

Modeling Enterprise Collaboration



Enterprise
Collaboration
Architecture

EDOC

*A tutorial on applying Model Driven Architecture
using the OMG Enterprise Collaboration
Architecture with UML*

Introductions



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What is the Enterprise Collaboration Architecture?



- ECA is a “profile of UML”, a way to use UML for a specific purpose - it is an OMG standard
 - That purpose is *modeling enterprise systems*.
- You can also think of this as a “modeling framework” for enterprise computing
- ECA is part of the “Model Driven Architecture” (MDA) initiative of the OMG
 - Using precise modeling techniques as part of the development lifecycle to speed development and provide technology independence
- ECA has been adopted by the OMG as part of the EDOC RFP.

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The Agile Enterprise

Has a **competitive advantage** in its capability to **embrace collaboration and change**

Integrating Enterprises, People & Systems - Worldwide

Enabling e

Using Internet Technologies

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Integrating Enterprises, People & Systems - Worldwide

- Business Requirements
 - Virtual Enterprises
 - Enterprise Integration (EAI)
 - Supply-chain automation (B2B)
 - Customer Integration (B2B)
 - Web deployment (B2C)
 - Internet Marketplace (B2C)
- Collaboration and Integration

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The dynamic reality

- The information system must facilitate;
 - Rapid realization of business goals
 - Integration of independent processes and systems
 - Multiple and Changing
 - | *business requirements*
 - | *business processes*
 - | *technologies*
 - | *standards*
 - | *enterprise boundaries*
 - | *partners*

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Technology Stew

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| ■ Web services | ■ MQ-Series |
| ■ .NET | ■ C++ |
| ■ C' | ■ SQL |
| ■ XML | ■ Cobol |
| ■ EAI | ■ IMS |
| ■ Active Web pages | ■ CICS |
| ■ EJB | ■ ... |
| ■ Java Beans | |
| ■ Java | |
| ■ Corba | |

Technology is transient, but we must embrace and adapt to it to provide meet current requirements

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Problems to be solved

- Integration Nightmare
- Infrastructure, Version & Vendor lock-in
- Complex, divergent and manual development and deployment processes

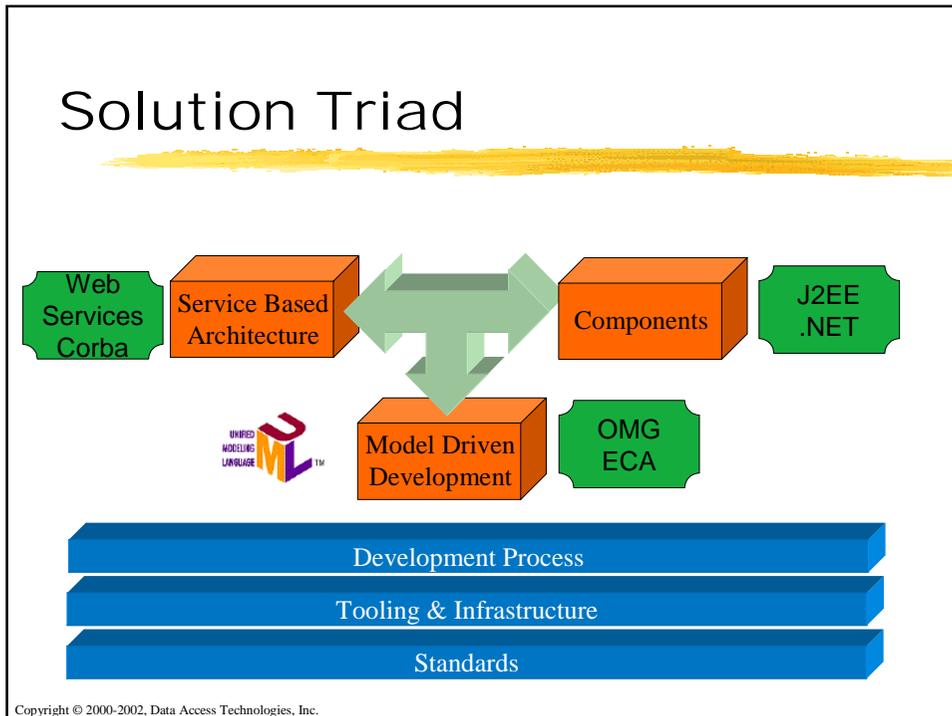
- *Typical solutions require buy-in (Lock-in) to expensive, pervasive and proprietary infrastructure*

