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Modernize MFS Transactions with XML and Web Services

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MFS (Message Format Services)

- MFS formats messages to and from terminal devices
- MFS language utility compiles MFS source and generates MFS control blocks, known as MID/MOD and DIF/DOF, and places them in an IMS Format Library
- IMS application program I/O data structures do not fully describe the end user interaction with existing MFS-based IMS application. Information buried within various MFS statements are processed by the MFS online processor
  - 3270 screen attribute bytes
  - PF Key input data
  - And etc.

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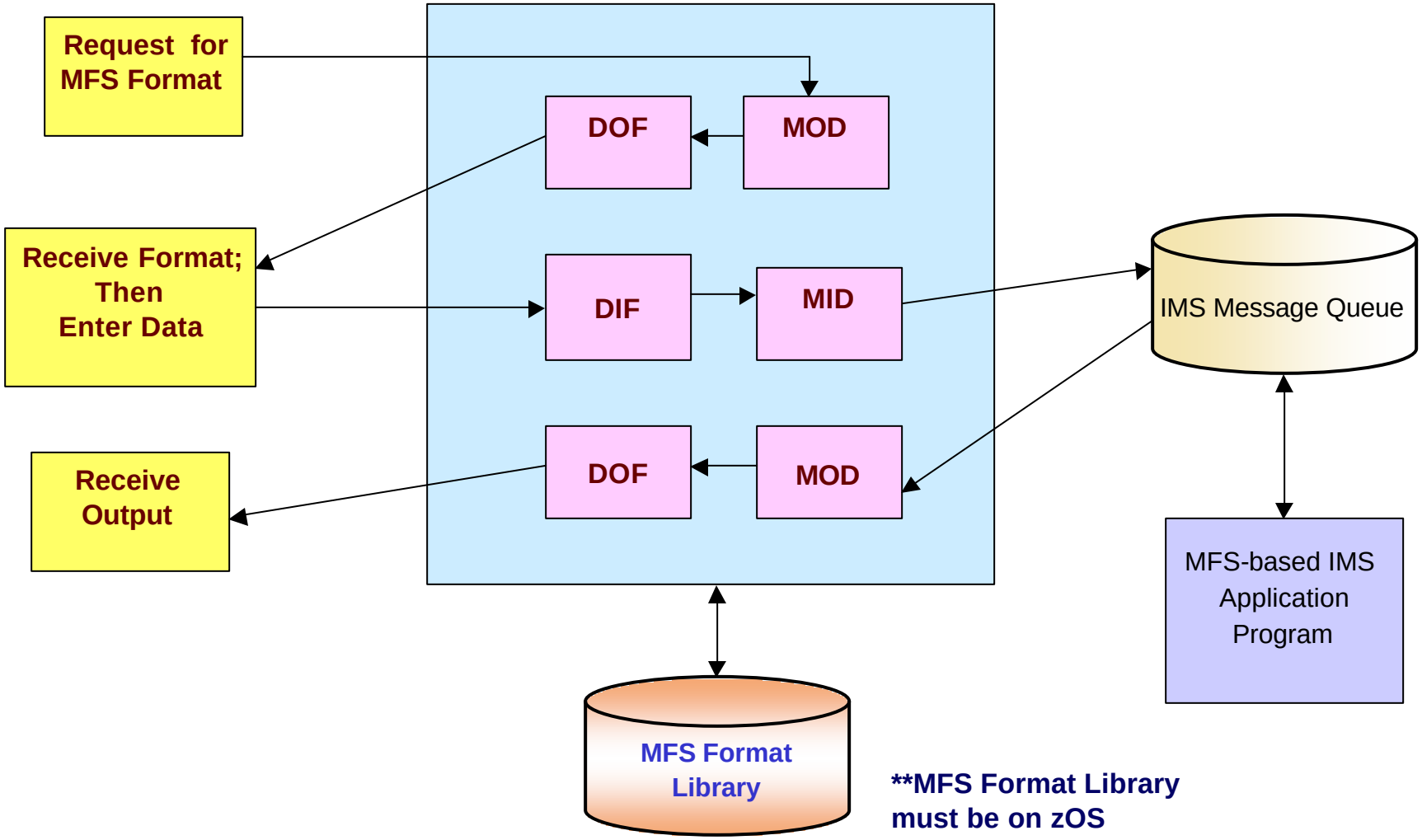
Tradition MFS online processing



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Business Challenge

- As business processes are updated to exploit new B2B technologies, there is a need to support B2B interchange
  - A nonproprietary industry-wide standard method is needed to represent existing MFS control blocks
  - XML is growing in acceptance as the universal data format which can be the input and output for any application
  - Represent traditional MFS control blocks in XML
- Retarget MFS-based IMS transactions to support B2B XML communication and Web services without changing existing IMS applications

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Modernize MFS Transactions

- MFS metamodel
  - Preserve existing IMS applications by modeling MFS source
- MFS importer
  - Parse and convert MFS statements into XMI (XML metadata interchange)
- MFS transformer
  - Translate XMI back into an equivalent MFS online processing; and vice verse

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MFS Metamodel

- Preserve existing IMS applications by modeling MFS sources into metamodel
  - A nonproprietary industry-wide standard way to represent MFS source information
    - One of the CAM (Common Application Metamodel) models
    - OMG EAI (Enterprise Application Integration) marketplace standards
      - Non-normative metamodel
  - Use IMS MFS Reversal Utility to re-create MFS source from MFS Format Library, if MFS sources are not available
  - Support certain services/functions provided by MFS
    - PF keys
    - Logical pages
    - Predefined literals
    - Attribute bytes
  - Do not describe 3270 data streams
    - Capability of 3270 data streams is supported by HOD (Host On Demand) and WebSphere HATS (Host Access Transformation Server)

