Creating modern applications for the mainframe – Part one

Modern Application Architectures for the Mainframe and COBOL Developers

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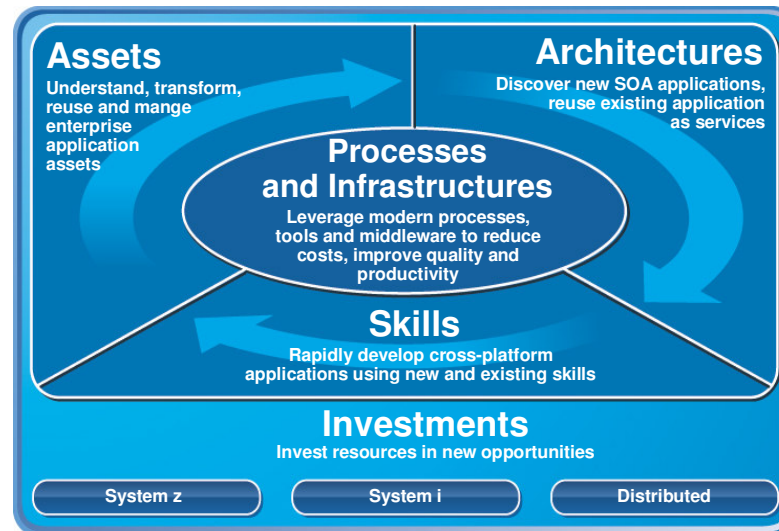
Agenda

- Introduction

- Middle Tier
  - WebSphere Application Server
    - J2EE
    - Servlets, JSP's and JSF
    - EGL

- Client
  - HTML

- Connectivity
  - Web Services, XML, SOAP, WSDL

- Business Tier
  - CICS
 - COBOL

Aspects of Enterprise Modernization

To improve IT flexibility, you should modernize your enterprise in the following areas:

Assets
Understand, transform, reuse and mange enterprise application assets

Architectures
Discover new SOA applications, reuse existing application as services

Processes and Infrastructures
Leverage modern processes, tools and middleware to reduce costs, improve quality and productivity

Skills
Rapidly develop cross-platform applications using new and existing skills

Investments
Invest resources in new opportunities

| System z | System i | Distributed |

Modernize Architectures
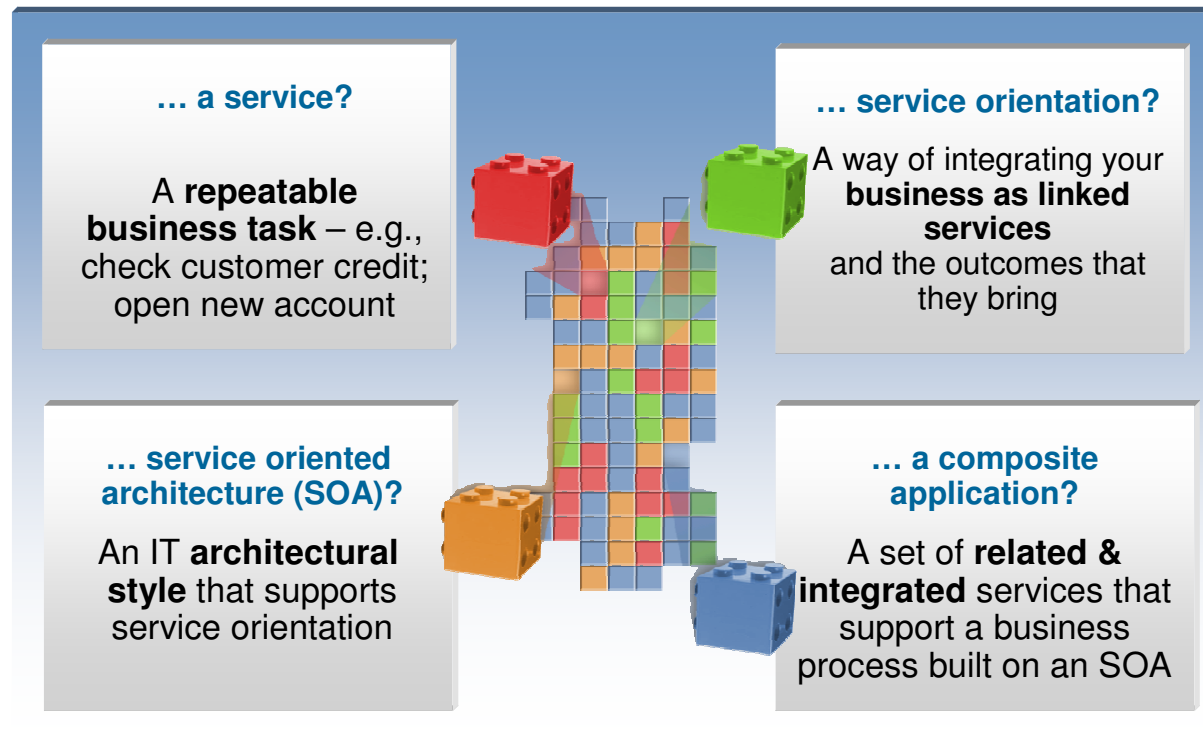*Flexible architectures to enable business agility*

▶ Easily create services from existing code, including CICS, IMS, and terminal applications

▶ Define new services for all deployment platforms from initial design to implementation

▶ Separate service flow from service implementation to attain optimal flexibility

Customer
Division
Shared Svc
Supplier
Outsourced
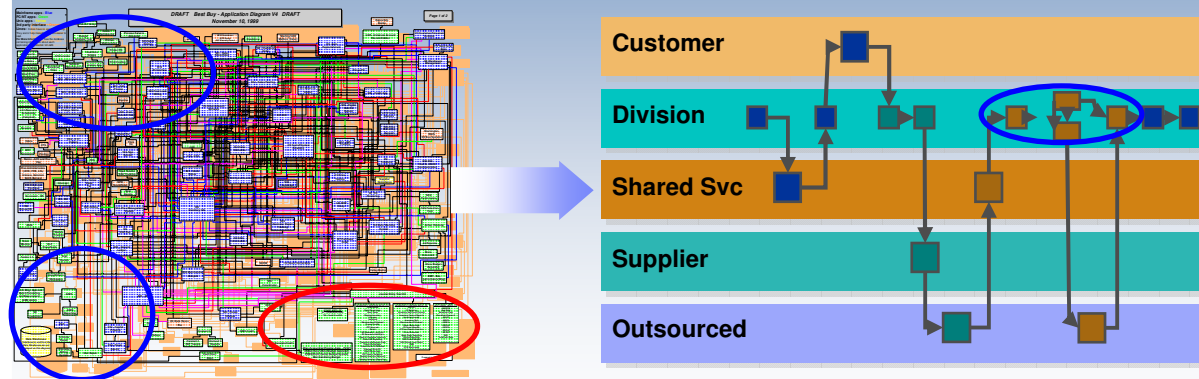
"SOAs cost 20% less to implement and saves 50% more with each reuse than traditional component-based development… the level of reuse in SOA development averages 2.5 times more than non-SOA development"
Jeffrey Poulin, PH.D. and Alan Himler, MBA, 2006, "The ROI of SOA – Based on Traditional Component Reuse"
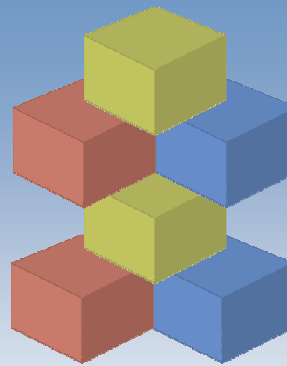
What is Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)?

… a service?

A **repeatable business task** – e.g., check customer credit; open new account

… service orientation?

A way of integrating your **business as linked services** and the outcomes that they bring

… service oriented architecture (SOA)?

An IT **architectural style** that supports service orientation

… a composite application?

A set of **related & integrated** services that support a business process built on an SOA

SOA: The focus is on Flexibility and Reuse

Business Perspective

Modern UI's linked with Business Process
- Orchestrated sequence of
- Activities
- Separated elements
  - Activity sequence
  - Activity hand-off
  - Activity content

IT Perspective

Web User Interfaces and Composite Application
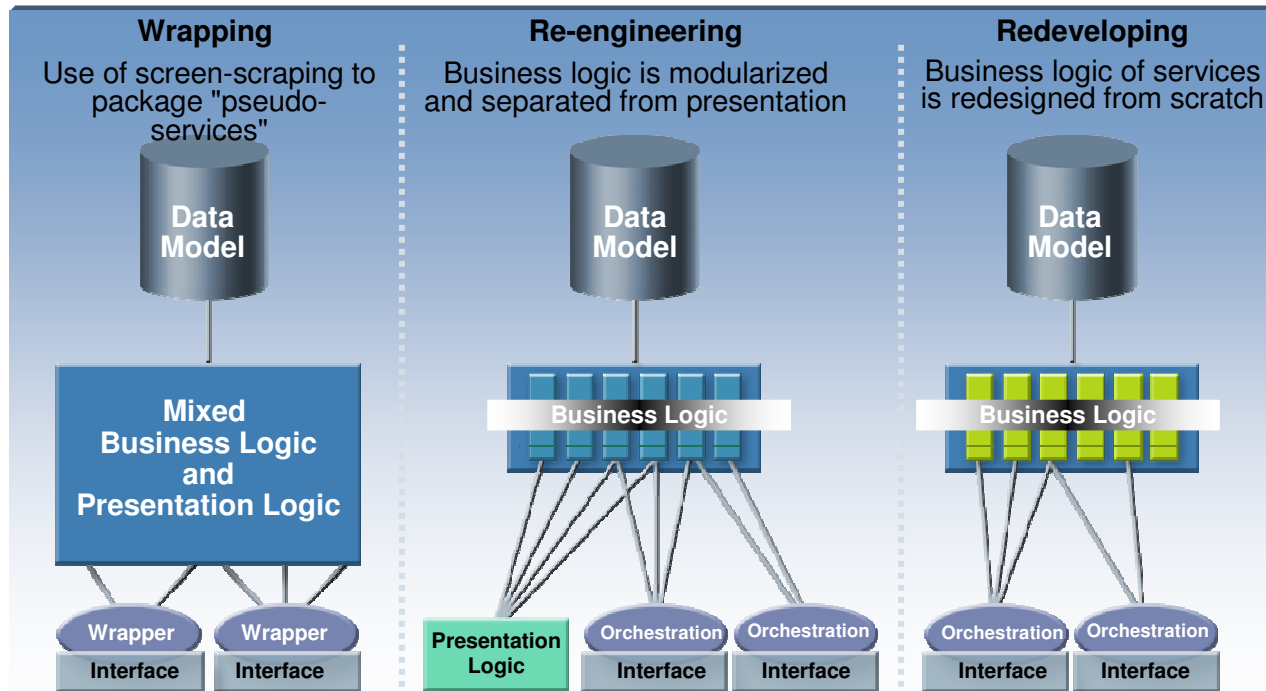- Orchestrated flows of Services
  - Tooling
- Separated logic
  - Process flow
  - Connectivity
  - Business
- Flexible high QOS Business Functions