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Goals

- A scalable and robust enterprise architecture
- Loosely coupled enterprise components
- Enable rapid provisioning of business solutions
 - Simple, reproducible processes supporting reuse
- Technology & vendor independence
- Enable the integration and collaboration of multiple;
 - Business units (internal and external)
 - Customers
 - Suppliers
 - Systems
 - Technologies

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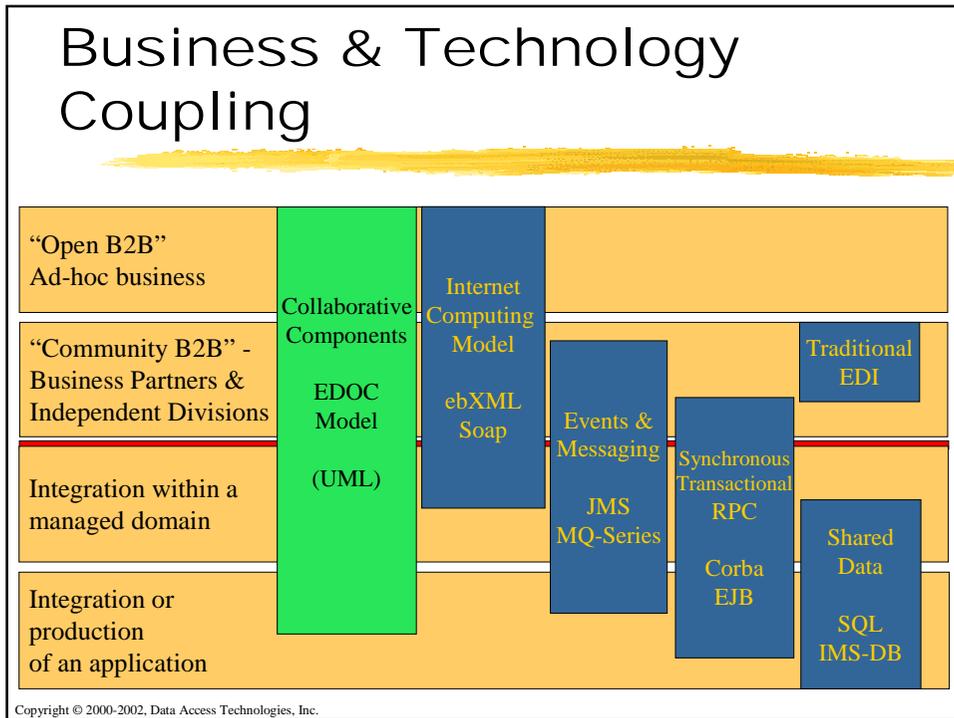


The new center

- The strategic core of you systems must be the business its self
- Only technology independent business focused models will survive the transience of technology and lock-in
- These models can become *part of your source code*, driving enterprise applications
- Enabler: Model Driven Architecture (MDA) with EDOC-ECA