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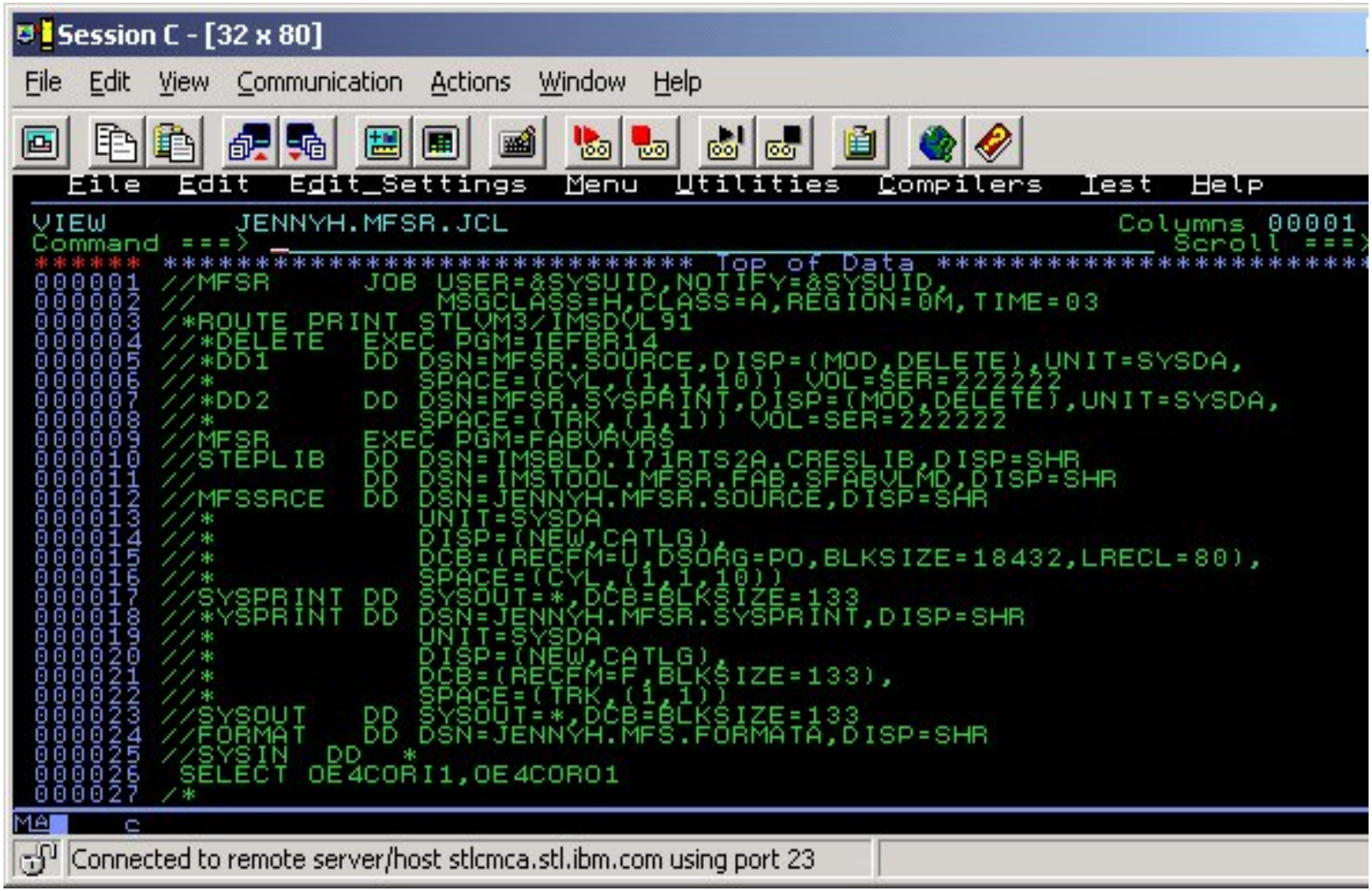
IMS MFS Reversal Utility – sample JCL



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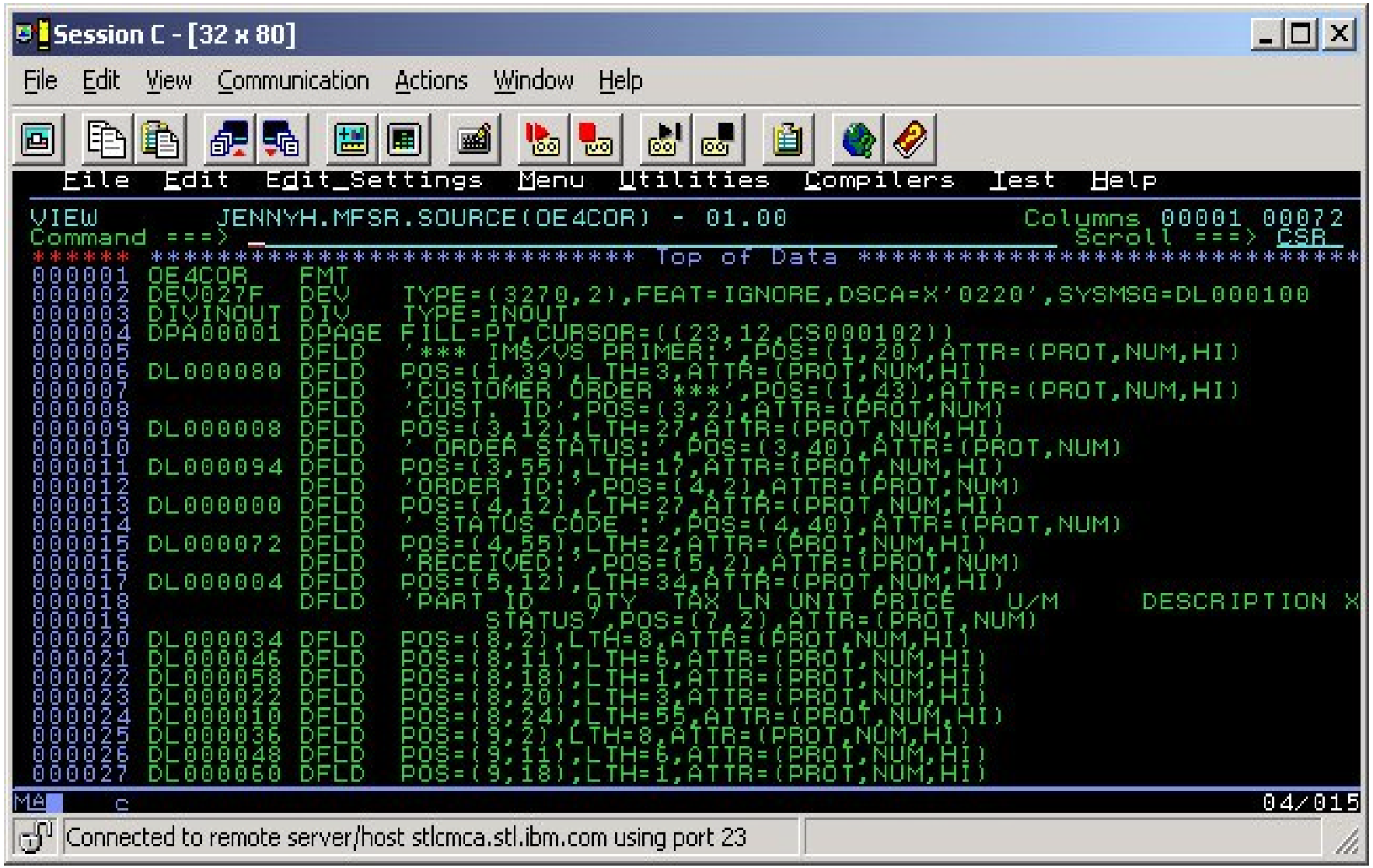

