

Guided Tour of WDS and WDSc For RPG and COBOL programmers



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New Packaging

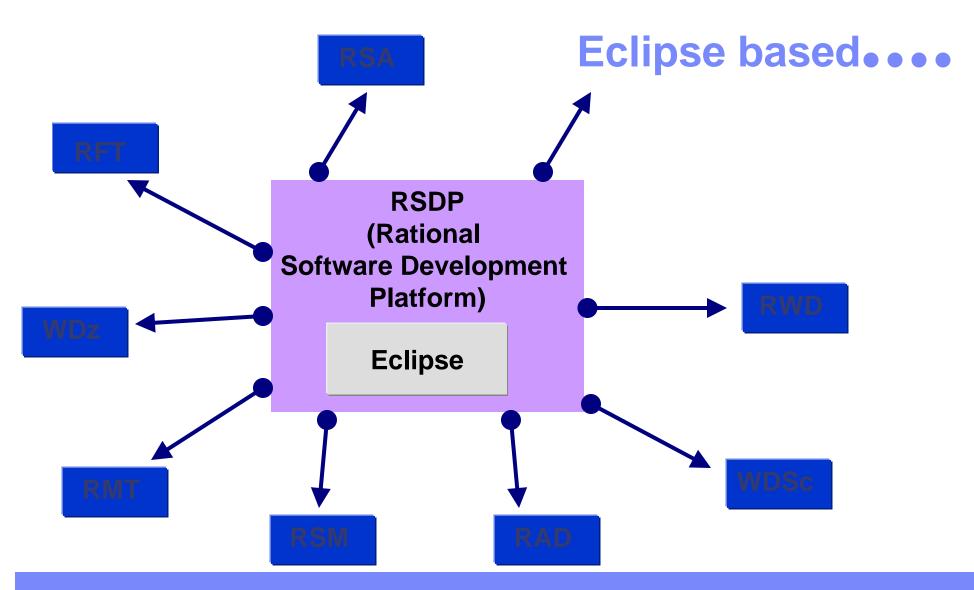
New Technology

New Tools

New User Interface



Rational Family Tools ... Componentization



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Eclipse – Java Toolset

- Now based on Eclipse V3
- A base Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
 - Comes with built-in rich Java tools
 - Extensible via plug-ins
- Used as basis of products
 - Product = Eclipse + plug-ins
- Open source
 - Contributed by IBM, managed by consortium
- Popular!
 - Millions of user downloads
 - 45 products offerings powered by Eclipse
 - Over 115 companies in consortium
 - Over 175 companies writing plug-ins









Instantiations













































Automating Change to Enterprise Code and Content

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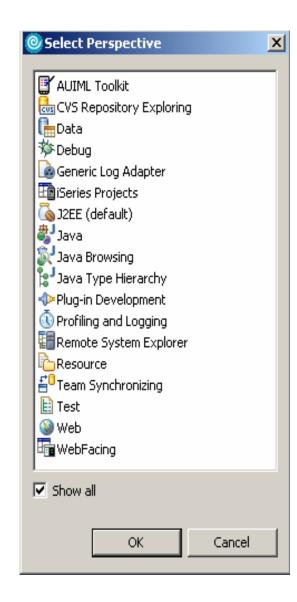






New term "Perspectives" in Eclipse

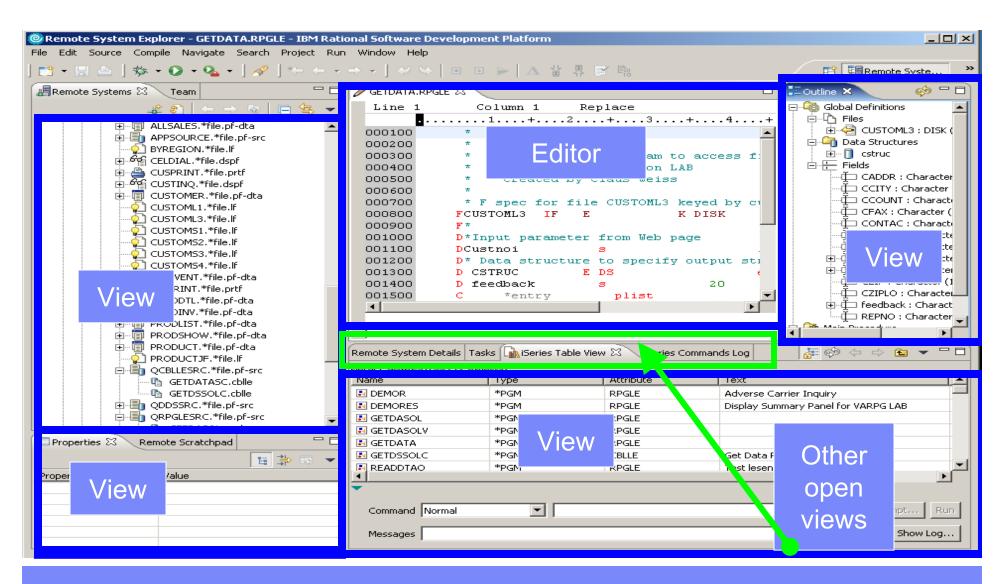
- Users work with perspectives
 - -Collection of views and editors
 - Tools for a particular task
 - Allows for role-based development
 - -Many perspectives are pre-supplied for specific tasks like Java, Web, XML, RPG/CBL
 - -Users can create their own perspectives
- The user interface is very Windows-like
 - -Build from a Java wrapper of OS widgets
 - -Behaves and feels like any other native application
 - -Views can be re-sized and re-positioned through drag 'n drop



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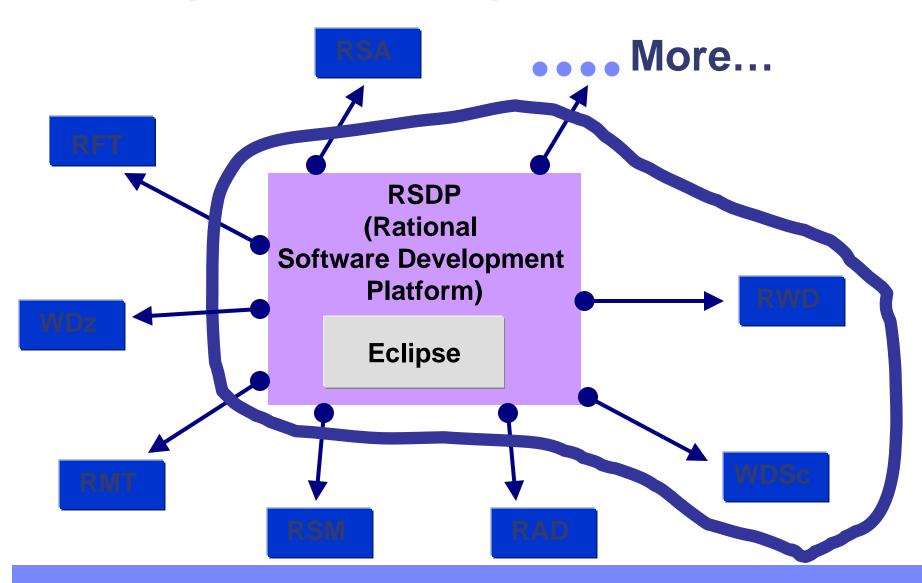


Sample of Eclipse workbench (RSE perspective)





WebSphere Development Studio Client



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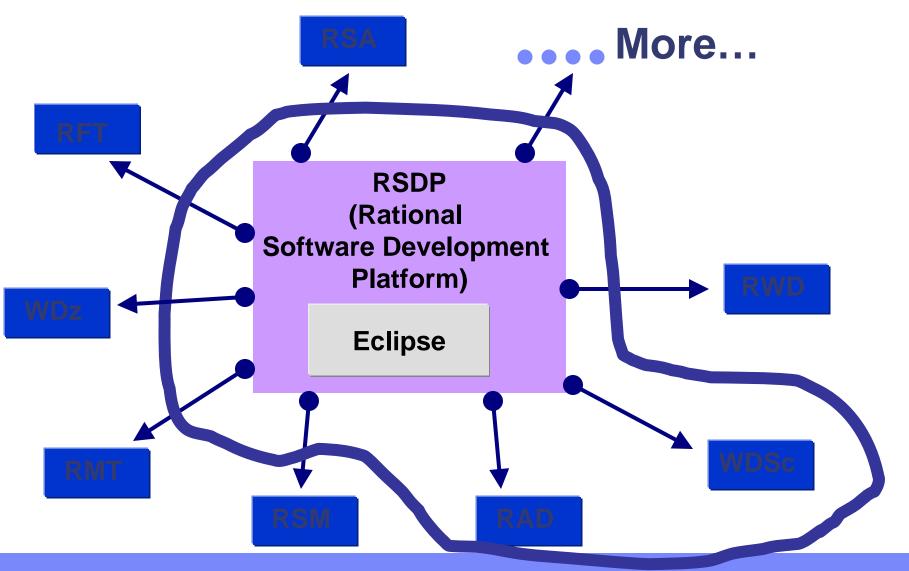


WDS V5R4 and WDSC V 6.0 and 6.0.1

- WDS V5R4
 - -RPG enhancements
 - -COBOL enhancements
- WDSc 6.0 is built with
 - -Eclipse 3.0
 - –WDSc Lite Technology Preview added in V6.0.1
 - WebFacing does not depend on CODE/400
 - -Product co-exist with WDSc 5.x.x
- CODE/400 and VARPG shipped on separate CDs
 - Now optional install



WebSphere Development Studio Client - Advanced

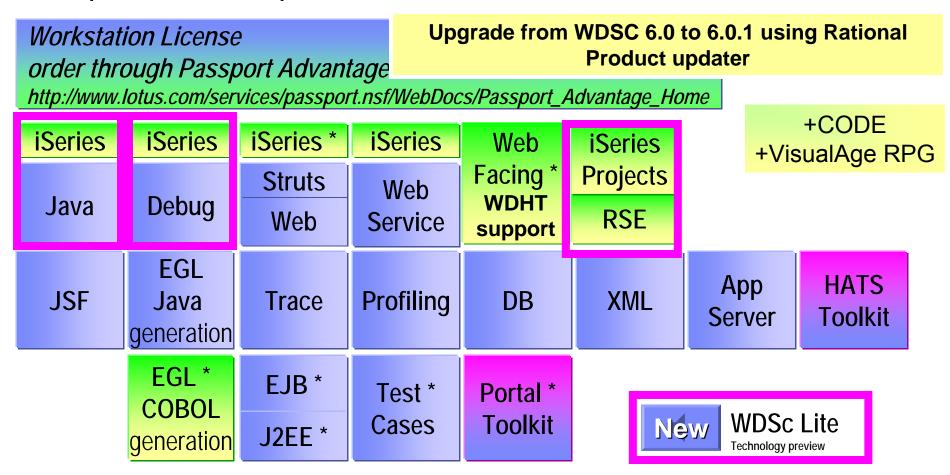


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RPGIV V5R4

- Data structure copy
 - New operation code
 - Eval corresponding EVAL-CORR
 - Changed Prefix keyword
 - To remove Prefix from field names on external described structures
- XML support
 - New built –ins:
 - %XML
 - %Handler
 - New operation codes
 - XML-INTO
 - XML-SAX
- New prototyped parameter option
 - OPTIONS(*NULLIND)
- New Debug keyword values
 - *INPUT, *XMLSAX, *DUMP
- Embedded SQL support in free-form RPG
- SEU, add syntax checking for free-form RPG



Embedded SQL support in free form RPG

```
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            / EMPSEARCH.SQLRPGLE 🗶 🧎
                                  PAYROLL.RPGLE
  Line 28
               Column 36
                            Insert
       ....+....1....+....2....+....3....+....4....+....5....+....6....+....7....+....8
 000100
 000101
 000102
            DEMPNUM
                                             6A
 000103
                                            15A
            DName
 000104
            DSTMT
                                            500A
                                                  INZ('SELECT LASTNAME +
 000105
                                                  FROM CORPDATA.EMPLOYEE WHERE +
 000106
            D
                                                  EMPNO = 211
 000107
                                           Editor support for SQL in free-form RPG
 000108
             /free
 000109
              // Prepare STMT as initialized in declare section
 000110
              EXEC SOL PREPARE S1 FROM :STMT;
 000111
 000112
              // Declare sursor for STMT
 000113
              Exec SOL Declare C1 Cursor for S1:
 000114
 000115
              // Assign employee number to use in select statement
 000116
              EMPNUM = '000110';
 000117
 000118
              // Open Cursor
 000119
              Exec SQL Open C1 Using :empnum ;
 000120
 000121
              //Fetch record
 000122
              Exec SQL Fetch C1 Into :NAME ;
 000123
              // Processing Name
 000124
 000125
              // Close cursor
 000126
              Exec SQL Close C1;
 000127
              return:
 000128
 000129
             /end-free
```

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EVAL Corresponding

EVAL-CORR

An "EVAL-CORR" can be coded as opcode to move subfields in data structures with the same field names.