Why Service Oriented Architecture? …

- Enables re-use of existing assets
- Enhances system flexibility through logic isolation
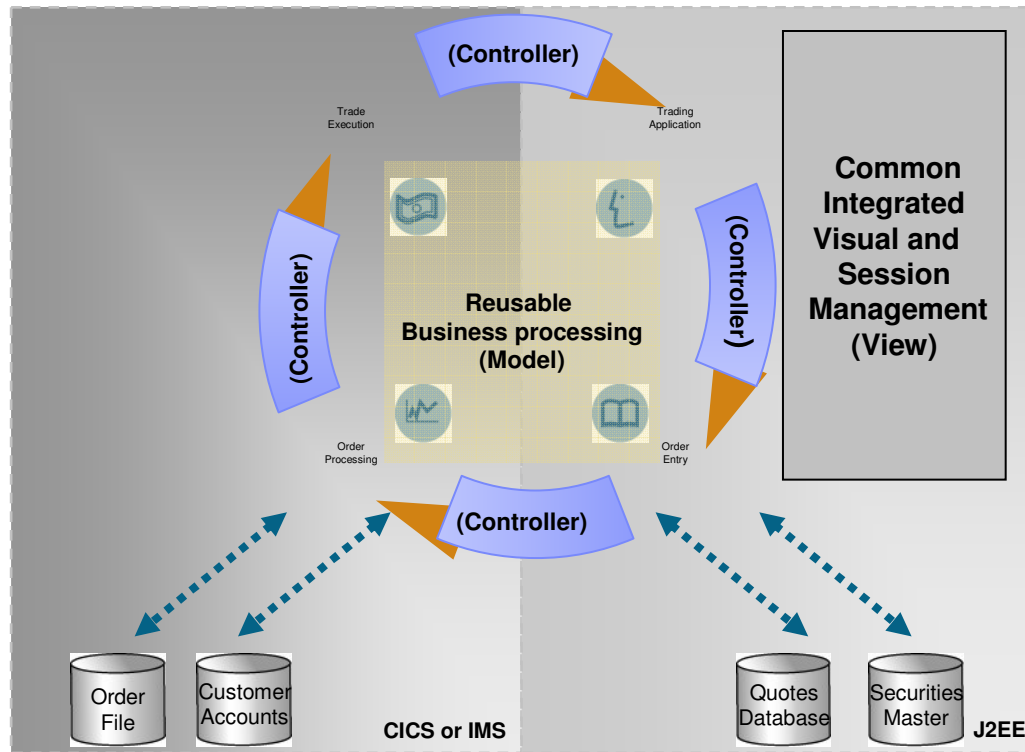- Supports simplified integration of new assets with existing assets

Modern "CICS" architecture

CICS TS

- Best practice in CICS application design is to separate key elements of the application, in particular:
  - ▶ Presentation logic   3270, HTML, XML
  - ▶ Integration or aggregation logic   Menu, router, tooling
  - ▶ Business logic   COBOL, PL/I, Reusable component
  - ▶ Data access logic   VSAM, DB2, IMS, …

- Provides a framework for reuse and facilitates separation of concerns, clear interfaces, ownership, and optimisation

Three ways of re-using services from of existing applications

Wrapping	Re-engineering	Redeveloping
Use of screen-scraping to package "pseudo-services"	Business logic is modularized and separated from presentation	Business logic of services is redesigned from scratch

Data Model

Data Model

Data Model

Mixed Business Logic and Presentation Logic

Business Logic

Business Logic

Wrapper

Interface

Wrapper

Interface

Presentation Logic

Orchestration

Interface

Orchestration

Interface

Orchestration

Interface

Orchestration

Interface

Source: Gartner

Composite Workload Application Components

(Controller)

Trade
Execution

Trading
Application

(Controller)

(Controller)

**Common
Integrated
Visual and
Session
Management
(View)**

**Reusable
Business processing
(Model)**

Order
Processing

Order
Entry

(Controller)

Order
File

Customer
Accounts

CICS or IMS

Quotes
Database

Securities
Master

J2EE

"Modern" Multitier Architecture

Client Tier

Middle Tier

Enterprise Information Systems Tier

EJB Container (EJBs)

Web Client (HTML, JavaScript)

Web Container (Servlets, JSPs, JSF WAS, Java)

J2EE Services (JNDI, JMS, JavaMail)

Core (EIS) Applications (CICS IMS)

Relational Databases

Enterprise Resource Planning Systems
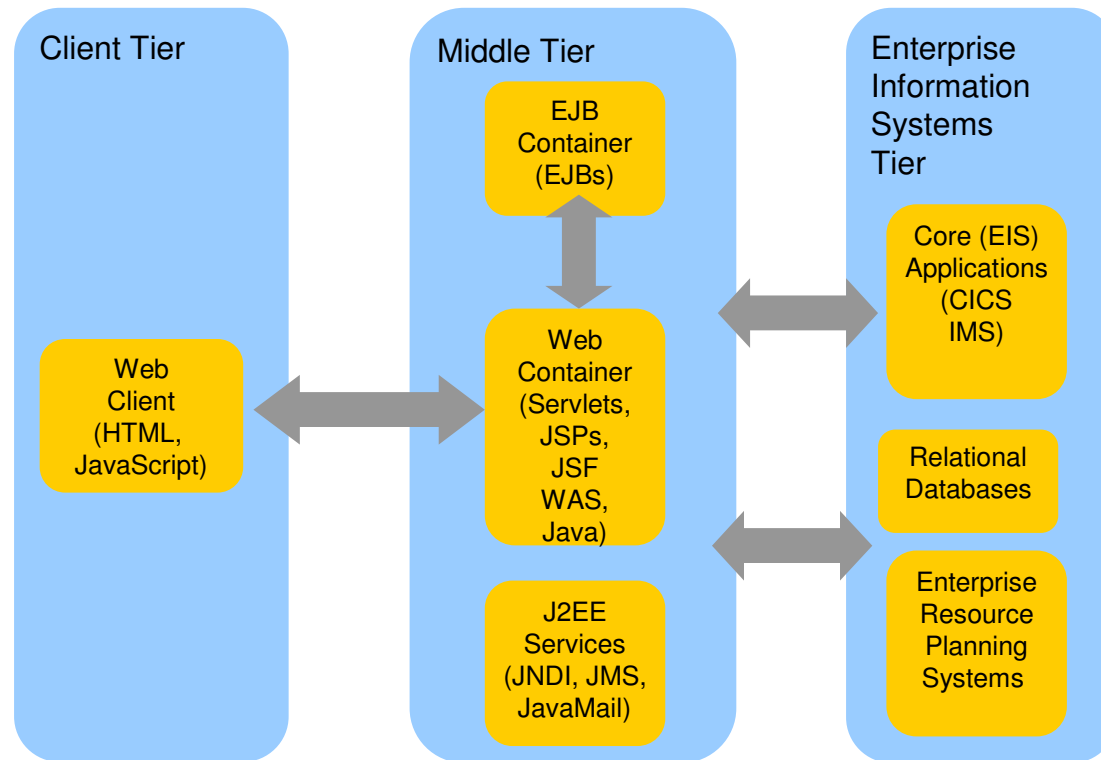
It's not that different

Spans multiple system and middleware boundaries

J2EE   Modern   Traditional   **CICS**

Modern (J2EE)	Relationship	Traditional (CICS)
HTML	Defines screens, forms and formats	BMS
JSF / JSP	Manages screen I/O and application flow	EXEC CICS Send /Receive
Session Bean	Session Management — Commarea	
Page Handler	Screen and data validation	Validate Input
Beans EJB's Services / Web Service		Web Service
JCA or MQ	Business processing and data I/O	Business Services
Quotes Database / Securities Master		Customer Accounts / Order File

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The Middle Tier

Client Tier

Web Client (HTML, JavaScript)

Middle Tier

EJB Container (EJBs)

Web Container (Servlets, JSPs, JSF WAS, Java)

J2EE Services (JNDI, JMS, JavaMail)

Web Services

JCA

MQ

Etc.

Enterprise Information Systems Tier

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The Java platform

- Java is an object-oriented programming language developed by Sun Microsystems

- Java has a set of standardized class libraries that support predefined reusable functionality

- Java has a runtime environment that can be embedded in Web browsers and operating systems

- Many popular UI / Session frameworks are built on Java processing

| Java Program |
| Java API |
| Java Virtual Machine |
| Host Platform |
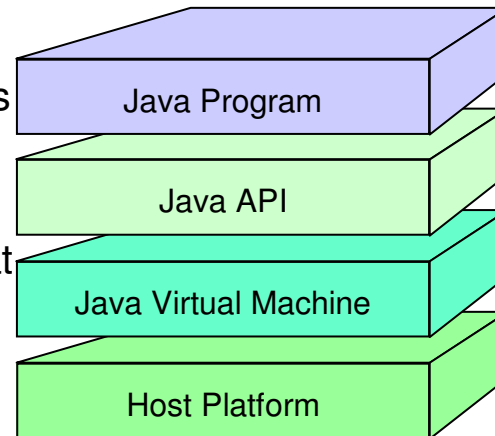
Procedural and object oriented approaches – example

- System requirement
  - ▸ Banking system model withdrawing money from a savings account

- Procedural approach
  - ▸ Identify where the data is stored
  - ▸ List the algorithmic steps necessary to perform the action

- Object approach
  - ▸ Identify what objects are involved; these objects will directly relate to real life objects (Bank, SavingsAccount, Teller and Transaction)
  - ▸ Show how these objects interact:
    - To enforce business rules for withdrawals
    - To modify the balance

Both have advantages in SOA – in the right place

What is an Application Server?

- Provides the infrastructure for running applications that run your business
  - ▶ **Insulates** applications from hardware, operating system, network…
  - ▶ Provides a common environment and programming model for applications
    - **Write once, run anywhere** (J2EE)
    - Platform for developing and deploying **Web Services**
  - ▶ Provides a **scalable, reliable** transaction engine for your enterprise

Application

Application Server

Hardware, Operating System, Database, Network, Storage…
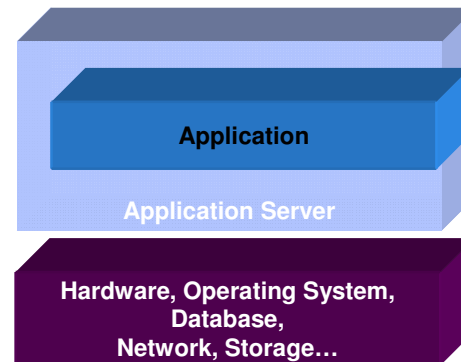
What is WebSphere Application Server?

- WebSphere Application Server is a platform on which you can run Java-based business applications

- It is an implementation of the Java 2 Enterprise Edition (J2EE) specification

- It provides services (database connectivity, threading, workload management, and so forth) that can be used by the business applications

What is J2EE?

- J2EE – Java 2 Enterprise Edition
  - ▸ A run-time platform used for developing, deploying, and managing multitier server-centric applications on an enterprise-wide scale

Application

Application Server

Hardware, Operating System, Database, Network, Storage…

- J2EE defines four types of components which must be supported by any J2EE product
  - ▸ Applets
    - Graphical Java components which typically execute within a browser
    - Can provide a powerful user interface for other J2EE components
  - ▸ Application client components
    - Java programs which execute on a client machine and access other J2EE components
  - ▸ Web components
    - Servlets and JavaServer Pages
    - These provide the controller and view functionality in J2EE
  - ▸ Enterprise JavaBeans
    - Distributed, transactional components for business logic and database access
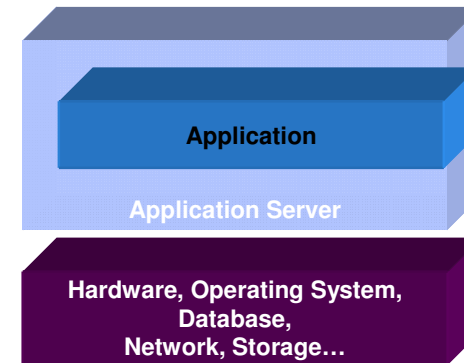
Web page content

- Content delivered to a client is composed from:
  - ▶ Static or non-customized content
  - ▶ Customized content
- Page layout and style are managed through HTML, XSL

Atomic Bank and Trust Inc.