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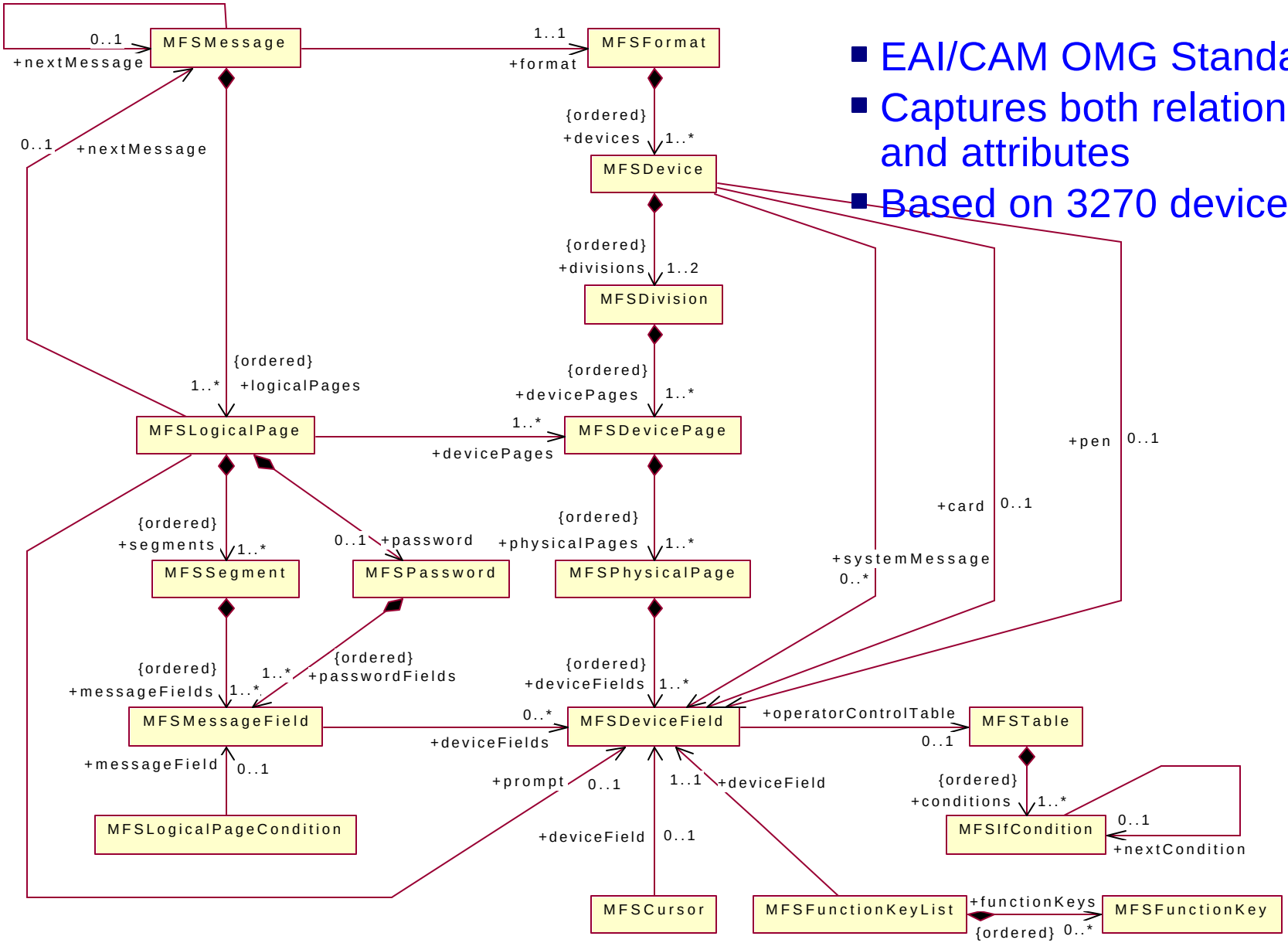
MFS Metamodel



- EAI/CAM OMG Standard
- Captures both relationships and attributes
- Based on 3270 device types

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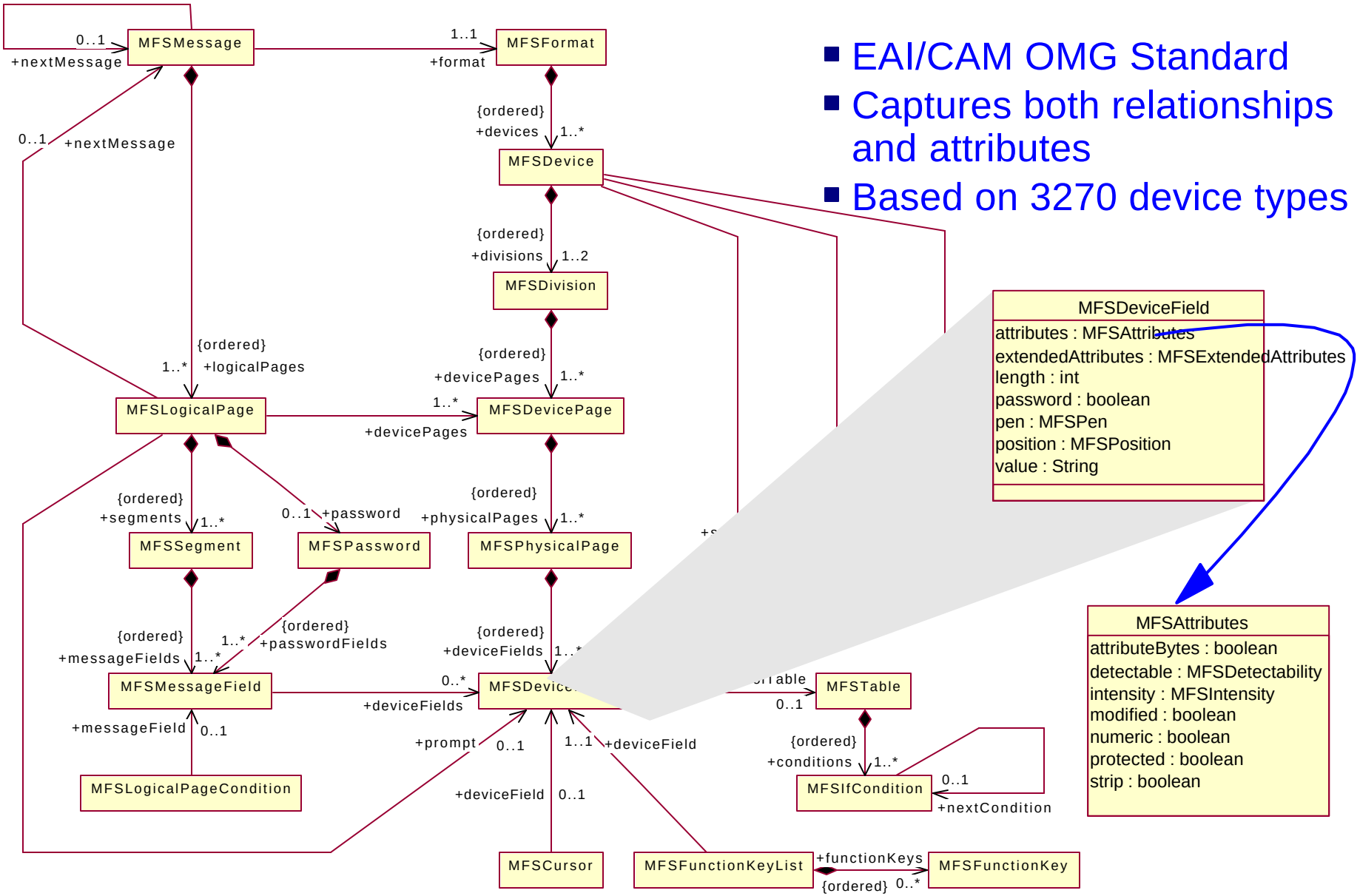

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MFS Importer

- An MFS Importer is built using the MFS metamodel
  - One of the many importers created by IBM to parse and generate XMI instance files based on the CAM metamodels
    - MFS importer reads and parses MFS source files for a particular IMS application to generate XMI files
  - XMI files represent all the application interface information encapsulated by the MFS source including the input and output messages, display information, MFS flow control, device characteristics and operation semantics
  - Two kinds of XMI files are generated
    - Group MID and DIF together; named after the MID name
    - Group MOD and DOF together; named after the MOD name
    - Or, a MFS table
  - XMI metadata can be stored in an XML repository