Example

```
D ds1
            ds
                       qualified
                    10i 0
  num
D extra
                     d
D char
                   20a varying
                                          otherfld' not assigned
  otherfld
                     1a
* DS1 has some same fields as DS2
D ds2
            ds
                       qualified
  char
                    25a
  otherfld
                     5p 0
D
  num
                    15p 5
   // assign corresponding fields from DS1 to DS2
   EVAL-CORR ds2 = ds1;
   // Equivalent to ...
   EVAL ds2.num = ds1.num;
   EVAL ds2.char = ds1.char;
```



XML Support overview ...

*XML-INTO variable %XML(xml_document)

Reads from an XML document into a field, data structure or array

*XML-INTO %HANDLER(prototype : communication_area) %XML(xml_document)

- Reads from the XML document where there are zero or more repeated XML elements all the same.
- Repeatedly builds up an array of information about the XML elements and passes it to the handling procedure indicated by the prototype, until all the XML elements have been handled. The procedure also gets passed the communication_area variable as a parameter.

*XML-SAX %HANDLER(prototype : communication_area) %XML(xml_document)

- Reads from the XML document. For every XML <u>event (start-element, character-data, attribute-value etc)</u>, it calls the handling procedure indicated by the prototype passing it information about the XML event. The handling procedure also gets passed the communication_area variable as a parameter.
- First parameter of %XML can be a string actually containing XML data, for example '<a>Hello', or it can be the name of an XML document, for example 'mydata.xml'.
- Second optional operand for %XML specifies options to control the parsing of the XML document.
 (It doesn't have to be a literal.)

For example, %XML(xmldata : 'doc=file')

indicates that the first operand of %XML is the name of a file. Other options for XML-INTO control how to handle extra data or missing data, in the XML document. The "path" option indicates where to find the data in the XML (the necessary data may not be in the very first XML element).



EXAMPLE: XML-INTO variable %XML(xml_document)

```
*
                                <info>
D info
         DS
                                 <name>George</name>
                10A
  name
                                 <val>10</val>
<val>-5</val>
                                </info>
/free
   XML-INTO info %XML('myfile.xml' : 'doc=tile');
  // info now has the value
     name = 'George'
    val(1) = 10 Source of XML
                                  Options
```

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COBOL V5R4

- Version 5 Release 4
- **※XML GENERATE:**
- *Null-terminated Nonnumeric Literal:
- *TRIM, TRIML and TRIMR Intrinsic
 - **Functions:**
- ***DISPLAY-OF Intrinsic Function:**
- ***NATIONAL-OF Intrinsic Function:**
- **NOCOMPRESSDBG/*COMPRESSDBG Compiler Options:



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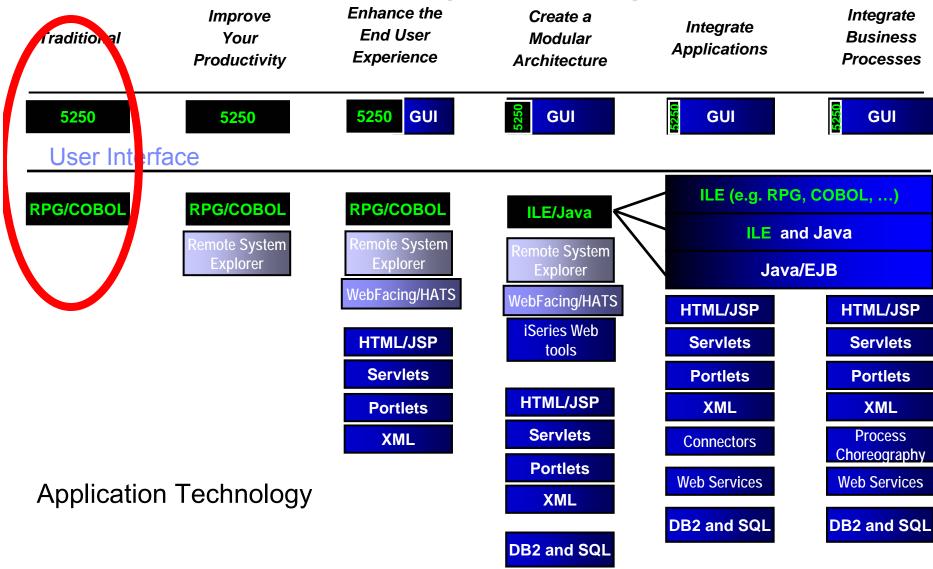
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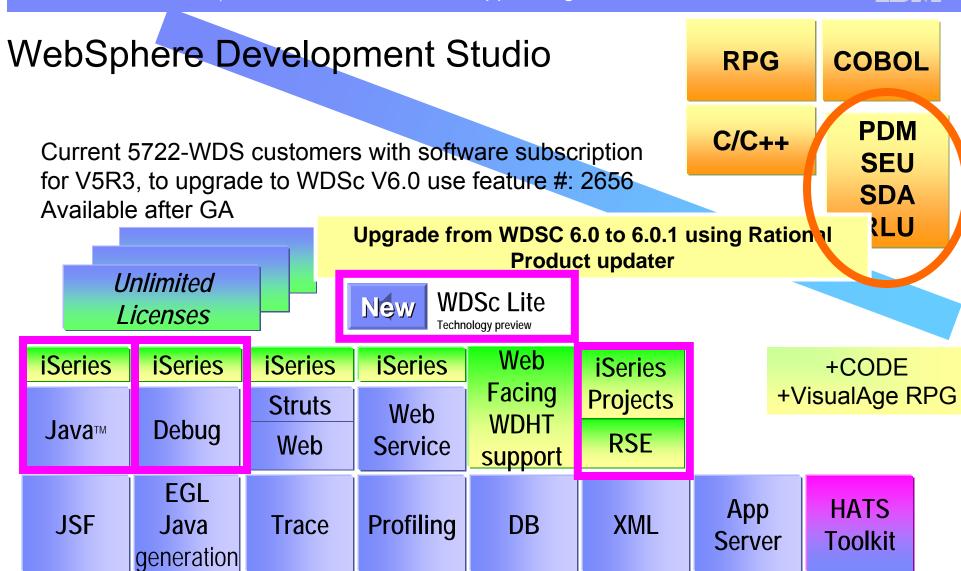
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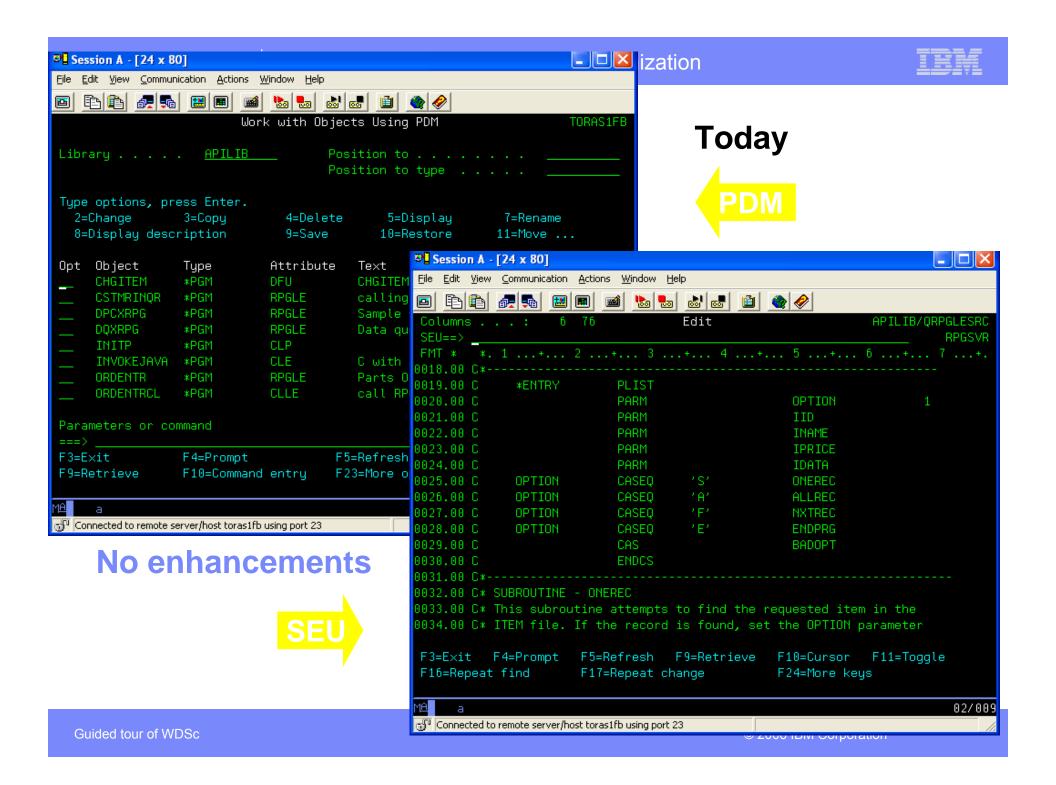




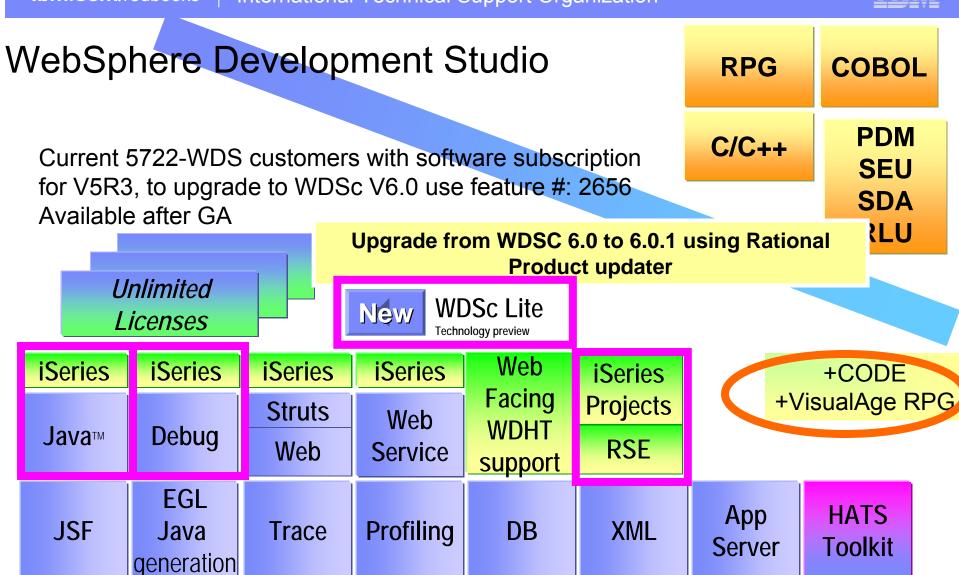


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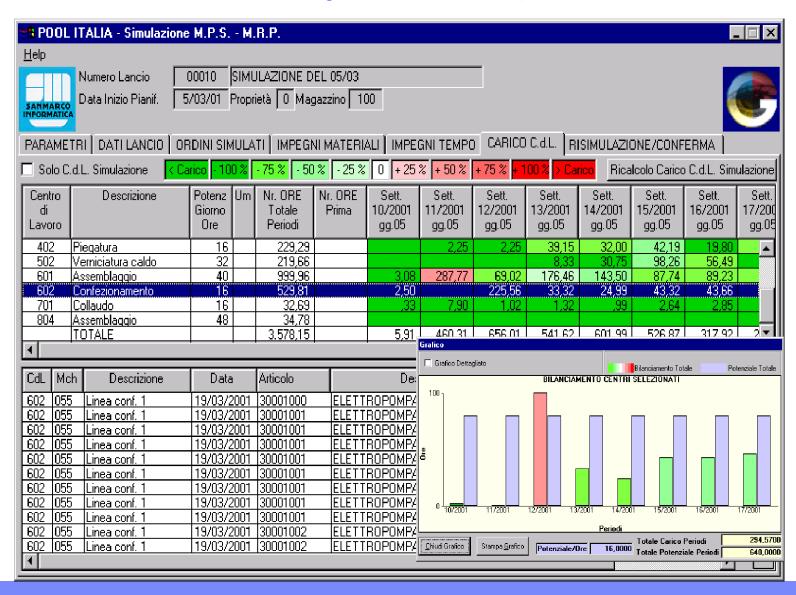


