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Solving mainframe Data-centric customer problems using WS II Classic Federation







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Agenda



- Mainframe data access from web app
 - ▶ The basics WebSphere II Classic Federation
 - Real world problem and solution
- ETL of Mainframe data
- SOA for Mainframe data



SQL Federation for the Mainframe

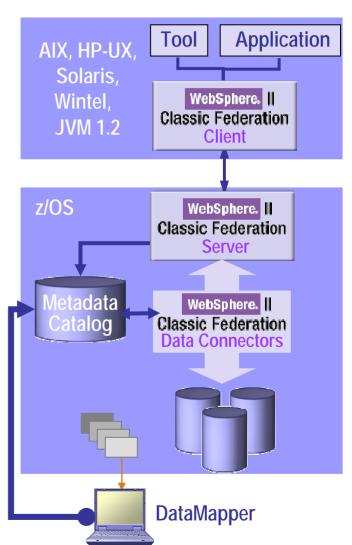
Integrate Mainframe Data Assets

- SQL-based read and write access to mainframe data sources
 - Standard ODBC and JDBC
- Multi-threaded with native drivers for scalable performance
- Metadata-driven for easy configuration and maintenance
 - No mainframe programming required
 - ▶ Fast installation & configuration
 - Easy maintenance
- Works with existing
 - Mainframe infrastructure
 - Application infrastructure
 - Tools infrastructure



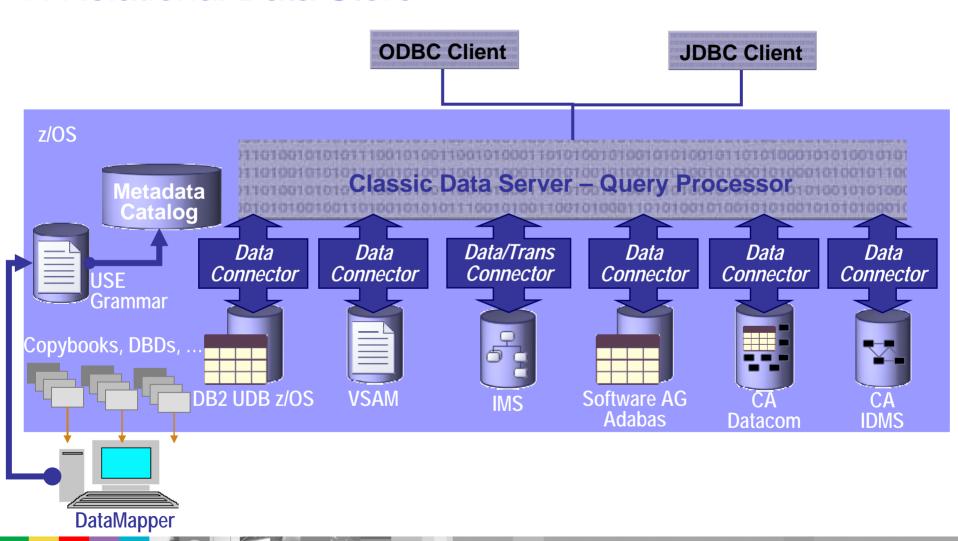
WebSphere II Classic Federation Implementation

- Create relational description of mainframe data sources by mapping the physical data definitions to logical tables and views
- Mainframe Server and components act as a relational database engine
- JDBC and/or ODBC drivers provide standardized interface for tools and applications

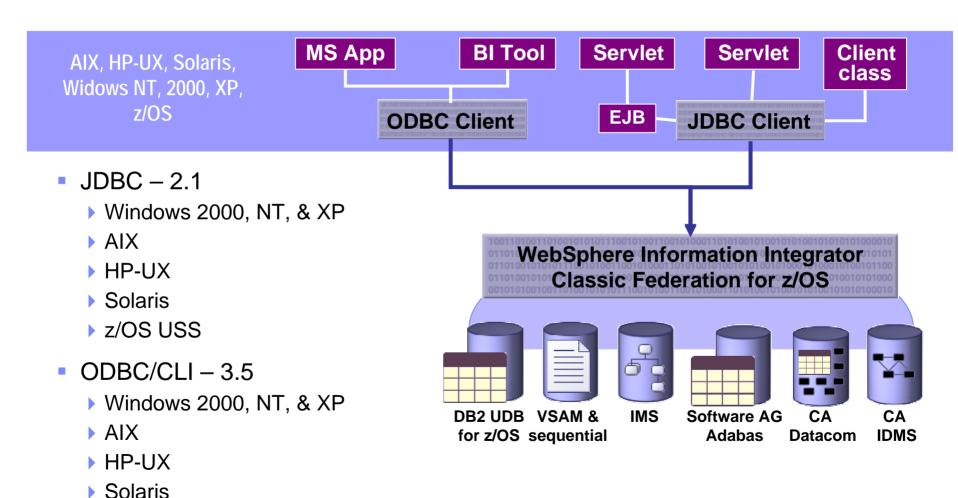




Classic Federation Architecture – A Relational Data Store

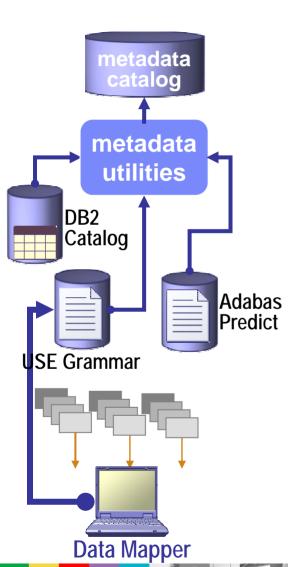


Classic Federation – Standard Clients





Metadata Management



- Metadata defines business-oriented relational mappings
 - Import existing copybooks, IDMS schemas, IMS DBDs, etc.
 - Generate logical relational reference table definitions
 - ▶ GUI to customize logical tables to business requirements
- Simulated RDBMS catalog and more
 - ▶ RDBMS-like catalog support: systables, syscolumns, etc
 - Query-able tables for non-relational metadata
- Some metadata-driven features
 - Automatic translation of legacy data types
 - ▶ Handles legacy constructs like recurring data and redefines
 - Complex tables can span segments, records, etc.
 - Metadata-driven filtering using WHERE clauses
 - Enhances security via schema mapping, views, & DB2-like security
- Metadata Utilities
 - Create and update metadata catalog entries
 - Verify metadata against physical (e.g. VSAM index checks)
- DataMapper
 - Metadata customization and visual administration



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Mainframe data access from J2EE web application





