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XML Enablement and z/OS Web Services

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Agenda

- Brief Introduction to Web Services
- Why a need for z/OS XML Enablement?
- z/OS XML Enablement
- Benefits
- Usage Scenarios
- A look at the XML Enablement tool
- Prerequisites
- Using in a Web Service
- Summary

Web Service Definition

- Self-contained, self-describing, modular applications that can be published, located, and invoked over a network, generally, the Web.
  - Communicate via XML messages
- A web service is composed of:
  - An interface that defines methods (portType)
  - An implementation that will contain the actual business logic and functionality

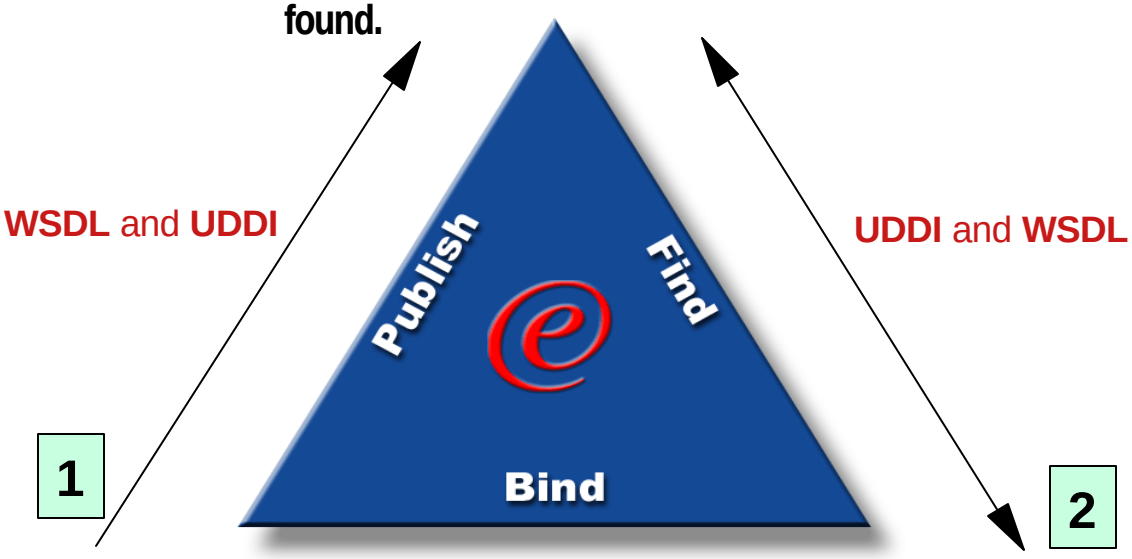
Examples

- Business information with rich content
  - **weather reports**
  - **stock quotes**
  - **airline schedules**
  - **credit check**
  - **news feed**
- Transactional Web Services for B2B, B2C
  - **airline reservation**
  - **rental car agreement**
  - **supply chain mgmt**
- Business process externalization
  - **business linkage at workflow level**
  - **complete integration at process level**

Web Services Participants and their Roles

Broker

- Maintains Web Services Registry where services are published and found.



Provider

- Provides e-business services and PUBLISHES availability of these services to Web Services Registry.

SOAP

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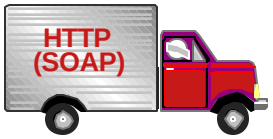
User

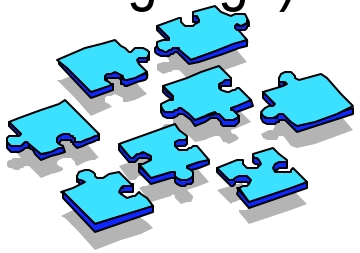
- FINDS required services in Web Services Registry, BINDS to those services in applications.

Makes use of XML messaging via Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP)

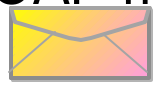
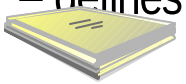
What is WSDL?

- Web Services Description Language
- WSDL is an XML based vocabulary for defining a Web Service:
  - interfaces
    - operation types (i.e. one-way, request-response, notification)
    - messages defining a Web Service interface
    - definition of data types (XML Schema)
  - access protocol (i.e. SOAP over HTTP)
  - contact endpoints (i.e. Web Service URL and URNs[1])
- A Web Service URL returning WSDL makes Web Services **self-describing**
- Similar in purpose to IDL (Interface Definition Language)
  - From a WSDL file, wizards can generate:
    - proxy classes for calling Web Service
    - skeleton classes to implement a Web Service





What is SOAP?

- Simple Object Access Protocol
- SOAP is an XML based protocol for communication between two remote applications:
  - is based on RPC messaging
  - is language independent (**de-couples** interface from implementation)
  - represents remote procedure calls and responses
- A SOAP message consists of:
  -  envelope
    - wraps the message itself
    - defines rules for decoding the message
  -  message
    - request
      - method to invoke on a remote object and parameters
    - response
      - result of running the method and exceptions

Problems Solved by Web Services

- Allows heterogeneous systems to communicate with each other
  - i.e. A windows client could access a web service running on a main frame
- Customers can find services based upon the service type
  - Similar to finding a list of landscapers in the phone book
- Allows different organizations to communicate
  - Enables applications to talk with each other

