

Modern Eclipse based Development Environments for z/VSE

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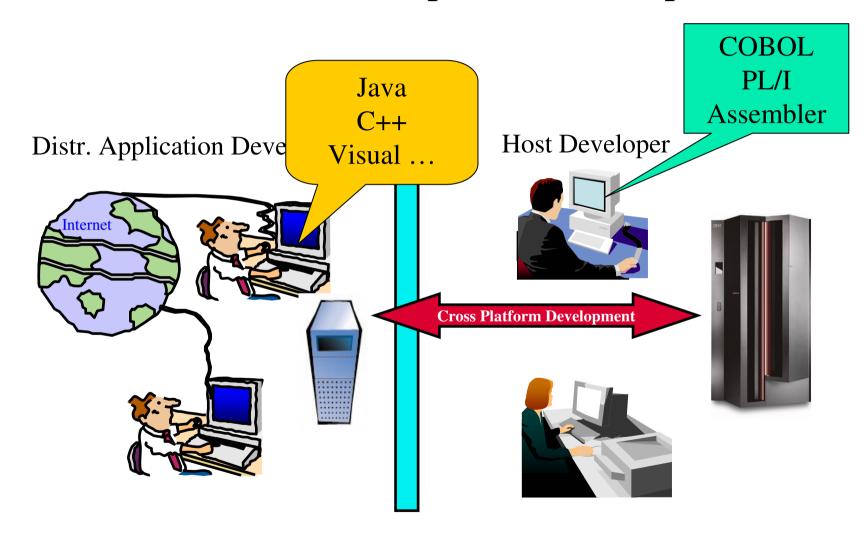


Development objectives !!!

- Tools for managing existing z/VSE source code and changes
 - COBOL, ASM, PL/I, C
 - 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

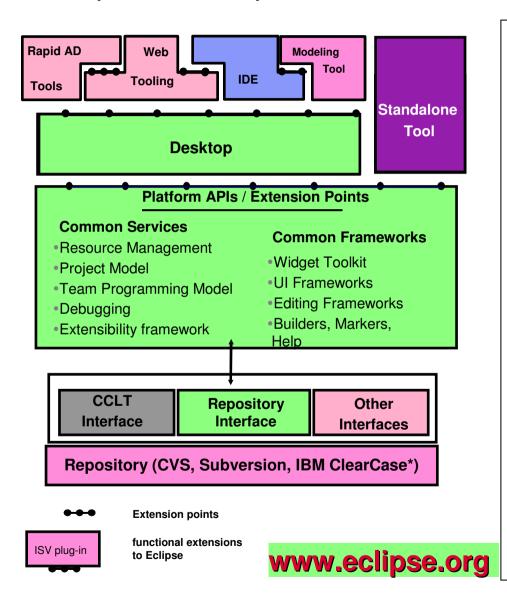


'Distributed' Development Landscape...





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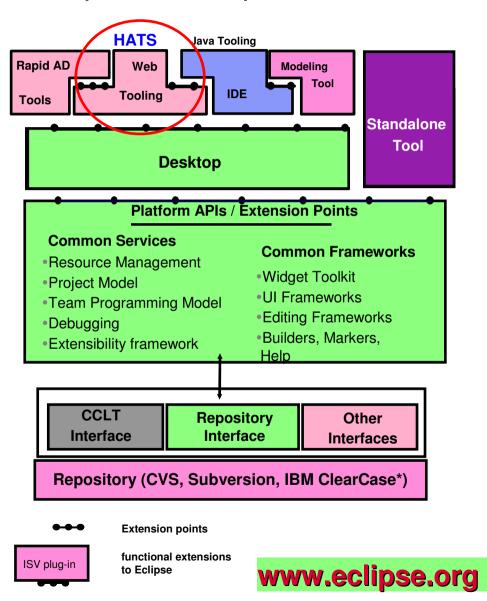


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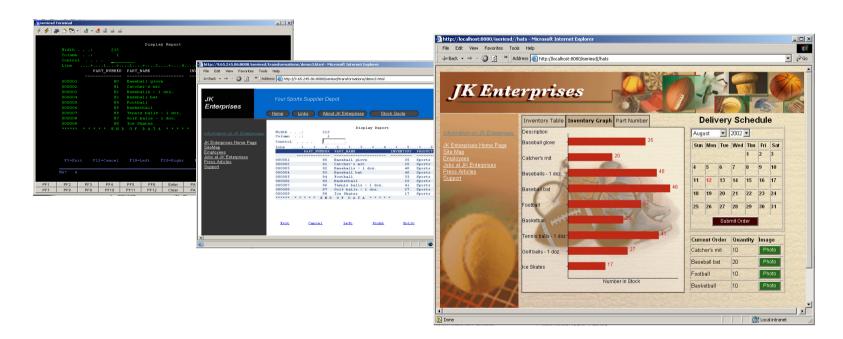
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Host Access Transformation Server (HATS)

- 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.