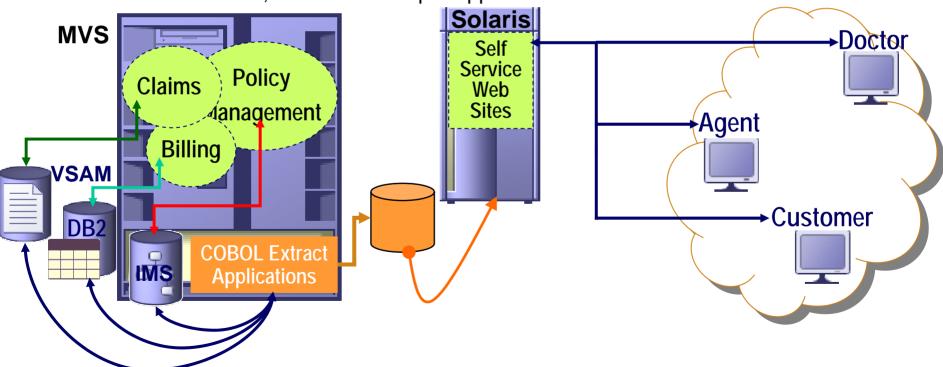




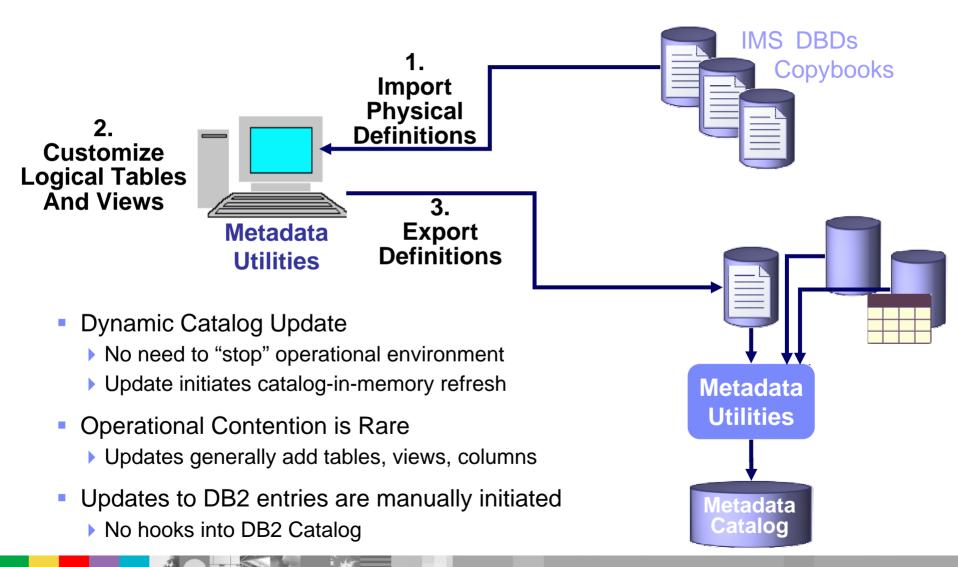
Traditional self-service environments

Insurance Carrier – enhance service

- Solution a: copy data to non-mainframe environments
 - Estimated cost \$2M
 - Data refreshed every 30 hours or so
 - Data latency has real revenue impact
 - Solution b: integrate the IMS transactions
 - Estimated cost 10,000 man-hours per application



Metadata Management Workflow



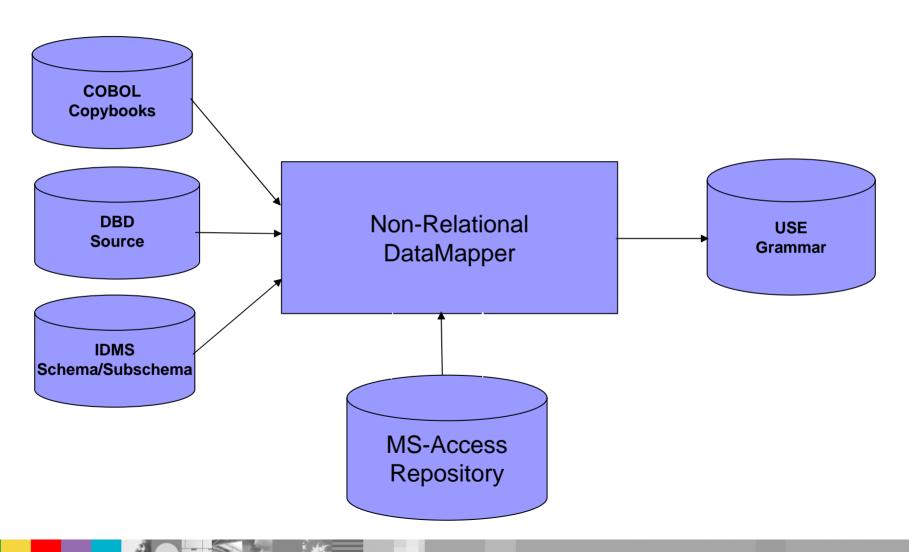


General Information

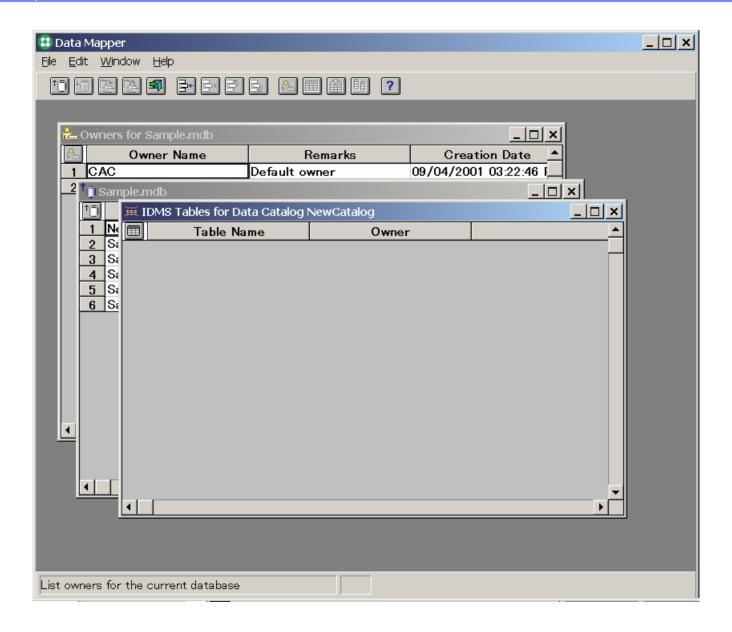
- The DataMapper is the primary tool for creating Logical Tables:
 - ▶ A Logical Table is a relational description of a non-relational database or file.
 - A Logical Table can also be thought of as a virtual table. They are materialized on the fly from the underlying database or file system.
 - Logical Tables are generally prefixed with their DBMS-type (e.g., an IMS Logical Table).
 - A DBMS is also referred to as a data source (e.g., an IDMS) which should not be confused with a CLI, JDBC or ODBC data source which can be used to access any type of Logical Table.
 - Logical Tables have attributes that are associated with all type of Logical Tables as well as DBMS-specific attributes and behaviors.
- The DataMapper is a Windows application
- The DataMapper relies heavily on the use of a Toolbar