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MFS XMI (XML Metadata Interchange)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xmi:XMI xmi:version="2.0" xmlns:xmi="http://www.omg.org/XMI" xmlns:MFS="MFS.xmi">
  <MFS:MFSMessage xmi:id="MFSMessage_1" label="IVTNOMI1" type="input" format="MFSFormat_1">
    <nextMessage href="IVTNO.xmi#MFSMessage_1"/>
    <logicalPages xmi:id="MFSLogicalPage_1" devicePages="MFSDevicePage_1">
      <segments xmi:id="MFSSegment_1">
        <messageFields xmi:id="MFSMessageField_1" length="10" literal="IVTNO    "/>
        <messageFields xmi:id="MFSMessageField_2" length="8" deviceFields="MFSDeviceField_1"/>
      </segments>
    </logicalPages>
  </MFS:MFSMessage>
  <MFS:MFSFormat xmi:id="MFSFormat_1" label="IVTNOF">
    <devices xmi:id="MFSDevice_1"  type="3270-A02">
      <divisions xmi:id="MFSDivision_1" type="inout">
        <devicePages xmi:id="MFSDevicePage_1">
          <physicalPages xmi:id="MFSPhysicalPage_1">
            <deviceFields xmi:id="MFSDeviceField_1" label="CMD" length="8">
              <attributes xmi:id="MFSAttributes_8" intensity="high" modified="true"/>
              <position xmi:id="MFSPosition_9" row="10" column="34"/>
            </deviceFields>
            <deviceFields xmi:id="MFSDeviceField_2" length="21" value="PROCESS  CODE  (*1) :">
              <attributes xmi:id="MFSAttributes_7" protected="true"/>
              <position xmi:id="MFSPosition_8" row="10" column="10"/>
            </deviceFields>
          </physicalPages>
        </devicePages>
      </divisions>
    </devices>
  </MFS:MFSFormat>
</xmi:XMI>
```

- XMI *is* XML
- XMI describes relationships

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MFS Transformer

- An MFS Transformer is needed to translate XMI back into an equivalent MFS online processing; and vice versa
  - Replace MFS online processor
  - Can reside in any system in a network
  - No long need VTAM and 3270 emulator
- Retarget MFS-based IMS transactions to support B2B XML communication or Web services without changing existing IMS applications
  - Enable MFS based IMS transactions as Web Services
  - Facilitate operation of MFS based IMS transactions on any displayable devices, including browser

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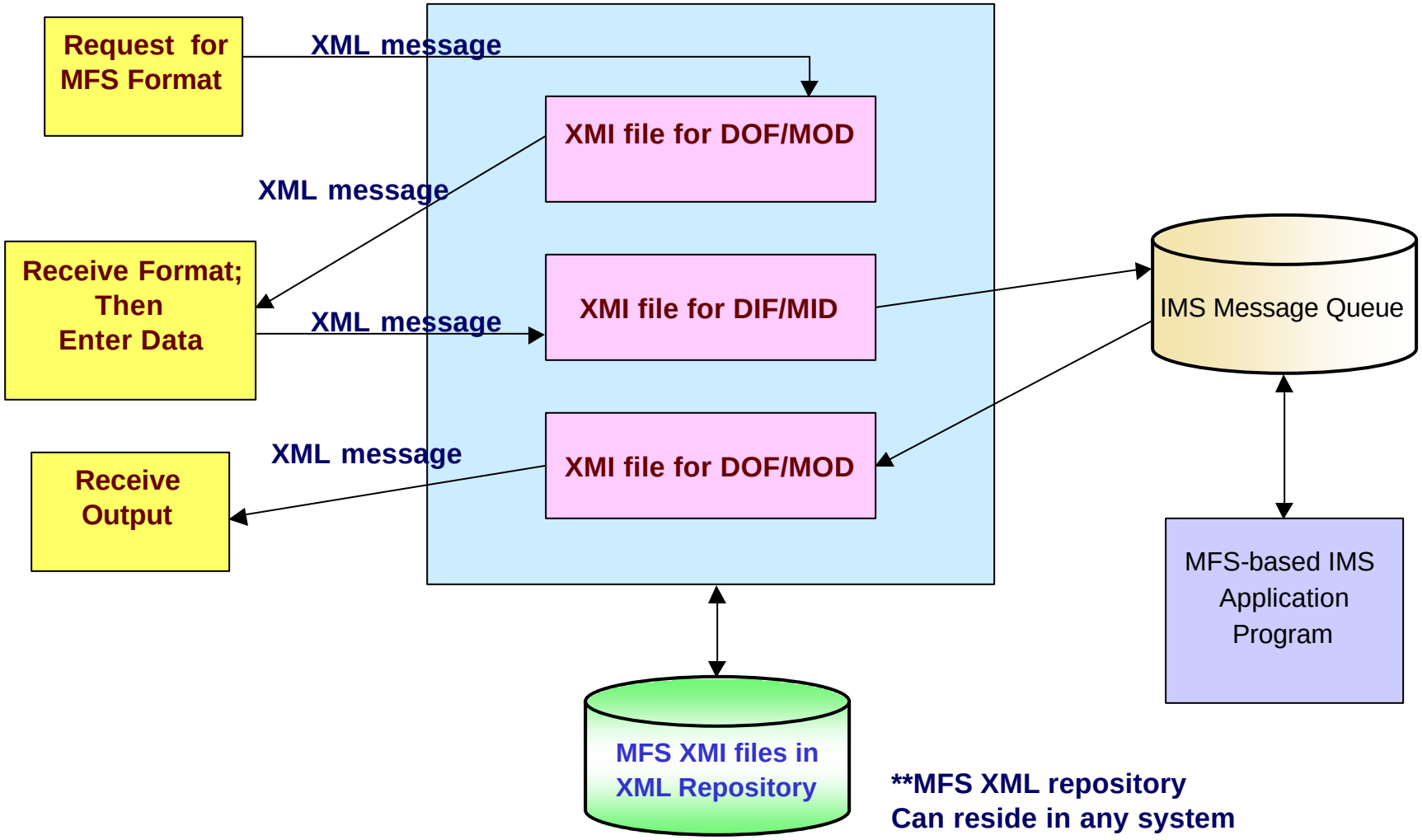
MFS XML Processing



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IMS MFS and Web Services

- **Enable users to create a service definition from MFS sources, publish the service, and then deploy it to WAS, and make it available as an EJB or SOAP service**
- **Enable IMS customers to publish existing MFS-based IMS applications on the Internet as Web services**
- **MFS Importer and Web services wizards**
  - Iintegrated with WSAD-IE 5.0 Enterprise Services Toolkit
  - Parse MFS source files to generate **EAR** (Enterprise Application Resource)
    - XMI files
    - 3 service definition files (i.e. WSDLs)
    - input and output beans
    - Java, EJB and SOAP proxies
- **MFS Adapter & Generator**
  - generate format handlers to be included as part of **EAR** for data marshalling

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MFS as a Web Services

