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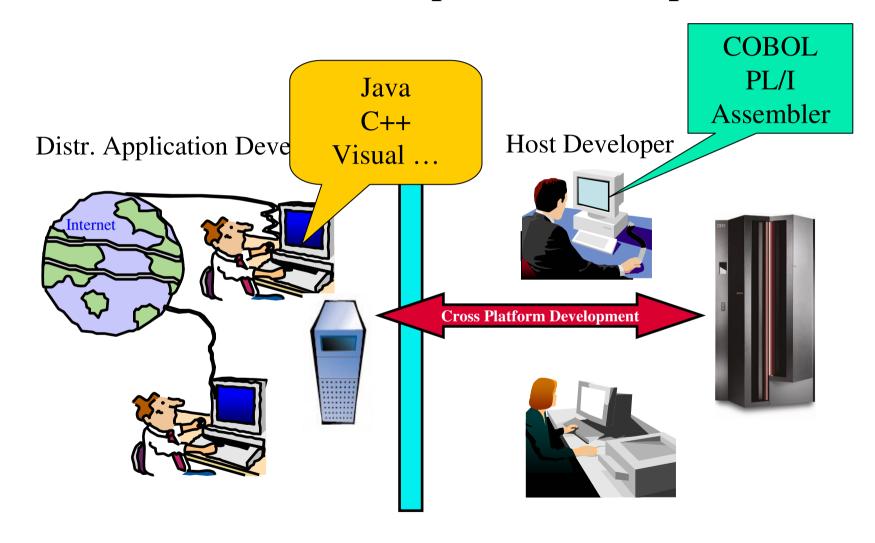


# Development objectives !!!

- Tools for managing existing z/VSE source code and changes
  - COBOL, ASM, PL/I, C, 4GL Languages
  - increased productivity for changes and new development
  - flexibility in versioning
  - effective group development control
- Develop for multiple platforms
  - common framework for the enterprise instead of multiple unique platform dependent tools
  - same basic tool set for open systems and mainframe
- Open source based technology
  - tools that students know from school and university communities
  - help new developers adapt to the mainframe

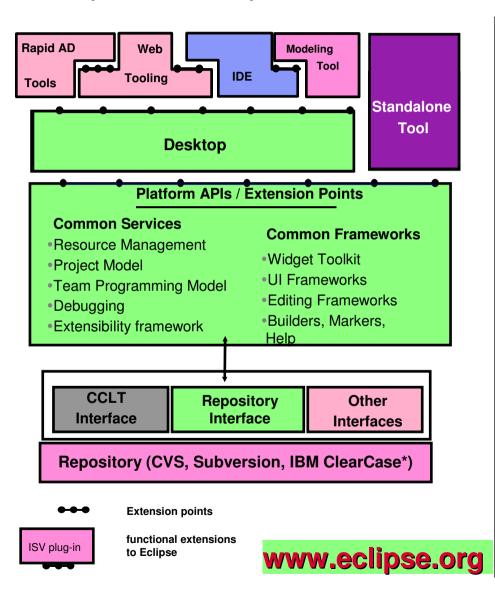


# 'Distributed' Development Landscape...





# Eclipse – the open Standard for application development

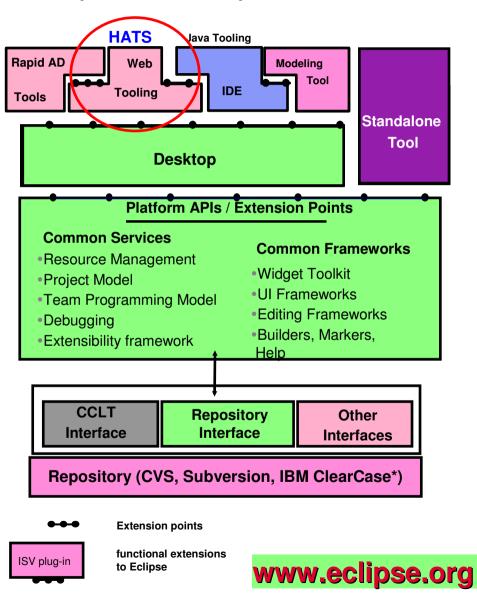


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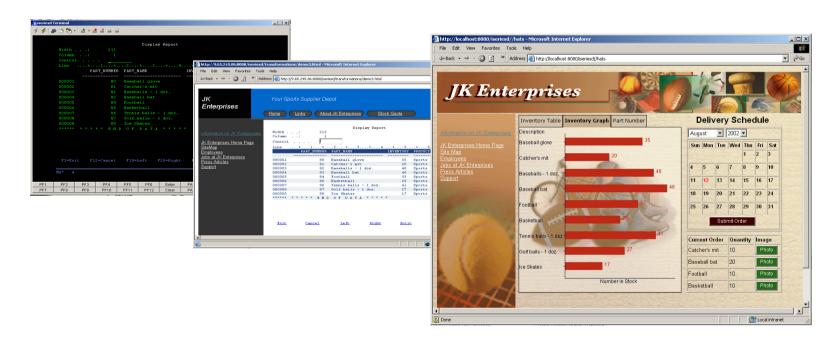
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# Host Access Transformation Server (HATS)

- A Web-to-host integrator, HTML emulator ...
- rules-based transformation engine, application integration ...
- converts green screens to graphical user interfaces in web applications
- improves ease-of-use of host applications.

