





SOA - Removing the Hype, Making it Real and Doing it Now



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What is a Service-Oriented Architecture?

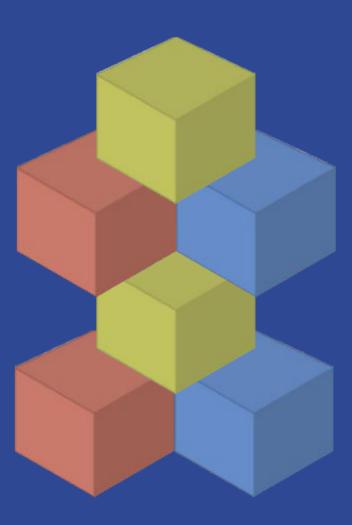
An approach for building distributed systems that deliver application functionality as services to either end-user applications or other services

It defines:

- An architecture that leverages open standards to represent software assets as services.
- Provides a standard way of representing and interacting with software assets
- Individual software assets become building blocks that can be reused in developing other applications
- Shifts focus to application assembly rather than implementation details
- Used internally to create new applications out of existing components
- Used externally to integrate with applications outside of the enterprise

Services are the Building Blocks for Reuse!





Understanding IBM's View of SOA

A Service

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

open new account



business as linked
services
and the outcomes that
they bring

Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)

An IT architectural style that supports service orientation



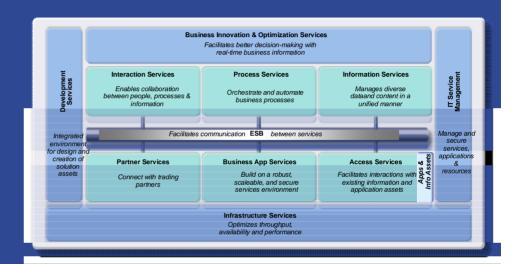
A set of **related & integrated** services that
support a business
function



Understanding the IBM SOA Reference Architecture

§ Key principles of IT flexibility

- Open standards
- 4 Linkage between business & IT
- 4 Component based programming and solution development
- Separation of Concerns
- Connectivity & loose coupling
- Composite applications
- Quality of service
- 4 Business & IT level monitoring and management



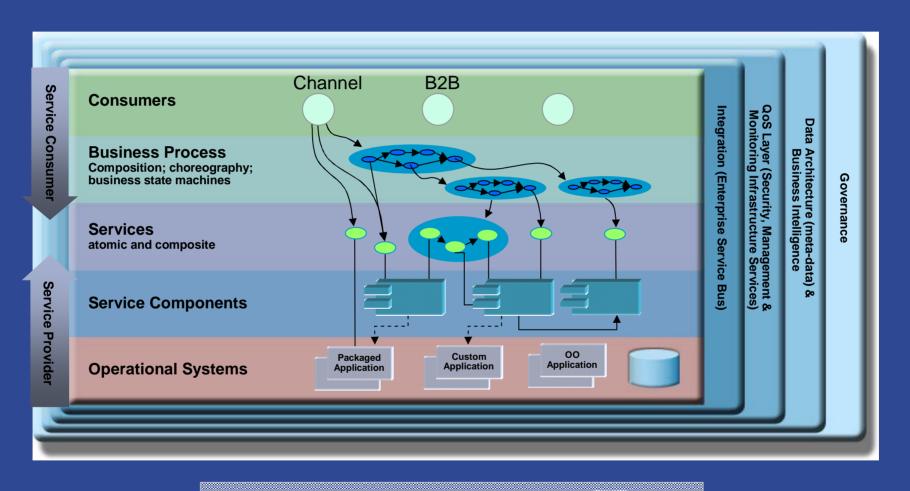
The IBM SOA Reference Architecture provides the level of IT flexibility required to meet the demands of business