Loan ID	00000040
Account	1234-50-1278
Amount	103.52
Principal	37.50
Interest	74.02

save   submit

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Dynamic Content
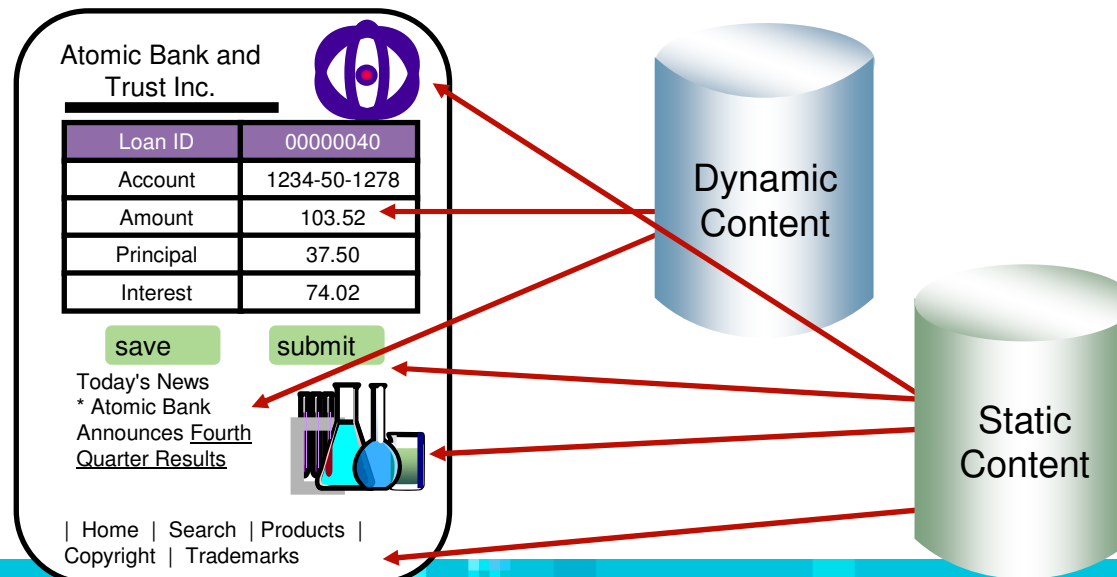
Static Content

Typical J2EE Web Application Model

- A request is sent to a servlet that generates dynamic content and calls a JSP page to send the content to the browser, as shown:

MVC Design Pattern

Browser

1
Request

Servlet
(Controller)

2

3

JavaBean
(Model)

5

JSP
(View)

Response

4

EIS

Web Container
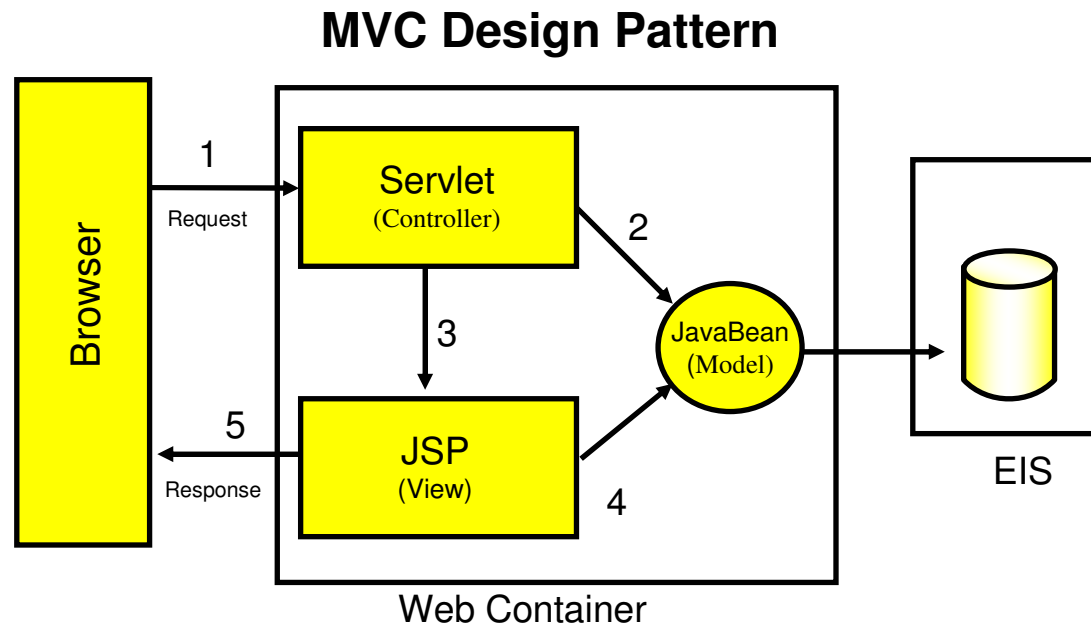
What Is a Servlet?

- A servlet is a standard, server-side component of a J2EE application which executes business logic on behalf of an HTTP request
  - ▸ Runs in the server tier (and not in the client)
  - ▸ A pure Java alternative to other technologies, such as CGI scripts
  - ▸ Managed by the Web container
- Servlets form the foundation for Web-based applications in J2EE
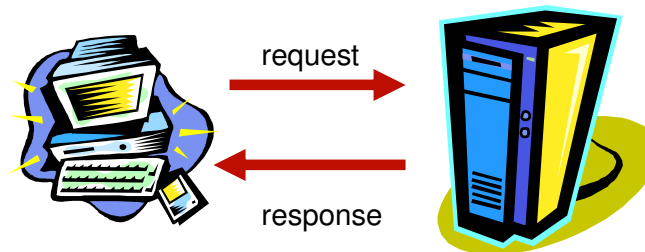
request

response

A Simple Java Servlet Example

```java
package com.ibm.example.servlet;
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet;
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse;
import javax.servlet.ServletException;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.PrintWriter;
public class VerySimpleServlet extends HttpServlet {
  public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request,
                    HttpServletResponse response)
                          throws ServletException, IOException {
        String browser = request.getHeader("User-Agent");
        response.setStatus(HttpServletResponse.SC_OK);  // default
        response.setContentType("text/html");           // default
        PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
        out.println("<HTML><HEAD><TITLE>Simple servlet");
        out.println("</TITLE></HEAD><BODY>");
        out.println ("Browser details: " + browser);
        out.println("</BODY></HTML>");
}
}
```

What is JSP (JavaServer Pages)?

- JavaServer Pages is a technology that lets you mix static HTML with dynamically generated HTML

- JSP technology allows server-side scripting

- A JSP file (has an extension of .jsp) contains any combination of:

  - JSP syntax

  - Markup tags such as HTML or XML

```
<HTML>
<HEAD><TITLE>Our WebSite Home</TITLE></HEAD>
<BODY background="image.jpg" text="#ffffff">
<TABLE>
<TR><TD>
<H1>Welcome to Our WebSite</H1>
</TD></TR><TR><TD>
<H3>Today's date is

<%= new java.util.Date() %>

</H3></TD>
<TD>see <A href="breaking.html">
breaking news</A>.
</TD></TR>
</TABLE>
</BODY>
</HTML>
```

A simple JSP example
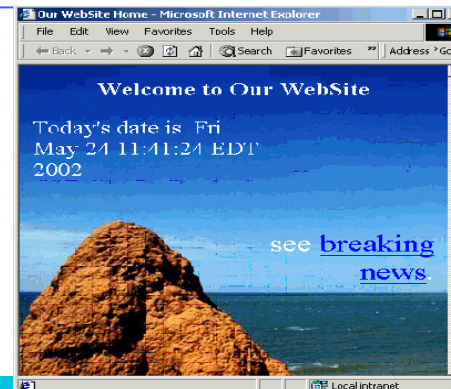
JSP or Servlet?

- Writing HTML code in a servlet is tedious and difficult to maintain

- Java code embedded in a JSP is difficult to reuse and maintain

- Use servlets to:

  - Determine what processing is needed to satisfy the request

  - Validate input

  - Work with business objects to access the data and perform the processing needed to satisfy the request

  - Control the flow through a Web application

- Use JSP pages to format and displaying the content generated by your servlets
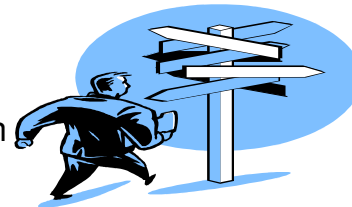
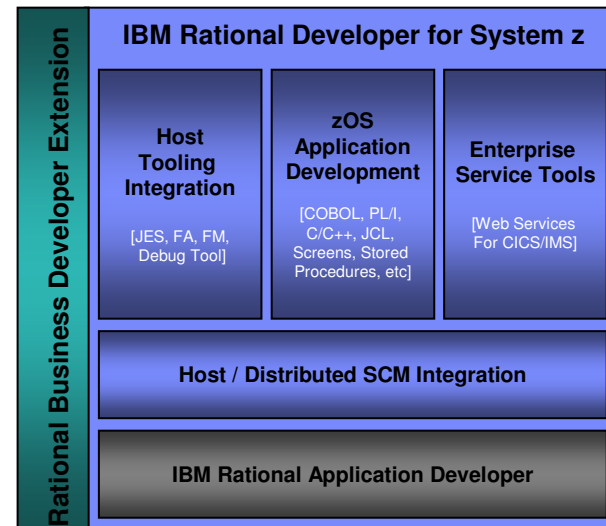# What is JavaServer Faces?

