

## The Modern Mainframe – At the Heart of Your Business

**Unlock the Value of Your Mainframe Assets Using SOA** 



#### On Demand Insurance Business Problems

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## Leverage Existing Investments

25% of the world's capital investment is in I/T\*. The only way to innovate in a cost-effective manner is to leverage these investments



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"Many of the I/T assets required to enable an on-demand business already exist and have been supporting the business for years or even decades. Enabling these I/T assets to participate in integrated business processes is key to improving responsiveness".

DH Brown Associates, Inc.

Application Transformation: Leveraging Existing I/T Assets to Build Competitive Advantage (September 2004)

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include real estate or government assets

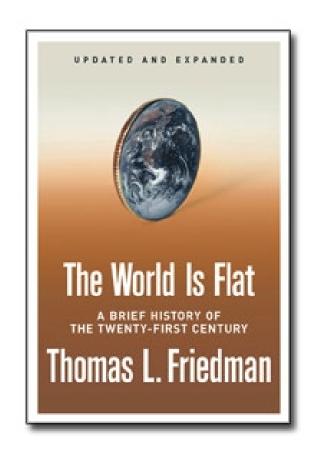
#### Thomas L Friedman: "The World is Flat"

### Flattener #3

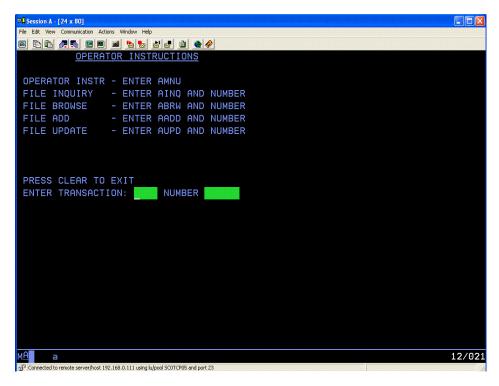
**Work Flow Software** 

Let's Do Lunch: Have Your Application Talk to My Application

In Chapter Two:
The Ten Forces That Flattened the World
(p71)



## **Existing Investment: ODI Policy Application**



Existing application consists of CICS programs accessed via "green screen" terminals.

How do we make this available to external Broker applications?

We have invested millions of dollars in this asset

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#### **ODI Unlock Your Assets on the Mainframe**

We want to make portions of this Policy application available to external Insurance Brokers



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You can unlock your existing assets using a Service Oriented Architecture



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#### The Basics: What is SOA?

... a service?

A repeatable business task – e.g., check customer credit; open new account



... service oriented architecture (SOA)?

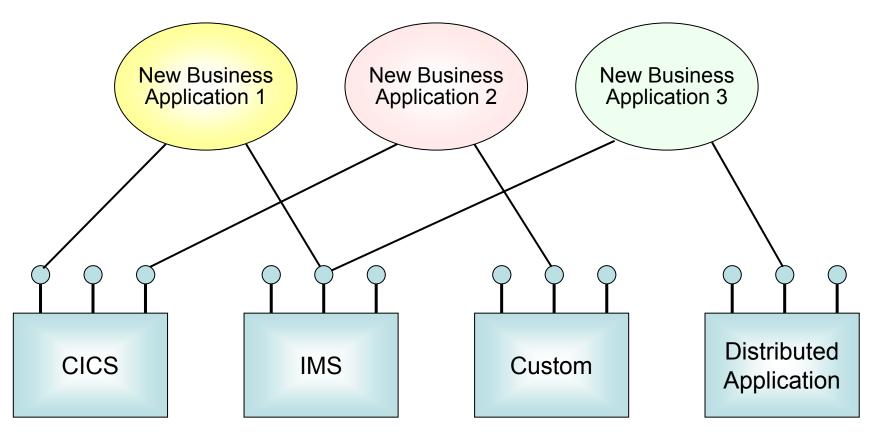
An IT architectural style that supports integrating your business as linked services

"SOA impacts every aspect of IT and business."

