Modern Application Development Featuring Web 2.0 for System z

Rational Business Developer and EGL

Key architecture management challenges

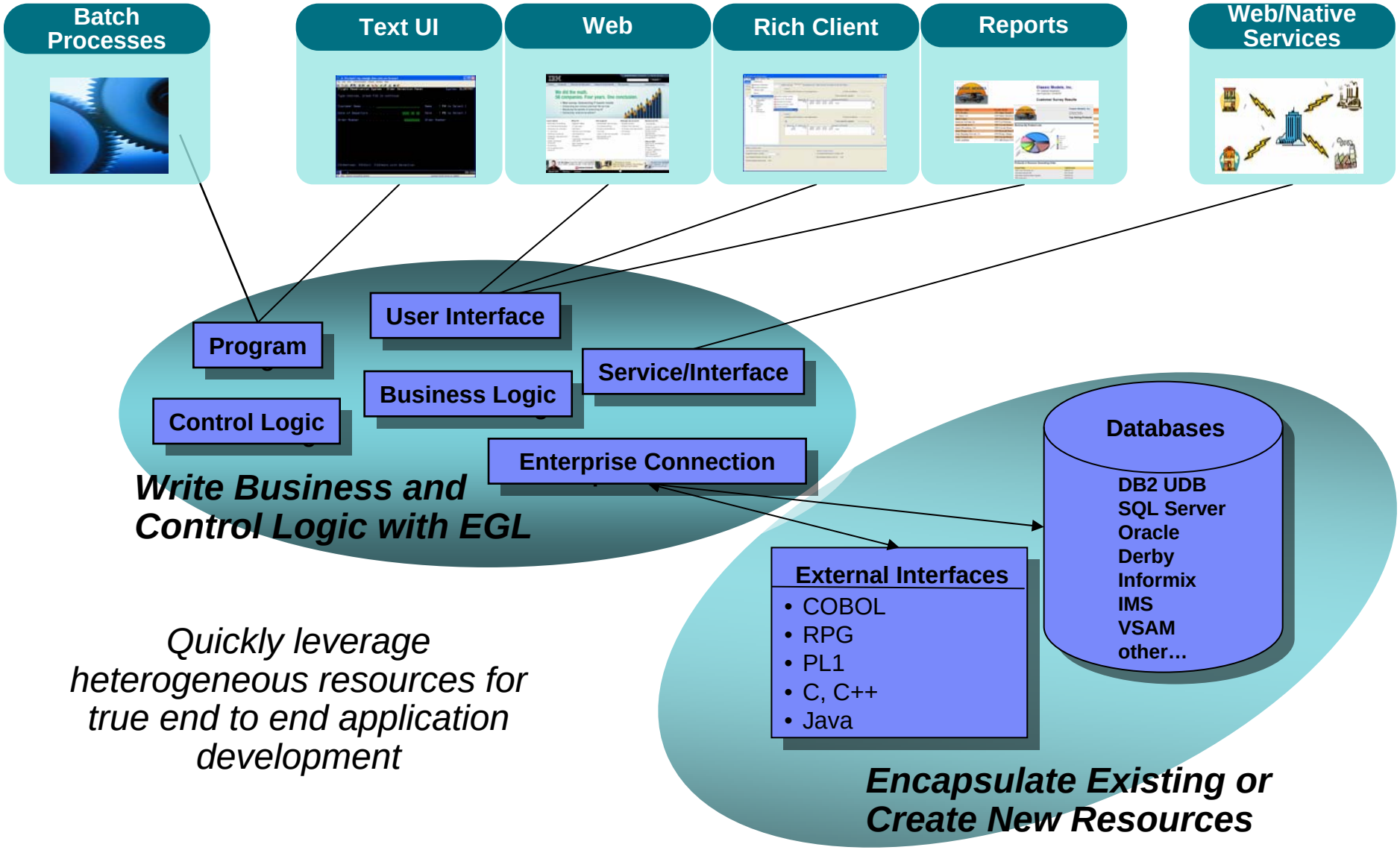
SAP HR system
Custom .Net applications
Back-office legacy systems
Home-grown line of business apps.
Oracle Siebel CRM

Windows
.Net
AIX
Linux
Java
COBOL/zOS
5iOs

Existing Applications	Skills	Platforms / Middleware
▪ Costly to maintain	▪ Skills silos	▪ Proliferation
▪ Monolithic	▪ Skills mismatch	▪ Coexistence
▪ Hard to reuse in new ways	▪ Erosion of legacy platforms skills	▪ Complexity

High costs — **Compromise** — **Slow response**

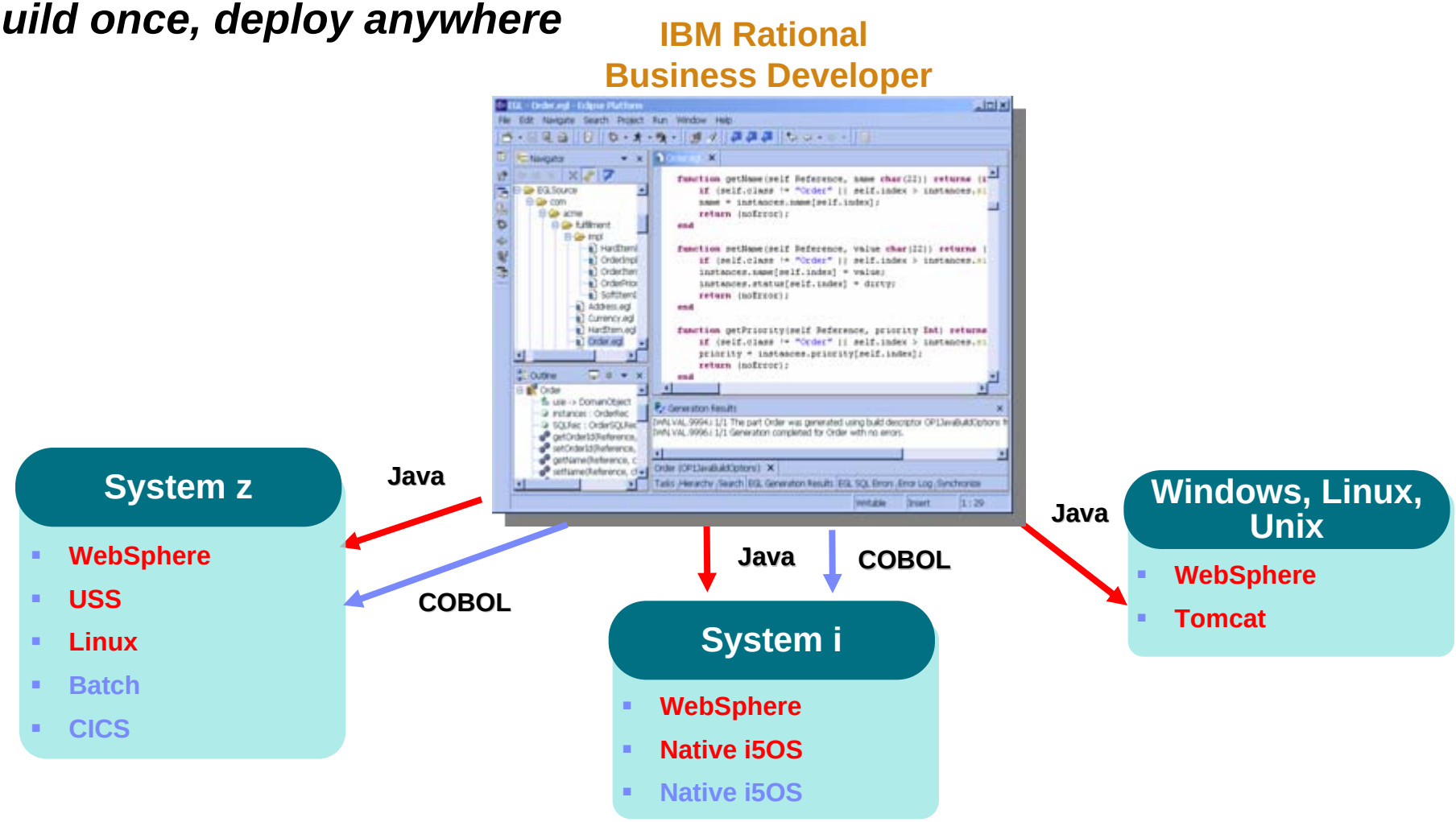
Solution: **Enterprise Generation Language**



