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IBM Host Access Transformation Services (HATS) Version 7.0

Overview and What's New

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Topics

- What is HATS and what value does it provide?
 - Overview of tooling (what a developer sees)
 - Overview of runtime (what an end user sees)
- What is new with Version 7
- How does HATS work with the Eclipse Rich Client Platform ?
- What kind of skills do I need for HATS
- How can I get more information?



Value of Existing Applications

- Existing applications are among the most valuable assets a company owns
 - Fully functional applications that run the business today
 - Significant investments over the years
 - Fine-tuned for dependable optimal performance
 - Run within fine-tuned reliable, robust, scalable IT infrastructure and platforms
- Accessed via character / text based terminals
 - Non-intuitive, difficult to navigate user interfaces
 - Difficult to integrate in modern business processes



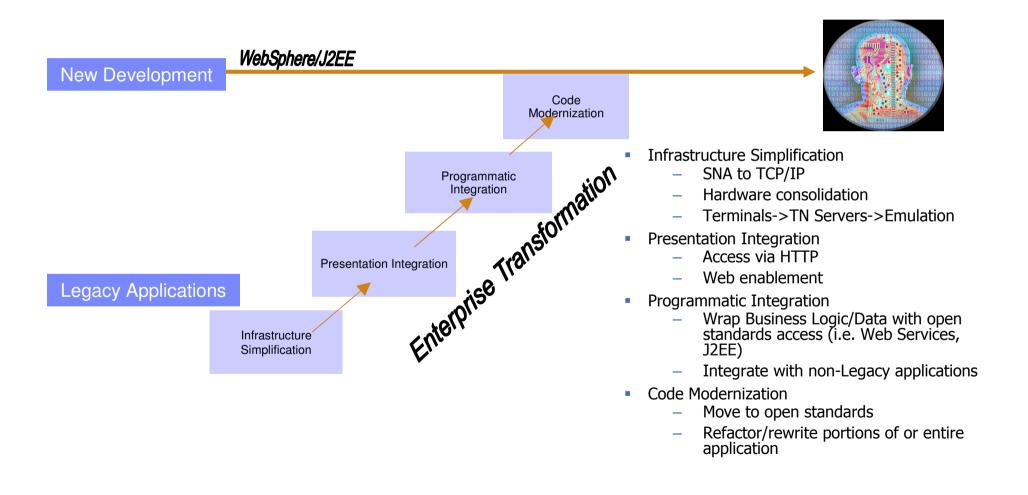


Challenges and Customer Requirements

- Improve the appearance of user interfaces
 - Shorten learning curve for newer employees
 - Extend to new departments, new business partners, new end-user customers, who require an easy-to-use interface
- Improve employee productivity by streamlining application flow
 - Automate where appropriate eliminate unnecessary keystrokes and screen navigations
 - Customize access for a specific set of users



View of Enterprise Transformation

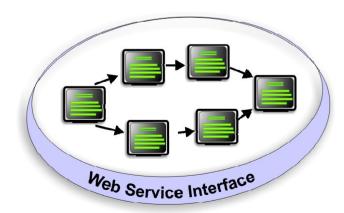




What is Host Access Transformation Services (HATS)?

- HATS provides tools needed to quickly and easily create Web, portal or rich client applications that provide an easy-to-use GUI for your 3270 and 5250 applications
 - Automatic transformation
 - Low skills requirement
 - Rules-based
 - Highly customizable
 - Iterative development process
- Extends terminal application tasks as Web Services





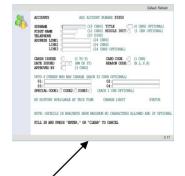


Host Access Transformation Services

- Modernize and streamline "green screen" applications
- Combine data from multiple screens, applications and databases
- Non-invasive (no host application changes required)



Rich Client



- Integration at the desktop with other Eclipse applications
- Client side processing
- Rich set of user interface widgets
- Built on the standard, open Eclipse foundation
- 3270e print directly to end user's printer

Portal



Web

- Web Service
- Build self-service transactions
- Integration at the glass
- Click-to-Action support

- Zero footprint
- View through your favorite browser

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Improve Navigation & Productivity

- Macros & Global Variables
 - Skip unnecessary screens; combine screens; split screens, enter data on behalf of the end user
 - Store end user input as global variables to use again; prefill text entry fields
- Improve User Interface with Screen Customization
 - Add buttons, hot links, drop-down menus, valid value lists, etc.
 - Modify graphics, fonts, colors, and layout
- Add business logic
- Local print support
- Native keyboard support
- Security HTTPS, SSL
- Performance HTTP Compression, Contention Resolution
- Supports iterative development
 - Default Transformation rules fully functional HATS application on the Web quickly
 - Customize Default Transformation rules
 - Customize screens

