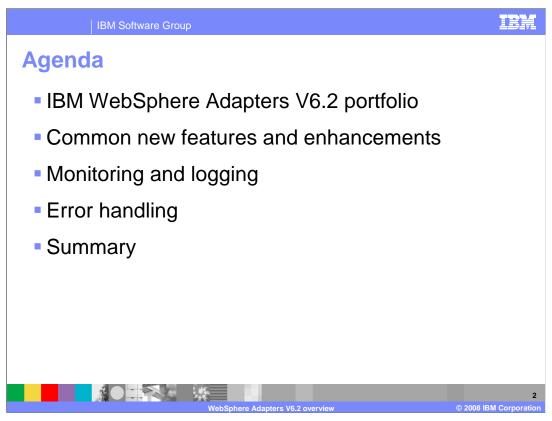
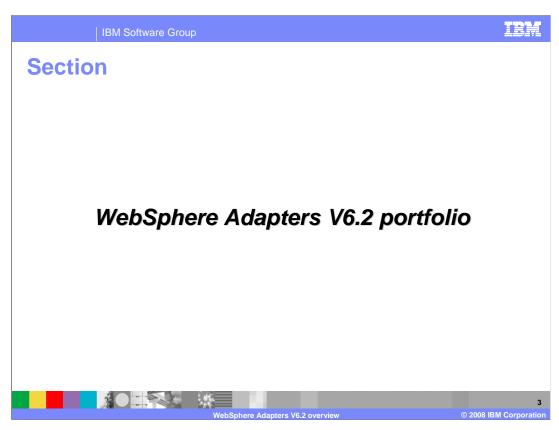


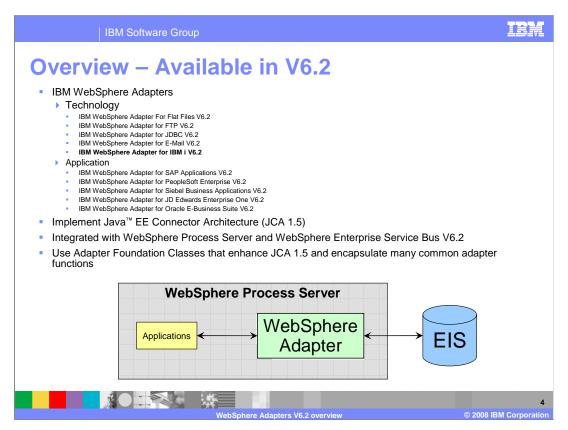
This presentation provides a general overview of the IBM WebSphere Adapters V6.2



This presentation starts with a recap of the current available adapters. It also reviews the enhancements and new features to the existing adapters. Then it goes through some of the enhancement configuration in monitoring and logging for all adapters. At the end, there is also additional enhancement to outbound error handling.



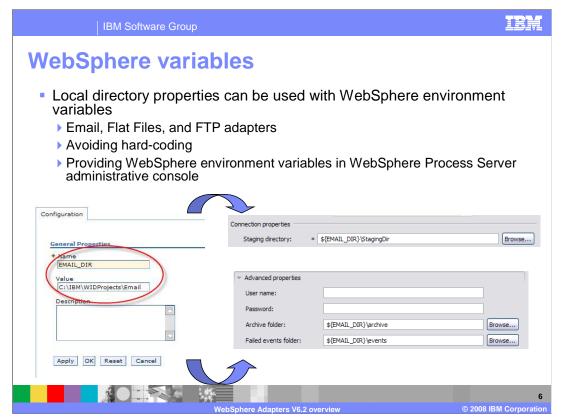
This section recaps all of the available WebSphere Adapters in V6.2 and introduces new adapter.