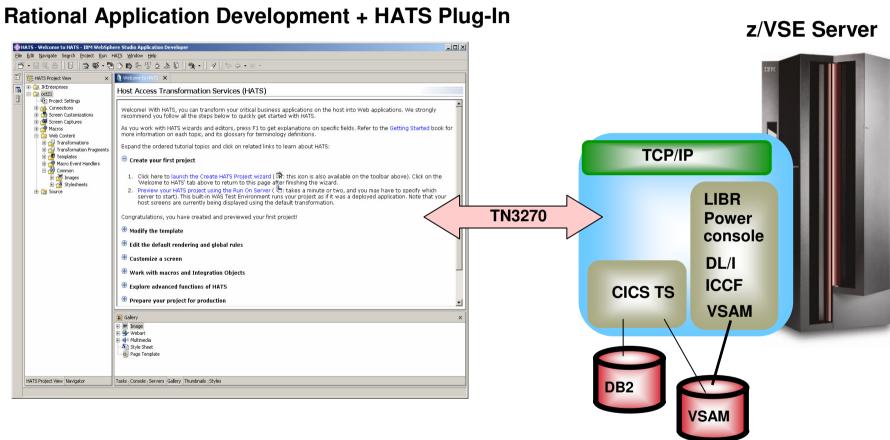


Benefit: Easily extend existing applications to the web



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

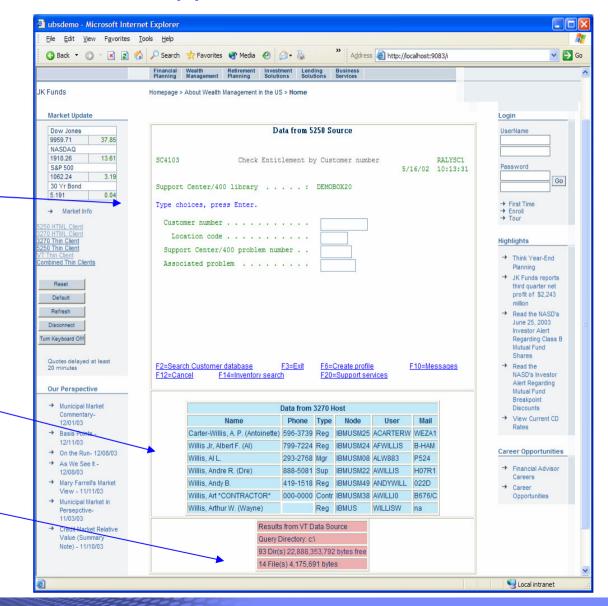


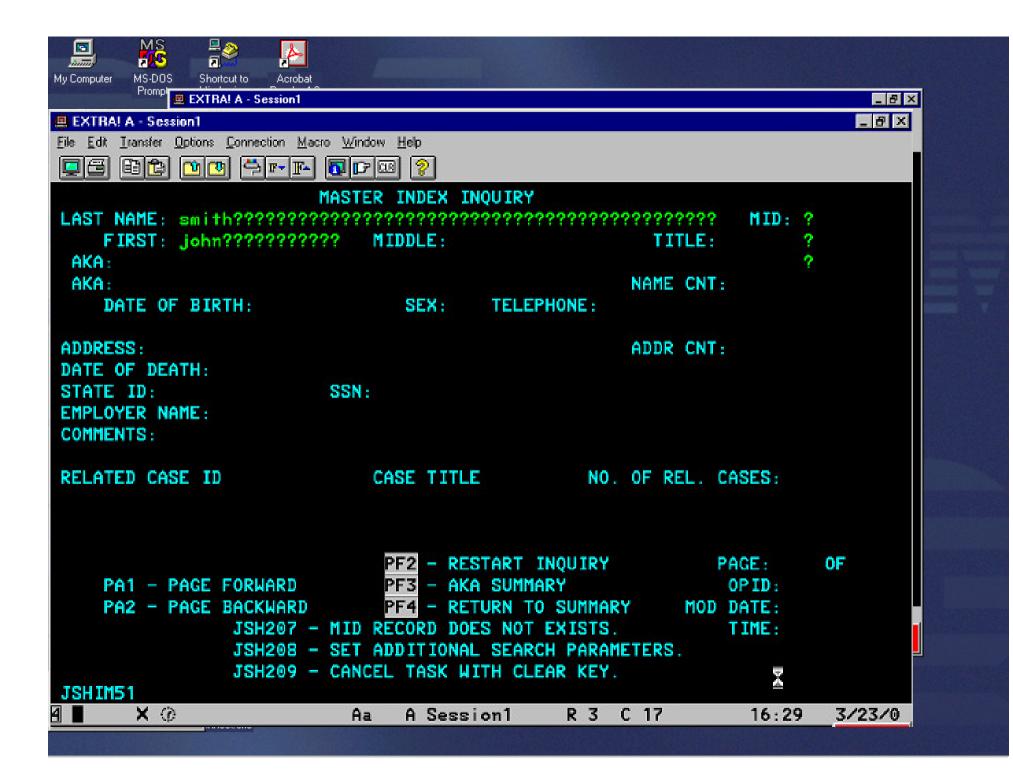
Web application for z/VSE applications with 3270 interface