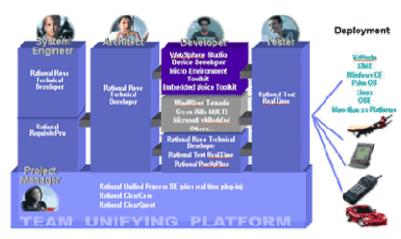


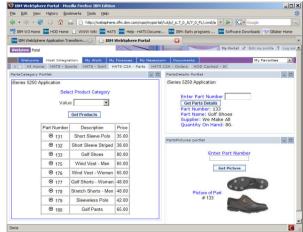


Industry-Standard Architecture

- IBM Rational Software Delivery Platform Tool
 - HATS Toolkit is an Eclipse plug-in to the IBM Rational Software Delivery Platform Tool
 - Wizard based
 - Creates HATS applications
- WebSphere Application Server, WebSphere Portal Server
 - HATS leverages WebSphere Application Server (WAS) or WebSphere Portal Server at runtime
 - HATS Toolkit creates J2EE .war and .ear files for deployment
 - HATS runtime is contained in the HATS application
- Lotus Expeditor, Eclipse Rich Client
 - Open, standards-based platform

Building the technical embedded software that controls devices

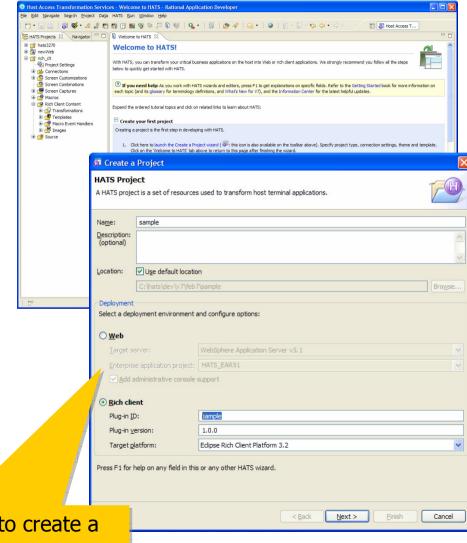






Using the HATS Toolkit for HATS Development

- HATS Toolkit is used to create Web, Portlet, or rich-client projects.
- Use familiar HATS development concepts for building RCP applications.
- Use your favorite HATS features for rich client applications:
 - Default transformation
 - Global Rules
 - Screen customizations and transformations
 - Macros and global variables
 - Business logic
- Transformations are designed visually using the Eclipse Java Visual Editor.
- Further customization options
 - Custom HATS SWT Widgets
 - Ability to link standard SWT controls with host keys, host input fields, or macros
- HATS RCP projects are Eclipse plug-in projects.

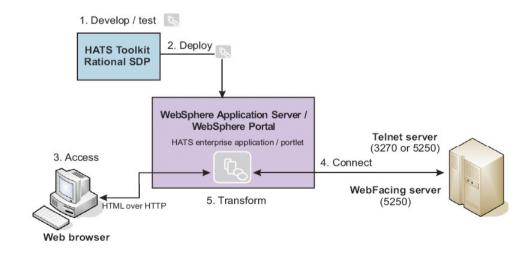


Developer chooses whether to create a Web, portlet, or RCP project



Creating a HATS Web Application

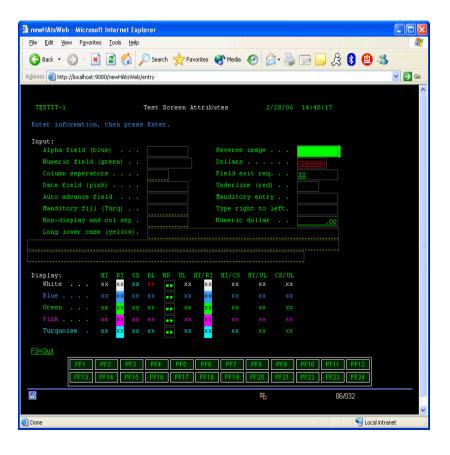
- 1. The developer uses the HATS Toolkit to develop and test a HATS Web application.
- 2. When ready, the developer deploys the HATS application by exporting it as a J2EE application and installing and running it on a WebSphere Application Server system.
- 3. Using a Web browser, the user accesses the HATS application.
- 4. The HATS runtime connects to the target host system through either a Telnet or a WebFacing server.
- 5. As the user interacts with the host through the HATS application, the HATS runtime transforms host screens to a GUI.



