

This presentation covers SAP strategy and directions as part of the SAP integration workshop. It will give you an introduction to SAP as a company and the relationships to IBM. Also it will show the product history and roadmap.



The agenda for this module is to start with a company portrait of SAP to introduce the company itself. Then focus will shift to the different products and the roadmap.

Then the SAP enterprise Service Architecture – also known as eSOA – is discussed.

Finally, the SAP strategy for the future will be covered.



SAP was founded in 1972 by five former IBM employees.

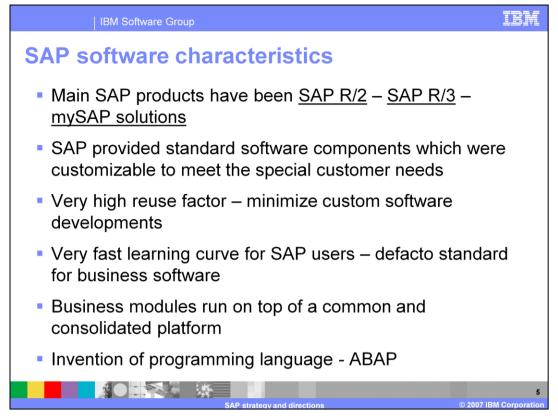
The names of the founders are Claus Wellenreuther, Hans-Werner Hector, Klaus Tschira, Dietmar Hopp and Hasso Plattner.

Today, SAP means "Systems, Applications and Products in data processing"

SAP has more than 41,900 employees in over 50 countries all over the world and they have grown from a software-only provider to offer services also.



This section covers more details about the roadmap of SAP, covering also the different product sets.

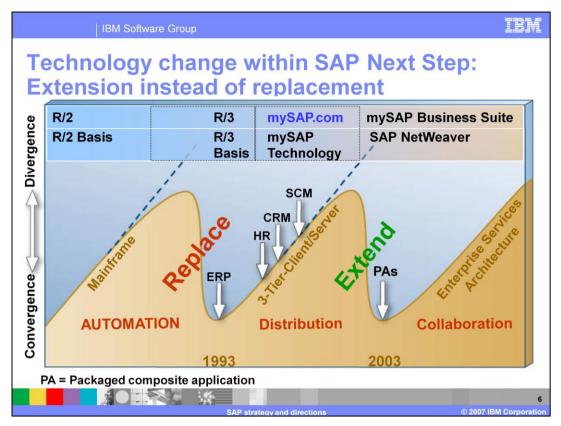


The well known SAP products started with SAP R/2. Over the years the new releases came out as SAP R/3 and mySAP solutions. Most recently, the NetWeaver product set was released with the eSOA architecture.

This standard software is very customizable so that customers can configure it to meet specific business needs.

The base product delivered a high reuse factor and a very fast learning curve for the SAP users. These benefits moved SAP to an informal standard in business software and the footprint in the marketplace has grown very quickly.

The founders of SAP invented their own programming language – called ABAP – to develop their product.

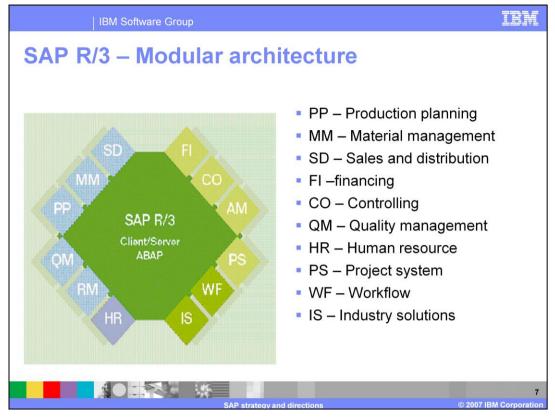


This slide illustrates the different product generations.

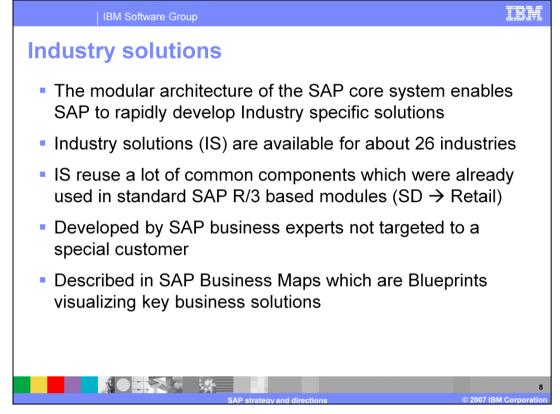
The R/2 was built on a mainframe architecture. The move to R/3 on a 3-tier architecture was a complete replacement of the old product.

