



Modernization of Mainframe Applications with WebSphere Operational Decision Management for z/OS

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10743: Why Business Rules and Business Process Management are Important to System z Apps (and to you)

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Application modernization enables clients to reduce total cost of ownership, and align business and IT investment while improving business agility



Cost Alignment Time to Agility Risk

"The bottom-up view of application modernization — tactical improvements to individual applications with insufficient regard for any longer-term strategy — is toxic to the business. While tactical actions must continue, they need a guiding hand — an overarching strategy that brings balance to the whole feet, not preferential treatment to a favored geographic region or a politically powerful hub."

"Justifying Application Modernization: Industry Analogies Explain Choices In A Business Context," Forrester Research Inc., March 17, 2009



Solution Drivers and Barriers



Your management asks:

- "how do I maximize what I have?"
- "how do I get from here to there?"



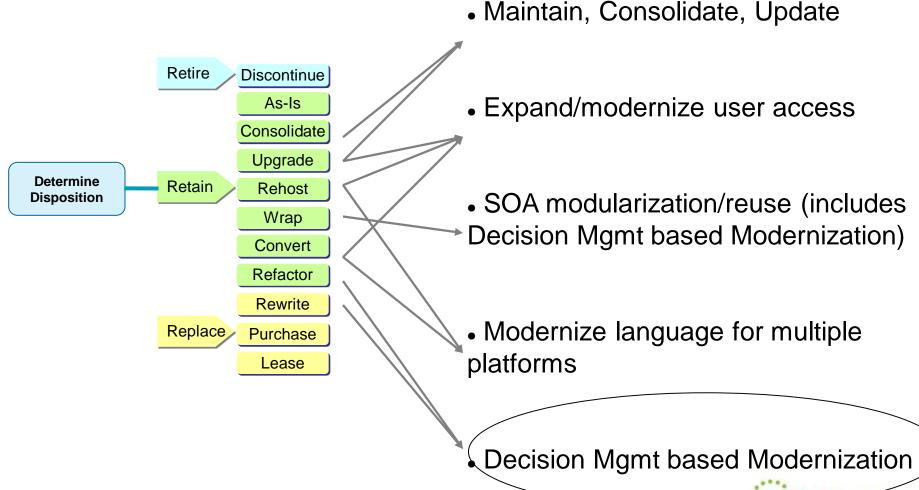
You are faced with:

- Undocumented business application
- Business applications are brittle.
- Rewriting the application is costly and long.
- Need to make business changes today.
- Perceived inability to evolve current architecture.



Application Modernization: What are the modernization options





Solution Characteristics: Required for success



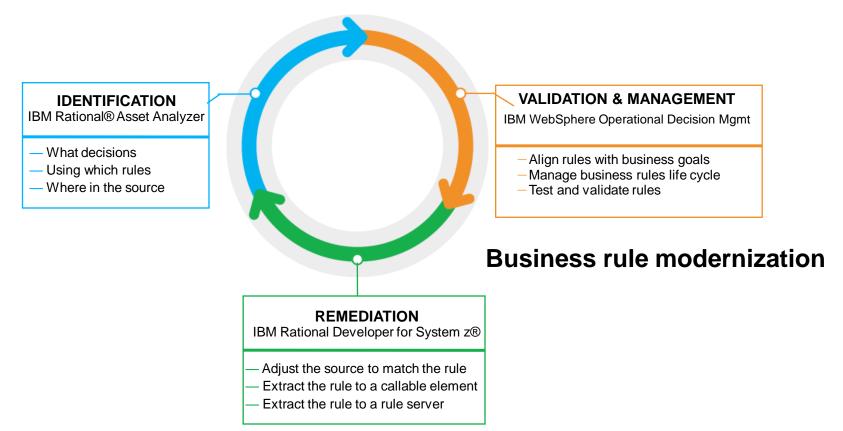
- Ability to document and demystify the existing application portfolio
- Ability to functionally segregate business rule intensive source code
- Mechanism to mine business rules and facilitate rapid authoring in Decision Management tool
- Ability to enable and modify business rules rapidly and accurately
- Ability to implement Decision Management in CICS, batch and WebSphere on z/OS