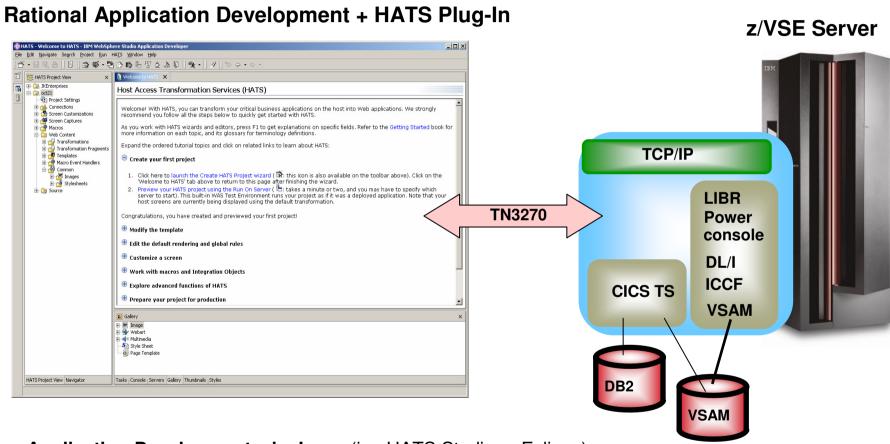


Benefit: Easily extend existing applications to the web



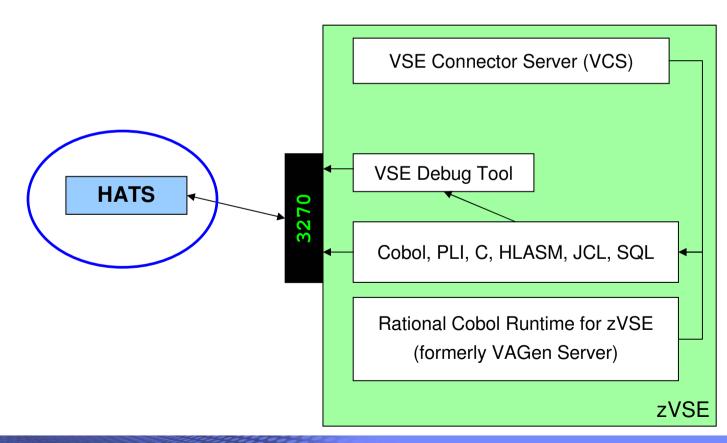
# Modernize Existing Applications with HATS

(2) Integrate existing applications in Web applications – in Java



- Application-Development in Java (i.e. HATS Studio or Eclipse)
- The new application accesses unchanged VSE application and data
- the new application is a web application using internet technologies



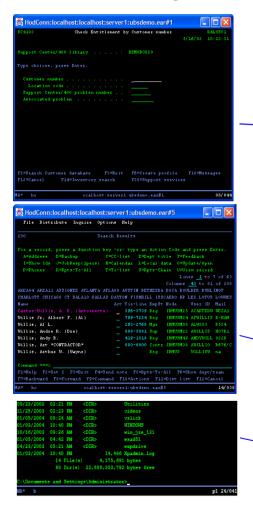


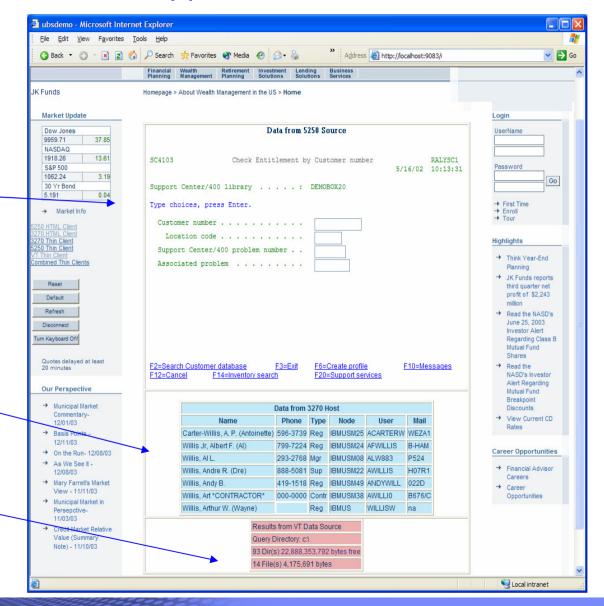


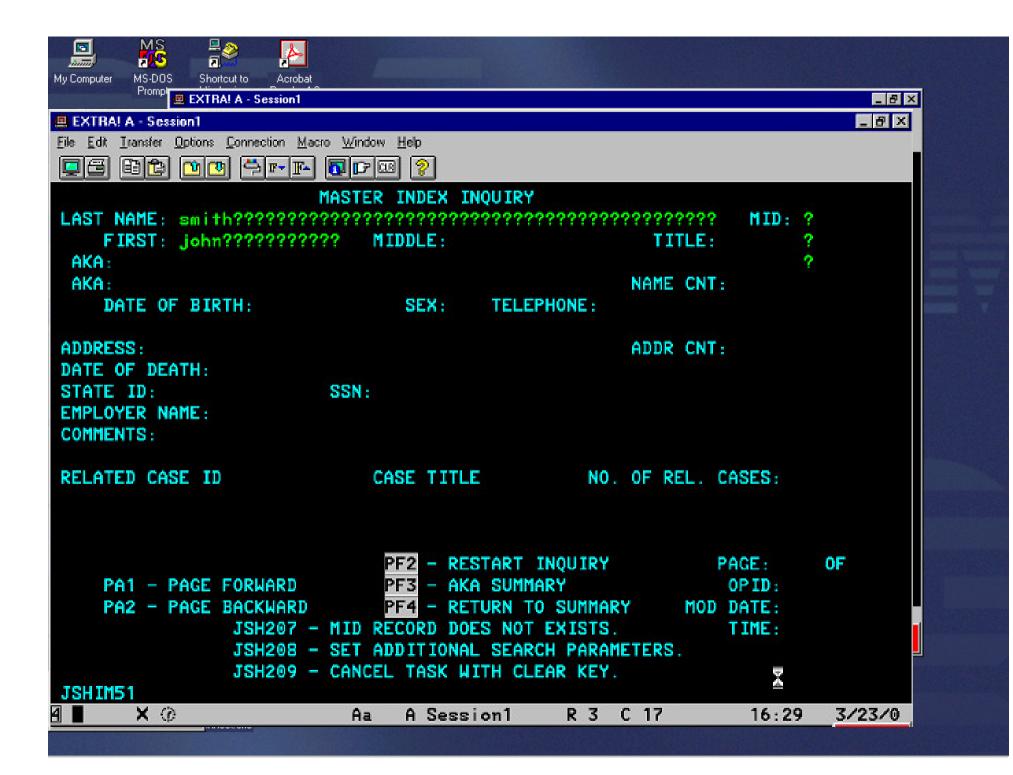
# Web application for z/VSE applications with 3270 interface