In R/3 the different components for ERP, HR, CRM, and others were created.

The move to an Enterprise Service Architecture was different. It was not a replacement, it was an extension. The complete R/3 components run further on, but were extended to support new technologies and features.



The modular architecture that was introduced with SAP R/3 focused on special solutions for dedicated market segments. These components had the same foundation - the SAP R/3 core server - and enhanced the functionality in different ways.



More and more industries needed special applications tailored for their needs. The modular architecture of the SAP system enabled SAP to rapidly develop such solutions.

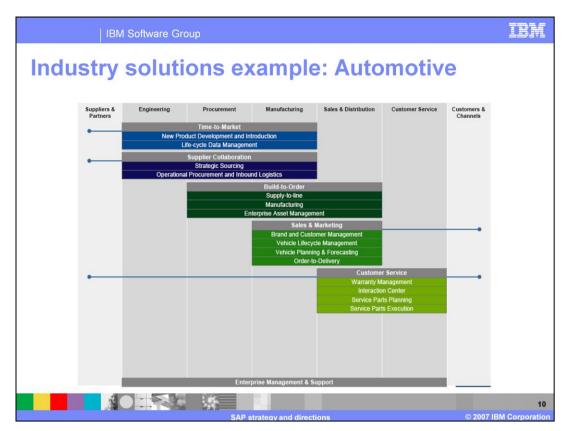
So there where more than 26 industry solutions which reused common components from standard SAP R/3.



Here you see a list of ready to use industry solutions.

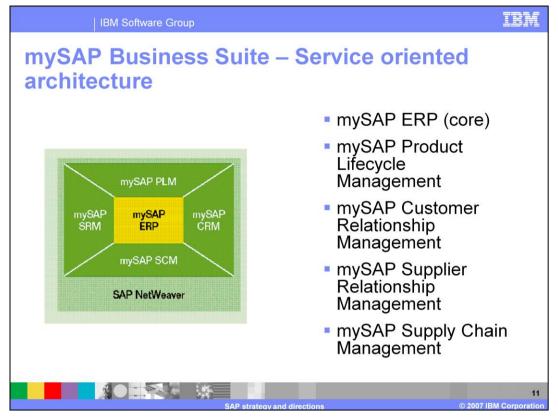
But keep in mind that they are prepackaged – but they need a lot of customization and often a lot of extension to fit the current customer situation.

They are a buyable starting point for the different industries.



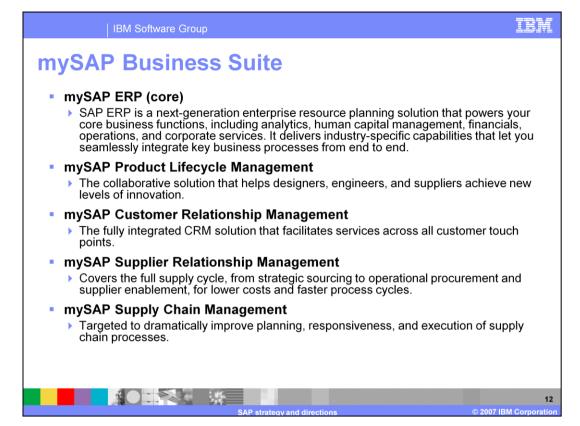
Here is an example of an industry solution.

SAP covers the whole product life cycle with different components.

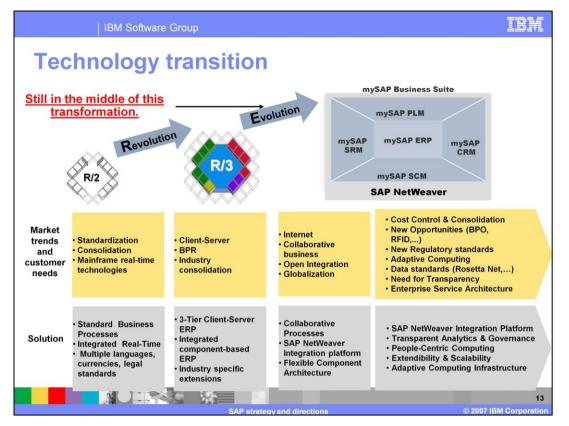


The mySAP business suite was based again on a core SAP system – the mySAP ERP.