- JavaServer Faces (JSF) is a *framework* for developing Web-based applications.
  - ▶ A framework is a skeleton or foundation of an application
    - Provides code, resources, concepts and best practices upon which applications are constructed

- The main components of JavaServer Faces are:
  - ▶ An API and reference implementation for:
    - representing UI components and managing their state
    - handling events, server side validation, and data conversion
    - defining page navigation
    - supporting internationalization and accessibility
    - providing extensibility for all of these features
  - ▶ A JavaServer Pages (JSP) custom tag library for expressing UI components within a JSP page
  - ▶ **EGL**, IBM's enterprise generation or *business* language supports JSF

IBM Rational Business Application Developer Extension

Provides an integrated tools environment for the rapid development of scalable, robust, mission-critical applications and services using traditional enterprise skills and capable of running under a variety of environments and topologies.
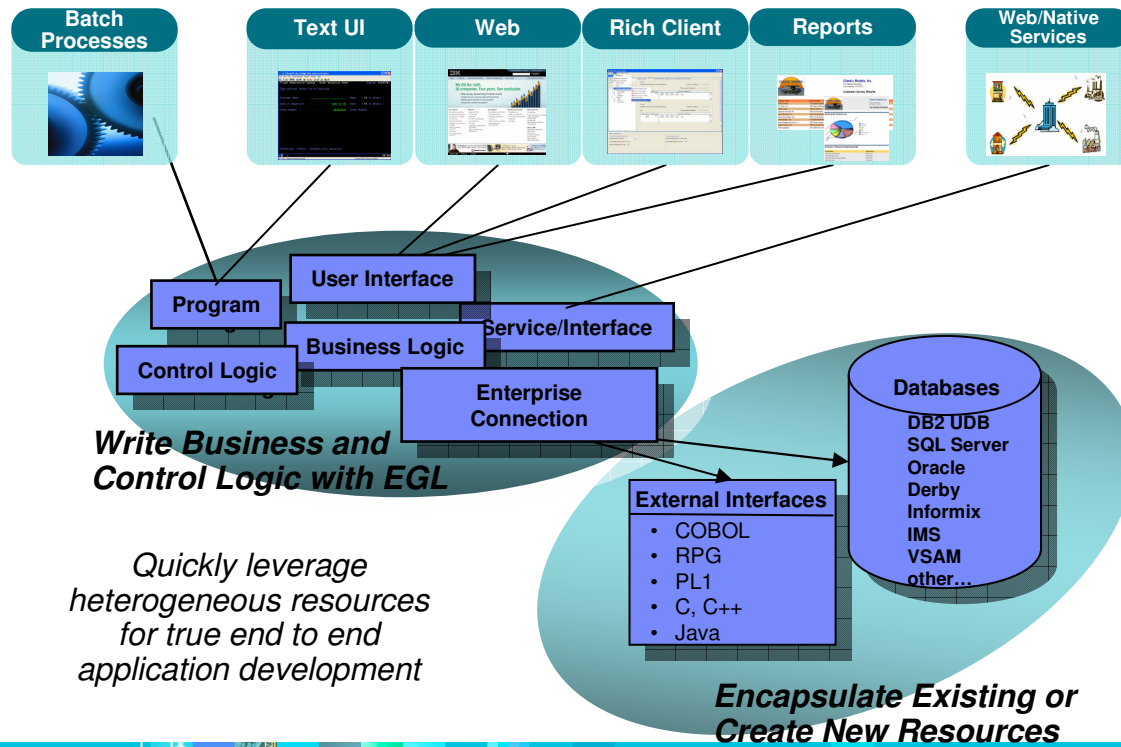
- Simplify and accelerate cross platform development

- Break skills silos with a unified more abstract development approach and create a pool of "business" developers to respond faster to business needs

- Easily integrate mainframe applications into service oriented architecture.

- Rapid development of new Services for all platforms including mainframe.

Rational Business Developer Extension

IBM Rational Developer for System z

Host Tooling Integration [JES, FA, FM, Debug Tool]	**zOS Application Development** [COBOL, PL/I, C/C++, JCL, Screens, Stored Procedures, etc]	**Enterprise Service Tools** [Web Services For CICS/IMS]

Host / Distributed SCM Integration

IBM Rational Application Developer

* Also available as a standalone product (IBM Rational Business Developer)

IBM Rational Business Developer Extension

Batch Processes	Text UI	Web	Rich Client	Reports	Web/Native Services

User Interface

Program

Service/Interface

Business Logic

Control Logic

Enterprise Connection

Write Business and Control Logic with EGL

Quickly leverage heterogeneous resources for true end to end application development

External Interfaces
- COBOL
- RPG
- PL1
- C, C++
- Java

Databases
DB2 UDB
SQL Server
Oracle
Derby
Informix
IMS
VSAM
other...

Encapsulate Existing or Create New Resources

Simplify and Accelerate cross-platform development
Build once, deploy anywhere

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Business Developer Extension

System z
- **WebSphere**
- **USS**
- **Linux**
- **Batch**
- **CICS**

Java

COBOL

Java   **COBOL**

System i
- **WebSphere**
- **Native i5OS**
- **Native i5OS**

Java

Windows,
Linux, Unix
- **WebSphere**
- **Tomcat**
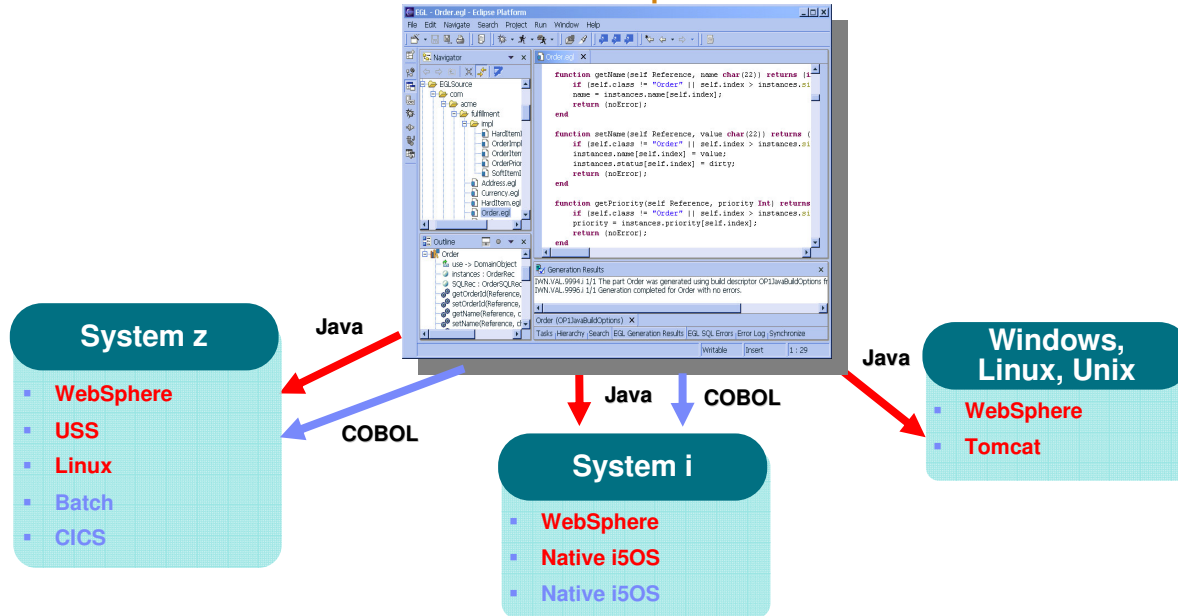
Platform Flexibility with IBM Rational Business Developer Extension

The power of abstractions

- External application access
  - ▸ External Type to access Java classes
    - ▪ Can define constructors, fields, methods (functions), and throw exceptions
    - ▪ NEW operator to create instances
  - ▸ Intuitive interface
  - ▸ Simple function call with the ability to pass and receive parameters

- 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

```
📄 *sampleProgram.egl ✕

    function allLoans()
        loans LoanRec[];
        get loans;
    end
```

```
///////////////////////////////////////////////
//// ExternalType : UIComponent                        Java Package Name
///////////////////////////////////////////////
                                Java class name
ExternalType UIComponent type JavaObject
    (JavaName = "UIComponent", PackageName = "javax.faces.component")
    Function findComponent(expr String in) returns (UIComponent) ;
    Function getChildCount() returns (int) ;
    Function getClientId(context FacesContext) returns (String) ;
    Function getFamily() returns (String) ;
    Function getId() returns (String) ;
    Function getParent() returns (UIComponent) ;
    Function isRendered() returns (boolean) ;
    Function setId(id String in)  ;
    Function setParent(parent UIComponent)  ;
    Function setRendered(rendered boolean in)  ;
    Function getChildren()  returns (UIComponent[]);
End
```

```
📄 *sampleProgram.egl ✕

    function callHelloWorldOniSerie
        salutation char(30);
        call helloworld salutation;
    end
```

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

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.
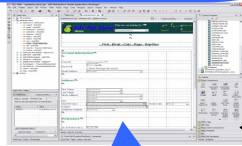
Reuse Record and DataItems definitions across multiple pages for consistency:

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

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

    customerId CustomerId;
    firstName FirstName;
    lastName LastName;
    ...
    state State;
```

```
// 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
```

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

EGL – simple programming model

- **Page Handlers**
  - Contain functions and data related to a .jsp
  - Should be mostly "Controller Logic"

```
PageHandler customerInfoPage {
        view = "customerInfoPage.jsp",
        title = "Customer Information",
        onPageLoadFunction = "onPageLoad"}

function onPageLoad()
        loans LoanRec[];
        get loans;
end
…
end
```

- **Report Handler**
  - Call-out to EGL "ReportHandler"
  - Open Source Reporting Framework

EmplReport.jasper

```
ReportHandler customerList

function afterPageInit()
...
end

end
```

Controller Logic/User Interaction

Business Logic

- **Programs**
  - Used for single point of entry situations
  - TUI program, Batch program, GUI program

```
Program MyProgram

function myFunction()
        salutation char(30);
        call helloworld salutation;
end
```

- **Services**
  - "Business Logic" for web apps
  - Multiple entry points
  - Invoke by function

CustomerService

```
Service Customer

Function getAllCustomers()
end
...

end
```

Java Server Faces Integration

- **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…**
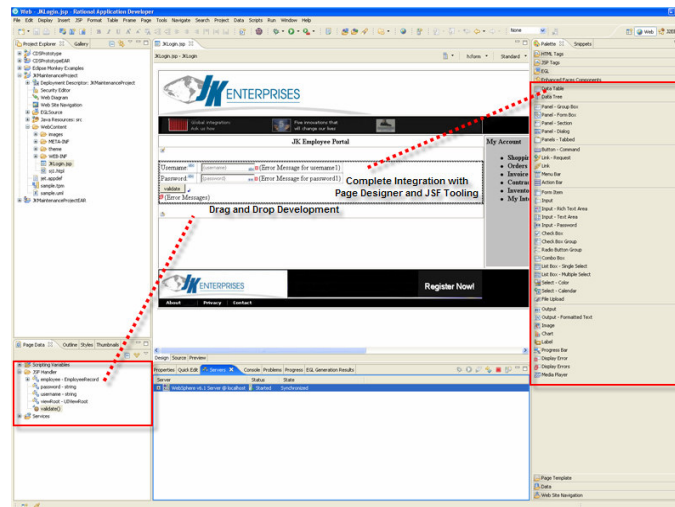
JSP's / JSF / EGL and COBOL

- JSP's are synonymous with EXEC CICS Send Map and Receive Map processing

  - ▸ If a CICS program only processed screens – to request business processing – or work – it would need to either Link, XCTL or Calls in COBOL.

  - ▸ JSP is a similiar concept.

- Java Server Faces provides a framework to build UI oriented forms linked with processes such as Web Services.

  - ▸ Performs similar function as existing CICS programs which perform send/receive processing and input validation.

- Java server faces consist of Java Server pages – which handle the build and catching of forms and user information – and page handlers which validate information and provide control calls into back end services.

EGL Web – C.I.C.S. Programming Similarities

```
package pagehandlers;
import data.*;


PageHandler ordersbycustomer {view="ordersbycustomer.jsp", onPageLoad=onPageLoad}

//Page data – equivalent to I/O area for screen values
    customer Customer;
    dt   char(33);
    orders order[];
    sel int[] {selectFromList=Orders};  //Integer array – bind to Row Selection
    OrderRec Order; //Single Order record – for update of checked rows

    //vars for combo-box
    comboBoxSel char(12) {selectFromList=valueListArray,selectType=value}; //Display
    valueListArray   char(12)[];      //Temp holding array for state values
    j int ;               //Loop ctr – max number of rows in Customers dynamic array
    i int ;
    s int;