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San Marco (Italy) ERP sample - VARPG



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New in VARPG for version 6.0

- Language level has been updated to V5R3. The following function is now available in Version 6.0
 - New built in Function %SUBARR
 - Direct conversion of date/time/timestamp to numeric using %DEC
 - Second parameter for %TRIM, %TRIMR and %TRIML indicating character to trim
 - New prototype option ... OPTIONS(*TRIM) to pass trimmed parameters
 - Relaxing the rule for using result data structure for I/O to externally-described files and record formats

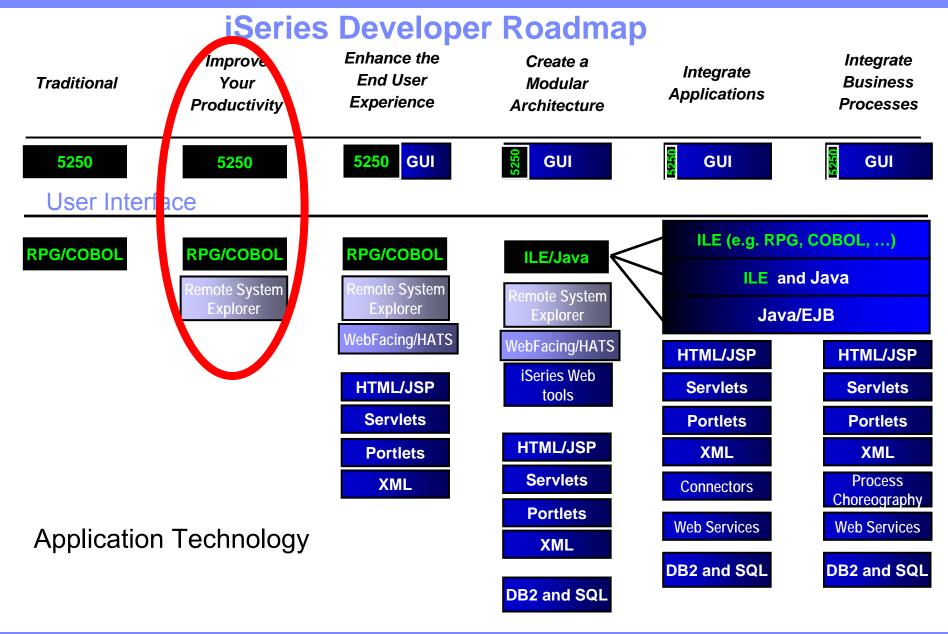
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What about CODE/400?

- 90% of the CODE/400 Functionality is in Remote System Explorer... We will cover this in few minutes!
- Trying to totally move CODE function into Eclipse and WDSc





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Toolkit

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Server



Better Tools ...RSE

- Move iSeries application development to Eclipse Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
- Remote System Explorer (RSE)
 - ▶ Provides iSeries server access from Eclipse IDE
 (included in WebSphere Development Studio Client for iSeries)
 - ►21st century follow-on to PDM, SEU, SDA, RLU,

& system debugger

Value Proposition

- ► Improves productivity over host 3GL tools
- ▶ Provides easy access to advanced application development tools from IBM & vendors

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RPG

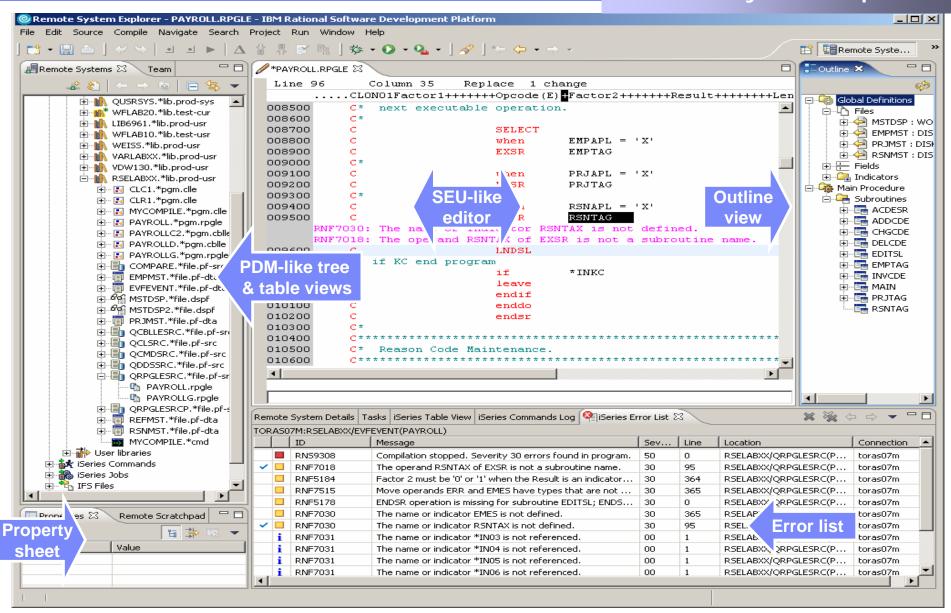
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RSE Too big? What is IBM doing about it?

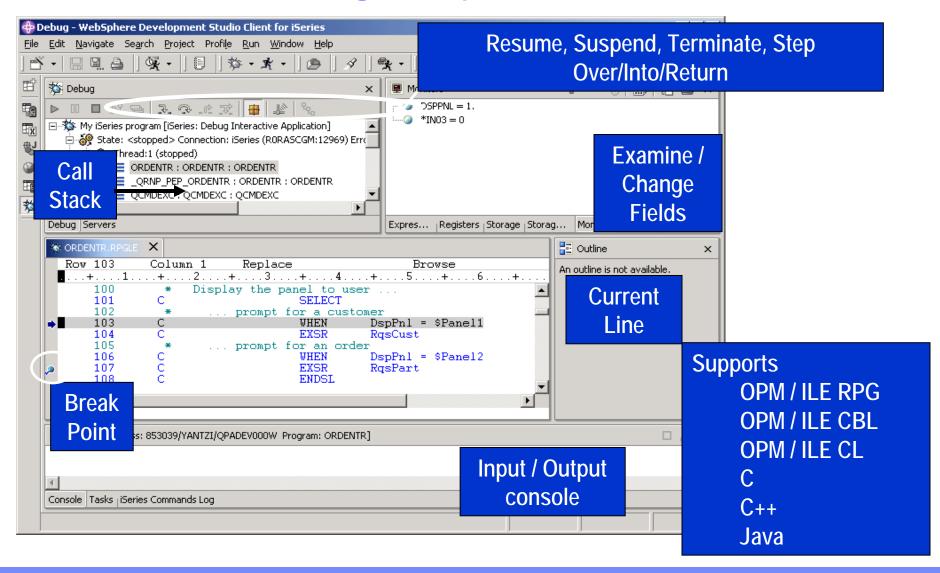
Introducing WDSc Lite Technology Preview

- Added capabilities to limit workbench functionality to E/C/D for iSeries
 - For Both Standard and Advanced
- Need to install the whole product first
- Option to select level of functionality
 - Use Rational Product Updater,
 - Add 500MB of disk space requirement
- Memory (RAM) required at runtime will be 256 Meg for E/C/D
- Fully supported Technology Preview
 - In future release we will have more componentization
 - Install on demand





Debug Perspective

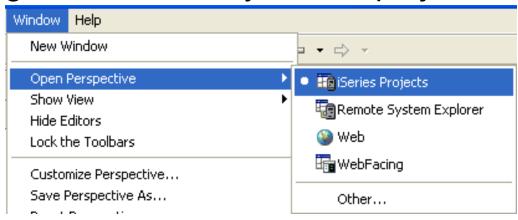


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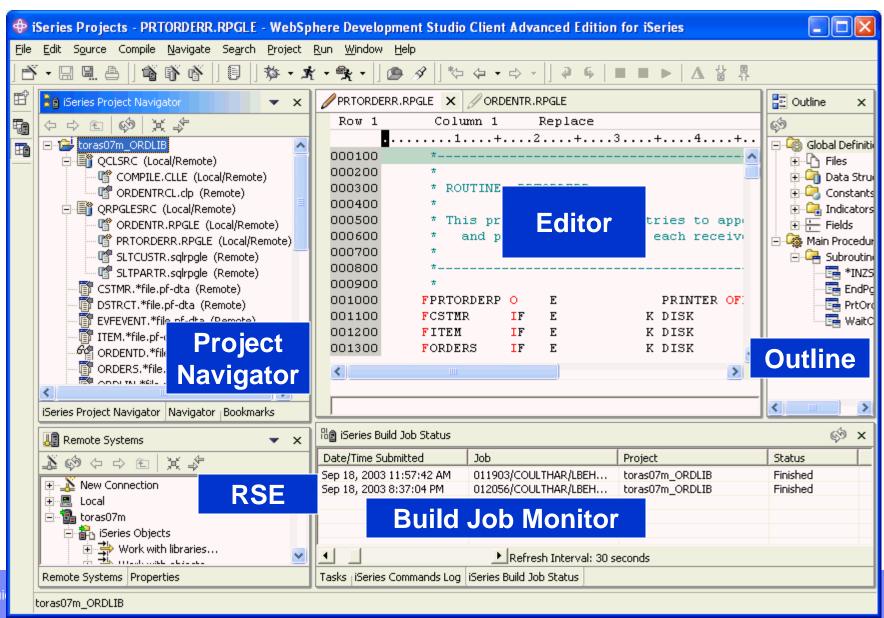
iSeries Projects

- Want to work without being connected to system i
- Want to work using team support in Eclipse
- A special project type
 - -For holding source destined to be compiled on iSeries
- A dedicated perspective
 - For working with all and only iSeries projects





iSeries Projects Perspective





iSeries Developer Roadmap

Enhance th Integrate *Improve* Create a Integrate End User Your **Business Traditional** Modular **Applications** Experience **Productivity Processes Architecture** GUI **5250 GUI** GUI GUI 5250 5250 **User Interface** ILE (e.g. RPG, COBOL, ...) **RPG/COBOL RPG/COBOL RPG/COBOL** ILE/Java **ILE** and Java emote System emote System Remote System **Explorer Explorer** Java/EJB Explorer WebFacing/HATS WebFacing/HATS HTML/JSP HTML/JSP iSeries Web HTML/JSP Servlets Servlets tools **Servlets Portlets Portlets** HTML/JSP **Portlets XML XML** Servlets **Process XML Connectors** Choreography **Portlets** Web Services Web Services **Application Technology XML DB2 and SQL DB2 and SQL DB2** and SQL