HATS Advantages:

■Combine / Integrate

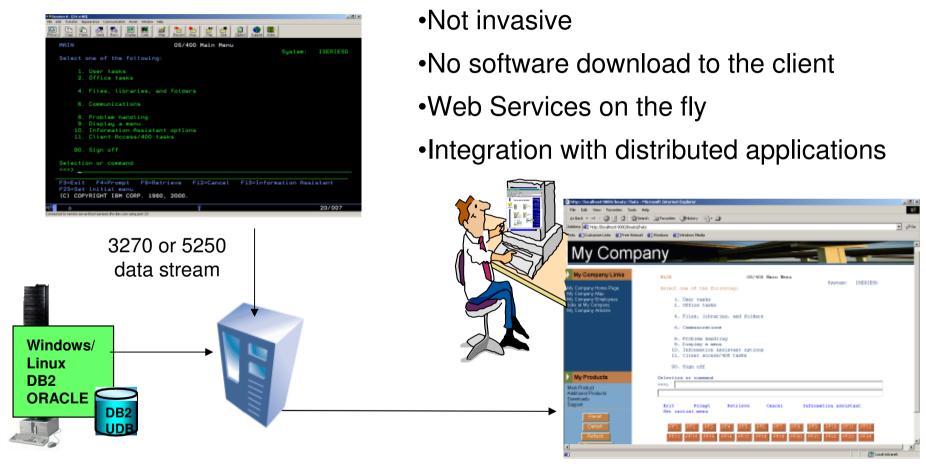








# Application Integration with Host Access Transformation Services (HATS)

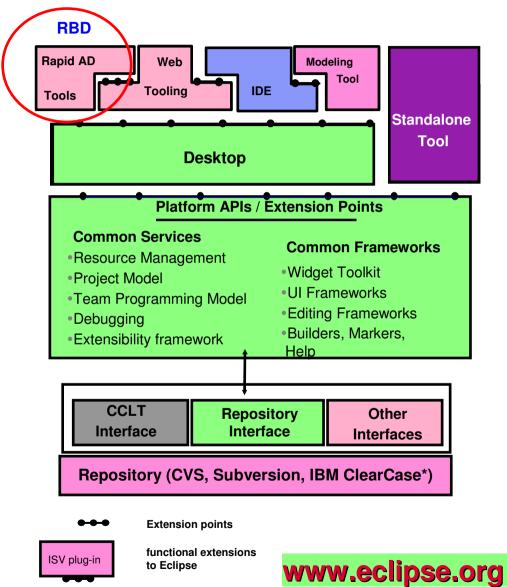


Screen transformation rules running on WebSphere Application Server

HTML in a Browser



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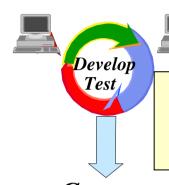
## (2) Cross Platform Solution development **Approach with 4GL Language (EGL)**

**Rapid Development** 

Generation

### **Execution**

- Multiple platforms
- Client /Server Applications
- Java applets/servlets or standalone
- Multiple database/file support apps



### **IBM 4GL history:**

CSP (~1981) -> VAGen (~ 1994) -> EGL (~2003) Migration-Options available ...

### Generate



GUI, Java, HTML, C++, COBOL, PL/I

z/VSE(CICS, Batch)



HP/UX Solaris







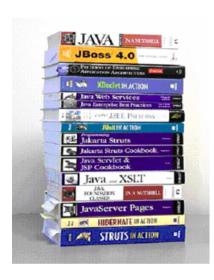
z/OS, (CICS, IMS, Batch)

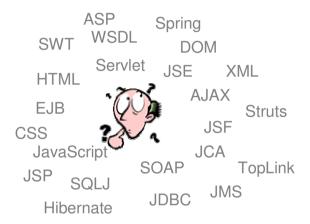


DB2 UDB VSAM ODBC Oracle DLI, IMS/DB



# Why EGL? Because building applications today is not easy









- Learn and master myriads of
  - programming languages and semantics
  - middleware interfaces
  - programming paradigms and styles
  - frameworks and libraries
- Constantly emerging new technologies

- Code at a more abstract and simpler level
- Easy to learn, modern and comprehensive language Keeps up with emerging
- technologies
- Inter-operates seamlessly with legacy



# The power of the Language Simple and familiar.... yet robust and complete

### Rich data types

- Primitive
  - Simple (int, string, boolean, etc.)
  - Complex (any, arrays, dynamic arrays, dictionaries, array dictionaries, etc.)
- User defined Data Parts

### Keywords

 Case, if-then-else, while, for loop, for loop cycling through a database result set, etc.

### High power language capabilities

- Automated Casting (e.g. using AS operator)
- Mixing data types in assignments and expressions
- Exception handling

### Rich libraries of built-in functions

- Math, string, date/time, system, i5/OS objects APIs
- Robust integration with existing investment or access to low level APIs
  - Call RPG, COBOL, C, etc.
  - Full Java interoperability
    - Invoke Java from EGL (map Java classes with EGL External Types)
    - Invoke EGL from Java





# The power of Abstractions and Declarative

### Data access:

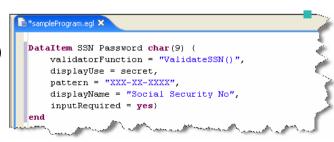
- "Records" provide access to:
  - SQL, Indexed, Relative, Serial, DL/I, Service data, Message Queues
- Common Verbs for data access (Get, Add, Replace, Delete).
- Allows complete access to SQL statement if needed.
- Common Error Handling.