HATS Advantages:

Combine / Integrate

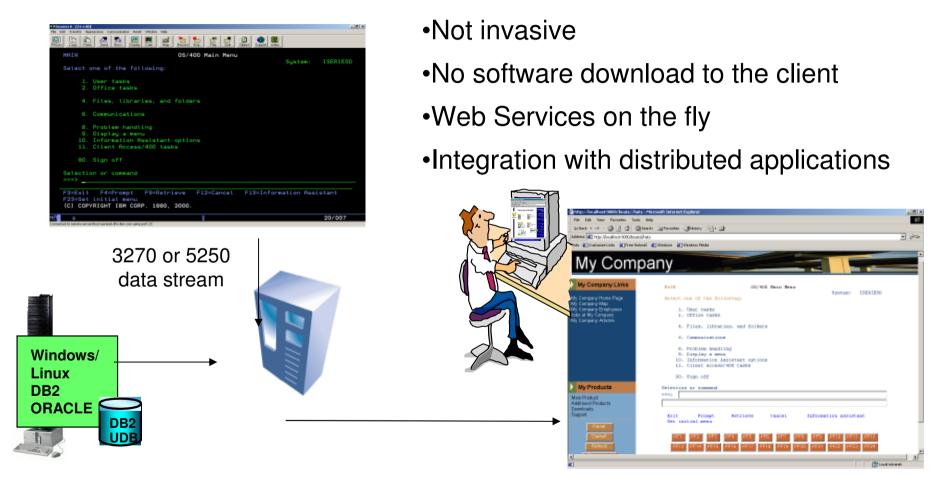








Application Integration with Host Access Transformation Services (HATS)

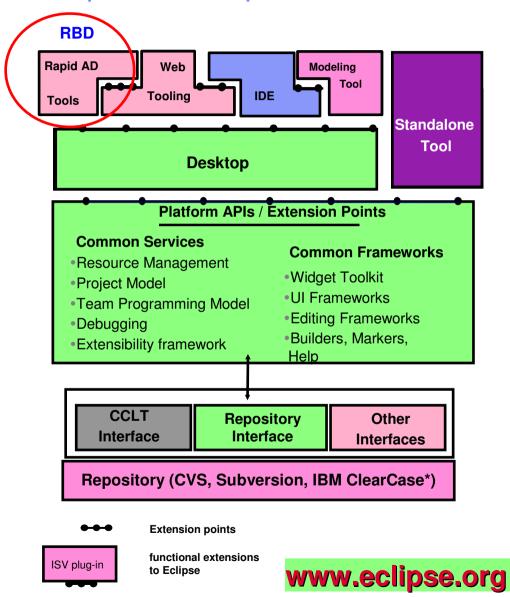


Screen transformation rules running on WebSphere Application Server

HTML in a Browser



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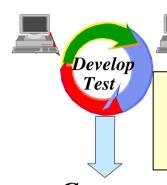
(2)Cross Platform Solution development Approach with 4GL Language (EGL)

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)











z/OS, (CICS, IMS, Batch)



