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IBM Workplace Forms

Enabling Business Processes with Forms in an SOA Environment

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What We'll Cover Today

- The E-Forms Marketplace
- Workplace Forms Overview
 - Components
 - Architecture
- Workplace Forms examples
- What's new in Workplace Forms 2.6?
- Success Stories

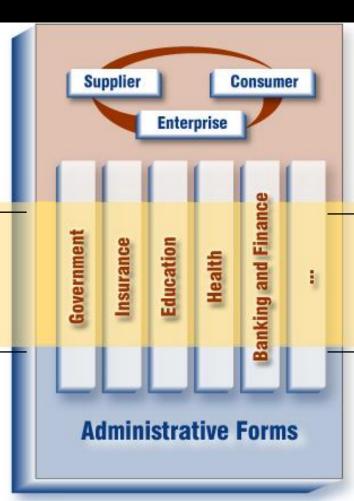


E-Forms are Everywhere

Externe (Enterprise)

Vertical (Enterprise)

Horizontal (Workgroup)



Key Components

- Security and Scalability
- Platform Impendence
- Standards & Ease of Use

Key Components

- Scalability and robustness
- Document Management
- Forms Management

Key Components

- Cross-Platform
- Use of existing environment
- Rapid Application Development



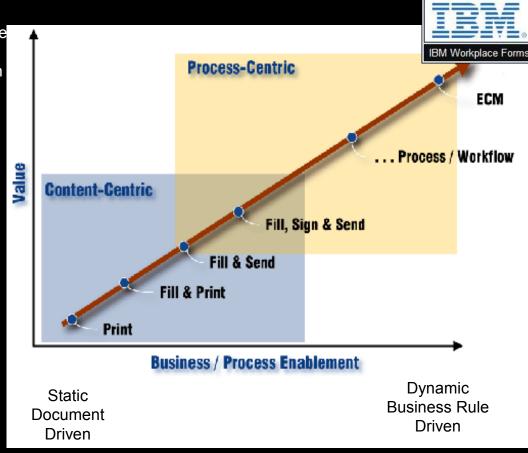
The Spectrum of E-forms Usage

Gartner Quotes:

- "Enterprises are seeking electronic process enablers, not just forms on the web"
- "The real value of electronic forms lies in its ability to reduce the bureaucracy associated with paper forms rather than simply replicating it"
- "e-forms based on XML architecture will become the standard for webbased form input and document delivery"

Compliance Security Integration Records

> Data Capture



Key technology drivers; XML, XForms, Web Services, digital signatures

Key business drivers: compliance, productivity, signing/approvals



Benefits

Provides high-value industry forms automation solutions proven in many industries enabling organizations to...

- Reduce costs
- Increase efficiencies
- Enhance customer service
- Reduce paper use
- Minimize data entry errors
- Streamline forms-based processes

Offers numerous proven integration points/solutions

- Leverages open standards and with XML to make streamline integration efforts
- Supports service-oriented architectures
- Standards-based integration



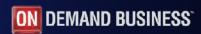
What is Workplace Forms?

Workplace Forms provides a dynamic, intelligent front-end to applications and back-end systems.

- Automates business processes that are "forms-based".
- Collects data easily, accurately and completely, with straight through integration to one or more back end systems.
- Enables true "Innovation" within organizations.



"An advanced XML based user Interface that happens to do forms exceptionally well" USAF AFDPO Chief Architect