### Remote Invocation

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

### User Interface:

- EGL "handlers" hide complexities of
  - Web (JSF) UI
  - Reports (BIRT)
  - Portlets
  - Rich Web (Ajax)





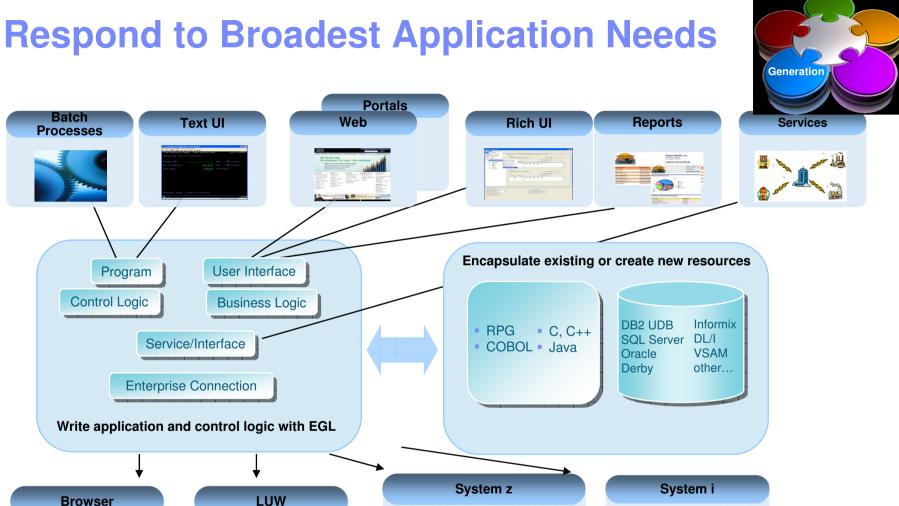
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function allLoans()
loans LoanRec[];
get loans;
end
```

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

### Validation/Editing Rules:

- Via properties in "Data Items.
- Define formatting & validation rules in a common place.
- Reuse data items for Records, screens, web pages, reports.





- IE
- **Firefox**
- Safari

### LUW

- WebSphere
- **Tomcat**
- **Native**

- WebSphere
- **USS, Linux**
- Batch, CICS (z/OS and zVSE)
- IMS

- WebSphere
- **Native i50S**
- Native i5OS

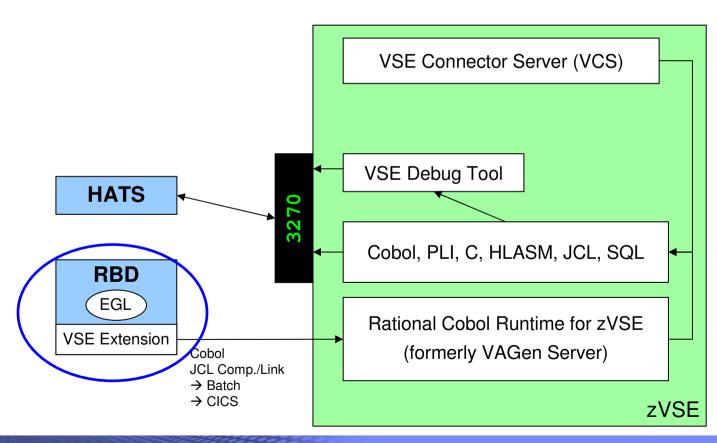
Java COBOL **JavaScript** 



# Modern development environment for z/VSE with RBD - IBM Rational Business Developer

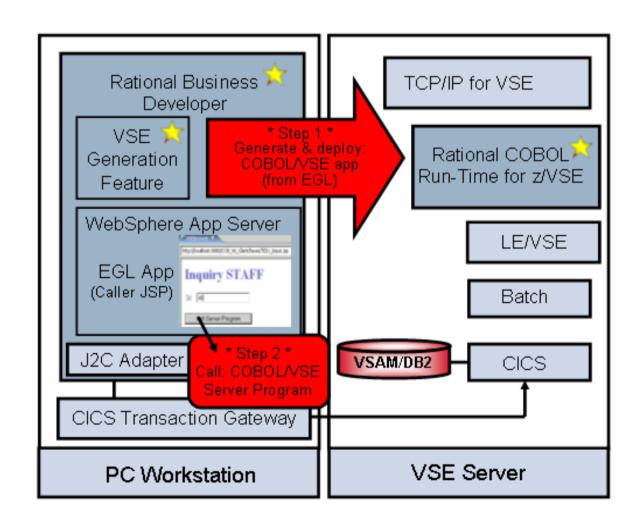
- Since December 2008, continued 4GL support for z/VSE is available:
- z/VSE host component IBM Rational COBOL Runtime for z/VSE (V7.5) (replaces the Visual Age Generator Server for VSE)
- 2. PC tool for development: IBM Rational Business Developer (RBD V7.5.1) and the associated components
  - IBM Rational Business Developer Extension for VSE V7.5.1
    - COBOL Code generation for z/VSE
    - Generation for System z (z/OS)
- J2C-Tools (Java EE Connector)
- IBM CICS Transaction Gateway (optional for CICS access only)





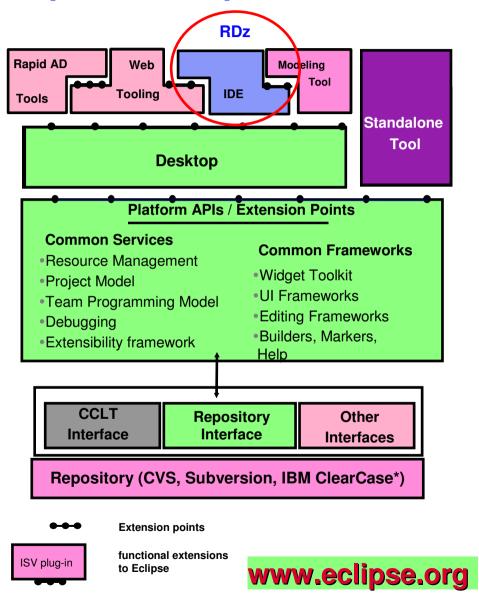


# RBD – functional view (Generate COBOL applications on z/VSE using EGL )





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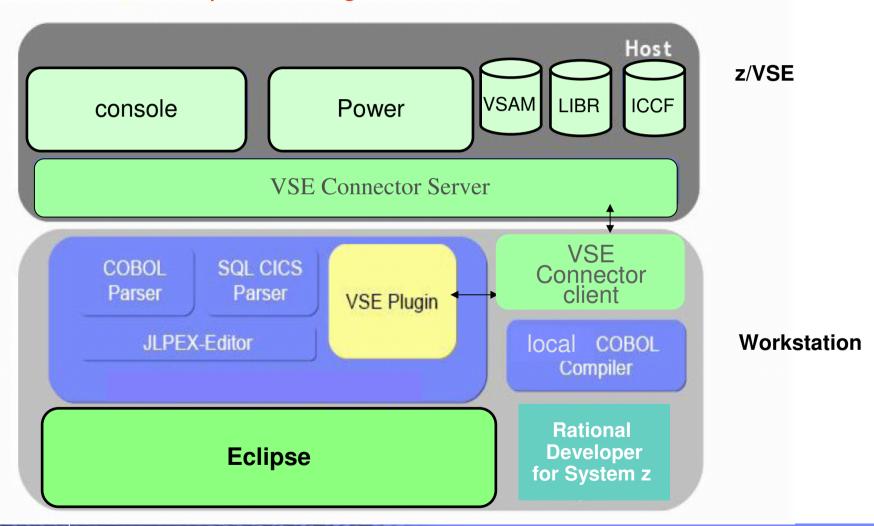
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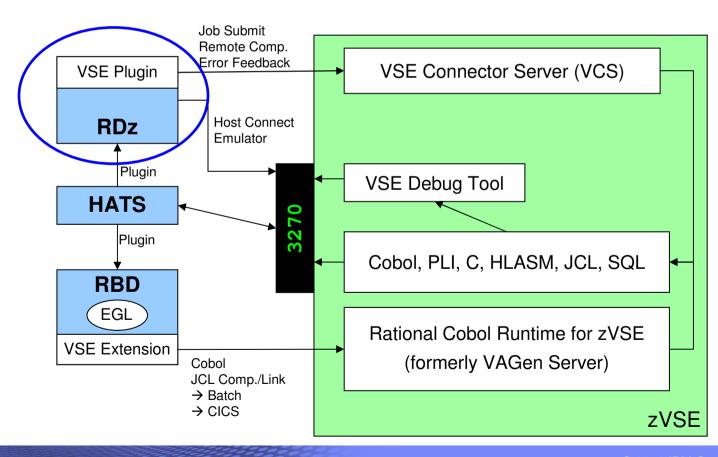


# The IBM Development environment for the enterprise

Rational Developer for System z (RDz 7.5) with z/VSE Development Plug-in for RDz 7.5









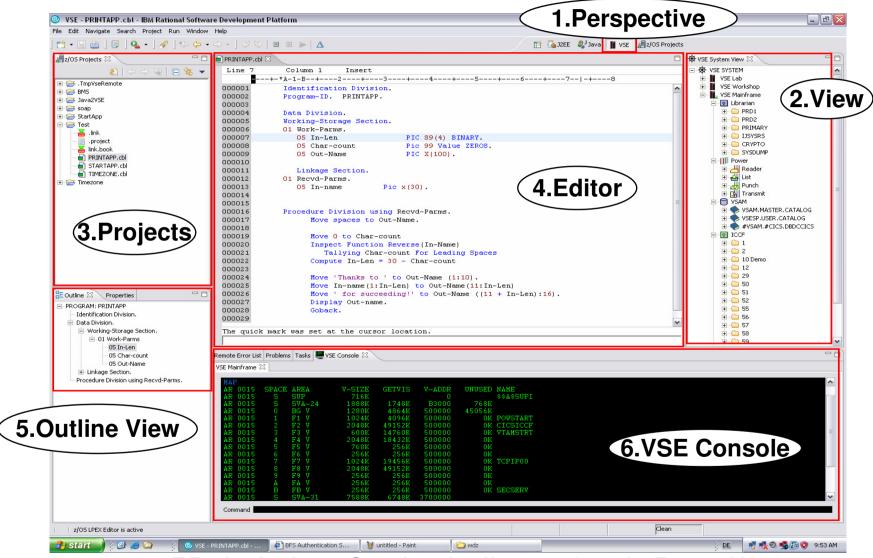
# RDz functions for z/VSE and z/OS development

- Enhanced Eclipse tools with mainframe development functions
  - special editor functions for mainframe languages
  - local COBOL compiler