Rational Asset Analyzer

integrates with WebSphere Operational Decision Management



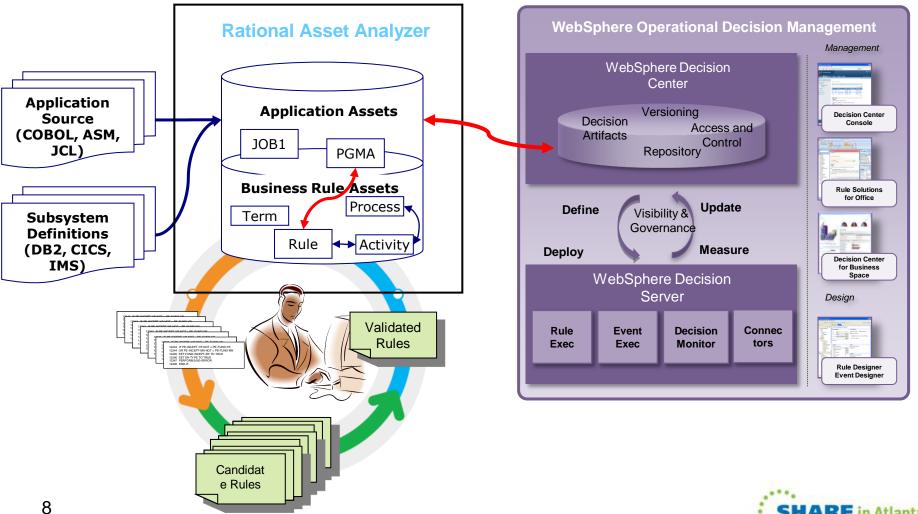


Delivering...

the essentials for business rule mining of existing software assets enhancing the ability to capture, maintain and take advantage of application knowledge that can provide insight into an application's structure and its interactions with business data.

Application Understanding and Rule Identification

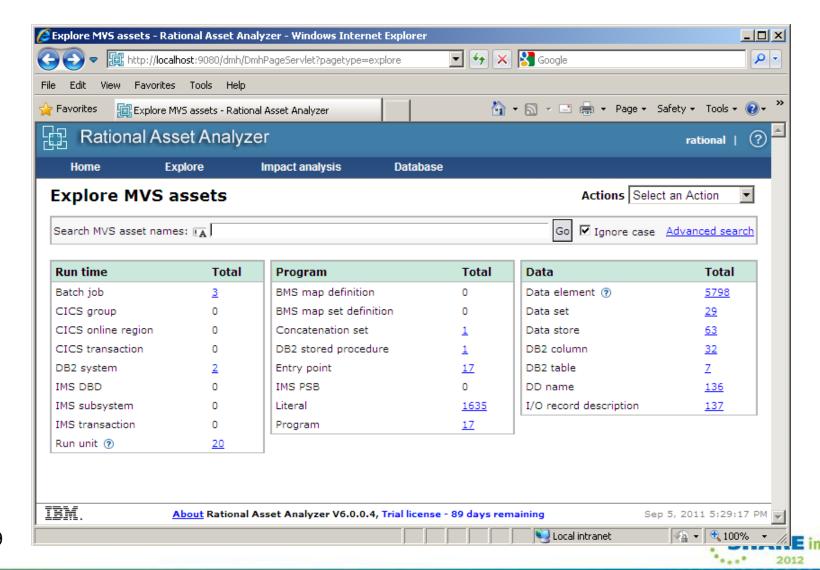






The RAA inventory process scans, categorizes and indexes application components

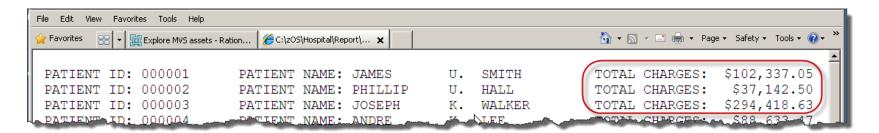




RAA builds linkages between all components



 For example, from initial information contained in an output file or report (named PATRPT in this example)