XML Enablement for z/OS

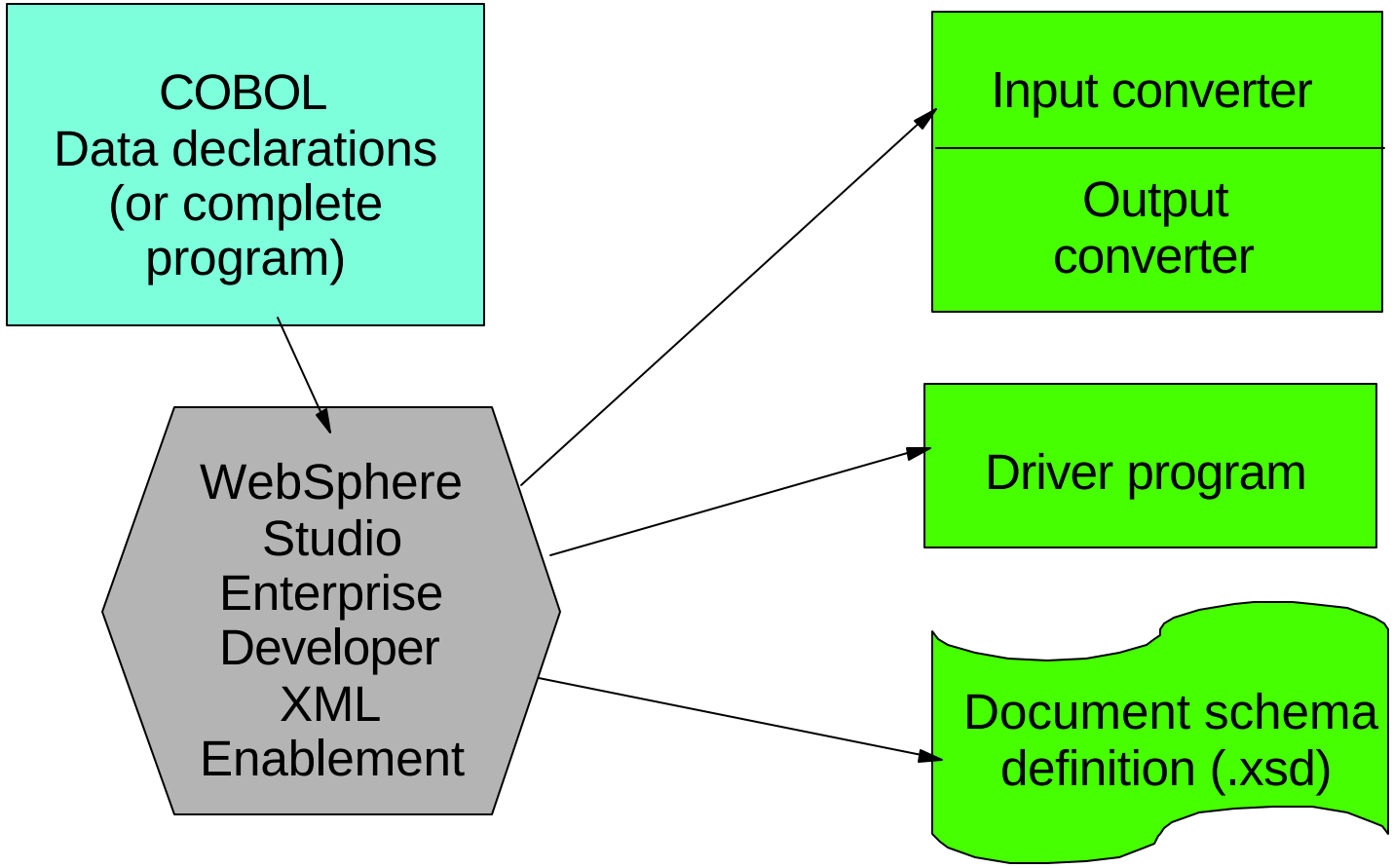
What is z/OS XML Enablement?

Enables COBOL-based applications to consume and produce XML messages

- Leverages XML parsing capabilities of IBM Enterprise COBOL V3.1
- Creates COBOL converter programs
  - Inbound to convert XML messages into native COBOL data
  - Outbound to convert native COBOL data into XML messages
- Creates template COBOL driver program
  - Illustrates the invocation of converters
  - Illustrates the interaction with existing application
  - Needs to be updated before run
- Enables communication with XML based systems

XML Enablement

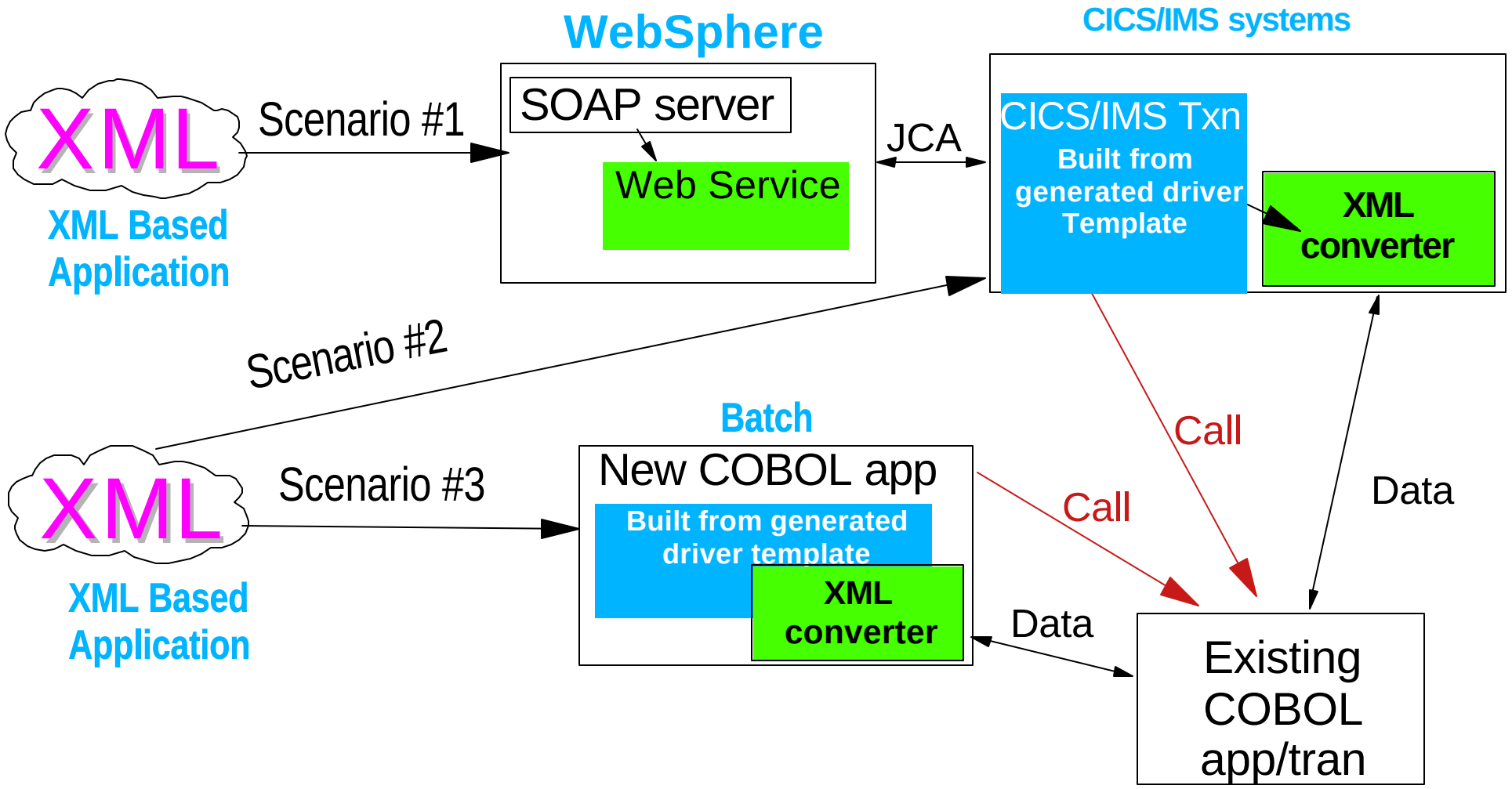
- Enables COBOL-based applications to consume and produce XML messages
  - Original COBOL program unchanged