Understanding the SOA Solution Layers

Atomic Service

§ Layers connecting the service consumers and providers

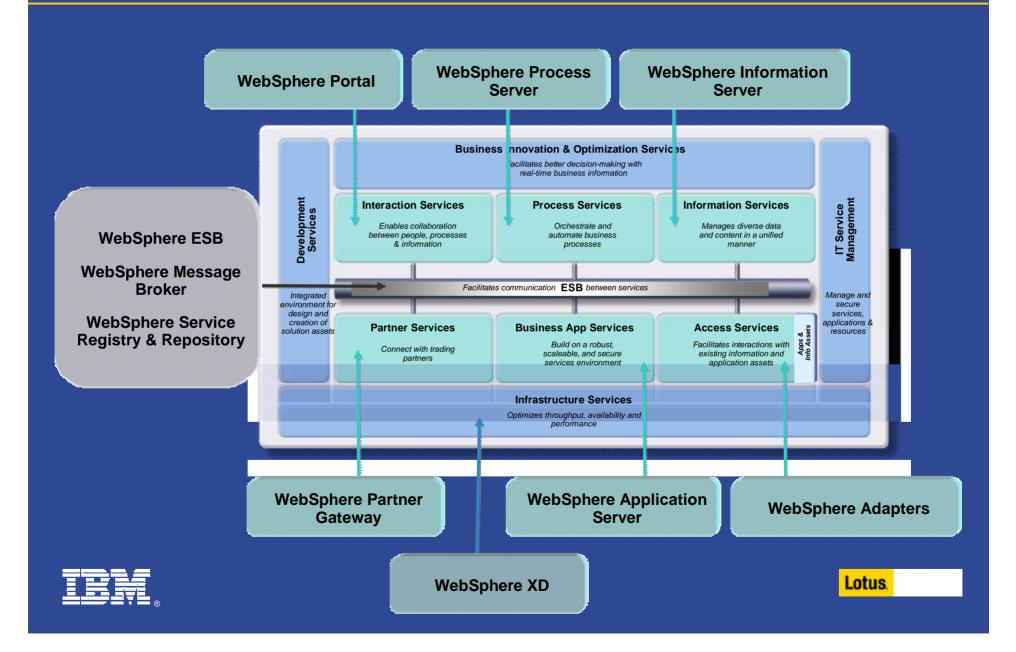


Composite Service

Registry



Mapping the SOA Reference Architecture to Products



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The question is ...

§ How do we enable users, and our lines of business to take advantage of an SOA based IT infrastructure?

And the answer is ...

 The next generation of portal technology will provide the front end and user access to SOA implementations



The Evolution of Portals

§ Crawling

Portals provide Web based access to information

§ Walking

- 4 Portals deliver personalized content and information
- 4 Portals provide role based access to applications

§ Running

- 4 Portals achieve enterprise scale and reliability
- Portlets provide a way to structure applications
- 4 Portals used to enhance team collaboration









The Evolution Continues

- § So what's going on in the portal space now?
 - **4** New market conditions
 - 4 New customer requirements
 - 4 New and innovative capabilities
- § What does this mean to portals?
 - **4** Connecting users to Service Oriented Architectures
 - **4** Composite Applications for added business value
 - **4** Process Integration for improved productivity





Understanding Evolving Portal Market Requirements

Collaboration technologies Purchased more often as a "suite" or embedded in an application are converging Requires new app. dev. process **Businesses are adopting SOA** where products and technologies are used as components Requires open environment that Access methods are growing works across platforms **New methods of communicating** Infrastructure must be flexible to and transacting are being used adopt emerging technologies Solutions must be extensible inside The boundaries of portal and outside the org and to every type implementations are expanding of user Portal technologies are now Tools must be developed into the mission critical



fabric of business processes

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WebSphere Portal as your SOA User Experience