Quickly leverage heterogeneous resources for true end to end application development

Solution: **Simplify and Accelerate cross-platform development**

Build once, deploy anywhere



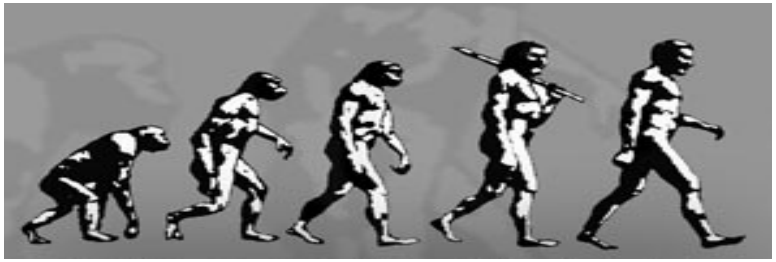
Platform Flexibility with IBM Rational Business Developer

Introduction to EGL

- EGL (Enterprise Generation Language) is IBM's newest business language

- EGL is a true cross-platform, cross-tier language targeted at all types of developers
  - Traditional, procedural, object-oriented, Web, SOA, etc.

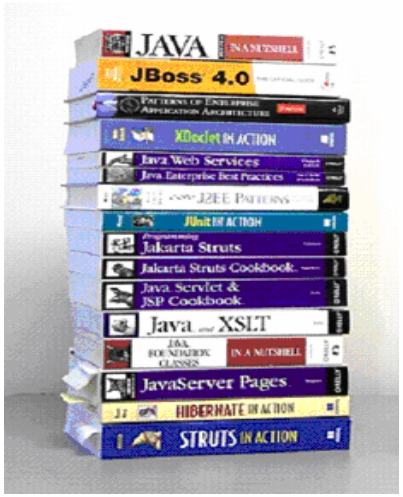
- The goal of EGL is to shield developers from complexities that are unnecessary for building business applications.

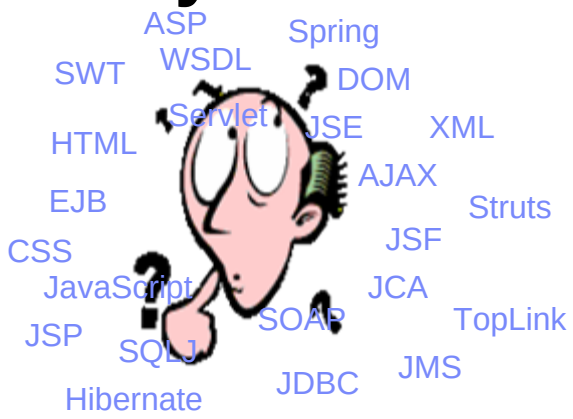


Machine Code | Assembly Language C++/C# | Java PhP | COBOL RPG | EGL

- EGL is an excellent target language for migration of existing, traditional applications.

Why EGL? Because building applications today is not easy

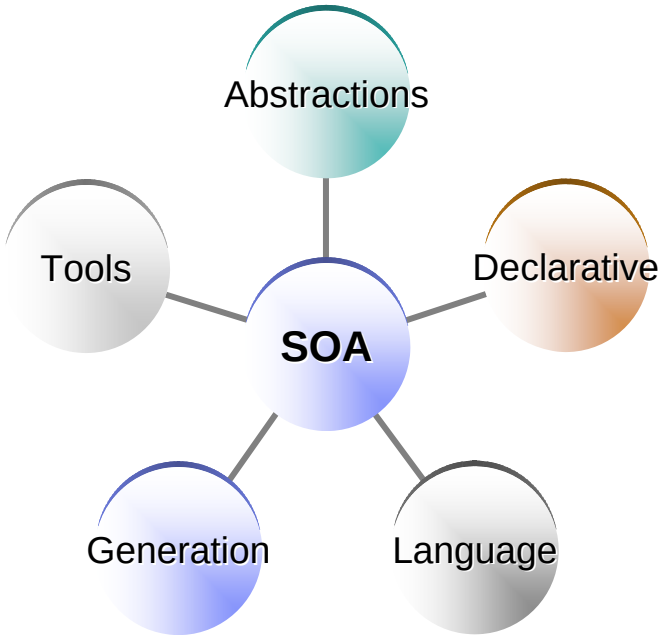




- Learn and master myriads of
  - programming languages, semantics, paradigms and styles
  - middleware interfaces, frameworks and libraries
- Constantly emerging new technologies
- Many developers skills are “business oriented”
  - Know the business…been building business applications for years
  - RPG, COBOL, PL/I, 4GL, Visual Basic… but new applications require Java/J2EE skills
- Re-training may not be an option
  - High costs and business pressure may not afford time
  - Results may be sub-optimal and some may not make it
  - End up with poorly written applications

- Code at a more abstract and simpler level
- Easy to learn, modern and comprehensive language
- Keeps up with emerging technologies
- Inter-operates seamlessly with legacy

The EGL Philosophy



A productive, robust environment to develop business components and applications for all key business computing environments.

❷ EGL code is generated as COBOL, Java, JavaScript, services, etc. based on target environment and deployed as native services, Web applications, hosted Web 2.0 applications, Text UI applications, etc.

Windows, Linux, Unix

Java and JavaScript generation
- WebSphere Application Server
- Apache Tomcat
- Java Runtime Environment

Developer Workbench **(RDz with EGL)**

System z

Java generation
- WebSphere Application Server
- USS
- z/Linux

JavaScript generation
- WebSphere Application Server

COBOL generation
- Batch
- CICS
- IMS

❶ Developers use the Rational Developer for System z with EGL workbench to develop Web, Web 2.0, SOA, batch, and text UI applications.