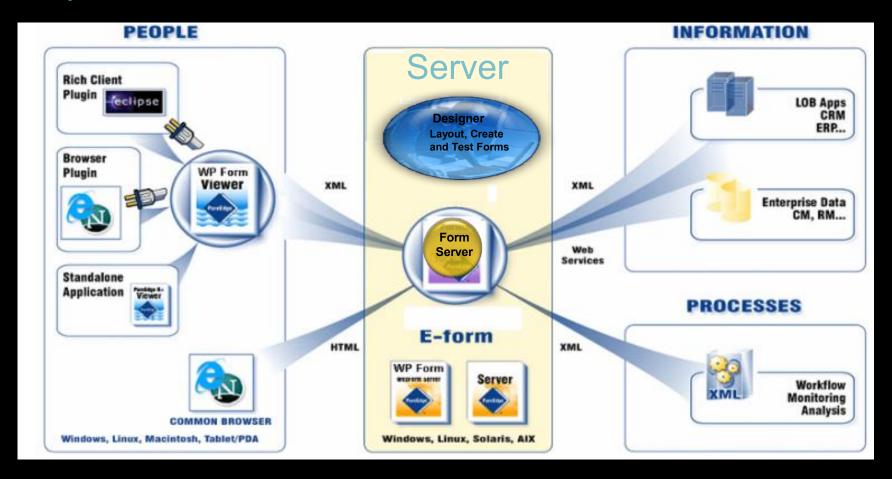


Positioning

- Leading Open-standards e-form Vendor
 - 100% XML superior integration capabilities, promotes interoperability, and limits vendor lock-in
 - Contributing editor for W3C XForms standard
- Strongest transaction record for Business Compliance
 - Provides precision replication of paper functionality for legal and regulatory compliance
 - Document centric architecture encapsulates presentation, business logic, and data into a single XML record
 - Multiple, overlapping digital signatures ensure e-form, document, and front-end integrity
- Highly dynamic and flexible user interface
 - An integrated computational engine whose capabilities provide the ability to create a dynamic, interactive and simplified user interface
- Unique hybrid rich and thin-client architecture
 - Single form template supporting three access methods:
 - Standalone rich client, supporting off-line use
 - Browser-embedded rich client, supporting highly dynamic user experience
 - HTML thin client, supporting zero-footprint outreach applications, and native portal integration



Workplace Forms Solution Suite



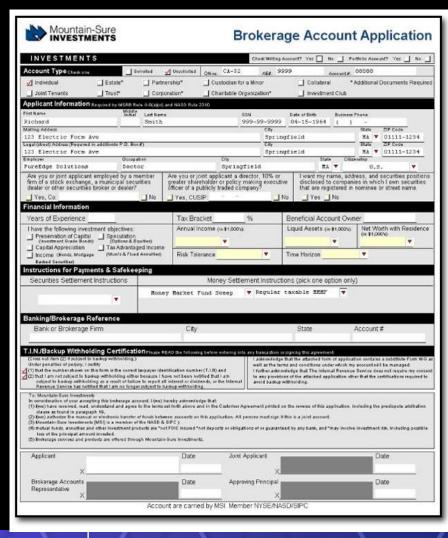
Connecting People with Processes and Information



IBM Workplace Forms – Key components

- Workplace Forms Viewer. A standalone or browser-based application to present, manage, interact with, integrate, digitally sign and submit Workplace Forms XML eform and process-wizard front-ends.
- Workplace Forms Designer. Powerful, easy to use WYSIWYG design environment to create secure XML e-form and process wizard front-ends
- Workplace Forms Server.
 - API: Enables the creation and delivery of forms applications. It provides a common, open interface to Workplace Forms that enables e-forms data integration with server-side applications.
 - WebForm Server: Provides real-time page-by-page conversion of Workplace Forms XML e-forms into HTML and JavaScript for rendering within a common web browser. Enables zero-footprint viewing of Workplace Forms
 - Deployment Server: Deploys rich client and forms in a lightweight manner