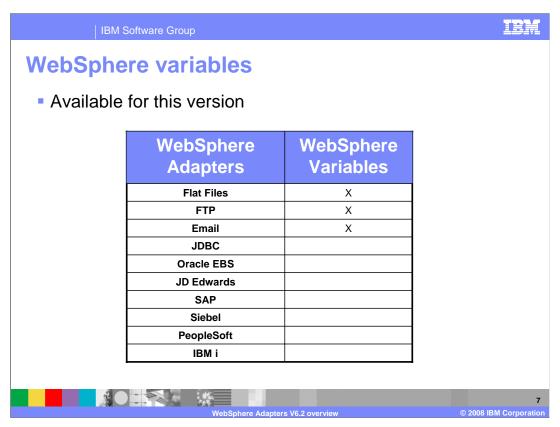
Here is the list of adapters that are available for version 6.2. They include the Flat File, FTP, JDBC, and E-mail technology adapters along with the SAP, PeopleSoft, Siebel, JD Edwards, and Oracle E-Business application adapters. In addition, a new IBM WebSphere Adapter for IBM i V6.2 is introduced as part of technology adapters. To recap, these are all based on a set of foundation classes that enhance the JCA 1.5 specification. These foundation classes contain many new features for the 6.2 release.



This section covers new features and enhancements for all WebSphere Adapters.



Previously, Activation Specification and Managed Connection Factory properties values needed to be hard-coded. With this enhancement, adapter can avoid the hard-coding by using WebSphere environment variable. The user creates and provides the WebSphere environment variables from WebSphere Process Server administrative console. For example, user can declare the Activation Specification properties as '\${EMAIL\_DIR}/events' and '\${EMAIL\_DIR}/archive' and then define the EMAIL\_DIR variable with the directory name as the WebSphere environment variable. In that case, user can eliminate errors in manual works. All properties which require manual hard-coding can be filled with WebSphere environment variables.



Here is the list of adapters that supports WebSphere variables enhancement for this version.

#### **Event filtering**

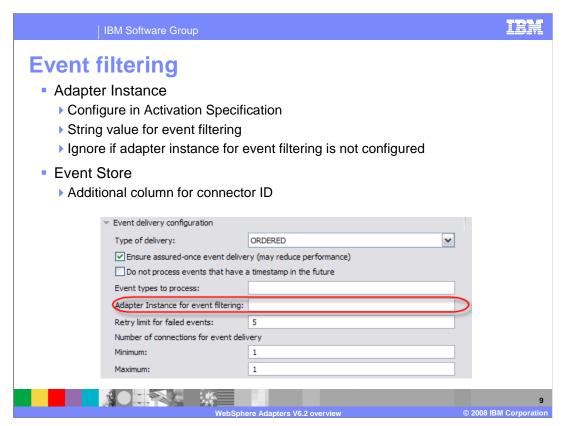


- Support event filtering based on the connector ID
  - Enable load balance with large number of events of the same type
  - Provide filtering mechanism when a connector ID is configured
- Benefits
  - ▶ Minimal impact for user migrating from WebSphere Business Integration Adapters (WBIA) → JCA
  - Support earlier versions without connector ID field
  - Scripts to add connector ID field in event table structure



The purpose of this new feature is to enable seamless migration for WebSphere Business Integration Adapters (WBIA) to JCA where users are currently taking advantage of the connector ID filtering. It allows large users that are currently dependent on this in WBIA to more easily migrate. This is also benefit to users to load balance when they have large number of events of the same type.

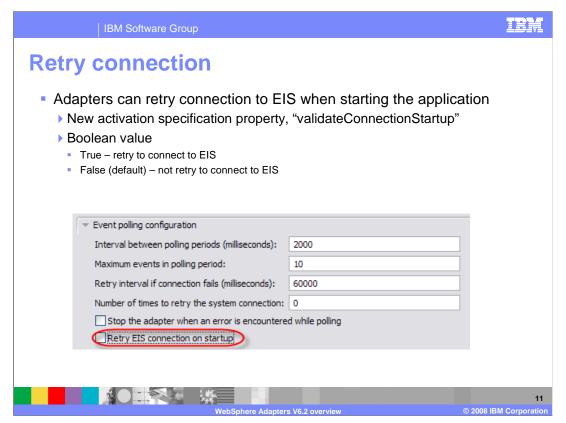
WebSphere Adapters supports this filter through Activation Specification property and provides the filtering mechanism when a connector ID is configured. The adapter only retrieves events with that particular connector ID. The event table structure is also required to update with new connector ID field to use this new feature. However, it also ensures compatible with earlier versions when connector ID field is not specified. That allows the event table structure without the connector ID field to be supported. In addition, there is minimal impact for users who migrate from WBIA since the connector ID filtering has similar mechanism.