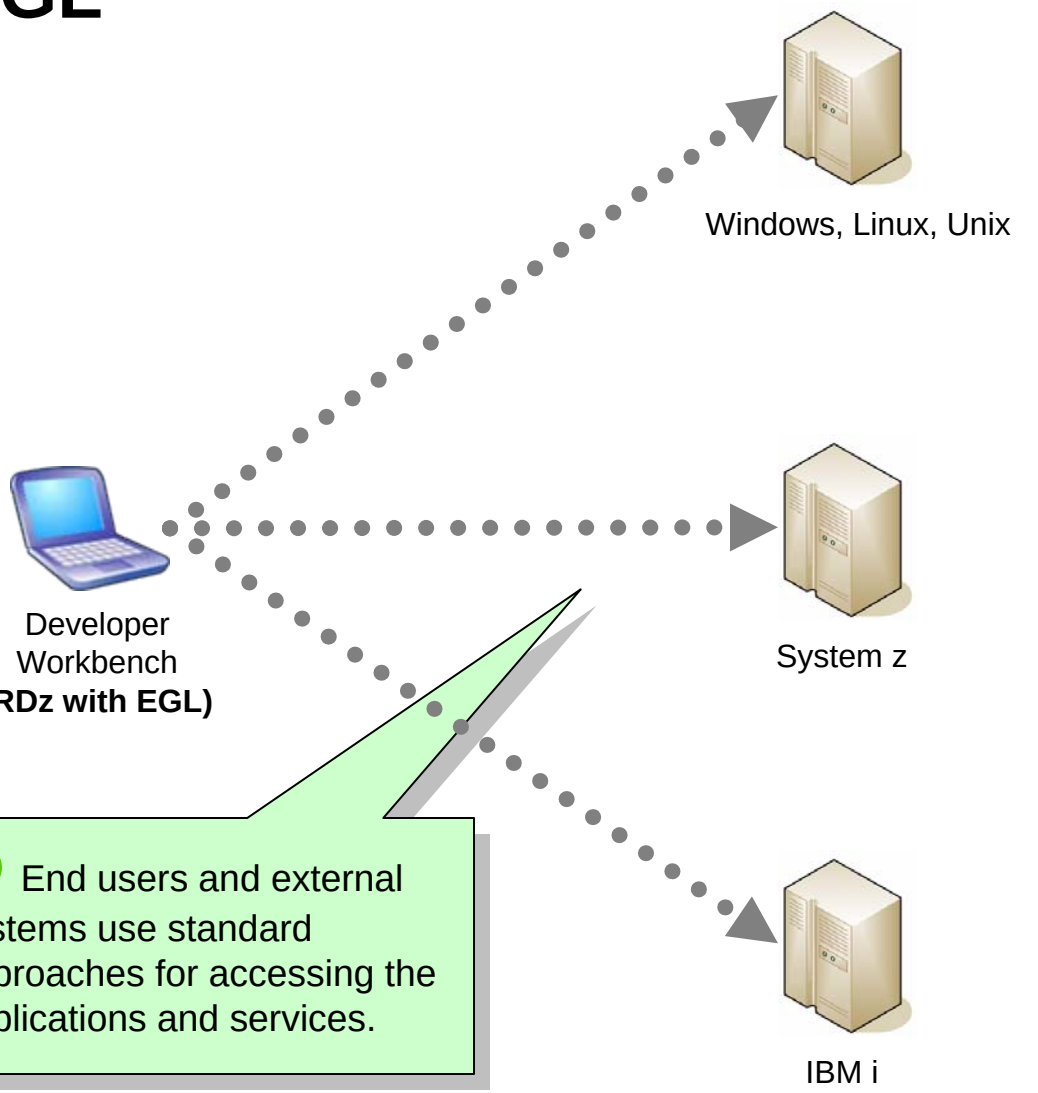
IBM i

Java generation
- WebSphere Application Server
- Native IBM I

JavaScript generation
- WebSphere Application Server

COBOL generation
- IBM i

EGL



Third parties, external customers, other organizations access services via standard Web services protocols

External System

Mobile users access Web and Web 2.0 applications.

Mobile User

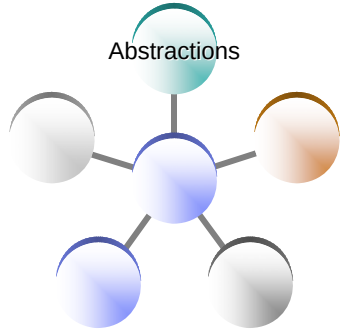
External users and customers access services, Web, Web 2.0, Text UI via a standard browser, mashup, or emulator.

External User

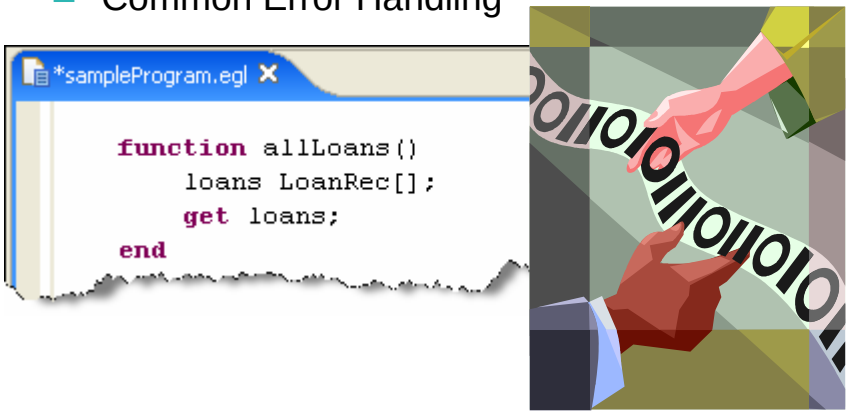
Internal users and customers access services, Web, Web 2.0, Text UI via a standard browser, mashup, or emulator.

Internal User

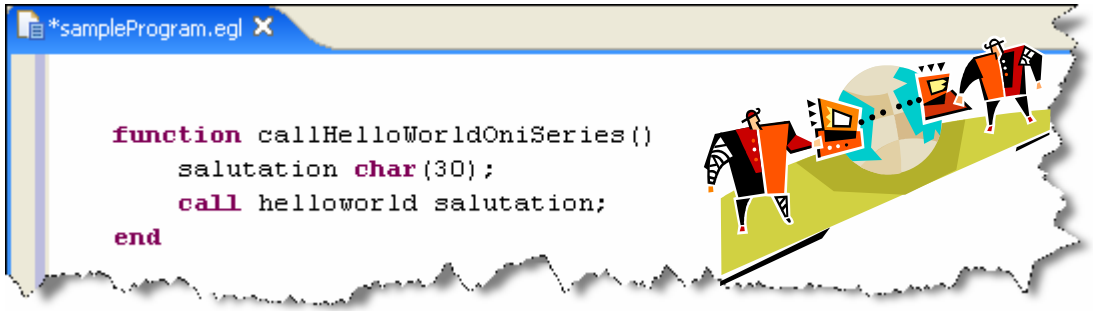
The power of abstractions



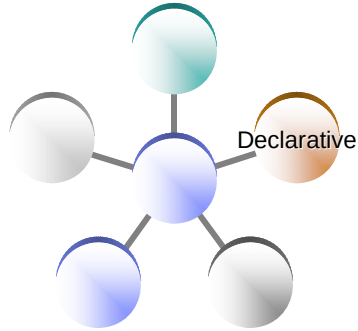
- **Data access:**
  - "Records" provide access to:
    - SQL, Indexed, Relative, Serial, DL/I, MQ, Service data
  - Common Verbs for data access (**Get, Add, Replace, Delete**)
  - Allows complete access to SQL statement if needed
  - Common Error Handling



- **Remote Invocation**
  - Call COBOL, RPG, C, Java
  - Linkage information separated from code
  - Data mapping, protocol invocation all resolved at runtime, NO code necessary!



The power of declarative programming



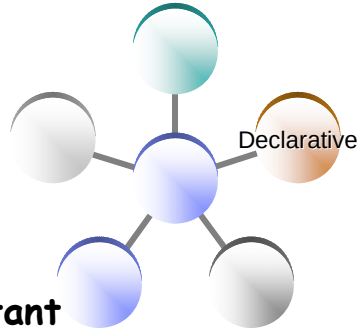
- **Validation/Editing Rules**
  - Via properties in “Data Items”…think Data Dictionary or “field reference file”
  - Define formatting & validation rules in a common place
  - Reuse data items for Records, screens, web pages, reports

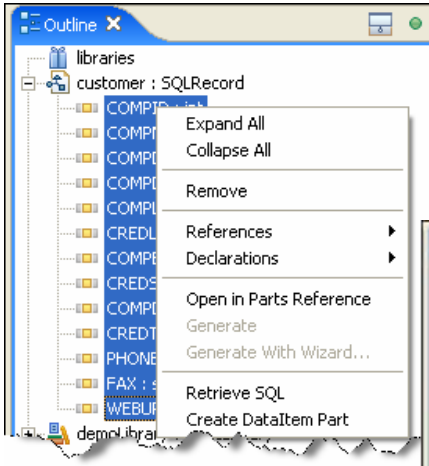
*sampleProgram.egl

```
DataItem SSN Password char(9) {
    validatorFunction = "ValidateSSN()",
    displayUse = secret,
    pattern = "XXX-XX-XXXX",
    displayName = "Social Security No",
    inputRequired = yes}
end
```