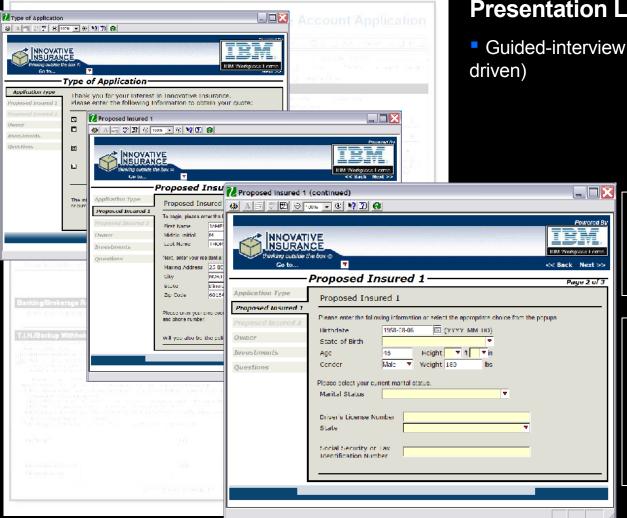




Presentation Layer

 Pixel-perfect Resolution for duplicating paper forms





Presentation Layer

Guided-interview process option (Wizard

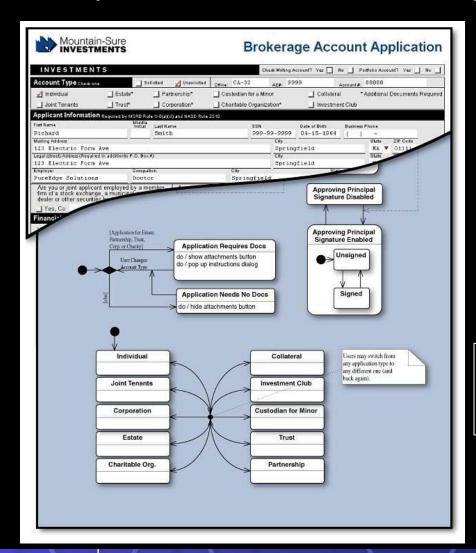
User Interface Flexibility

- Multiple "views" on the same data
- Data/Rules-driven "views"

Dynamic Behavior

- Declarative Rules instead of scripting dynamic behavior
- Enables much more complex dynamic behavior without deep programming





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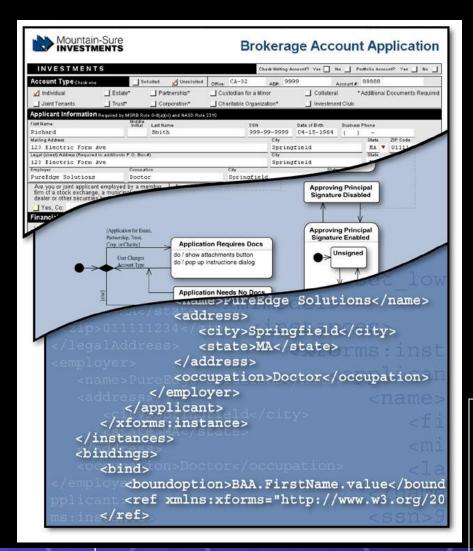
Business Logic

- Capture forms processes in the form
- Integrate business process workflows

Business Rule Flexibility

 Client side or Server Side Application of Forms "logic" to fit requirements





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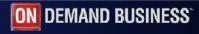
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Data Instances

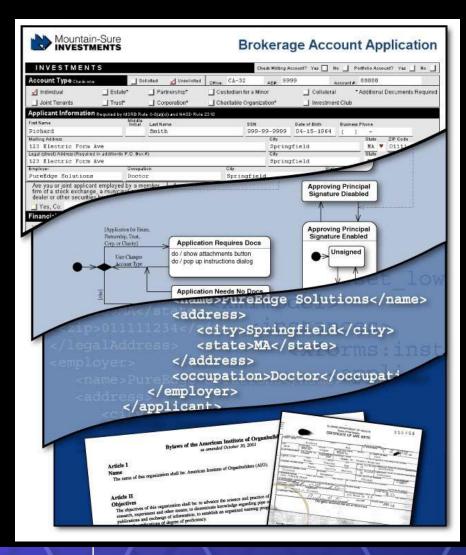
- Based on W3C XForms specification
- Multiple XML payloads for integration
- Validate against external XML Schemas

Multiple Schema and Standards Support

- Client side or Server Side validation
- Only product to support multiple schemas within form
- Only production ready product to support W3C XForms standard







Presentation Layer

Business Logic

Data Instances

File Attachments

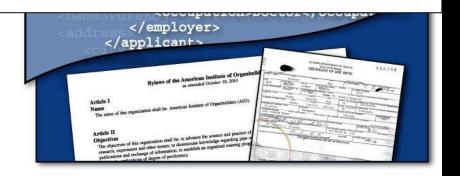
- Capture complete transaction
- Supplemental or associated e-forms
- MS Office, videos, faxes, etc.