Tool Overview









Mapping Process Overview

- Discovery and collection
- Mapping using the DataMapper to create Logical Tables
- Generating the USE grammar and transferring it to Z/OS.
- Loading the System Catalogs



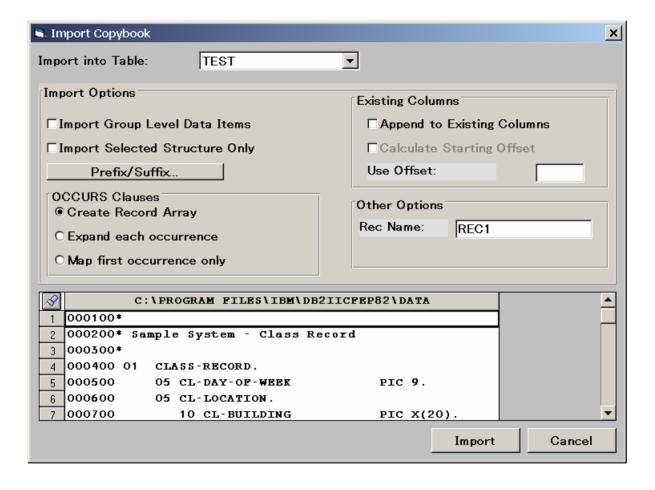
Mapping Process Discovery and Collection

- Identify Target Database/File
- Identify Source Defintion(s)
 - IMS Logical/Physical DBD(s)
 - ▶ IDMS Schemas/Subschemas
- Identify COBOL Copybooks
- Find out where the source lives so that it can be brought down to the Workstation where the DataMapper is installed.
- Discuss with the DBA what data is available and the keys/indexes that are available to access the data.
- Discuss with the business user/client developers what information is required and how it needs to be presented.
- Generally will want to create some initial discovery mappings and issue queries to determine what is really in the database, general performance aspects and data "quirks"
- Create new Logical Tables to meet individual business needs a Logical Table should generally represent the data needed for a particular query or class of queries.

Mapping Process Using the DataMapper

- Launch Data Mapper
- Select/Create Repository
- Select/Create Data Catalog
- Optionally, define Owner (s)
- Load Source Definitions
 - Use Built-in FTP capabilities to download or perform manually
- Create Table
- Import COBOL copy book (s) to create the Tables Columns
 - Use built-in FTP capabilities to download or perform manually
- Review/tailor Column Definitions
- Define Index(es)
- Identify Keys
- Generate USE Grammar







Importing COBOL Copybooks Guidelines

- Review the contents of the copybook
- Look for a complex object:
 - Redefinitions
 - OCCURS clauses
 - Multiple OCCURS clauses
- Generally, want to create separate tables for each:
 - Redefinition
 - ▶ OCCURS group with "key" and non-repeating fields
- Do not use default import settings for a complex object
- Consider using a reference table when you encounter a complex object



Columns Overview

- Columns are automatically created based on the data items contained in the COBOL copybook.
- SQL data type are assigned to each Column based on the PICTURE clause associated with each data item.
- Relative offset mapping start at zero:
 - Record/Segment
 - Record Array
- Remarks are not stored in System Catalog.
- The Create/Update Column dialog box is DBMS-specific but contains common elements/functions.
- Common functions:
 - SQL data type support
 - Native data type support
 - NULL specifications
- Techniques for dealing with unsupported data types.

Columns SQL Data Types

- Commonly used data types:
 - **CHAR**
 - **DECIMAL**
 - SMALLINT
 - **INTEGER**
- Exotic data types:
 - ▶ FLOAT
 - VARCHAR
 - LONG VARCHAR
 - ▶ GRAPHIC
 - VARGRAPHIC
 - LONG VARGRAPHIC

Columns SQL Data Types

Name	COBOL PICTURE CLAUSE
Character	PIC X(n).
Packed Decimal	PIC S9(n)V9(n) COMP-3.
Unsigned Packed Decimal	PIC 9(n)V9(n) COMP-3.
Zoned Decimal	PIC S9(n).
Unsigned Zoned Decimal	PIC 9(n).
Half Word	PIC S9(4) COMP.
Unsigned Half Word	PIC 9(4) COMP.
Full Word	PIC S9(8) COMP.
Unsigned Full Word	PIX 9(8) COMP.
Double Word	COMP-2.
Variable Length Character	STUCTURE.
	LENGTH PIC S9(4) COMP.
	DATA PIC X(n).



Mapping Process Generating USE Grammar

- Select Data Catalog Window
- Select Generate
 - File->Generate USE Statements...
- Identify file name and
 - > Save to disk or,
 - Use built-in FTP support to transmit file to Z/OS
- Review generated grammar

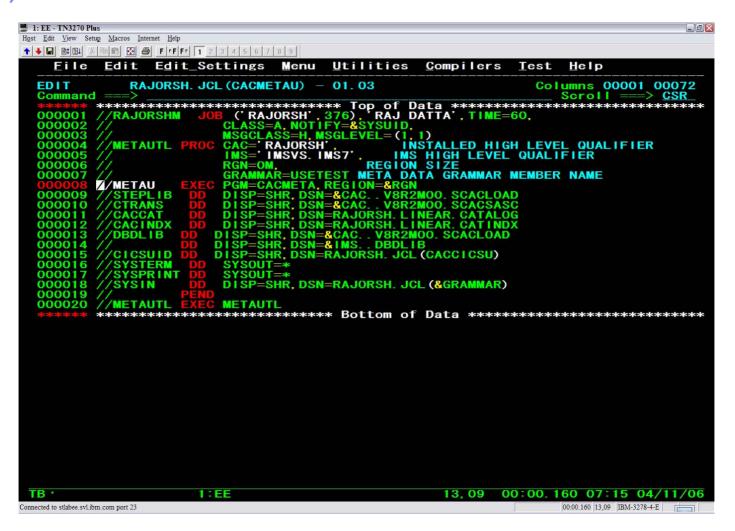


Mapping Processing Loading the System Catalogs

- Once the USE grammar is on Z/OS you run the Meta Data Utility to load the Logical Table definitions into the System Catalogs.
- The Meta Data Utility:
 - Performs final Table and Column validation
 - Obtains additional DBMS-specific information
 - Populates the System Catalog

