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SOA Roadmap and **Application integration for z/VSE**

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Customers & Analysts Agree: SOA Enables Rapid & Incremental Change Leading to Innovation



Innovation That Matters *

"The IBM and GenXus SOA-based solution has made our product more innovative, expanded our market and made us more competitive It will let us grow our business significantly in the years to come."

"SOA is the heart of the next wave of innovation. The leaders that do this well are able to rapidly change ..."



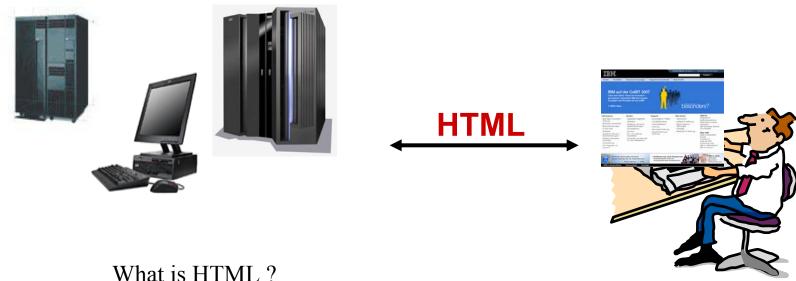
"SOA is critical for ... executing the on-demand vision and in preparing ... for the incremental changes ... over time. Companies ... make better decisions."



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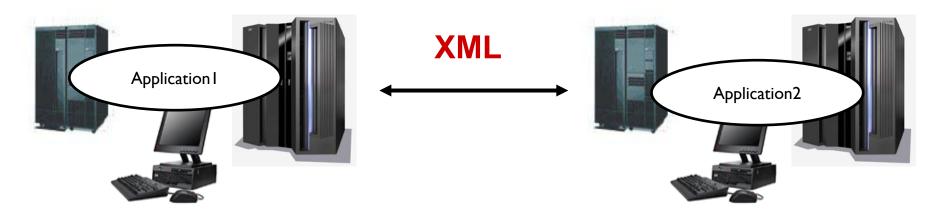
HTML - Traditional Internet Technology



- ➤ the most successfull markup language ever
- ➤ with the used tags, an HTML document can be seen on all platforms from Palmtops to mainframe
- > extension interfaces like CGI (Common Gateway Interface) and Java (applets, servlets, EJB) allow access to backend systems
- > HTML was designed with humans in mind



XML - was designed for program communication



Today's Requirements for flexible solutions:

- > Enterprise wide integration of:
 - **>** information
 - processes
- > Reduction of Data Redundancy and complexity
- > Standard Internet protocols,
- > Application integration
 - > Programming Language independent,
 - >Platform independent,
 - >Architecture independent,



XML - eXtendet Markup Language the plattform independent data representations

- ➤ HTML contains tags to tell a browser how to display information but <u>not</u> WHAT that information is
- > XML was designed with applications in mind (distributed application)
- > XML has information about structure and content of information
- > XML supports attributes that hold additional information about a tag
- > HTML can be written within XML

An address in HTML

 1401 MainStreet
 Winston Salem, WN 34123

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An address in XML

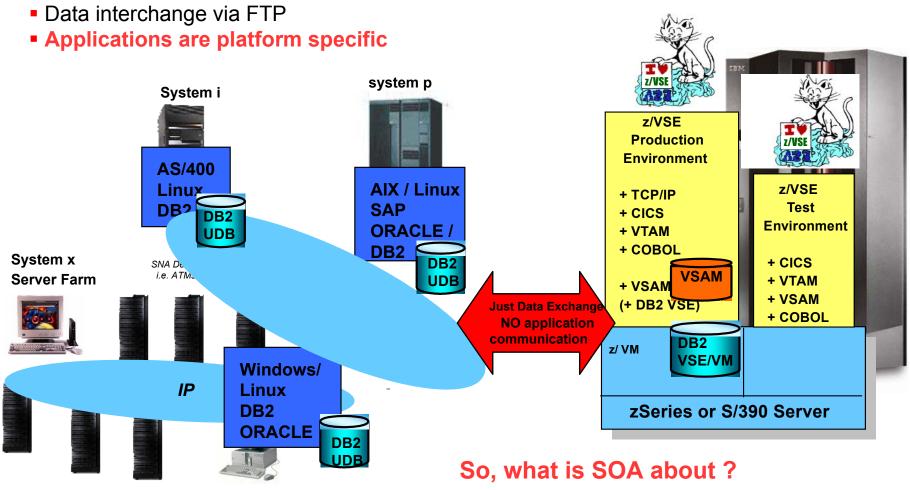
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    <firstname>Mary</firstname>
    <lastname>Brown</lastname>
    <street>1401 MainStreet</street>
    <city state="WN">Winston Salem</city>
    <postalcode type="int">34123</postalcode>
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Typical VSE Customer Environment Data interchange

VSAM data on VSE (some DB2 environments)

Relational databases on distributed platforms (DB2, Oracle)





What is Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)?

