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Simplify modern business application development with EGL

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Agenda

Introduction to EGL

Application migration with Rational Migration Extension

EGL open source strategy

Next steps

Simplify Innovation with EGL

- EGL, IBM's newest business language, is a higher-level programming language designed for simplifying development of modern business applications
  - Supports development of server and client side logic in a single language
    - Code deploys natively throughout the enterprise as Java, JavaScript, or COBOL
  - Shields developers from the complexities of runtime environments
    - Allows developers to focus on business needs
  - Ideal for all types of developers
- EGL is modern
  - Web 2.0 and SOA built-in
  - Eclipse and Jazz based tools
- EGL is an excellent target migration language

Why EGL?

Skills
Allows developers to focus on business problems, not technology problems

Platform Flexibility
Delivers maximum platform and runtime independence

EGL

Productivity
Allows developers to focus on business problems, not technology problems

Modern
Eclipse-based tools simplify development of Web 2.0 style applications and Web services

Adaptability
Delivers a modern language that evolves as technologies and runtimes change

A common language for the enterprise

EGL

Compile

COBOL | **Java** | **JavaScript/HTML**

Deploy

Enterprise Systems
CICS, IMS, Power

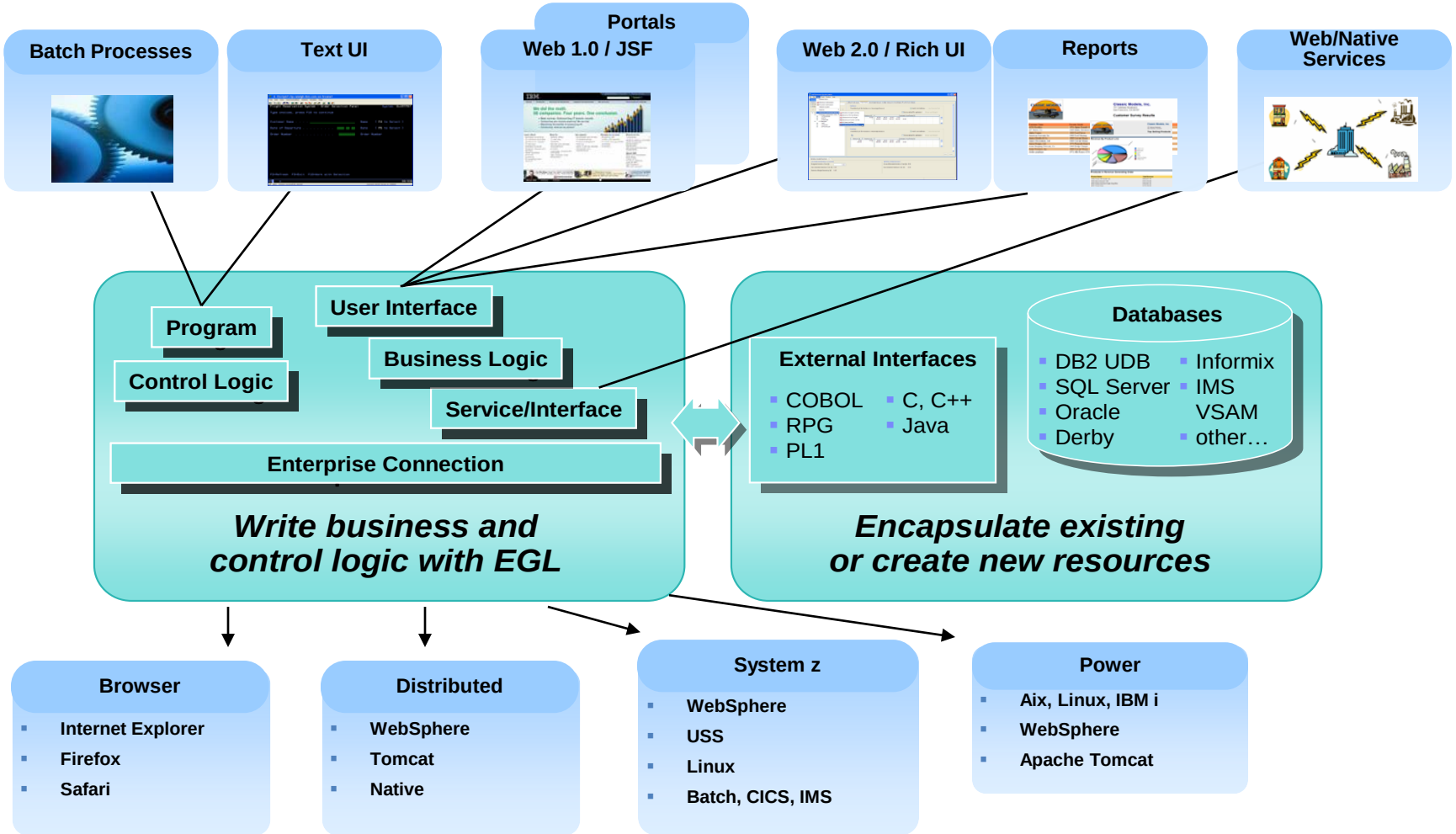
Application Servers
Apache Tomcat, WebSphere, JEE

