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IMS Application Development (AD) Challenges

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Shrinking knowledge base around IMS & hierarchical data base model

Difficult to find DLI programmers

Fewer experienced COBOL and PL/I programmers

Lack of integrated development solutions and tools

Difficult to test and deploy applications

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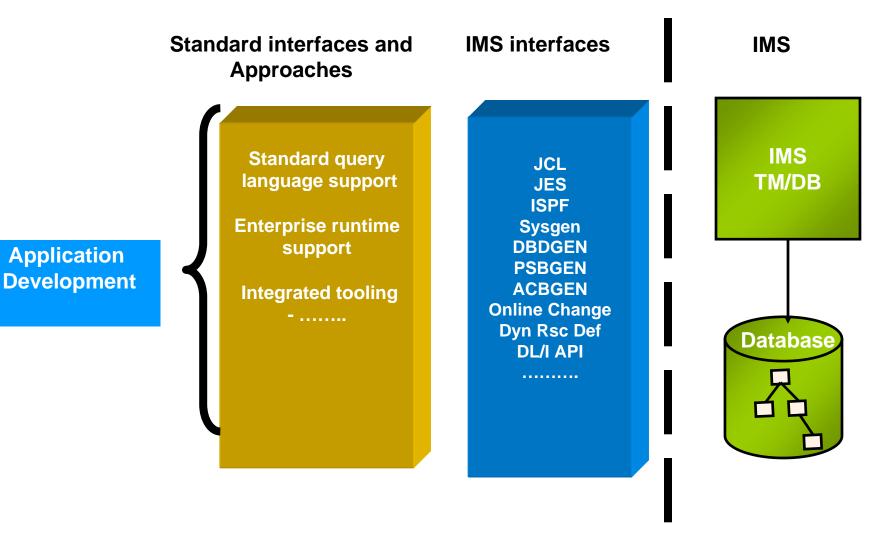
Goal: Reduce programming effort and skills required to create and enhance IMS applications

✓ Using industry standards

- ✓ Task automation
- ✓ Consistent look and feel

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What are the tools supporting our Strategy ?

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Eclipse is a software development environment comprising an integrated development environment (IDE)



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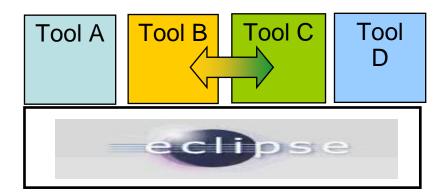




Plug-in:

A software module that adds a specific feature or service to a larger system.

• Shell sharing:



Introducing IMS Explorer release Control Contr



Easy-to-use interface

Same look and feel as other IBM products

Complements end-to-end IMS A/D task flow



IMS Explorer Tech Preview

- New Face of IMS
 - GUI-based framework for consistent and integrated tools across environment
- Easier visualization and editing of IMS Database and Program Definitions
 - Graphical display of IMS segment hierarchy and database structure
 - Graphical editors to display/create IMS PSBs
 - Graphical editors to edit/add fields on a DBDs
 - Generation of DBD and PSB source
- Ability to easily access IMS data using SQL statements



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IMS Explorer Future Requirements