(1) SOA is a Concept for IT Business Management

A Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) is focused on developing technology to accomplish your business tasks.

- eliminate technological constraints that dictate the activities
 (i.e op. system and data organization constraints)
- it is **organized around actual activities, or business services**, rather than the different individual silos of information maintained by departments of the company to enable:
 - a greater alignment of business and IT
 - A network-based infrastructure, enabling geographically and technologically diverse resources to work together
 - On-demand, built-on-the-fly-applications
 - Greater code reuse
 - Better process standardization throughout the enterprise
 - Easier centralization of corporate control



Judith Hurwitz
President, Hurwitz & Assoc

to the SOA process.

SOA is more than just about technology, but technology's integration with business insight and thought leadership.



What is Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)?

(2) SOA is an new IT Architectural Concept

- SOA is represented in "loosely coupled" application components:
 - not tied to a particular database,
 - not tied to a particular infrastructure.
 - self-contained
 - with well-defined interfaces
- Services enable the combination of themselves:
 - to extend existing business logic
 - to create new applications.
- Services can be accessed over a network.
 - the network may exist within your corporate, or it may be geographically and technologically diverse
 - the access is as though they were all installed on your local desktop.
- It enables much greater code reuse,
- cutting your workload at the same time that it increases your capabilities.
- enables your business to adapt to changing conditions and requirements







The SOA Architecture - Standards

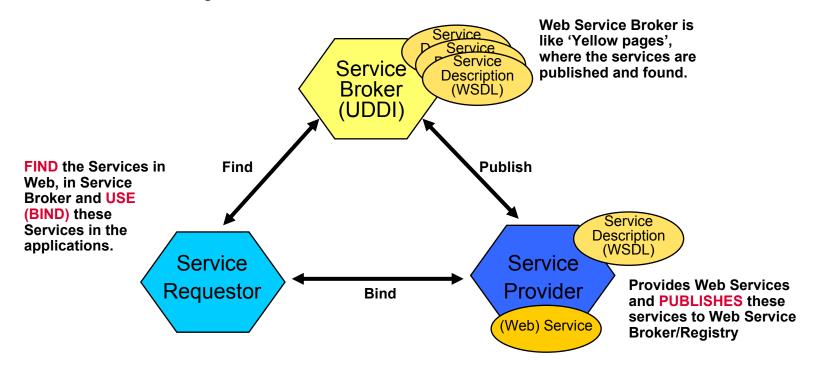
- Web Services
 - defined Services
- XML (eXtended Markup Language)
 - platform independent data representation
- SOAP (Simple Object Access Protokol)
 - protocol for Web Services
- UDDI (Universal Description Discovery Integration)
 - catalog to register and find Web Services
- WSDL (Web Services Description Language)
 - language in which the Web Services describes
- Enterprise Service Bus
 - The Plug for the Services



What are Web Services?

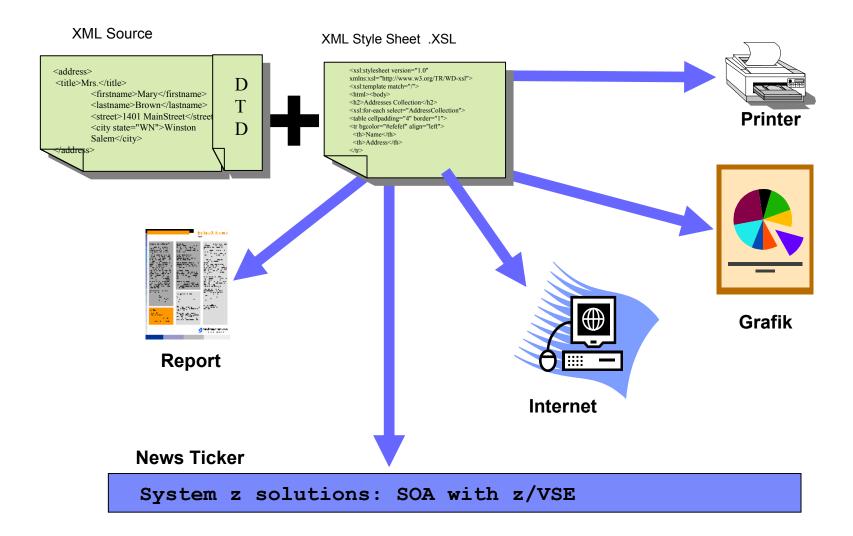
"WebServices are self-contained, modular applications that can be described, published, located, and invoked over a network, generally, the World Wide Web." **IBM**

"A WebService is programmable application logic, accessible using standard Internet protocols" **Microsoft**