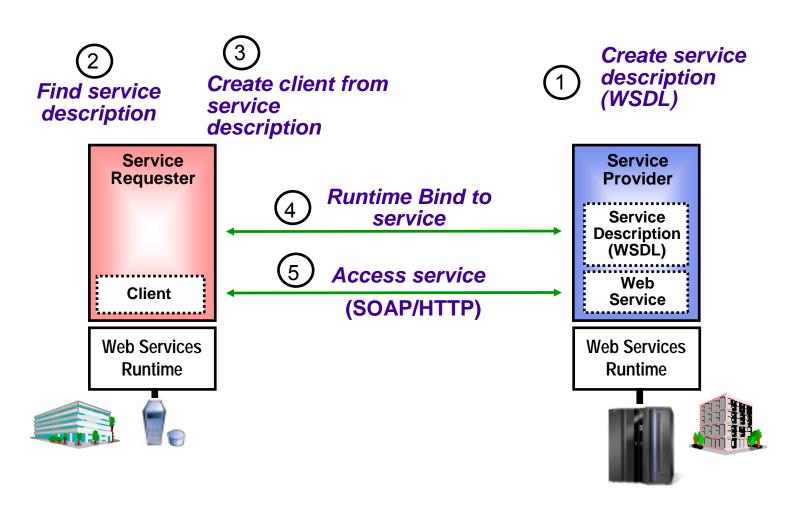


### First Step to SOA

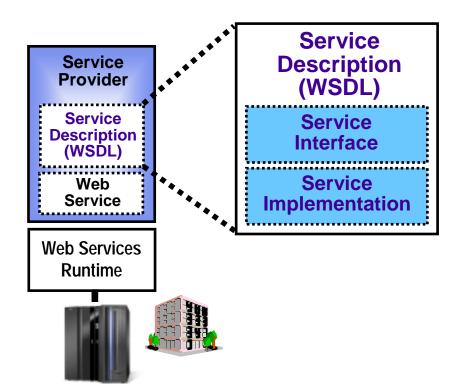
- Expose enterprise assets as services
- Create a rich environment for easy reuse