```
<complexType name="IVTNO">
  <sequence>
    <element maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="1" name="IVTNO_Pages">
      <complexType name="IVTNO_Pages">
        <choice>
          <element name="IVTNO_Page1">
            <complexType name="IVTNO_Page1">
              <sequence>
                <element name="SDATE">
                  <simpleType>
                    <restriction base="string">
                      <length value="8" />
                    </restriction>
                  </simpleType>
                </element>
                <element name="CMD">
                  <simpleType>
                    <restriction base="string">
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                    </restriction>
                  </simpleType>
                </element>
              </sequence>
            </complexType>
          </element>
        </choice>
      </complexType>
    </element>
  </sequence>
</complexType>
```

```
<MFS:MFSMessage xmi:id="MFSMessage_1" label="IVTNO"
 format="MFSFormat_1">
<MFS:MFSFormat xmi:id="MFSFormat_1" label="IVTNOF">
```

```
<devicePages xmi:id="MFSDevicePage_1">
<logicalPages xmi:id="MFSLogicalPage_1"
 devicePages="MFSDevicePage_1">
```

```
<deviceFields xmi:id="MFSDeviceField_1" label="SDATE" length="8">
<messageFields xmi:id="MFSMessageField_1" systemLiteral="date2"
 deviceFields="MFSDeviceField_1"/>
```

```
<deviceFields xmi:id="MFSDeviceField_2" label="CMD" length="8">
<messageFields xmi:id="MFSMessageField_2" length="8"
 deviceFields="MFSDeviceField_2"/>
```

- Web Services use XML Schema types
- Need to map from MFS XMI to XML Schema
- Map from the Device side as opposed to the Message side since end user interacts with the Device side

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MFS Functions supported by MFS Web Services

- **Support for MFS statements**
  - **MSG**
  - **MSGEND**
  - **LPAGE**
  - **PASSWORD**
  - **SEG**
  - **MFLD**
  - **FMT**
  - **FMTEND**
  - **DEV**
  - **DIV**
  - **DPAGE**
  - **DFLD**
  - **TABLE**
  - **IF**
  - **ALPHA**
  - **COPY**
  - **DO**
  - **END**
  - **ENDDO**
  - **EQU**
  - **RESCAN**
  - **STACK**
  - **TABLEEND**
  - **UNSTACK**

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MFS Functions supported by MFS Web Services

- **Support for device types**
  - **3270**
  - **3270,1**
  - **3270,2**
  - **3270P**
  - **3270-AN**
  - **Other devices not supported but tolerated for syntax check**

- **Support for MFS features**
  - **Application Output with MODNAME**
  - **DBCS**
  - **Logical paging**
  - **Message option 1 and 2 for input**
  - **Message option 1 and 2 for output**
  - **Physical pages**
  - **System literals for date, time, and LPAGENO**

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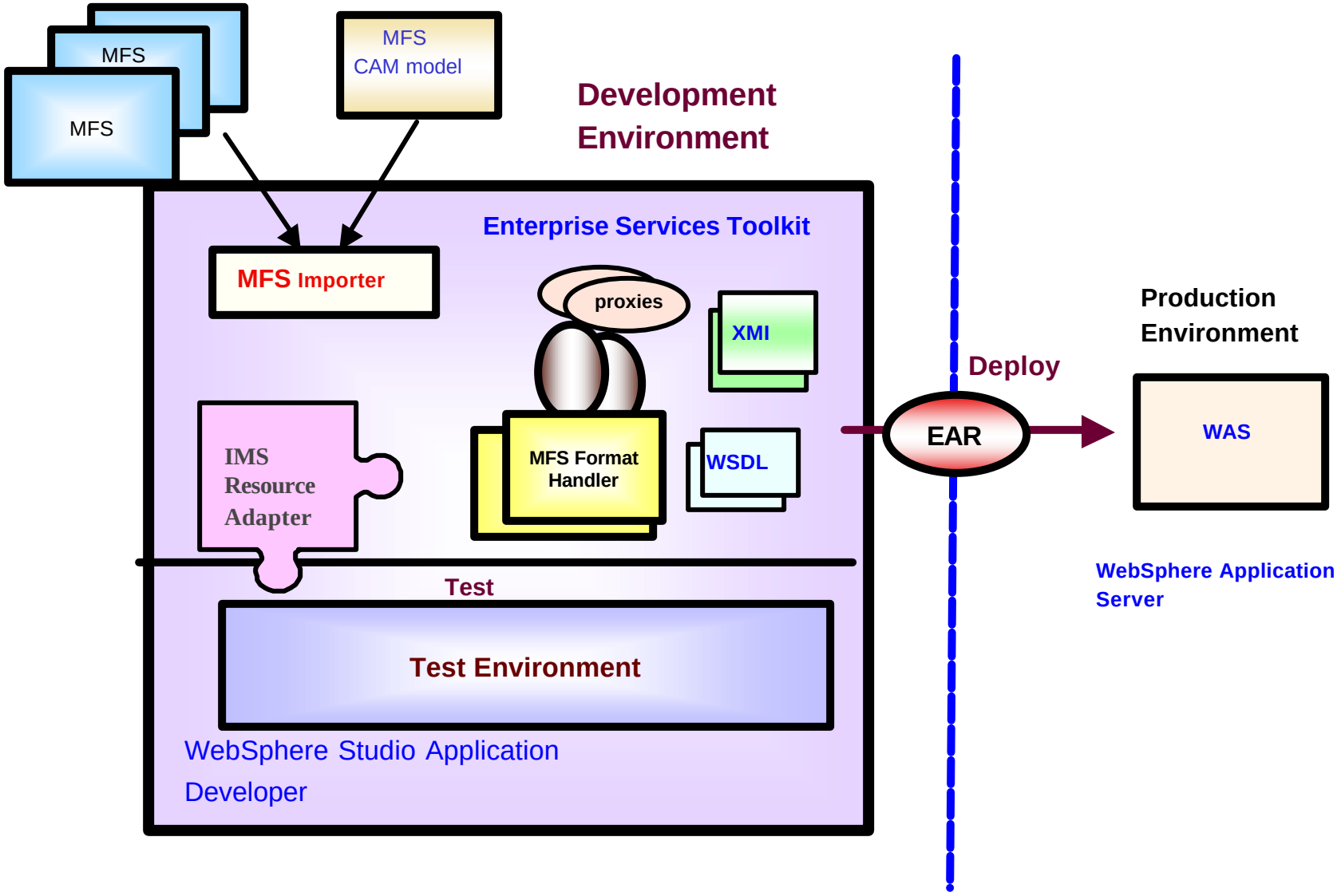
MFS Web Services &WSAD-IE 5.0.1



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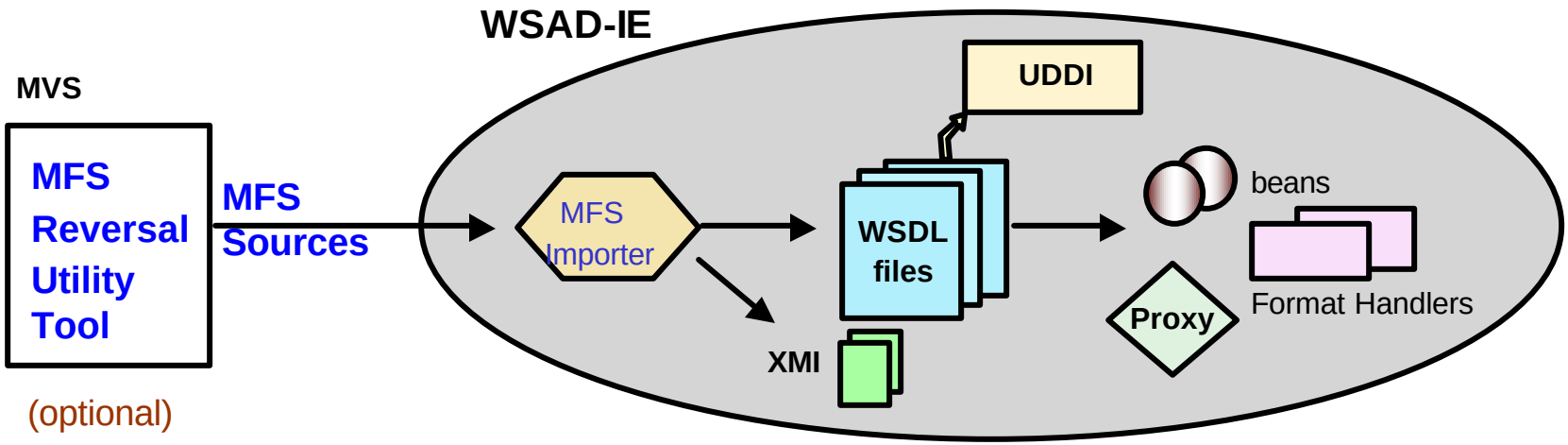
IMS MFS Web Services - Tooling Support

Importing Step 1 out of 4

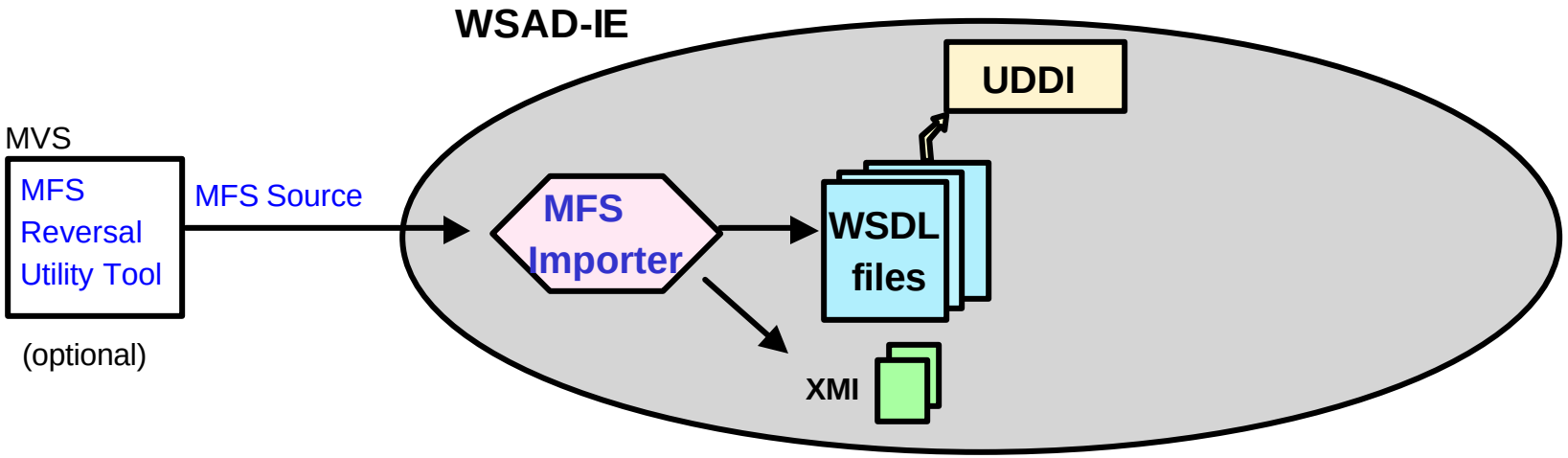
- No source? No problem!
  - MFS Reversal Utility Tool
    - MFS Format Library → MFS source files



IMS MFS Web Services - Tooling Support …

Importing Step 2 out of 4

- **MFS Importer**
  - **–DBCS, Code page**
  - **–Parse results stored in log file**
  - **–Generate XMI files**
    - **•Filter on device type and feature**
  - **–Generate WSDL (Web Service Description Language) files**
    - **•Binding, Service, and Interface WSDL files**
    - **•Publish to UDDI**



MFS WSDL Files

- **Interface WSDL file:**
  - **–Input and Output XML Schema types**
  - **–Multiple outputs support**
  - **–Input logical paging support (future item)**
- **Binding WSDL file:**
  - **–Operation properties**
  - **–Format Handler mapping**