Web Browsers
Desktop and Mobile

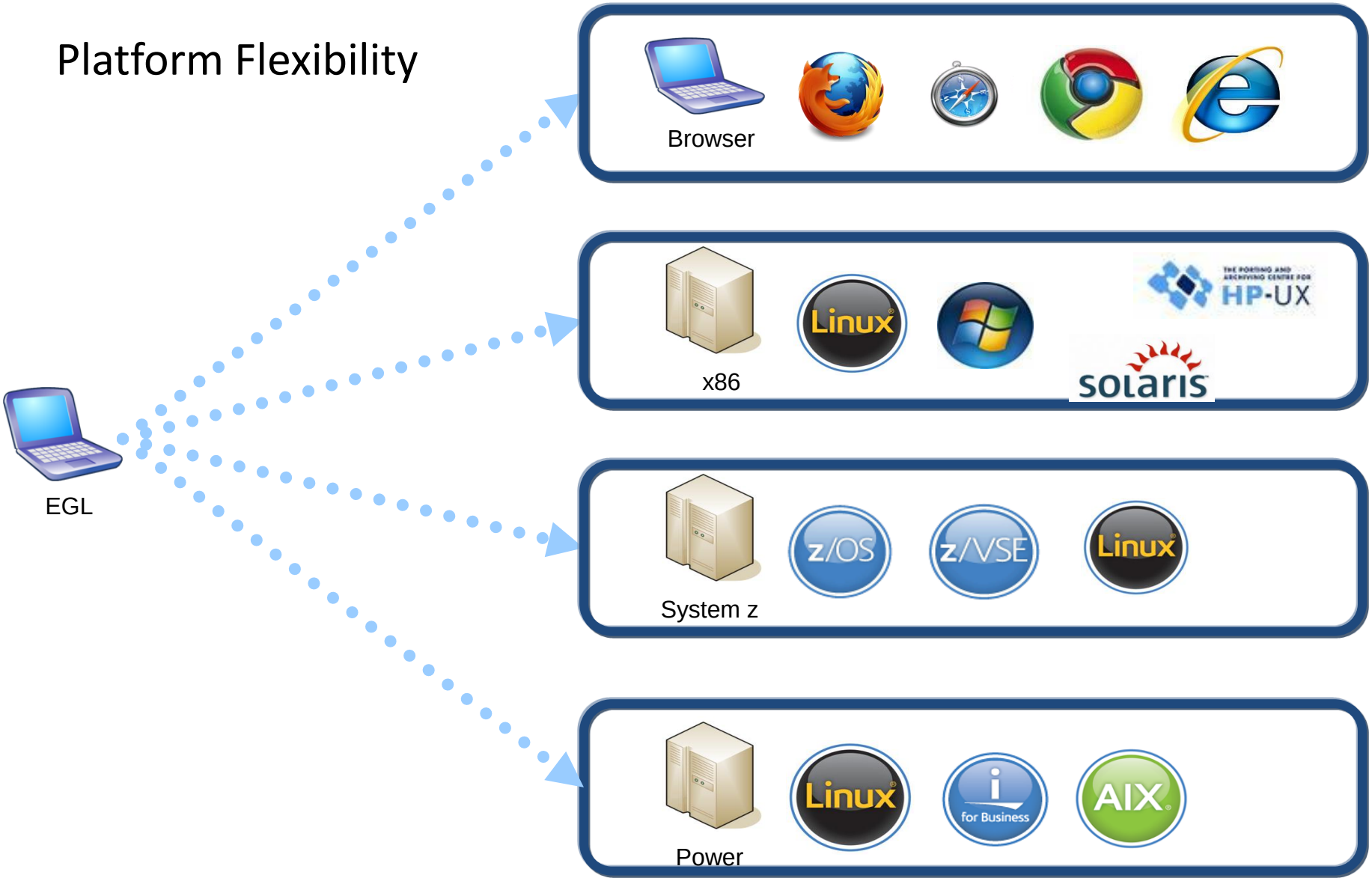
Run

Server **Client**

Respond to Broadest Application Needs



Platform Flexibility



Rational Business Developer

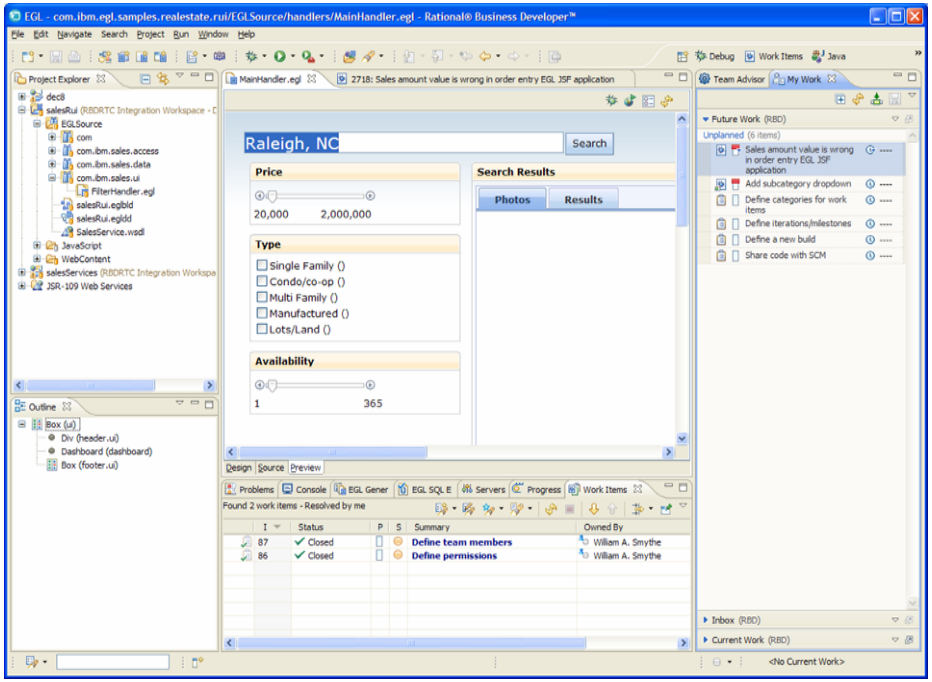
Simplify the development of EGL Web, Web 2.0, Text UI, and SOA solutions with Rational Business Developer

- Built on Eclipse
- Supports integration with other Rational tools

Features

- Visual and source editors
- Code completion, templates, and snippets
- Service generation for database tables
- SQL visualization and editing
- References and declarations
- Open on selection
- Refactoring
- Cheat sheets and dynamic help