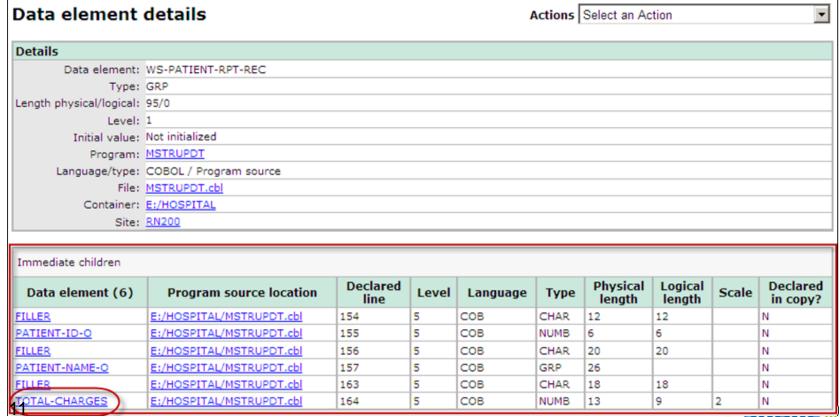
- RAA provides hyperlinks to quickly determine
 - Which program(s) create and access the file
 - Which file(s) is used
 - Which data elements make up the record
 - The name of the top-level element in the data structure
 - Which copybook(s) contain the record description



RAA provides a flexible searching mechanism

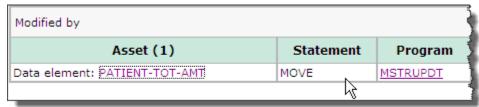


- Providing single search term will identify all matching assets
- Searching on "PATRPT", and drilling down two levels, will display the record used to write the PATRPT report or file:

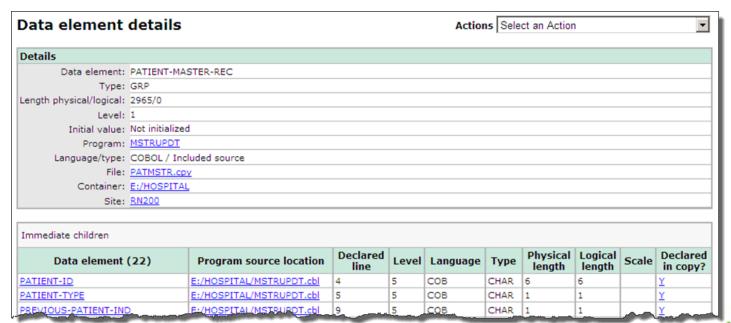




 Drilling through on the TOTAL-CHARGES element, it can be determined what element(s) update it



 An input to the business decision can be discovered by linking from the updating element to its master record



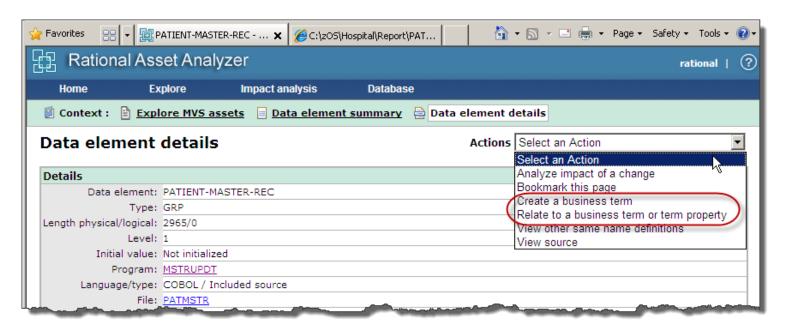


RAA provides business term and property functionality

 Business terms, properties and rules can be created within RAA

And/or

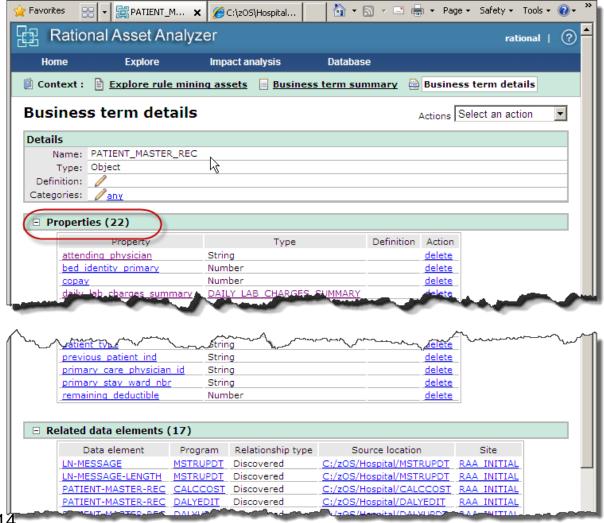
RAA can import existing WODM business terms and properties