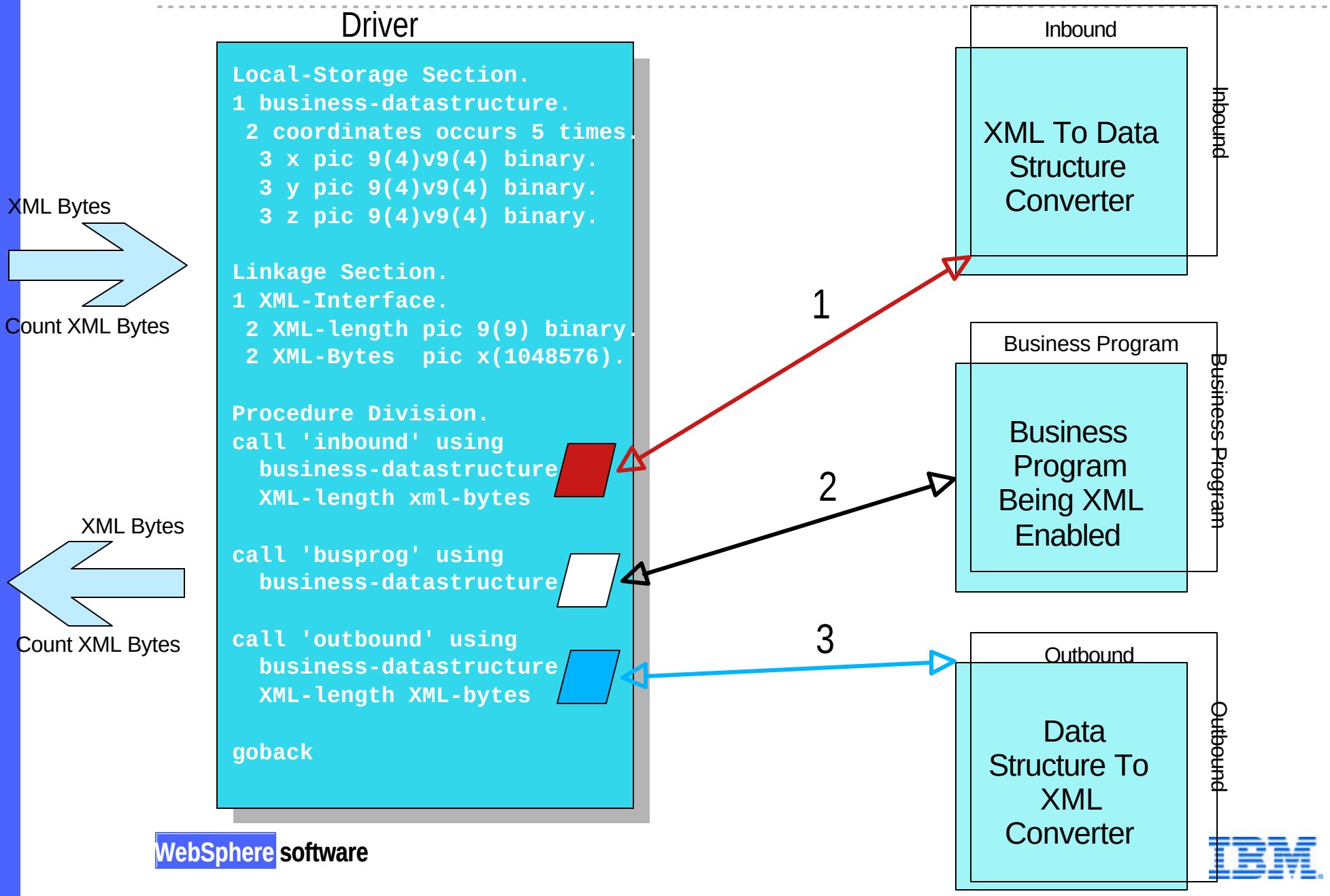
Benefits of XML Enablement

- **Enterprise Modernization:**
  - ►Easy to "reface" existing COBOL applications to support XML messages
- **Programmer Productivity:**
  - ►Converter programs are generated to easily convert between XML and COBOL datatypes
  - ►Template program generated which illustrates how converter programs are used with existing COBOL
  - ►Exploits customers' existing assets/skills/literacy
- **Performance**
  - ►XML parsing/conversions run on z/OS
- **Eliminates the requirement of having a rigid, binary interface for legacy COBOL and PLI programs.**
- **Supports multiple runtime scenarios**
  - ►Including web services