Debug EGL code within the IDE

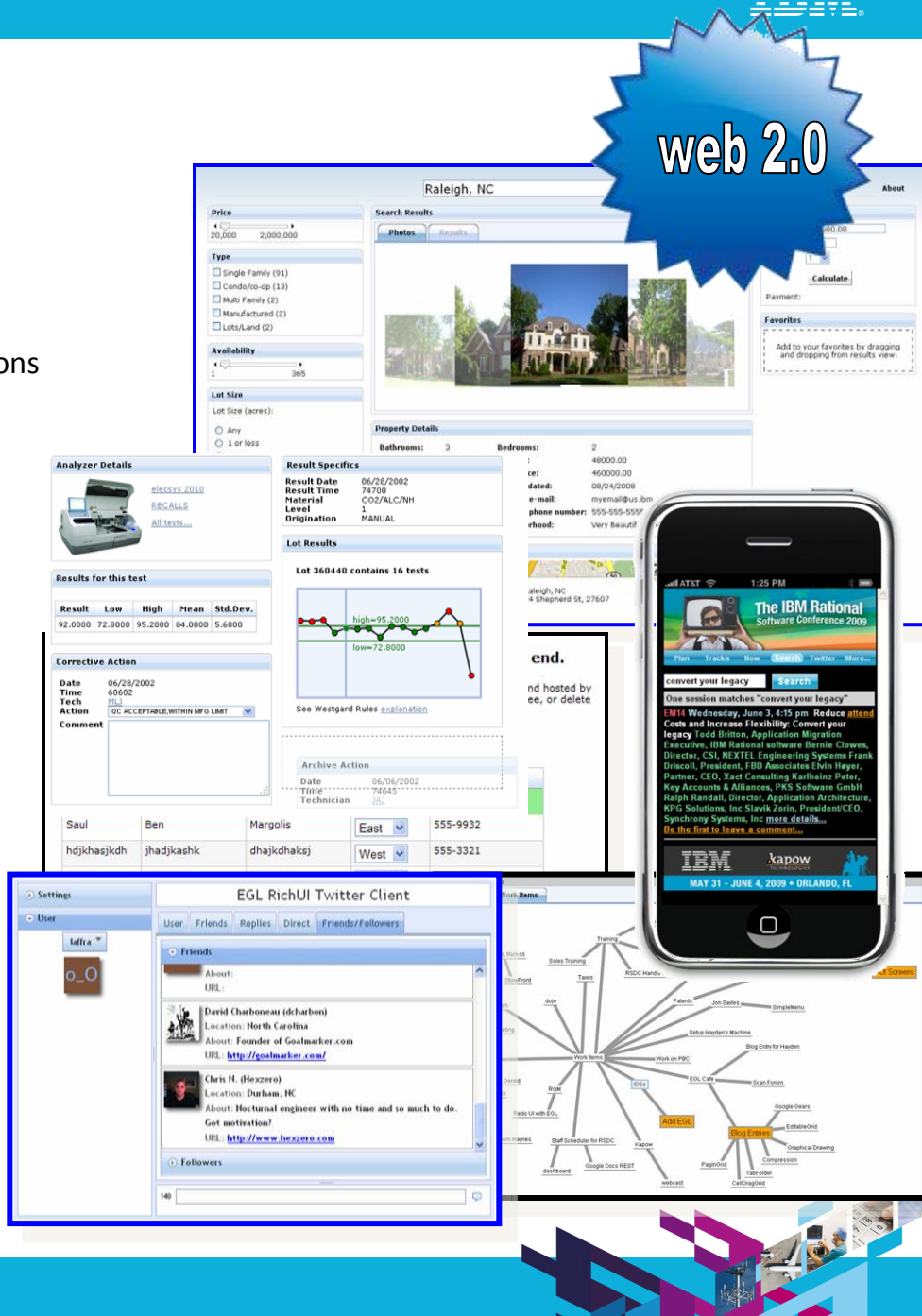


Integrate with Rational Team Concert / Jazz

EGL development teams can take advantages of the capabilities provided by Jazz/Rational Team Concert to manage EGL development projects

Web 2.0 with EGL

- Simplify creation of Rich Internet Applications
  - Deliver end-to-end Web 2.0 quickly in a single language
  - Build rich user interfaces to modernize existing applications
- Compiles into standard JavaScript and Ajax
  - No browser plug-ins required
  - Works with all major browsers
- Easy-to-learn for all types of developers
- Fully open and extensible
  - Utilize popular and open existing JavaScript libraries, like Dojo, Ext JS, and jQuery
- Eclipse-based development, testing, and debugging
- Consume all types of Web services



EGL in Action (Side-by-Side Comparison)

EGL Rich UI

```
handler MyRuiHandler type RUIhandler { initialUI = [ addressForm, map ] }

 addressField TextField { text = "1600 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington     DC",
width = 250 };

 goButton Button { text = "Go!", onClick ::= goButton_clicked };
 addressForm Box { children = [ addressField, goButton ] };

 map GoogleMap { width = "500px", height = "300px" };

  function goButton_clicked (e Event in)
    addresses String[] = [ addressField.text ];
    map.showAddresses(addresses, addresses);
  end
end
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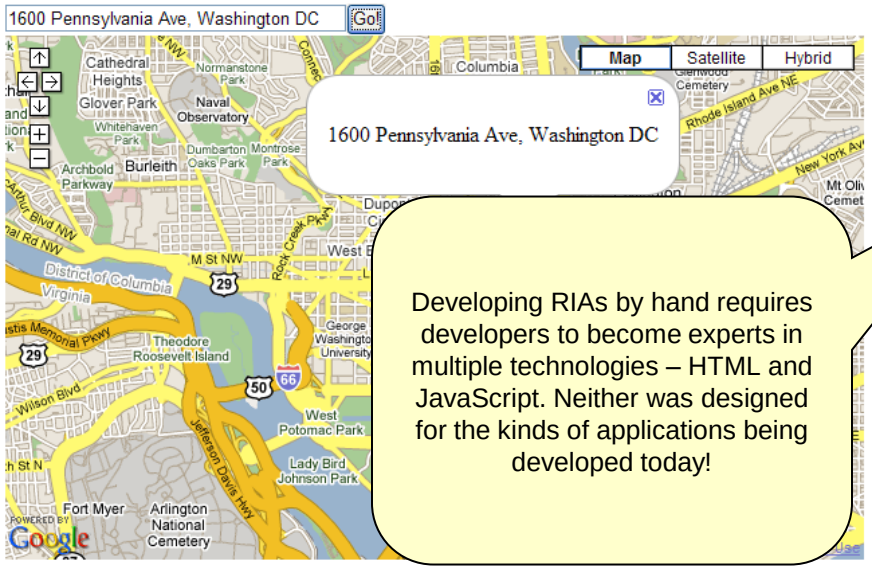


Developing RIAs by hand requires developers to become experts in multiple technologies – HTML and JavaScript. Neither was designed for the kinds of applications being developed today!

HTML and JavaScript

```
<html xmlns="http:                                    emas-microsoft-com:vml">
  <head>
    <meta http-equ                                    rset=UTF-8"/>
    <title>Google
    <script src="h                                    =2.x
    <script type="

    function initia
      if (GBrowserIsCompatible()) {
        map = new GMap2(document.getElementById("map_canvas"));
        map.setCenter(new GLatLng(37.4419, -122.1419), 13);
        geocoder = new GClientGeocoder();
      }
    }

          funct
            map.set
            var mar
            map.add
            marker.
          }
        );
      }
    }
    </script>
  </head>