DB2 UDB VSAM ODBC Oracle DLI, IMS/DB

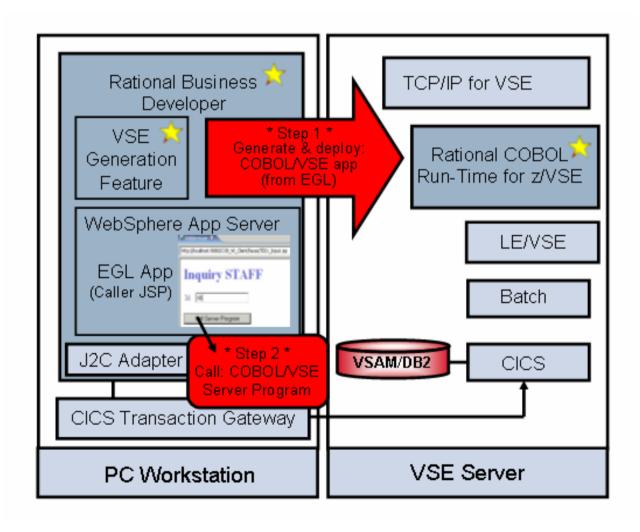


Modern development environment with RBD

- 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)



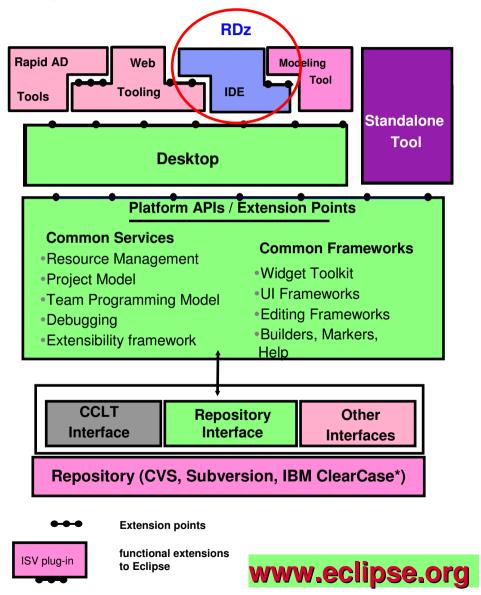
RBD – functional view (Generate COBOL applications on z/VSE using EGL)



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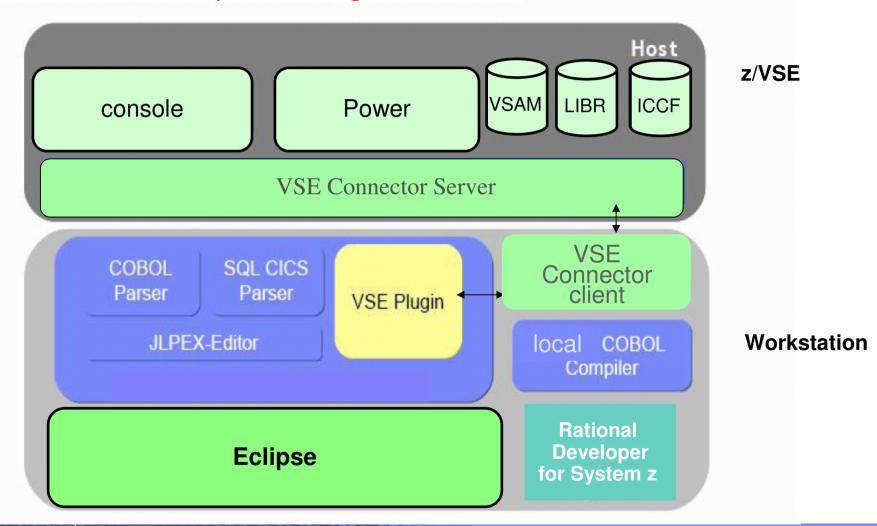
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The IBM Development environment for the enterprise