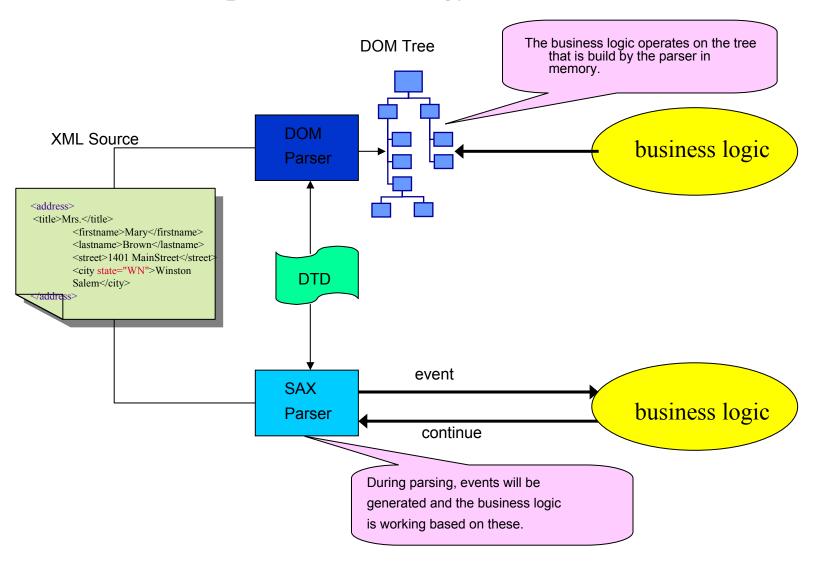


What is XML?





XML parser Technology (DOM,SAX)





What is SOAP?

- Simple Object Access Protocol
- SOAP is an XML based protocol for communication between two remote applications:
 - ► is based on RPC messaging
 - **▶** is language independent (<u>de-couples</u> interface from implementation)
 - ► represents remote procedure calls and responses
- A SOAP message consists of:
 - el

envelope

- -wraps the message itself
- -defines rules for decoding the message
- message
 - -request
 - method to invoke on a remote object and parameters
 - -response
 - •result of running the method and exceptions



What is UDDI?



- Universal Description, Discovery and Integration
- •UDDI is a specification for <u>publishing and discovery</u> of businesses and the services they provide
- UDDI specifications define how to construct UDDI Business Registries
- •UDDI specifications are based on XML and SOAP:
 - API to communicate with a UDDI Registry are SOAP based
 - -UDDI4J (UDDI for Java) Open Source implementation in Java
 - -JAXR (Java API for XML Registries) Sun
 - data structures that define Web Service in UDDI Registry are XML based

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What is WSDL?

- Web Services Description Language
- •WSDL is an XML based vocabulary for defining a Web Service:
 - **►**interfaces
 - -operation types (i.e. one-way, request-response, notification)
 - -messages defining a Web Service interface
 - -definition of data types (XML Schema)
 - ► access protocol (i.e. SOAP over HTTP)
 - ► contact endpoints (i.e. Web Service URL and URNs¹)



(1URNs are location independent pointers to a file, or to different repressame content. In most ways they can be used like URLs)

- A Web Service URL returning WSDL makes Web Services selfdescribing
- Similar in purpose to IDL (Interface Definition Language)
 - From a WSDL file, wizards can generate:
 - proxy classes for calling Web Service
 - skeleton classes to implement a Web Service





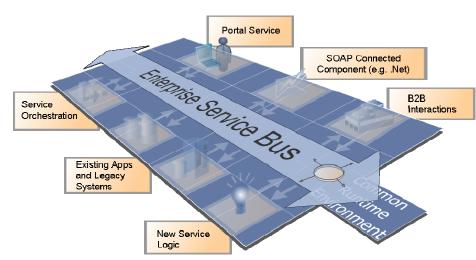
What is an Enterprise Service Bus?

An Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) is a flexible Infrastructure for services and application integration

An ESB reduces the number, size and complexity of your interfaces in a SOA solution.

An ESB realizes following tasks between requestor und service

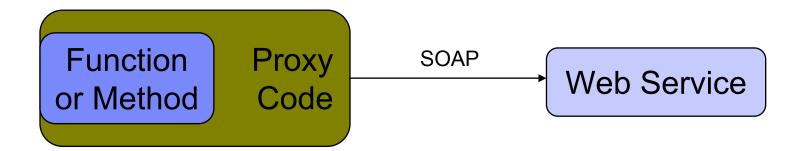
- ROUTING of messages between Services
- CONVERTING the transport protocol between requestor and service
- TRANSFORMING message formats between requestor and service
- HANDLING of business events between different types of services