#### Introduction to SOA: Web Services

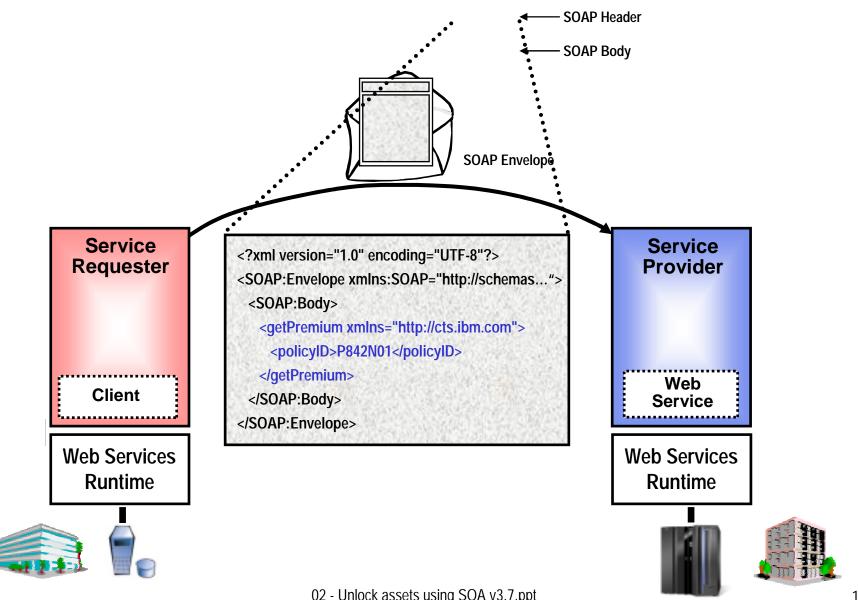


## Service Description Defined By WSDL

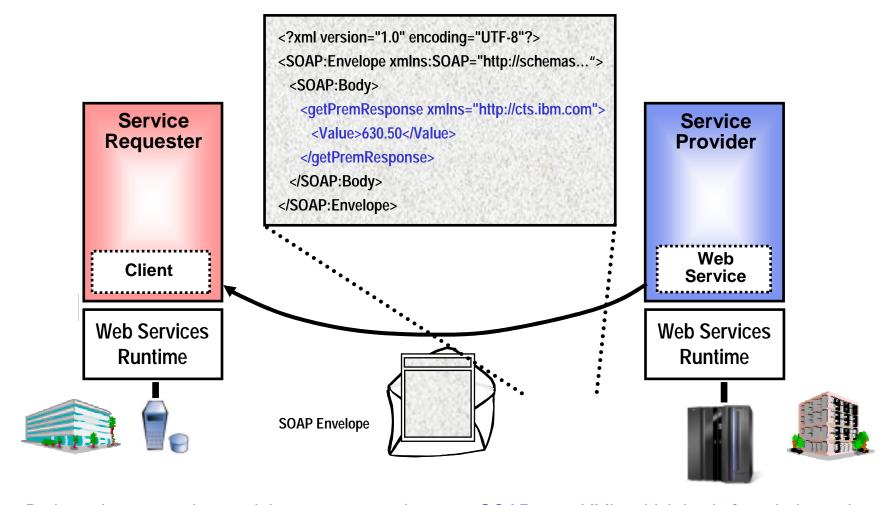


- Web Services Description Language (WSDL) written in XML
  - Abstract descriptions of operations
  - Input and output parameters and data types
  - Implementation language neutral
- Complete Description of a Network Service or Component
  - What it does
    - Service Interface
  - How it communicates
  - Where it resides
    - Service Implementation
- Development Time Tool
  - Provider uses it to document their service
  - Consumer uses it to generate client code to access service

#### **How a Web Service Works at Run Time**



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Both parties can understand these messages because SOAP uses XML, which is platform-independent.

## **Exposing CICS Applications as Web Services**

**CICS TS Version 3.1** has built-in capabilities to expose programs as web services



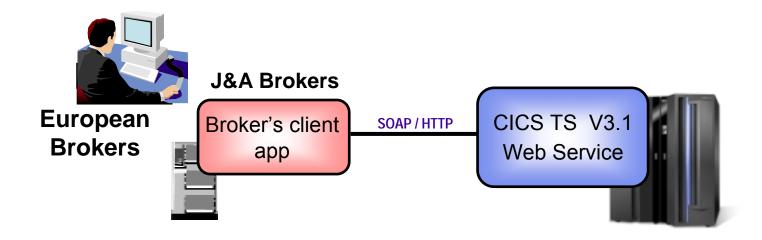
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So Web Services give me reusability and interoperability. But how do I get my CICS programs to talk Web Services?



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# DEMO: Broker Calls CICS Program Using Web Services

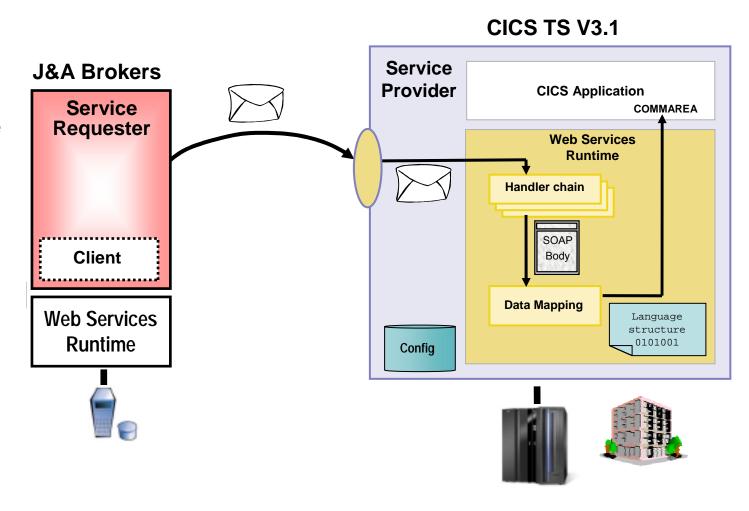


Broker's client application talks to ODI's Policy application using web services

Web Services expose CICS and IMS investments for a new generation of re-use.

#### **How Did the CICS Web Service Work?**

- Receive SOAP request
- CICS Web
   Services runtime
   handles the
   message
- Handler chain processes
   SOAP headers
- Data Mapping transforms XML into bytes, calls server app



#### **CICS Web Services**

- Native Web Services capability offered by CICS
  - Extends CICS applications directly to a Service Oriented Architecture
  - A CICS application can now be a Web service provider and requester
- Highlights
  - Fully integrated into CICS
    - Resource Definition using CICS admin screen, problem determination, monitoring & statistics
    - New tooling support for easier application development
  - Simple configuration and system management
- Rich set of Web services standards supported

SOA	P 1.1 and 1.2	to send and receive Web services messages
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▶ WS-I Basic Profile 1.0a for interoperability with between providers and requesters

using SOAP

WS-Coordination extensible coordination framework, and specific coordination of

transactions

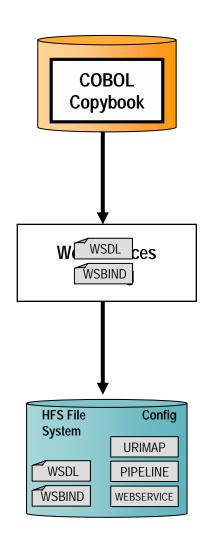
WS-AtomicTransaction for transaction coordination