XML Enablement - Runtime Scenarios



Using the XML Converters



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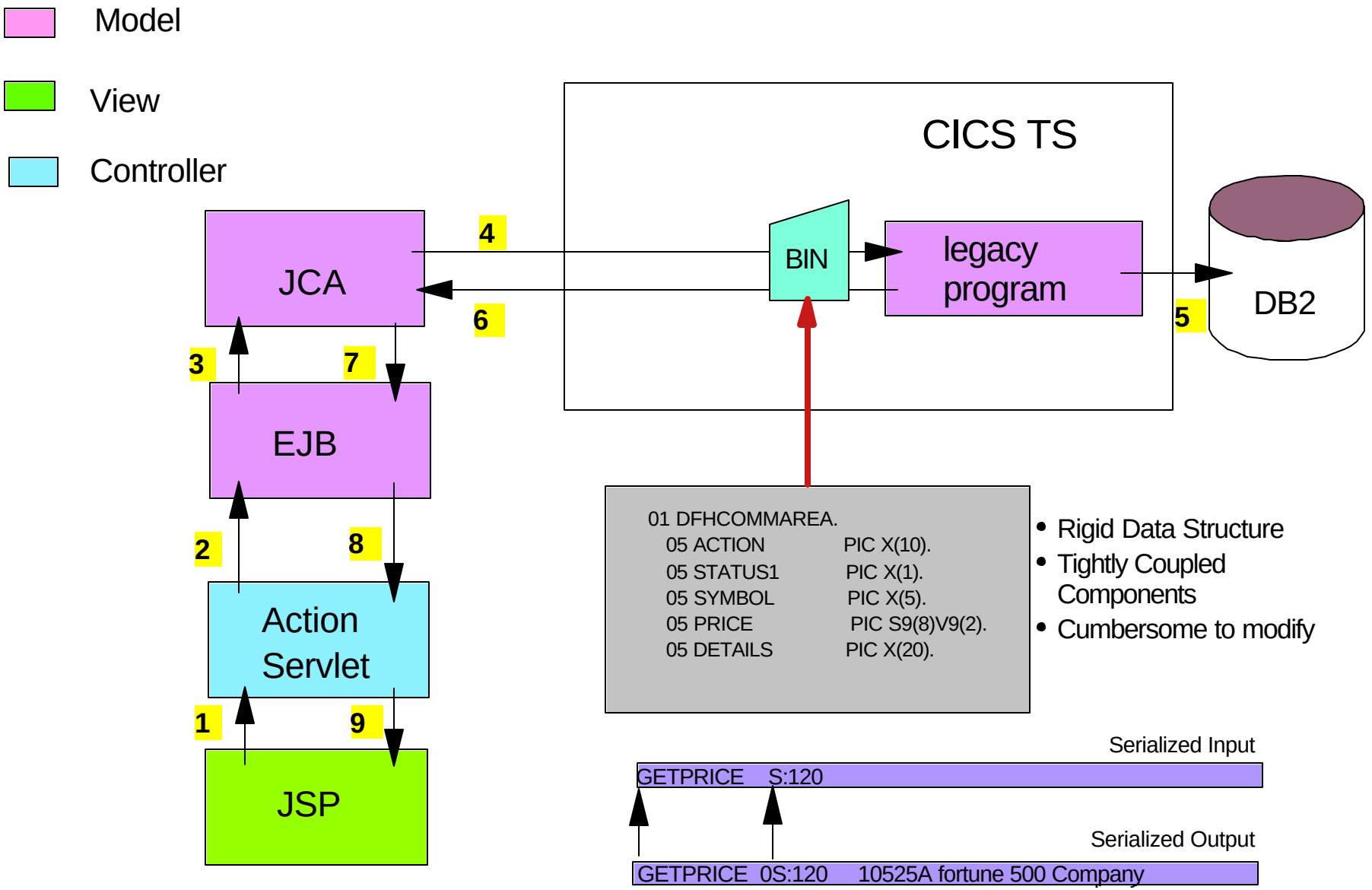
Without z/OS XML Enablement - Java Enabled CICS