Call a Web Services with Java or MS .Net

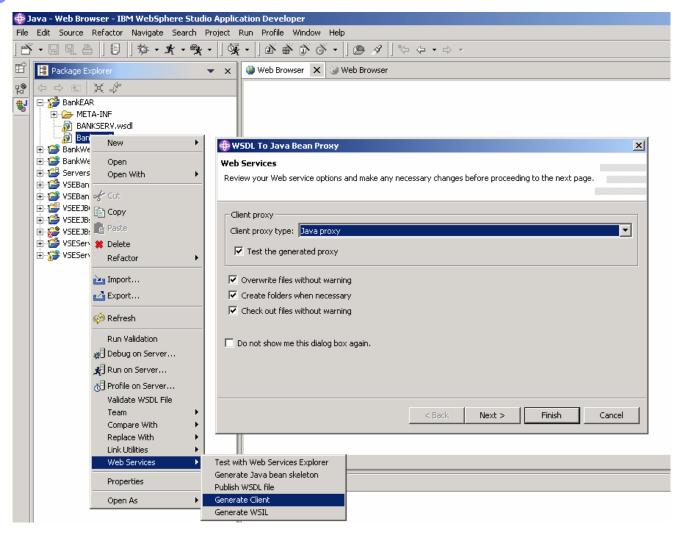
- Call an existing Web Service
 - Locate the Web Service Description (WSDL) for the Web Service you want to access
 - Use a tool like Rational Application Developer (RAD) or Microsoft Visual Studio and import the WSDL
 - Generate "proxy code" that implements all things needed to invoke the Web Service
 - Applications call a function of the proxy code as it would implement the service by itself





Using Web Services with Java or MS .Net

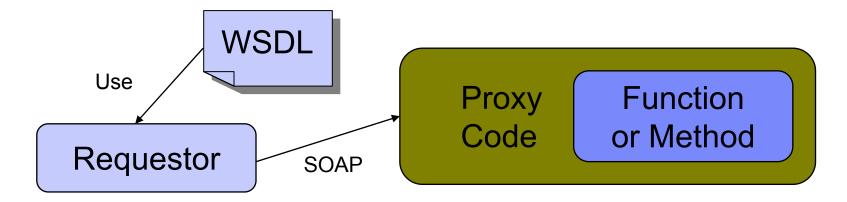
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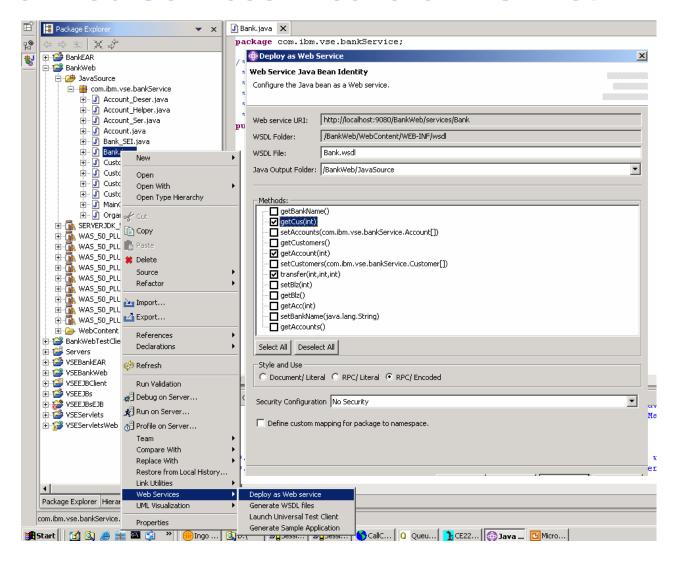
Create a Web Services in Java or MS .Net

- Create/provide a new Web Service
 - You have a callable business logic that you wan to transform into a Web Service
 - Use a tool like Rational Application Developer (RAD) or Microsoft Visual Studio to model a Web Service
 - Generate a Web Service Description (WSDL) and publish it
 - Generate "proxy code" that makes the function or method callable from outside as a Web Service via SOAP
 - Deploy it in an application server





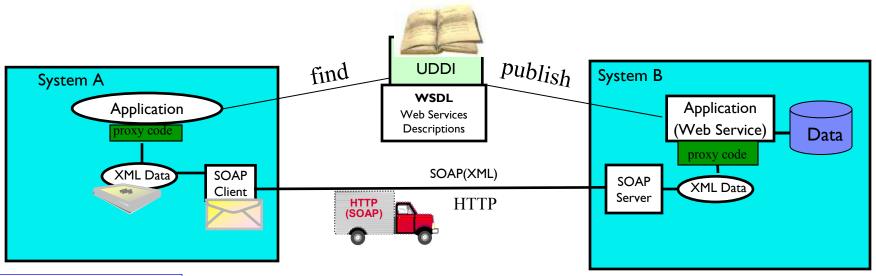
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Web Services in action