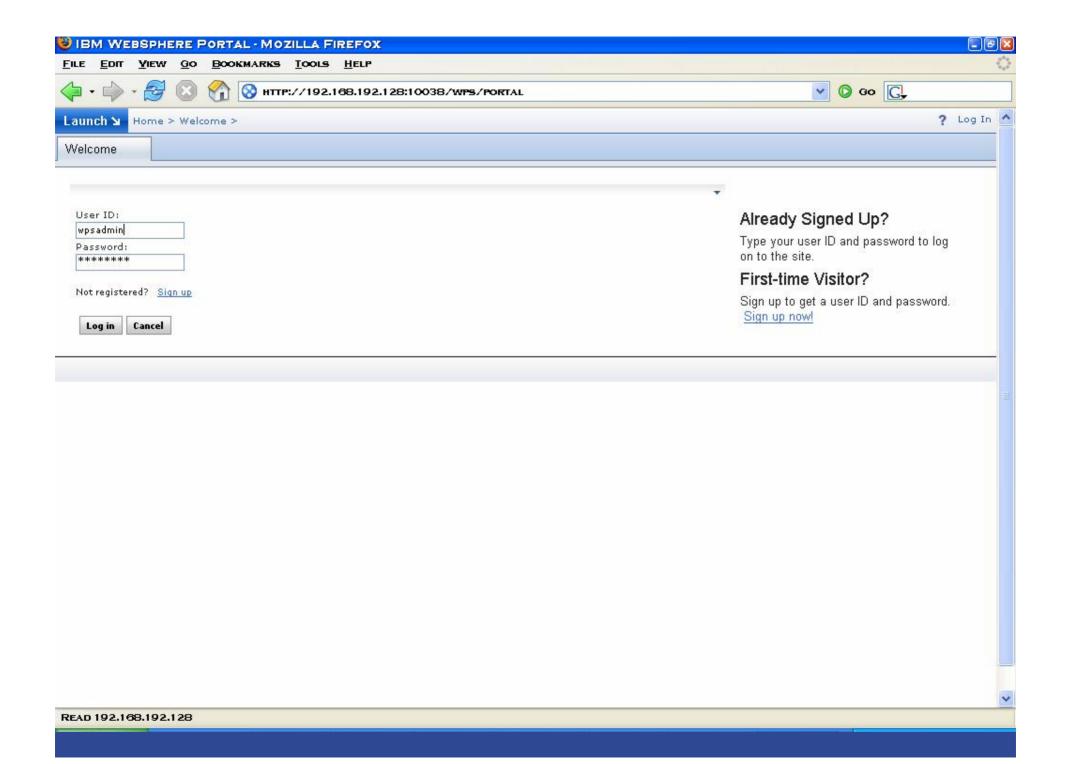


Portal SOA foundation elements:

- 1 Integration and collaboration
- 2 Real-time access & decisions
- 3 Composite applications
- 4 Process portal services
- 5 Federation services
- 6 Offline use of services

§ WebSphere Portal provides the user experience which enables people to interact effectively with your services