When input to legacy program is XML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<DFHCOMMAREA>
      <action>GETPRICE</action>
      <status1>0</status1>
      <symbol>s:100</symbol>
      <price>88.25</price>
      <details>A Fortune 500
Company</details>
</DFHCOMMAREA>
```

- Self Describing Data (loosely coupled)
- De-couples Caller (e.g. EJB and JCA for legacy CICS txn)
  - These components are just dealing with a "string buffer"
- Easily enhance...client sends additional fields and CICS transaction can process or ignore

General Limitations

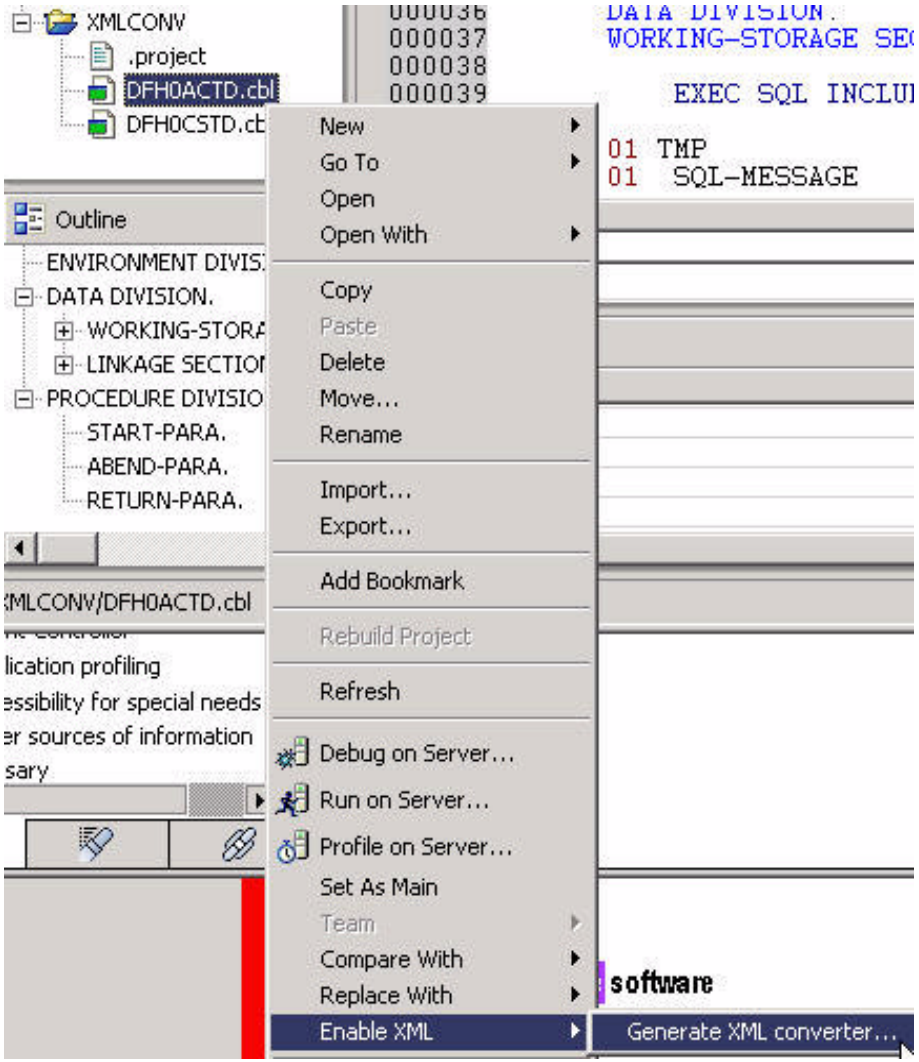
- Workbench
  - MVS Project cannot be source and target (must use local project)
  - Copy books must be fully expanded
- z/OS Runtime
  - Usage "COMP-X" not supported
  - Error handling via Language Environment exceptions
  - Mapping of XML Element attributes not supported
  - REDEFINING items are ignored
- Inbound message processing
  - Occurs-Depending-On (ODO) is supported
    - No validation that group repetitions don't exceed **depending on** variable
  - Entire XML message must be scanned
- Outbound message generation
  - Complex Occurs-Depending-On (ODO) not supported

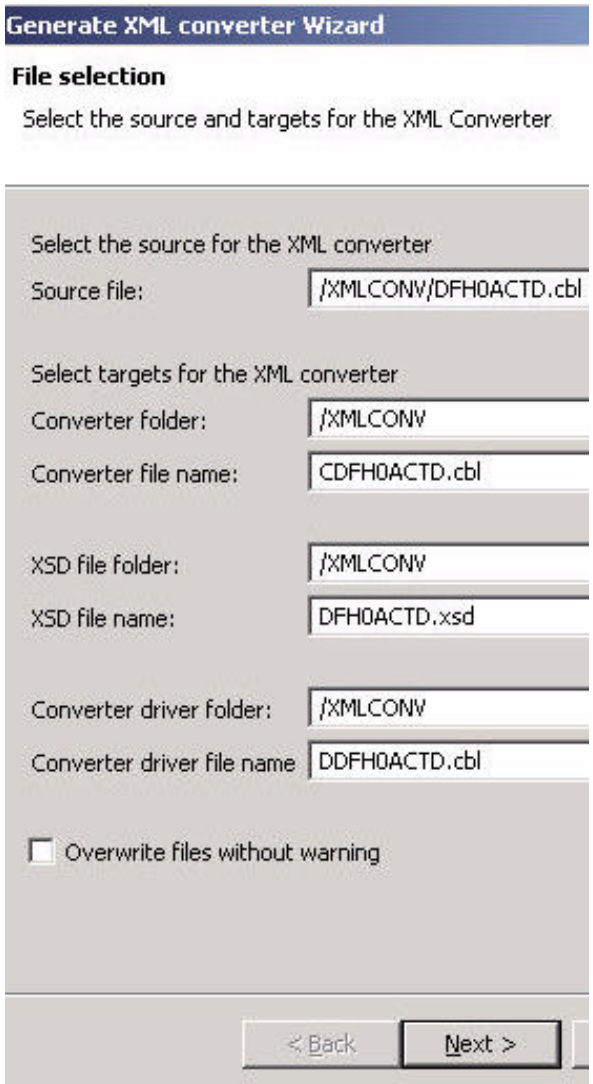
Early Availability Limitations

- Workbench
  - No online help
    - ***XML for the Enterprise*** white paper
- Inbound message processing
  - Unicode UTF-16 is not supported
- Outbound message generation
  - Simple Occurs-Depending-On (ODO) not supported
  - Trailing/leading blanks in character content not removed