  - support for COBOL, ASM, PL/I, C
  - editor for CICS BMS maps
  - support for SQL generation
  - functions for remote processing and mainframe deployment
- Integrated test environment
  - full functional test within the development environment
  - debug possibility via z/VSE emulation window

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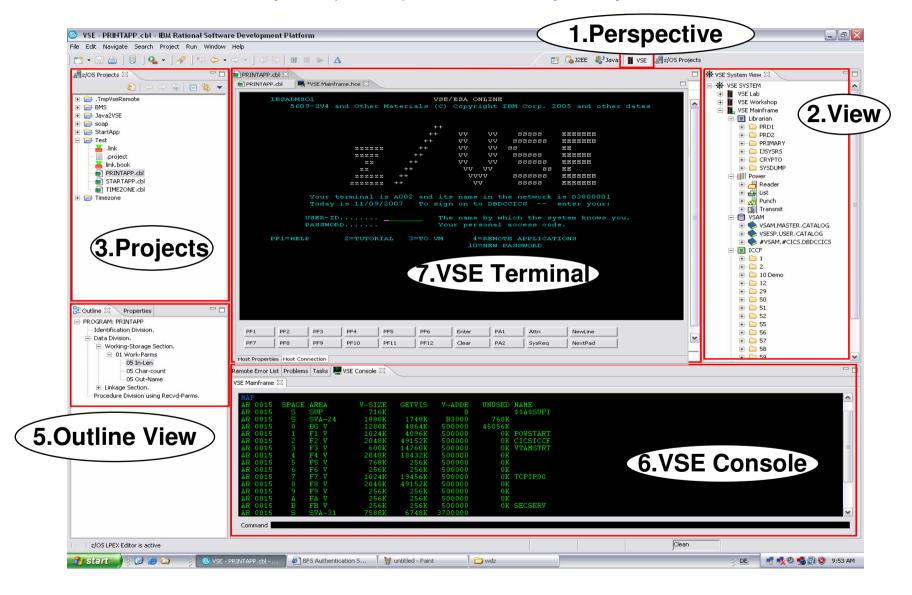
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RDz in Action : Sunday April 11, at 9:15 in Room U3,

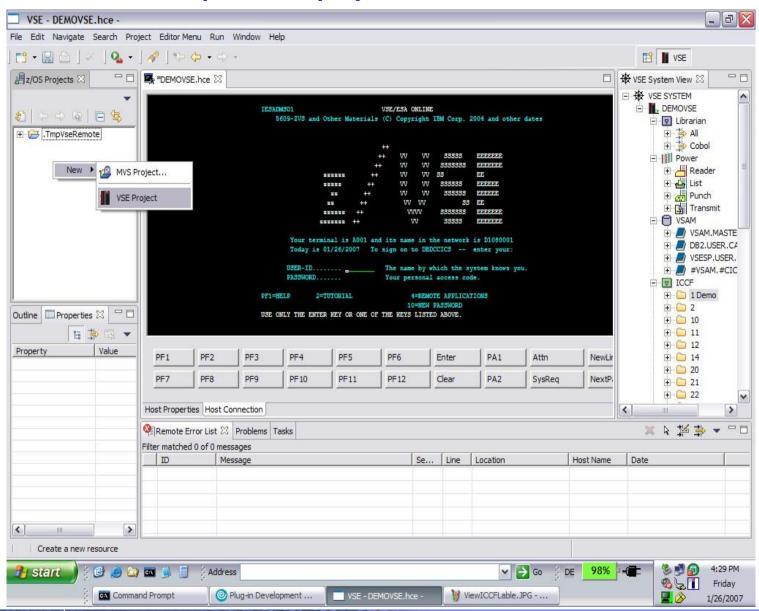


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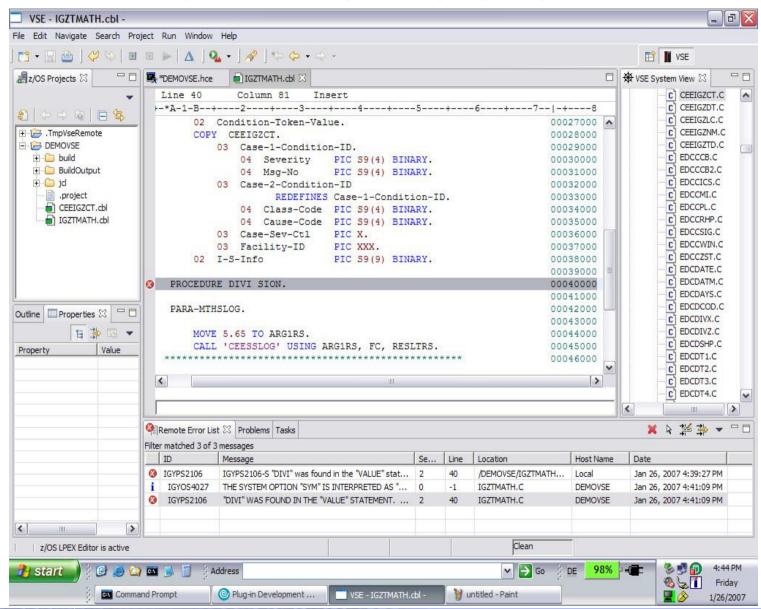


### Develop a z/VSE project



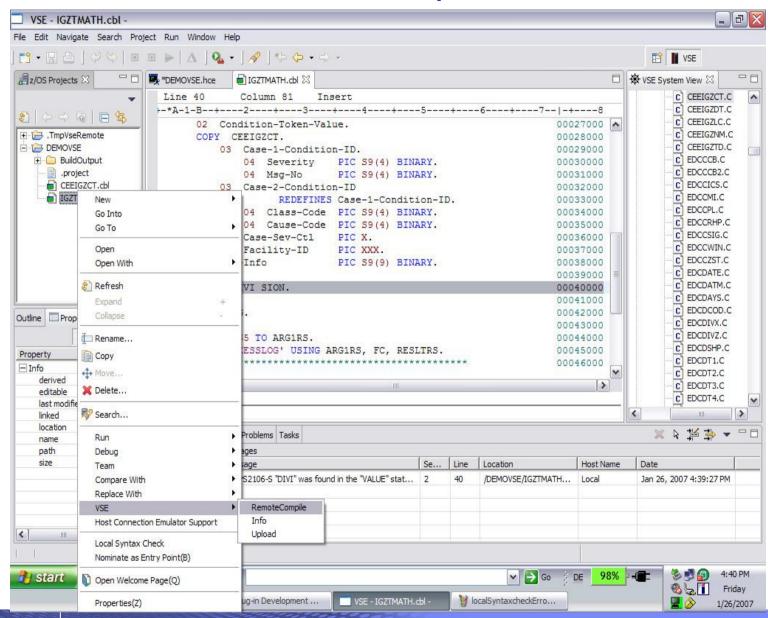


### COBOL Syntax checking and highlighting

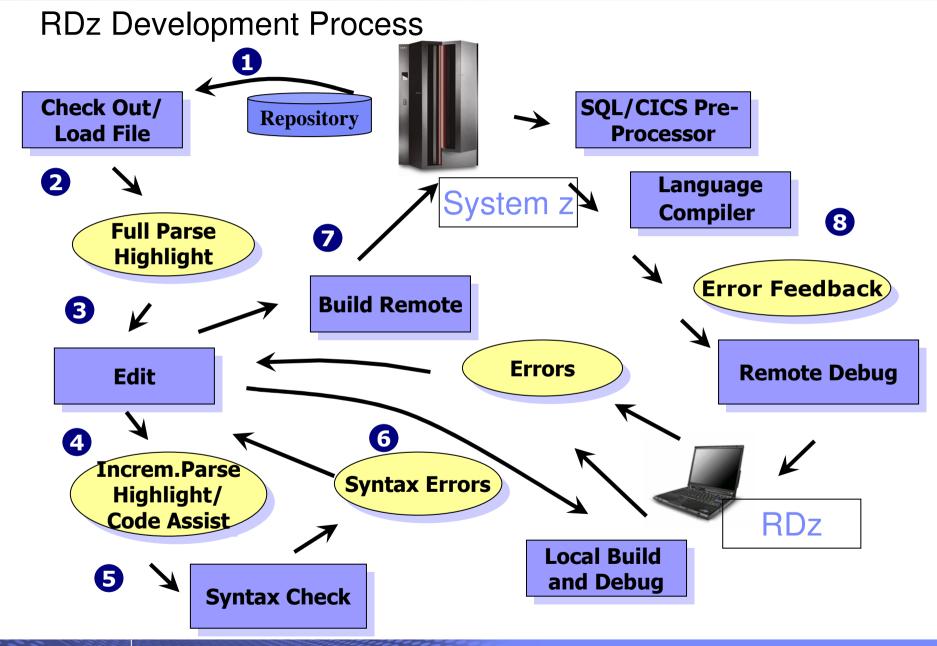




### z/VSE local and remote Compile

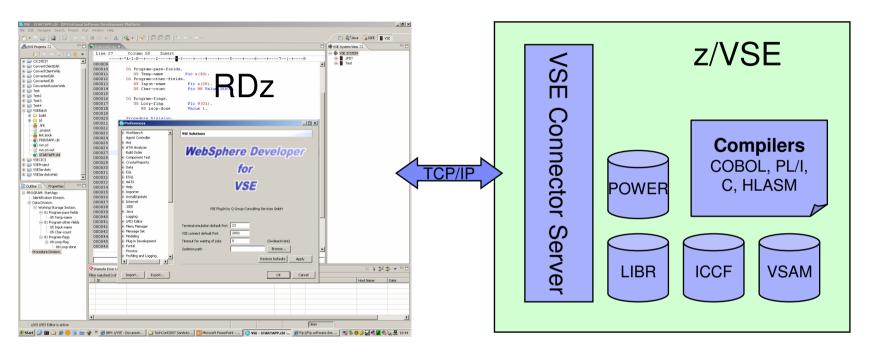








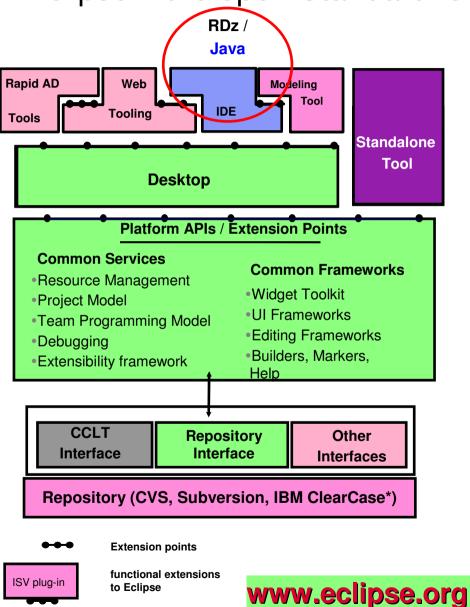
# (1) Development of COBOL applications in RDz



- Development of COBOL
  - batch and CICS application
  - Source code editing/checking
  - Access to z/VSE within the tool (console and 3270 access)