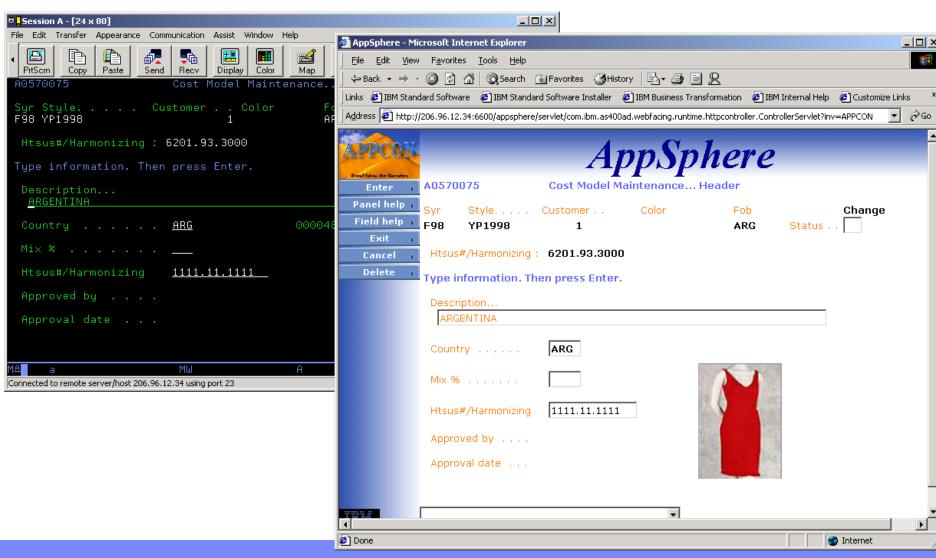
WebSphere Development Studio COBOL **RPG PDM C/C++** Current 5722-WDS customers with software subscription SEU for V5R3, to upgrade to WDSc V6.0 use feature #: 2656 SDA Available after GA **RLU** Upgrade from WDSC 6.0 to 6.0.1 using Rational **Product updater Unlimited WDSc Lite** New Licenses Technology preview Web **iSeries iSeries iSeries iSeries iSeries** +CODE Facing +VisualAge RPG Projects **Struts** Web **WDHT** Java™ Debug **RSE Service** Web support FGI **HATS** App **Profiling** JSF Java Trace DB **XML Toolkit** Server generation

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WebFacing

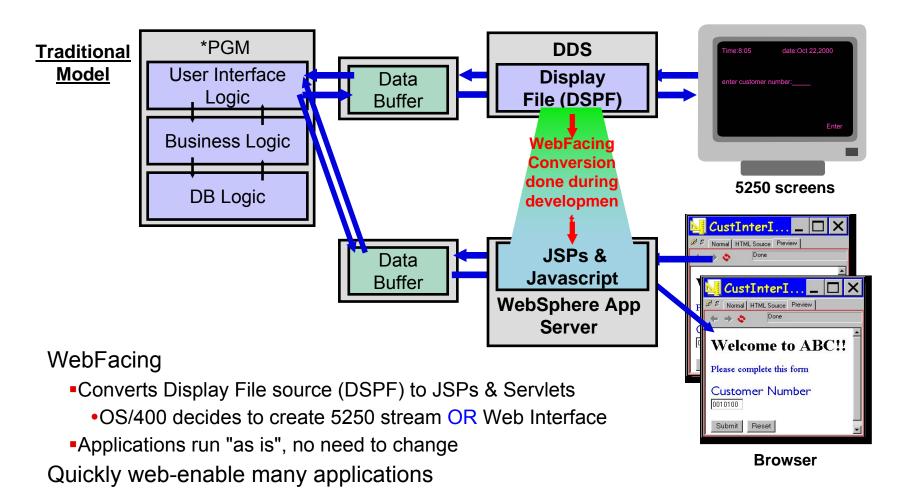


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Better User Interface: IBM WebFacing Tool



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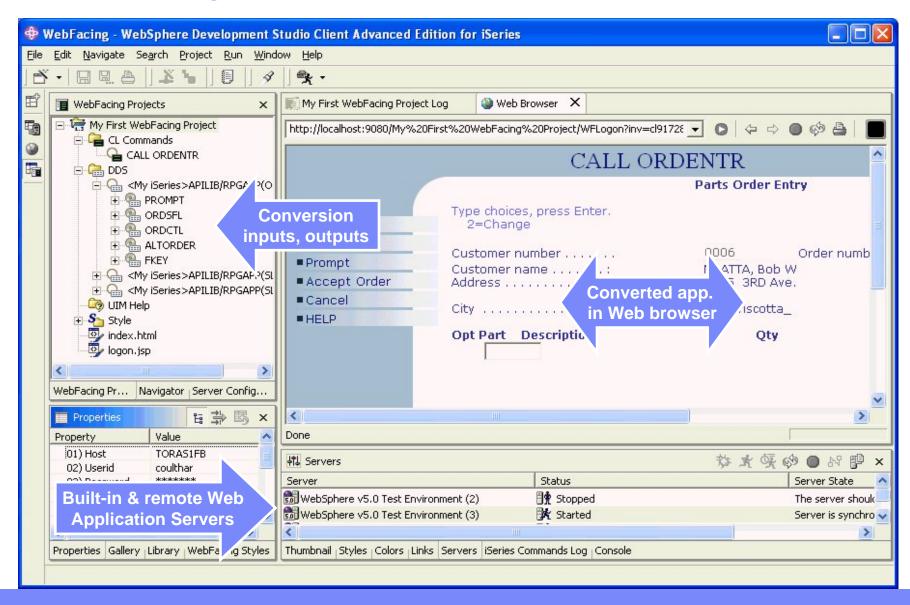


WebFacing

- Given DSPF DDS input, generates a Web application that is still driven by the unchanged iSeries business logic.
 - DDS and UIM-Help become JavaServer Pages (JSPs), XML and a controller Servlet. All generated for you.
 - JSP == Display File for the Web
- Does require DDS source Evolves source as a step in application modernization
- No runtime fee until V7.
- No interactive cycles
- Advanced-only capability
 - Portal support
 - Support for single signon using Enterprise Identity Manager
 - Support for extension points based on Struts actions
 - Support for viewing spool files
 - Support for positional CCS

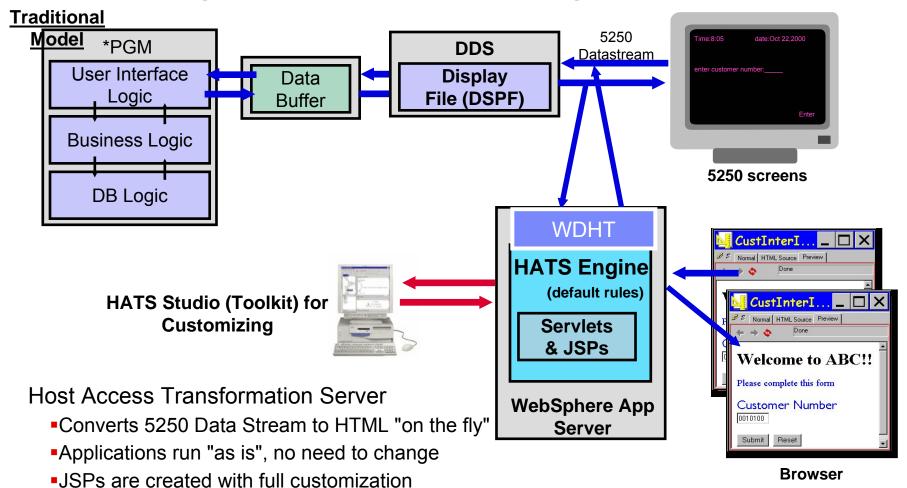
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Better User Interface: HATS



Quickly web-enable many applications

WDHT enablement in HATS 6.0.4 for i5/OS V5R4

Using WDHT will allow to run applications

Guid without busing OLTP

Preview

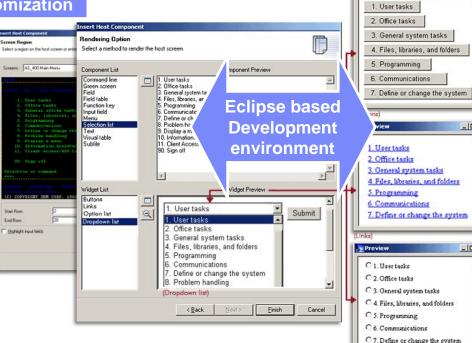
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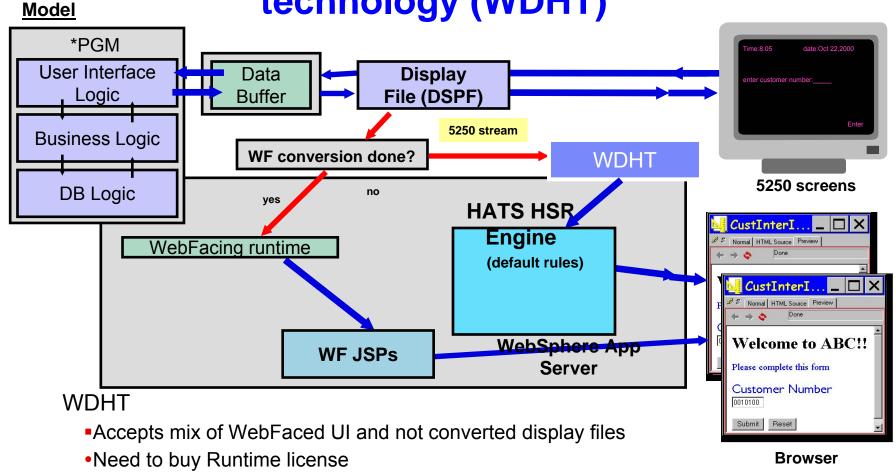


Full customization





IBM WebFacing Deployment Tool with HATS Traditional Model technology (WDHT)



No need for OLTP (no interactive system capability needed)

Quickly web-enable many applications, mix of WebFaced and non WebFaced UI allowed



WebFacing Deployment Tool with HATS Technology (WDHT) V6.0.1

- Customers need to buy WDHT license to deploy and run applications
- Fully converted WebFacing applications currently don't need WDHT
- WebFacing applications that are not completely converted will need WDHT
 - When application at runtime encounters screens in non converted display files
 WDHT will provide default conversion using HATS datastream conversion
 - HATS customization is currently not support in a WDHT mixed WebFacing/HATS environment only default transformation will occur
- HATS V6.0.4 now uses WDHT
 - WDHT provides for HATS applications runtime environment that doesn't require OLTP in V5R4
 - HATS applications support full customization (not mixed with WebFacing screens)
- WDSc contains 2 WDHT licenses for testing purposes



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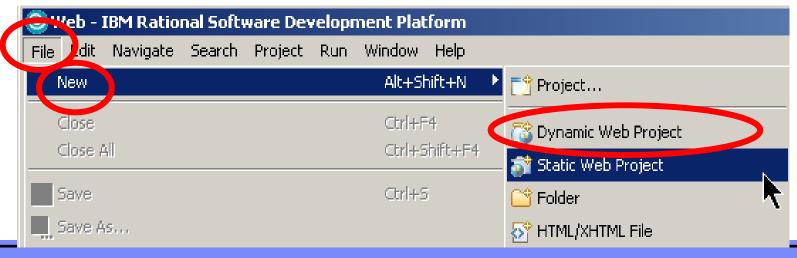
Web Tools inherited from RWD and RAD