  <body onload="initialize()" onunload="GUnload()">
    <form action="#" onsubmit="showAddress(this.address.value); return false">
      <p>
        <input type="text" size="60" name="address" value="1600 Pennsylvania Ave,
Washington DC" />
        <input type="submit" value="Go!" />
      </p>
      <div id="map_canvas" style="width: 500px; height: 300px"></div>
    </form>
  </body>
</html>
```

All code, including UI and controller logic, is written completely in EGL.

The complexity of the Google Map APIs are hidden from the developer, so the developer can focus on the actual business requirement and not technical complexities.

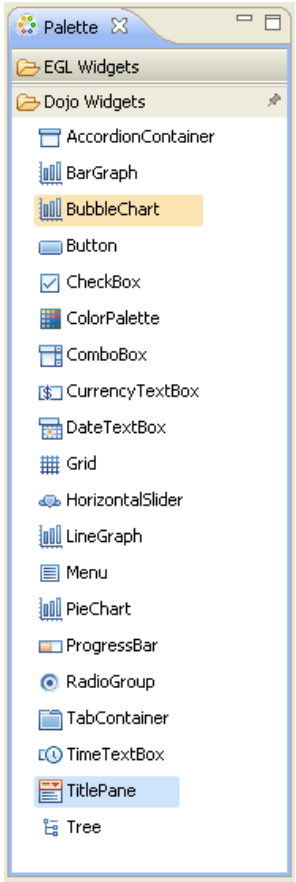
Simplify Dojo

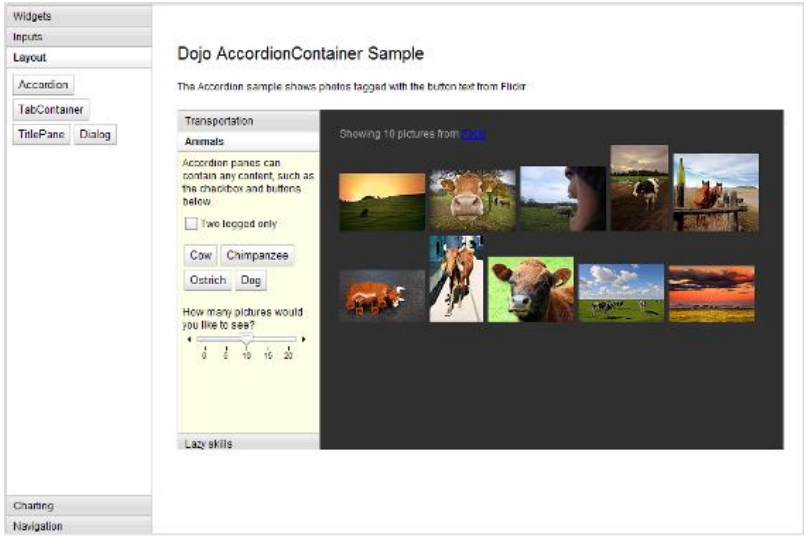
Dojo is a popular and powerful open source JavaScript widget library

EGL simplifies development of Dojo-based applications by including a Dojo widget library for EGL

- No knowledge of Dojo or JavaScript required by the developer
- Fits within the EGL programming model
  - Developers work with Dojo widgets just like any other EGL widget

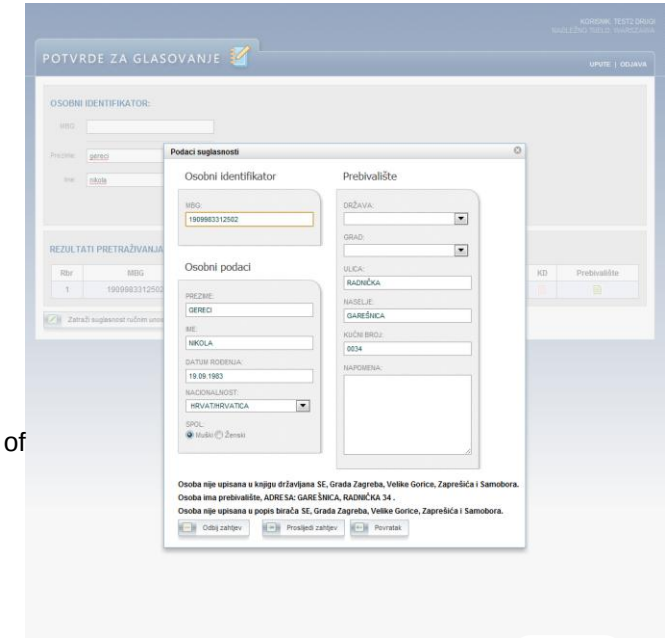
Sample code provided for each widget





APIS IT

Enabling faster approval of voting rights for voters living abroad



The need:

To support Croatia's national elections, Croatia's Agency for Information Systems and Information Technologies Support (APIS IT) needed to develop a Web 2.0–based application for faster approval of voting rights for voters living abroad. The new solution had to function within an existing IT architecture, and security and accuracy were essential to ensure the credibility of election results.

The solution:

The APIS IT team created the solution using leading development, collaboration and change management software. Solution elements include a data repository based on industry-leading relational database software, a leading access management application, and a rich Web 2.0–based user interface. The team also used a security testing application to eliminate any security vulnerabilities before the solution went live.

"We managed to greatly improve the end-user experience and increase productivity, all without sacrificing application security and reliability."

— Robert Stanko, Division Manager, APIS IT