XML Document + SOAP Protocol = Web Services



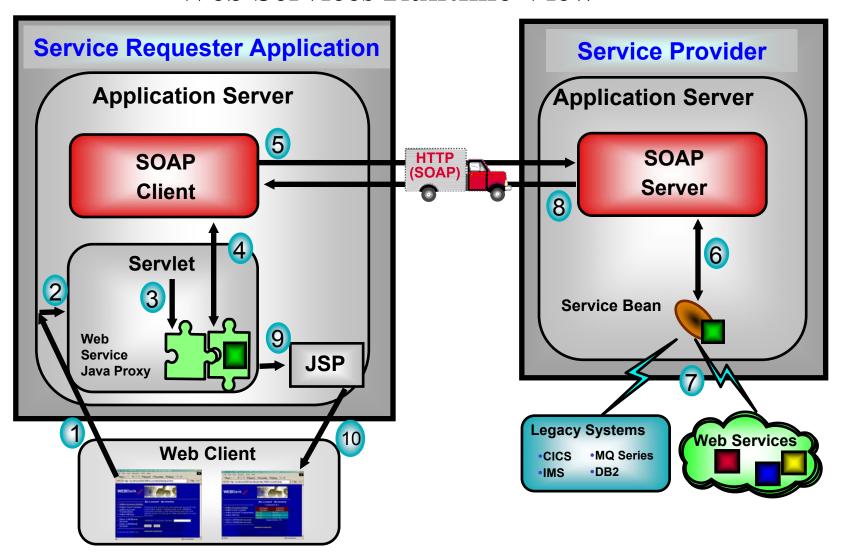


A web service

- is intended for application communication
- Fimplements a business logic, application or system functionality
- is useable in internet, intranet, extranet
- is useable for browser-based solutions up to the integration between companies
- uses only standard internet technologies



Web Services Runtime View



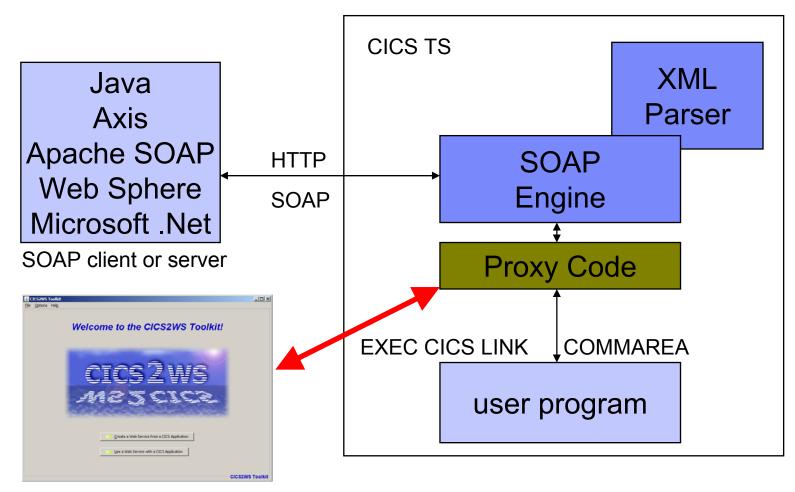


Why should VSE customers consider SOA?

- SOA is modern (hype) and strategic
 - It is mentioned in all IT journals and newspapers
- Easy integration of existing VSE programs and processes
 - Reducing the interface complexity
 - Reuse of existing application logic as services
 - Use of standard protocols (XML, SOAP, HTTP)
- integration is platform independent
 - independent of application programming language
 - independent of the data involved
- Integration of VSE logic with a Microsoft .Net environment
 - without the use of Java
 - the most incompatible environments can be integrated
- SOA enables the extension of VSE applications
 - to other platforms and architectures
 - to partners and open world



Web Services in and with VSE



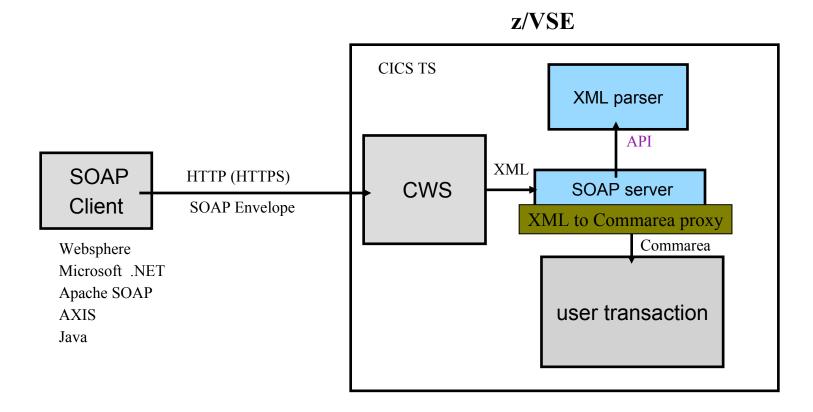
Tool to generate the Proxy code



VSE as **SOAP** server

Web Services (SOAP)

SOAP - Simple Object Access Protocol (platform independent remote procedure call)