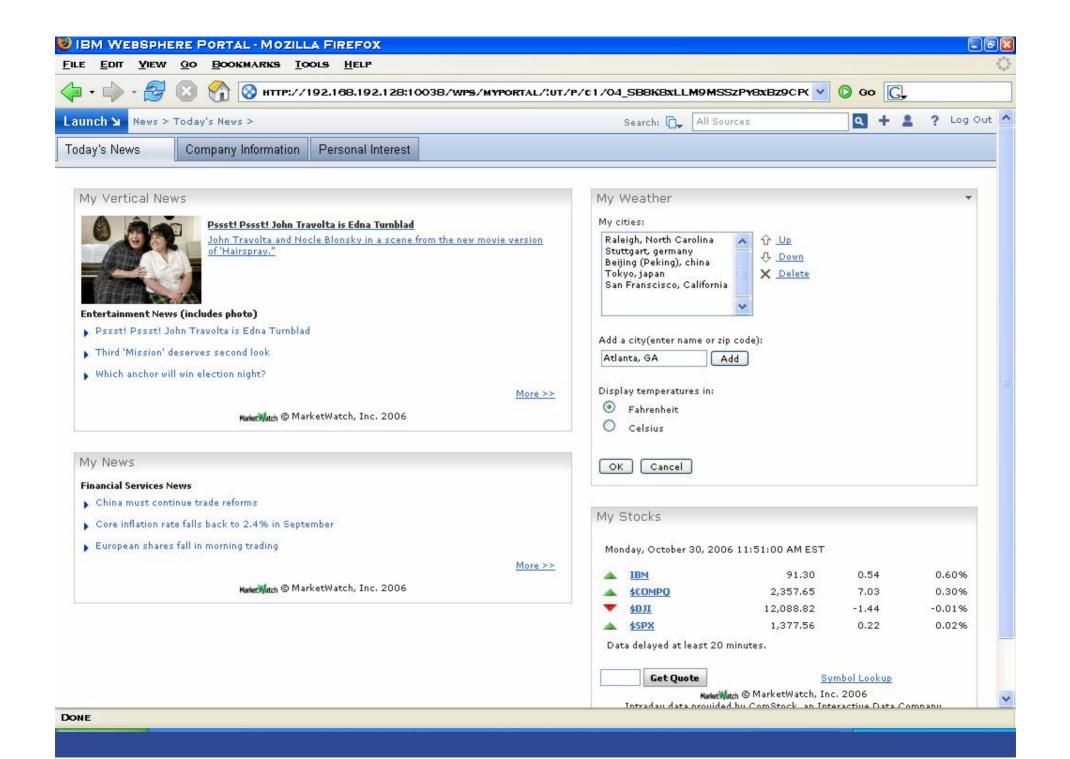












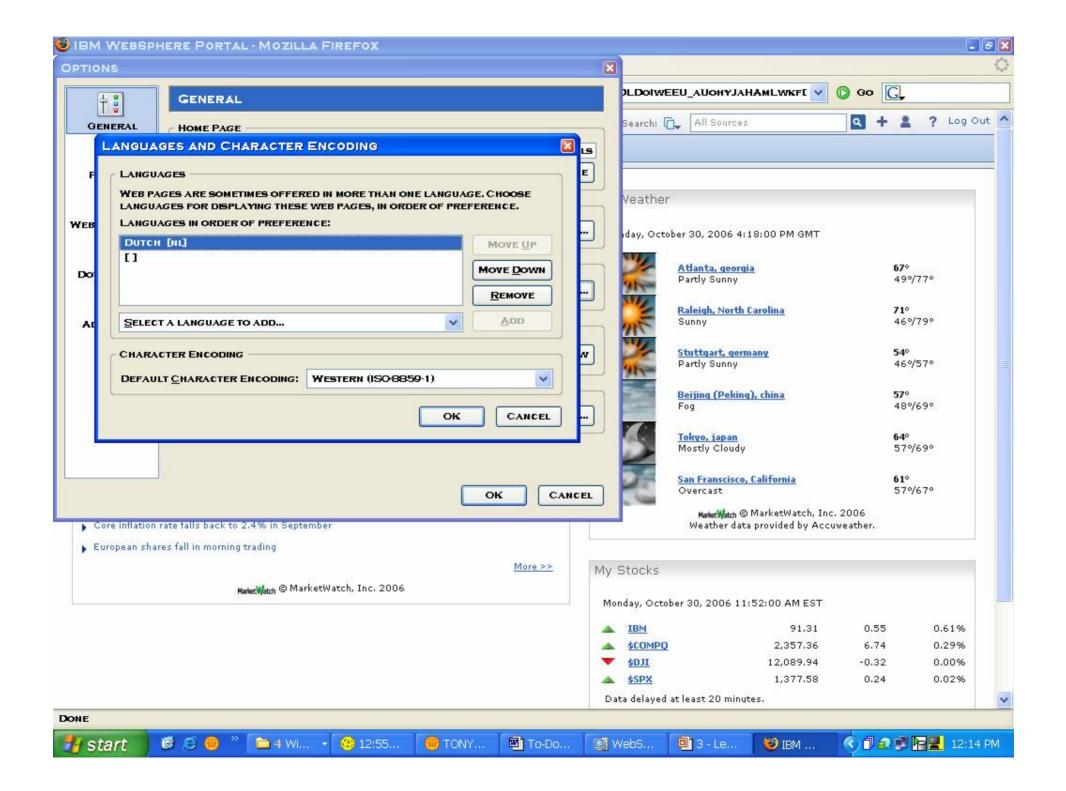


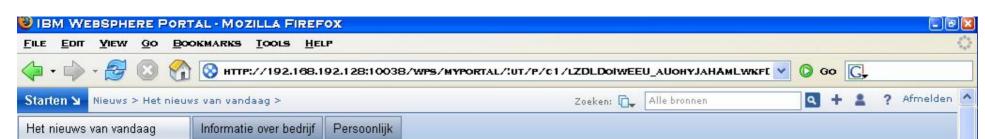


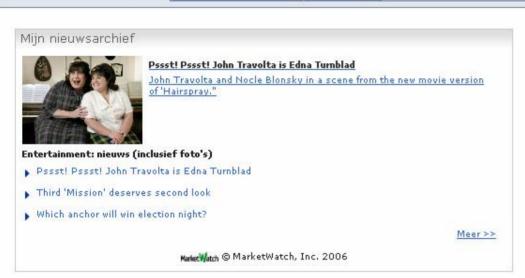


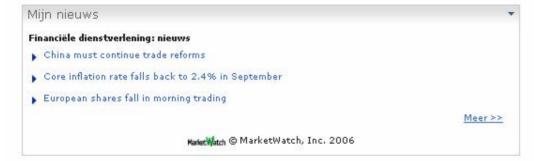


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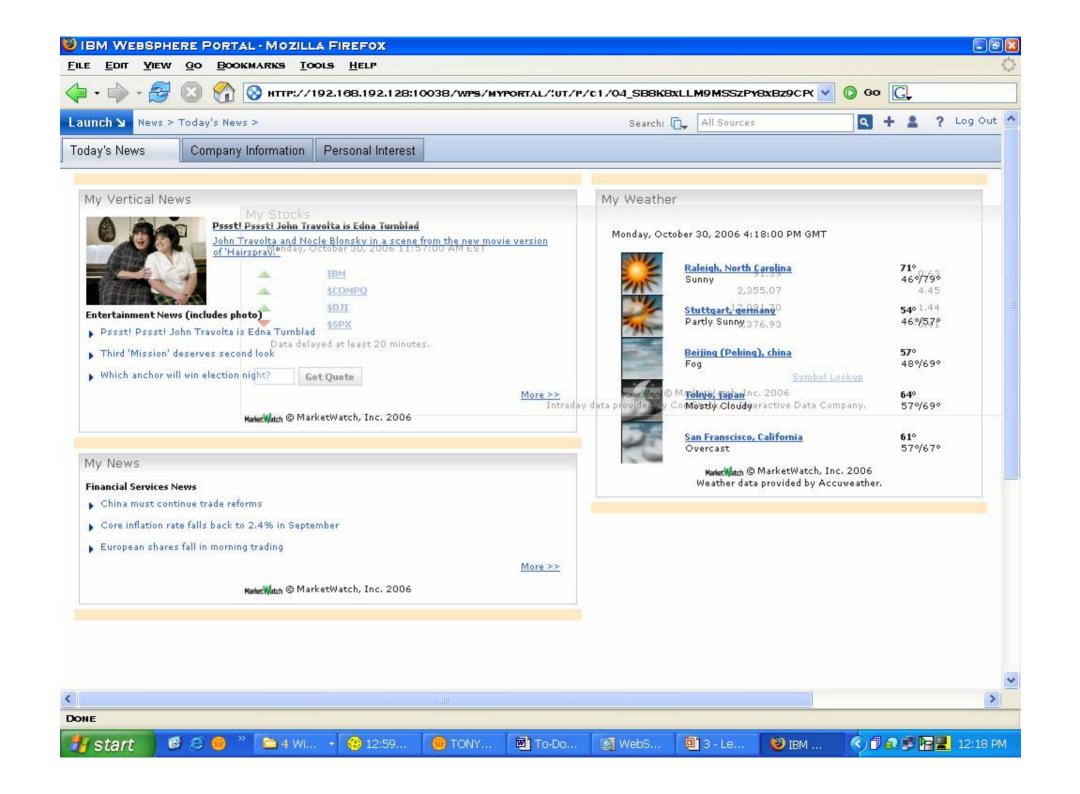




