Testing Web Services and Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) Applications

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Agenda

- SOA characteristics & testing challenges
- Approach to testing SOA applications
- New solutions deep dive:
 - ▶ IBM Rational Tester for SOA Quality
 - IBM Rational Performance Tester Extension for SOA Quality





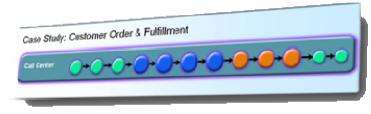


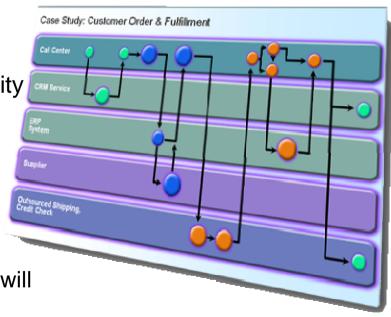
SOA characteristics & testing challenges

- Business driven development
 - Effective quality management calls for understanding of the business processes across several composite applications



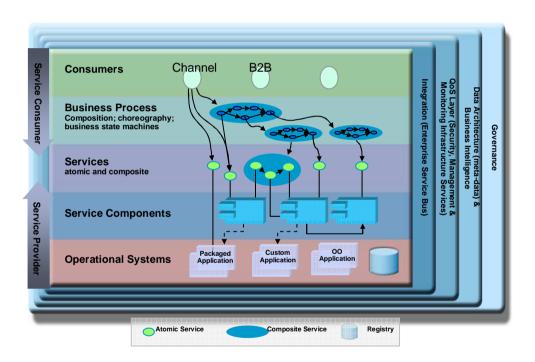
- Ever changing environment requires agile and continuous testing
- Loosely coupled business processes and services
 - No assumption can be made on how a service will be used
 - No control over the entire solution under test







SOA characteristics & testing challenges



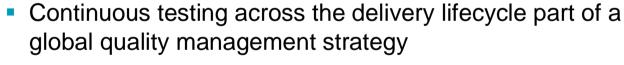
- Abstract and GUI-less services
 - No user interface directly available to interact with the services
 - Hide the business logic to be tested
- Reusable services
 - One under performing service could slow down several composite applications
 - Impact of one single service failure can be catastrophic



Approach to testing SOA applications

- Build a collaborative cross-functional test team
 - Business analysts provide inputs for defining the test objectives and review the test strategy
 - Test architects define test plans taking into account Service Level Agreements
 - Testers, performance engineers and developers implements and automate the tests





- The "test early, test often" mantra is key to success with SOA
- Comprehensive functional and performance testing of each service
- Integration testing of services composed into business processes leveraging business process models
- System testing of composite applications to validate the solution meets the business objectives





Approach to testing SOA applications



Effective test automation

- Plan the automation
- Maintainability
- ▶ Reuse of test steps and cases

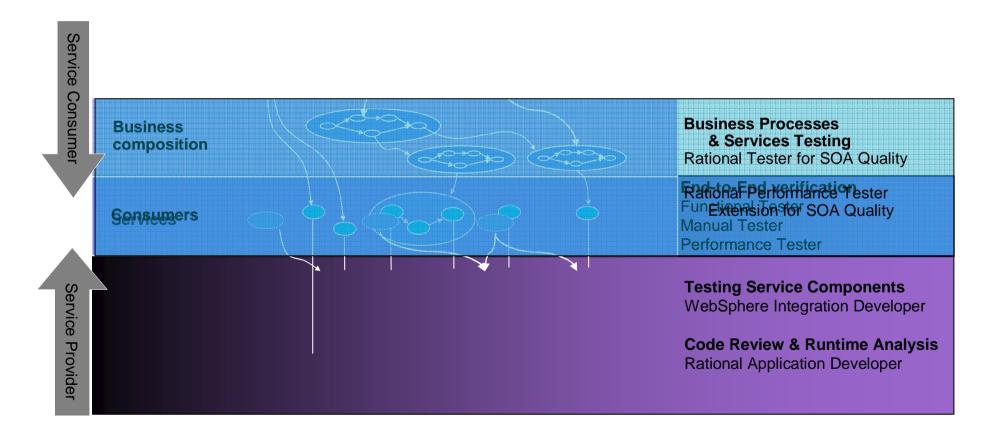
Test automation tools

- For functional and performance testing
- Integrated with development platform
- Address the test of GUI-less services
- Support open standards