```
<binding name="IMSBinding" type="tns:x">
        <ims:binding></ims:binding>
      +<format:typeMapping encoding="ibmmfs">
      +<operation name="runOperation">
</binding>
...
```

Binding. WSDL

```
-  <complexType name="MID_Page1">
     <sequence>
      + <element name="Field1">
        ...
     </sequence>
   </complexType>
-  <complexType name="ResponseType">
     <choice>
        <element name="MOD1" type="xsd1:MOD1"/>
        <element name="MOD2" type="xsd1:MOD2"/>
        <element name="MOD3" type="xsd1:MOD3"/>
     </choice>
   </complexType>
 + <complexType name="MOD1">
 +  <complexType name="MOD2">
 +  <complexType name="MOD3">
...
```

Interface.WSDL

- **Service WSDL file:**
  - **–IMS host connection properties**

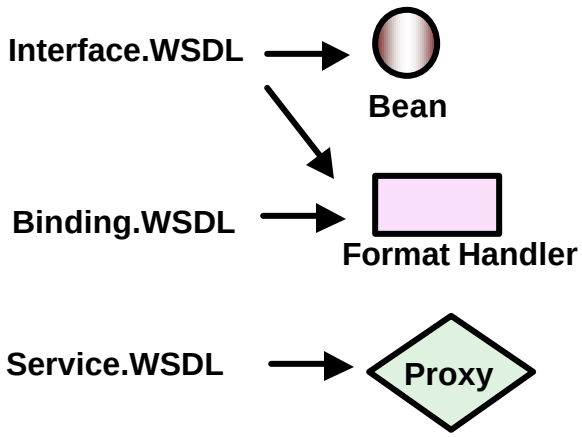
```
<service name="IMSService">