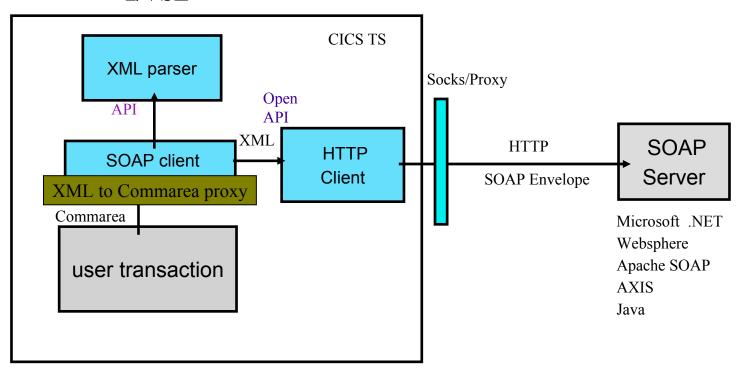


VSE as SOAP client

Web Services (SOAP)

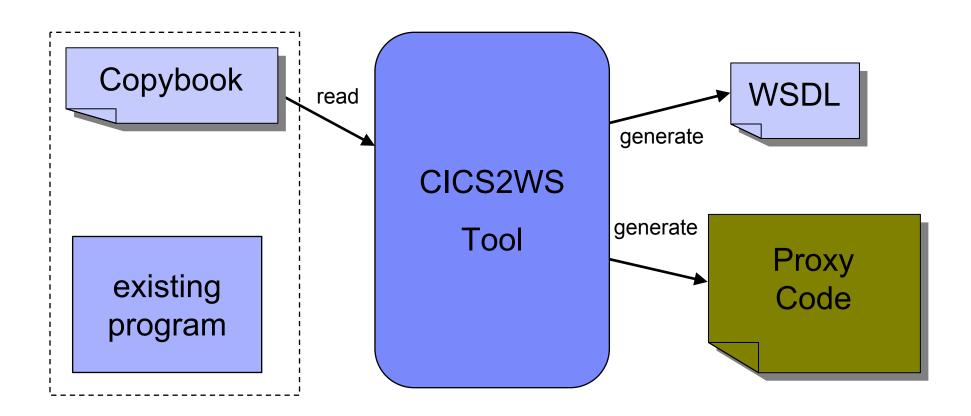
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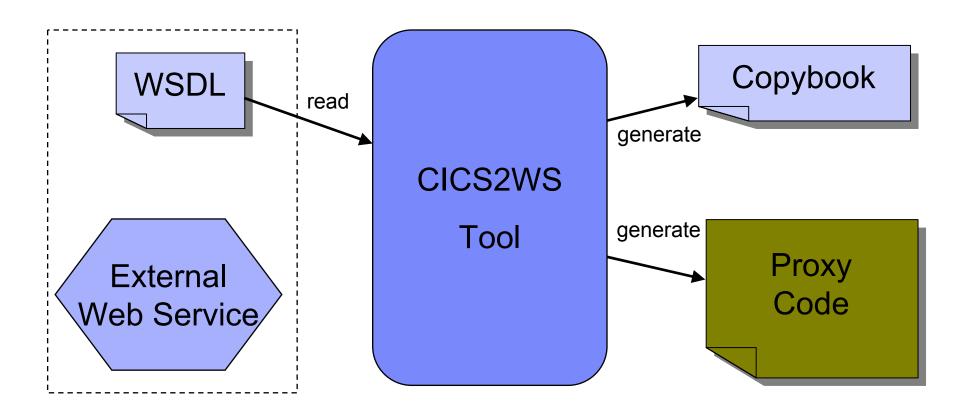


VSE as a SOAP server (service provider)





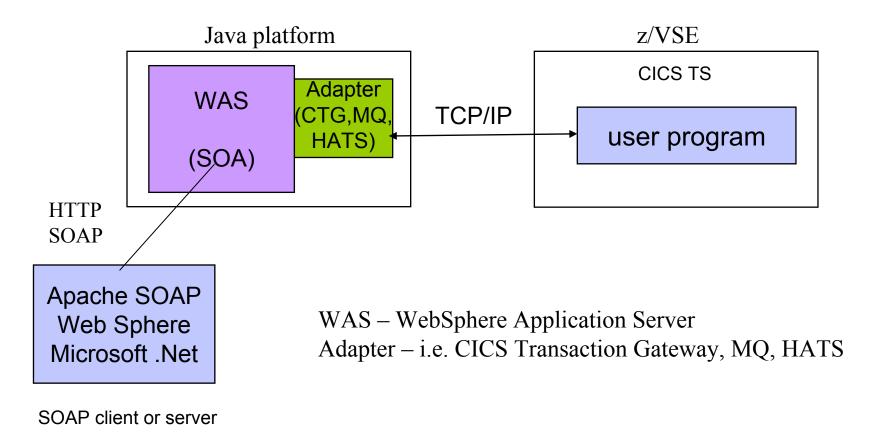
VSE as a SOAP client (service requestor)





SOA and Web Services with Middle tier and z/VSE

The Web Service is implemented on the middle tier – WebSphere Connector technology is used to access VSE logic