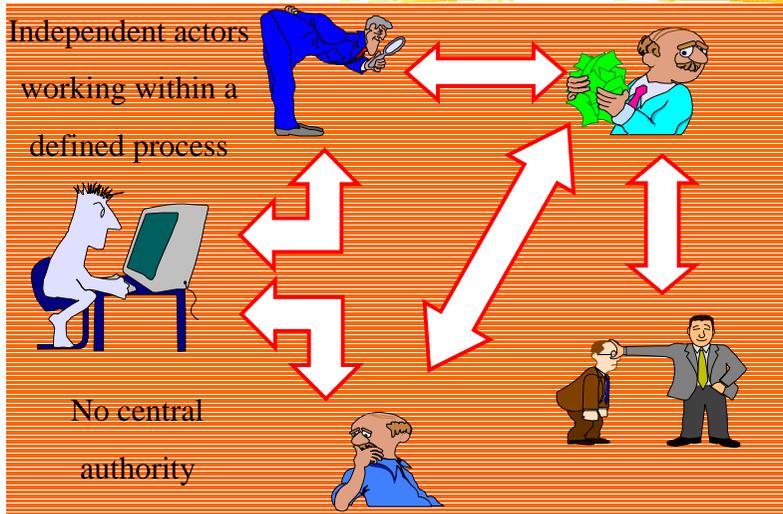
Extreme Modeling

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- ## Collaborative Vs. Managed business processes
- The enterprise collaboration architecture is intended for collaborative business processes
 - People, departments, systems and enterprises working together within a defined process
 - Contrast with the managed business process
 - A central authority directs the activities of others
 - Both have their place
 - Collaborative - B2B, EAI
 - Managed - Fine-grain business processes - factories
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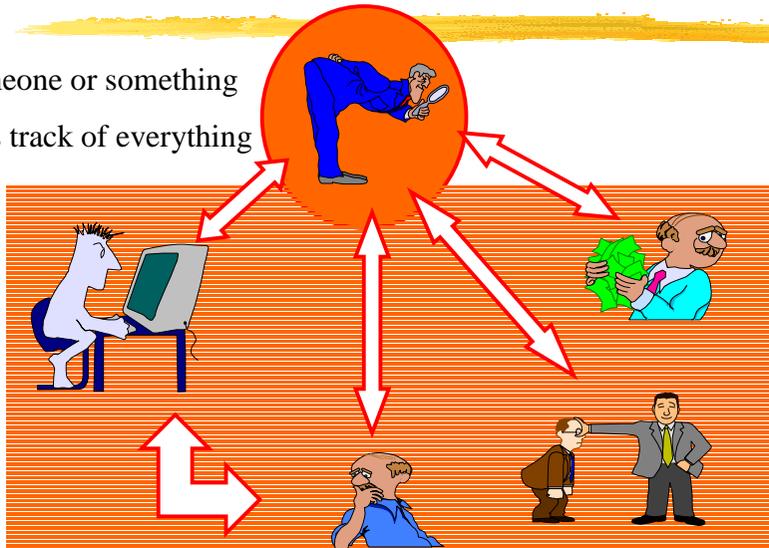
Collaborative Business Processes



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Managed Business Processes

Someone or something keeps track of everything



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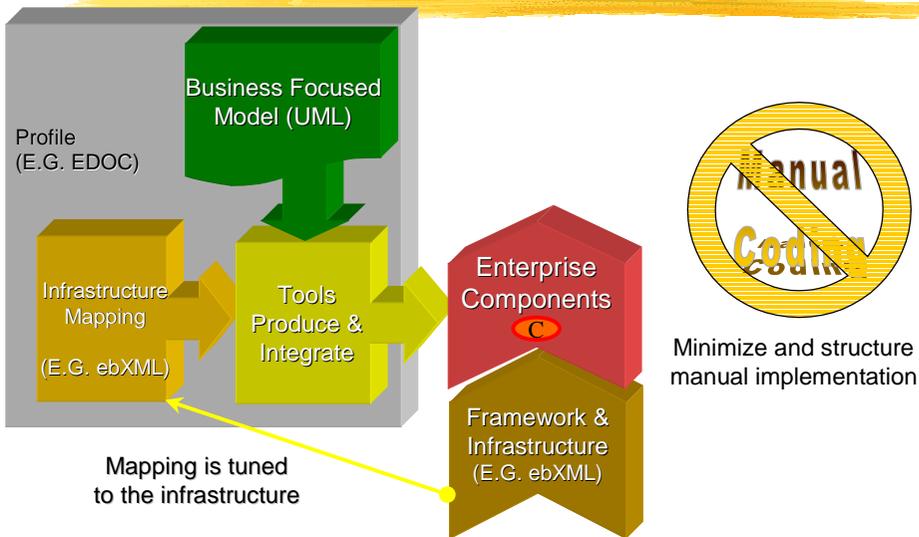
Collaboration is Key