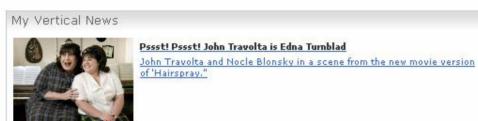












Entertainment News (includes photo)

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- ▶ Third 'Mission' deserves second look
- ▶ Which anchor will win election night?

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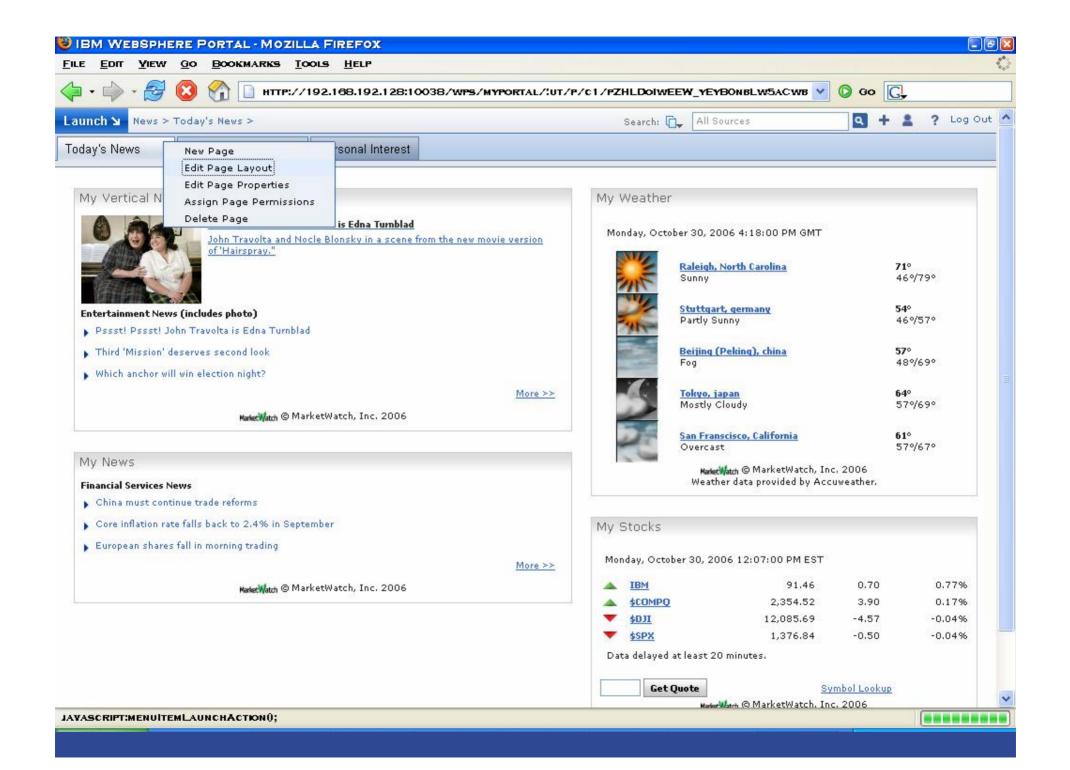
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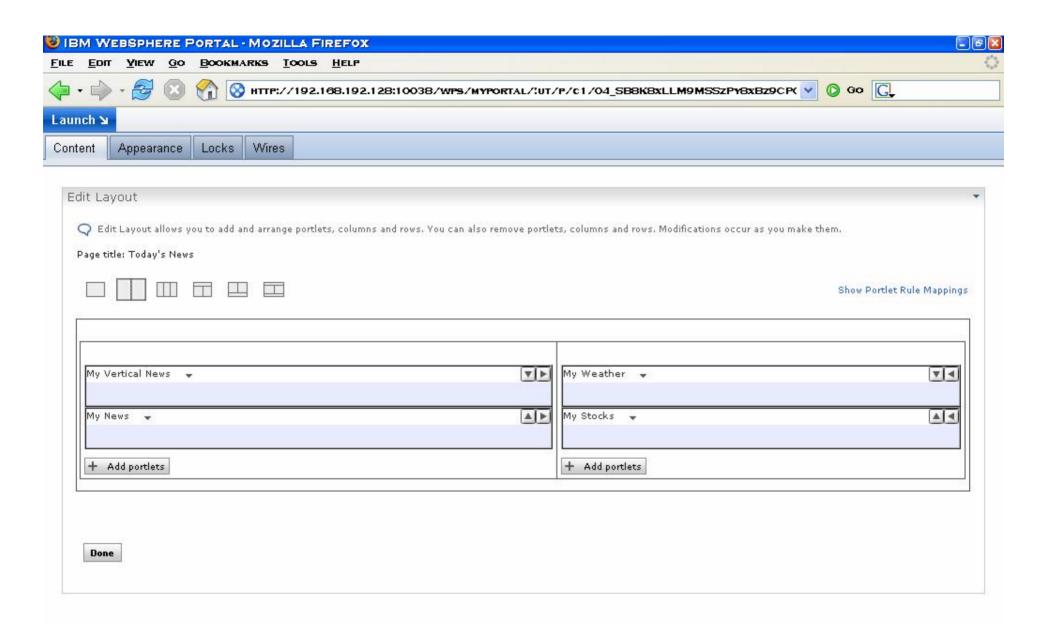
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Accelerate SOA with WebSphere Portlet Factory