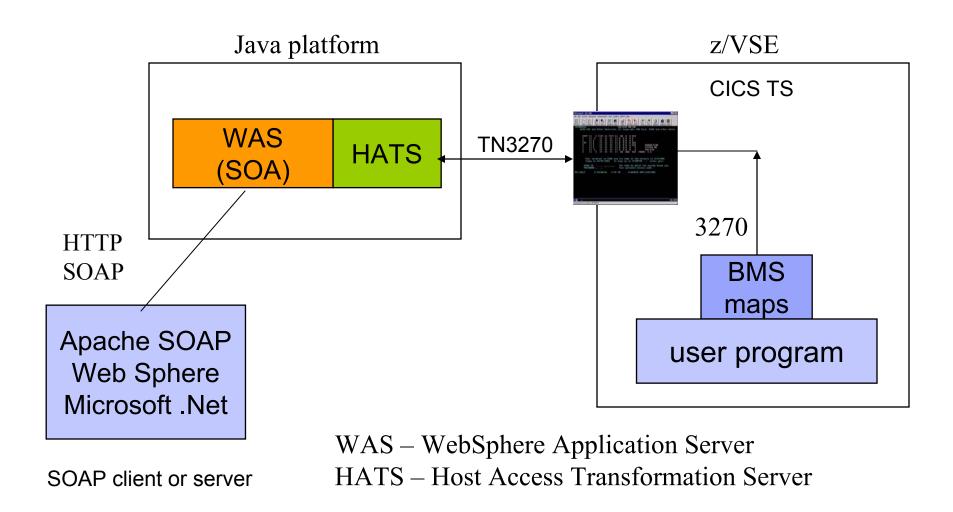


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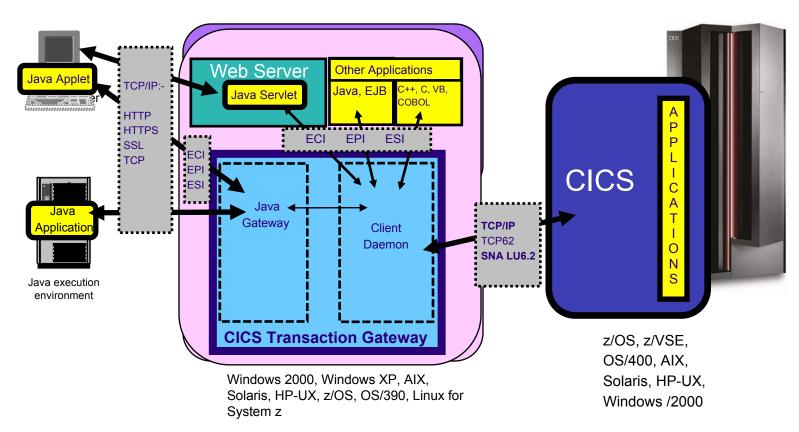
Web Services with 3270 applications





Integration of transactions in distributed processes

CICS Transaction Gateway (CTG) - Components

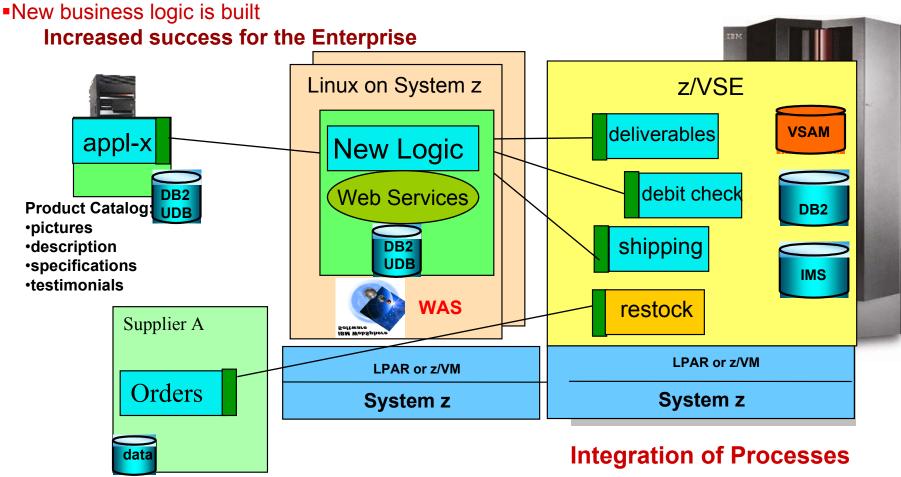


- ► Synchronous transaction security
- ► Allows secure communications
- ► Integration of CICS business logic in heterogeneous transaction processes
- **►** Workload Manager integrated in CTG



SOA – the way to new applications and processes

- Applications look the same for all users
- Core applications can be enhanced with an interface (independent of their language, COBOL, ASM, PL/I)