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



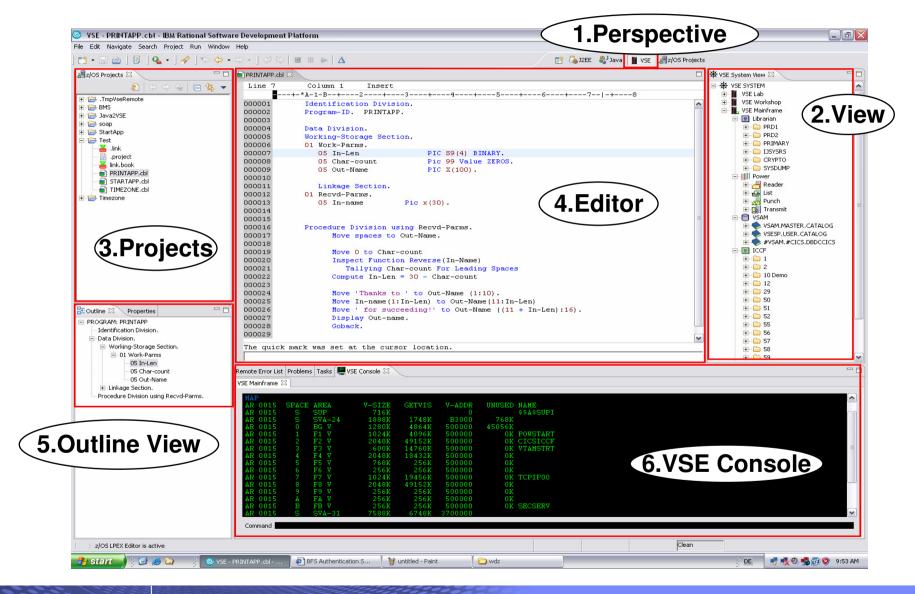


RDz functions for z/VSE and z/OS development

- 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

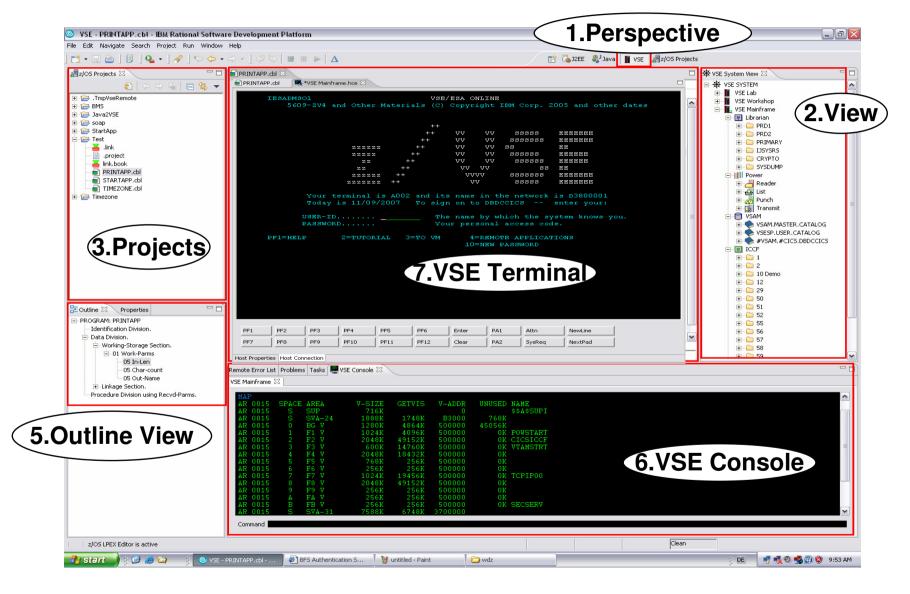


Rational Developer (RDz) in z/VSE perspective



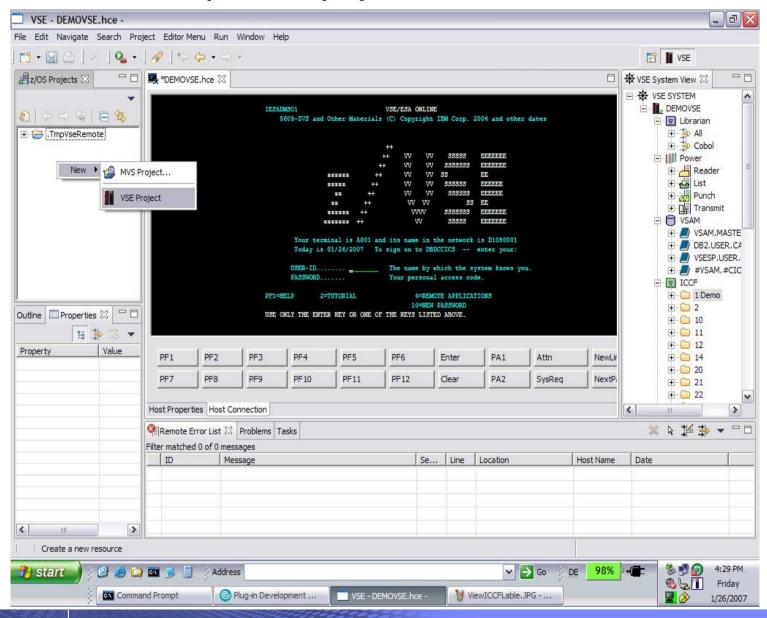


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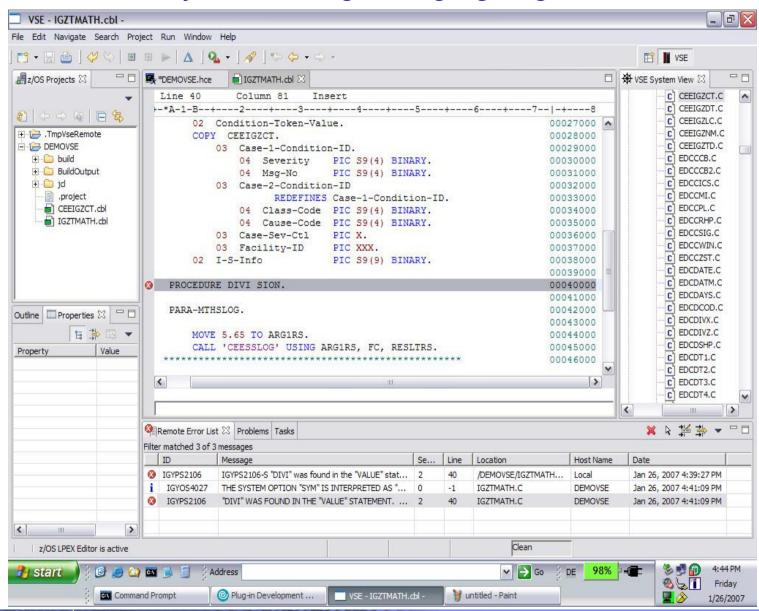