In the product bundle four of the most used enhancements were shipped as explained in the next slide – PLM, SRM, SCM and CRM.



Here you have more details on the single products for your reference.

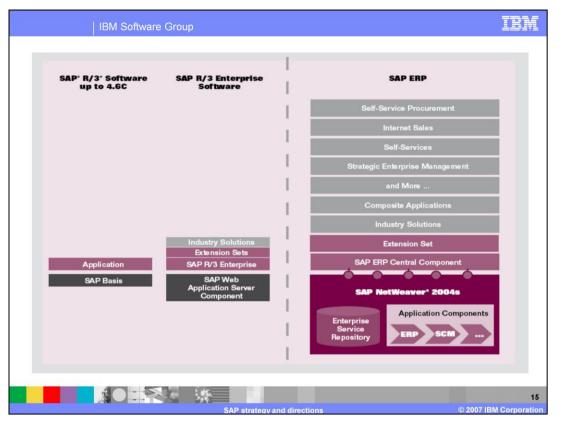


This slide reflects the Market trends for the SAP solution. Customers are still in this transformation stage; many customers still have old SAP installations that just run, and there is no "product" need to enhance their license.

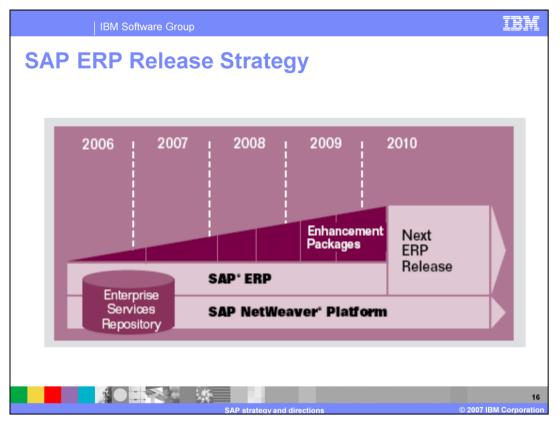
It is just the maintenance issue that forces customers to upgrade.



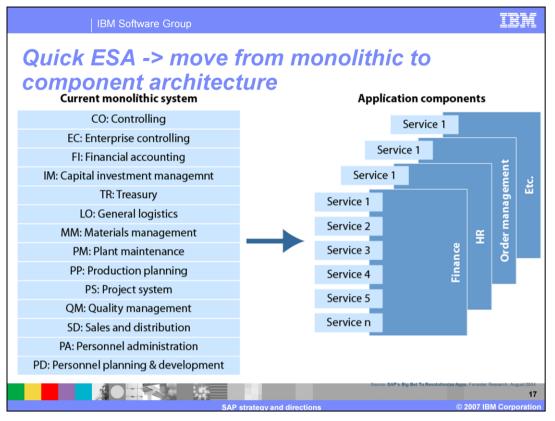
This section looks into the newest product generation of SAP.



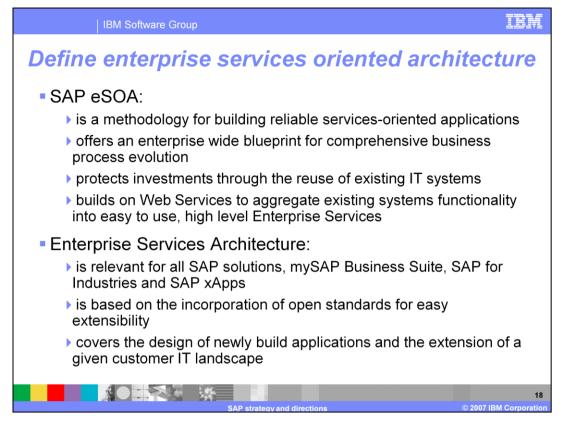
In the NetWeaver product there are many more components than in the older product versions, but the general architecture is similar. There is a core component based on SAP Web Application server, and there are other components based on this core.



The strategy for the SAP ERP is that one after another additional Enhancement packages are developed until in 2010 a new ERP release will get bundled.