Solutions where SOA is not the best architecture

- For high performance requirements
 - Communications using SOAP/XML are time consuming
- For the transfer of large amounts of data
 - XML data can get huge
- If transaction security is required
 - Two phase commit has to be implemented in the logic
- For real time direct access to data
 - SOAP is program to program communication



Creating & Reusing Services - Greater Value through SOA

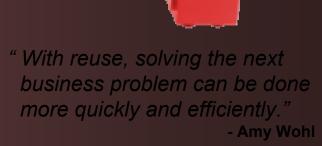
Create Flexible, Service-based Business Applications

Value

- Flexibility and elimination of duplication for reduced cycle times
- Expanded access to core applications
- Consultant studies have found it 5X less expensive to re-use existing applications than to write new applications*

Start with

- What services are needed to run your business?
- Identify high-value existing IT assets and serviceenable them for reuse
- Fill in gaps by creating new services for today's business needs and future reuse
- Registry/repository to facilitate centralized access and control of reusable services



* Software Productivity Research (SPR)



Reusing Services

Business Challenge: Leverage existing assets to improve business agility



Sysdat & Gautzsch



Reused existing RPG service based function to integrate with Amazon.de sales portal

Online in 3 weeks. *ROI in* < 3 months.

WebSphere Business Integration Express, Partner Gateway

Acesita



Integrates mySAP and existing backend applications with reusable service data

Real-time views of critical cost and profit information for better decisions

IBM BCS, WebSphere MQ and Message Broker

Mainsoft and Comtec



Reuse .NET applications in open standards-based SOA with IBM Business Partner

Mainsoft Solutions

5x faster than rewriting the code from scratch

Mainsoft Visual MainWin, WebSphere Application Server



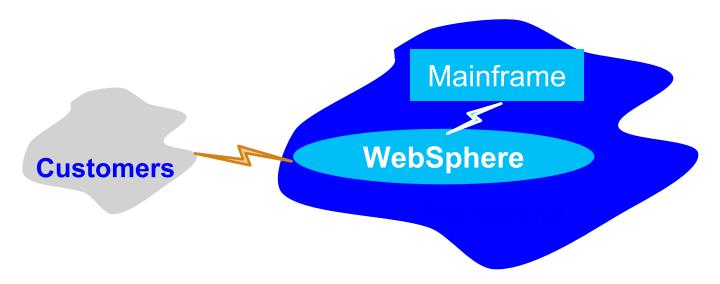
Travel services

- •One of the world's leading providers of electronic global distribution services (GDS) -- connecting more than 42,000 travel agency locations to 511 airlines, 37 car rental companies, 47,000 hotel properties, 350 tour operators and all major cruise lines in an electronic marketplace.
- Using web services
- Offer travel services
 Access travel suppliers
 Other
 Travel
 Services



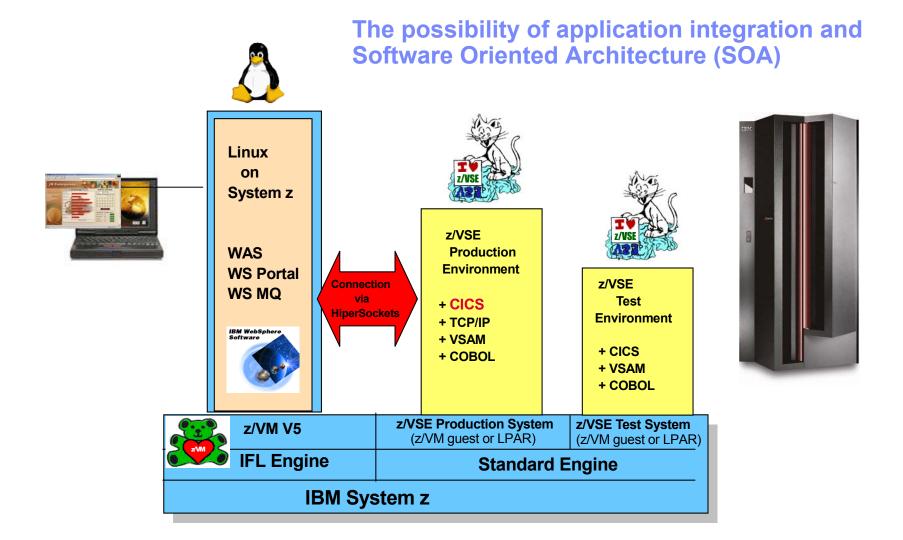
Financial

- A Financial and insurance holding company
- •6,500 companies with approximately 390,000 employees
 - Manually synchronize the records of those employees such that individual coverage could be accurately calculated for each employee under a variety of insurance schemes.
- Replace the manual process with an automated web services process
 - Extract information directly from payroll systems and transmit via web services requests to Storebrand where it is entered into Storebrand's mainframe





WebSphere Application Server for VSE Customers





Solutions on the new z/VSE homepage



http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/zvse/



Documentation

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- Web Services in VSE (zJournal.com)
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