  <port binding="tns:IMSBinding" name="IMSPort">
    <ims:address dataStoreName="SOCKEYE"
                 hostName="ecxxx" portNumber="9999"/>
  </port>
</service>
...
```

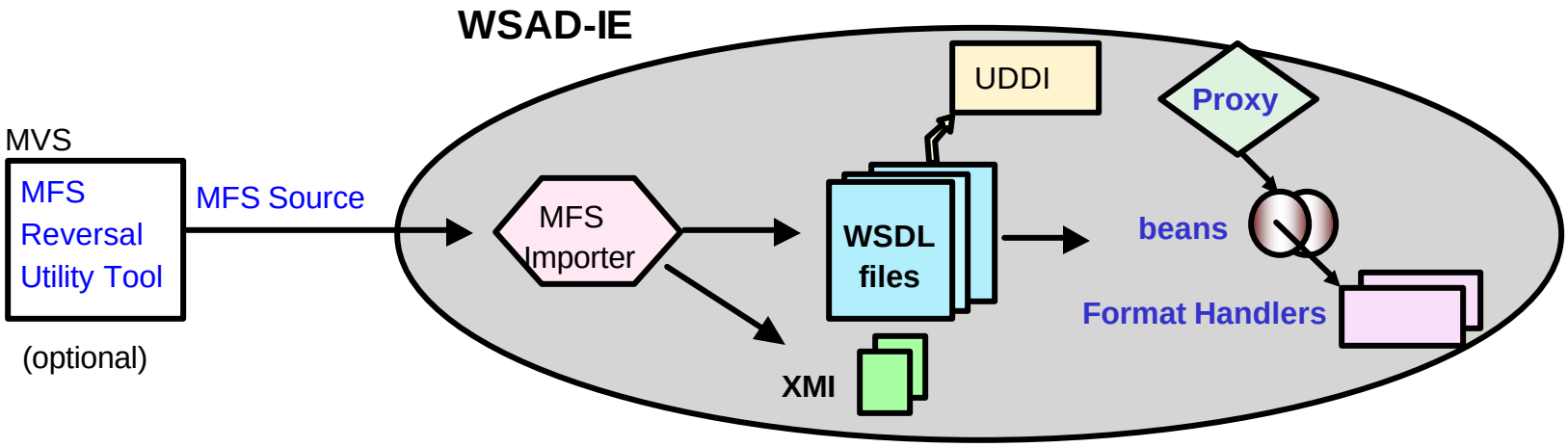
Service. WSDL

IMS MFS Web Services - Tooling Support …

Importing Step 3 out of 4

- **Code generators**
  - **–beans, format handlers, proxy**





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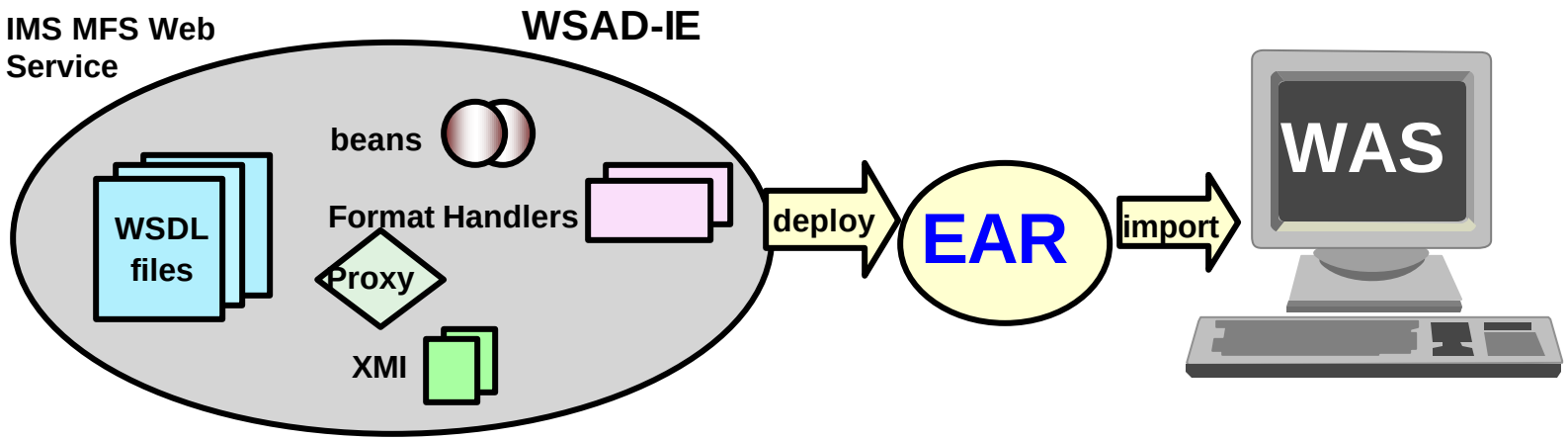
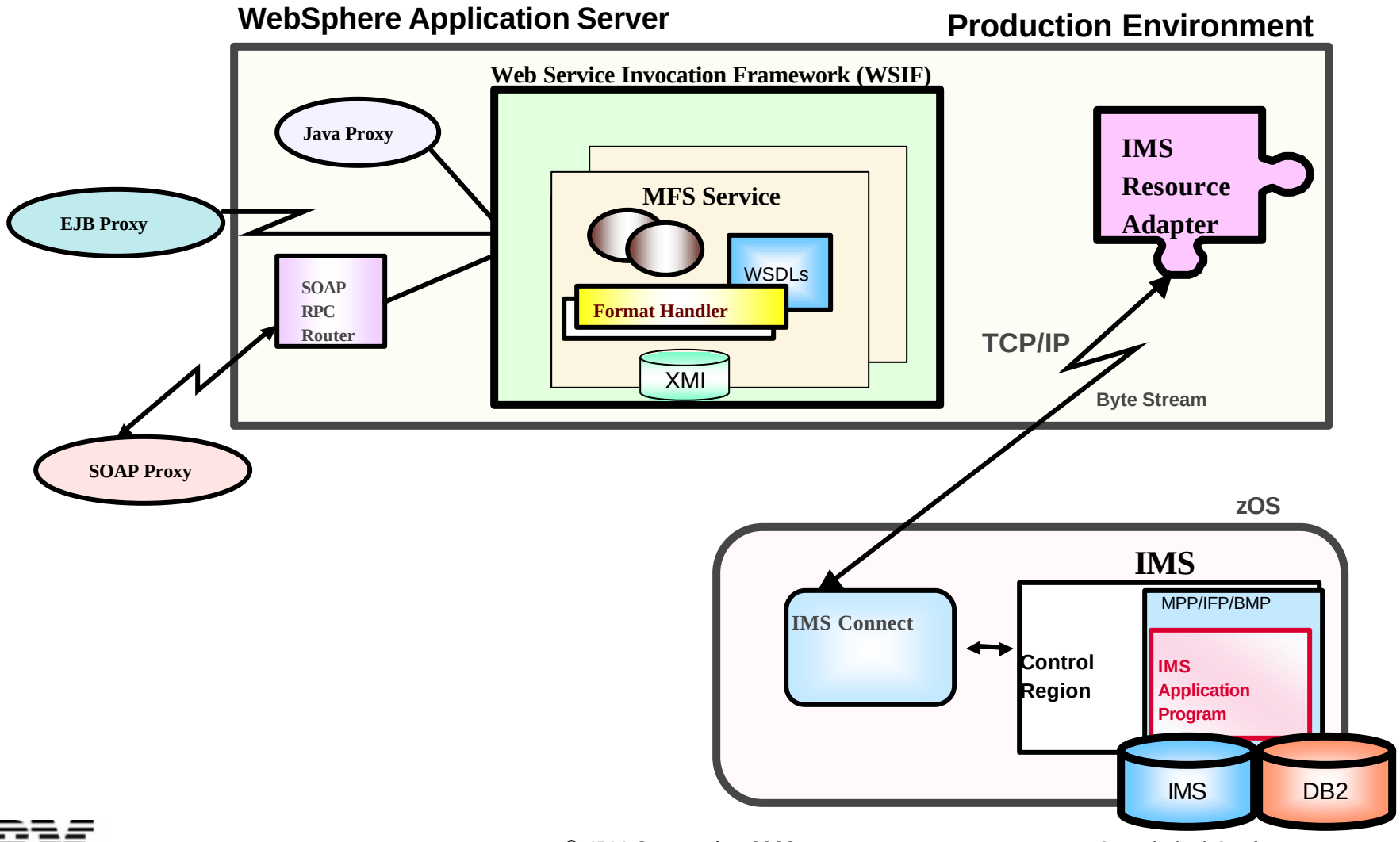
IMS MFS Web Services - Tooling Support …

Importing Step 4 out of 4

- Deployment to server
  - –Package EAR file
  - –XMI repository
  - –Local WAS (Websphere Unit Test Environment) vs. WASEE or zOS WAS



MFS Web Services & WebSphere Application Server



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Future Requirements

MFS Web Enablement

- **Much of the MFS XMI metadata is unused in the Web Services paradigm**