    Function onPageLoad(cid  int) //Receives control upon entry
    dt=sysvar.currentFormattedDate;
    customer.CUSTOMER_ID=cid;
    CustomerLib.getCustomer(Customer); //Load customer data from the database
    s = sqlcode;
    OrderLib.ordersByCustomer(cid, Orders); //Load order data from the database

    end

    Function updateOrders() //Receives control upon button-clicked event
        arrayMax int;   //sel (array) is created to the size of # of checked rows
        arrayMax = size(sel);   //Get this size (= # of checked rows)
        i int;  //Array loop ctr
        i = 1;  //Initialize loop ctr
        j int;  //Declare temp variable to hold indexed value in sel
        while (i <= arrayMax)   //Loop through all checked rows in Sel array
            j = sel[i];     //assign each sel[i] value to temp var.
            move  Orders[j] to OrderRec byname; //Move the fields
            orderrec.ORDER_STATUS = comboBoxSel;
            OrderLib.updateOrder(OrderRec); //Update the DB
            i = i+ 1;         //Don't forget to increment the array loop ctr
        end
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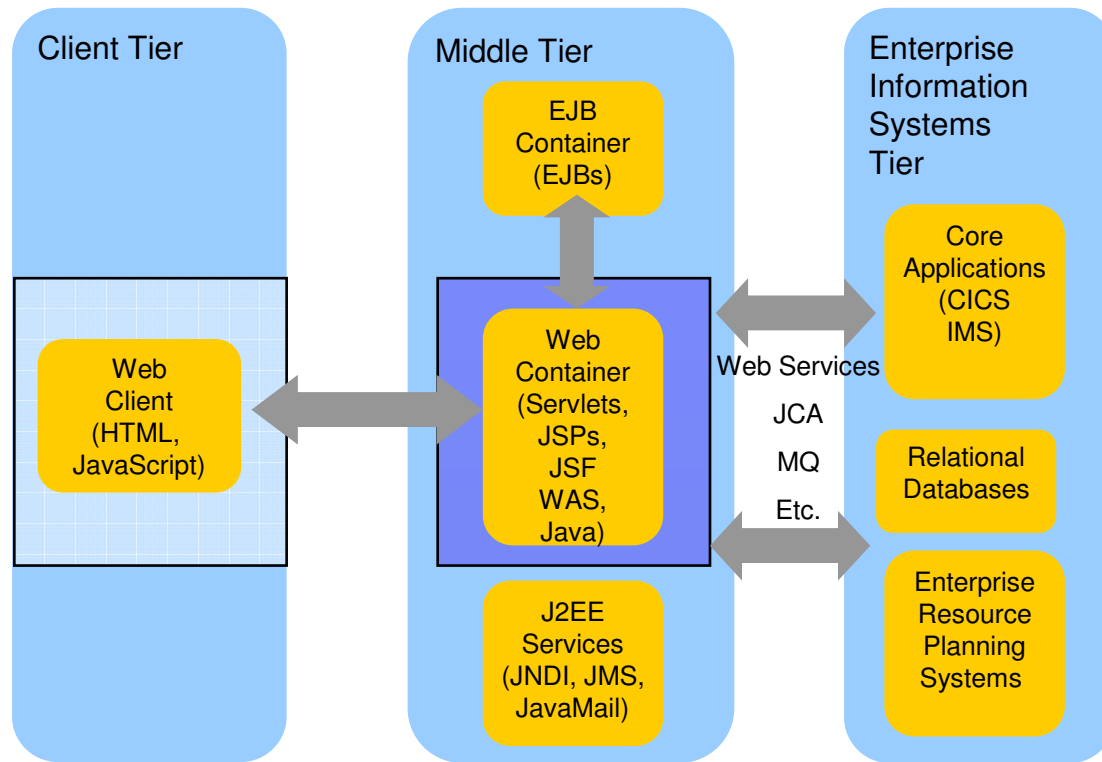
Page Data
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BMS Map Fields

Load values from the database

"Send map"

"Receive map"

Process user-input values

Update Database

The Client

Client Tier

Web Client (HTML, JavaScript)

Middle Tier

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Web Container (Servlets, JSPs, JSF WAS, Java)

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Web Services

JCA

MQ

Etc.

Enterprise Information Systems Tier

Core Applications (CICS IMS)

Relational Databases

Enterprise Resource Planning Systems

HTML

- HTML performs similar processing as BMS or MFS maps. It defines the screens and fields, colors, and interactions, although the technologies and implementations of course are different.

- Hypertext Markup Language consists of:
  - **Hypertext.** The way of creating web documents – and of linking multiple documents together. HTML offers support for both document as well as multimedia links.
  - Tags or controls: Pieces of code that are used to create links. All browsers let you know when you've selected an active area of the screen.
    - For example <head> marks where a heading starts and </head> marks where it ends.
    - Popular tags include:
      - Text Tags – Logical structure for content
      - Link Tags – to links such as hyperlinks, image links
      - Style sheet tags – how content is rendered
      - and many more….

- See the green screenshot – displayed inside of the RDz BMS Map Editor, together with with the BMS Macros that are input to generate the code – that upon execution causes the "green screen" to be displayed.
  - RDz provides similar support for HTML screens
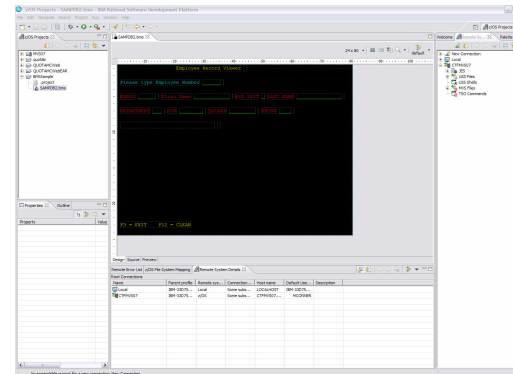
BMS and HTML

BMS

Name and overall format of map - Includes items such as input/output, whether keyboard should be enabled, types of terminal, colors, size etc. are defined.

```
SAMPDB2  DFHMSD
        TYPE=&SYSPARM,MODE=INOUT,LANG=COBOL,STORAGE=AUTO,   *
            CTRL=FREEKB,EXTATT=YES,TERM=3270-2,TIOAPFX=YES,   *
            MAPATTS=(COLOR,HILIGHT,OUTLINE,PS,SOSI),          *
            DSATTS=(COLOR,HILIGHT,OUTLINE,PS,SOSI)
MAP1    DFHMDI SIZE=(24,80),                                 *
            COLUMN=1,                                        *
            LINE=1
```

Headings and text fields. Defined with DFHMDF macro. You see position, length, initial value, and field attribute below.

```
     DFHMDF POS=(3,1),LENGTH=27,                             *
         INITIAL='Please type Employee Number',              *
         ATTRB=(PROT,NORM)
```

Input Fields. Defined with DFHMDF macro. You see a name (which ultimately defines storage size (and Cobol copybook field definition), and a difference with the field defined as unprotected – information can be entered.

```
EMPONUMINPUT DFHMDF POS=(3,29),LENGTH=6,                     *
            ATTRB=(UNPROT,NORM),HILIGHT=UNDERLINE
```

HTML

Headings – Overall definition, including whether Java Server faces tags will be used, a heading, and stylesheet definition.

```
<HEAD>
<%@ taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core" prefix="f"%>
<%@ page language="java" contentType="text/html; charset=CP1252"
        pageEncoding="CP1252"%>
<META http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=CP1252">
<META name="GENERATOR" content="IBM Software Development Platform">
<META http-equiv="Content-Style-Type" content="text/css">
<LINK href="theme/Master.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
<TITLE>MAP1</TITLE>
```

Text headings including location definition, colors, attributes, etc.
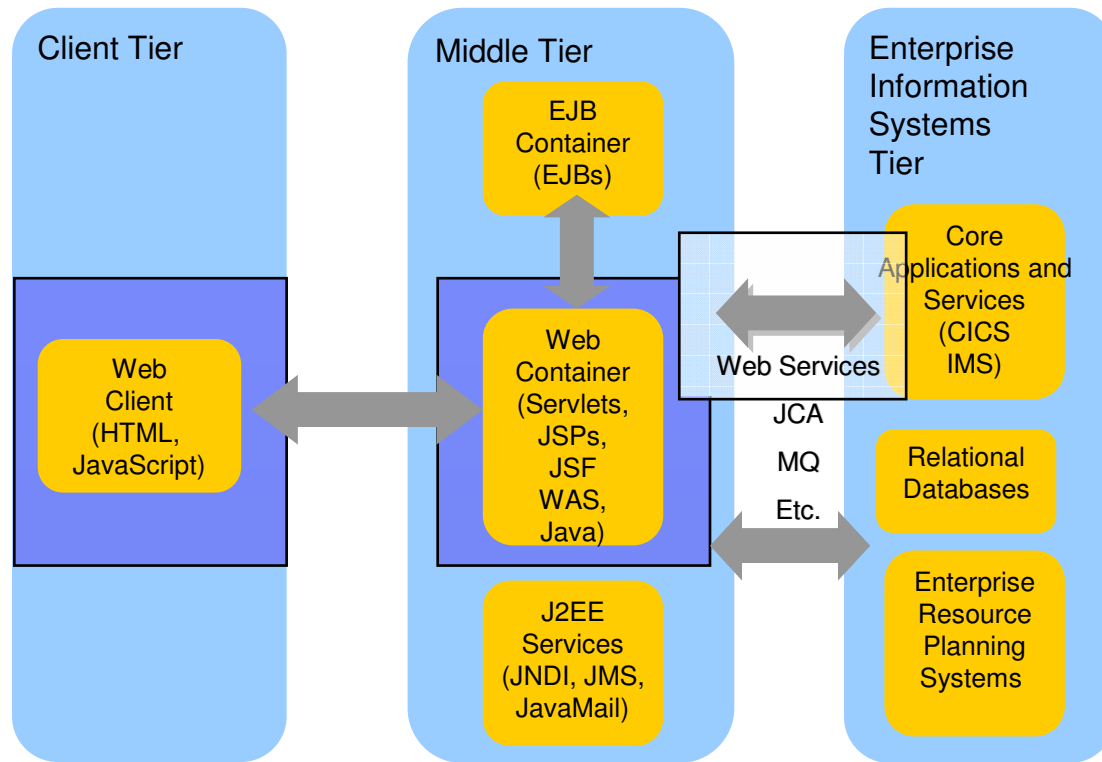
```
f:view> <BODY>
<hx:scriptCollector id="scriptCollector1"><h:form styleClass="form" dir="ltr"
        id="form1"><table><tr><td colspan="20"> </td>
<td colspan="22" nowrap><font color="#ffff00">Employee Record Viewer</font></td>
<td> </td>
<td nowrap><font color="#0000ff"></font></td>
<td colspan="36"> </td>
<tr><td colspan="80"> </td>
<tr><td> </td>
<td colspan="27" nowrap><font color="#00ffff">Please type Employee Number</font></td>
```

Input fields

```
<td> </td>
<td colspan="6" nowrap><h:inputText value="#{pc_MAP1Page.map1Bean.emponuminput}"
        required="false" style="color: #00ff00" size="6" id="emponuminput"></h:inputText></td>
<td> </td>
<td colspan="44"> </td>
<tr><td colspan="80"> </td>
<tr><td> </td>
```
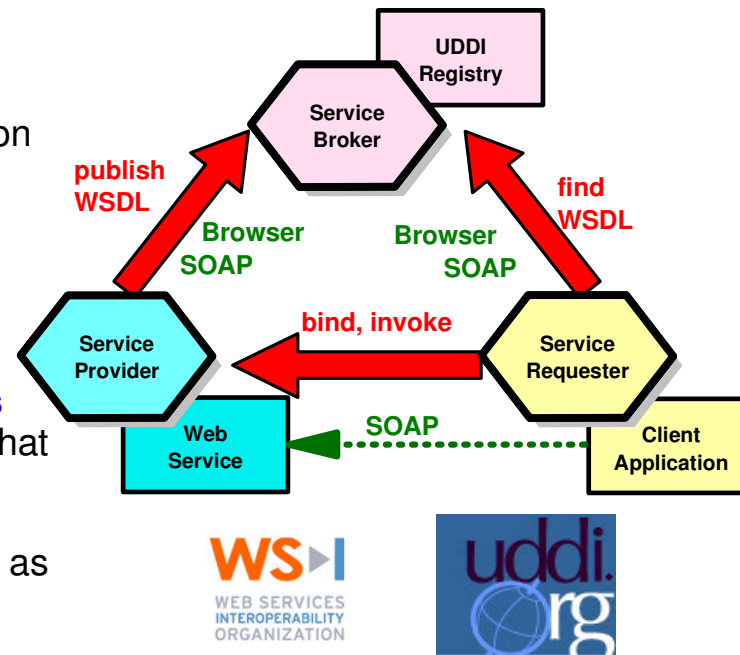
Connectivity

Client Tier

Web
Client
(HTML,
JavaScript)

Middle Tier

EJB
Container
(EJBs)

Web
Container
(Servlets,
JSPs,
JSF
WAS,
Java)

J2EE
Services
(JNDI, JMS,
JavaMail)

Web Services

JCA

MQ

Etc.