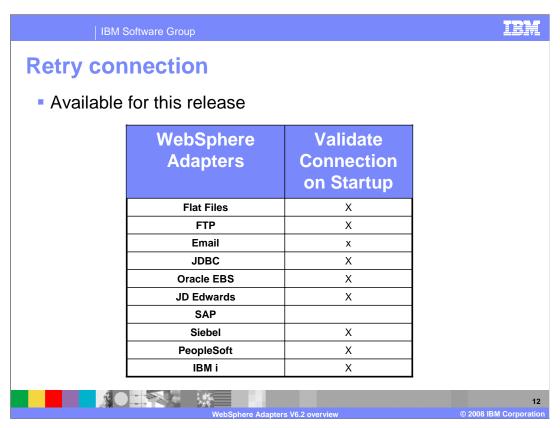
As mentioned from previous slide, this event filtering is configured in Activation Specification with any string values and required changes to the event store to add another column for connector ID. The adapter then adds the corresponding column to the event query. However, this filtering can also be ignored when user does not want to use this new feature.



Here is the list of adapters that supports event filtering for this version. Only adapters which have actual event table structures located in Enterprise Information System and databases support this filtering mechanism.



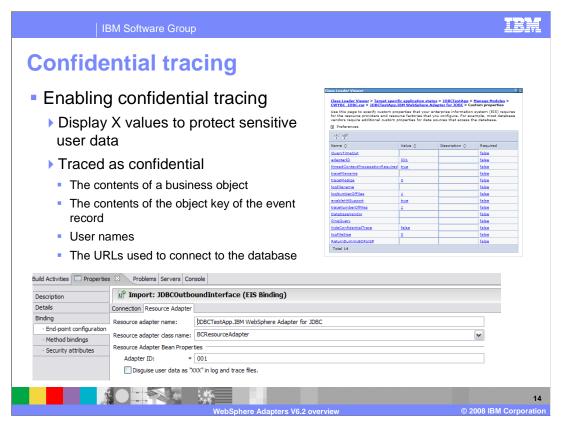
This common enhancement provides an opportunity for users to be able to retry connection to EIS when starting the application. Retry connection is depending on retry interval and retry number of times. It also based on Boolean property whether retry is going to occur or not. When the enterprise information system is down during adapter start up and the "Retry EIS connection on startup" property is set as true, the adapter will retry to connect the enterprise information system. When the enterprise information system is down during adapter startup and the "Retry EIS connection on startup" property is setting as false, the adapter does not retry to connect the enterprise information system.



Here is the list of adapters that supports retry connection enhancement for this version. Notice SAP adapter does not support retry connection at this time.



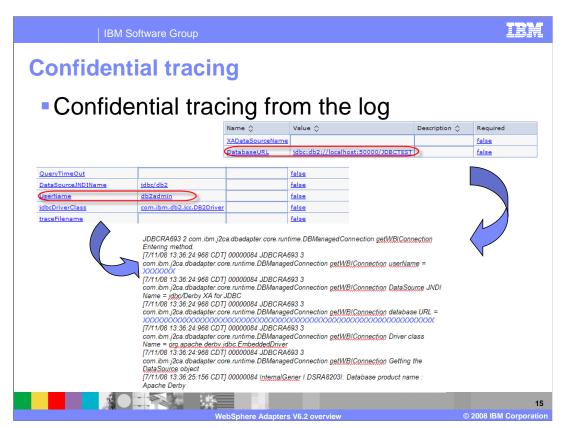
This section covers common monitoring and logging for all WebSphere Adapters.