  - display information (e.g. Position, Color)
  - control functions (e.g. Next Logical Page)
  - dynamic output based on input
- **MFS data transformation (MFS Adapter) can occur**
  - **Inside WebSphere Application Server, and/or**
  - **Inside IMS Connect**
- **This metadata could be used for rendering displays on new modern devices, extending the use of MFS without modifying existing applications**
  - Web browser
  - cell phones
  - PDAs
- **MFS command line utility**

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Future Requirements …

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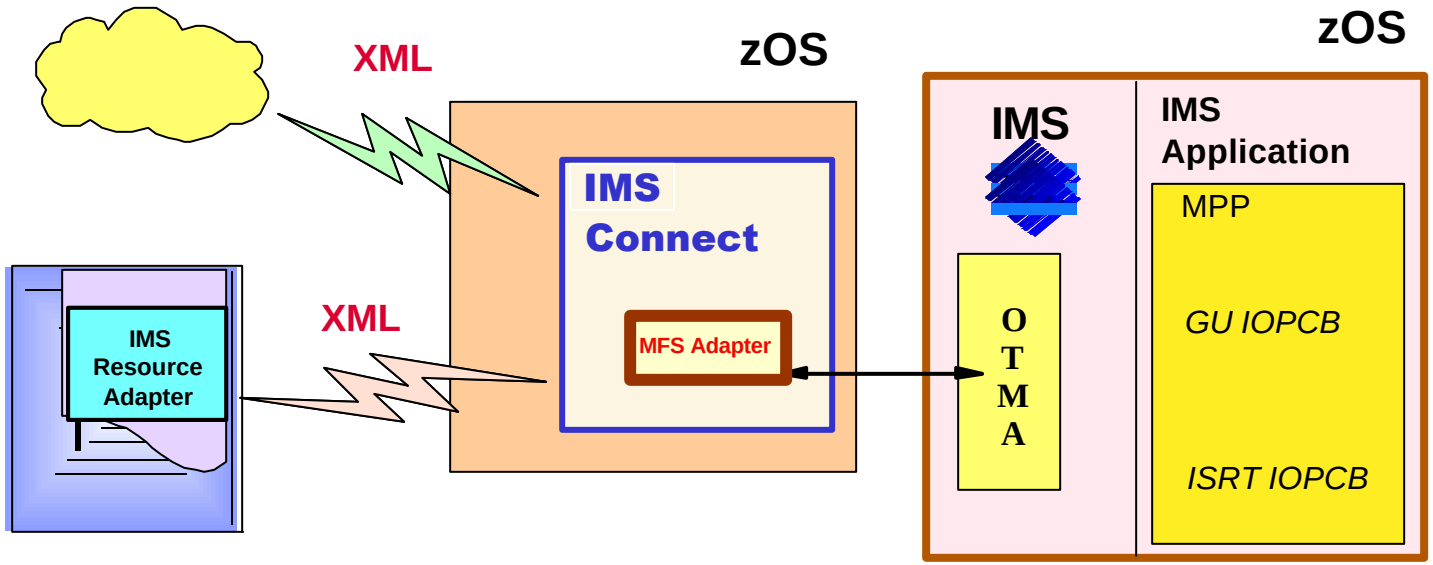
  - data transformation inside IMS Connect



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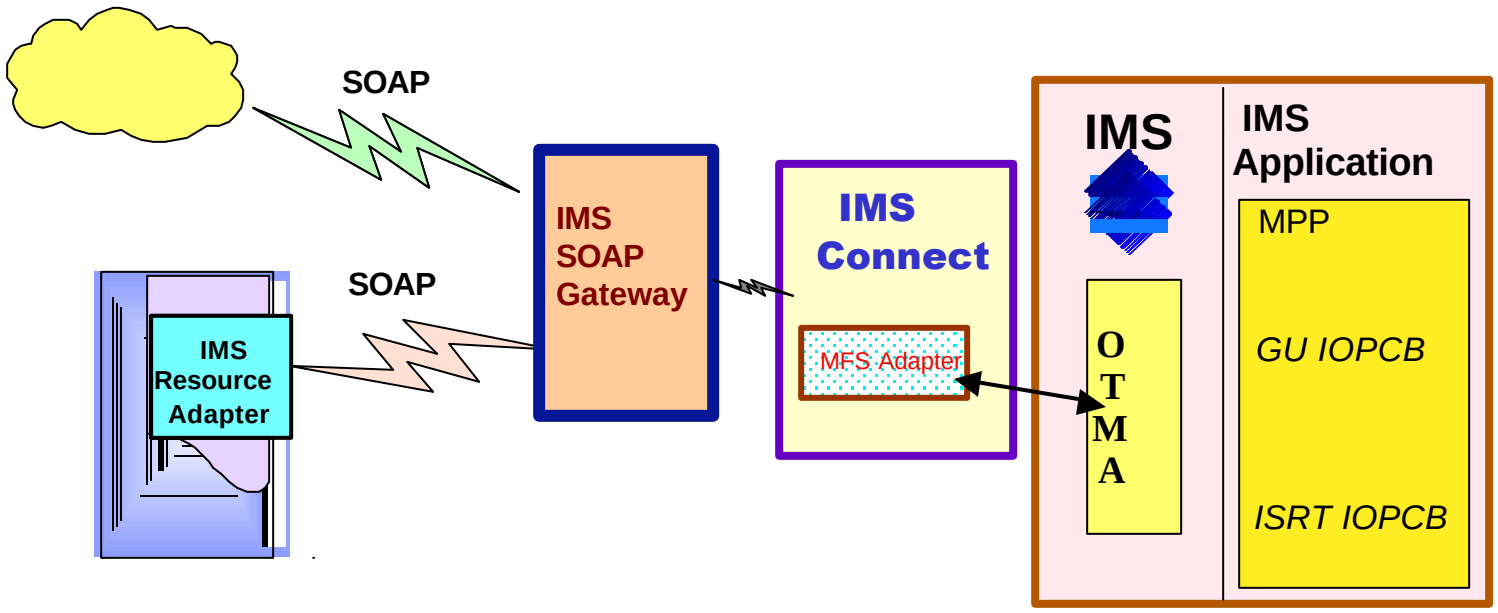
- **MFS SOAP & Web Services**
  - **IMS SOAP Gateway**



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