Also the movement from monolithic systems to component based applications is on-going. The different components offer services that can be leveraged by different applications.

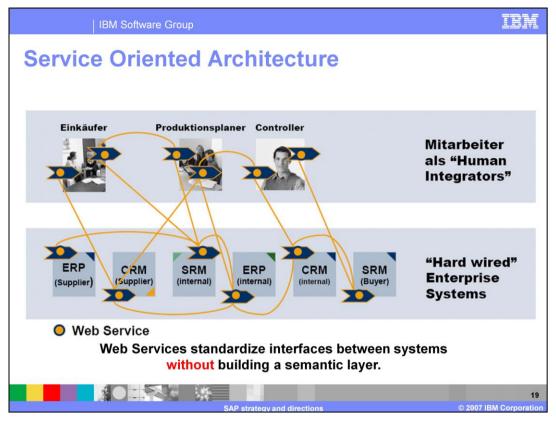


Here is the SAP SOA definition.

SAP eSOA is a methodology for building reliable services-oriented applications. It offers an enterprise-wide blueprint for comprehensive business process evolution while protecting investments through the reuse of existing IT systems. SAP eSOA builds on Web services to aggregate existing systems functionality into easy to use, high level enterprise services.

The Enterprise Services Architecture is relevant for all SAP solutions, mySAP Business Suite, SAP for Industries and SAP xApps.

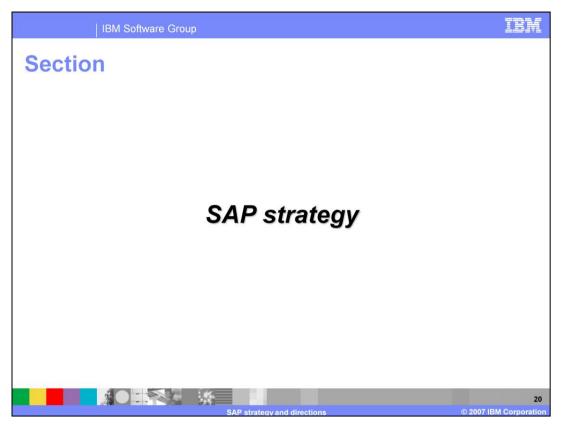
The Enterprise Services Architecture is based on the incorporation of open standards for easy extensibility, and covers the design of newly built applications and the extension of a given customer IT landscape.



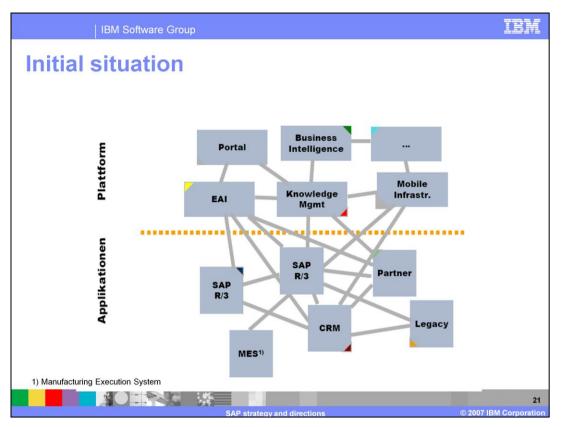
An Enterprise Services Architecture expands the concept of Web services into a servicesbased, enterprise-scale business architecture.

The technical enabler of SAP's Enterprise Services Architecture is **SAP NetWeaver**. NetWeaver is the *open* integration and application platform designed to unify and align people, information and business processes across technologies and organizations.

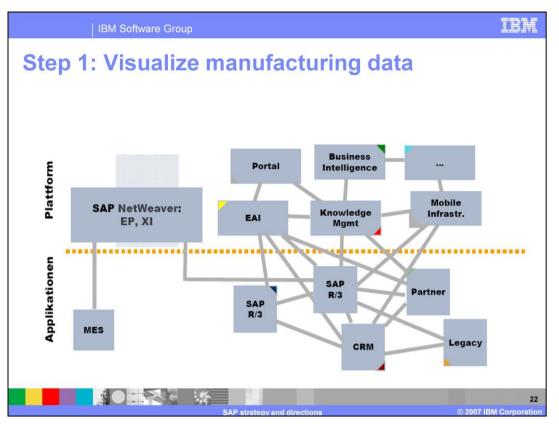
The Web Application Server is a technical Web Service based platform for all SAP NetWeaver components. Web services are the choice technology for building service-oriented applications.