  - Trailing/leading zeroes in numeric content not removed
  - **<**, **>**, **'**, **"**, **&** not allowed in character content

All of these removed at General Availability

Using the Generate XML Converter Wizard





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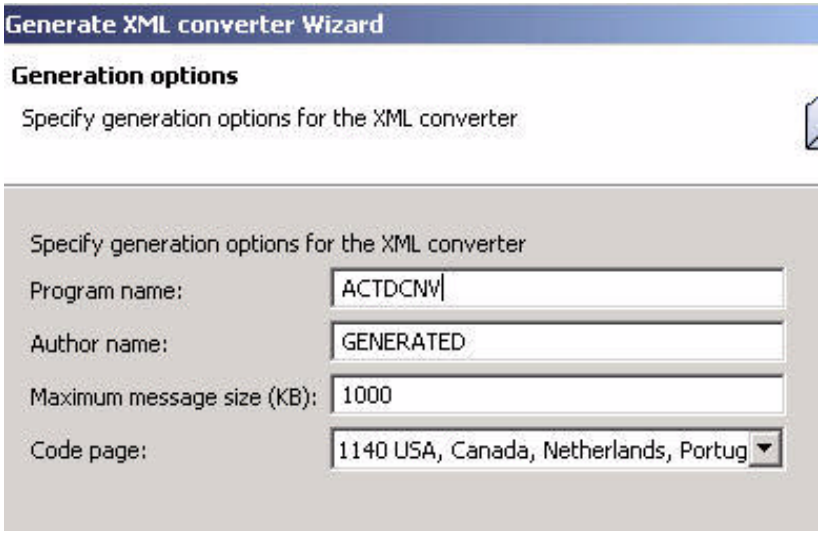

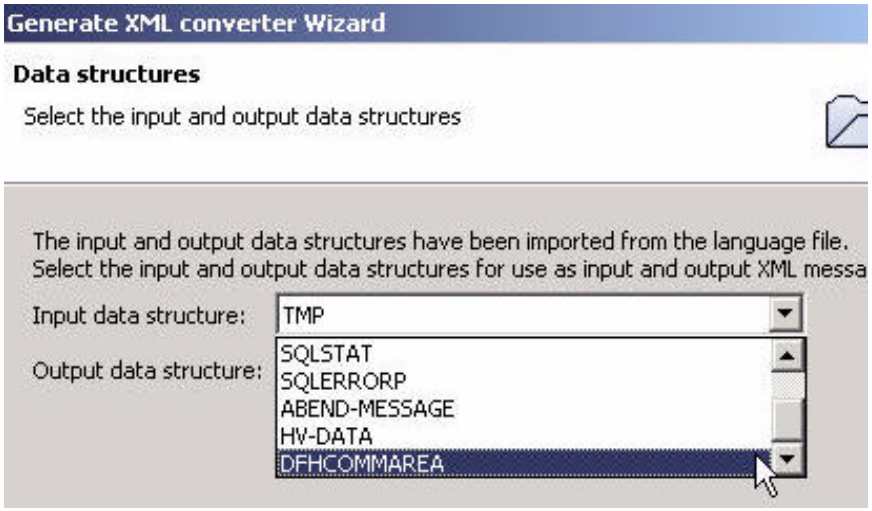

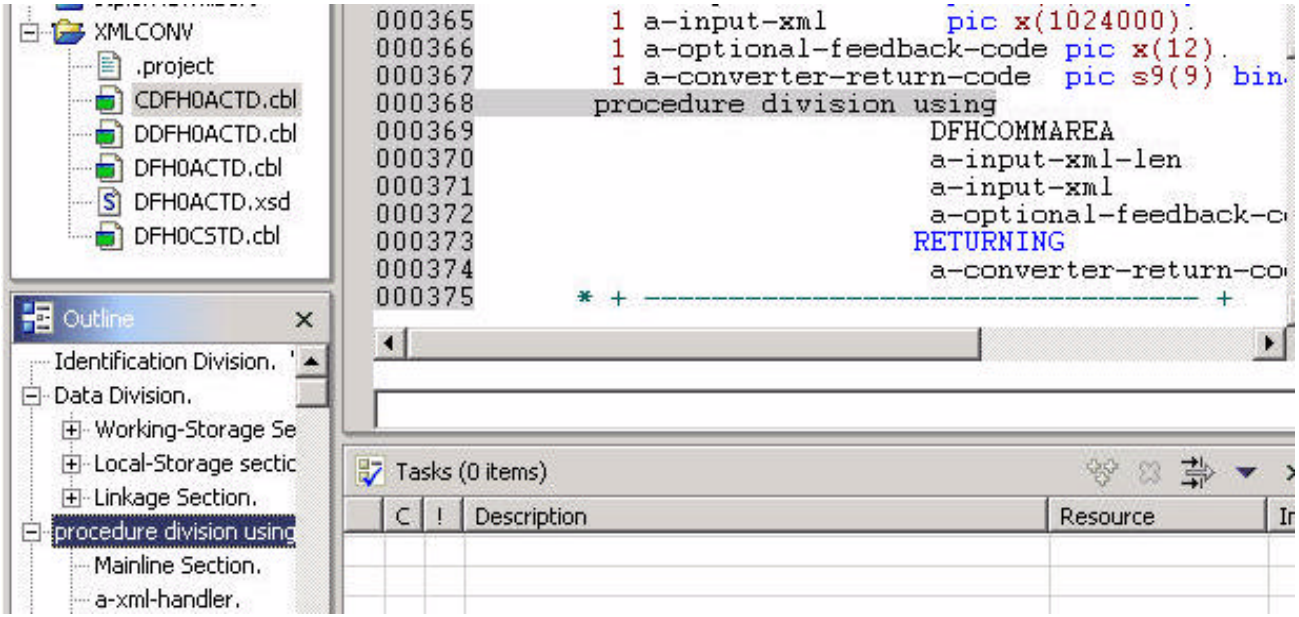

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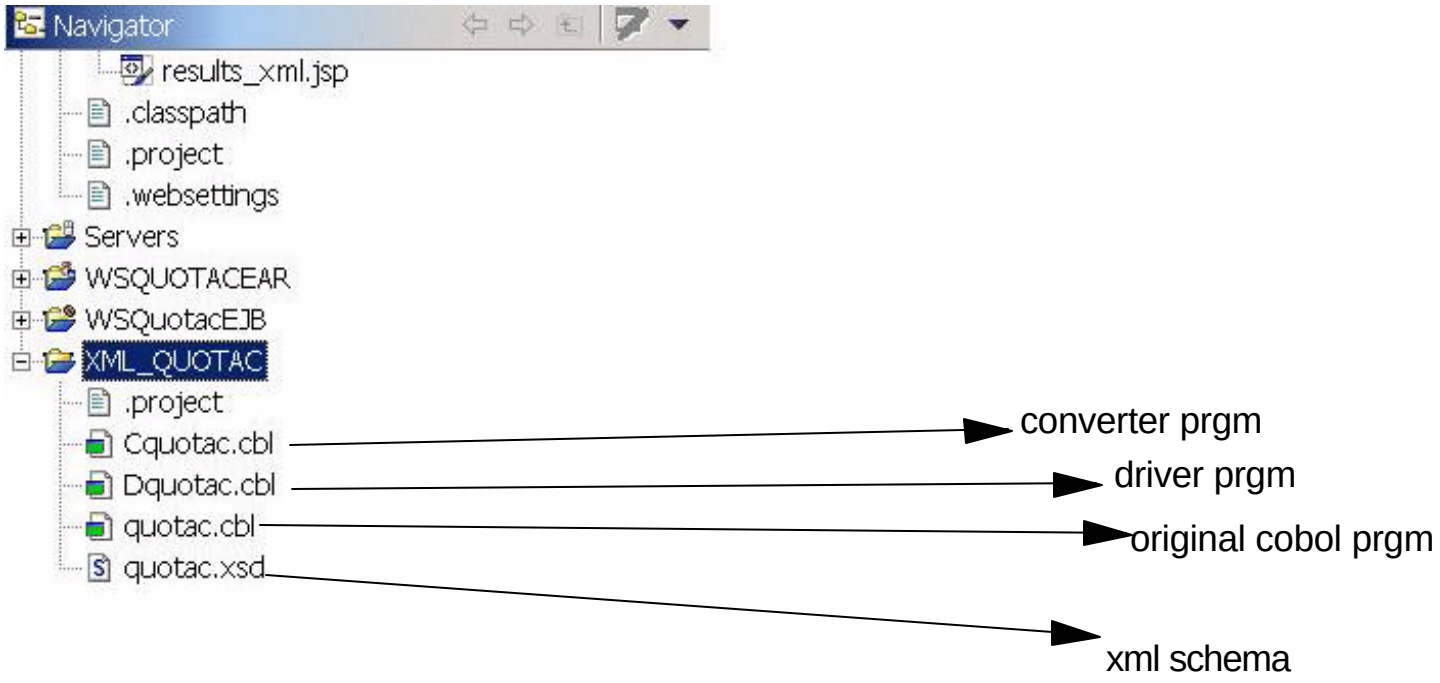
WSED XML Enablement Wizard - Example output

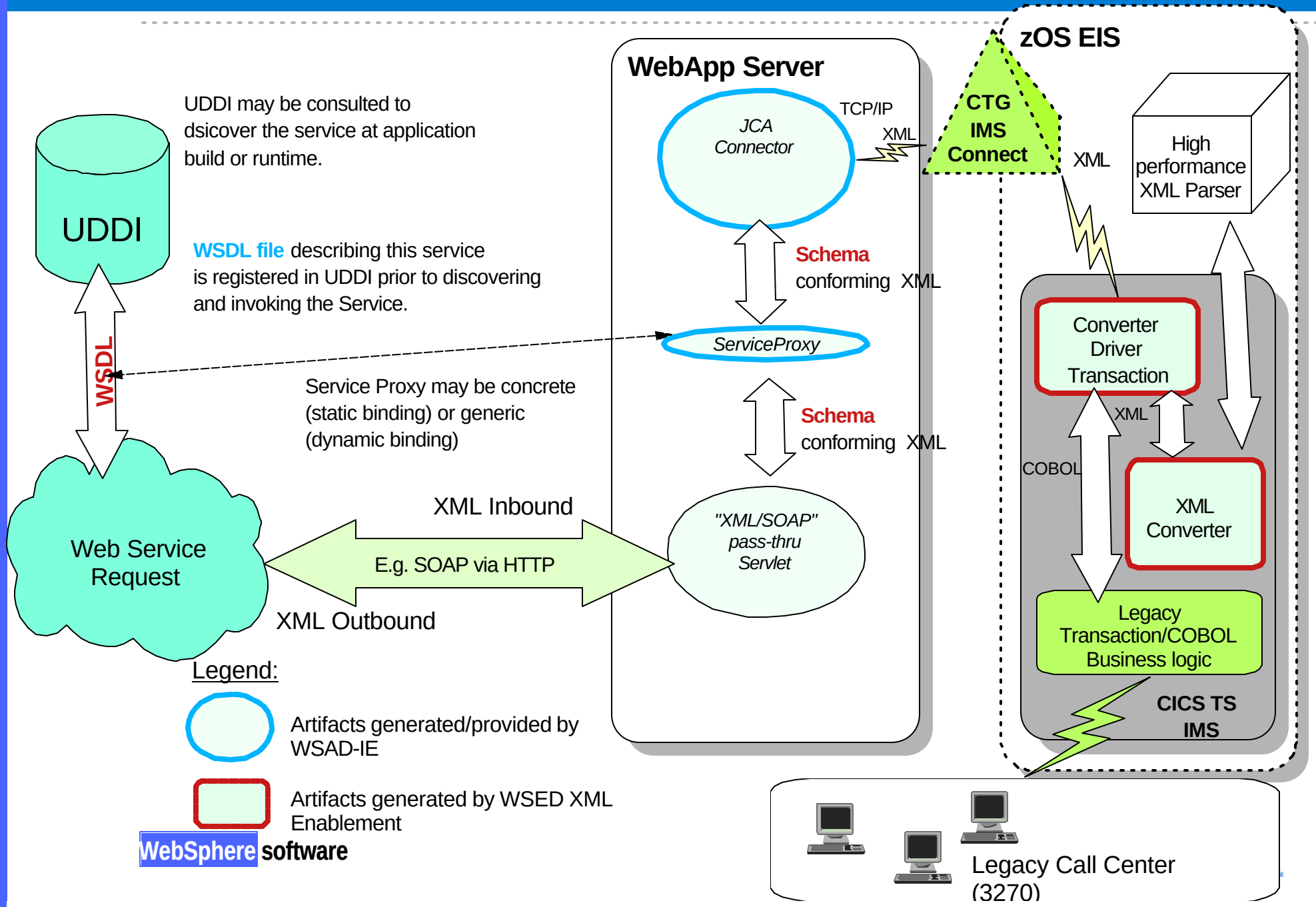
- Generated files



Creating a z/OS Web Service

- Legacy Program is now enabled to accept XML documents
- Can use Web services wizards within WebSphere Studio
  - From EJB or Javabean used for wrapper invocation of legacy code
  - From Javabean using generated XSD schema from XML Enablement tool
  - At General Availability, WSAD-IE z/OS Web Service wizards
    - Creates artifacts based on generated COBOL driver program from XML Enablement tool (or other COBOL programs)
      - WSDL
      - Service Proxy
      - JCA Connector code

XML Enablement Runtime Scenario and Web Services



XML Enablement Runtime Prerequisites

- Prerequisites
  - IBM Enterprise COBOL for z/OS and OS/390 Version 3 Release 1 (program number 5648-A25) or later
  - IBM Language Environment for OS/390 Version 2 Release 10 (program number 5647-A01) or z/OS V1.1 or later with PTF for APAR PQ65085 (Available Sept. 2002)