  - Compile, Link and error feedback from z/VSE
- Additional supported languages: PL/I, ASM, C, BSM Maps



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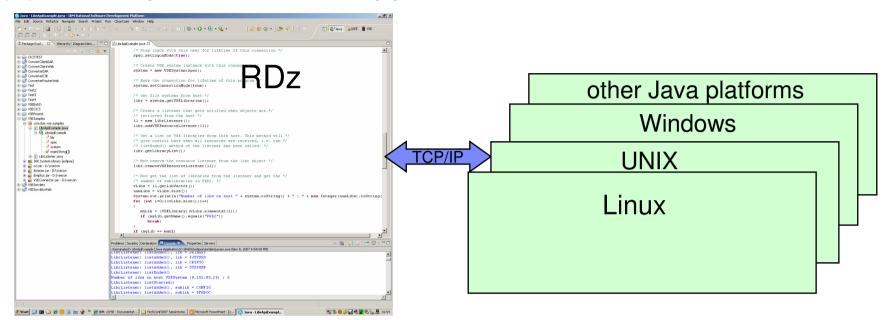


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# (3) Development of Java applications in RDz



### Development of native Java applications

- for systems like UNIX, Linux, Windows or other Java platforms
- Edit, compile and Build
- Test the Java application in the integrated WebSphere test environment and access z/VSE resources
- additional supported languages are C, C++, REXX

### Development of Java applications to access z/VSE resources

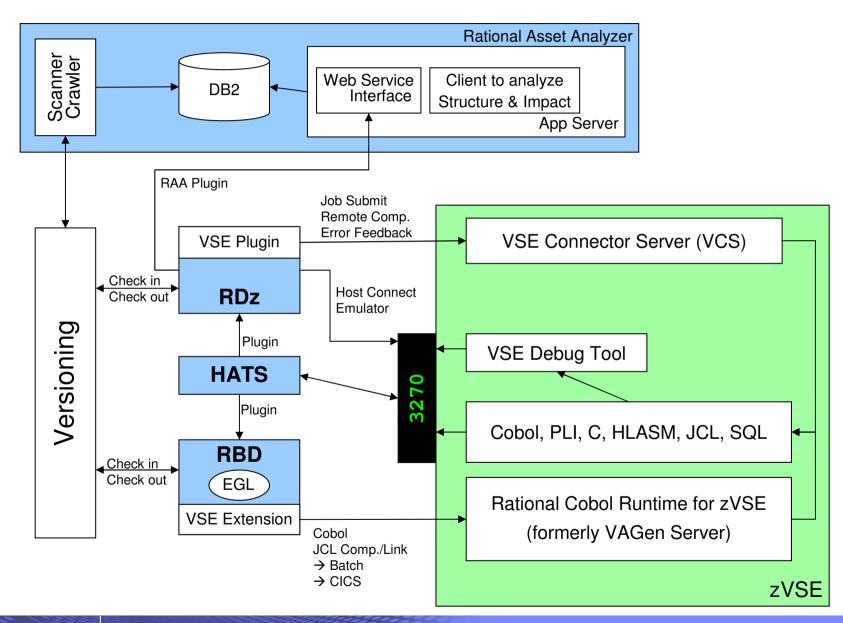
- use of z/VSE Java-Based Connectors
- develop SOA components to access z/VSE services



# Conclusion: Development for all platforms with one tool set

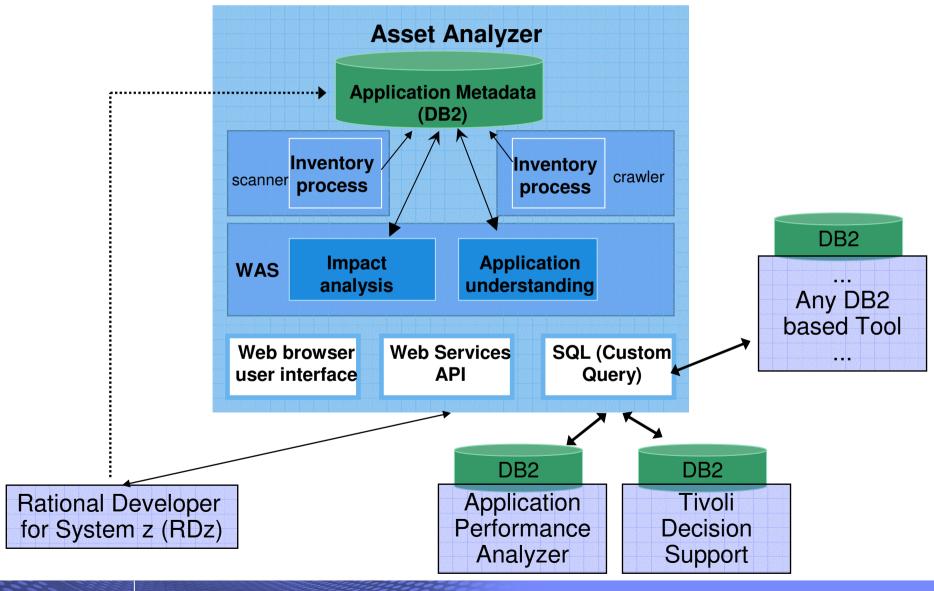
- A modern tool set to support z/VSE development and maintenance
  - -modern editor for enhanced productivity
  - tools to analyse and optimize existent applications and workflow