- § Key points of WebSphere Portlet Factory
 - 4 Accelerate
 - § Faster WebSphere Portal deployment without deep J2EE development skills
 - Respond
 - § Create dynamic portal solutions which can be modified quickly to meet the ever-changing needs of the business
 - **4** Evolve
 - § Build re-usable design components
 - § Surface components as re-usable SOA services
 - § Surface services as Web applications or portlets





Exposing Services to Users

- § Bring services together based on the task at hand
- § A big myth is that a "Service" (a unit of business activity) needs to be automated to be part of an SOA
 - In fact, most business services actually involve humans in their execution
 - 4 And many business services are actually collaborations between a number of people
 - 4 Humans use various IT services in the execution of tasks
- § Portals expose services to users in meaningful ways
 - Compose services into tasks driven by users
 - 4 Create sections of your portal targeted at specific tasks



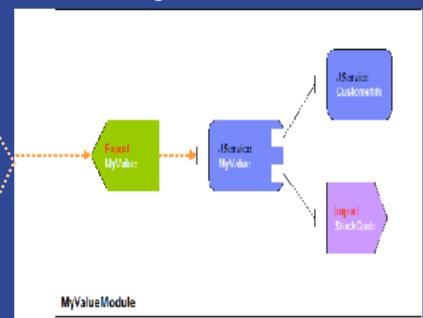
Using a Portal to Interact with Services

§ Portlets are the natural way for users to interact with "Services"

Flight Selection Portlet



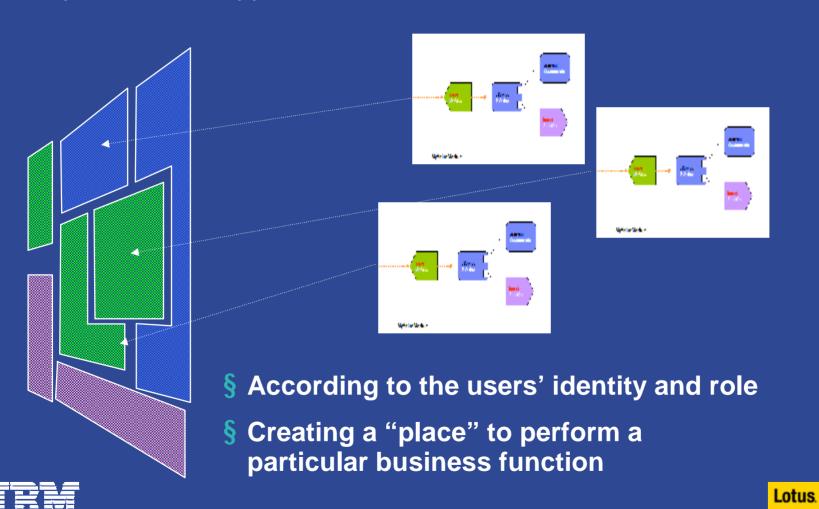
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Surfacing Services Through Portal Pages

§ Use portal pages to assemble user interface components (portlets) into applications which surface services to users