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Achieving a Green-Screen Look with HATS

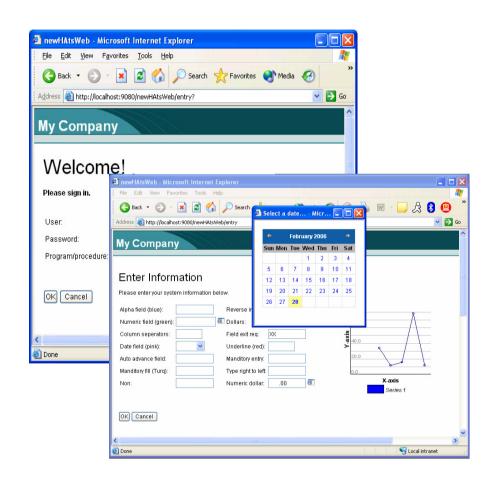


- HATS supports host colors and extended field attributes, including:
 - Numeric only, alphabetic only, signed numeric, reverse image, column separator, underline, and blink fields
- Supports automatic field advance
- Support for field exit, field plus, field minus (5250 only)
- Host keypad and OIA can be displayed (and positioned anywhere)
- Native keyboard support (i.e. pressing F12 in the browser sends F12 to the host application).



Achieving a Modern Look with HATS

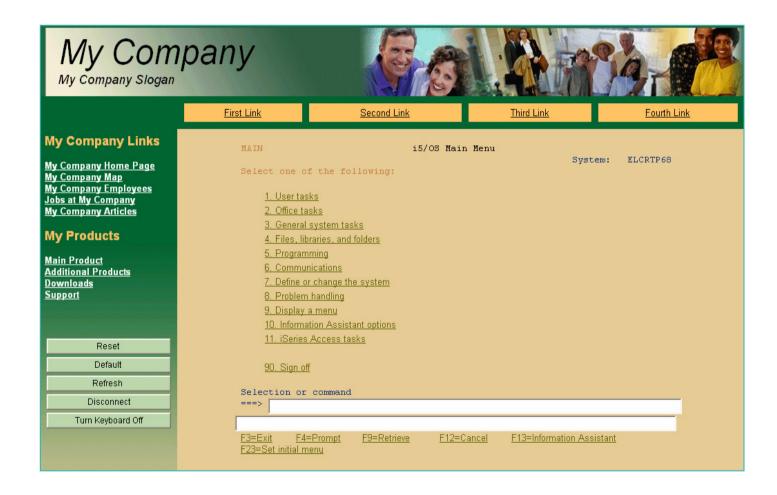
- Individual screens can be customized with a rich set of user controls, including:
 - Popup lists, drop-downs, checkboxes, lists, radio buttons, calendar popups, graphs, etc.
- Information from the host screen can be suppressed on the Web page and a screen can be split up over multiple Web pages.
- Functions / actions can be restricted.
- Information can be displayed and organized in tabs.
- One customized Web page can be applied to more than 1 host screen!



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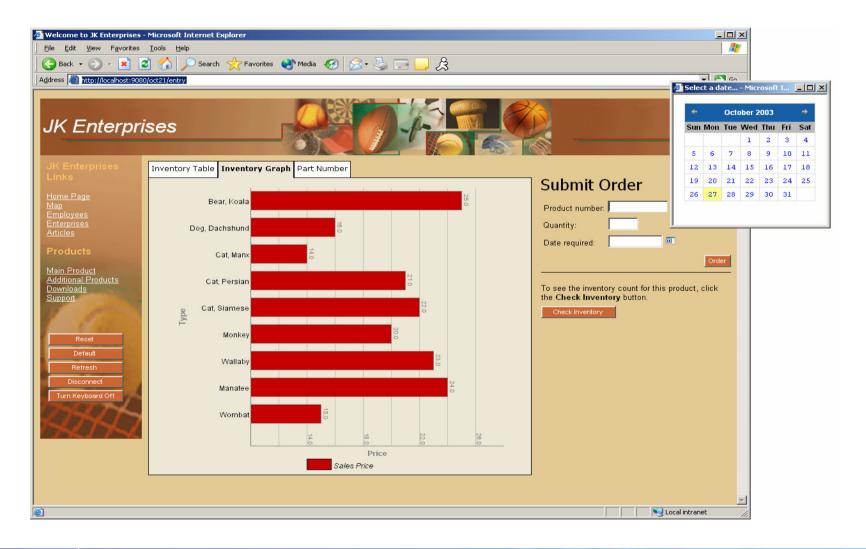