  - OS/390 R8/R9/R10 and z/OS V1R1 support for Unicode ™ is required for the XML converters generated by WSED General Availability release.OS/390 R8/R9/R10 and z/OS V1R1 support for Unicode ™ can be obtained free of charge at https://www6.software.ibm.com/dl/os390/unicodespt-p . This support is integrated into z/OS Version 1 Release 2 and later.
  - IBM WebSphere Studio Enterprise Developer (WSED) for Multiplatforms Version 5 Early Availability (EA) (program number 5724-B67) or later

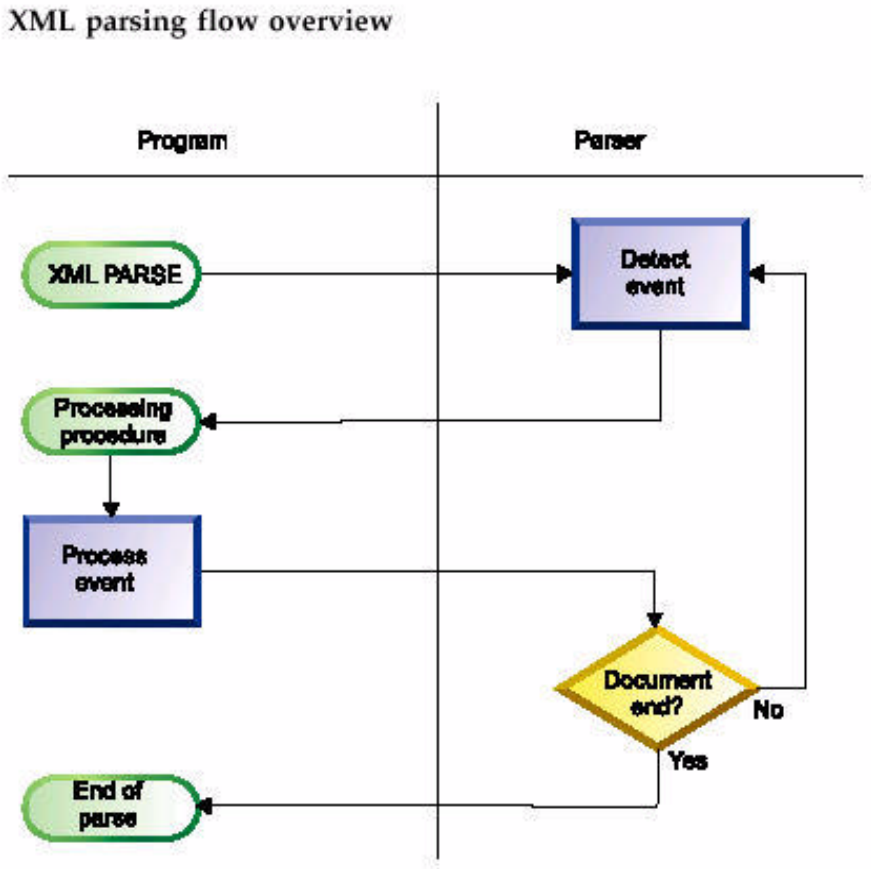
Summary

- Facilitate enterprise modernization by refacing existing COBOL applications to support XML messages
- Achieve significant productivity gains by utilizing the converter and driver template generators
- Gain performance benefits by running XML parsing and conversions on the z/OS systems
- Enable development of Web Services for z/OS applications

XML Enablement for z/OS

Backup Charts

XML Parsing Flow



COBOL Compiler Support for XML

- Introduced with IBM Enterprise COBOL for z/OS and OS/390 V3R1
- High-speed XML parser
  - Consumes inbound XML messages
  - Verifies well-formedness
  - Transforms contents into COBOL data structures
  - Supports XML documents encoded in Unicode UTF-16, EBCDIC, ASCII
- New **XML PARSE** statement
  - Begins XML parse
  - Identifies document to be processed
  - Identifies processing procedure
- Processing procedure
  - Controls the parse
  - Receives and processes XML events
  - Handles exceptions

XML Document Defined in Working-Storage