Develop a z/VSE project



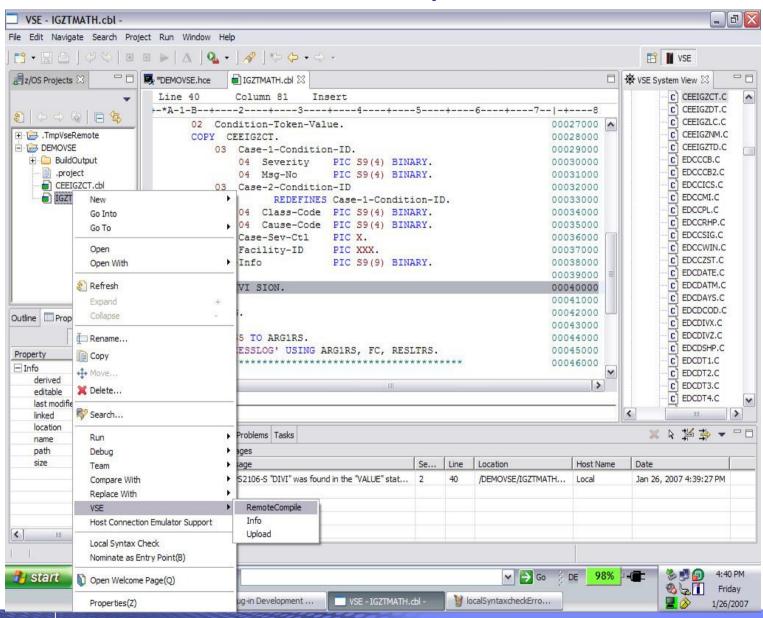


COBOL Syntax checking and highlighting

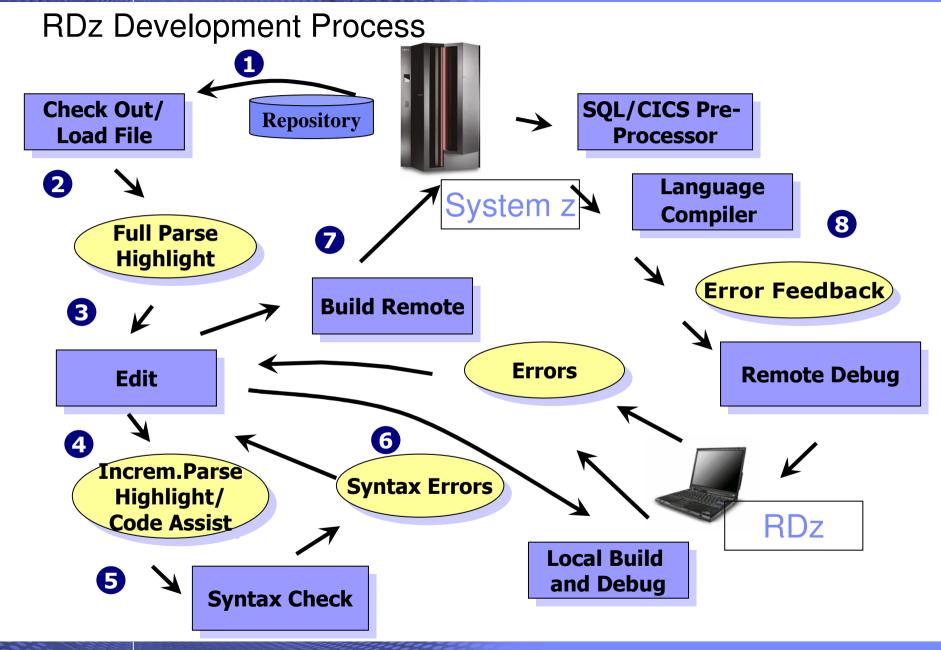




z/VSE local and remote Compile

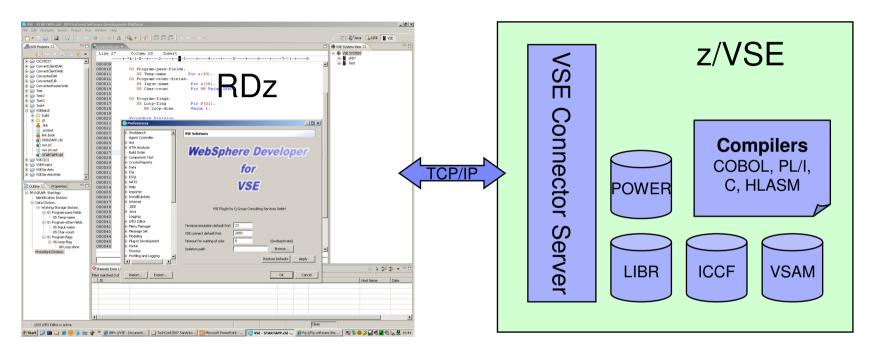








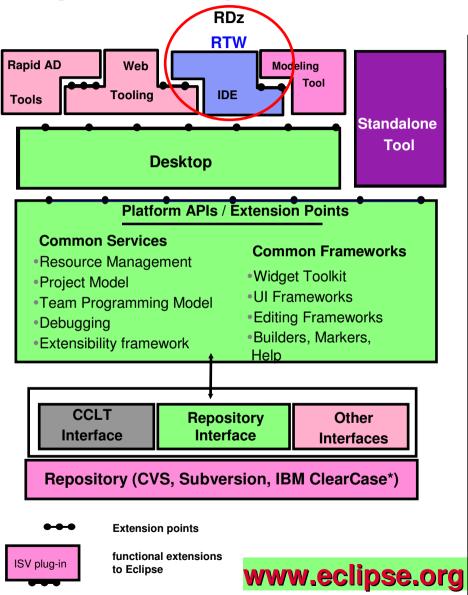
(1) Development of COBOL applications in RDz



- 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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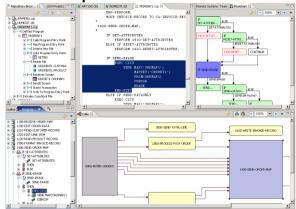
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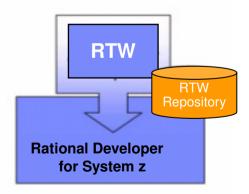
(2) Analysis of applications and workflow

(RTW) Rational Transformation Workbench Analyzer for Eclipse

- Program analysis
 - Program understanding: structure, relationships, logic flow