HATS Default Rendering



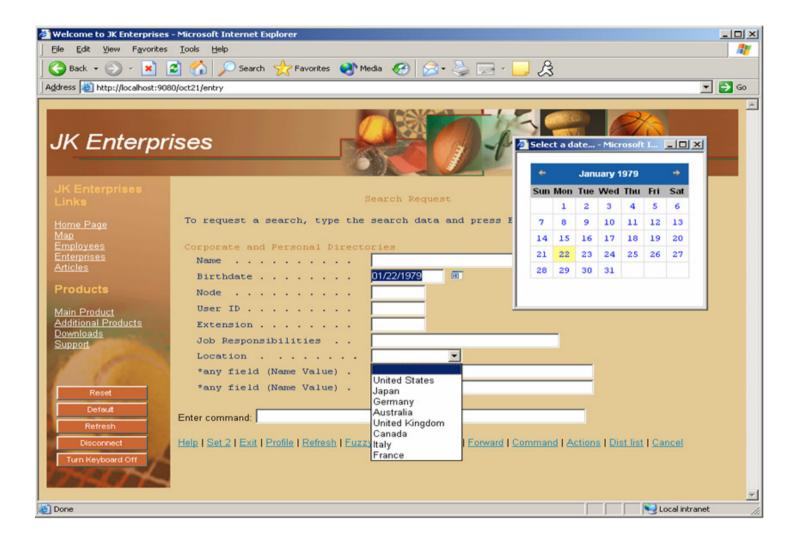


HATS Customized Transformation





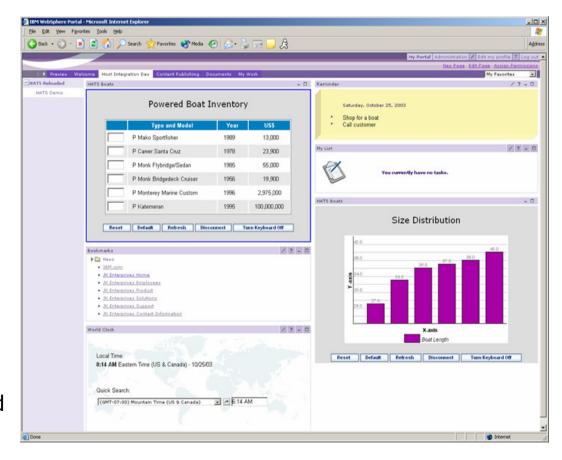
HATS Global Rules and Valid Value Lists





HATS Integration with WebSphere Portal

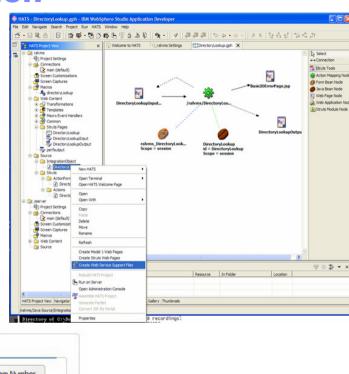
- One step wizard to generate WebSphere Portal compatible portlets.
 - HATS provides an open, flexible environment for creation of host portlets
- HATS supports:
 - Click-to-Action
 - Cooperative Portlets
 - Credential Vault
 - Single Sign-On
- HATS is ideal for use with portals because screens can be customized to reduce the amount of data displayed
- Multiple HATS portlets can be added to the same page.

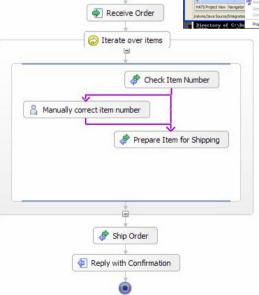




Application to Application Integration

- Create Web Services from programmed interaction of one or more host applications.
 - Generate Java Beans and EJBs from macros that navigate host applications
 - Use IBM Rational Software Development Platform to add SOAP and WSDL components
- Supports session pooling
 - Create cached, logged-on, ready to use host connections
- Generate Struts and Java Server Faces (JSF) Web applications.
- The Process business entry point to SOA
 - HATS participates in the Business Process
 - insert an automated HATS Web service in your business process







Recommended Skills



- The HATS Toolkit is an integrated environment for building HATS applications as with all tools, skills are developed over time. Ease-of-use has been a driving design goal since the first release (and was the theme for HATS version 6).
- HATS does not require Java skills, except for advanced integration (e.g. interacting with a database using JDBC) or when writing custom components and widgets.
- For Web application development: although HATS is integrated into the Page Designer (HTML editor) tool, HTML / Web skills are recommended when doing advanced screen customization.
- For rich client application development: Java and Eclipse/SWT skills are recommended for doing advanced screen customization and integration with other Eclipse and desktop-based applications.
- **The good news:** the skills required for advanced HATS development are <u>reusable</u> because HATS utilizes industry standard technologies (J2EE, Java, JSP, JavaScript, XML, HTML, CSS, Eclipse, SWT, etc).