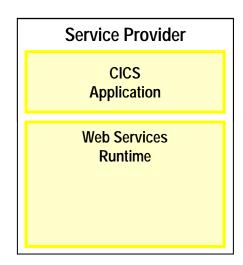
WS-Security for authentication and encryption of all or part of a message

- SOAP requests can flow over HTTP or WebSphere MQ transports
  - CICS applications acting as providers or requesters are agnostic to transport mechanism used

# Development Steps to Expose CICS Application as a Web Service Provider

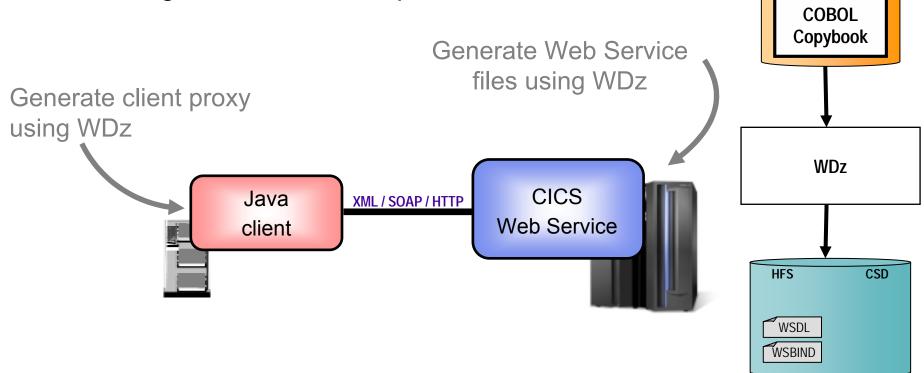
- Start with COBOL copybook
- Generate WSDL from copybook
- 3. Copy files to host file system.
  - Use standard CICS supplied PIPELINE definition
- CICS automatically installs other related definitions
- CICS application is now web service enabled





# DEMO: Use WebSphere Developer for zSeries (WDz) to Expose CICS Program as Web Service

- Generate WSDL and WSBIND files
- Deploy files to host file system
- Test using Web Services Explorer

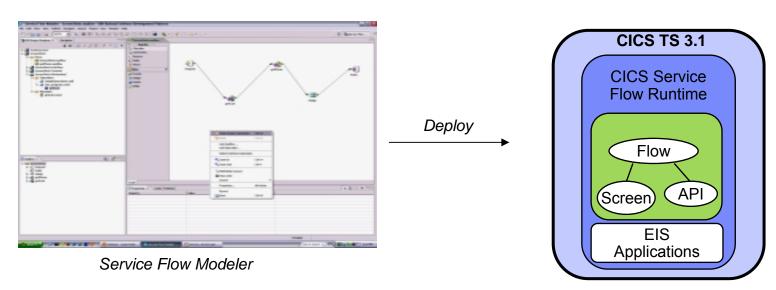


# How About a Sequence of CICS Screens? CICS Service Flow Feature

- Allows you to sequence fine-grained CICS program interactions into a higher level, coarse-grained unit.
  - This can then be exposed as a web service
- Consists of:
  - CICS Service Flow Runtime in CICS TS 3.1
    - Runtime in CICS executes a sequence of terminal or commarea based interactions
  - Service Flow Modeler in WebSphere Developer for z
    - Visually design flow
    - Tool can record flow as user navigates through BMS screens
    - Use Web Services wizards and test facilities in WDz

#### **Service Flow Modeler**

- Visual Designer in WDz
  - Wire CICS applications together into a reusable flow
  - Wire sequence of BMS screens into a reusable flow
- Expose flow as web service
  - Can be called from other larger business process flows
- CICS deployment
  - Deploy to Service Flow Runtime in CICS TS 3.1



# How About IMS Assets? Use the IMS SOAP Gateway

- Integrates IMS assets into SOA by providing a standard Web Services interface
  - Expose your IMS application as a web service with easy deployment and configuration
    - No programming needed
- Tooling support
  - ▶ IBM WebSphere Developer for zSeries (WDz) generates Web Service artifacts like WSDL and XML converters
    - From COBOL copybook of IMS application
- Transforms XML data without changing IMS application
  - IMS Connect XML Adapter transforms XML data
    - No need to modify the IMS application code