Digital Signatures

- Sign multiple, overlapping sections or complete form
- Use built-in signing, digital certificates or signing pads
- Significantly smaller file sizes compared to proprietary binary formats



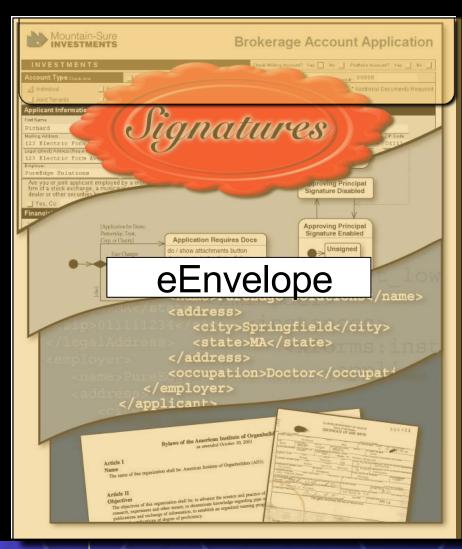
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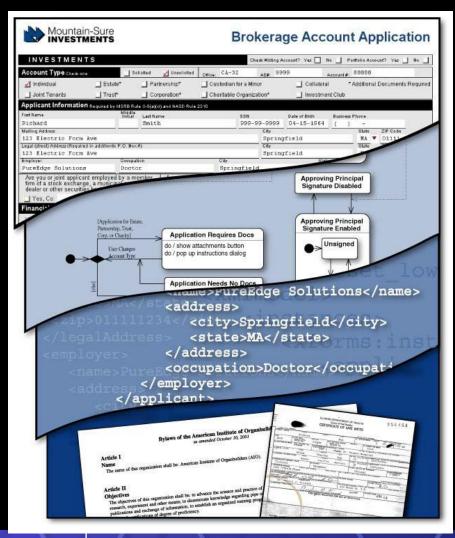
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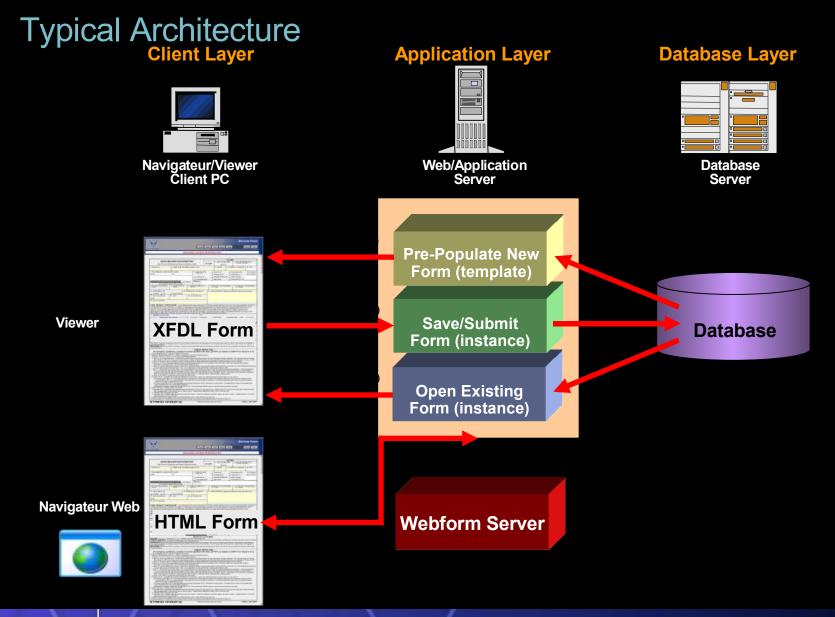


Benefits of Workplace Forms Components



- Treating forms as XML objects allows us to:
- Maintain presentation and logic with data
- Save a form and work offline
- **Route** a form using any available transport mechanism (e.g. workflow, web, email, FTP, etc.)
- Archive a form into a database
- Pre-fill a form with data and Extract data from a form
- Sign and make a form tamperproof
- *Integrate* a form with other technologies (i.e., workflow, EAI, document/content management, etc.)
- Parse the XML data at any appropriate time in the form's lifecycle