APIS IT d.o.o.

Key points:

- Leveraged existing "traditional developer" skills to create a modern Web 2.0 solution with EGL
- Complete IBM solution (WebSphere, DB2, Tivoli, Rational)

The need for modernization

Existing applications have “run the business” for years

Decisions made decades ago may not be the right ones for today

Govt Agency	Platform:	Unisys
	Applications:	COBOL
	Database:	DMS II
Technology Company	Platform:	System z
	Applications:	Natural
	Database:	ADABAS
Real Estate Company	Platform:	System z
	Applications:	Ideal
	Database:	Datacom
Major ISV	Platform:	System 38
	Applications:	RPG
	Database:	DB2

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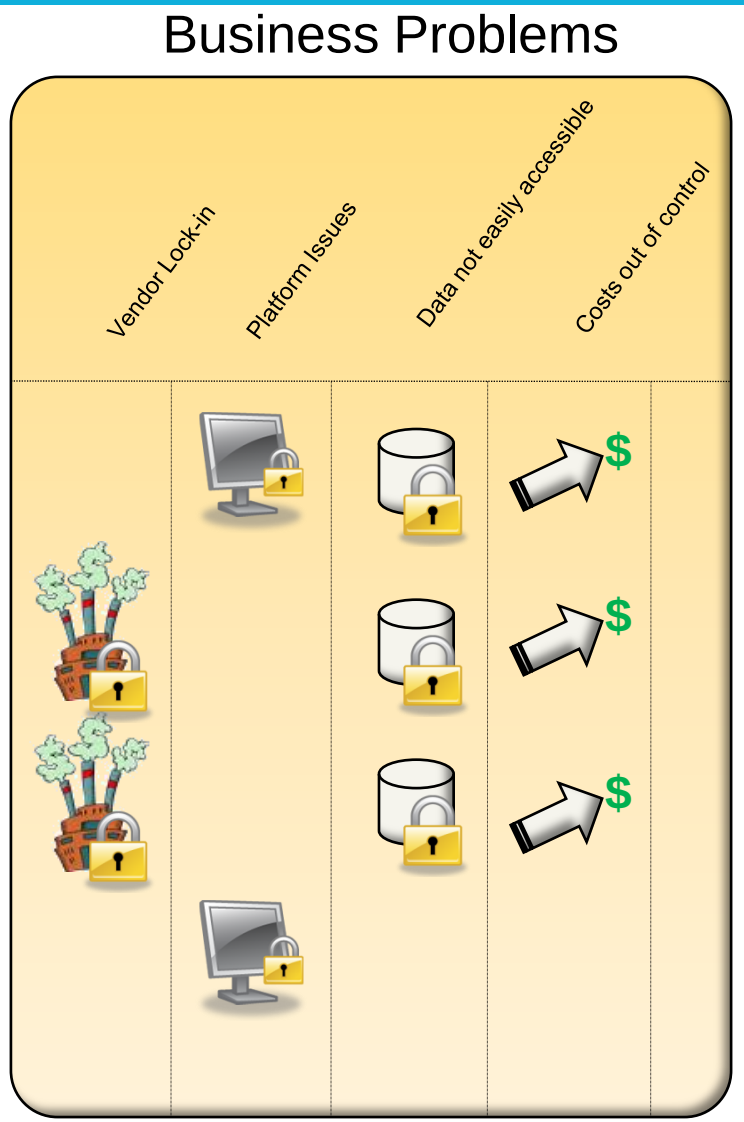
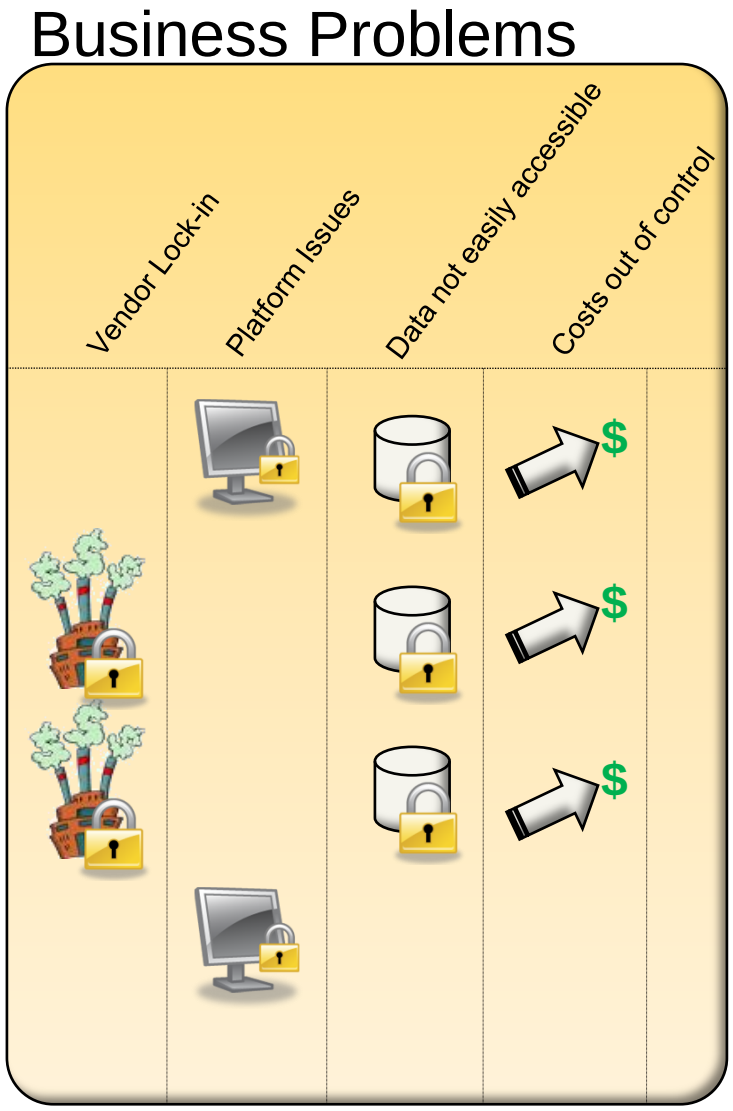


Possible solutions to identified problems



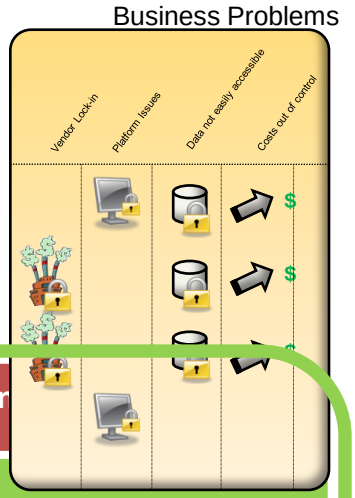
Possible solutions to identified problems

Modernization options for addressing identified business problems …

Rewrite

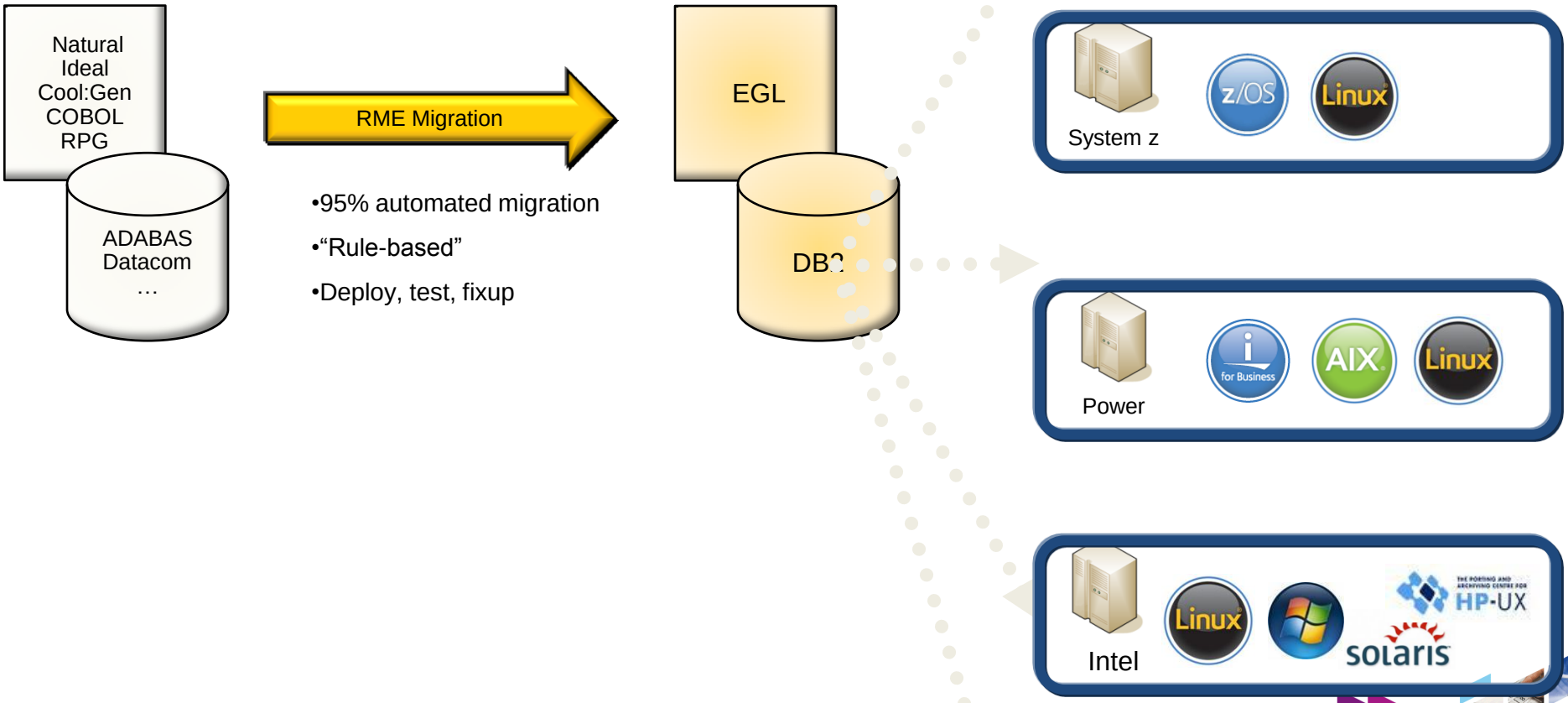
Purchase a packaged application (and customize)

Migrate



Criteria	Rewrite	Packaged application	Migration
Time to Market	Slow	Medium	Fast
Cost	High ($5 - $10/LOC)	Medium	Low ($.50 - $1.50/LOC)
Risk	High	Medium	Low
Ability to make functional improvements	High	Either application improvements or business process changes	Some: Text UI to Rich Web
Ability to make Business process improvements	High	Business must adapt to new processes	Low
Key Business Drivers	**Current application doesn't meet business needs; Desire custom application that exploits defined architectures and competitive advantages**	**Reduction in I/T footprint; Leverage commodity software instead of building it**	**Quickly and economically increase application flexibility and decrease operating costs**

What is an automated migration?

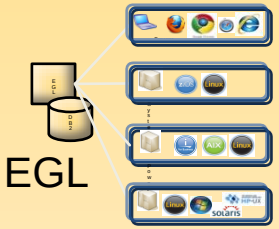


Why automated migration?

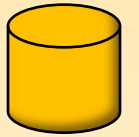
Business Problems . . . Rational Migration Solutions

Vendor Lock-in

Platform Issues



Data not easily accessible



Costs out of control

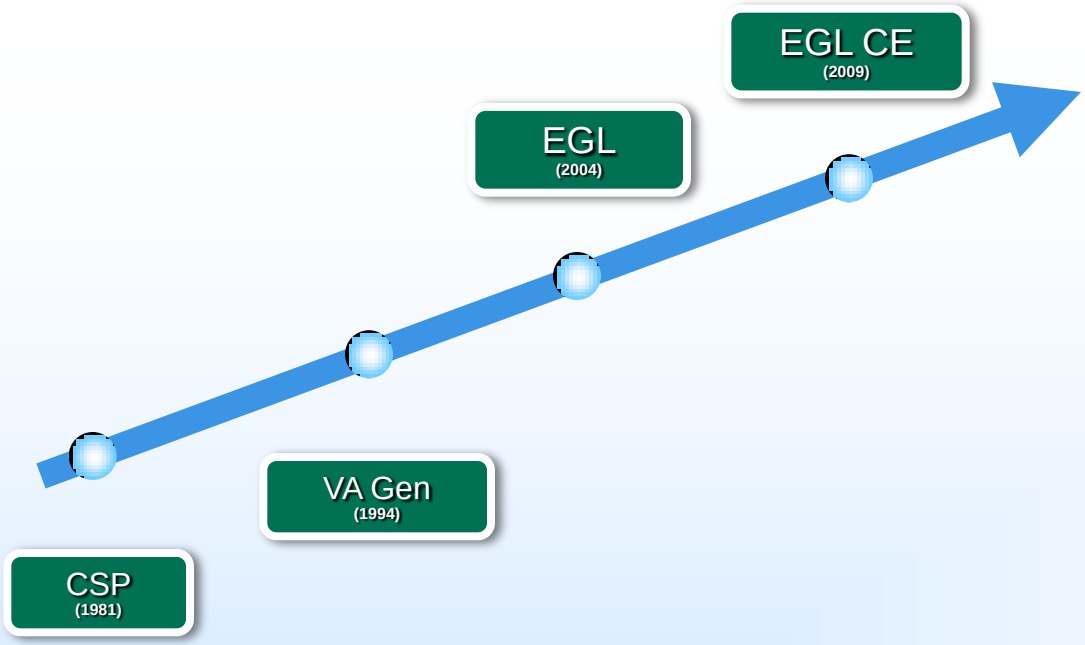
Why Rational Migration Extension

A large shipping company in the US projected significant **ROI of *$5M after 3 years, and $14M after 5 years***