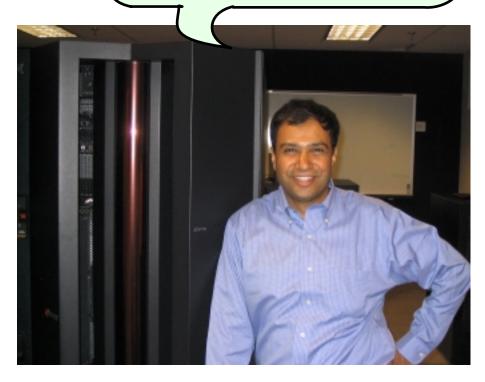
#### **Business Problem Solved**

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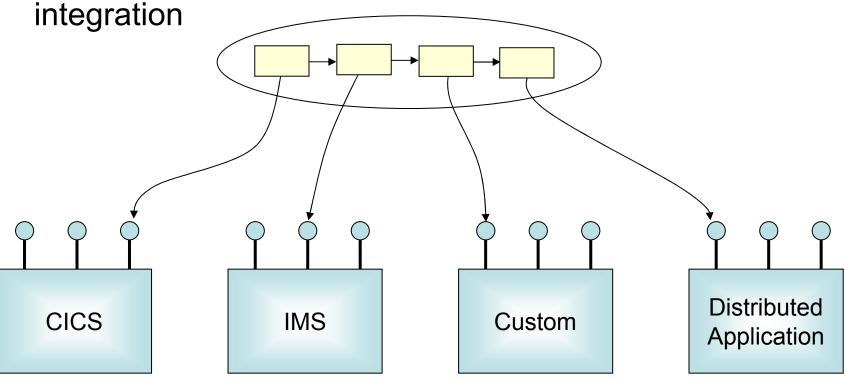


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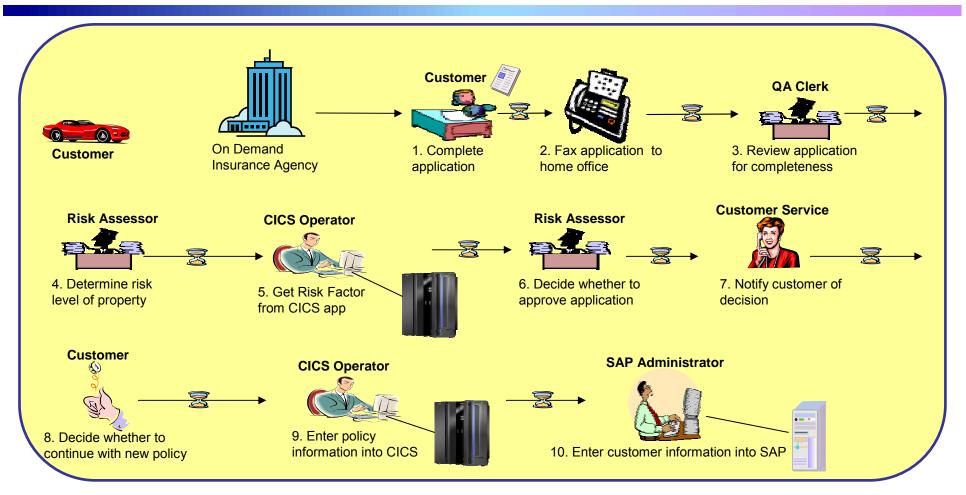
### **Second Step to SOA**

 Combine exposed services to innovate new cross-system business functions

 Use IBM Middleware on System z to quickly achieve business process integration, portal integration, and data