 - Data impact analysis: within and between programs
- Find code patterns and anti-patterns
 - Measure complexity
 - uses the source code in the central repository
- Integrated with WebSphere Developer for System z (RDz)
 - Adds RTW perspective to RDz
 - Synchronized with the LPEX editor in RDz
- Built on the technology of Asset Transformation
 Workbench
 - A core set of developer-oriented analysis tools
 - Can populate, share, or use an existing RTW repository



Multiple synchronized views of the program helps developers to zero in on the code that matters



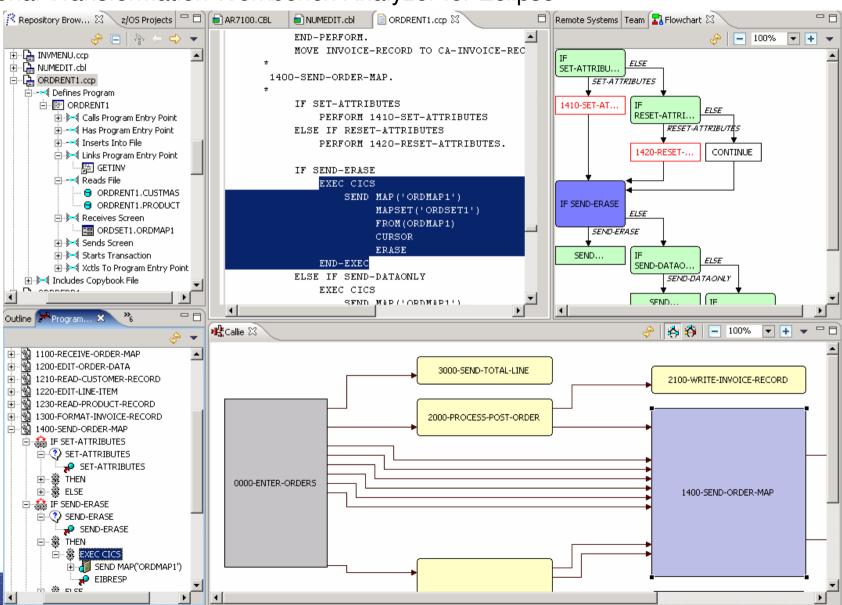
RTW Analyzer for Eclipse adds five analysis views to Rational Developer for System z