**Enterprise
Information
Systems
Tier**

Core
Applications and
Services
(CICS
IMS)

Relational
Databases

Enterprise
Resource
Planning
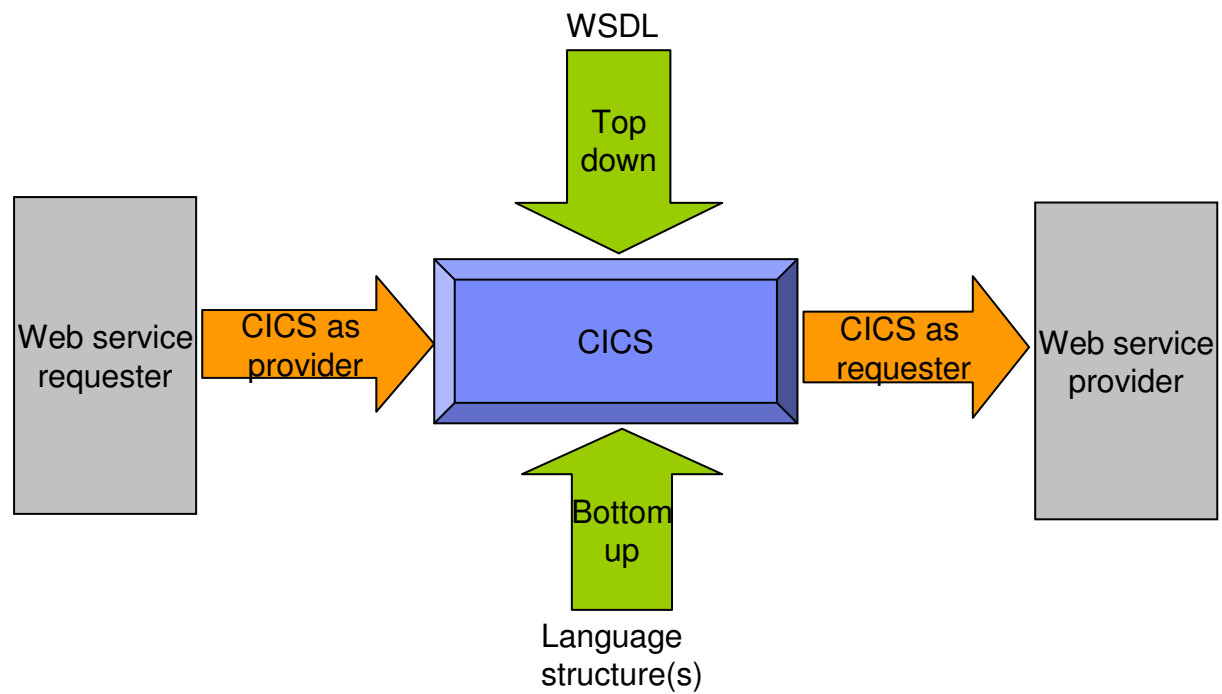Systems

Web Services

- Architecture for
  - ▸ Application to application
    - Communication
    - Interoperation
- Definition:
  - ▸ Web Services are **software components described via WSDL** that are capable of being accessed via **standard** network protocols such as SOAP over HTTP
- WS-I.org (Web Services Interoperablity Organization)
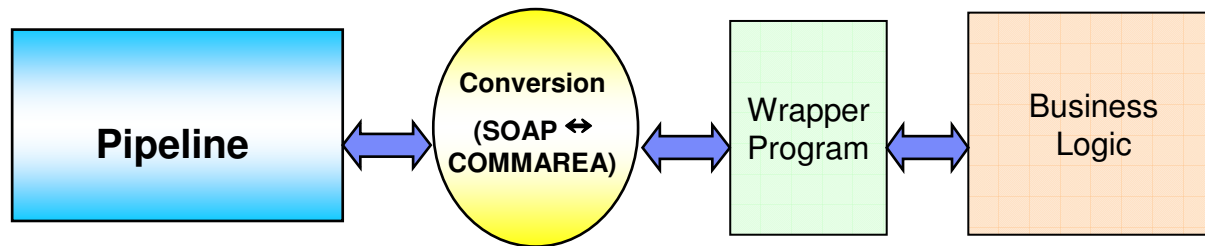 - ▸ Ensure interoperability

The entire industry is agreeing on one set of standards !!

Web Services Enablement Styles

WSDL

Top
down

Web service
requester

CICS as
provider

CICS

CICS as
requester

Web service
provider

Bottom
up

Language
structure(s)

Where a wrapper program fits in

```
┌─────────────────┐      ╱‾‾‾‾‾‾‾‾‾╲       ┌──────────────┐     ┌──────────────┐
│                 │     │ Conversion │      │              │     │              │
│                 │ ◄──►│            │ ◄──► │   Wrapper    │ ◄──►│   Business   │
│   Pipeline      │     │  (SOAP ↔   │      │   Program    │     │    Logic     │
│                 │     │ COMMAREA)  │      │              │     │              │
│                 │      ╲_____╱       │              │     │              │
└─────────────────┘                        └──────────────┘     └──────────────┘
```

XML Terminology

- SOAP and WSDL are based on XML
- A tag / attribute based syntax
- Format of XML file described in
  - ▶ **DTD** – Document Type Definition
  - ▶ **XSD** – XML Schema Definition
- XML files are
  - ▶ Well-formed (syntax is ok – matching tabs, etc.)
  - ▶ Valid (obeys rules in DTD or XSD) (CICS can validate)
- Namespaces
  - ▶ Avoids name collisions
  - ▶ A set of names (XML tags) that apply to a certain space in a document
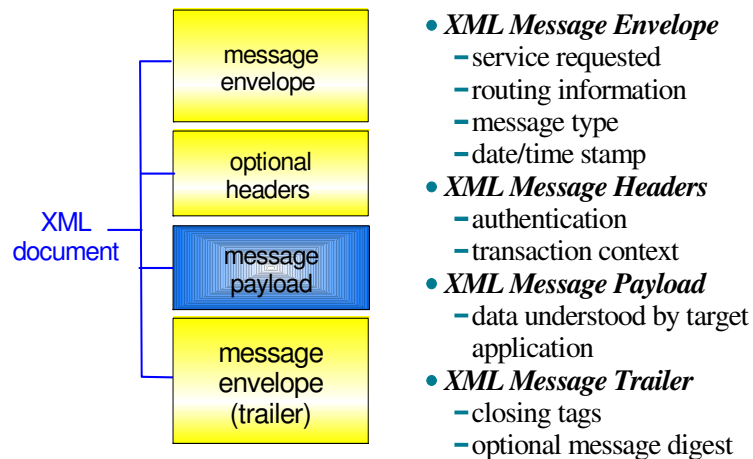
XML – Basic Parts

```
<?xml version="1.0" standalone="no" encoding="UTF-8" ?>      ← XML Declaration
<!DOCTYPE shirt SYSTEM "http://shirts.com/xml/dtds/shirt.dtd"> ← Document
<shirt>                                        ← root element      type
    <model>CICS Tee</model>          ← child of root              declaration
    <brand>Tommy Hilltop</brand>          ← end tag
                                          ── start tag
    <price currency="USD">10.95</price>          ← attribute
    <fabric content="70%">cotton</fabric>        ← attribute
    <fabric content="30%">polyester</fabric>
    <on_sale/>                                     ← empty element
    <options>
        <colorOptions>
            <color>red</color>
            <color>white</color>
        </colorOptions>
        <sizeOptions>
            <!-- Medium and large are out of stock -->  ← comment
            <size>small</size>
            <size>x-large</size>
        </sizeOptions>
    </options>
    <order_info>Call &phone;</order_info>
                                              ← entity reference
</shirt>
```
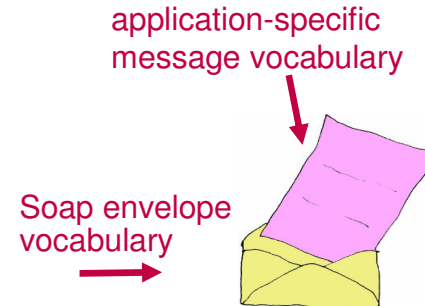
Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP)

- **An XML-based protocol for exchanging of information in a decentralized, distributed environment**
- **An open standard whose main goal is to facilitate interoperability**
- **A protocol which is not tied to any operating system, transport protocol, programming language, or component technology**

XML document

- message envelope
- optional headers
- message payload
- message envelope (trailer)

- **XML Message Envelope**
  - service requested
  - routing information
  - message type
  - date/time stamp
- **XML Message Headers**
  - authentication
  - transaction context
- **XML Message Payload**
  - data understood by target application
- **XML Message Trailer**
  - closing tags
  - optional message digest

application-specific message vocabulary

Soap envelope vocabulary

SOAP spec defines how to do this!

