX compliance and audit reporting. Our LS9 Certified resources provide a standard SOX compliant periodic review process (quarterly and yearly), security form templates, and remediation plan processes (summary and detailed). Your organization will be able to marry these with existing business processes as well as new procedures. RPI will also facilitate a reports gap analysis, educate your Security Officers on LS9 reporting, and provide recommendations for any custom designed reports needed.

RPI is the Right Choice to assist with your LS9 Transition

At RPI, we have over ten years of experience in guiding organizations through Lawson implementations, upgrades, and system improvements. We bring leadership, experience, and best practices along with hands-on completion of tasks to get the job done. Our team focuses on your business objectives to ensure not only an on-time and on-budget project, but also one that accomplishes your project goals.

With LS9 Certified resources and business process expertise across all of Lawson's Suites, RPI can help your organization navigate the transition process to Lawson Security successfully. To avoid common mistakes, reduce costs, and maximize the benefits of LS9, talk to our team today.

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