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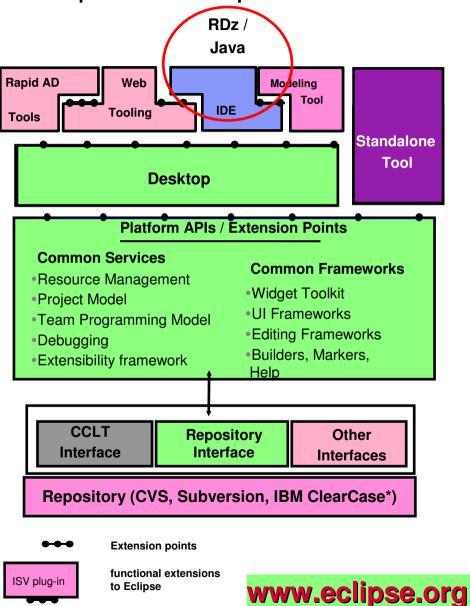
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Rational Transformation Workbench Analyzer for Eclipse





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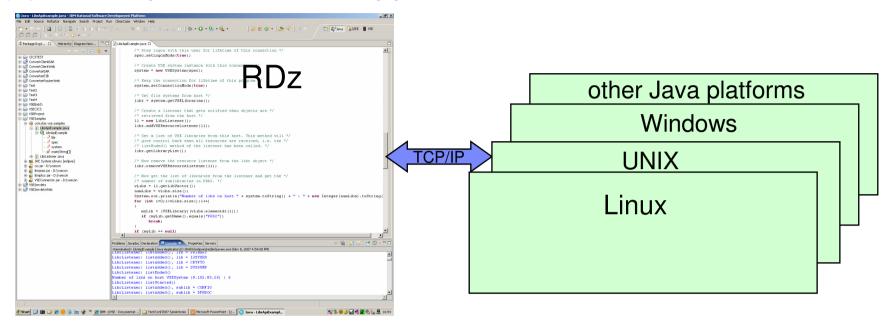


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(3) Development of Java applications in RDz



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



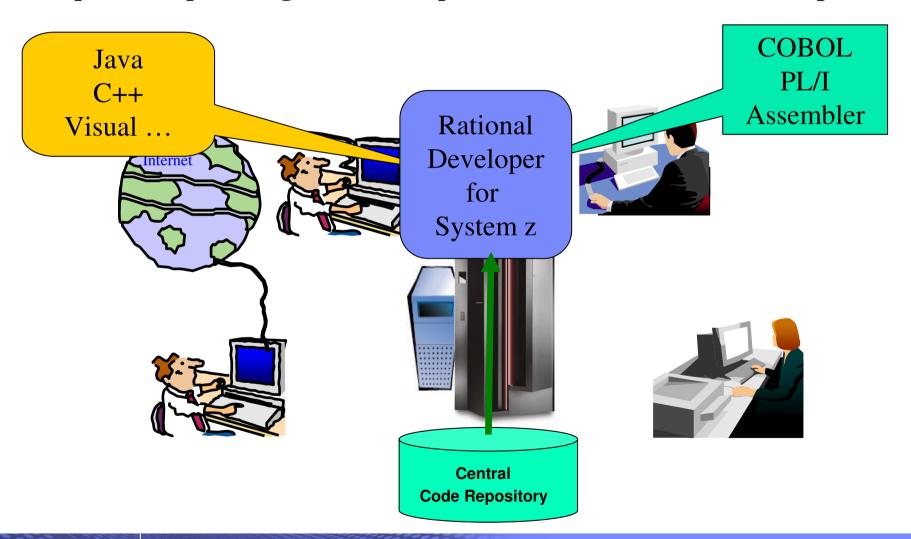
Conclusion: Development for all platforms with one tool set

- 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



Summary

Eclipse – an open Integrated Development Environment for the enterprise





z/VSE Additional Information

- z/VSE Home Page
 - http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/zvse/
- z/VSE Solutions and Utilities
 http://www-1.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/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/ESACICS Web SupportSG24-5997
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