- Common framework for enterprise development
  - -standard for all developers
    - example: z/VSE with COBOL, Linux on System z with Java
  - –easy skill transfer
- Open source framework
  - -commonly thought in schools and universities
  - -smooth introduction of new developers to the mainframe





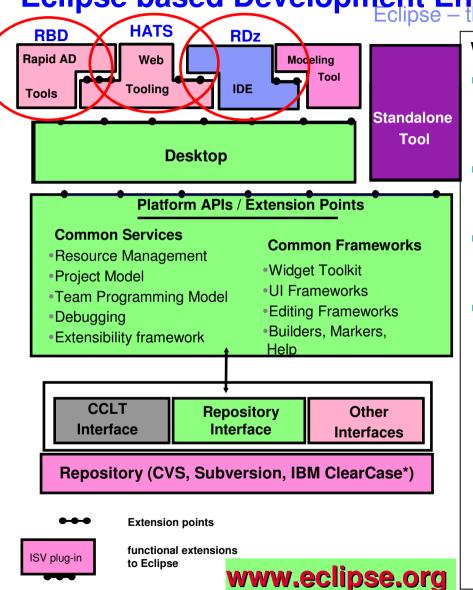


# **Asset Analyzer**





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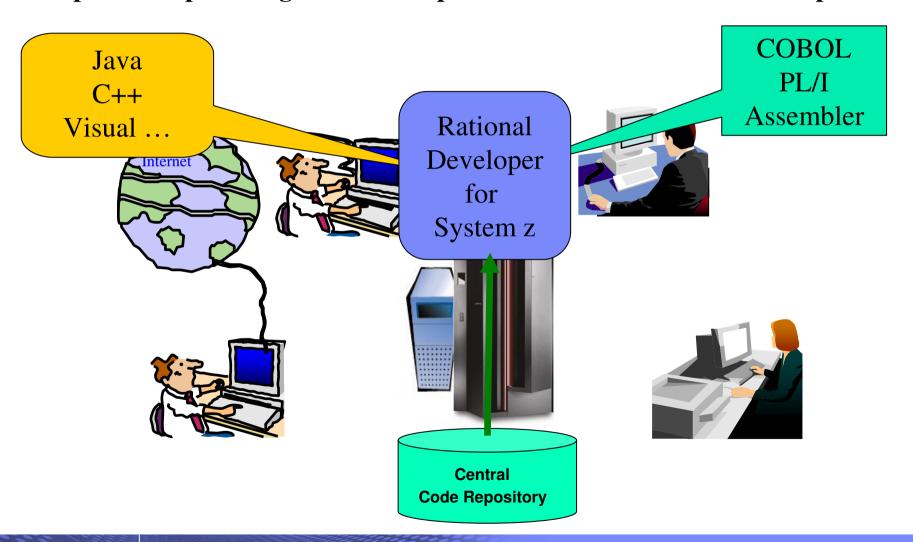
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## **Summary**

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### z/VSE Additional Information

- z/VSE Home Page http://www.ibm.com/zvse/
- z/VSE Solutions and Utilities
   http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zvse/solutions/
- RDz http://www-01.ibm.com/software/awdtools/rdz/
- RDz Plug-In for VSE http://www.qgrp.de/index.php?show=produkte&id=1&detail=wdz
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- CICS Transaction Server for VSE/ESA
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   SG24-5997
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