Example Workplace Forms Deployment

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LOB App eg,

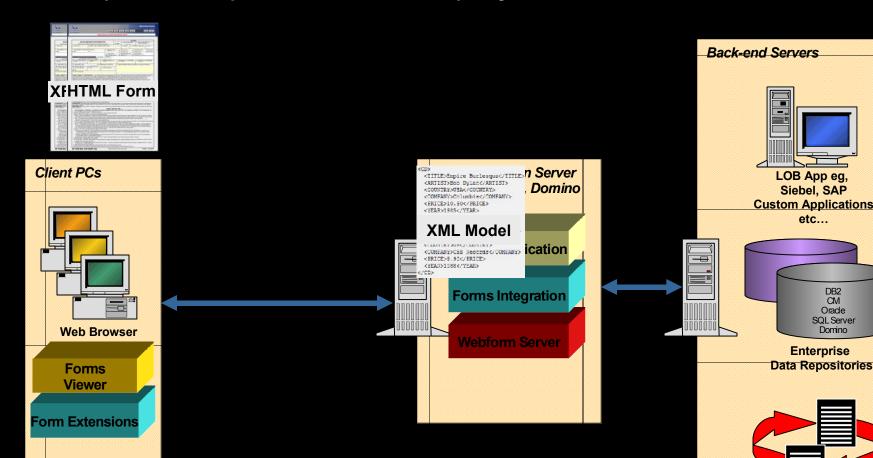
Siebel, SAP

etc...

DB₂

CM Oracle SQL Server

Domino **Enterprise**



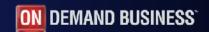
User submits form

XML data extracted utilising Forms API

stored in repository

ata provided to LOB applications

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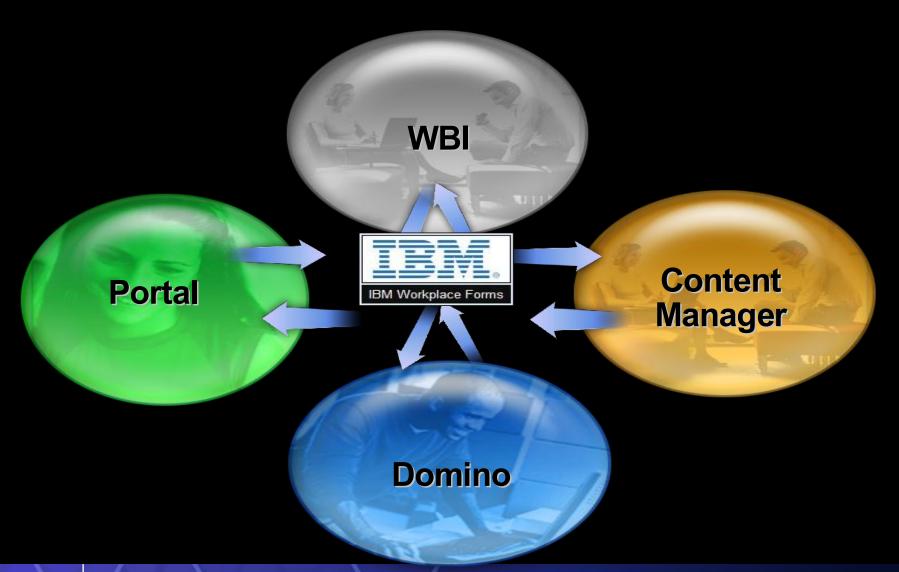


Workflow Systems

Eg Process Server, Domino, etc



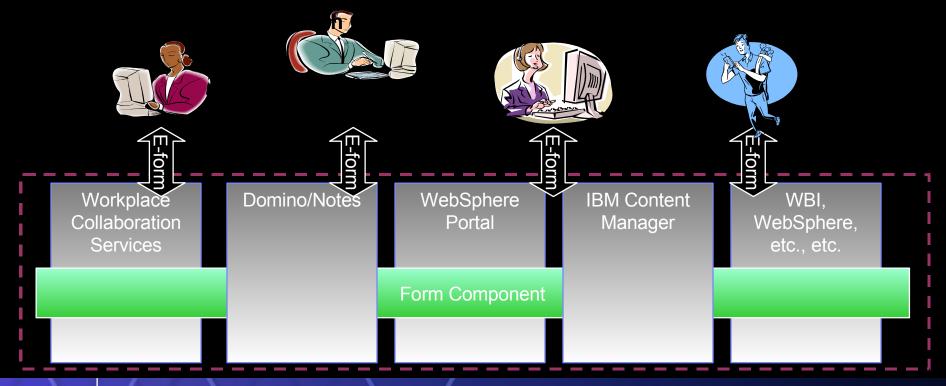
Where Does Workplace Forms Fit?