Rational SOA Quality Management Solution

A Service Oriented Architecture is composed of multiple layers. At the heart of SOA are services and components that realize services.





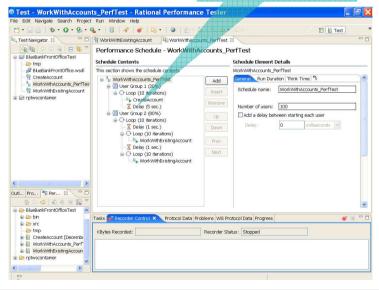
Test SOA applications early and often

With two new solutions from IBM Rational software

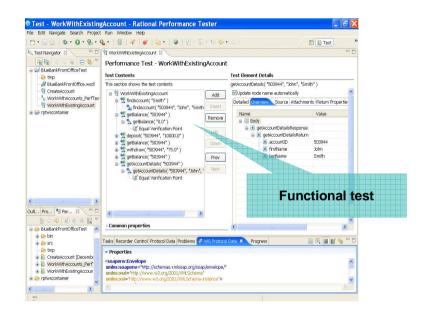
IBM Rational Tester for SOA Quality

Automated regression and functional testing for GUI-less Web services











IBM Rational Performance Tester Extension for SOA Quality

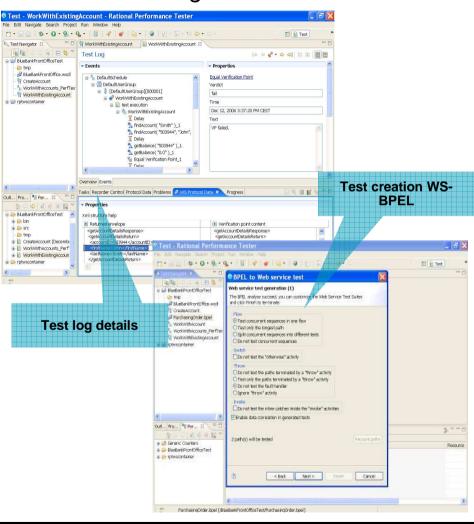
Performance Testing for Web service - based applications





IBM Rational Tester for SOA Quality

Code free testing of GUI-less services

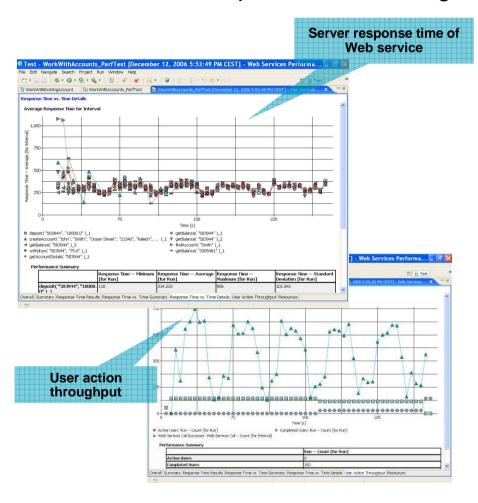


- Simplify functional testing
 - Generation of service test client
 - Code-free test authoring
 - Automated test creation from Business Process Execution Language (WS-BPEL)
 - Support Web services standards
- Accelerate test creation and execution
 - Automated data correlation and data driven testing
 - Supporting a wide variety of users on broad range of platforms