- Web Projects and Perspective
 - J2EE-defined folder structure for Web Apps
 - Superset of Java projects (inherits Java Tools)
 - Automatic creation/maintenance of web.xml file
- Editor support
 - Create/Edit/Validate/Debug JSP and HTML files
 - Images and animation
 - Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)
- Import/Export from/to a variety of sources
 - HTTP/FTP/WAR/EAR
- Link viewing and management
 - Converting links, flagging broken links, and fixing up links as linked resources are moved or renamed



Web Projects

- One of the project types in WDSc
 - ► With its own perspective
 - ►With its own "new" wizard
 - ► With its own set of tools
- Created with J2EE folder layout
- Created with simple web.xml file
 - ► Automatically updated as resources are created
 - ► Has specialized web.xml editor



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Web Application

Standard Web App folder structure:

```
+Web application folder (root folder)
   +source
      -all non-deployed files (java)
   +WebContent
                                              collectively known as "Web
      -all Web files (html, jsp, gif, ...)
                                                    Resources"
      +META-INF
                                   maps dependent jar files in other Web apps
          -MANIFEST, MF
      +theme
                               Web application deployment descriptor:
         -.css style sheets
                                 ► identifies servlets, security, env vars, mime
      +WEB-INF
                                  types, key pages, external references and
          -web.xml
                                  session configuration info
          +classes
             -Java classes of this app (usually generated)
          +1ib
             -Supporting classes and jar files 2000 IDIVI COIPDIALION
```

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J2FF

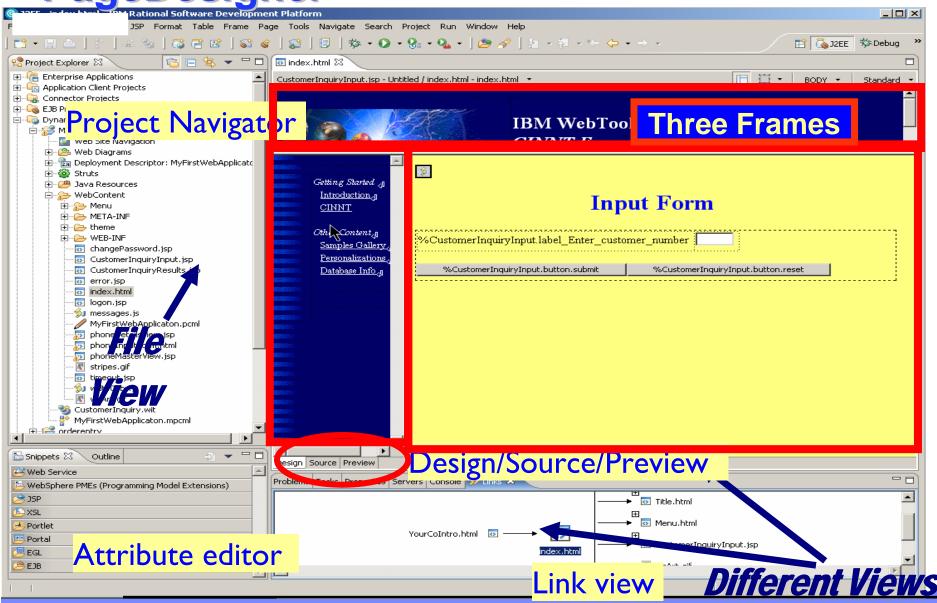
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Page designer tool

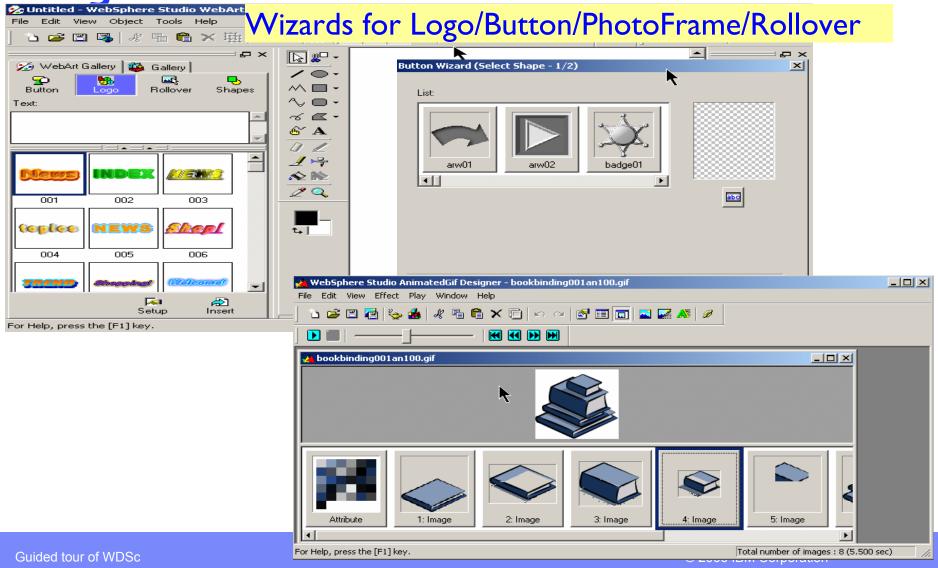
- Page Designer for jsf, jsp & HTML
 - •Frame wizard
 - •WebArt designer
 - AnimatedGIF designer
 - •Spell Checker
 - •HTML validator
 - •HTML to XHTML converter
 - Attribute dialog
- Link utilities
 - o fix broken links
 - o Convert links







WebArt Designer and Animation GIF designer





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•iSeries Web Tools, at a glance

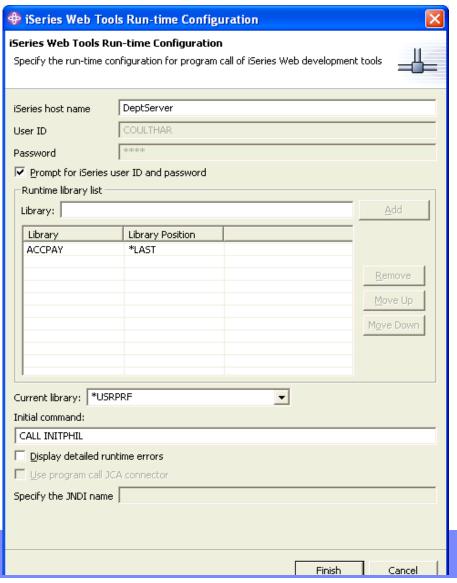
- ► Tools optimized for iSeries developers!
 - Host Information wizard
 - ✓ Set runtime information such as library list and sign-on information, to be used by glue generated by all Web Interaction wizards for this Web project
 - Web Interaction wizard
 - ✓ Generate a Web front end for your RPG/COBOL programs without having to write Java code. Wizard generates JSP UI and Servlet logic to call program on System i5.





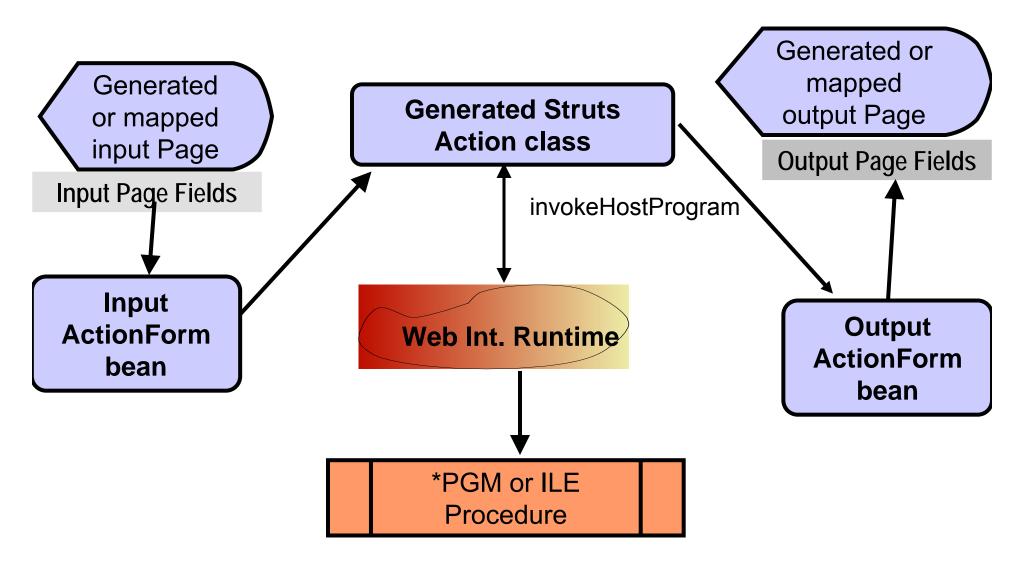
iSeries Web Host Information Wizard

- ►Information used at runtime by all generated Web servlets in this Web project
 - Name of host with biz logic
 - User ID and password for signing on, or choose to prompt
 - Library list, curlib, initial program for runtime





Web Interaction – How it works





Web Interaction Wizard

- Two modes to interaction wizard:
 - 1. Generate input/output Web pages
 - Given the parameter description of the API to call
 - 2. Generate mappings
 - Given the input/output pages
 - Given the parameter description of the API to call
 - Given the mappings
 - ✓ between input parms & input fields
 - ✓ between ouput parms & output fields

Creates applications based on STRUTS framework



New standard framework java server faces (jsf)

- Wait something better than STRUTS is here
- A new standard framework fully supported in WDSc
 - –Tool support for jsf
 - –Page designer
 - -Binding support of data beans and UI controls
 - -Web diagram editor for jsf
 - Quick edit for small pieces of Java code



JSF Features

- Web page development
 - Event driven architecture
 - Direct binding of UI components to model data
 - Just like externally described workstation files
- Navigation framework
 - Also referred to as "Controller" in MVC
- Validation and error feedback
- Session and object management
 - Managed beans
- Internationalization (i18n)
- Easy database integration
 - Easily create pages to display and update data using SQL

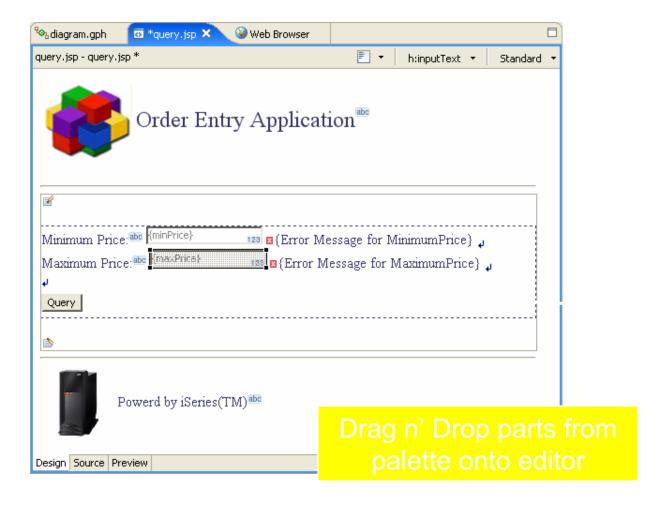


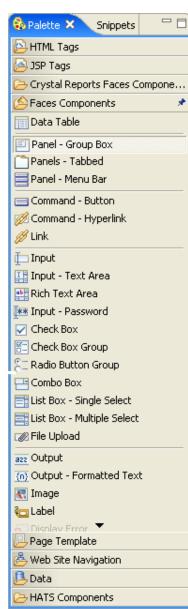
Web Page Development

- JSF contains a collection of UI components to make Web page development easier
 - Each component has extensive properties for customizing look and behavior of component
 - Components can be bound to variables for automatically:
 - Displaying the value of variable
 - Assigning value to a variable on page submit
 - Components have associated "events" which you can write code for
 - JavaScript for client side events
 - onclick, ondblclick, onkeypress, ...
 - Java code for server side events
 - Value Changed, Command, ...