- Collaboration is a key differentiation and key cost center (Healthcare Example)
 - Customer Collaboration
 - Claim processing
 - Disputes
 - Physician Collaboration
 - Payer Collaboration
 - Hospital Collaboration
 - Broker Collaboration
 - Government Collaboration
 - Employee Collaboration
 - Others...

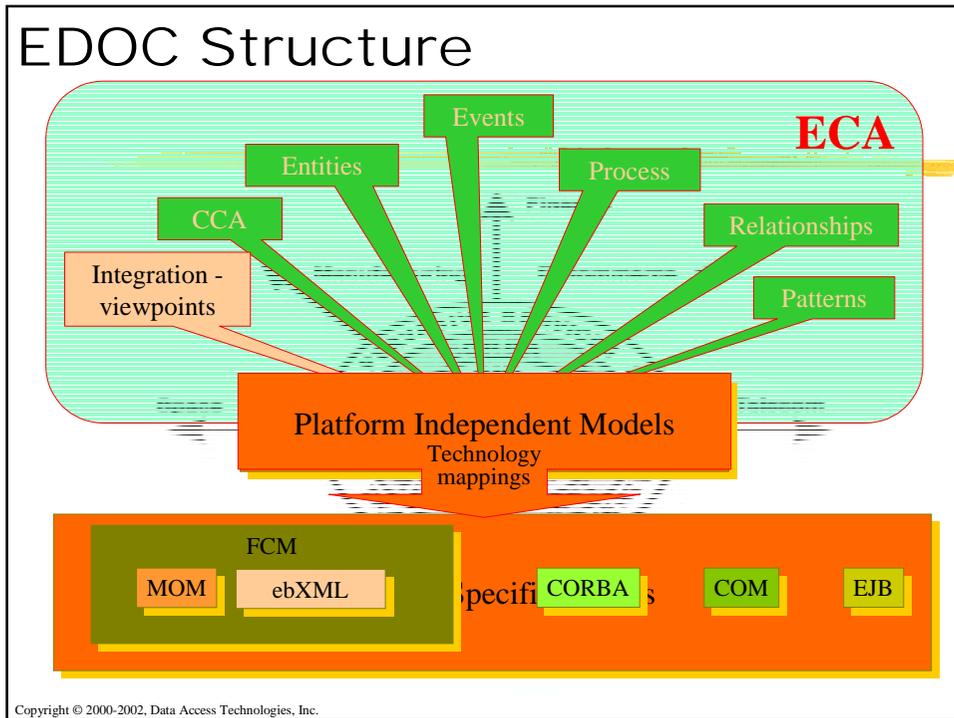


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Automated Model Driven Architecture



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Enterprise Architecture

How to slice and dice

Loose Coupling

- Loose coupling is the ability for independent parts of systems to be built and evolve independently
- Tightly coupled systems
 - Prevent change (the next legacy system)
 - Cause lock-in
 - Become unmanageable
 - Prevent reuse
- Quality architecture is essential for loose coupling

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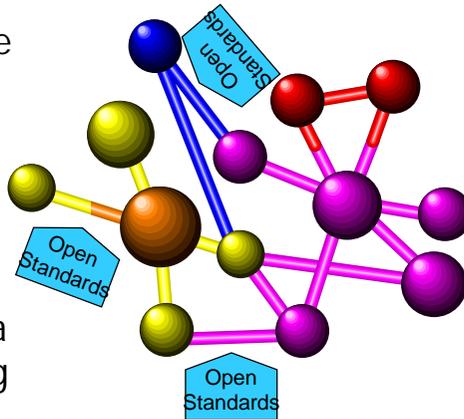
Architecture Goals