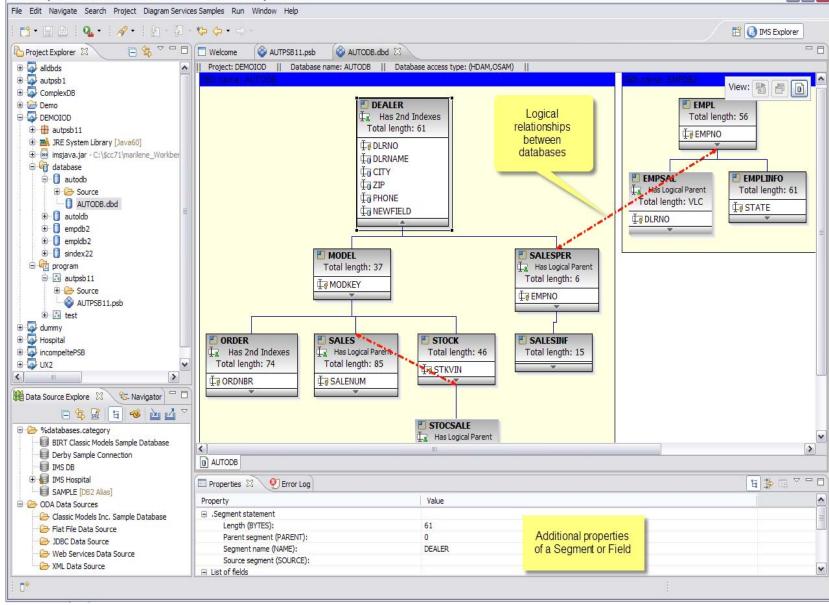
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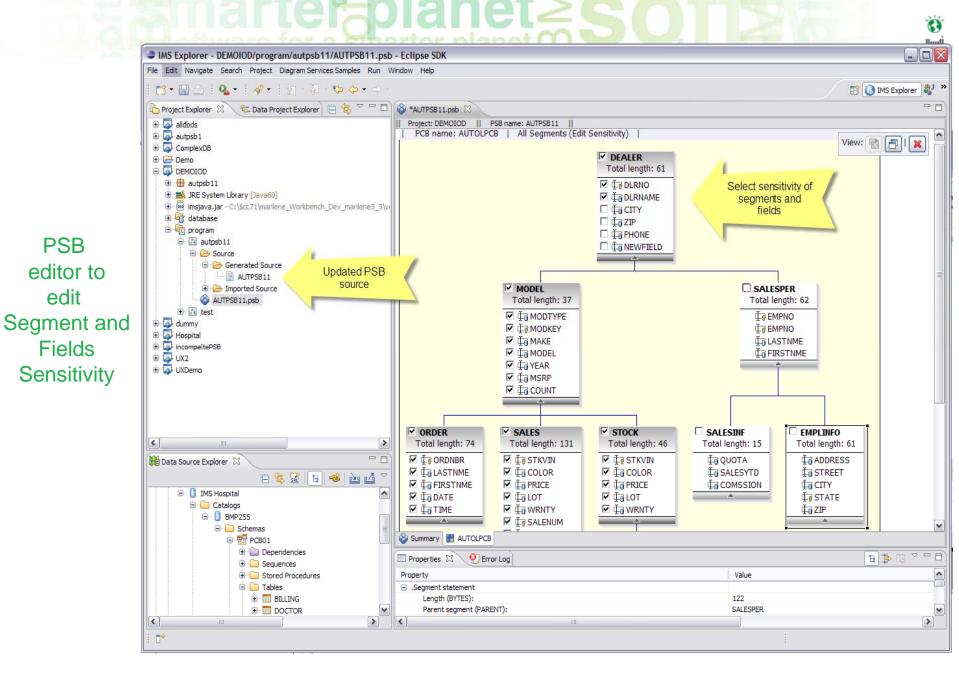
- Simplification of Application Development
 - Assistance for IMS Application Unit Test, by graphically helping the user to schedule and IMS App program
- Host Connectivity
 - Graphical assistance to FTP file to/from the Host PDS
- Cobol/PLI copybook/strut importers
 - Requires RDz

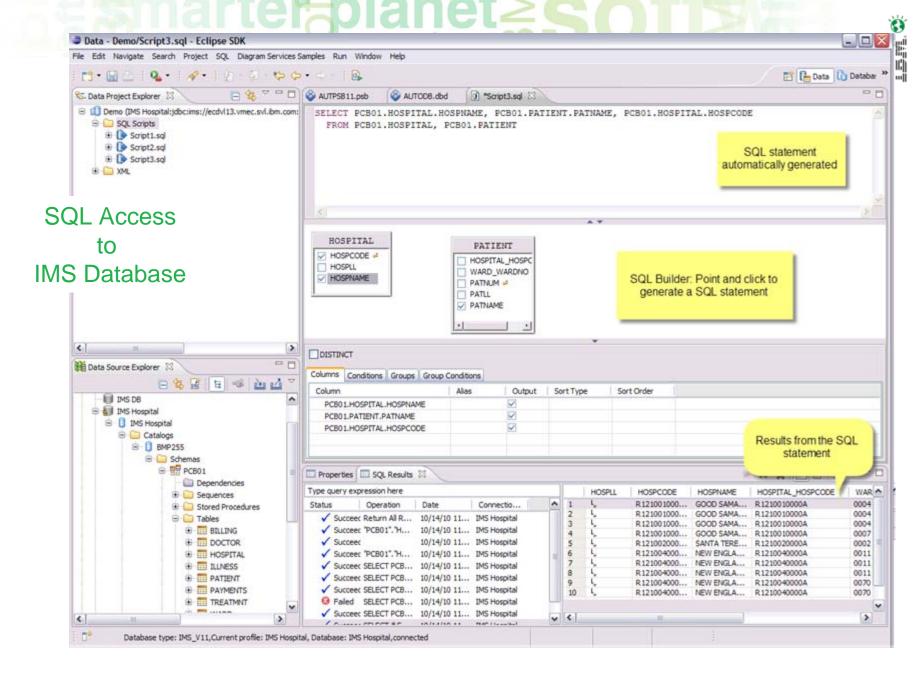
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DBD Graphical Editor