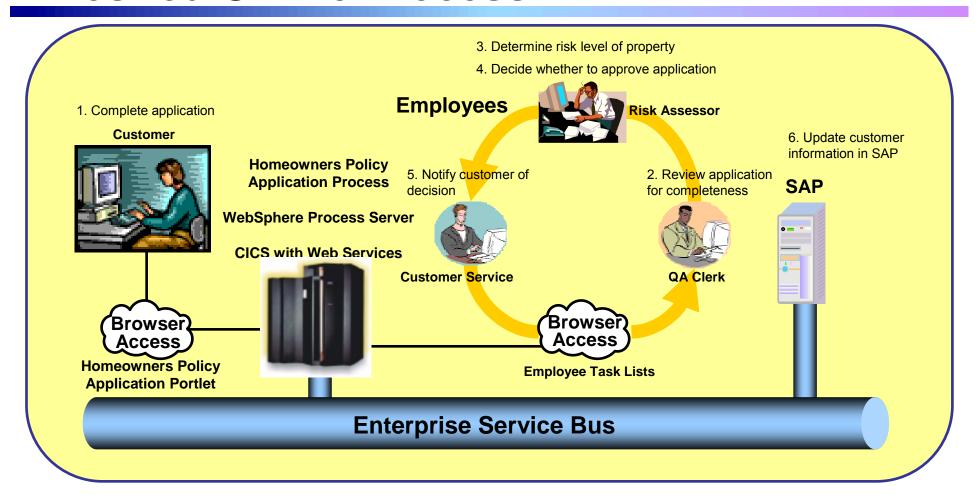
# **Current Homeowners Policy Application Process**



- Customer must visit an agent
- Paper-based process
- Delays between each step
- Limited accountability

- Limited monitoring of the process
- Manual data entry results in errors
- Expensive
- Unhappy customers

#### **Desired Online Process**

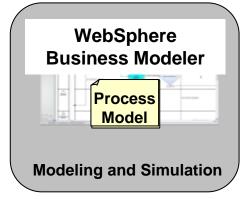


- Customer can apply over the Internet
- Automated process
- No delays between steps
- Always know status of each application

- Process monitoring provided by server
- SAP and CICS are automatically updated without re-entering data
- Reduce time and costs

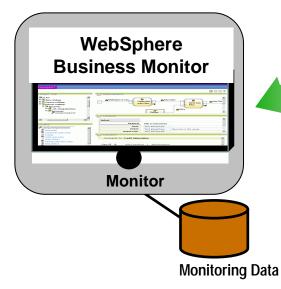
## **Closed Loop For Continuous Improvement**

Import Process Model



Import runtime statistics back into process model - Actual durations and percentages





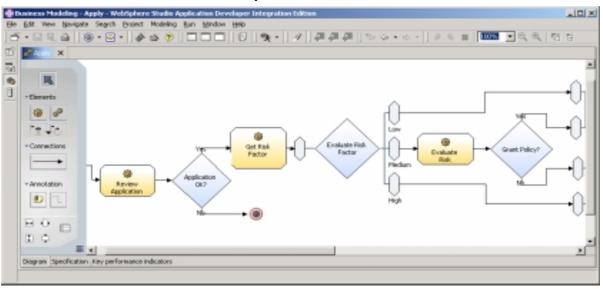
Deployment Wizard



**Run Time Data** 

# Model the Desired Online Process What Will Be the Steps in Our Business Process?

Solution: WebSphere Business Modeler



- Designed for a business modeler
- No programming required
- Graphically design the way processes will work
  - Drag & Drop to define process flow

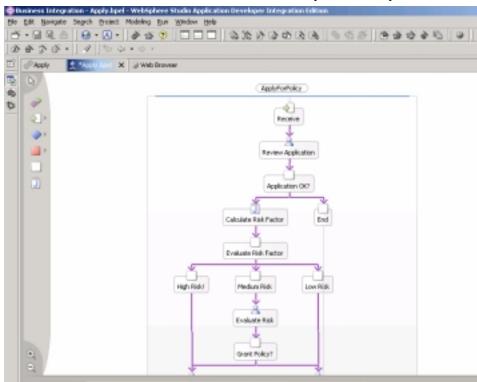
- Include both human and automated steps
- Business requirements are clearly defined and documented

Can help define and predict the performance of our new business process before we actually build it.

# Use WebSphere Integration Developer to Build the Process

- Graphically describe business process flow in Business Process Execution Language (BPEL)
- Drag and drop services into process flow (automatic binding)
- Automatic human workflow support
- Built-in Unit Test Environment
- Built-in Process Debugger
- Deploy to runtime server
- Flow may be invoked as web service, EJB, or message driven bean