SOAP: Request Message

```
<SOAP-ENV:Envelope
      xmlns:SOAP-ENV=
    "http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-envelope"
      SOAP-ENV:encodingStyle=
    "http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-encoding">


  <SOAP-ENV:Body>
        <m:GetLastTradePrice xmlns:m="Some-URI">
            <symbol>IBM</symbol>      app-specific
        </m:GetLastTradePrice>        message
  </SOAP-ENV:Body>

</SOAP-ENV:Envelope>

                                     SOAP envelope
```
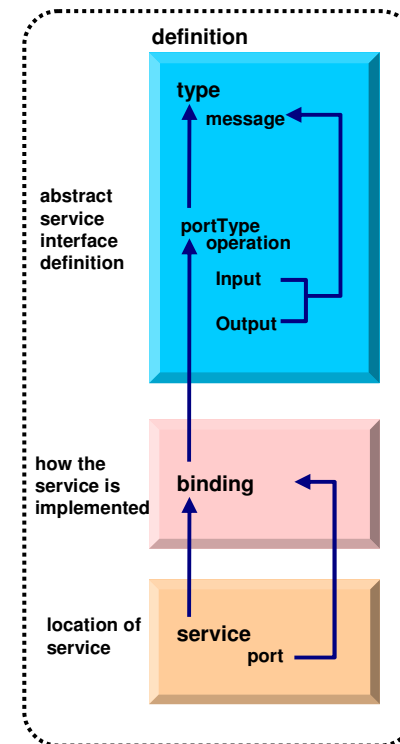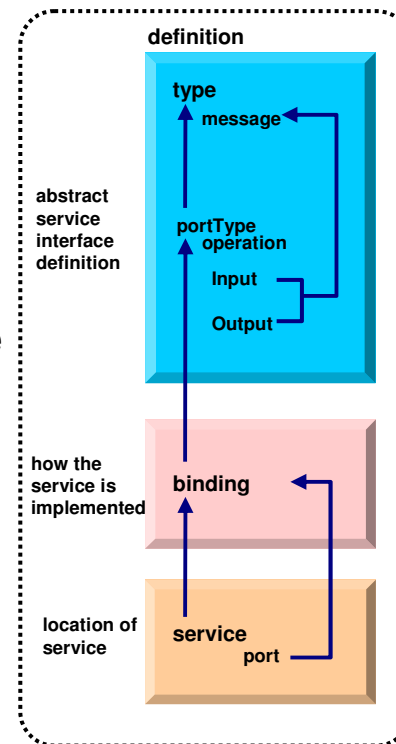
SOAP: Response Message

Result returned in Body

```
<SOAP-ENV:Envelope
     xmlns:SOAP-ENV=
   "http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-envelope"
    SOAP-ENV:encodingStyle=
   "http://www.w3.org/2001/06/soap-encoding">

  <SOAP-ENV:Body>
     <m:GetLastTradePriceResponse
        xmlns:m="Some-URI">
        <Price>134</Price>          app-specific
     </m:GetLastTradePriceResponse> message
  </SOAP-ENV:Body>
</SOAP-ENV:Envelope>
```

WSDL - Web Service Description Language

- **Open Standard**
- **XML resume describing what a Web Service can do, where it resides, and how to invoke it**
- **Machine readable, generated, used by IDEs**
- **Similar in purpose to IDL, but in XML form**
- **Can be One or multiple documents**
- **Major sections are:**
  - ▶ Service Interface (operations, input, output)
  - ▶ Service binding (protocol binding)
  - ▶ Service implementation (location of service)

definition

type

message

abstract
service
interface
definition

portType
operation

Input

Output

how the
service is
implemented

binding

location of
service

service
port

WSDL: Logical Contents

- Service Interface
  - ▶ Operation (business functions)
    - Input Message (0 or 1) and Output Message (0 or 1)
      - 1 or more parts
      - Parts may be simple or complex
      - Complex parts may have multiple elements
- Service binding
  - ▶ Definition of the physical service interface implementation
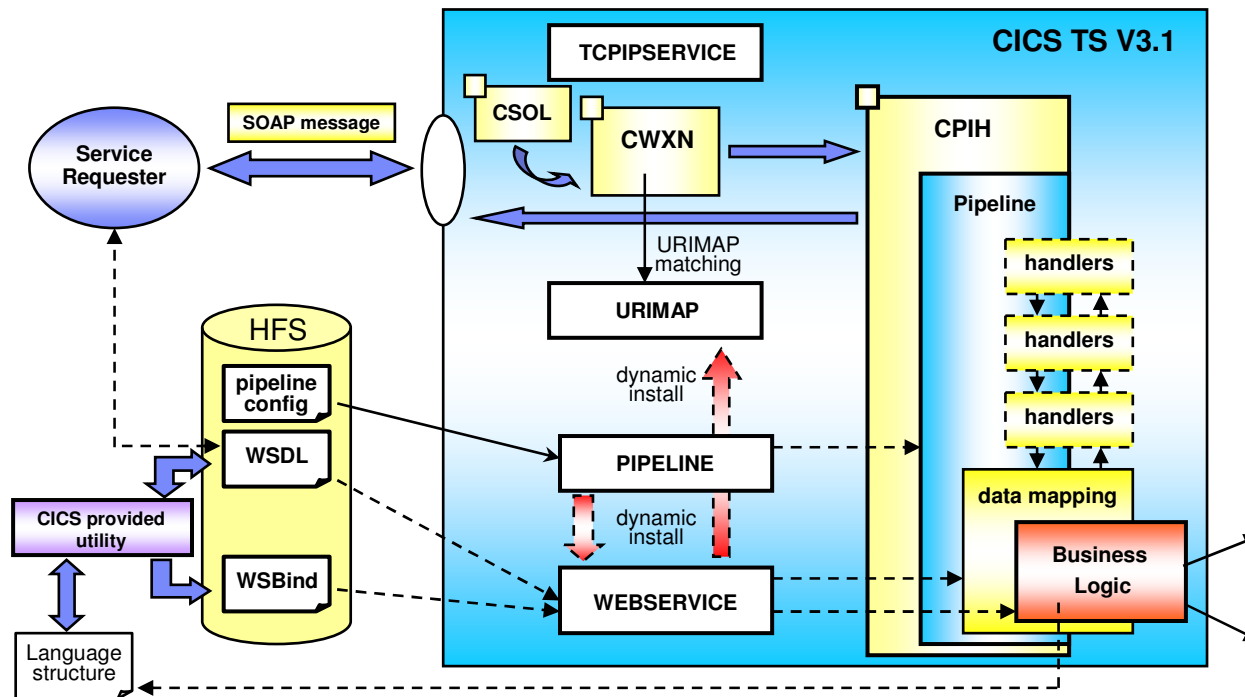- Service Implementation
  - ▶ Location of the service

definition

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service is
implemented

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WSDL: Physical Contents

- Definitions – highest level tag
  - ▶ **types** – definition of complex parts
  - ▶ **message** – a grouping of 1 or more parts
    - **parts** – simple or complex (complex points to a type)
  - ▶ **portType** – a grouping of operations
    - **operation** – correspond to business functions
      - **input** – points to input message
      - **output** – points to output message
      - **fault** – can be returned when stuff goes wrong
  - ▶ **binding** – physical associations to operations
    - **operation** – implementation of a portType operation
  - ▶ **service** – grouping of ports
    - **port** – location of associated binding
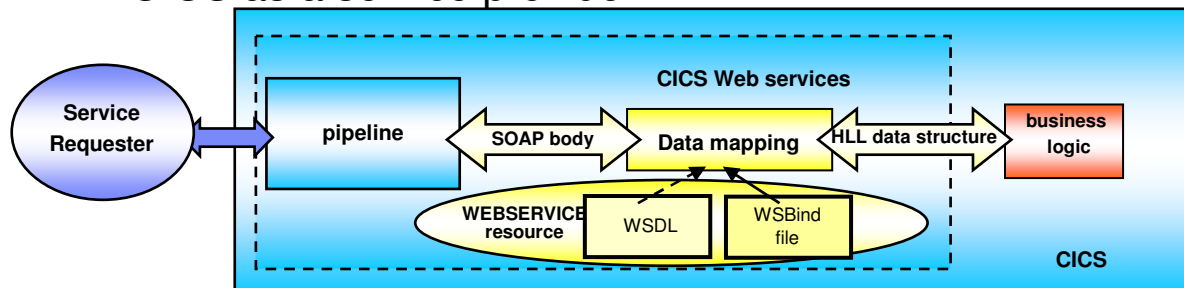
CICS as a service provider