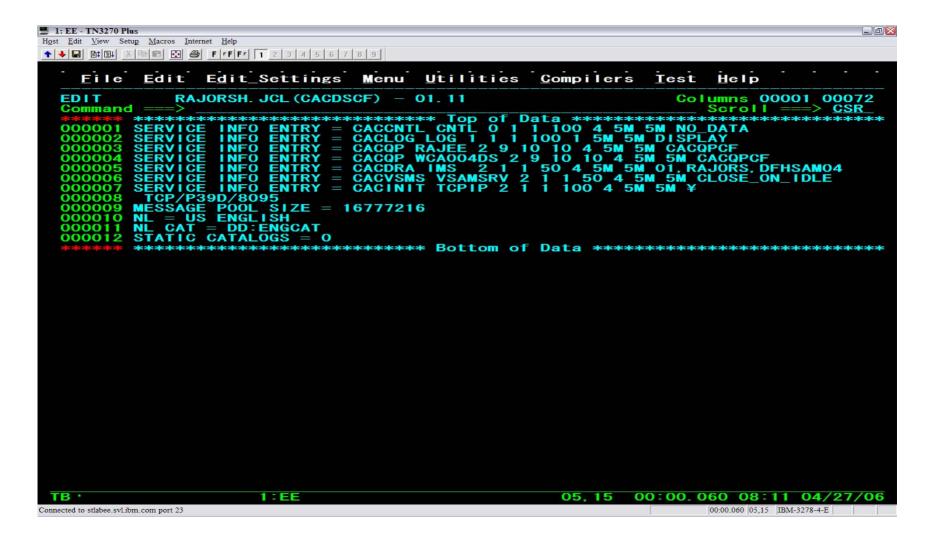


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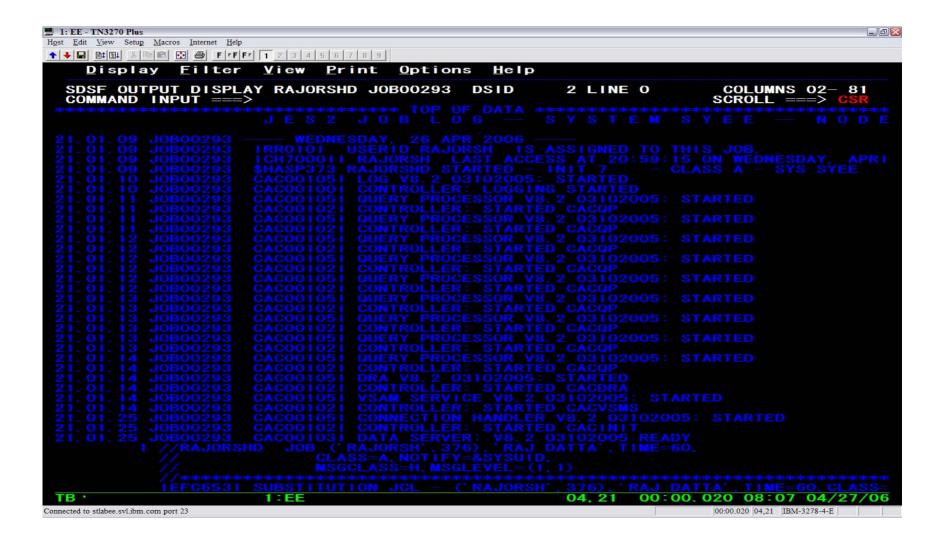