Workplace Forms Integrate Across the IBM Software Portfolio

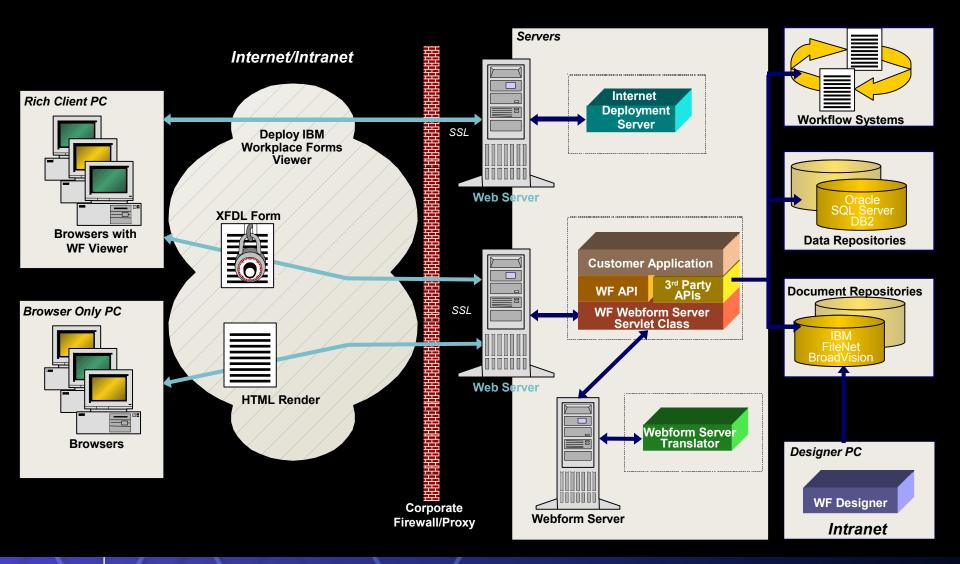
E-forms technology varies from simple (print-and-fill, Webforms) to advanced (digital signatures, offline storage). Advanced e-forms are a critical component of Industry Solutions due to their broad applicability to a variety of business processes. E-forms provide a common front-end to many different IBM software products.







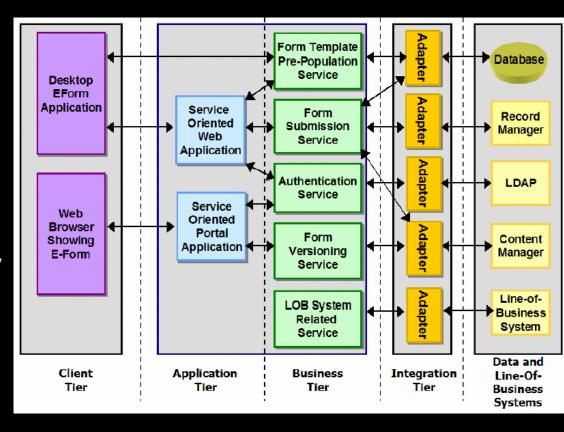
IBM Workplace Forms (WF): Suite Architecture





XForms as an Extension of SOA

- Server-side form pre-population (l.e., the merger of an empty form template with data using "click-to-action" in a portal environment)
- Submission of a form into a Content
 Management system at various stages of process or workflow
- Presentation on mobile devices of a form to users <u>both in online and offline modes</u>.
 (laptops, tablet, or handheld devices)
- Storage of form data into one or more databases (Often for reporting or for use by other systems)
- Transmission of form data into one or more Line-of-Business (LOB) systems
- Validation of Digital Signatures as part of an approval process at multiple levels
- Support for Bar Code technology to capture data at various stages of the process, or workflow