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HATS Benefits

- Increases productivity and reduces training costs as it extends host applications to the widest possible audience...
 - Improving work flow from multiple applications
 - Presenting host screens in a more intuitive GUI format
 - HATS has built-in **SSO support**, which allows users to securely logon to multiple host systems while presenting credentials only once
 - · Works in conjunction with existing network security applications, such as Tivoli Access Manager
 - Retrieves network security credentials and maps to host credentials
- Quick ROI Host applications can be quickly deployed
 - Screens quickly converted to GUIs according to HATS default rules
 - Further customization added as time and resources permit
 - Low cost, no need to rewrite application
- Low risk Leverage Open, Proven Platforms
 - Development
 - Leverages the Eclipse-based open standards of the IBM Rational Software Delivery Platform tools
 - Web deployment
 - HATS leverages the security, reliability, and scalability of the WebSphere Application Server and WebSphere Portal Server
 - Rich client deployment
 - Lotus Expeditor and Eclipse Rich Client



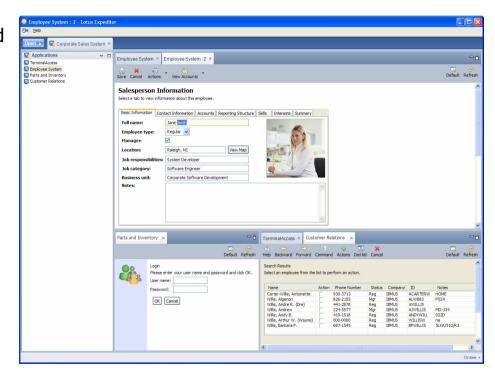
What's New in HATS 7.0

- Rich client deployment of HATS applications
 - HATS runs on the desktop, not on a server (WebSphere Application Server is not required)
- Combine and interact with multiple screens of data
- Improved developer experience
- Screen transformation
 - More options for populating a new transformation (a transformation is responsible for rendering a screen)
 - Global rule enhancements (including screen-level global rule configuration)
 - New component and widget settings
 - New Table component
 - New Subfile rendering options
- Host Simulator tool integration (aids in offline development)
- 3270E print support enhancements, including direct-to-printer printing
- Integration with WebFacing (iSeries)



HATS Rich Client Overview

- Extends host applications to the desktop. Applications run on:
 - Eclipse RCP 3.2 (or any Eclipse-based environment)
 - IBM Lotus Expeditor Client 6.1
- Provide a modern GUI interface to mission critical green screen applications.
- Processing occurs on the desktop no WebSphere Application Server required!
- Provides the capability to integrate host access applications with other applications on the desktop.
- Alternative to traditional terminal emulator products.
- Targeted at internal users in a controlled environment.





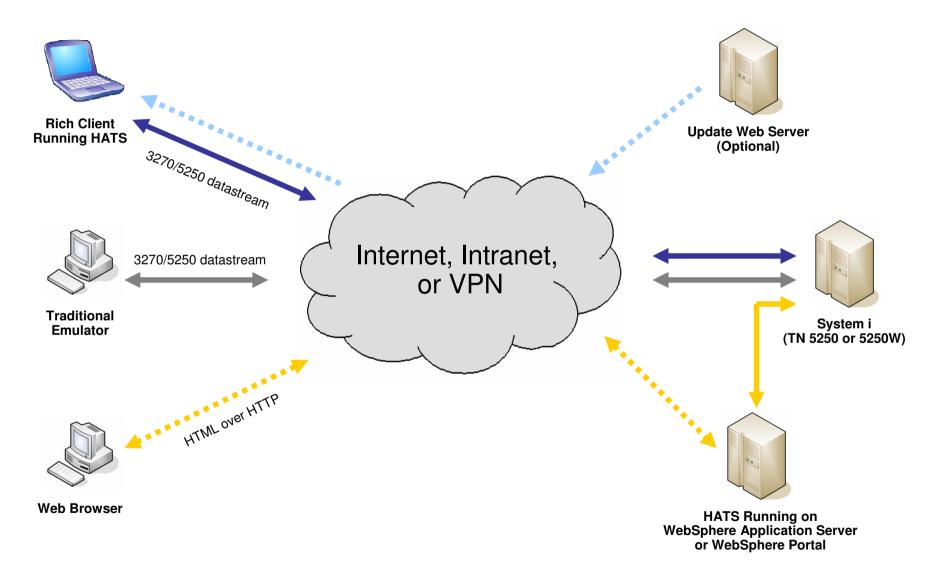
Comparing HATS Rich Client to Traditional Emulators