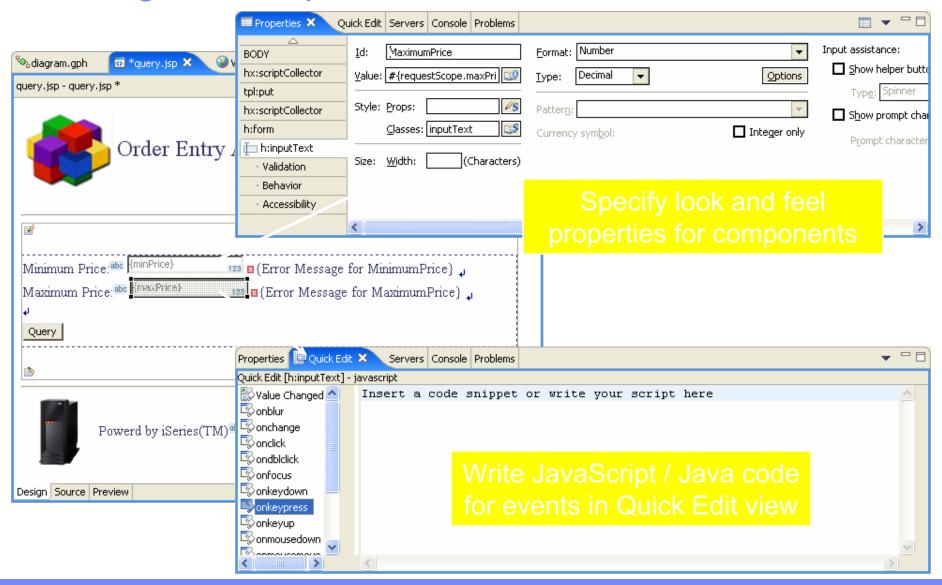
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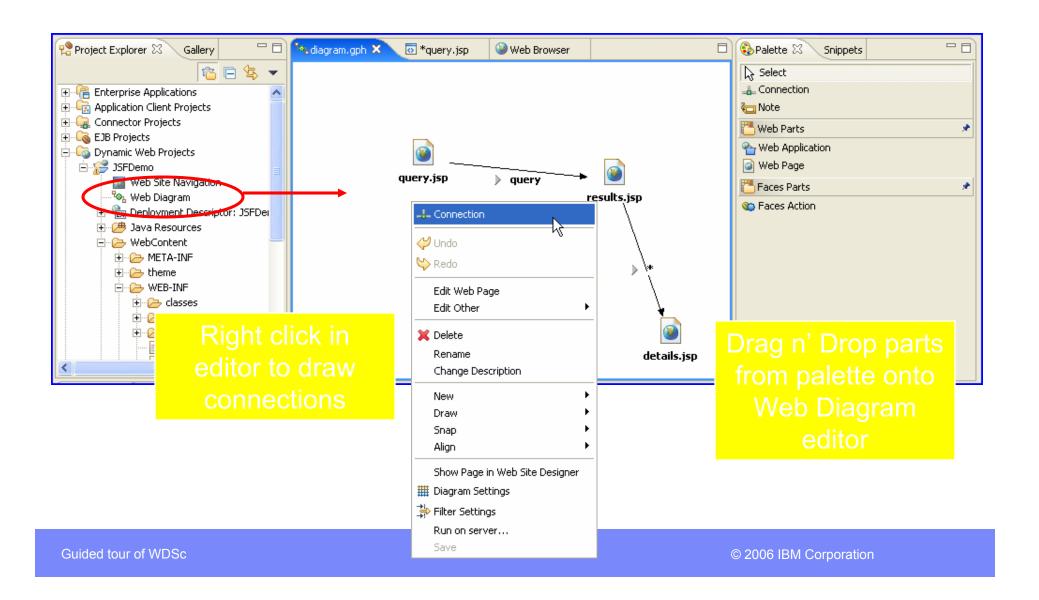


Navigation

- JSF provides framework for specifying navigation rules
 - Commonly referred to as "Controller"
 - For example:
 - When submit request from this page then invoke this action
 - If result of action is "success" then display nextpage.jsp
 - If result of action is "error" then display error.jsp
- Rules stored in faces-config.xml file as navigation rules
- Use Web Diagram editor to graphically layout application
 - Automatically adds navigation rules



Navigation – Web Diagram Editor



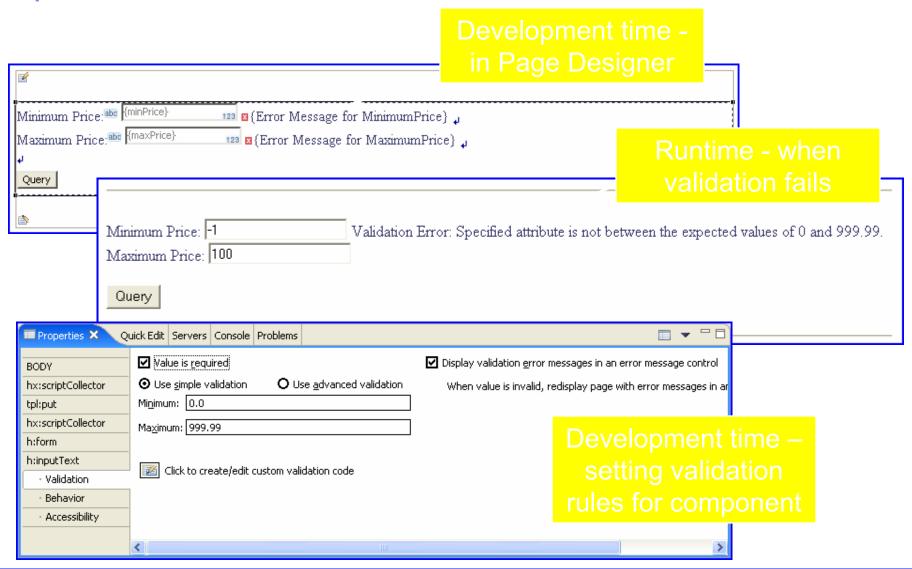


Validation and Error Feedback

- JSF provides rich support for input validation and error messages
- Input validation
 - Optionally associate each UI component with a messages component
 - Specify validation rules for UI component
 - JSF performs validation when page submitted
 - Page redisplayed with error messages if validation fails
- Error Messages
 - Insert general message component for page
 - Add messages to "FacesContext" during processing
 - Support for informational, warning and error messages
 - Messages automatically displayed with next page



Input Validation



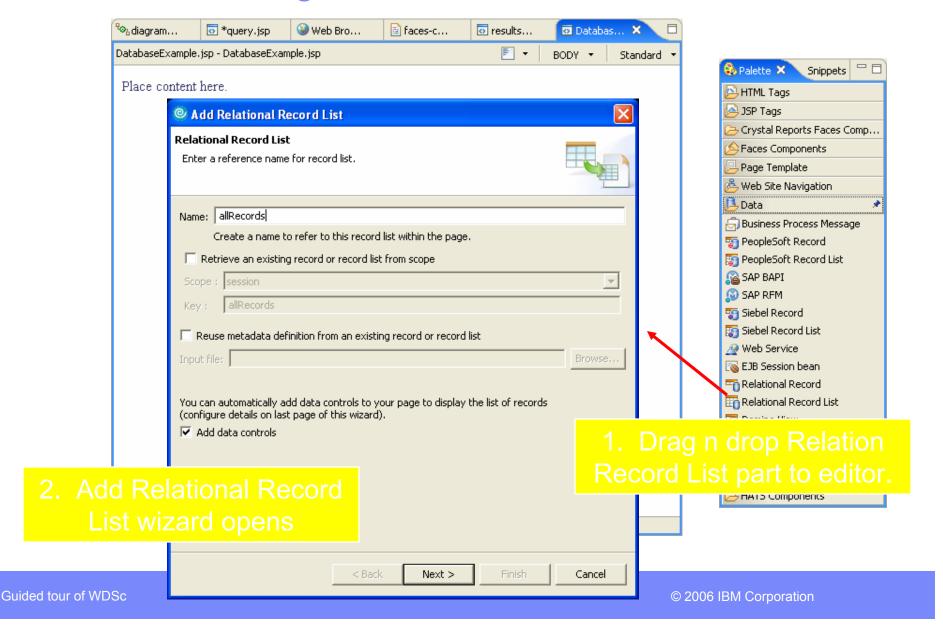


Easy Database Integration

- JSF includes special components for displaying data on a web page
 - Single record (Relational Record component)
 - Table of records (Relational Record List component)
- Drag n Drop component onto page
 - Wizard guides you through creating SQL statement
 - JSF UI components automatically added to page for displaying data
 - Add row actions to table of records
 - Automatically created Delete, Update and Add actions for single record

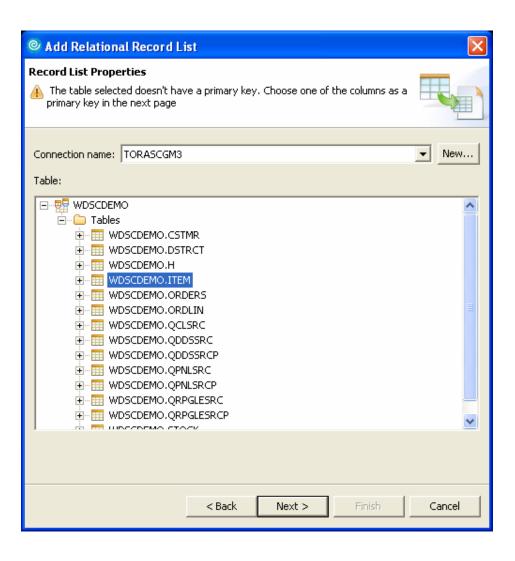


Database Web Pages





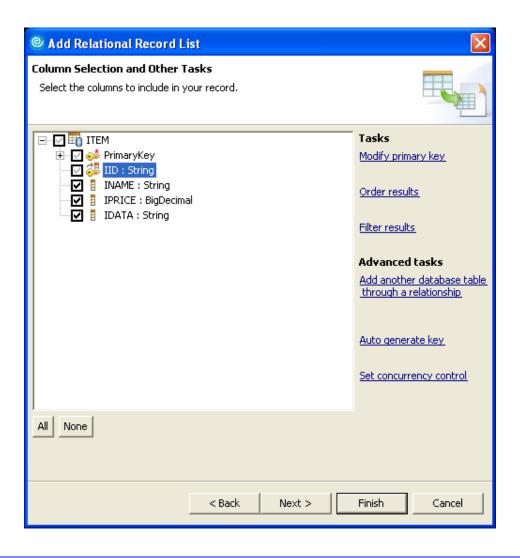
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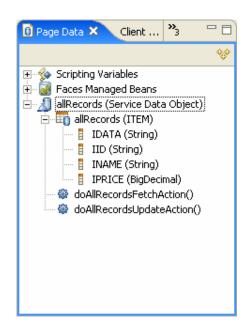
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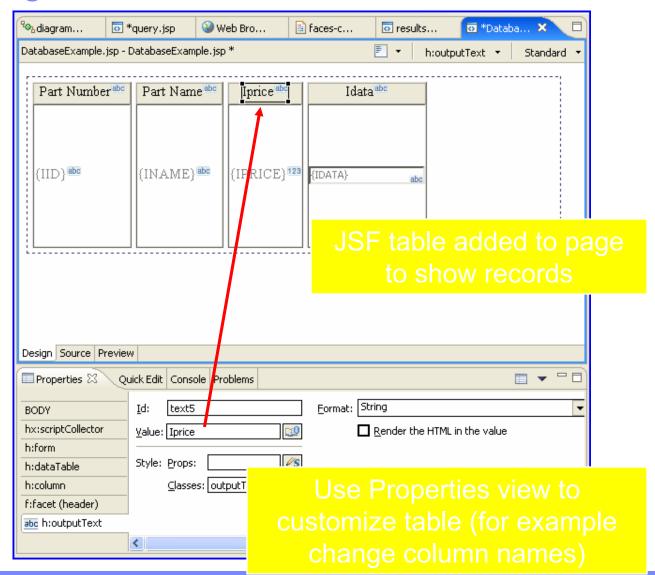
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Database Web Pages



SQL statement shown in Page Data view. Double click to modify.