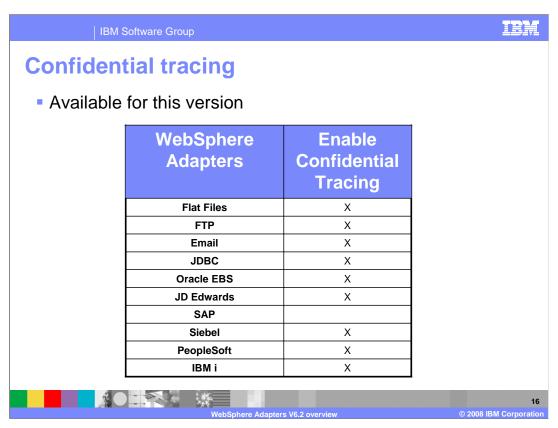
In the past, the trace files were not widely available to support representatives because trace files can contain data from databases, which might contain sensitive or confidential information. This information of a sensitive nature in adapter log or trace files can potentially violate a customer's privacy. This can also prevent you from sharing the log and trace file with support representative, hindering the troubleshooting process.

With this enhancement, WebSphere Adapter allows users to enable confidential tracing. The Confidential tracing feature allows users to prevent confidential information from displaying in the log and trace files by replacing the confidential data with Xs. In this scenario, if user enables this property then at run-time, adapter will display series of Xs in place of data instead of the actual data. Some confidential data include contents of business objects, contents of the object key of the event record, user names and passwords, and database URL used to connect to an Enterprise Information System or database.

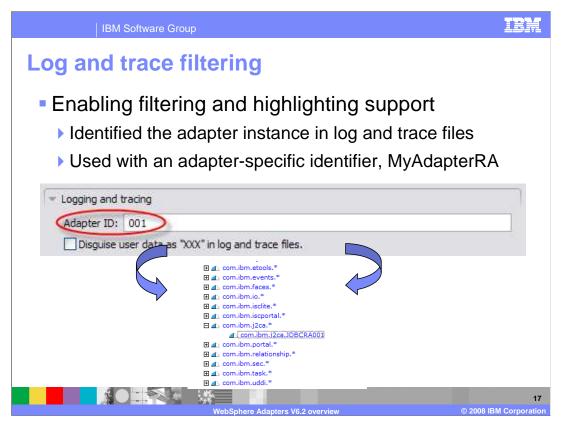
User can enable this option during Enterprise Metadata Discovery by checking "Disguise user data as "XXX" in log and trace files" option under Logging and Tracing. For inbound processing, this property is part of the resource adapter properties. For outbound processing, it is part of the managed connection factory properties.



Above example is what user expects to see in the log and trace files when the confidential tracing option is enabled. Notice the username and databaseURL values are replaced with X values to hide sensitive user data.



Here is the list of adapters that supports confidential tracing for this version. Notice SAP adapter does not support confidential tracing at this time.

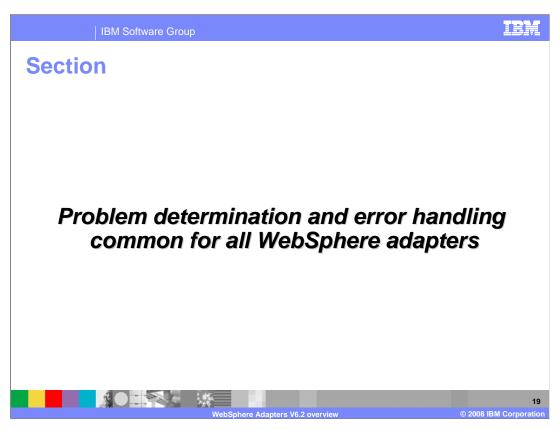


Previously, IBM WebSphere Adapters do not utilize the Filtering and Highlighting features available in the Log and Trace Analyzer component. It was possible to identify all adapter messages, but user can not filter out a particular adapter type or instance. With this enhancement, user can now enable the adapter to use the Filtering and Highlighting capabilities of the Log and Trace Analyzer component. Filtering and Highlighting allows developers and administrators to focus their troubleshooting efforts because they can filter on a specific sub-component and highlight the messages that apply to that sub-component.