- What are the advantages of HATS RCP over a traditional "fat client" emulator?
 - Instant productivity improvements for end users (e.g. automatic conversion of function keys into clickable toolbar buttons)
 - Information integration multiple sources of information can be integrated and presented to the end user (increased productivity / less switching)
 - Platform support for automatic installation and updates
 - Platform independence (same HATS application can run on Windows and Linux)
 - Provides more control over what an end user can do
 - More attractive and usable to users not accustomed to a "green screen" or a terminal emulator.
- Why is this important?
 - Allows you to continue using your proven, reliable terminal applications without costly rewrites, code changes, or major disruption.



Environment Comparison





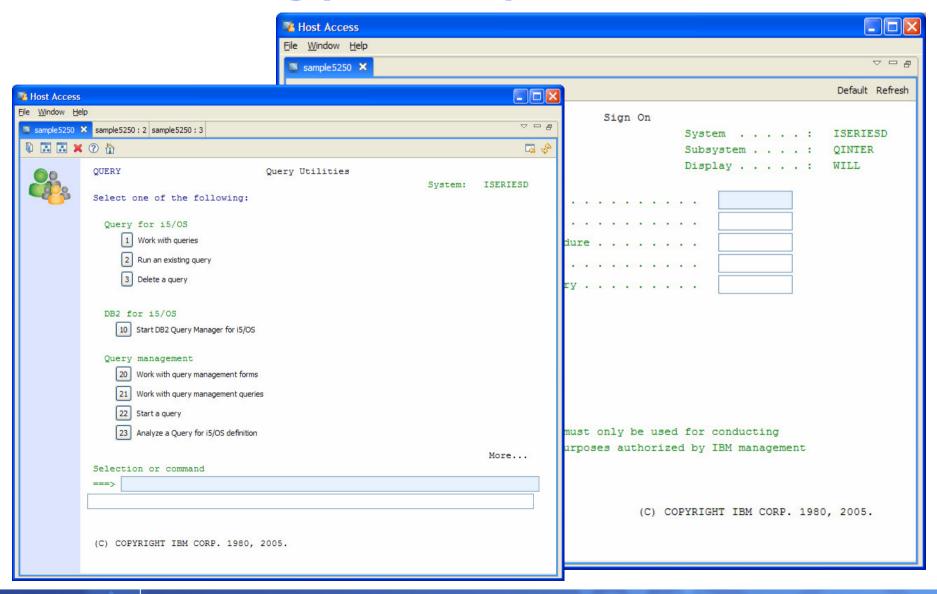


Comparing HATS Rich Client to HATS Web

- What are the differences of HATS RCP over HATS Web?
 - Integration at the desktop with other applications
 - Client side processing (no server bottlenecks) no server required
 - Better response time (good for slow speed links)
 - Less network traffic
 - Rich set of user interface (UI) widgets
 - 3270e print directly to end user's printer
- HATS RCP is primarily targeted at internal users who need integration with other desktop applications or are looking for responses times more similar to that of a traditional emulator.



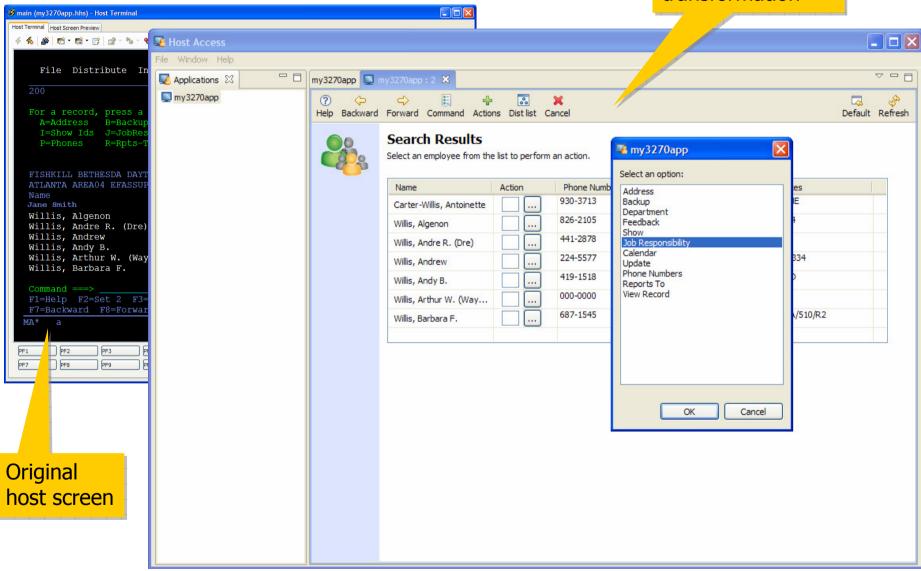
Default Rendering (Rich Client)