Grouping Services into Composite Applications

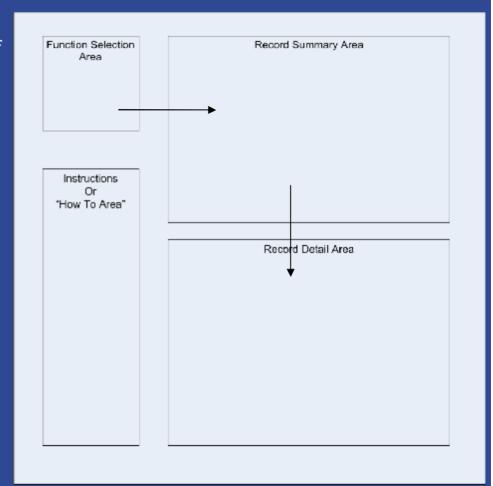
§ Interconnect services into composite applications for effective execution of business tasks by users

§ Composite applications

- Contain set of related and integrated services that support a business function
- 4 Enable extended business functions to be composed from smaller more primitive functions, or services

§ For example

- User performs an action with portlet in upper left to specify a record set
- In response, the "Record Summary" portlet shows a set of records
- Selecting a record in the summary, shows the detail in below right portlet





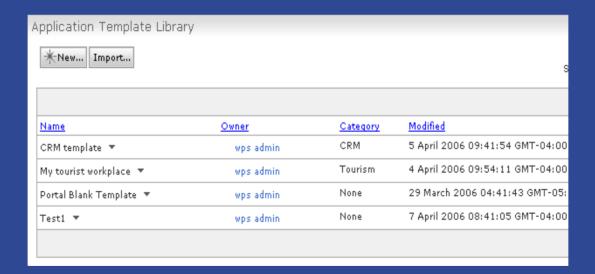
Building a Composite Application





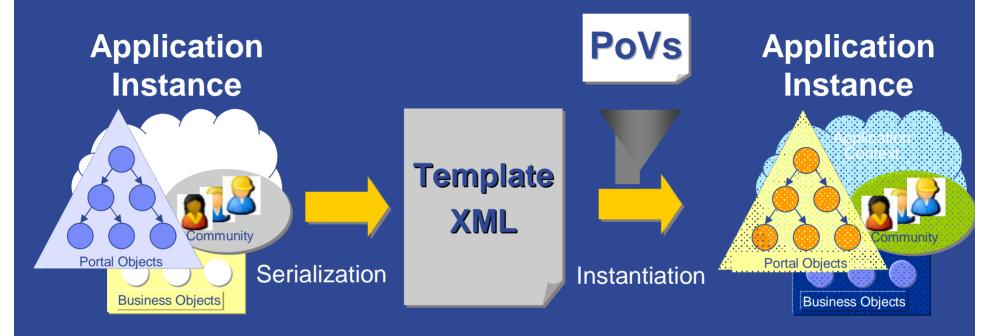
Building Composite Applications with Templates

- § Use Templates to create new composite applications
 - 4 Pages and portlets, layout of portlets on pages, and members
- § Deploy them to different communities with different...
 - 4 Look and feel, members and roles, other parameters
- § Application owners can then change it to meet new requirements
 - 4 if they have the permission to do so





Building Applications from Templates



- § Template XML contains
 - 4 The blue prints to create an instance of the application
 - 4 Points of variability to be filled out during instantiation



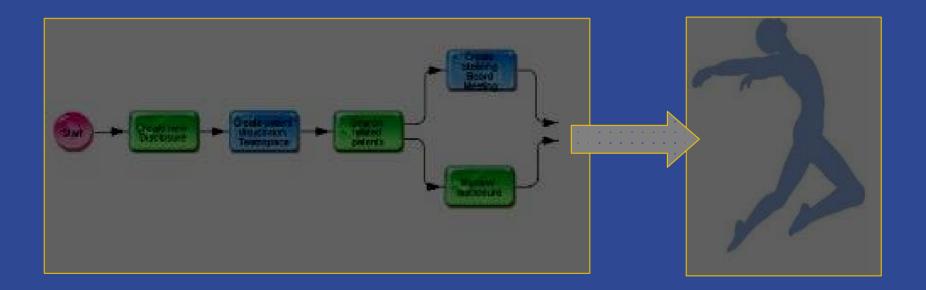
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Understanding Process Integration

- § Connect portals to business processes to provide the right composition of services to the right users at the right time
 - 4 Provides users with a single place for accessing applications
 - Ties portal based activity to business procedures