Configure Classic Federation Data Server



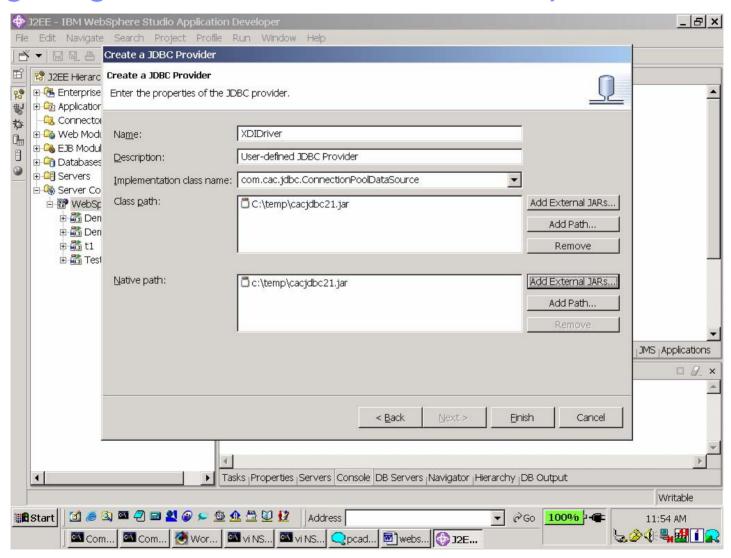


Start Classic Federation Data Server



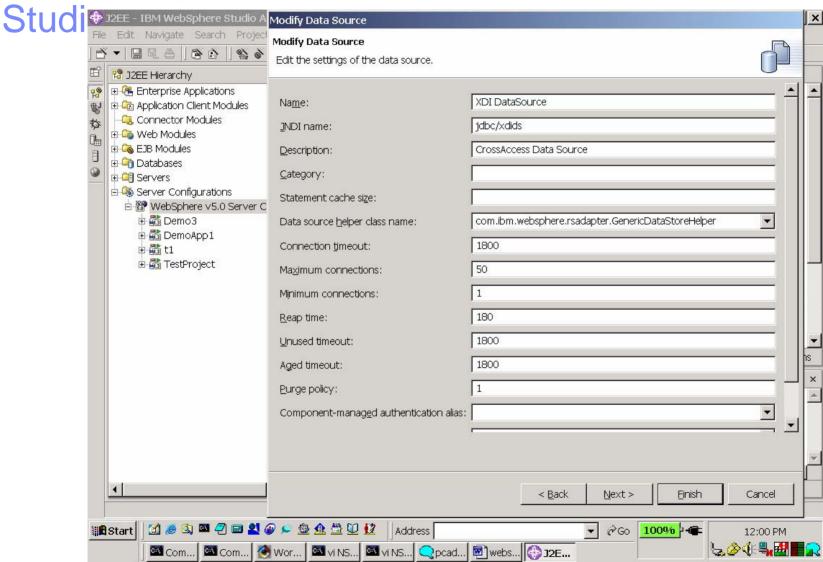


Configuring a JDBC Provider in WebSphere Studio



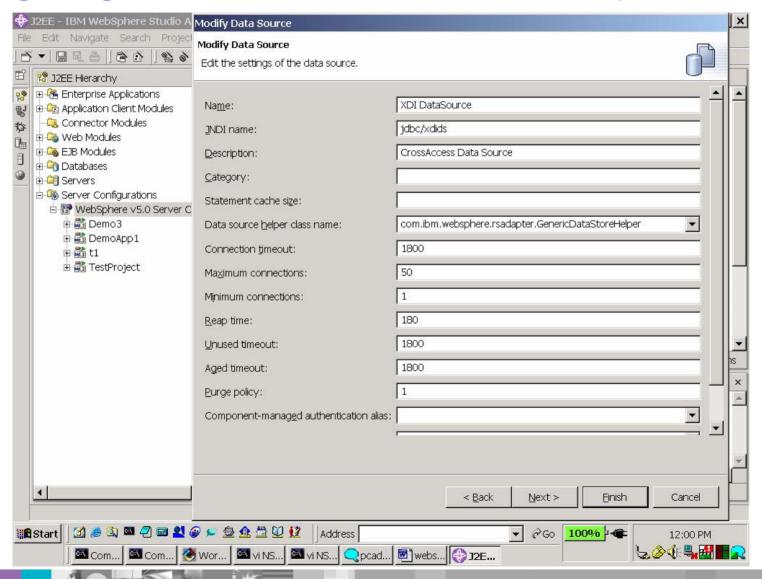


Configuring a JDBC DataSource in WebSphere





Configuring a JDBC DataSource in WebSphere Studio





Configuring a JDBC DataSource in WebSphere Studio (con't)

three properties essential to the working of WSIICF DataSource:

databaseName - type java.lang.String, corresponds to the SERVICE name.

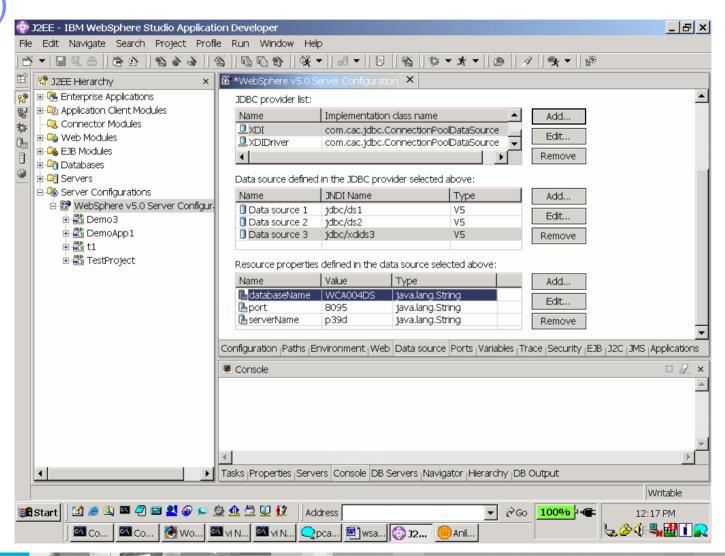
port - type java.lang.String, corresponds to port number, the initiator is listening on.

serverName - type java.lang.String, corresponds to the IP Address or the Host Name.



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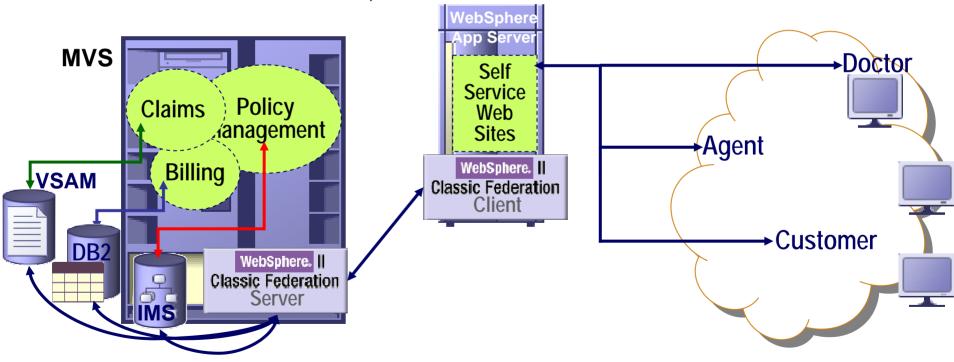
Sample Java bean code

```
// Start Bean Method
public void test1()
                           DataSource ds1 = null;
                           Connection cx1 = null;
                           UserTransaction userTran = null;
                           try
                                        InitialContext initCtx = new InitialContext();
                                        userTran = (UserTransaction)initCtx.lookup(
                             "java:comp/UserTransaction");
                             ds1 = (DataSource) initCtx.lookup("java:comp/env/jdbc/xdids");
                           cx1 = ds1.getConnection();
                           PreparedStatement st1 =
cx2.prepareStatement("select partno, descript from sys.stokstat where partcod=?);
                           st2.setString(1,"77");
                           ResultSet rs = st2.executeQuery();
                           st2.close();
                           catch (Exception e)
                                        System.out.println("Exception e " + e);
// End Bean Method
```



IBM solution - empower self-service

- Provide up-to-the-minute policy, claims and accounting information
 - Connect interactive voice response (IVR) system to IMS, VSAM & DB2
 - \$250K versus \$2M
 - Connect operational data with self-service Web sites
 - 200 man-hours versus 10,000





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Real-time ETL of Mainframe data





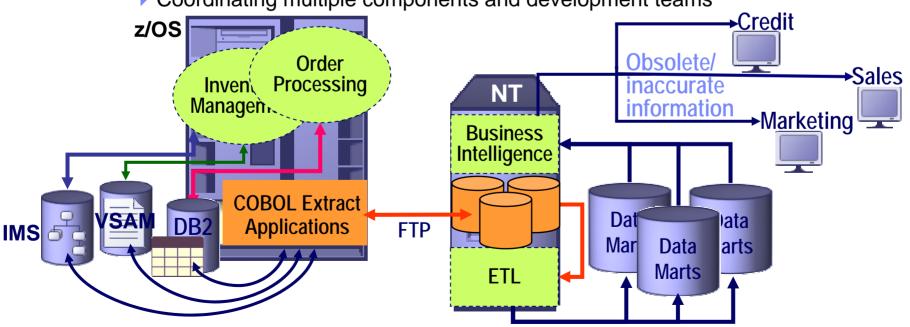






Traditional delivery of data to business intelligence

- Disjoint Process
 - Build and maintain mainframe "extract" process
 - Build and maintain distributed data transform & load
 - Data latency has a real revenue impact
- Management challenges lead to increasing costs
 - Multiple skill sets required:
 Mainframe programming & data warehouse design/build
 - Coordinating multiple components and development teams