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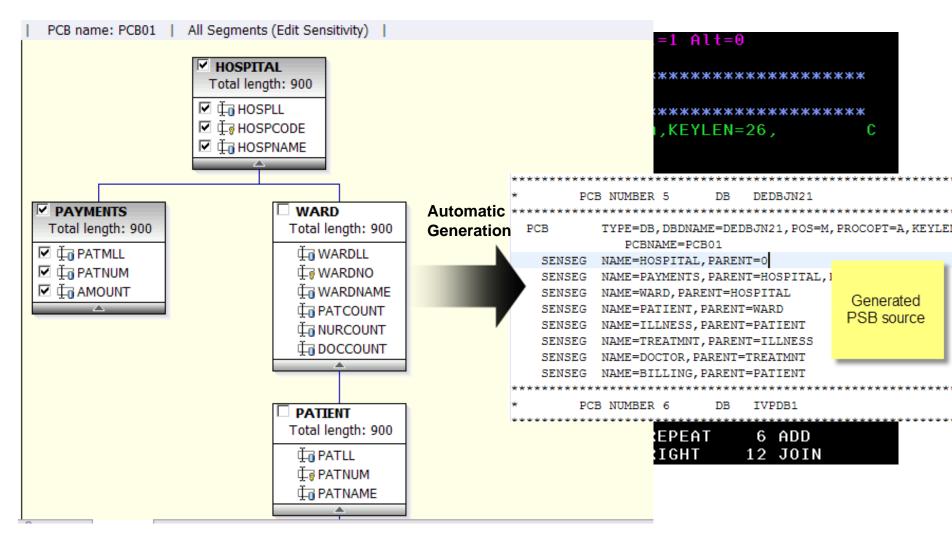
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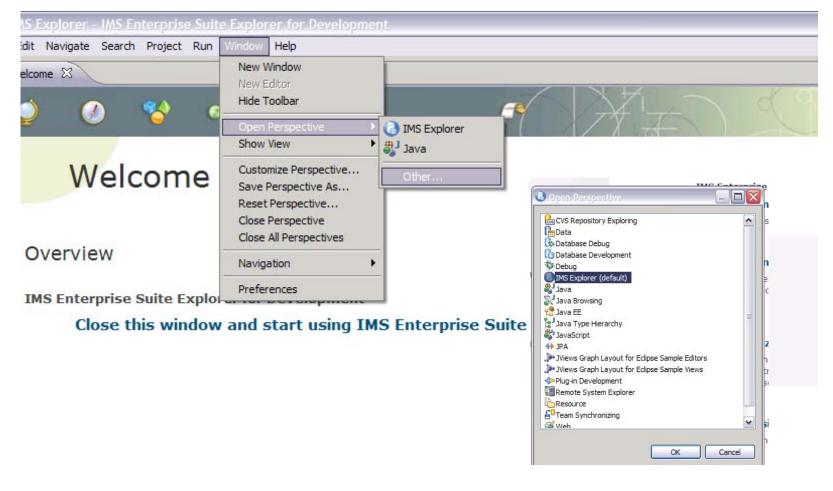
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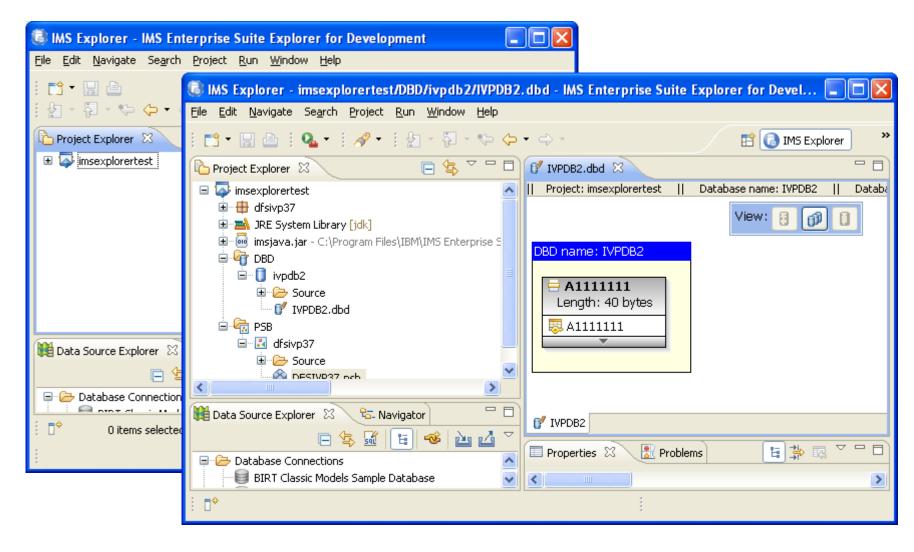
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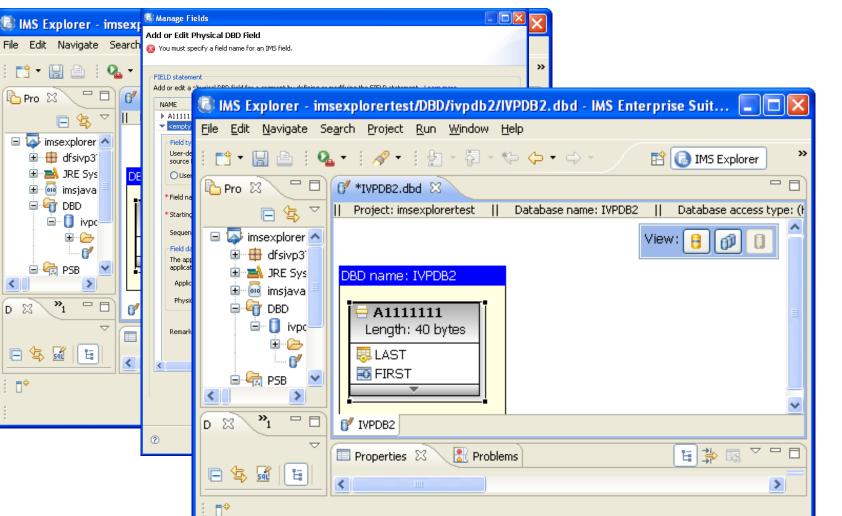