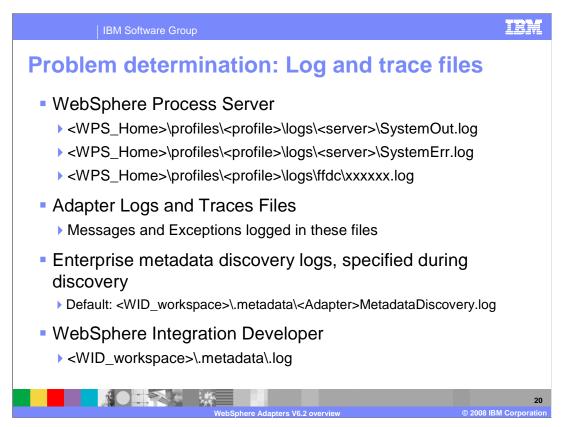
This property identifies the adapter instance in log and trace files and for PMI events. The adapter ID is used with an adapter-specific identifier, MyAdapterRA, to form the component name used by Log and Trace Analyzer. For example, if the adapter ID property is set to 001, the component ID is FFRA001 for Flat File adapter, FTPRA001 for FTP adapter, EMARA001 for E-mail Adapter, and so on. If multiple adapter instances are used, the adapter ID numbers is then different. For example, one adapter might have an ID of "001" and the other "002". The log file should expect to see adapter logs of "FFRA001" and "FFRA002". For inbound processing, this property is retrieved from the resource adapter properties. For outbound processing, it is retrieved from the managed connection factory properties.

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Here is the list of adapters that supports utilizing filtering and highlighting capabilities of the log and trace analyzer component.



This section covers common problem determination and error handling for all WebSphere Adapters.

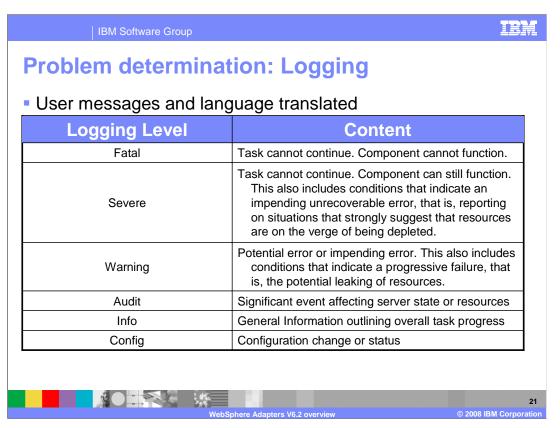


The location of the log and trace files is specified here. The WebSphere Process Server log files are the System out and System error log files in the profile logs directory of the server.

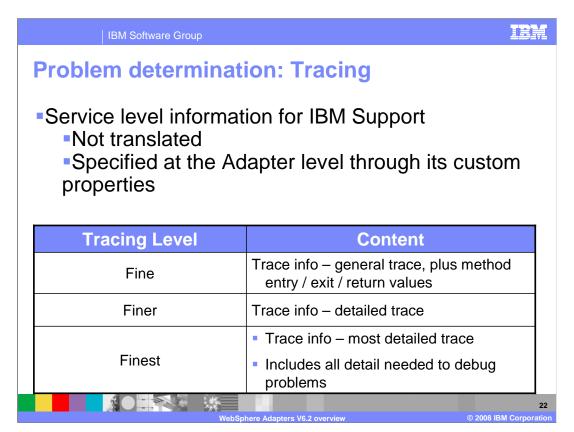
Then there are the adapter log and trace files. The trace file locations are specified using the log and trace file attributes on the adapter. In addition, the trace files location and trace strings are specified in the administrative console of the Process Server for the server's change log and trace file option.

While running the enterprise metadata or service discovery tools, the log file is within the WebSphere Integration Developer workspace in the directory specified.