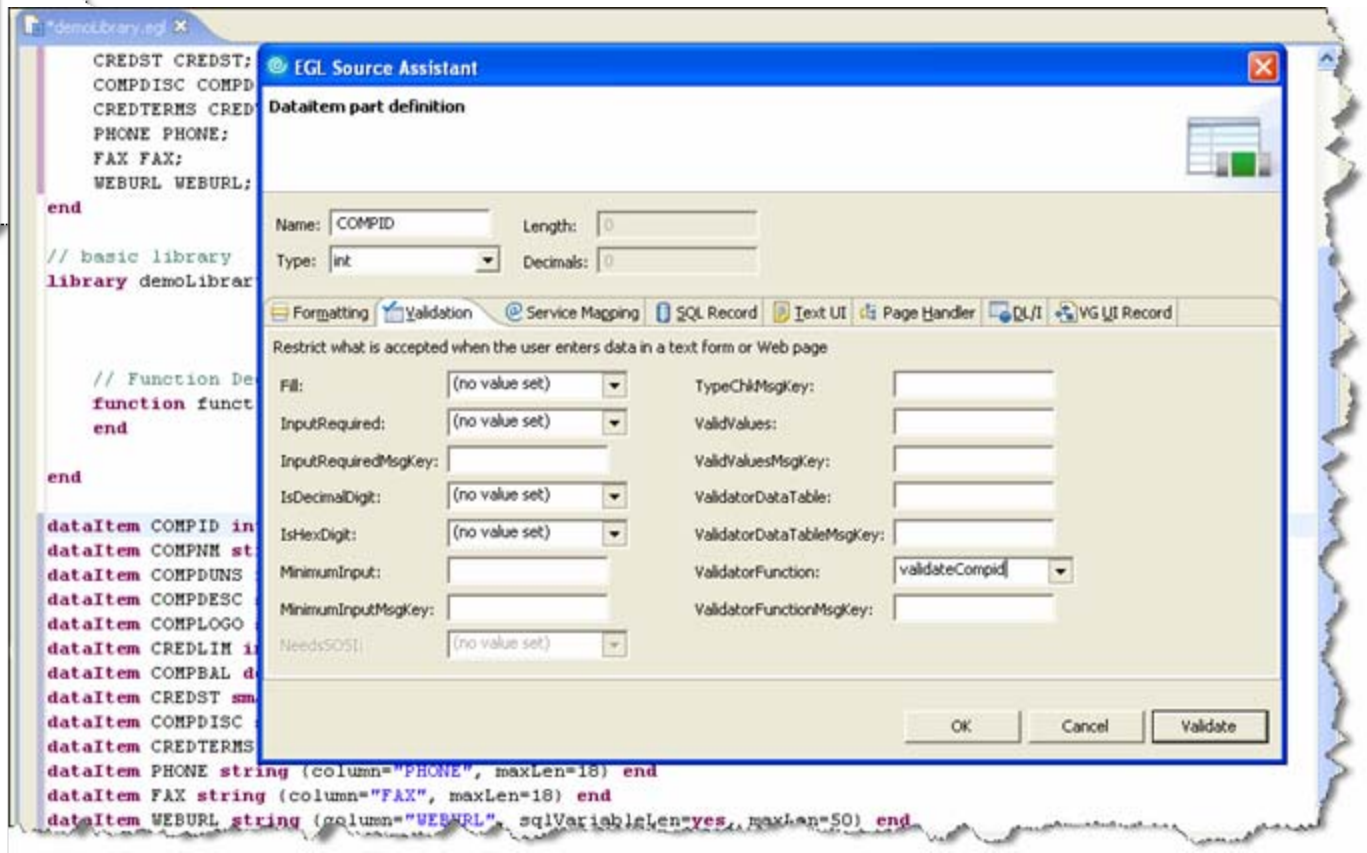
The power of declarative programming

Tools for data items





1. Automatically create Data Items
2. Customize data items using the EGL Source Assistant
3. Specify edit, presentation and validation options



The Power of The Language

EGL Data Model

Reuse Existing Databases and Data Model Definitions:

Import UML Class Model from Rational Rose/XDE

Import Data model from DB Schema

Create Record Definitions using SQL Retrieve

Central Data Dictionary:

Define a central data definition dictionary across multiple applications.

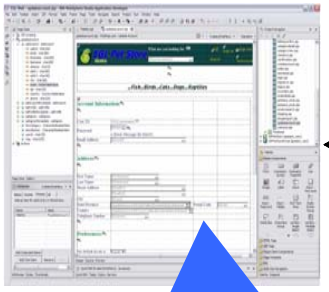
Define display, formatting, validation for data items

Define dynamic tables for lookup, error handling etc.

Reuse DataItem definitions to create application Record definitions

Data access from multiple sources:

Create Record definitions to access data from Relational, MQ, CICS, IMS, XML* etc.*



Reuse Record and DataItems definitions across multiple pages for consistency:

Automatically enforce data access, display, formatting, and validations rules defined by record and data items

```
// Customer SQL Record
Record Customer SQLRecord
    { tableNames=("DB2ADMIN.CUSTOMER"),
    keyItems=("customerId") }

    customerId CustomerId;
    firstName FirstName;
    lastName LastName;
    …
    state State;
end
```

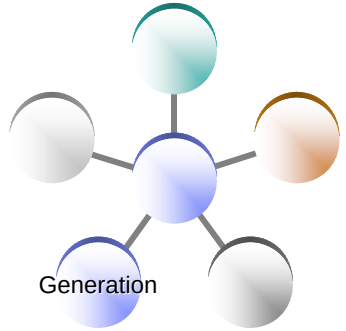
```
// StoreLocation SQL Record
Record Store SQLRecord
    …
    state State;
end
```

```
DataItem CustomerId int
    { column=CUSTOMER_ID,
    range=(1, 1000),
    displayName="Customer Number",
    format= "#######" }
end
```

```
DataItem State char(2)
    {displayName="State Abbr.",
    format= "AA",
    validatorTable=StateTable }
end
```

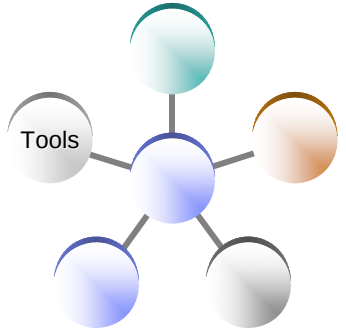
```
DataTable StateTable type matchValidTable
    StateAbbreviation   char(3);
    {contents = [["NC"], ["MN"], ["TX"], ["VA "] ...]}
end
```

The power of generation



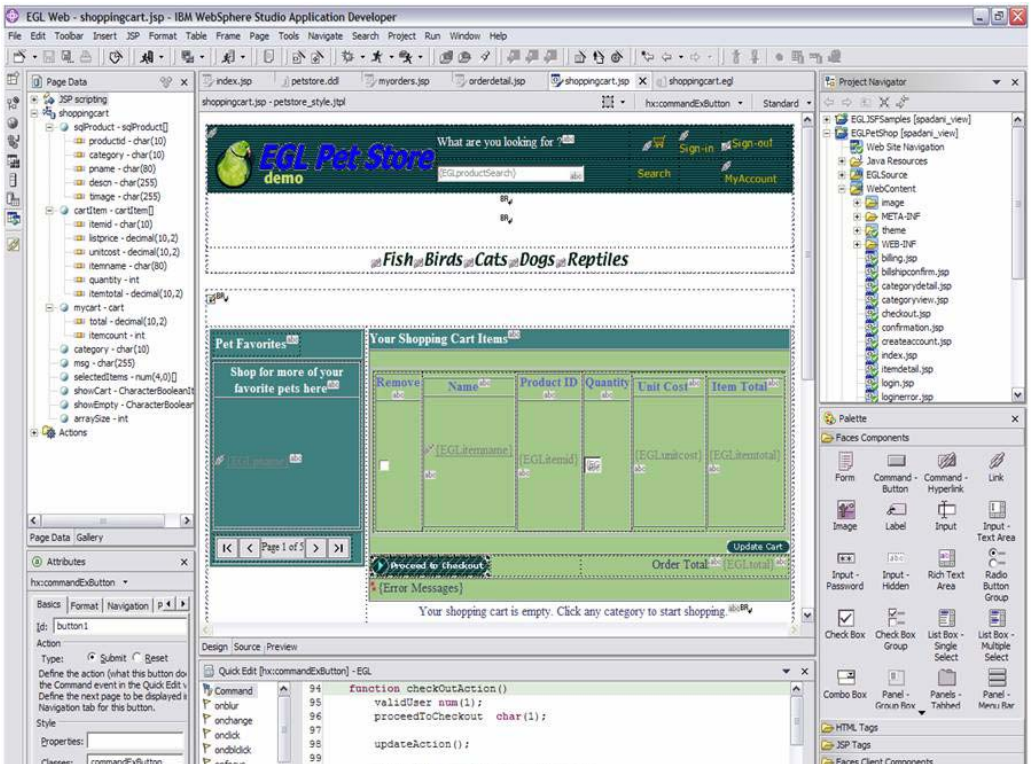
- **Generate all the complex code needed to access middleware**
  - MQ, DB's, App Servers, Transaction Managers, …
  - …don't spend creative developer time on this
- **Deploy services to any platform/runtime**
  - Not just application servers…inclusive of CICS, System i, IMS, …
  - …place them where they should be for optimal execution
- **Deploy applications optimally to all key platforms**
  - COBOL for System z CICS, IMS or Batch
  - COBOL for System i
  - Java for WAS or distributed platforms
  - …thereby breaking down "developer silos" by allowing same set of developers to build applications for all platforms