Large SI in Germany chose Rational migration to EGL and *saw a **55% decrease in MIPS costs*** (annual savings of over $1.5M)!

Real estate company in AP chose Rational (RMEca & RMErui) after a $50M application ***rewrite project failed***

EGL: 30 years of innovation and investment



EGL to date …

- ✓ Represents 30 years of innovation and continued investment by IBM
- ✓ Introduced in 2004 as the follow on to CSP and VisualAge Generator
  - ✓ Designed for extensibility
- ✓ Thousands of customers using EGL and predecessor technologies
- ✓ Migration paths have preserved customers' investments

What we have heard …

We prefer open languages because they are less risky to our business

We believe innovation is accelerated by giving others the ability to participate

We want to see an active community promoting awareness and growing skills

- Open source project on Eclipse.org for the EGL language, compiler, source editing tools, debugger, and generators for Java and JavaScript
- Initial contribution based on technology in IBM Rational Business Developer
- Core EGL development by IBM and other participants in the open on Eclipse
- **Project launched June 7, 2010**

Benefits of an open EGL …

Reduces risk

Jointly developed in the open at Eclipse.org

Source available under Eclipse Public License (EPL)

Accelerates innovation

Gives others (not just IBM) the ability to …

- Build tools that compliment the tools provided by IBM
- Extend deployment to new runtime platforms
- Add language extensions to support new concepts

Broadens awareness and community

Opens EGL to new audiences

Gives others the opportunity to be involved in the planning and development process

Read the project proposal:

www.eclipse.org/proposals/egl

Recent EGL Open Press

Dr. Dobb's Journal: *EGL Means Business*
InfoWorld: *IBM EGL business language moves to open source*
IBM Systems Magazine: *A Little EGL, a Little RPG and a Little PHP*
SDTimes: *IBM submits EGL project proposal to Eclipse*
CNews*: IBM Opens New Language for Business Applications*
IT Jungle*: Open Source EGL Means an RPG Generator Is Possible*

Get started today!

Simplify development of Web 2.0 solutions **with EGL Community Edition**