CICS TS V3.1

TCPIPSERVICE

Service Requester ⟷ SOAP message

CSOL

CWXN → CPIH

Pipeline

URIMAP matching

URIMAP

handlers
handlers
handlers

HFS

pipeline config

WSDL

CICS provided utility

WSBind

dynamic install

PIPELINE

dynamic install

data mapping

Business Logic

WEBSERVICE

Language structure

Defining the CICS Web Services Resources

- Define a TCPIPSERVICE (or WMQ) and a PIPELINE

- Then install the PIPELINE definition and issue CEMT PERFORM PIPELINE SCAN

- CICS uses the PIPELINE definition to

  ▶ Locate the WSBind file

  ▶ From the WSBind file, CICS will dynamically create a WEBSERVICE resource

  ▶ CICS will also dynamically create a URIMAP definition
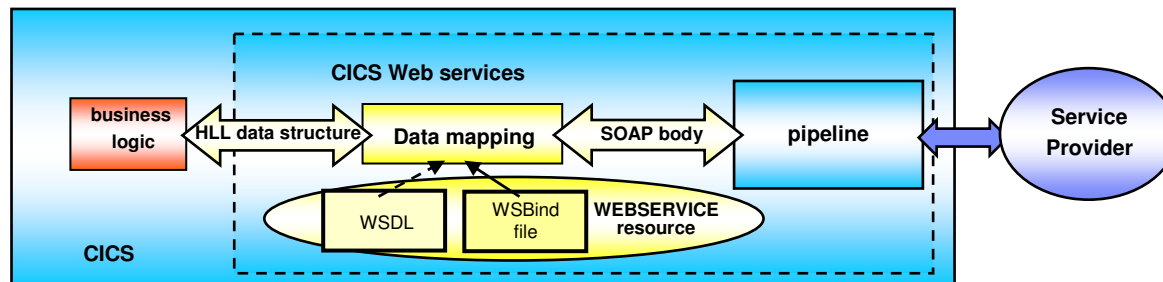
- Can define everything individually if preferred
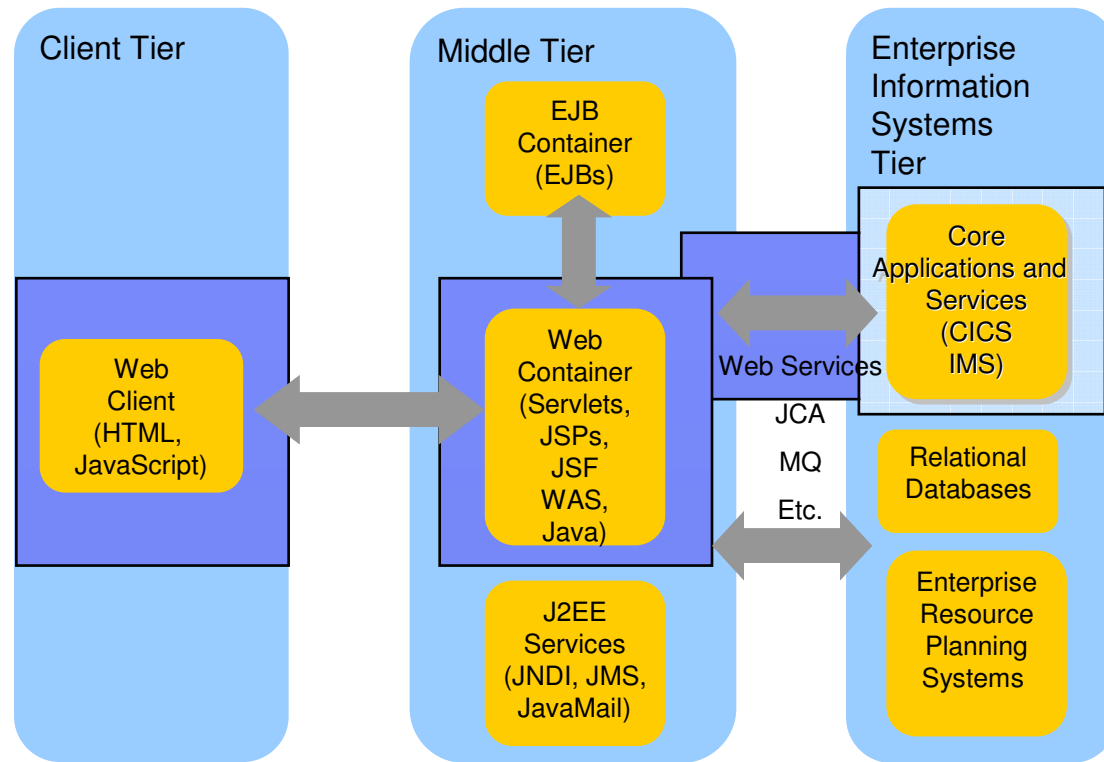
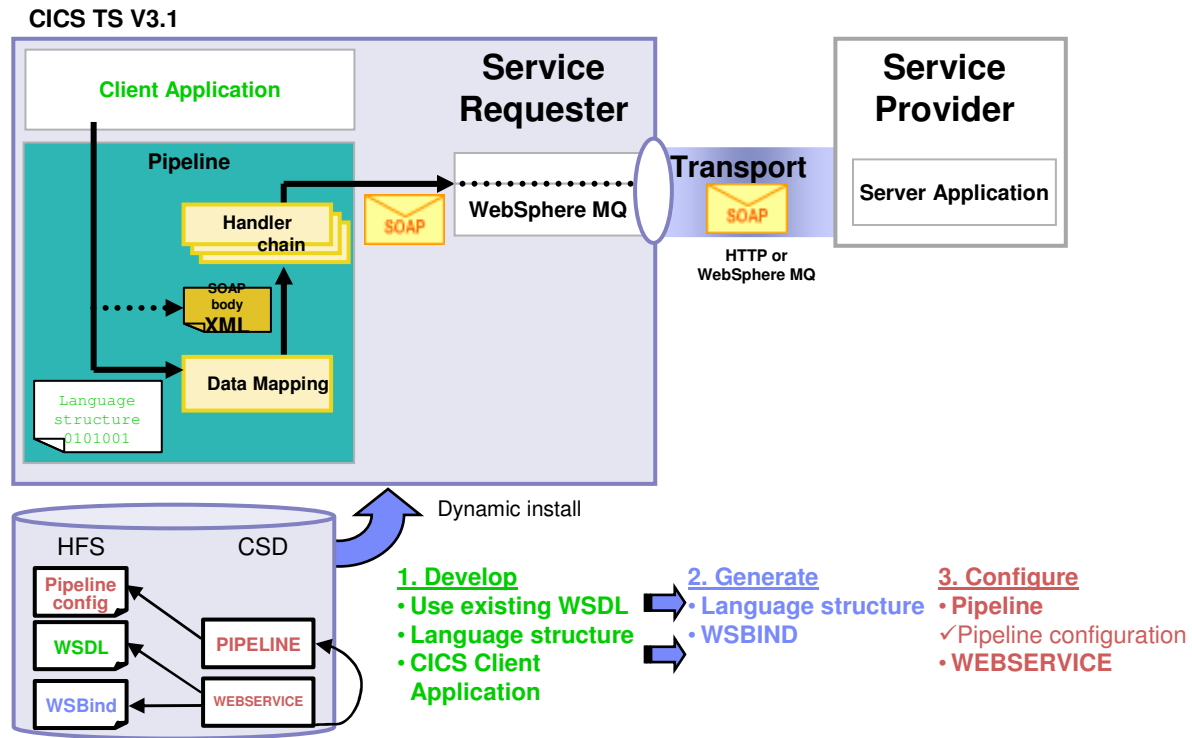# CICS usage of the WSBind file

- **CICS as a service provider**

CICS Web services

Service Requester → pipeline ⟷ SOAP body ⟷ **Data mapping** ⟷ HLL data structure ⟷ business logic

WEBSERVICE resource — WSDL — WSBind file

CICS

- **CICS as a service requester**

CICS Web services

business logic ⟷ HLL data structure ⟷ **Data mapping** ⟷ SOAP body ⟷ pipeline ⟷ Service Provider

WSDL — WSBind file — **WEBSERVICE resource**

CICS

The Business Tier

Client Tier

Web Client (HTML, JavaScript)

Middle Tier

EJB Container (EJBs)

Web Container (Servlets, JSPs, JSF WAS, Java)

J2EE Services (JNDI, JMS, JavaMail)

Web Services

JCA

MQ

Etc.

Enterprise Information Systems Tier

Core Applications and Services (CICS IMS)

Relational Databases

Enterprise Resource Planning Systems

CICS as a Web service requester

CICS TS V3.1

Service Requester

Client Application

Pipeline

Handler chain

SOAP

WebSphere MQ

SOAP
body
XML

Data Mapping

Language
structure
0101001

Transport

SOAP

HTTP or
WebSphere MQ

Service Provider

Server Application

Dynamic install

HFS   CSD

Pipeline
config

WSDL

WSBind

PIPELINE

WEBSERVICE

1. Develop
• Use existing WSDL
• Language structure
• CICS Client
  Application

2. Generate
• Language structure
• WSBIND

3. Configure
• Pipeline
✓Pipeline configuration
• WEBSERVICE

CICS API's

- Invoking a Web Service from a CICS application program
  - ▸ CICS as a service requester
    - EXEC CICS INVOKE WEBSERVICE ( ) CHANNEL ( ) URI ( ) OPERATION ( )
      - ▸ WEBSERVICE: name of the Web Service to be invoked
      - ▸ CHANNEL: name of the channel containing data to be passed to the Web Service (DFHWS-DATA container)
      - ▸ URI: Universal Resource Identifier of the Web Service (optional)
      - ▸ OPERATION: name of the operation to be invoked

Data Exchange between CICS programs with Containers and Channels

- **Offers a more flexible and intuitive alternative to the COMMAREA**

- **Enables large amounts of data to be passed between CICS applications**
  - ▸ Not subject to 32KB restriction

- **Optimized and managed by CICS**

- **Requires minimal application changes required to use**

Existing application using a COMMAREA

Program A	Program B
EXEC CICS LINK PROGRAM('PROGRAMB') COMMAREA(structure)	EXEC CICS ADDRESS COMMAREA(structure-ptr)

Application using a container and channel

Program A	Program B
EXEC CICS PUT CONTAINER(structure name) CHANNEL(channel-name) FROM(structure) EXEC CICS LINK PROGRAM('PROGRAMB') CHANNEL(channel-name) EXEC CICS GET CONTAINER(structure-name) INTO(structure)	EXEC CICS GET CONTAINER(structure name) INTO(structure) EXEC CICS PUT CONTAINER(structure name) FROM(structure)

IBM Enterprise COBOL

CICS/IMS/Batch/DB2 COBOL

- XML Language based generation from COBOL data structure
  - ▶ XMLGenerate Verb
  - ▶ WebSphere EJB support
  - ▶ DB2 V8
- High speed XML Sax based parsing
- Object Oriented Support for Java COBOL Interoperability
- Unicode support
- CICS and DB2 integrated preprocessor
- Raise 16Mb COBOL data size limit
  - ▶ Picture clause replication:
    01 A PIC X(134217727).
  - ▶ OCCURS::
    05 V PIC X OCCURS 134217727 TIMES.

XML/
SOAP

XMLParse Document

```
XMLDoc-Handler
  Evaluate xml-action
    when 'START-OF-DOC'
      ...
    when 'END-OF-DOC'
      ...
    when 'START-OF-ELEMENT'
      ...
    when 'ATTRIBUTE-NAME'
      ...
    when 'ATTRIBUTE-CHAR'
      ...
    when 'END-ELEMENT'
    when 'START-OF-CDATA-Section'
    when 'CONTENT-CHARACTER'
    when 'PROCESSING-INSTRUCTION-TARGET'
    when 'PROCESSING-INSTRUCTION-DATA'
  ,
```

XMLGenerate Document

```
XML GENERATE XML-OUTPUT FROM SOURCE-REC
COUNT IN XML-CHAR-COUNT
ON EXCEPTION
DISPLAY 'XML generation error' XML-CODE
STOP RUN
NOT ON EXCEPTION
DISPLAY 'XML document was successfully generated.'
END-XML|
```

RDz XML Support

COBOL is an excellent business language

Why COBOL?

- Large portfolios

- Many developers

- High performance

- Self documenting

- Proven Maintainability

- Business oriented, eases technology burden

Summary

- MVC application model provides high levels of flexibility

- CICS provides leading edge support of Web Services

  ▸ Allows for re-use of existing business assets and new development of high QOS assets

- Developers need "complete" application skills

- CICS and WebSphere Application Server are strategic middleware products that together…

  ▸ Interoperate - Web services, JCA, Enterprise JavaBeans

  ▸ Exploit and complement z/OS qualities of service

  ▸ Have high qualities of service, low cost per transaction, excellent security.

Demo

Modern Application Architecture – Building and testing a JSF/COBOL process.

- Demo of RDz used to create a simple, understandable visual and business application process for deployment.

- The session shows how to build and deploy composite CICS and WebSphere applications using the IBM tooling and the Enterprise Compilers. Composite applications are applications which are assembled from independent component parts, using Web and Web Services standards.

BACKUP

Additional Documentation

- CICS TS 3.1 Release Guide, SC34-6421

- CICS TS 3.1 Migration Guide(s)

- CICS TS 3.1 URLs

  ▶ "Home Page"

    - http://www.ibm.com/software/htp/cics/tserver/v31/

  ▶ Library

    - http://www.ibm.com/software/htp/cics/library/cicstsforzos31.html

- Web Services Guide

  ▶ A new book in the CICS Infocenter for CICS TS V3.1

- Implementing CICS web services (redbook) SG24-7206

Resources (1 of 3)

- Web Services Architecture (@ W3C)
  - ▸ http://www.w3.org/TR/ws-arch/

- Web Services Zone (@ IBM developerWorks)
  - ▸ http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/webservices/

- Websphere V5 Web Services Handbook
  - ▸ Redbook: SG24-6891

- Web Services for the Enterprise: Providing a
  Web Services Interface To a CICS Application
  - ▸ Whitepaper: G325-1111-2

- CICS Info Center

- Application Development for CICS Web Services, SG24-7126-00

Resource (2 of 3)

- SOAP 1.1 Specification
  - ▶ http://www.w3.org/TR/SOAP/
- Apache SOAP4J: xml.apache.org
  - ▶ SOAP4J version 2.2, stable, ready for use
  - ▶ AXIS (First release available)
- W3 standardization: w3.org/2000/xp
  - ▶ SOAP 1.2 specification
  - ▶ XML Protocol working group requirements and charter
- SOAP - WebServices Resource Center
  - ▶ http://www.soap-wrc.com/webservices/default.asp
  - ▶ MANY resources - e.g., link to SOAP::Lite for Perl
- Xmethods lists publicly-accessible web services
  - ▶ http://www.xmethods.net

Resources (3 of 3)

- WSDL 1.1 Specification
  - ▶ http://w3.org/TR/wsdl
- WSDL4J
  - ▶ http://oss.software.ibm.com/developerworks/projects/wsdl4j
- WSDL Toolkit (part of WSTK)
  - ▶ http://ibm.com/alphaworks (look under xml on left)
- Rational Developer for System z
  - ▶ http://ibm.com/software/awdtools/devzseries
- WSDK (WebSphere SDK for Web Services):
  - ▶ http://ibm.com/developerworks/webservices/wsdk/
- Articles and tutorials:
  - ▶ http://ibm.com/developerworks/webservices
- COBOL wiki

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