The power of tools: Robust Page Design

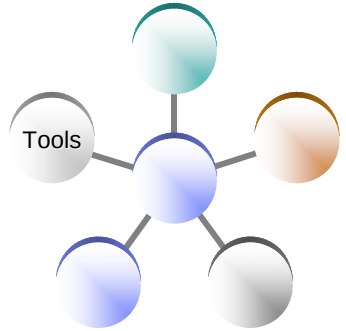


- **First Class integration with Page Designer and JSF tools**
  - Drop EGL data structures on JSP
    - Validation, editing, formatting rules from EGL Data Items applied
    - Appropriate UI controls rendered pre-bound to data declared in EGL Page
  - Server-side event handlers in EGL within context of page designer

- **Integration is totally seamless**
- **No Java coding required to wire EGL data to JSF**
- **EGL logic can be used to handle user interaction with the JSP**
- **AJAX capability built in…partial refresh, etc…**



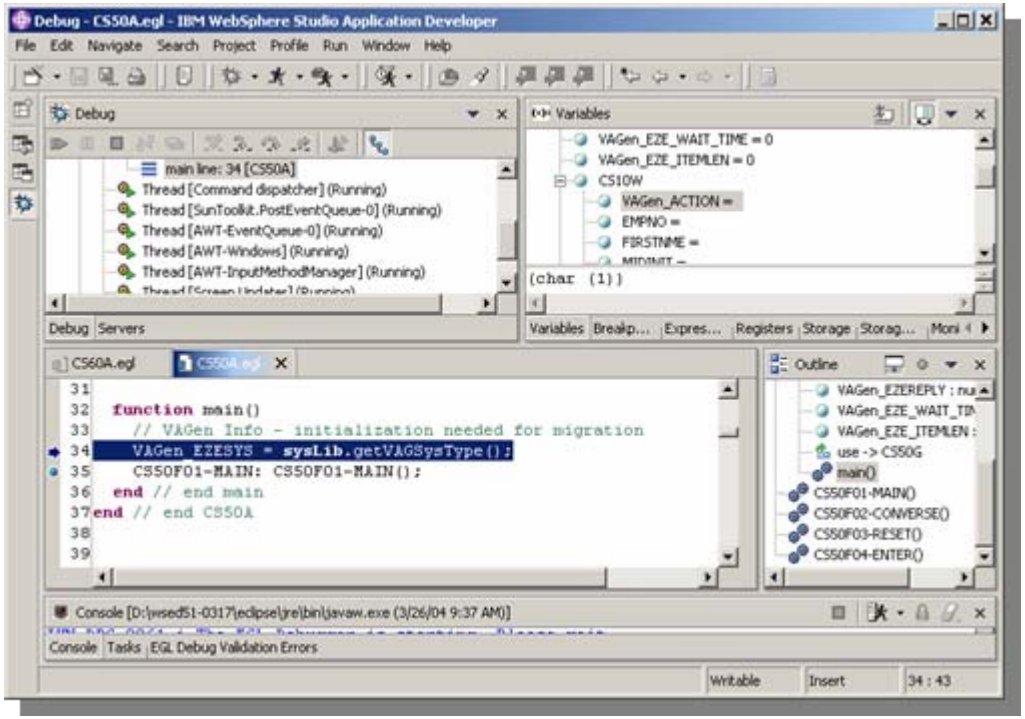
The power of tools: Debugger



- **Debug entire application regardless of ultimate deployment targets**
  - Transition from debugging JSP's to EGL code to Java to … and back

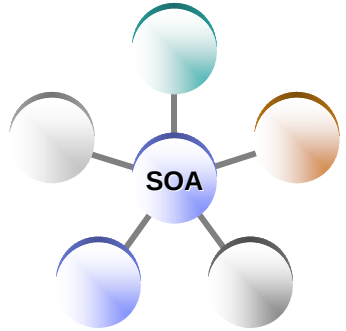
- **EGL source debugger**
  - Breakpoints
  - Watch variables
  - Change values
  - Extends base Eclipse debugger

- **Great debugger = great productivity**



The power of Services

Built into the language



- **Service part**
  - a generatable part containing code that will be accessed
    - from EGL code by way of a local or TCP/IP connection (*EGL Service*)
    - from any code by way of an HTTP connection (*EGL Web service*).

customerService.egl

```
// service
Service CustomerService
        Function getCustomer(custid String) returns (string)
//          …
        end
//      …
end
```

- **Interface part**
  - Used to access external services as EGL services or simply to provide separation of concern

customerService.egl | creditCheck.egl

```
// interface
Interface creditCheck

    function checkCredit(SSAN string in) returns (string);
//  ...
end
```

The Power of Services

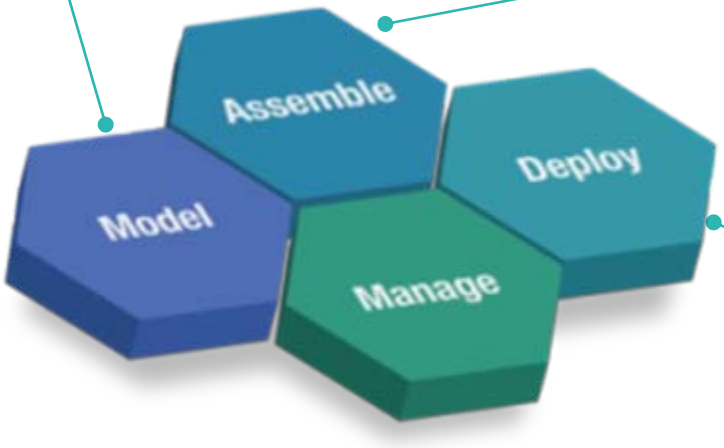
EGL in IBM Rational Business Developer: cross platform language for business oriented services development

At development time…

- Focus on the business logic
- Implement SOA design elements: services and interfaces
- Leverage existing business developers for new SOA development
- Ignore deployment targets/technology while coding/testing

Leverage external web services…

- EGL Interfaces
  - represent external web services
  - Are created via import from WSDL
  - Allow the EGL developer to stay within the context of the EGL programming model