Eclipse-based development environment

- Small download, simple install
- WYSIWYG visual editor
- Instant application previewing without deploying to a server
- Full debug support for client and server-side code

Rich Web user interfaces using Dojo

- Fully extensible architecture supports other popular JavaScript widget libraries

Build Java-based Web services without coding in Java

- Take advantage of EGL's powerful keywords for accessing data in most popular databases, including MySQL

Spend more time innovating and less time fighting with technology!

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EGL Distance Learning **2010**

Learn EGL by taking IBM's no charge (**free**) education course!

- Explore the emerging cross-platform rapid development technology from IBM that enables you to build Web, Web 2.0, and SOA solutions using EGL.
- Discover how quickly you can learn EGL and build state-of-the-art applications, all without getting bogged down in the technical complexities of middleware and runtime platforms

Topics

- Foundations of EGL
- Web 2.0 development with EGL Rich UI

2010 Dates

- February 15
- March 29
- May 3
- June 21
- July 26
- September 13
- November 15

Up to 3 hours of instruction per day

3 to 5 hours of independent hands-on per day

EGL Café

Online community for EGL developers, partners, and clients

Discussion forums

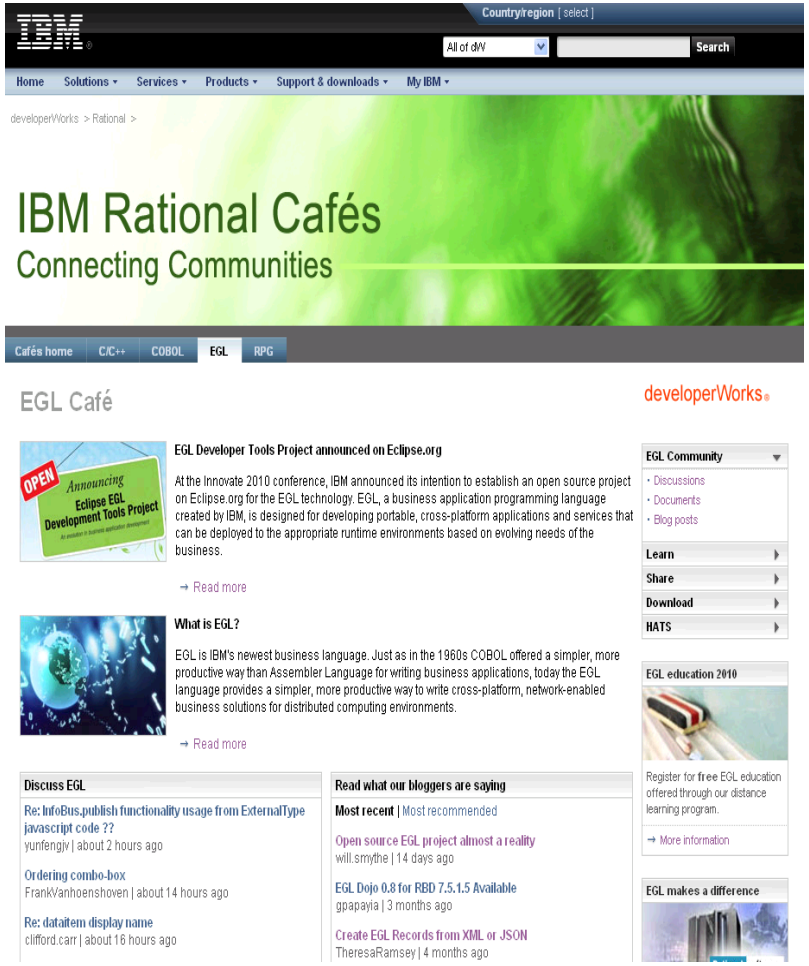
Gallery of sample applications and widgets

Presentations, videos, and articles

Blogs by IBMers and partners

Success stories

Become part of the community today!



Resources: Download, Learn, Presentations, Video/viewlet, Sample Code

Community: Clients, Partners, Influencers, Press, News and Events

Collaboration: Blogs, Forums, Tips and Techniques Comments, Ratings

Testimonials: Case Studies, Celebrations!

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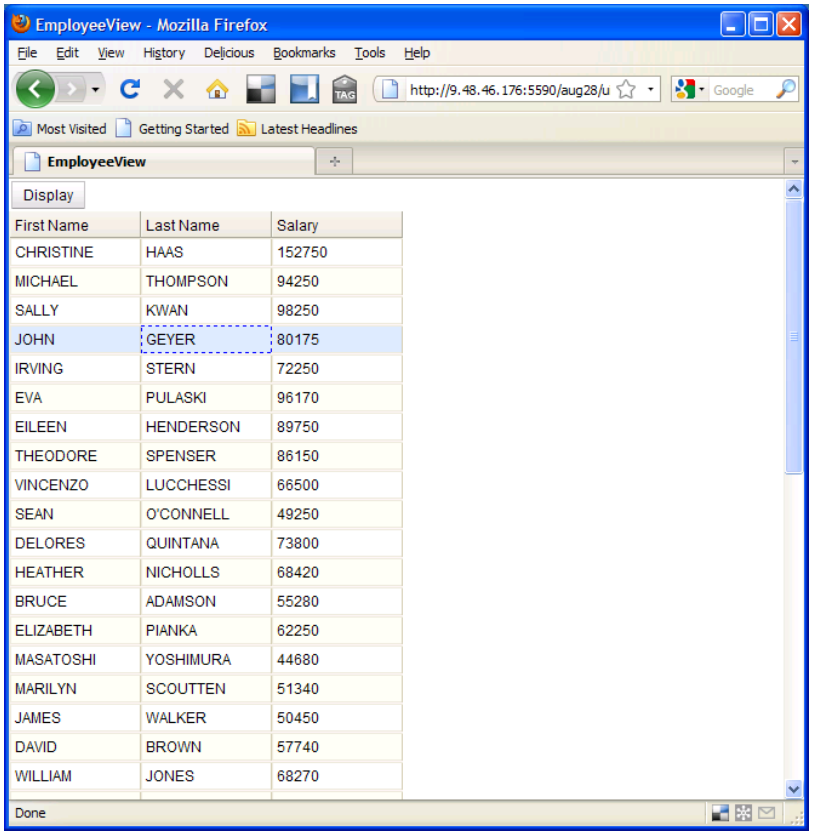
EGL Rich UI Database Example

Objective: create a simple Web 2.0 style application to display data from a database in a Dojo grid.



EGL Rich UI Example (Server Side)

EGL has a **service** keyword that enables developers to define services, which are then compiled into Java and deployed as a REST or SOAP service.

EmployeeService.egl