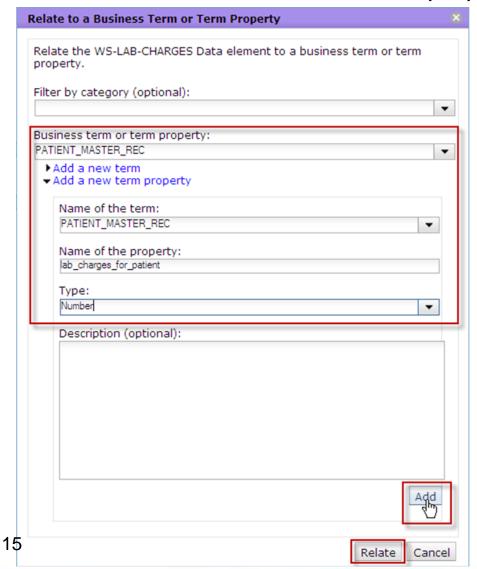
From the master record, RAA can create candidate terms and properties automatically







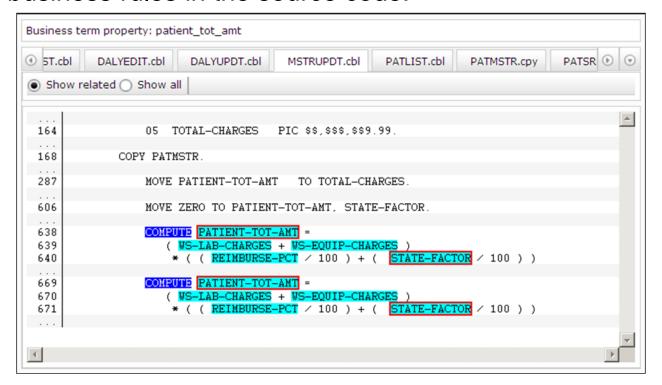
From the source display, data elements can be related to business terms and business term properties:







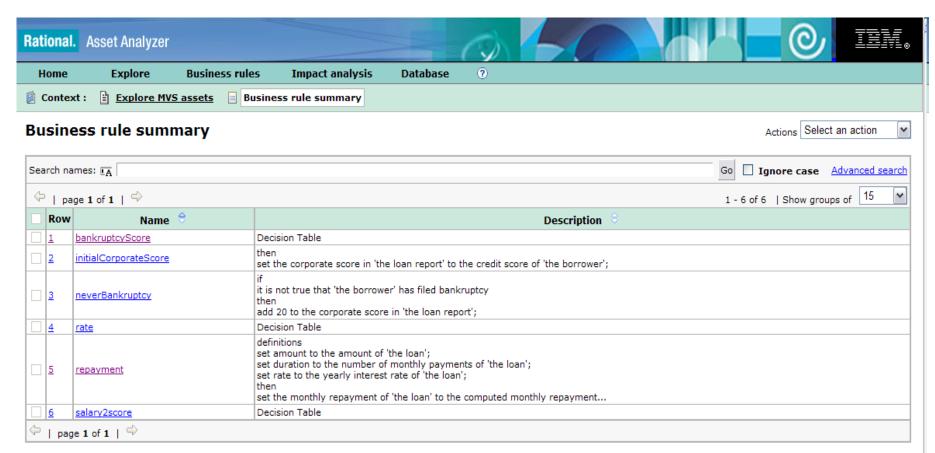
A business property link can be followed to identify candidate business rules in the source code:



- Dark blue statements are business rule candidates
- Lighter blue elements may be related to business terms or term properties
- Elements outlined in red have already been related to a term,
 term property or business rule

Candidate Business Rule Summary Page

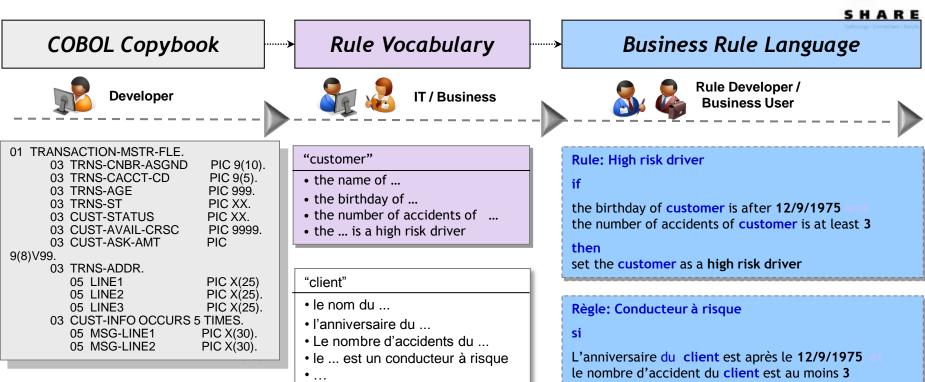






Business Decisions stated in business language





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Classer le client comme conducteur à risque