IBM Workplace Forms v2.6 Objectives Build on Existing Product Strengths

Marketplace Needs

- Visually precise/compliant forms
- Ability to integrate business rules that relate back to a business process in the form.
- Work with multiple integration scenarios
- Different views tailored to a process

Workplace Forms Strengths

- Pixel Precise Forms
- Sophisticated rules to govern form filling experience online or offline
- Native XML Architecture simplifies integration
- Multiple role or state-based views of a form; Wizards



IBM Workplace Forms v2.6 Objectives Meet Additional Market Needs

Marketplace Gaps

- Expand/Fit in Global Markets
- Forms applications are built by Teamsbusiness & IT
- Forms can be slow & difficult to build across these teams
- Forms rarely interoperate across platforms & environments
- Forms support with SOA is difficult to implement and maintain
- Industry Associations & Government want a Forms Std
- Expensive Named User Pricing in certain account scenarios

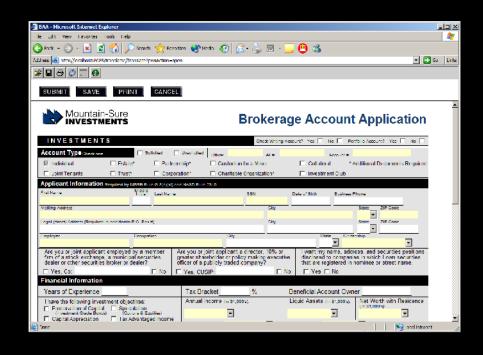
Workplace Forms v2.6 Goals

- Expand support to 26 languages!
- Support Team Collaboration paradigm
- Support Component based design and reuse
- First to market with robust support of W3C Standard XForms
- Increase SOA Support via XForms capabilities to support real-time form updates
- XForms support provides a market advantage
- Forms-based Pricing



New Web Based Form Technology Based on Web 2.0 and Ajax Technologies

- Delivers nearly the identical user experience as a stand alone e-forms client
- Minimal round tripping to server (based on Ajax)
- Local save
- Look and feel of a paper document
- Pixel compliant printing
- Based on XFDL and XForms





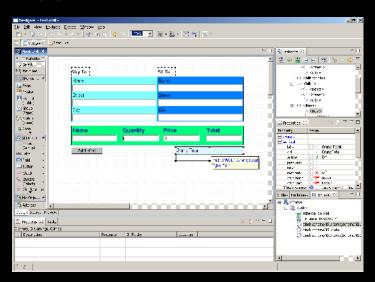
Workplace Forms Designer 2.6 - A team approach to form creation

State of the Art Development Environment

 Forms professionals now have access to the industry leading Eclipse development environment and ecosystem of plug-ins and partners.

Role Based:

- Forms Designer/Professional creates presentation layer
- Business Analyst creates the business rules appropriate to the workflow/process as required could also be the Forms Designer
- <u>Data Analyst</u> IT interface to get the XML Schemas necessary to integrate information with Back End systems



- Support for XForms Standard
- Model Driven Design
- Advanced Layout Functionality
- Component Re-usability
- Dynamic Tables
- Run-Time Preview
- Design Once, Render Many



Workplace Forms Momentum

- Form as Intelligent Document introduced in 1996, XML format in 1998
- Leadership within standards community
 - W3C, American Bar Association, IETF, NACHA, etc.
- Over 5M users across 300,000 end user organizations





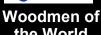


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Benefits of the Workplace Forms

- Dynamic User Experience
 - Real-time "wizards", sophisticated business logic extensions
- Customized Forms Functionality to meet Unique Requirements
 - Extend functionality by embedding Java functionality in a form or by dynamically extending the IBM Workplace Forms Viewer.
- Support for Multi-Approval Workflows with Digital Signatures
- Compliance and Document Integrity
 - Transaction records cannot be repudiated
- Performance File Sizes
 - Scalable, lightweight architecture
- Fit with Enterprise Architecture
 - Straight through integration with native XML, XForms and open standards support (Eclipse, JSR standards) with portals, content management systems and back-end systems.