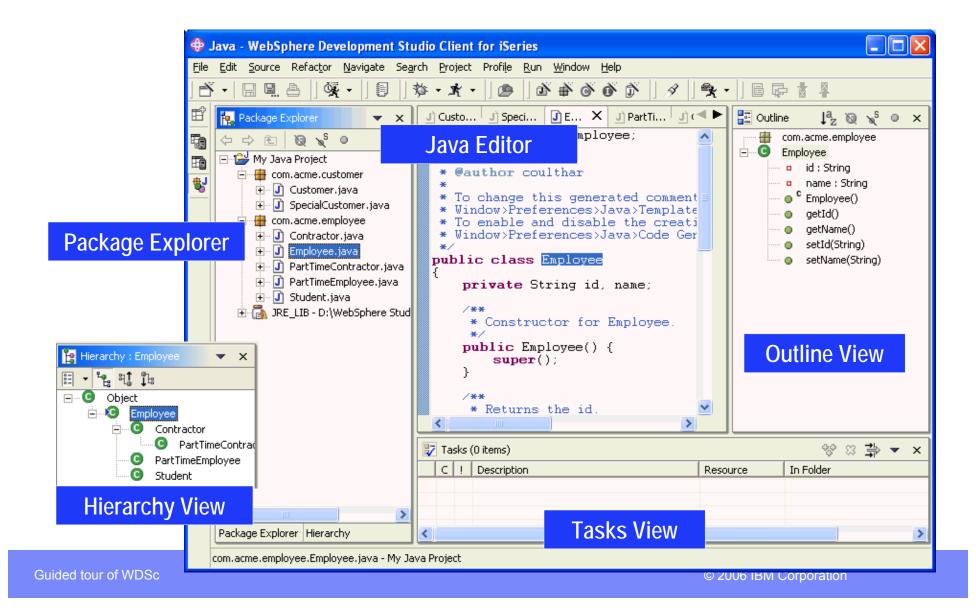


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Excellent Java tooling (Java Perspective)



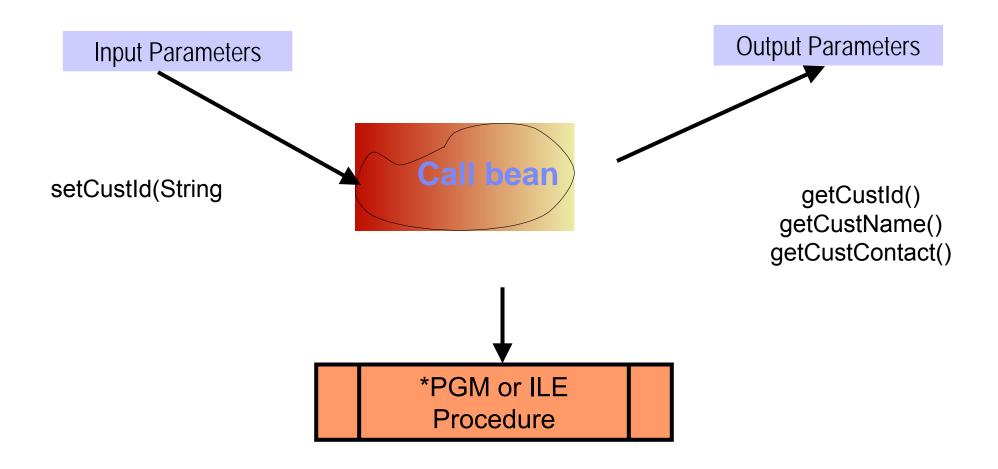


Java Tools iSeries Extensions

- Remote support
 - Remote transform, run, debug
- Programming support
 - Wizard to generate Java wrapper of *PGM or procedure
 - iSeries Toolbox for Java built-in
 - Java beans for iSeries access
 - Documentation and samples



Program Call Wizard – how it works



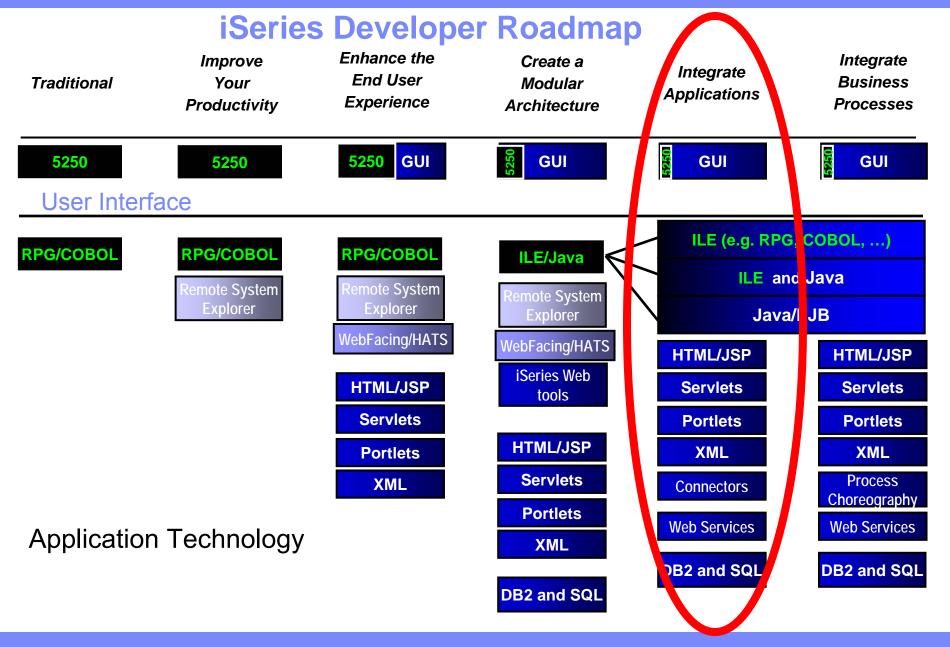
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JavaTools Enhancements version 6.0

- Toolbox, JFormatted, DFU, and ObjectList beans are now available in the palette of the Visual Editor for Java.
 - User can now create Java classes to make use of these visual components or Java beans inside the Visual Editor for Java.
- Enhancements to the Program Call wizard:
 - Easier to launch the wizard
 - -Ability to reuse configuration file for multiple program calls
 - -Better entry field validations
 - Better user interface for importing PCML from source
- Ability to browse for procedures of a service program





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What Are Web Services

- Function that can be programmatically invoked over a network
- Basically remote procedure calls built on open standards and proven technologies
 - Lots of new standards around Web services to ensure interoperability in heterogeneous environments
 - Underlying implementations built on proven technologies like
 - XMI
 - HTTP
 - Messaging middleware
 - Security standards



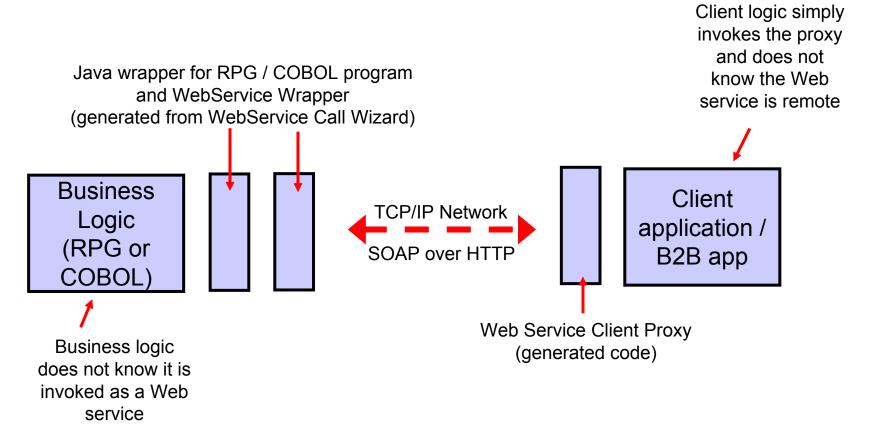
Why use Web Services

Because:

- -They are the latest hype
- -They are hot
- -They are cool
- -They are useful
- -Somebody asks you to provide one for a certain task
- -Somebody provides one and asks you to use it



RPG/COBOL Program as Service Provider



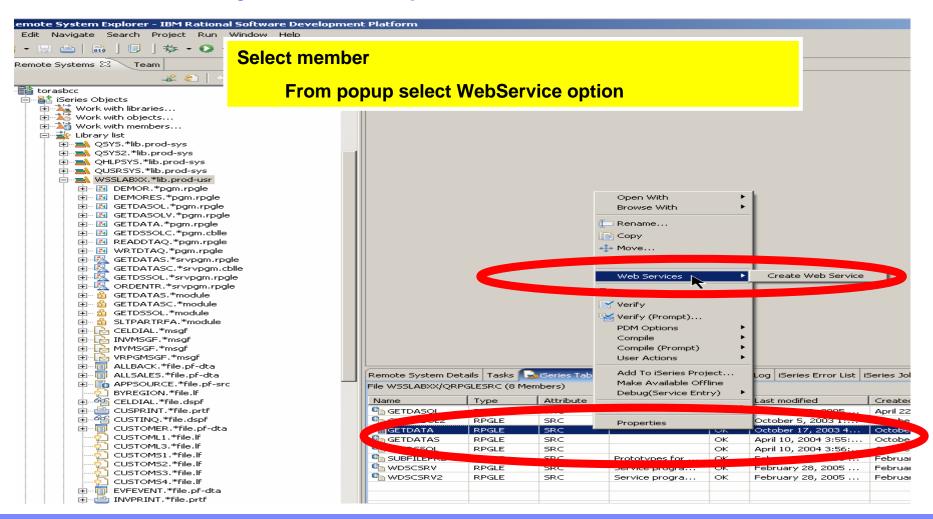


Tools

- Web Services Tools in WDSc
 - Create
 - Web services from:
 - ILE RPG/COBOL source (new wizard in V6.0.1)
 - Java Beans
 - Enterprise JavaBeans (advanced edition only)
 - SQL Queries
 - DB2 Stored Procedures
 - DB2 XML Extender calls
 - Web service client proxy given a WSDL document
 - Test
 - Test your Web services in the WebSphere test environment
 - Generate test code to test generated Web service client proxies
 - TCP/IP Monitor
 - Useful for debugging SOAP messages between provider and consumer