Deploy EGL services…

To any platform

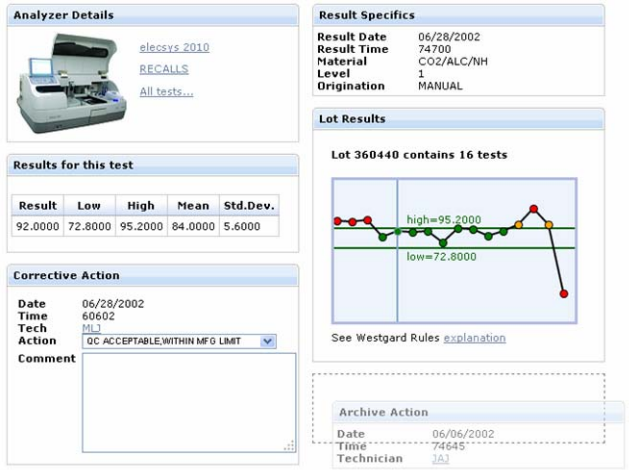
- Java to WAS/Tomcat/etc.
- COBOL to CICS, iSeries (1Q 2007)
- COBOL to IMS (2H 2007)

As…

- A Web service (uses SOAP)
- A private service (uses CICS ECI or TCP)
- Other SOA runtimes when they reach critical mass

Rich User Interfaces with EGL

- Build end-to-end Web 2.0 quickly with a single language
- Fully extensible
- Use a language that is easy to learn
- Benefit from productive development
- Use Ajax without any of its complexities
- Use a rich, extensible widget library
- Debug web applications in an Eclipse IDE
- Consume any type of web service

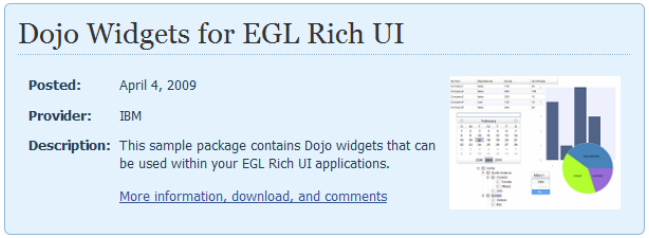


Why EGL Rich UI?

- **Web 2.0 / RIA development is complicated**
  - No standard tools or frameworks in place – “everybody is building a RIA framework”
  - JavaScript is notoriously tedious to code
  - Technology has not fundamentally changed – people are doing unnatural things
- **IT organizations understand the difficulties in building true multi-tier, cross-platform applications**
  - Difficult to keep up with technology
- **Most solutions today are hybrids of existing Web 1.0 technologies**
  - PHP RIA support is a server-side solution that follows the same Web 1.0 pattern
- **EGL takes a dramatically different approach to Web 2.0 / RIA development**
  - Programming model not based on HTML and traditional Web page construction

EGL Rich UI - Open and Extensible

- **Rich UI based on Web Standards**
  - REST, SOAP, JSON, OpenAjax, Dojo, JavaScript, etc.
- **Use available frameworks/runtimes**
  - WebSphere IBM i, CICS, IMS, Apache Tomcat
  - JEE, JSF, TUI, BIRT, etc.
- **UI Libraries at the EGL Café**
  - Download third-party libraries
  - Write your own and upload them
  - Import into the visual editor palette
- **Rich UI built 100% using standard EGL mechanisms**
  - External types
  - Annotations
- **Complete extensible (you are never blocked from doing what you need to do)**
- **Plans for open implementation**
  - Allow third parties to extend EGL, develop their own version

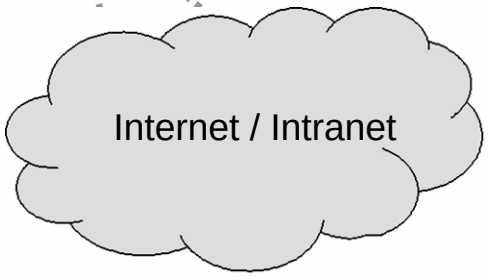


EGL Rich elopment and Deployment

Developer
Workbench
(RDz with EGL)

Service calls to existing CICS Web, EGL, PHP, SOAP, or REST services are made using Ajax

❶ Developer uses Eclipse-based EGL tooling (such as RDz with EGL) to code, test, and debug application on their workstation.



System z
CICS / DB2

Other /
Third-Party
Services

EGL Rich UI Development and Deployment

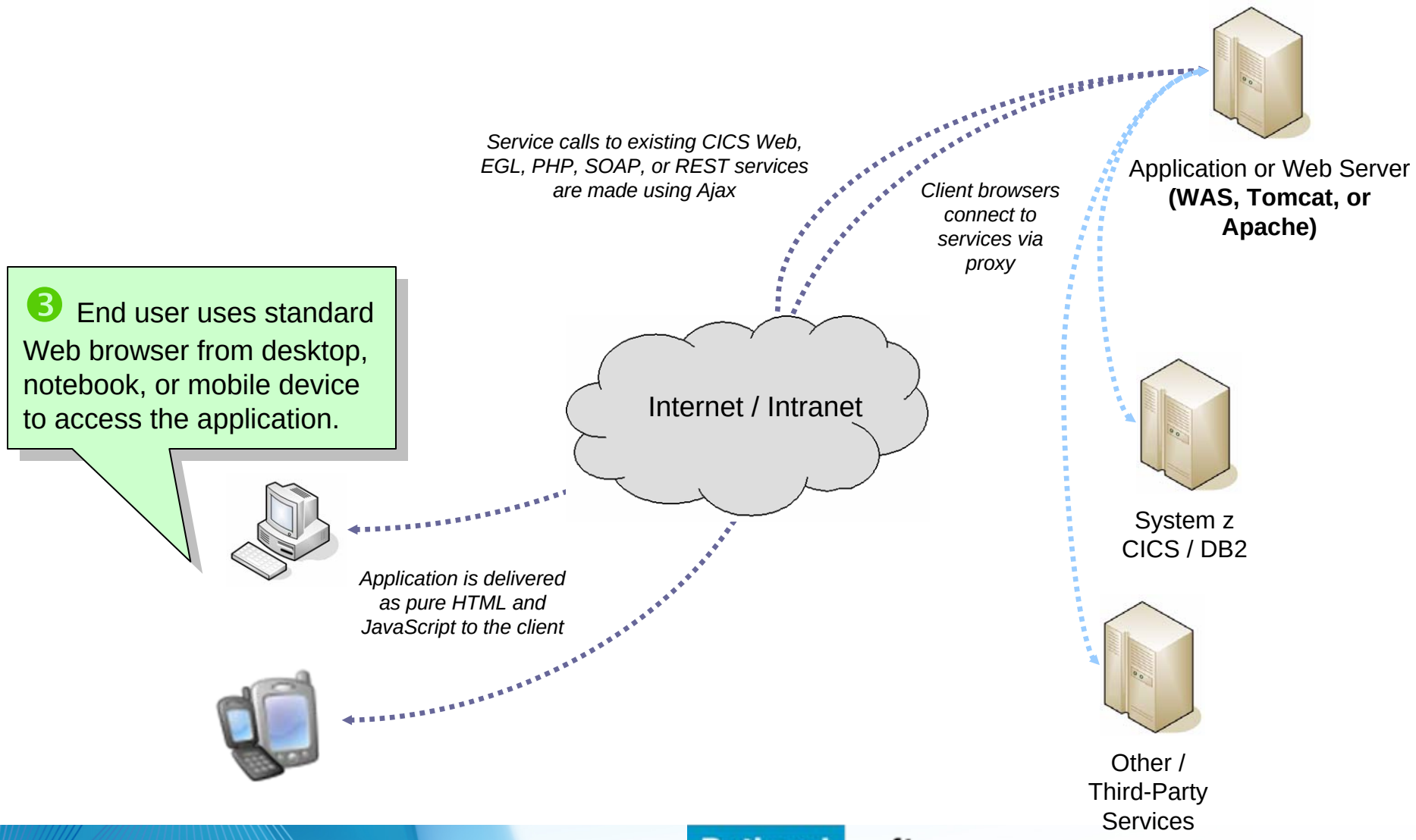
Developer Workbench **(RDz with EGL)**

JavaScript, HTML, CSS, images, etc. packaged as a Web application and deployed on the server

Application or Web Server **(WAS, Tomcat, or Apache)**

❷ Developer runs Deployment wizard to create a Web application containing HTML and JavaScript (generated from EGL code). Application is deployed to an application server.