```
*************************************************************
*XML document,encoded as initial values of data-items.*
*************************************************************
1 xml-document.
   2 pic x(39)value '<?xml version="1.0 "encoding="ibm-1140 "'.
   2 pic x(19)value 'standalone="yes "?>'.
   2 pic x(39)value '<!--This document is just an example-->'.
   2 pic x(10)value '<sandwich>'.
   2 pic x(35)value '<bread type="baker&apos;s best "/>'.
   2 pic x(41)value '<?spread please use real mayonnaise ?>'.
   2 pic x(31)value '<meat>Ham &amp;turkey</meat>'.
   2 pic x(40)value '<filling>Cheese,lettuce,tomato,etc.'.
   2 pic x(10)value '</filling>'.
   2 pic x(35)value '<![CDATA [We should add a <relish>'.
   2 pic x(22)value 'element in future!]]>'.
   2 pic x(31)value '<listprice>$4.99 </listprice>'.
   2 pic x(27)value '<discount>0.10</discount>'.
   2 pic x(11)value '</sandwich>'.
1 xml-document-length computational pic 999.
```

Data Definitions for XML Content

```
*************************************************************
*Sample data definitions for processing numeric XML content.*
*************************************************************
1 current-element pic x(30).
1 xfr-ed pic x(9)justified.
1 xfr-ed-1 redefines xfr-ed pic 999999.99.
1 list-price computational pic 9v99 value 0.
1 discount computational pic 9v99 value 0.
1 display-price pic $$9.99.
```

Parsing XML Documents

```
XML PARSE xml-document
      PROCESSING PROCEDURE
xmlevent-handler
   ON EXCEPTION
      DISPLAY 'XML document error'
XML-ERROR
      STOP RUN
   NOT ON EXCEPTION
      DISPLAY 'XML document was
succesfully parsed.'
END-XML
```

XML Processing Procedure

```
xmlevent-handler section.
   evaluate XML-EVENT
*==>Order XML events most frequent first
      when 'START-OF-ELEMENT'
         display 'Start elementtag:<'XML-TEXT '>'
         move XML-TEXT to current-element
      when 'CONTENT-CHARACTERS'
         display 'Content characters:<'XML-TEXT '>'
*==>Transform XML content to operational COBOL data item...
         evaluate current-element
            when 'listprice'
*==>Using function NUMVAL-C...
            compute list-price =function numval-c(XML-TEXT)
            when 'discount'
*==>Using de-editing of a numeric edited item...
            move XML-TEXT to xfr-ed
            move xfr-ed-1 to discount
         end-evaluate
      when 'END-OF-ELEMENT'
      ....
```