DataStage Enterprise Edition Components



Designer

A design interface used to create
 DataStage applications (known as jobs)



Manager

Used to view and edit the contents of the DataStage Repository



Administrator

Used to perform administration tasks such as setting up DataStage users, creating and moving projects, and setting up purging criteria

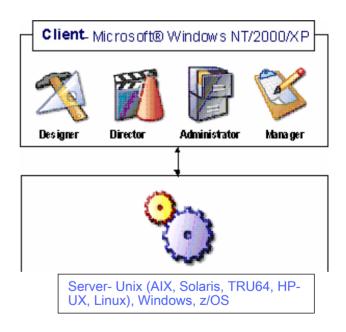


Director

 Used to validate, schedule, run, and monitor DataStage jobs

MetaStage

 Used for managing enterprise meta data across design, integration, and BI tools

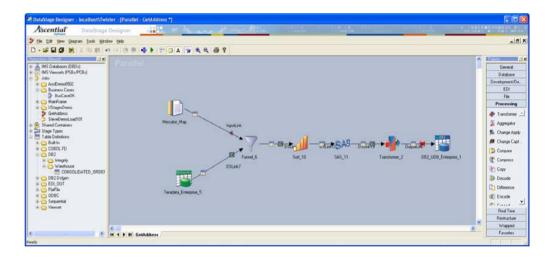


Client/Server Development Environment



Designer

- Complete development environment
 - Graphical, drag and drop metaphor
 - Develop sequentially, deploy in parallel
 - Component-based architecture
 - Does not force design methodology
 - Get started quickly
 - Reuse capabilities

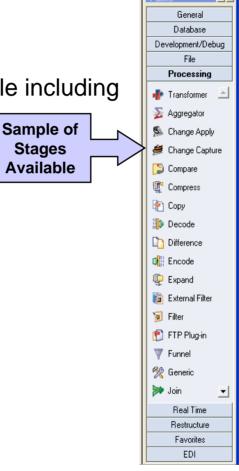


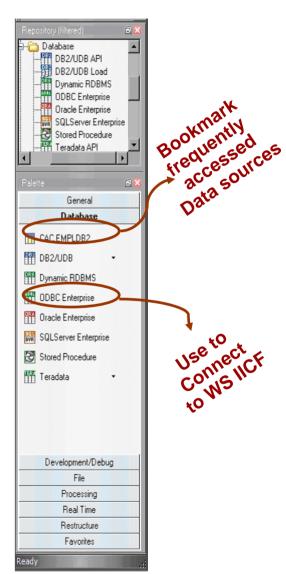


Designer: Components Available

Over 50 pre-built components available including

- Files
- Database
- Lookup
- Sort, Aggregation, Transformer
- Join, Merge
- Filter, Funnel, Switch, Modify
- **SAS**
- Remove Duplicates
- Restructure stages





Examples of Pre-Built Scalable Stages



ODBC stage: extend DataStage's capabilities to communicate with external data sources.



Sort stage: used to perform more complex sort operations in parallel.



Transformer Stage: performs any conversions required on an input data set, and then passes the data to another active stage or a stage that writes data to a target database or file.



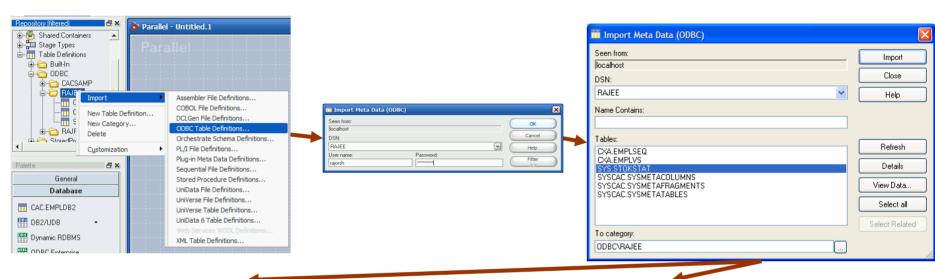
Merge stage: combines a sorted master data set with one or more sorted update data sets.



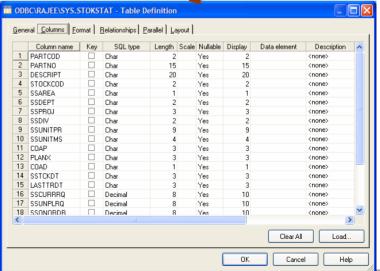
Join Stage: performs join operations on two or more data sets input to the stage and then outputs the resulting data set. The stage can perform one of four join operations: inner; left outer; right outer; and full outer.