EGL Rich UI Development and Deployment



EGL in Action (Side-by-Side Comparison)

EGL Rich UI

```
handler MyRuiHandler type RUIhandler { initialUI = [ addressForm,
map ] }

 addressField TextField { text = "1600 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington
DC", width = 250 };

 goButton Button { text = "Go!", onClick ::= goButton_clicked };
 addressForm Box { children = [ addressField, goButton ] };

 map GoogleMap { width = "500px", height = "300px" };

  function goButton_clicked (e Event in)
    addresses String[] = [ addressField.text ];
    map.showAddresses(addresses, addresses);
  end
end
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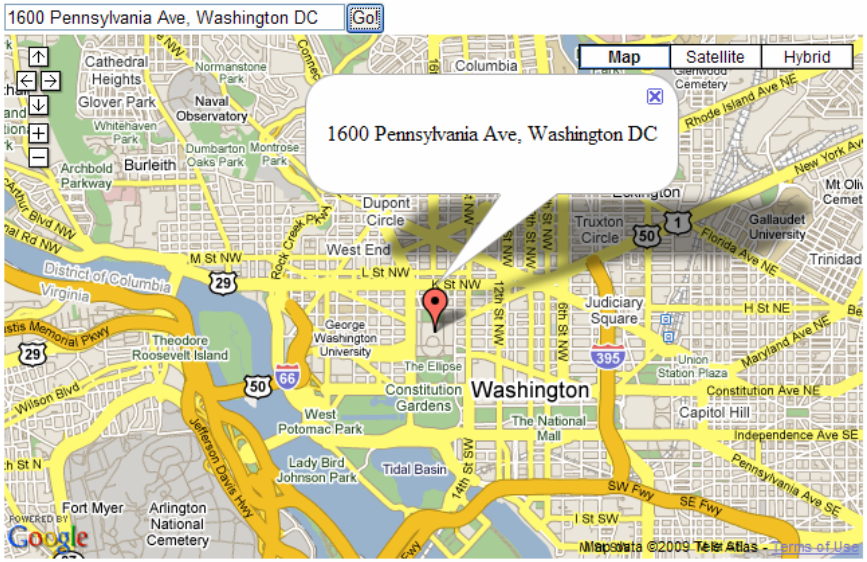


HTML and JavaScript

```
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xmlns:v="urn:schemas-microsoft-
com:vml">
  <head>
    <meta http-                                    tml; charset=UTF-8"/>
    <title>Goog                                    ng</title>
    <script src                                    api&amp;v=2.x
    <script typ

    var geocode

    function initialize() {
      if (GBrowserIsCompatible()) {
        map = new GMap2(document.getElementById("map_canvas"));
        map.setCenter(new GLatLng(37.4419, -122.1419), 13);
        geocoder =
      }

      if (g
        geocoder
          address
          functi
            map.s
            var m
            map.a
            marke
        }
      );
    }
  }
  </script>
</head>