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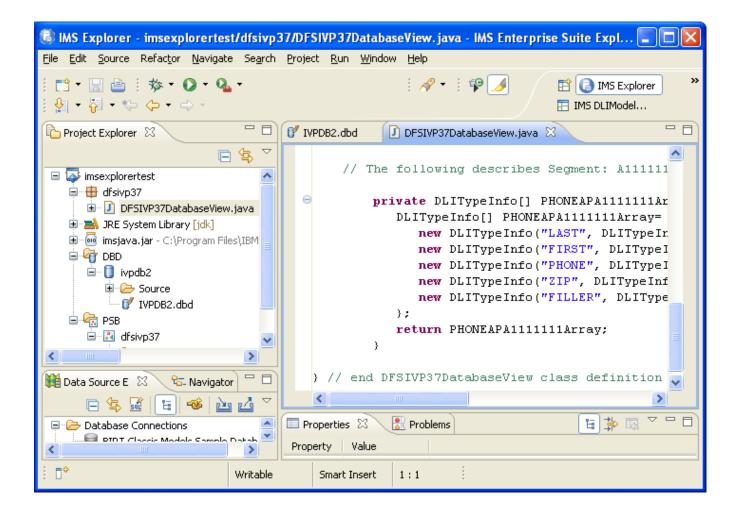
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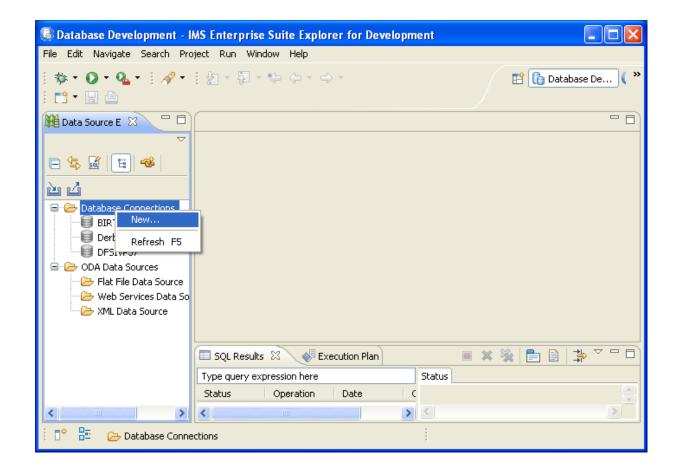
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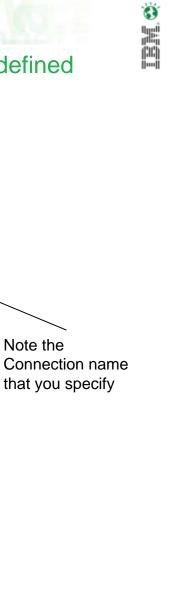