The overall log file for WebSphere Integration Developer is in the workspace metadata log file.



The different logging levels are specified on this page. These messages are translated and they appear in the WebSphere Process Server system out log files.



The trace strings are more geared towards IBM Support. The different tracing levels are specified on this page. These are specified at the Adapter through its custom properties.

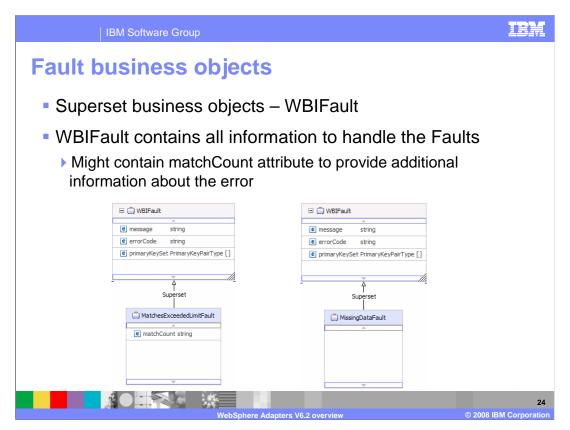
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# **Error handling**

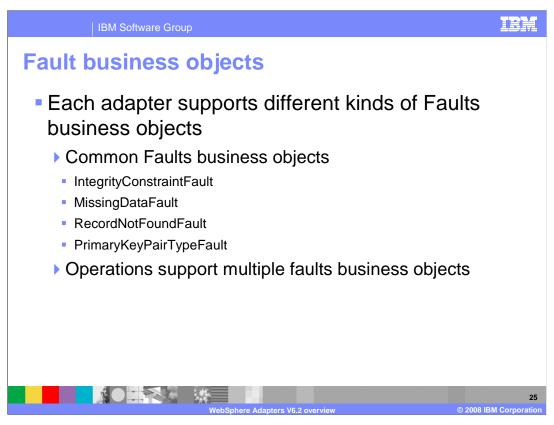
- Enhance to ensure appropriate and meaningful error messages are displayed.
- Outbound error handling
  - ▶ A fault business object which thrown exception condition
    - Business rule violation
    - Constraint violation
  - The adapter creates fault exceptions for business errors to distinguish from resource exceptions



While running the outbound operations, the adapter will create faults for any business errors encountered while processing the outbound request. This is applicable for WebSphere Process Server, WebSphere Enterprise Service Bus, and other runtimes that have SCA support. Business faults occur at predictable points in a business process as a result of a business rule violation or a constraint violation. Although WebSphere Process Server or WebSphere Enterprise Service Bus support other types of faults, the adapter generates only business faults, which are called *faults*. Not all exceptions become faults. Faults are generated for errors that are actionable, that is, errors that can have a recovery action that does not require the termination of the application. For example, the adapter generates a fault when it receives a business object for outbound processing that does not contain the required data or when the adapter encounters certain errors during outbound processing. FaultException extends ResourceException and allows adapters to differentiate a fault, or business exception, from a ResourceException.



Continue from previous slide, the Enterprise Metadata Discovery creates a business object for each fault that the adapter can generate. In addition, the service creates a WBIFault superset business object, which has information common to all faults, such as the message, errorCode, and primarySetKey attributes as shown above. Some faults contain the matchCount attribute, to provide additional information about the error. For others, WBIFault contains all the information needed to handle the fault.



Each adapter has different set of faults business objects. Some of the base fault exceptions are shown on this page. In addition, each fault business object is associated to certain operations only. For example, with JDBC adapter, the RecordNotFoundFault is defined for Retrieve and RetrieveAll operations only. Refer to each adapter's user guide for more details on different fault exceptions.