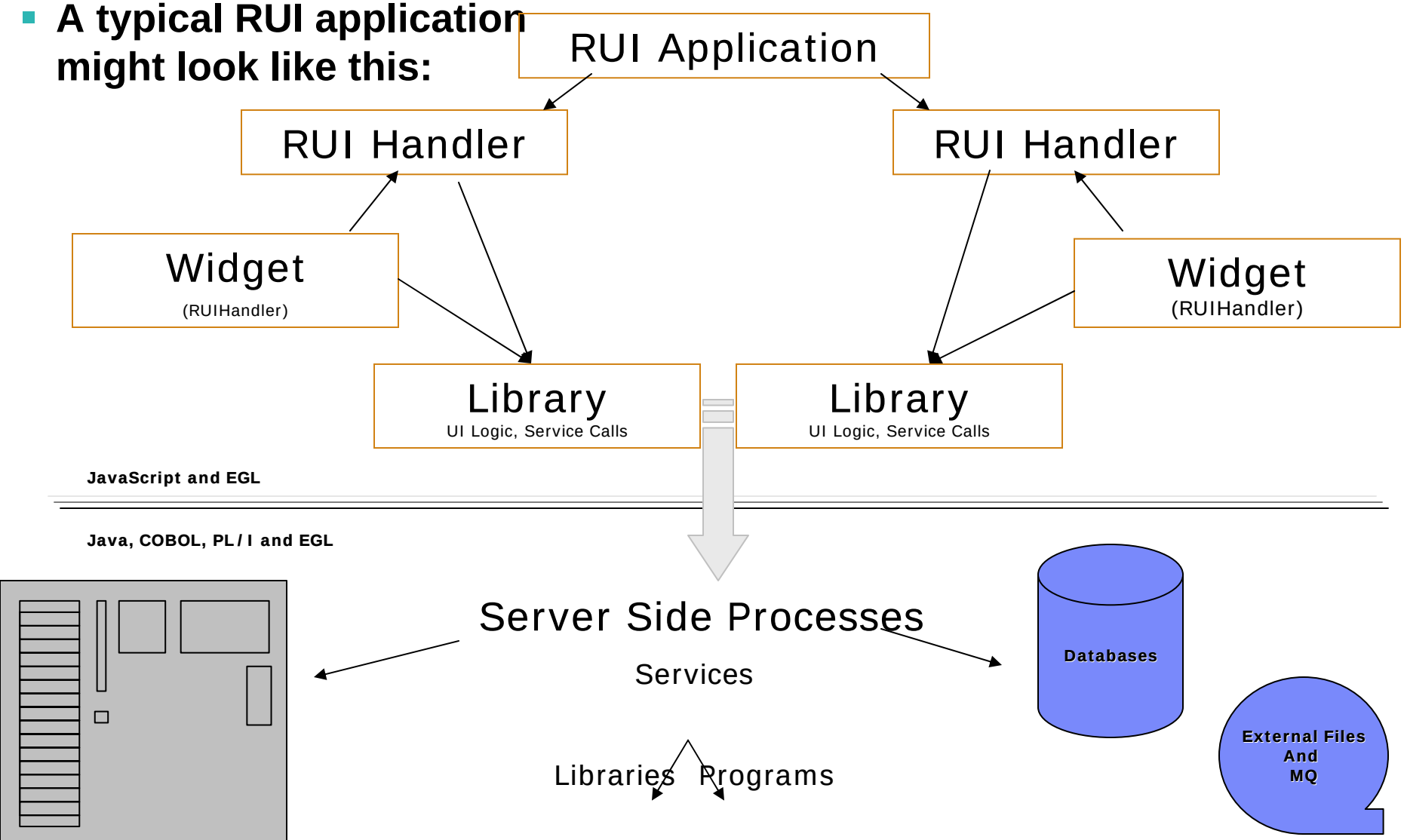
<body onload="initialize()" onunload="GUnload()">
  <form action="#" onsubmit="showAddress(this.address.value); return
false">
    <p>
      <input type="text" size="60" name="address" value="1600 Pennsylvania
Ave, Washington DC" />
      <input type="submit" value="Go!" />
    </p>
    <div id="map_canvas" style="width: 500px; height: 300px"></div>
  </form>
</body>
</html>
```

All code, including UI and controller logic, is written completely in EGL.

The complexity of the Google Map APIs are hidden from the developer, so the developer can focus on the actual business requirement and not technical complexities.

RUI Programming – Overview

- **A typical RUI application might look like this:**



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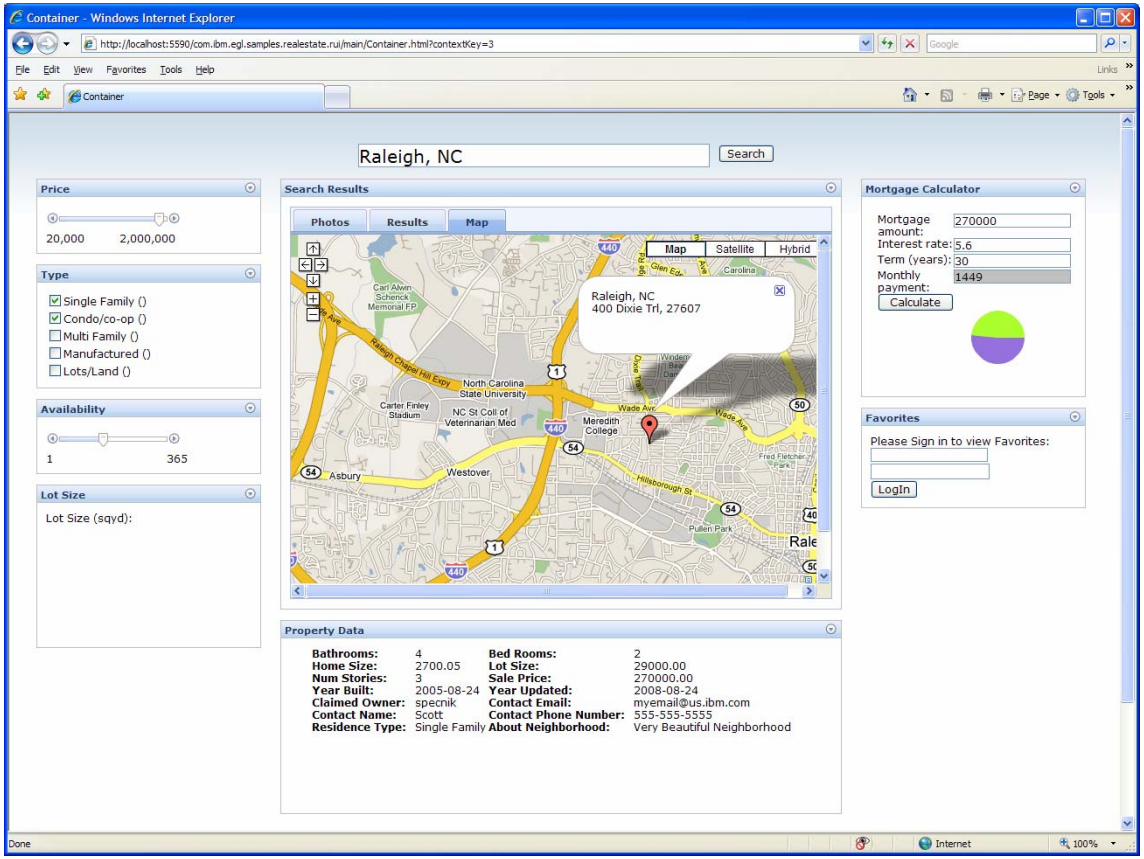
Real Estate Demo Application Overview

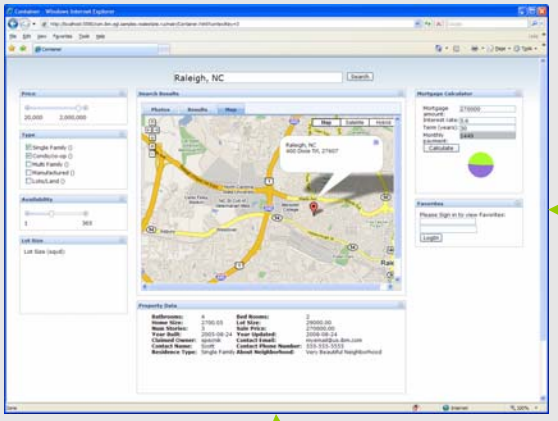
Overview

- We will be working with a sample real estate application that has been created for this seminar. This application shows how existing data and applications can be easily exposed in a new Web 2.0-style application.



Architecture Overview

Real Estate Demo Application



Data Access SOAP Web Service Invocation

WAS w/EGL Services

Workstation

Mortgage Calculator SOAP Web Service Invocation

CICS

DB2

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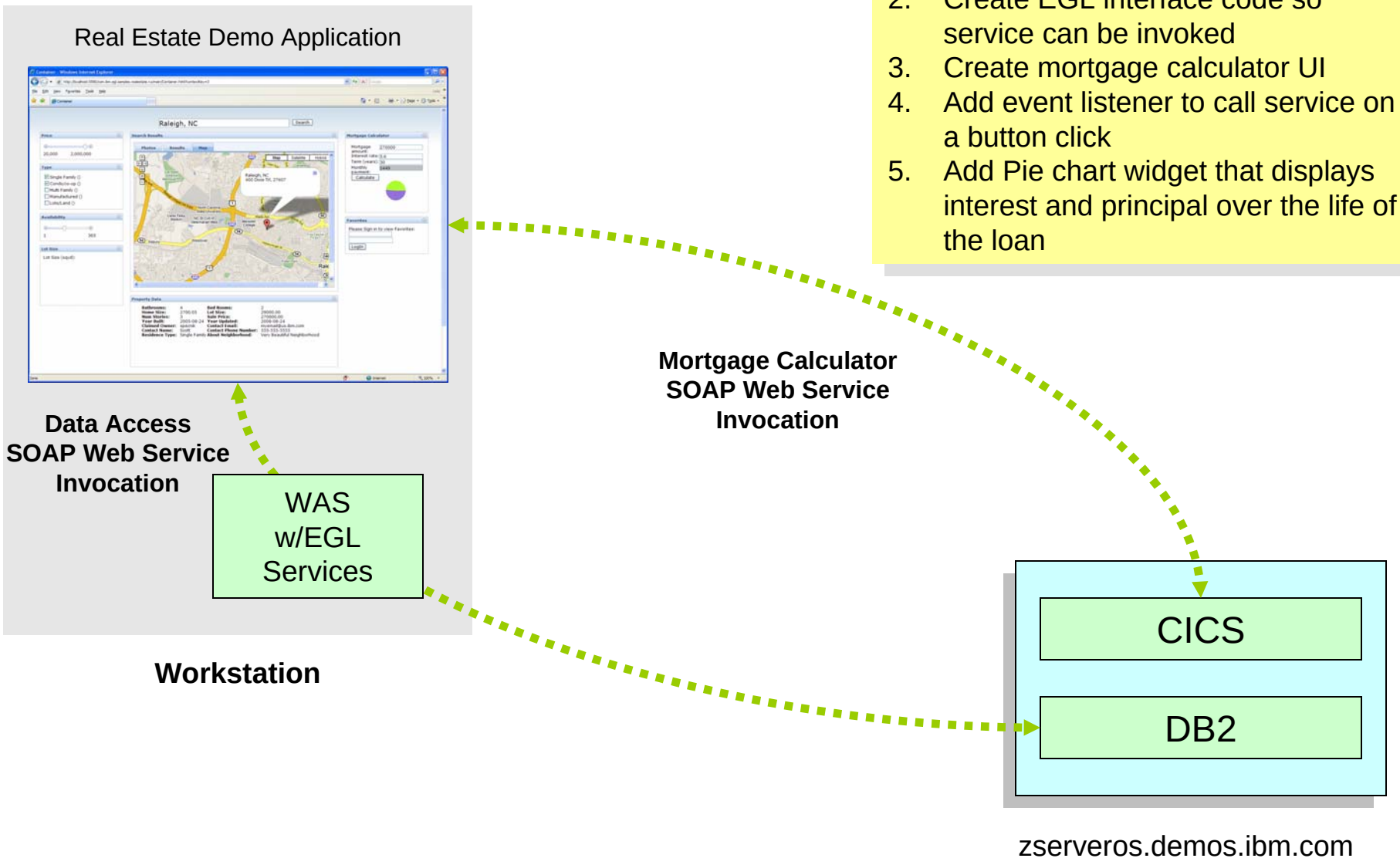
Real Estate Demo Application

Demo Tasks

Task 1 - Adding Mortgage Calculator

1. Consume CICS Web service in EGL Rich UI project
2. Create EGL interface code so service can be invoked
3. Create mortgage calculator UI
4. Add event listener to call service on a button click
5. Add Pie chart widget that displays interest and principal over the life of the loan



EGL Rich UI

Mortgage Calculator, Data Table, and Google Map

EGL Café

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