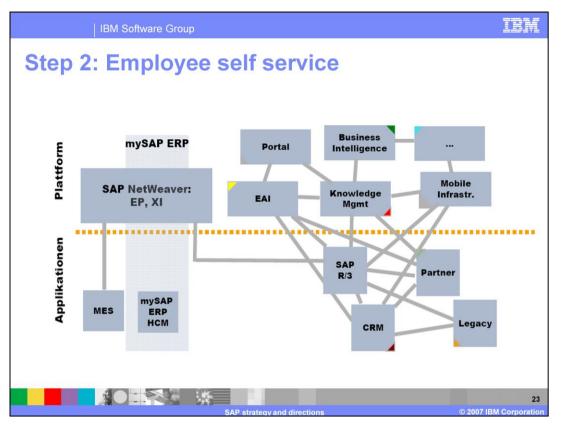
This presentation has provided a picture of the company and the products. But what is the vision behind the products? What is the strategy?



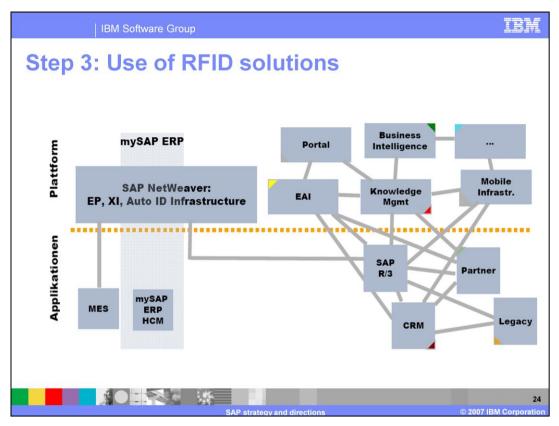
Here the initial situation of many customers is shown: many different systems connected with each other.



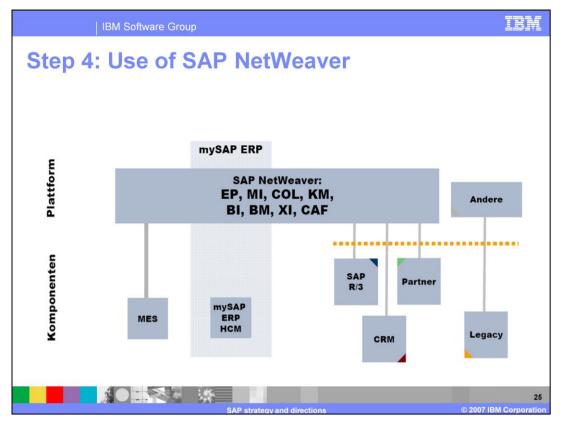
The first step is the installation and setup of an SAP NetWeaver EP and XI. These can be connected to the existing infrastructure.



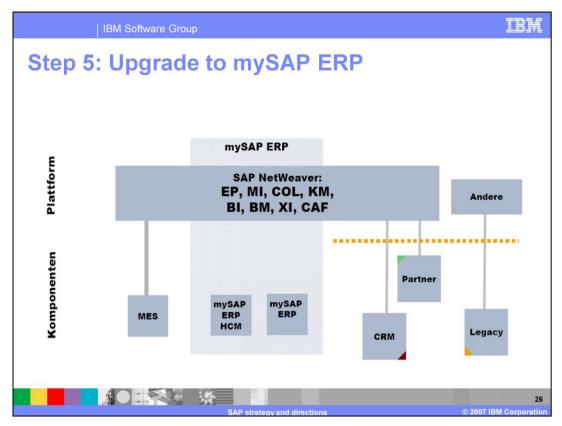
As a next step, an SAP ERP gets transformed in the new stack – in this example the HCM solution was used in the ERP.