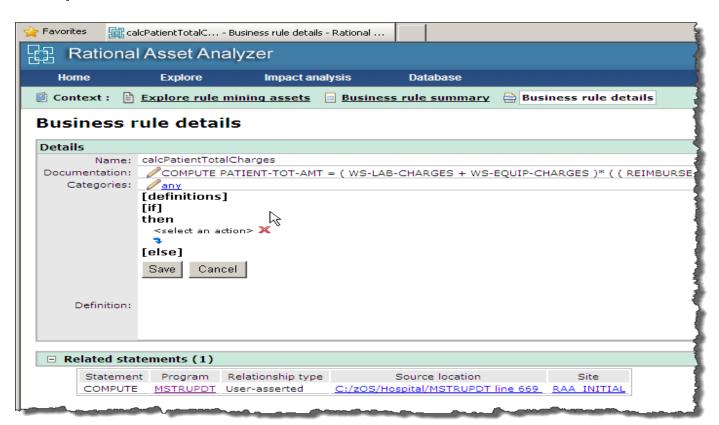
- Customizable vocabulary specific to your organization, industry, application (etc.)
- Supports language localization
- Integrates with external data sources (e.g. list of countries)
- Drop down lists for customized domain data
- Templates facilitate new rule and event creation
- Empower business experts to manage and validate decision logic, eliminating delays in business
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RAA provides the ability to specify rules for use by the WODM and Business Rules for z/OS

 The WODM structured rules editor is available within RAA for specification of structured WODM rules

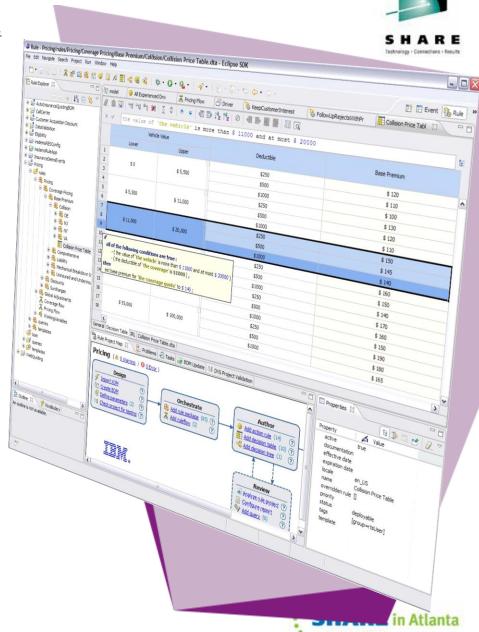




Rule Designer

Eclipse-based Development Environment

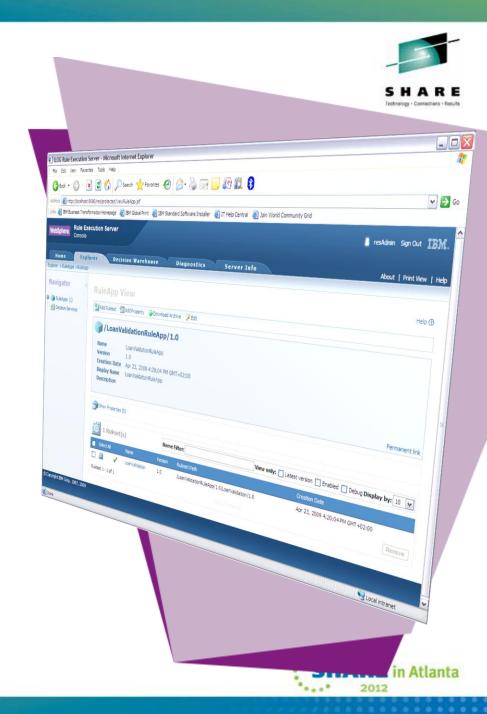
- Validation
 - Rule Project Design
 - Rule Analysis
 - Business decision modeling support
 - rules templates
 - if... then... else decision tables and decision trees
 - Design, test, configure, and deploy
- Implementation
 - Choices for Rule Execution on z/OS
 - Rules can be invoked 'naturally' from existing application
 - Business policy/rule lifecycle detached from application lifecycle