IBM Rational Performance Tester Extension for SOA Quality

One tool for service performance testing and problem analysis



- All the capabilities of Rational Tester for SOA Quality plus:
- Validate system scalability
 - Flexible workload modeling
 - Real-time reporting of server response time and throughput
- Find performance bottlenecks
 - Broad platform monitoring support for deployed web services
 - Collection and visualization of server resource data – root cause analysis



Create a test

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- Interactively given the description of services (WSDL)
 - Automatically create web pages to interact with services
- Recording using an existing service consumer (client application)
 - Using a HTTP proxy or Java instrumentation technique
- From the description of a business process (WS-BPEL)
 - Automatic generation of tests by analysis of the business process workflows
- Automatic Identification and Correlation of Variable Data



Enhance a test

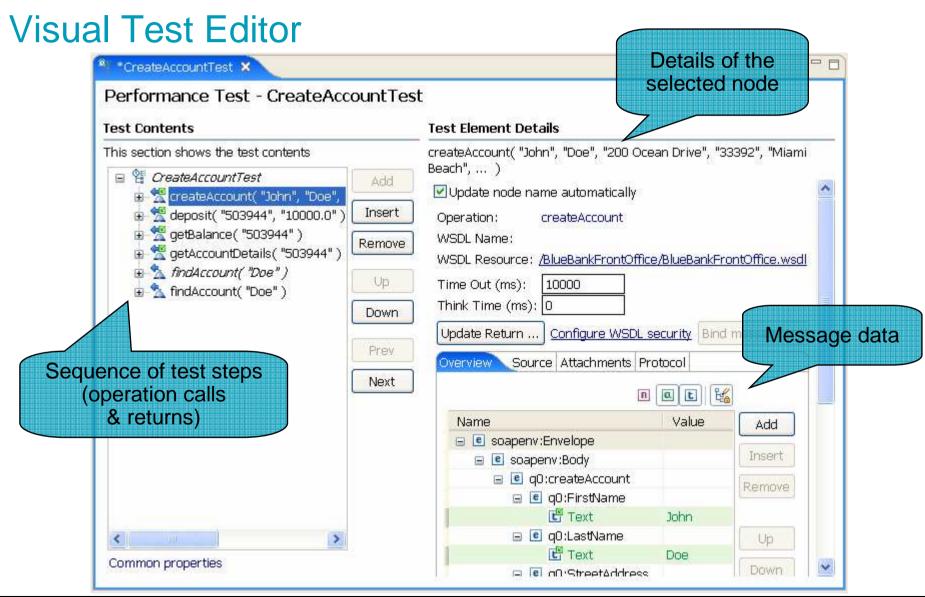
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Record / Author Enhance

- Visual test editor
 - Script-less edition of the tests
 - Tree view of the list of the operation calls and responses
 - Interactive invocation of operations and update of answers
 - Multiple views of the SOAP messages (values only, detailed view, raw XML, attachments)
 - Easy configuration of transport protocol & WS security parameters
- Data-driven and regression testing
 - Data pooling & manual correlation of SOAP data
 - Definition of verification points to set the baseline







Functional testing

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Execute Analyze

- Run a single test or a suite of tests
 - From the tool user interface
 - From command line (batch mode)
 - From Rational ClearQuest test management solution
- Functional Test Report
 - Global verdict
 - Execution history view with all the messages exchanged and the verification points verdicts
 - Side-by-side comparison between expected and received responses



Performance testing

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Workload Schedule

- Powerful and flexible scheduling
 - Visual schedule editor for no code scheduling
 - Accurately model production-like workloads
 - Coordinate timing and dependencies
 - Dynamically increase the load during the run
- Reuse function tests
- Distributed load generation
 - Leverage several load generation machines including IBM mainframes



Performance testing

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Enhance

Workload Schedule

Execute Analyze

- Performance test report
 - On-the-fly results
 - Detailed response time data presented in customizable charts and tables
 - Export to HTML
- Simultaneously monitor resources utilization during the test
- Identify the root cause of performance problems
 - Response time break down
 - Integration with Tivoli monitoring infrastructure













Thank You

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