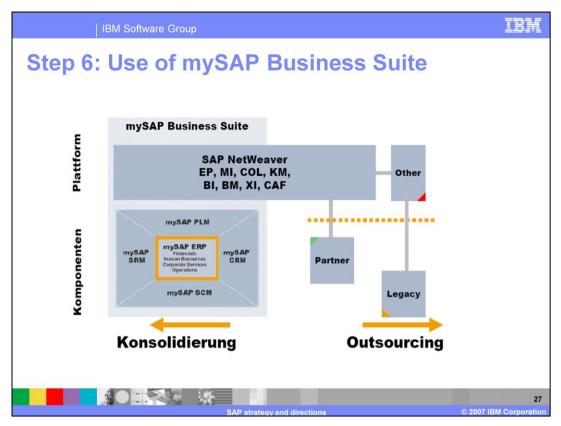
After that the NetWeaver platform is enhanced by the Auto ID infrastructure.



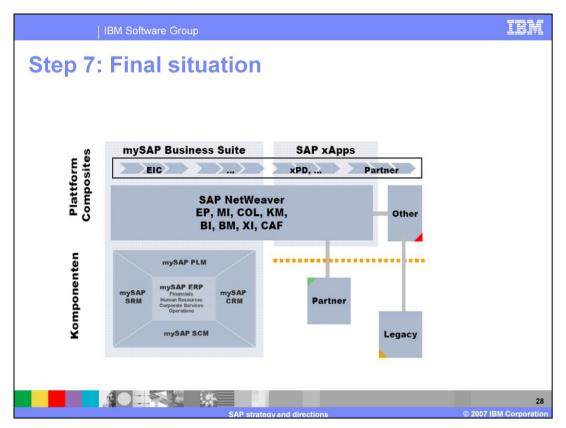
Now all the platform components get transformed in the new NetWeaver portfolio.



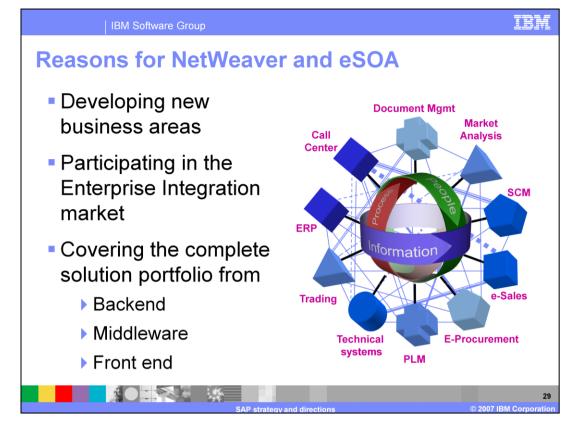
After that, the second SAP ERP can get included in the NetWeaver stack.



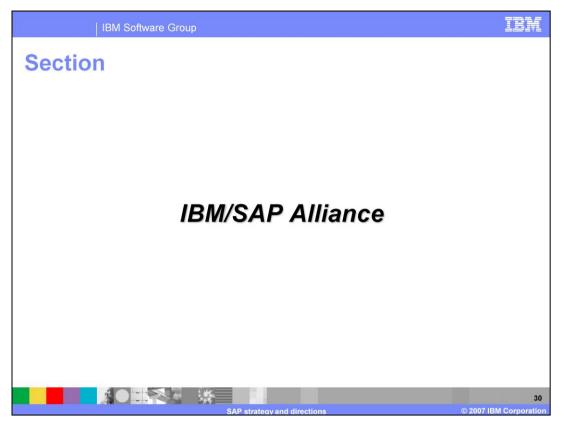
After the CRM was also included here, all applications of the SAP Business suite are used.



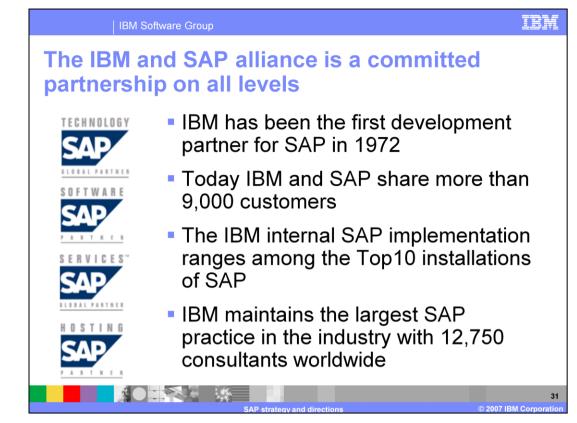
Now, on top of this, new business processes can be placed to meet new business goals.



So you have seen the product strategies and there are several reasons to move to NetWeaver. Also it is possible to cover the complete solution within the portfolio.



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