Rule Execution Server

High Performance and Scalability

- High performance and scalable rule execution
 - Support transactional and batch rule execution
 - Inference (forward-chaining) and sequential rule engine
 - Cluster enabled
- Integrate with Java, XML, WSDL
- Exposes rule services as
 - Rule Session (POJO, EJB or MDB)
 - Transparent Decision Services (Web Services)
- Rule services management & monitoring
 - Rule Persistence and Versioning
 - Rule Execution statistics & trace
 - JMX-based administration console



WODM on z/OS Runtime Options

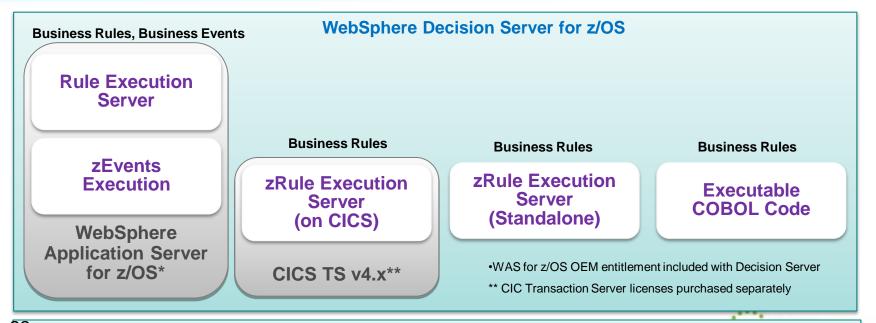


Decisions can be invoked from existing CICS and batch applications

Runtime support for COBOL data types

Flexible runtime deployment to fit any System z environment:

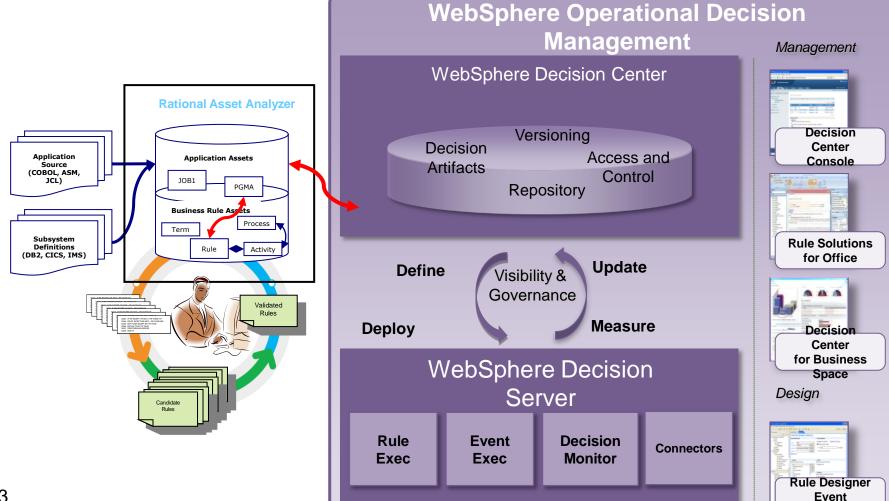
- Deployed on WebSphere Application Server for z/OS
- Deployed standalone to z/OS
- Deployed on CICS TS 4.x (JVM server environment)
- Deployed as executable COBOL code



Business Rule Validation and Management



Designer

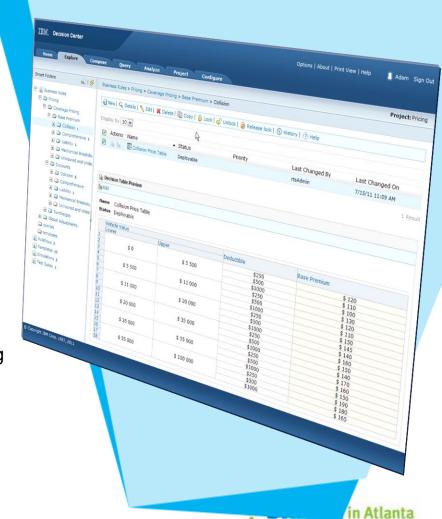


Decision Center Console

Web-based Event and Rule Maintenance

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- Access rule artifacts concurrently without conflict or delay
- Represent complex policies using rule overrides and hierarchies
- Take control of very large rulebases with Smart Views, easy search and reporting
- Get automatic notification of potential rule conflicts, redundancies
- See where rules are used across projects using queries
- Hot-deploy rule and event changes in minutes
- Secure, integrated with enterprise security facility including single sign-on
- Multiple release management supporting diff and merge