Importing IICF tables through ODBC

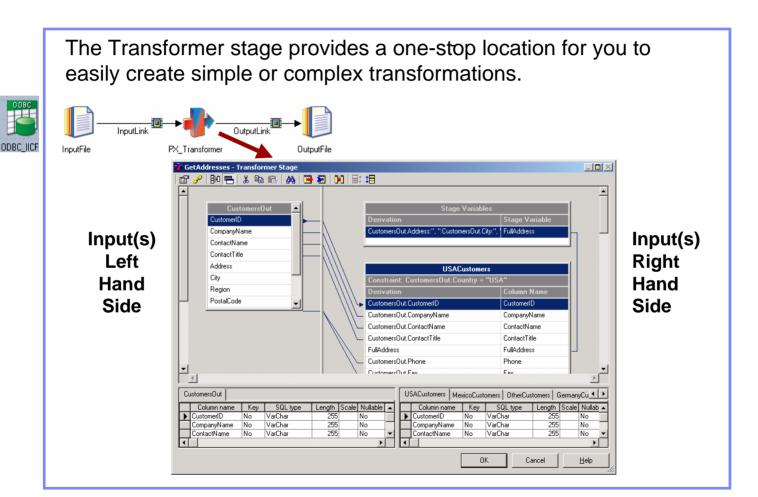






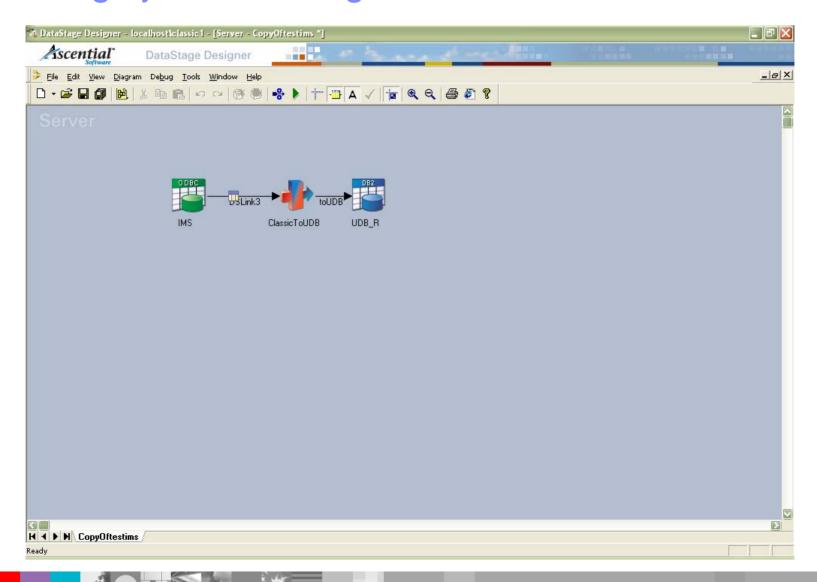


Transformer





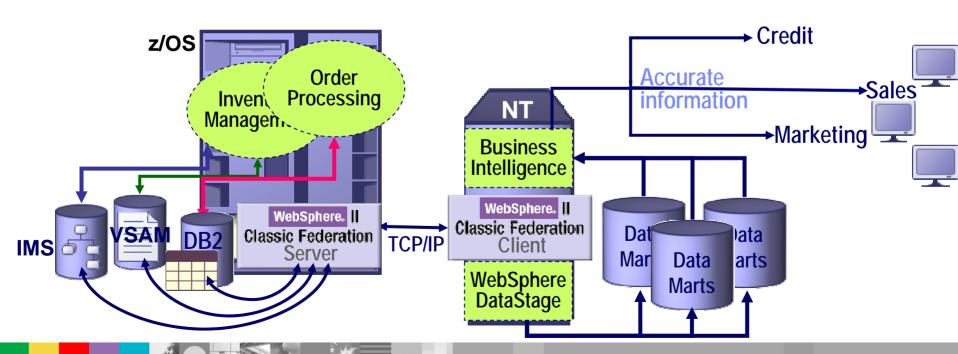
DataStage job extracting IMS data to UDB





IBM solution -- feed operational data to ETL via SQL

- Dynamically connect data warehouse tool with mainframe data
 - No dependence on mainframe development
 - Dramatically simplified management: One team owns it all
 - One consistent process leverages "power" of ETL tooling
 - Development time "cut in half"
 - Empowers additional uses
 - Dynamic query by business intelligence tools extends the warehouse