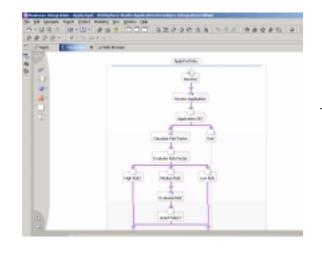
#### **Process from Modeler (in BPEL)**

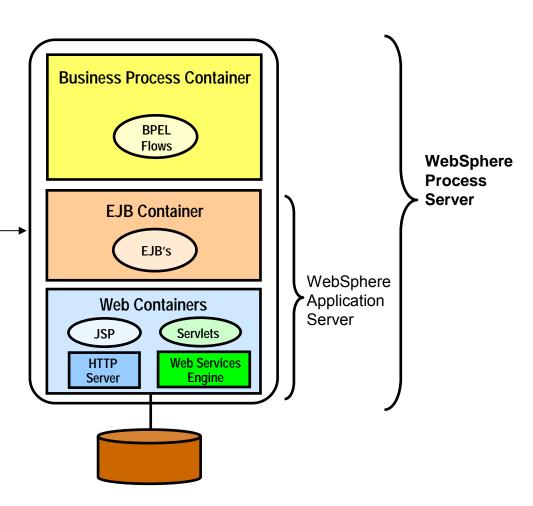


# The Completed Process Runs on WebSphere Process Server (WPS)

Deploy

- The completed BPEL process can be deployed easily to WPS
- WPS supports J2EE, web services, and BPEL flows on a unified code base



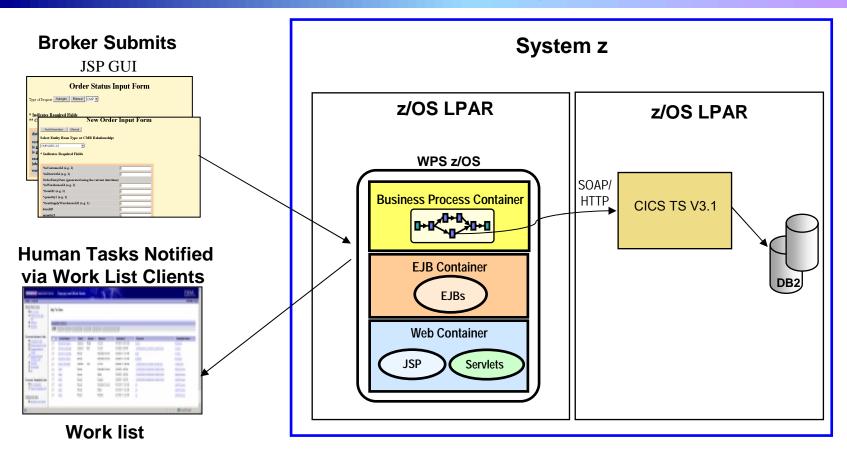


## WebSphere Process Server - Highlights

- A single Process Integration platform
  - Reduces complexity and administration cost
- WebSphere Application Server Foundation
  - Clustering, failover, high availability and robust platform
  - Single administration environment
  - Common Event Infrastructure Process Management
- Service Oriented Architecture platform
  - A uniform invocation programming model
  - A uniform data representation model (Business Objects)
  - Powerful tools to build and reuse standard components
- Powerful Staff Components for Human Workflow
  - Participating / Originating / Ad-Hoc Tasks
  - Multi-level escalation
  - Client components out-of-the box
- Business Processes
  - WS-BPEL standard
- Business State Machines, Business Rules & Transformations
  - Advanced services to build integration solutions

WebSphere Process Server Version 6 Runs Natively on System z

# How ODI Deployed the New Process – Run Process Server on System z



ODI's new business process inherits qualities of the platform: Reliability, Availability, Scalability, Security...

### System z is the Best Platform for Your Online Business Operations

- The capabilities of System z provide the best Quality of Service for implementing SOA
  - High Availability/Disaster Recovery
  - Security/Encryption
  - Scale/Clustering
  - Performance advantages of co-location
  - Virtualization and Workload Management
  - Lower cost administration
  - Core system transaction capabilities for SOA
  - TCO, Governance ...

We will cover these built-in attributes of System z through the day...

# IBM Provides Extensive Support for SOA Solutions on System z

- Tools to create and use services quickly
- Service combining frameworks to integrate services into applications
  - Deliver services to user desktops
    - WebSphere Portal Server
  - Assemble services into business processes
    - WebSphere Process Server
  - Combine multiple data services into a single data service
    - WebSphere Information Integrator
- Management tools for your SOA environment

## **Summary**

Unlock the value of your System z assets using a Service Oriented Architecture. SOA gives you reuse and flexibility. IBM provides extensive support for SOA. In fact, System z is an ideal platform for implementing SOA.



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