```
package services;

service EmployeeService

    // Returns all employee records from the database
    function getRecords() returns (EmployeeRecord[])
        employees EmployeeRecord[0];
        get employees;
        return (employees);
    end

    // Adds a new employee to the database
    function addRecord(newEmployee EmployeeRecord in)
        add newEmployee;
    end

end

record EmployeeRecord type SQLRecord {tableNames = [["EMPLOYEE"]], keyItems=

    EMPNO string            {column="EMPNO", maxLen=6};
    FIRSTNME string         {column="FIRSTNME", sqlVariableLen=yes, maxLen=12};
    MIDINIT string          {column="MIDINIT", isSqlNullable=yes, maxLen=1};
    LASTNAME string         {column="LASTNAME", sqlVariableLen=yes, maxLen=15};
    HIREDATE date           {column="HIREDATE", isSqlNullable=yes};
    SALARY decimal(9,2)     {column="SALARY", isSqlNullable=yes};

end
```

Functions declared in services are available to be called externally. In this example, the **getRecords** function returns an array of all employee records.

EGL makes it simple to interact with databases. In this example, the "**get**" keyword is used to populate an array of employee records from a database (connection settings are stored outside the code). Other keywords (like "add" and "update") are used to easily add new records to the database or update an existing record.

Records are EGL parts that represent data. In this example, the **EmployeeRecord** part is an SQL record, which means it is tied to a table (or tables) in a database. As you can see, the table name is specified and fields within the record are bound to columns in the table.

EGL Rich UI Database Example (Browser Side)

The user interface is written completely in EGL (not HTML). This **code is compiled into JavaScript and HTML** on-the-fly during development.

EGL uses a **declarative programming** style to make creating new objects (in this case, UI widgets) easy. In this example, a simple button and Dojo grid are defined.

EmployeeView.egl

```
package uis;

import egl.ui.rui.*;
import dojo.widgets.*;
import services.*;

handler EmployeeView type RUIhandler {initialUI = [ displayButton, Grid ] }

    // Button (when clicked, service will be called and data will be displayed)
    displayButton DojoButton{ text = "Display", onClick ::= displayButton_onClick };

    // Dojo grid
    Grid DojoGrid{
        columns = [
            new DojoGridColumn { displayName = "First Name", name = "FIRSTNME"},
            new DojoGridColumn { displayName = "Last Name", name = "LASTNAME"},
            new DojoGridColumn { displayName = "Salary", name = "SALARY"}
        ]
    };

    // Function called when Display button is clicked
    function displayButton_onClick(event Event in)
        myService EmployeeService {}; // service instance
        call myService.getRecords() returning to displayGrid; // asynchronous service call
    end

    function displayGrid(retResult EmployeeRecord[] in)
        Grid.data = retresult as any[]; // display results in the grid
    end

end
```

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Notice how functions are bound to event types on UI widgets. In this example, when this button is clicked, the **displayButton_onClick** function is called.

Notice how columns are declared on the Dojo grid. The “name” field tells EGL which field in the record (in this case, “EmployeeRecord”) to display in the column.

Notice how an instance of the previously-created service is declared directly in our UI code. Also, notice the **call** statement that asynchronously invokes the **getRecords** method. This statement will be compiled into a **JavaScript Ajax** statement.

The array of employee record is passed directly to the Dojo grid widget (although this record is defined in our service code, it will be compiled into JavaScript since it is referenced by the UI code). The grid widget will automatically populate the grid based on the columns defined earlier and the data in the records.

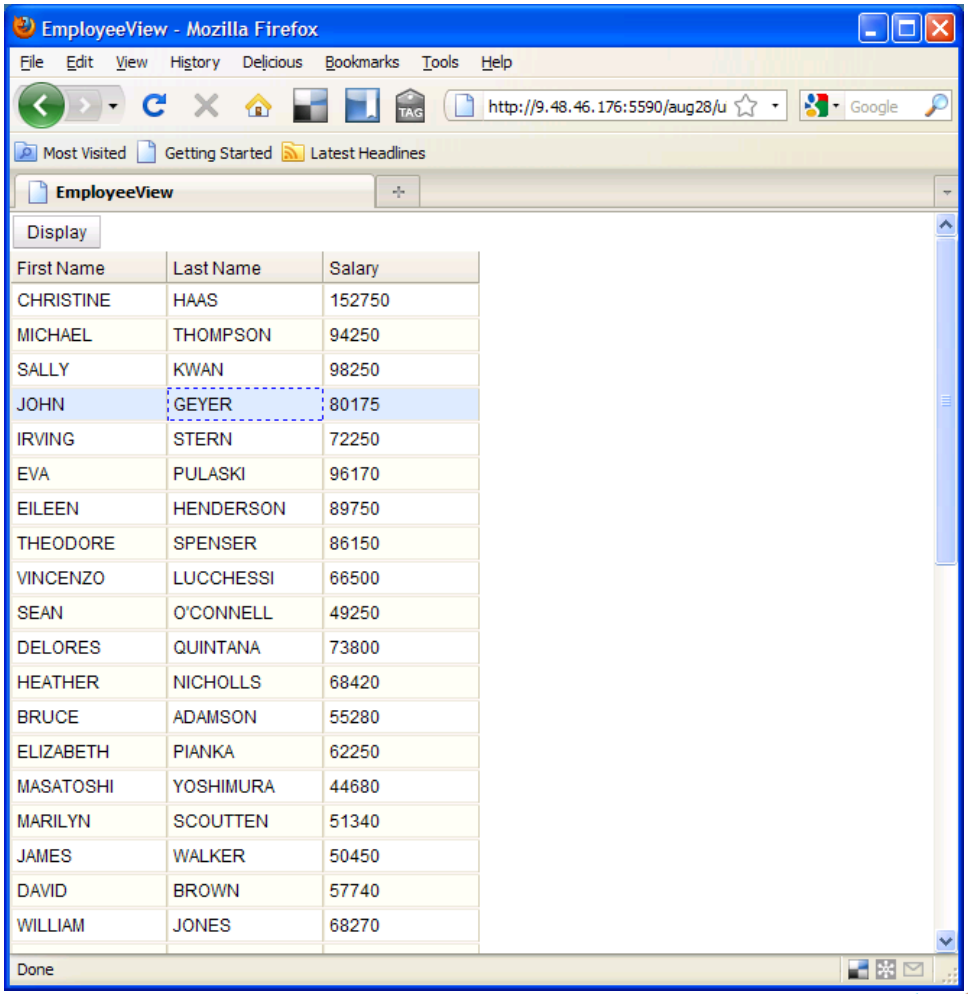
EGL Rich UI Database Example (End Result)

Clicking the Display button will cause a Web service to be invoked on the server. This service will pull records out of a database table and return them to the client. Once returned, the records will be displayed in the Dojo grid.

Key points:

- Data can be represented the same way in both server and client code.
- Web services can be easily created and invoked from the client side.
- EGL makes it simple to interact with a database.
- EGL does not replace HTML or JavaScript!

EGL allows you to **spend more time innovating and less time fighting with technology!**



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