### **Fault bindings**

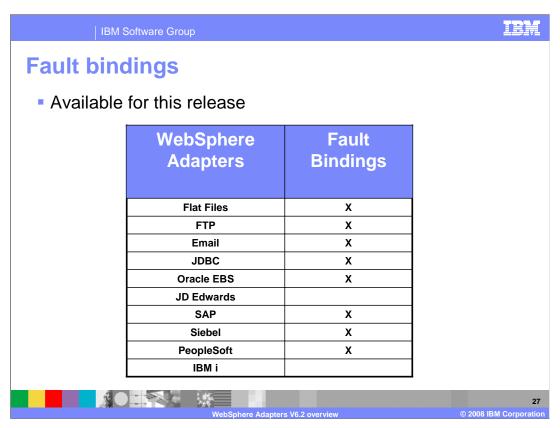


- Background
  - Only runtime supported Faults
  - Manual add related Fault tags in .wsdl and .import files
- Enable Faultbinding outbound artifacts generation in the discovery process
  - Automating the enablement of Faults in .import/.export files
  - ▶ Eliminate errors in manual works
- Migration from previous version of adapters
  - No automating the enablement of Faults
  - Remain same configurations before and after migration
  - Manual add related faults tags

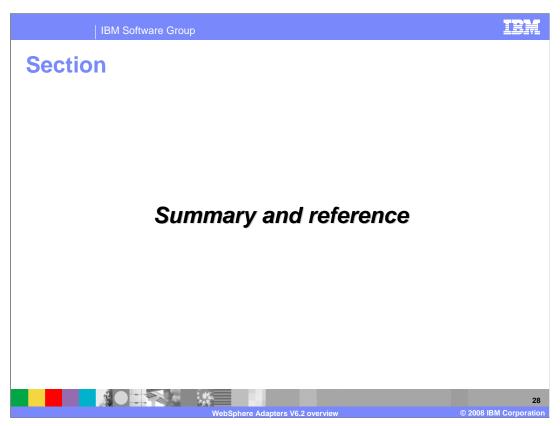


Previously with V6.1, WebSphere Adapters required manual modification to the WSDL and the Import files in order to enable faults. The schemas of the BOs are generated, however the WSDL and Import files have to be modified to add the Fault Tags. With this new enhancement, the fault tags addition to the WSDL files is enabled automatically. Manual configuration of faults is no longer required which can then eliminate errors.

For users who migrate from previous version of adapters, the enablement of fault tags is not enabled automatically. The purpose is to remain same configuration before and after migration in case users want to use their own fault handling. Therefore, manual configuration related to fault tags is required to enable faults.



Here is the list of adapters that supports fault bindings for this version. Notice JD Edwards and IBM i adapters are currently not supported at this time.



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# **Summary**

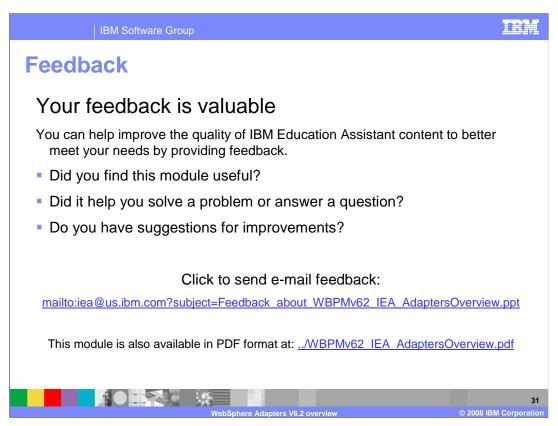
- This presentation covered an overview of the new and enhanced IBM WebSphere Adapters V6.2
  - Supported WebSphere environment variables
  - Provided event filtering for inbound processing
  - Enhanced retry connection options
  - Enhanced monitoring and logging
  - Enabled fault bindings



This presentation covered an overview of the new and enhanced IBM WebSphere Adapters for the 6.2 release. You have reviewed new features and enhancements including WebSphere variables, event filtering for inbound processing, and different retry connection options. The common monitoring and logging across all the adapters and common problem determination by using the log and trace files provided details of how to configure the different levels of messages that can be provided. Much of the common functionality has been moved into the adapter foundation classes. Finally, different fault handling exceptions have been introduced to distinguish from business exceptions from Resource Exceptions for outbound processing.



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