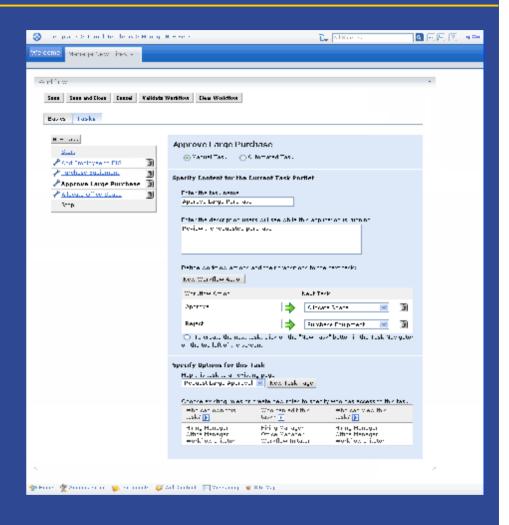


Orchestrating the Workflow Process

§ Enable business processes with WebSphere Portal functionality

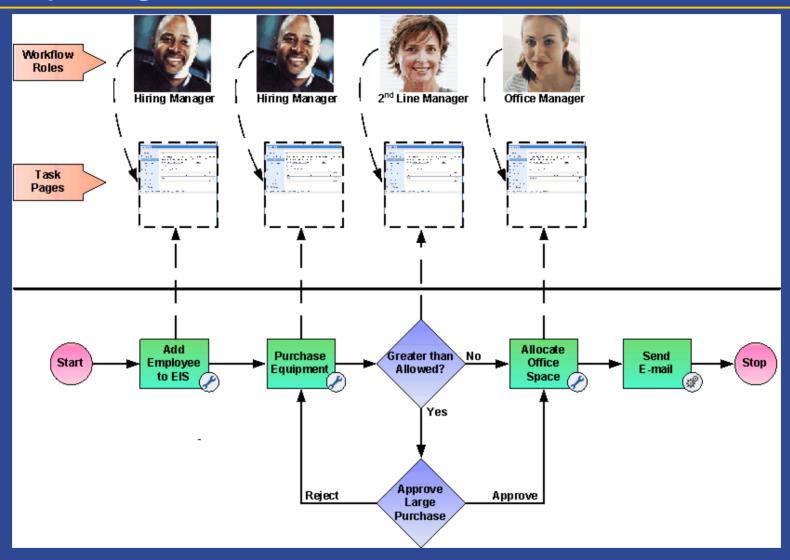
§ Orchestrate the users navigation through "task pages" using workflow technology to manage the state of the process

§ Workflow technology maintains state information about the process & provides that state to the task pages





Composing a Collaborative Business Process





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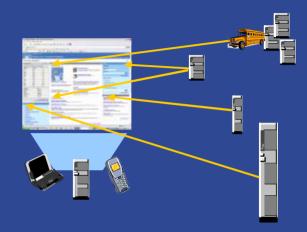
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Service Aggregation – An On-Ramp to SOA

§ Background

- Single sign-on
- 4 Ad hoc aggregation of services
- Integrated user interface



§ New development

- Composite applications which aggregate services on the glass
- 4 Business processes orchestrating services in background
- Portlets consuming services
 - § "Classic" Portlets calling services from Web container
 - § AJAX Portlets generating markup with JavaScript calls to services from Web browser



Service Aggregation – An On-Ramp to SOA

- § Aggregating services in a portal is conceptually simple
 - 4 A screen is composed of multiple components called portlets
 - 4 In a portlet-based presentation, UIs can become flexible
 - 4 Portlets provide a way to separate function into discreet units

§ With portlets

- 4 Overall layout of the page can be left to non-technical users
- 4 Administrators gain the fine-grained power to easily control access to portions of a page.
- 4 Site designers can make massive changes to the look and feel of a Web site without functional changes to portlets



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The Bar Has Been Raised!

- § Portal products must step up to an expanded role in the enterprise of today
 - Meet the demands of emerging SOA
 - Support the evolution of composite applications
 - Integrate with business process and workflow
 - 4 Extend the reach of Portal Clients





Resources

- § DeveloperWorks article 'Building composite applications and templates in WebSphere Portal V6'
 - 4 http://www-128.ibm.com/developerworks/websphere/library/techarticles/0608_stober/0608_ stober.html
- § White Paper: 'WebSphere Portal: An on-ramp to a service oriented architecture'
 - 4 http://www-128.ibm.com/developerworks/websphere/library/techarticles/0608_stober/0608_ stober.html
- § SOA Community of Practice (CoP)
 - 4 http://community.usca.ibm.com/soawiki/



Key Points to Take Home

- SOA Defines the <u>Architecture</u> for an On-Demand Business
- Portal and work environments provide adaptive, security-rich & managed interaction between people, process & information
- Portals represent a key "first-step" SOA project with potentially low risk and rapid ROI
- High-Performance Workplaces are the "places" where people will consume the value of your SOA for productive use
- In this people-centric approach to SOA the portal makes services accessible to the people who are composing business processes
- Surfacing services as portlets and connecting them to create composite applications streamlines the creation of new applications as new services become available.
 - This "meet in the middle" supports business processes by surfacing as many services as you can produce to humans who fill the gap in the business process as they do already.