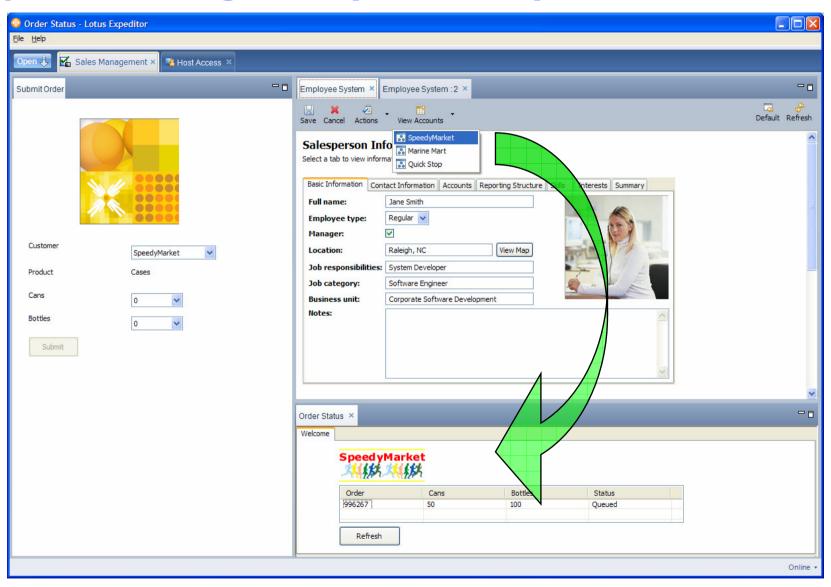
Customizing a Screen (Rich Client)

Customized HATS transformation





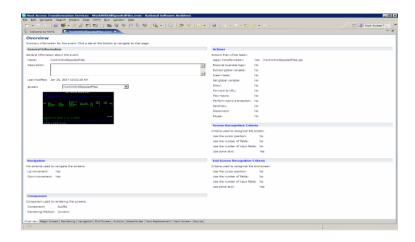
Application Integration (Rich Client)

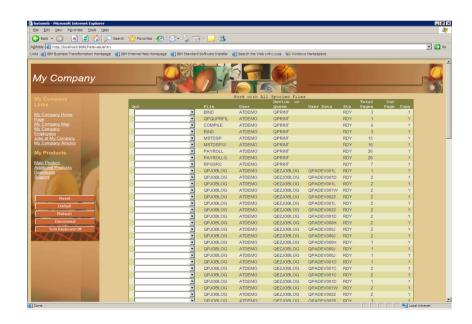




Combining Multiple Host Screens

- Developer can combine screens of table, selection list, and subfile data onto one page with an easy to use screen combination wizard.
- No need for:
 - Macros
 - Global Variables
 - Macro handler pages
 - Integration Objects
- Increase end user efficiency by aggregating multiple screens of data onto one GUI
- Screen combination support is available in both HATS Web and HATS rich client applications.