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SOA for Mainframe data



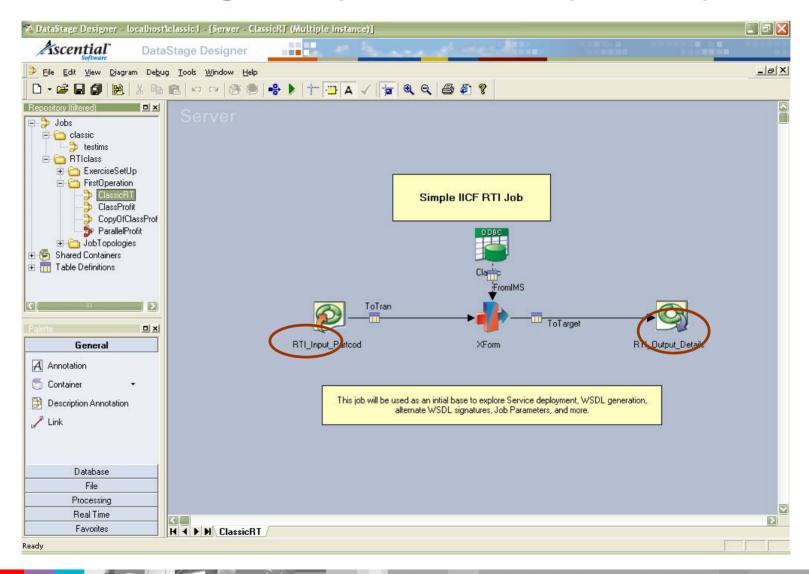






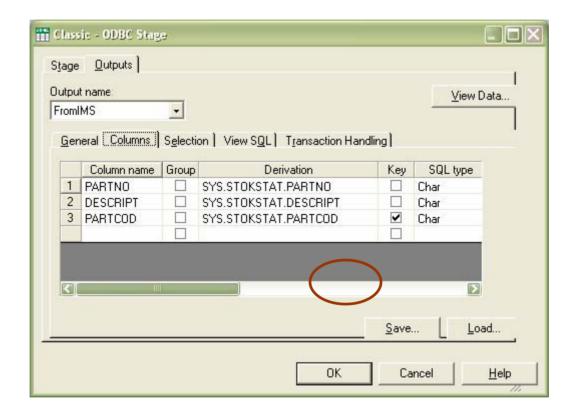


Create DataStage RTI job with RT Input/ Output



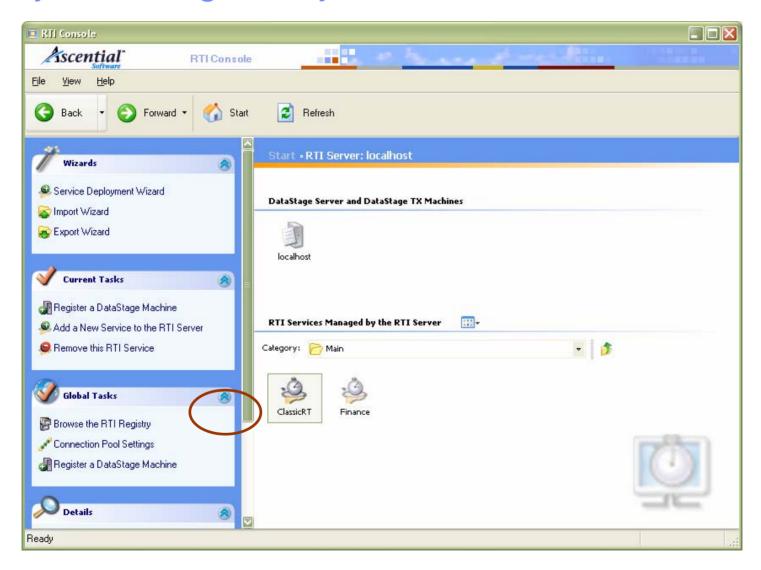


Use RT Input as criterion in SQL



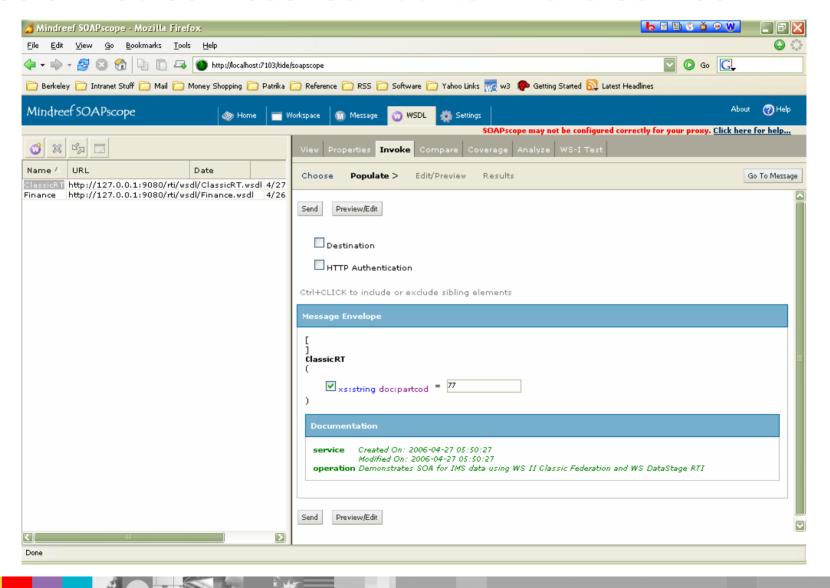


Deploy DataStage RTI job as a service



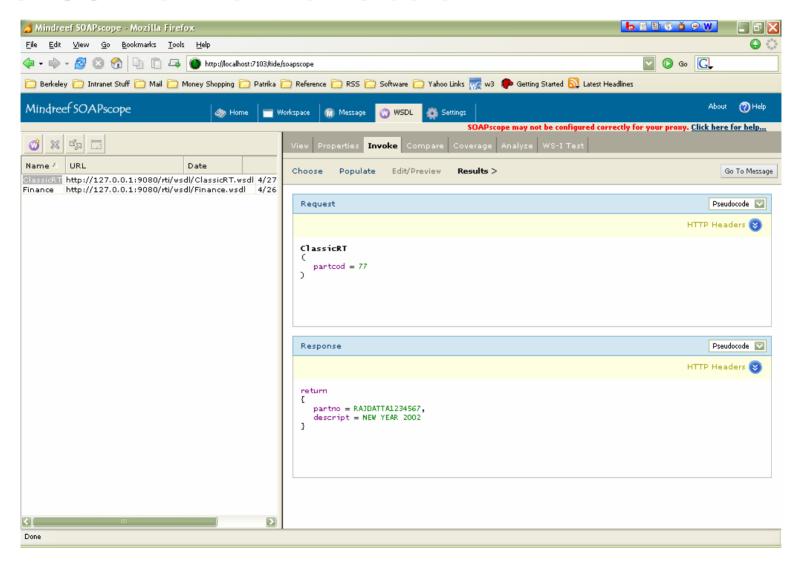


Use a Web services test tool to invoke service





Voila! SOA for mainframe data!

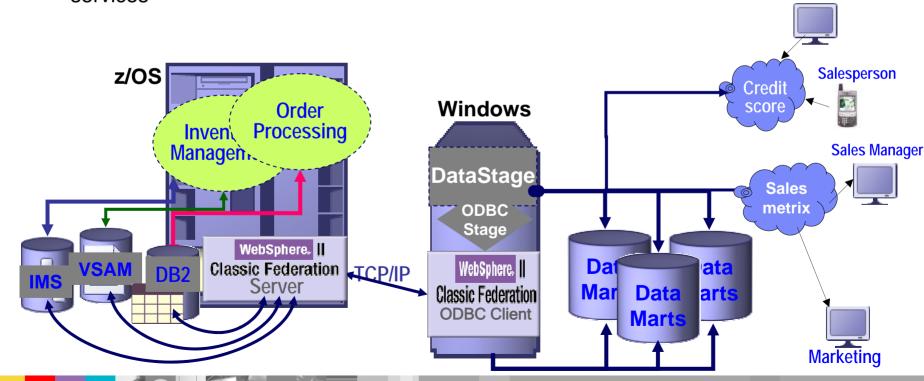




IBM solution – Web Services for Mainframe Data

- Dynamically connect web services tool with mainframe data
 - No dependence on mainframe development
 - One consistent process leverages WS tooling

 Dramatically reduced development time – short turnaround in deploying new services





Classic Integration Scenarios

- Because the Classic Federation product appears as a relational database, supporting standard clients, and publishing in relational format, they can be used with a number of products.
- Our focus is IBM and Business Partner products:
 - ▶ IBM WebSphere Portal Server JDBC
 - IBM WebSphere Studio JDBC
 - ▶ IBM WebSphere Information Integrator ODBC
 - ▶ IBM WebSphere Business Integrator JDBC
 - ▶ IBM WebSphere Business Integrator Message Broker ODBC
 - ▶ IBM WebSphere Data Stage ODBC
 - Business Objects Data Integrator ODBC
 - Business Objects Crystal Reports ODBC
 - Sun SeeBeyond ICAN JDBC
- But customers have used them with several other products: BEA Weblogic –
 JDBC, Microsoft Access, MSQuery, Visual .Net ODBC, Cognos Impromtu
- As well as traditional applications



Usage scenarios

e-Business

- Deliver mainframe data to
 - Self-service portals (real-time account details)
 - e-commerce solutions (real-time inventory)
 - Employee portals (real-time claims detail)
- Web developers become productive with no mainframe skills
- ▶ Eliminates data latency business issues caused by copied data

Business intelligence

- Integrates seamlessly with
 - Reporting and analytical tools, e.g. Business Objects
 - Portals, e.g. WebSphere Portal
 - ETL, e.g. Ascential DataStage

Scenarios

- Empower self-service environments with key operational data IVRs, Web sites, Portals, etc.
- Feed operational data to business intelligence initiatives Source for data marts, data warehouses, operational data stores
- Direct, real-time mission critical information Inventory-value, account-balance, available-credit, etc.



Value to the Business

- Extend the value of existing mainframe investments
 - Instant integration of mainframe assets into current business initiatives
 - Non-disruptive to existing applications and data environment
 - Reduces or eliminates redundant data and its costs
- Fits seamlessly into existing IT infrastructure out-of-the-box
 - Leverages SQL capabilities of modern tools
 - Works with mainframe infrastructure: security, accounting, monitoring, workload mgmt.
 - ▶ Reduces dependence on scarce mainframe skills
- Accelerate time-to-value of enterprise integration projects
 - No mainframe programming required
 - Transactional speed and enterprise scale
 - Easy to configure & maintain using its metadata-driven approach



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