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Major Oil Company Transforms business functionality to improve brand image



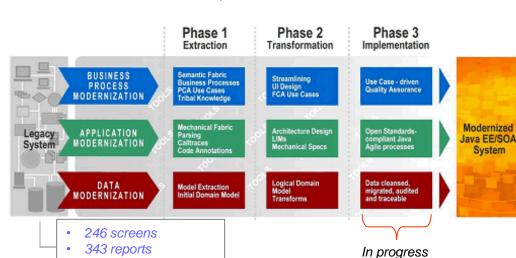
Client objectives

- Transform and enhance financial software package provided to the energy industry
- Capture 20 years of business logic to be used for future development
- Simplify and improve application usability to achieve greater competitive advantage and a modern brand image



IBM Business Application Modernization

- Extract Business Logic
- Re-architect
- Streamline navigation and workflow
- Add functionality





Business outcomes

- Significantly enhanced business functionality and ease of maintenance – 129 application enhancements
- Increased team productivity
- Mapped 100% of data to the new data model
- Cut implementations by 80%
- Reduced conversions by 80%
- Faster time to market and improved competitiveness







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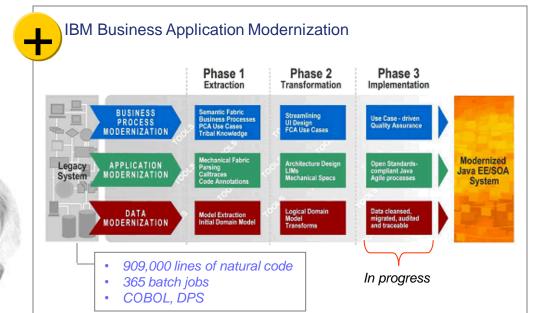


850,000 lines of code

Health program with modernization goals and realizing their functional enhancement "wish list"

Client objectives

- Medical program introduced in 1971 and current system was implemented in 1982
- Needed to provide universal access to coverage for all eligible residents
- 1,300 Physicians; 750,000 Residents
- Processes included 6-7M Physician claims/year
- Major enhancements had been onhold since the mid-1990s and in 2006, client elected to replace the system to:
 - Enable much needed enhancements
 - Move to a more cost-effective and modern technology environment
- Modernization project was the 3rd attempt to replace the legacy system



Business outcomes

- Enabled latent demand for functional enhancements to be completed
- Reduced the lines of code by 80%
- Streamlined business process
- Achieved time and cost efficiencies



The Value of this Approach





What does it enable?

- Reduce time and resources required to deploy changes
- Improve understanding of your core business applications today
- Express decision logic with increased precision
- Increase decision automation
- Make decisions based on specific context

What is the value?

- Lower maintenance costs; respond quickly to change
- Leverage your architecture investment
- Increase profitability of product, pricing and promotional offerings
- Improve process efficiency
- Customize decisions when possible, standardize if needed



Rational Asset Analyzer with Rule Mining Simplify identification of candidate business rules



- For customers who ...
 - ..are moving existing processing to BPM, SOA, WODM
 - Want to be more responsive in supporting an organizations or business units requirements for change
 - Need to get a detailed, complete view of existing business processing and how it fits into today's architectures
- Business Value
 - Improve developer productivity
 - Lower development, training, and mining costs
 - Increase speed and completeness of modernization
- Key RAA Capabilities
 - Visualization of application architectures, programs, data, and their interactions
 - Powerful search and tracing via impact analysis
- Highlights of RAA with rule mining functionality
 - Identification of terms and synonyms
 - Search across portfolios for direct and indirect usage of terms and rules
 - Identify and persist coding constructs that are candidate rules
 - Ability to author structure rules with the WODM' rule editors for import to WODM and Business Rules for z/OS