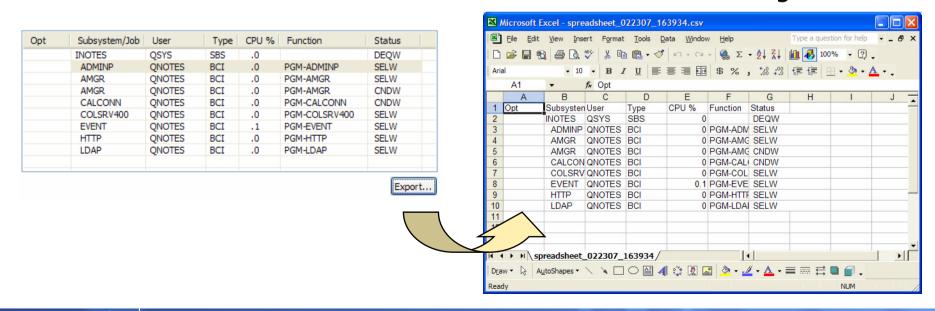






Export Table as CSV or Microsoft Excel File

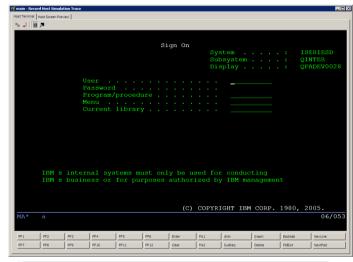
- Export tabular data from a host screen (or multiple host screens) to a CSV (comma separated file) or Microsoft Excel spreadsheet file.
- End user can save the file locally and open with an appropriate editor / viewer.
- Available when table is rendered with the HATS Table widget.

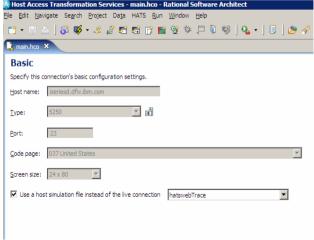




Host Simulator in HATS Toolkit

- Host Simulator Definition:
 - Records interactions with the host
 - Can be played back later for use with HATS terminal or HATS application without requiring host connectivity
- Advantages:
 - Offline and Off site development
 - Demos
 - Debug
 - Integrated- no separate install or UI





Edit connection to configure use of simulator trace



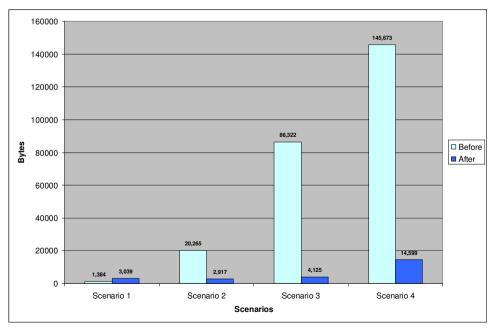
HTTP Compression Support

Performance

- HATS compression support:
 - Significantly reduces the number of bytes sent over the network.
 - Improves response time

 Supported on WebSphere Application Server 5.1 and WebSphere Application Server 6.0. Not supported when running in WebSphere Portal Server. Requires a browser that supports GZIP compression (all supported HATS browsers, with the exception of IE 5.2.3 on Mac, support GZIP).

- By HATS supporting compression out of the box, compression does not need to be configured or enabled on the HTTP server.
- Introduced in HATS 6.0.2, but GUI support for enabling added in HATS version 7.0.





Typical Questions



- 1. Question: How much time does it take to get a HATS application up and running? Answer: Only minutes to create and deploy an application that will transform all screens on-the-fly.
- **2. Question**: What happens if I change my green screen application? **Answer**: If using default rendering, HATS picks up the change automatically and transforms the screen. In other scenarios, depending on the type of change and how the application was customized, further modifications may need to be made to the HATS application.
- **3. Question**: Do I need to import BMS maps? **Answer**: No, not necessary, but possible.
- **4. Question**: Do I have to customize every screen? **Answer**: No, only customize the screens / sets of screens needed default rendering handles the rest.
- **5.** Question: What skills are required to develop with HATS? Answer: Basic IDE skills, unless you need to do advanced integration. HTML skills are recommended for doing more advanced Web development. Eclipse and SWT skills are recommended for advanced rich client development.

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10 Reasons to Consider HATS



- 1. Default rendering
- 2. Quick ROI / iterative development
- 3. Easy to alter the flow of the application
- 4. Improve productivity for the user
- 5. For HATS Web applications, a Web browser is the only required software on the client

- 6. No changes required to green screen application
- 7. Use of standard technologies (HTML, JSP, J2EE, CSS, JavaScript, Java, Eclipse SWT)
- 8. Built on WebSphere / Eclipse / IBM Software Delivery Platform
- Expose green screen applications as Web services
- 10. Work with and display data from multiple backend systems and applications

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More Information is Available

- HATS site on IBM.com
 - Information Center, technotes, downloads, success stories
 - URL: http://www-306.ibm.com/software/webservers/hats/index.html
- HATS Demo Site
 - URL: http://websphere.dfw.ibm.com/whidemo/



Resources

- IBM WebSphere Host Integration Solution Product Page
 - http://www-306.ibm.com/software/webservers/hostintegration/
- HATS Product Page
 - http://www-306.ibm.com/software/webservers/hats/
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