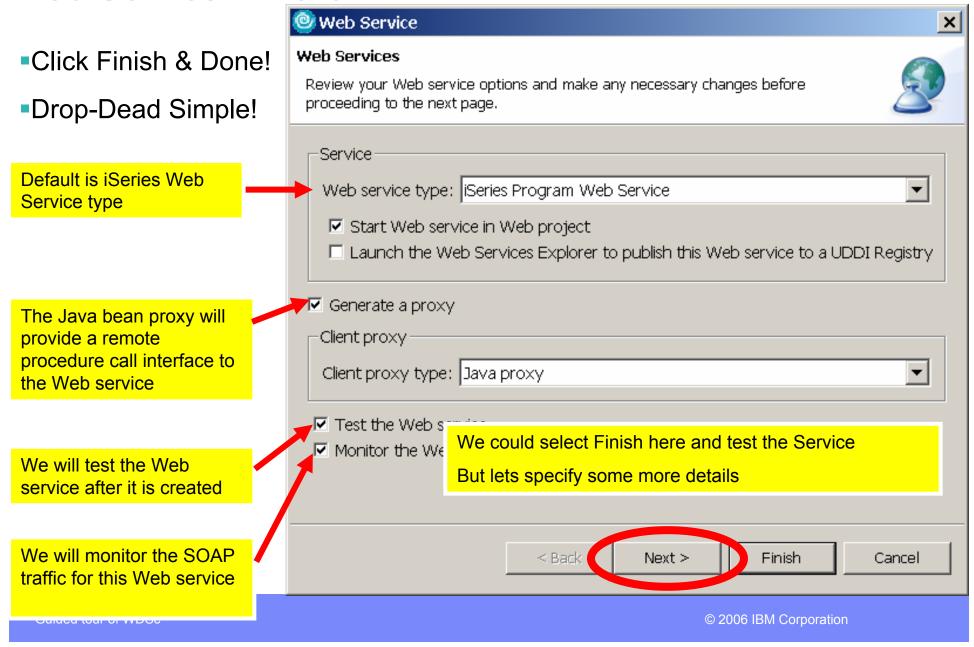


WebService Wizard Use Remote Systems Explorer to select member





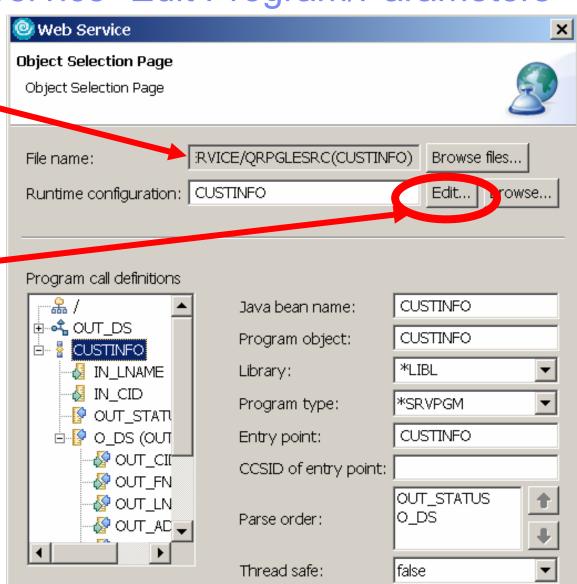
Web Service Wizard





Configuring the Web Service- Edit Program/Parameters

- -File name shows the Program source file the wizard was launched from (valid types incl. ILE RPG, COBOL, PCML)
- -Browse files to select a different file
- -The default Runtime configuration is taken from the System i5 connection
- -Edit to change the configuration
- -Browse to choose an existing configuration (.config file)
- Selecting the Program (CUSTINFO), you can change the Library, Program type, Program Object etc. (in most cases the defaults are sufficient)
- Expand the program to see program parameters
- Selecting a parameter (e.g. IN_CID), you can change Usage type, CCSID

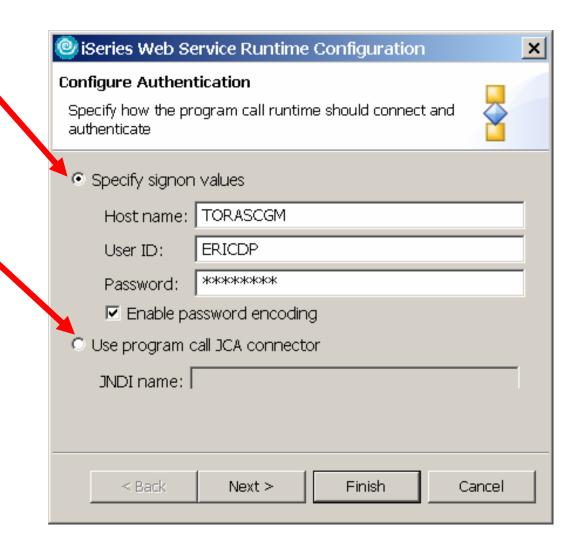




Configuring the Web Service- Runtime Configuration

Signon information is defaulted from System i5 connection

Alternatively, can use the Program Call Java Connection Architecture connector for signon and connection management (advanced product only)



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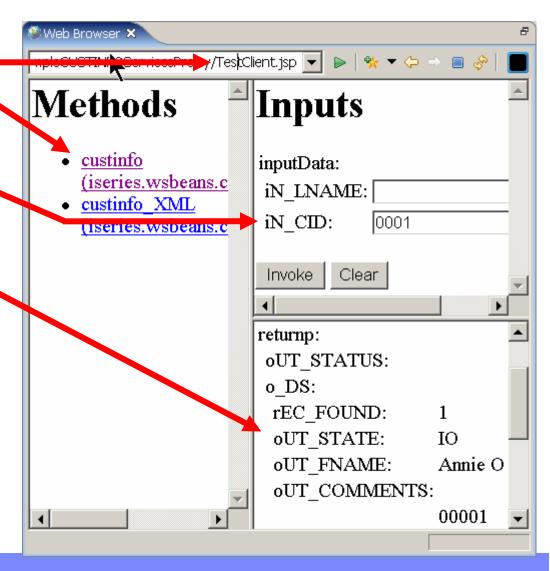
Testing the Web Service

After wizard completes, the generated Test Client JSPs are run on the server (selected option "Test the Web service" in the wizard)

Select one of the methods to test, then enter the input data, Customer ID "0001"

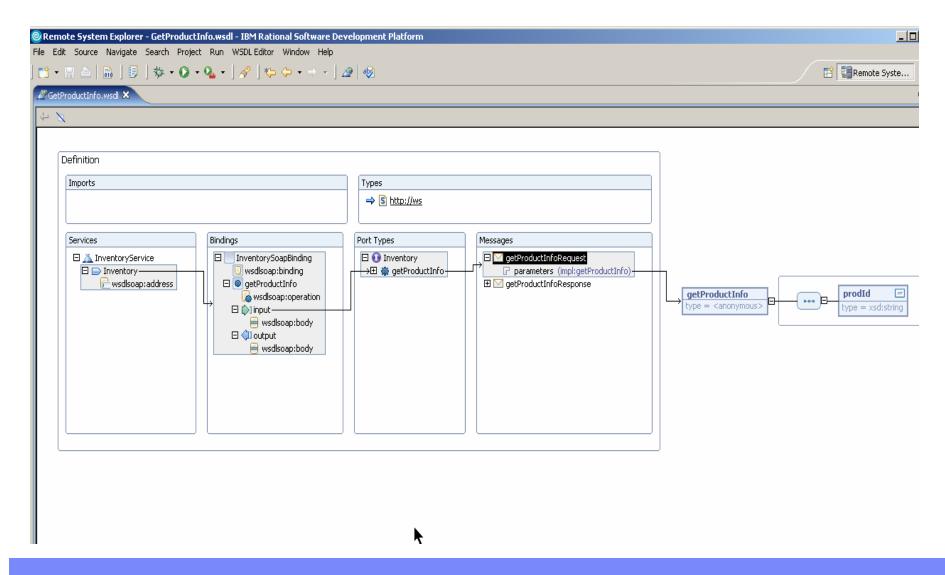
Click "Invoke" and the results of the Web service are displayed, Customer ID "0001" is associated with Annie O!

 As you will see shortly, there are many different ways to test the Web service





WSDL editor in WDSc (graphical view)

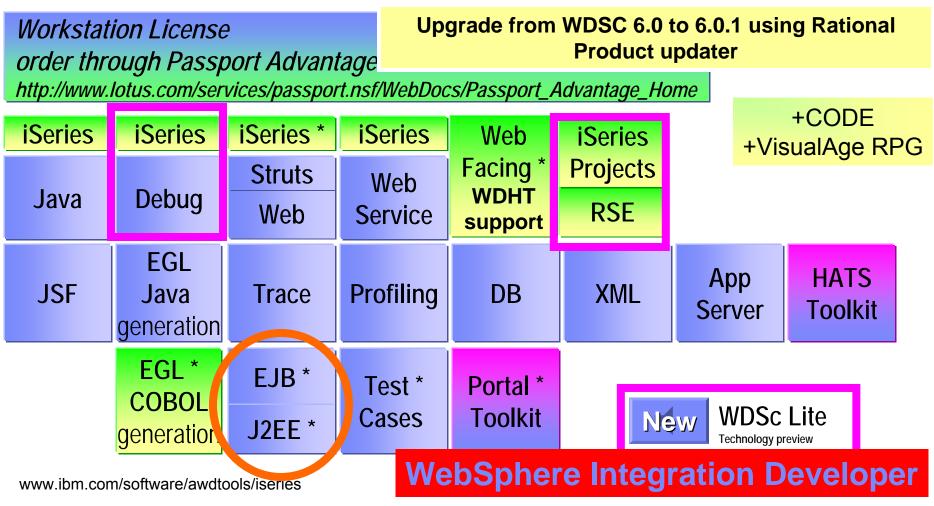


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DB2 and SQL



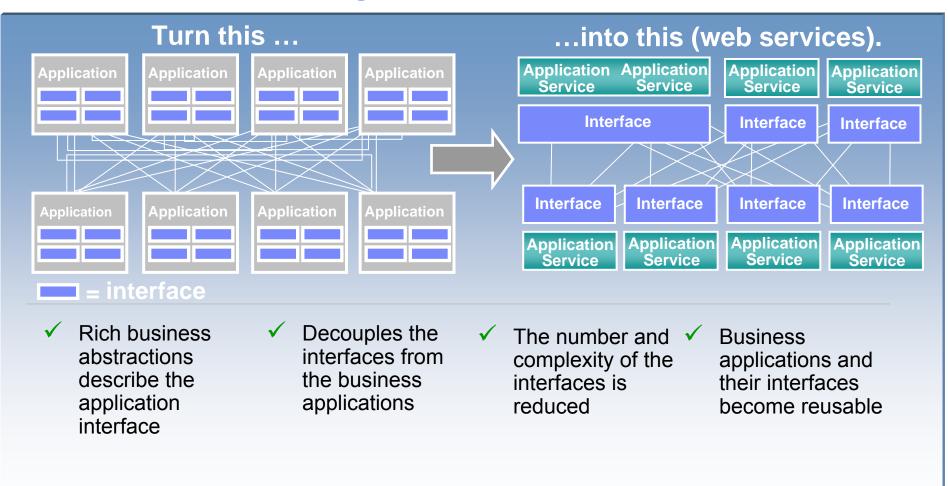
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Web Services are a good start...



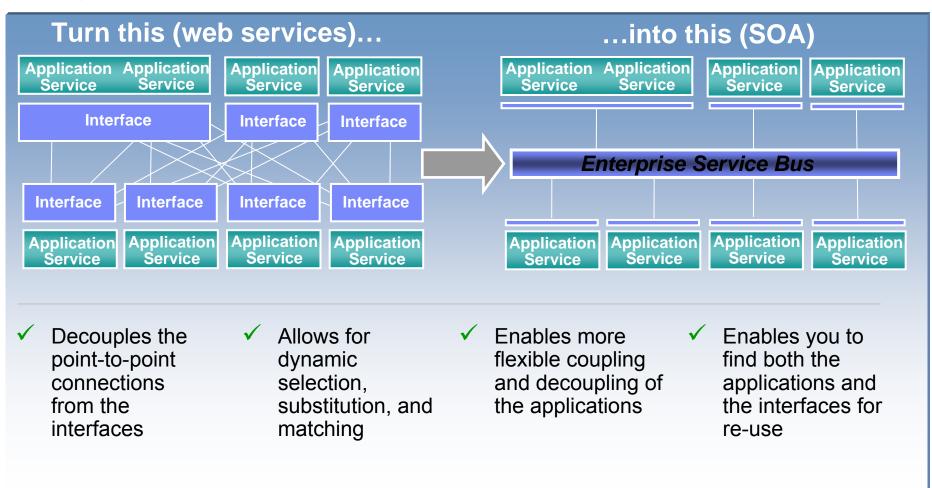
But separate connection points still leaving bloated interfaces

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The Enterprise Service Bus shrinks those interfaces further



Connect services with WebSphere Integration Developer



Conclusion

- There is an ordered roadmap from 5250 to J2EE
- Enter where you want. Stop where you want.
- ILE RPG and COBOL are alive and well and part of the story
- You can move to new language and development paradigms—while protecting IT assets.
- There are many ways to gain needed expertise to accomplish this move to the Web.
- There are many Business Partners with plug-in tools and services to help with the transition!
- It's time to get started! Step 1 > Better Tools!



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