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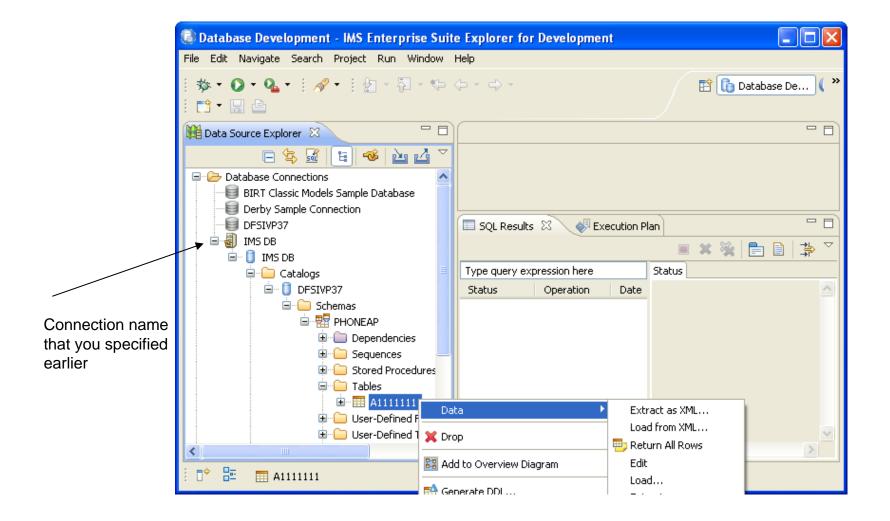
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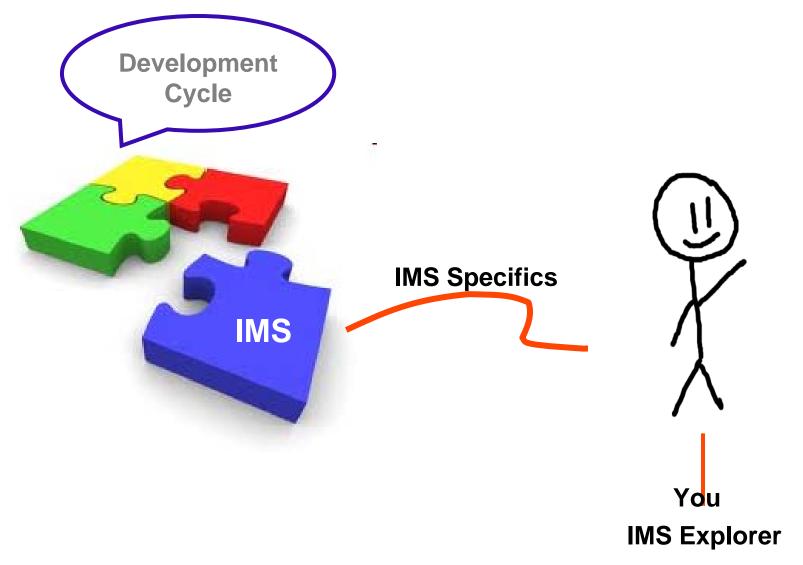
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