- Create a system from loosely coupled "enterprise components" that can evolve independently
- Provide well defined interfaces and interaction points between these enterprise components
- Make each enterprise component a reusable asset that can serve many business processes
- Build the information system as a community of interacting enterprise components
- Utilize open standards such as XML, EJB and Corba to integrate the enterprise components

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Enterprise Components

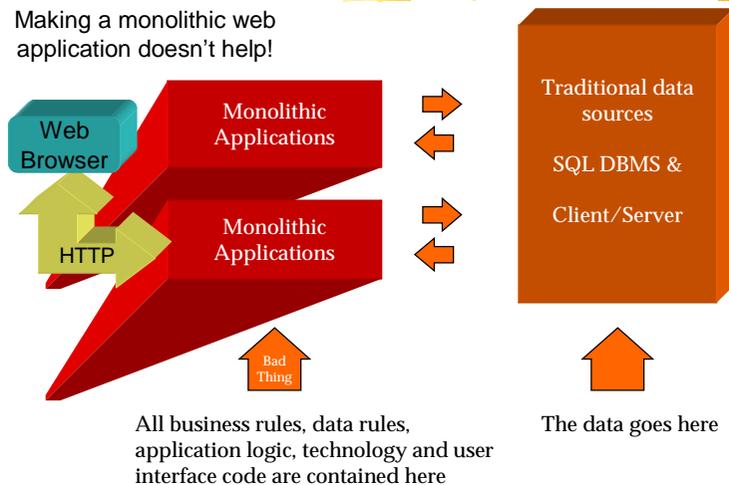
- Enterprise Components must be independent
- While being able to interoperate with each other
- Making the information system a lattice of cooperating components



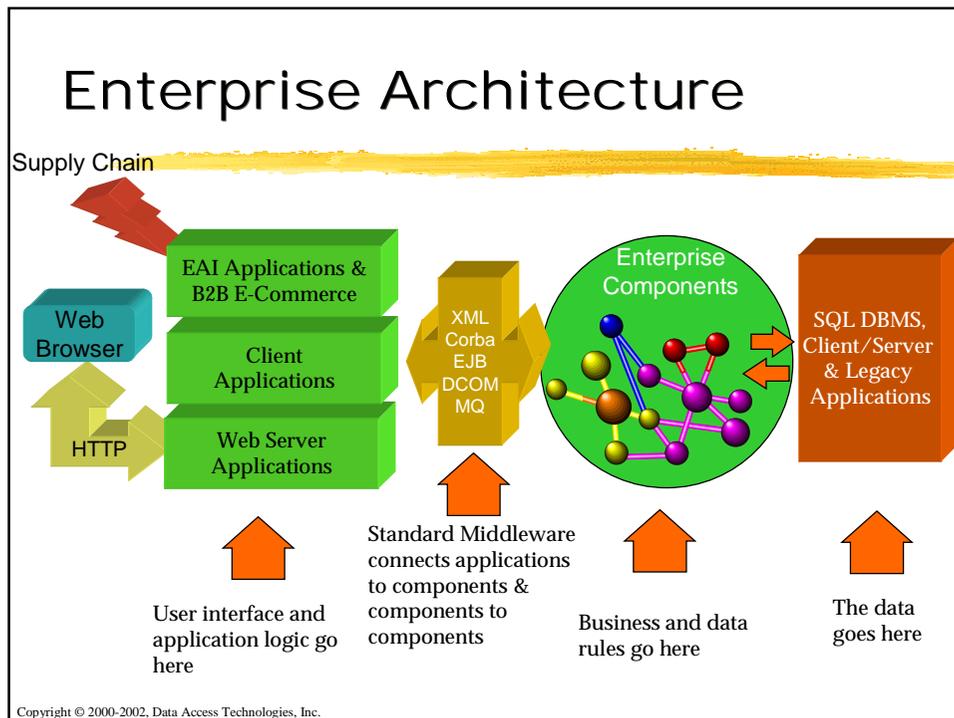
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Poor Monolithic Architecture

Making a monolithic web application doesn't help!



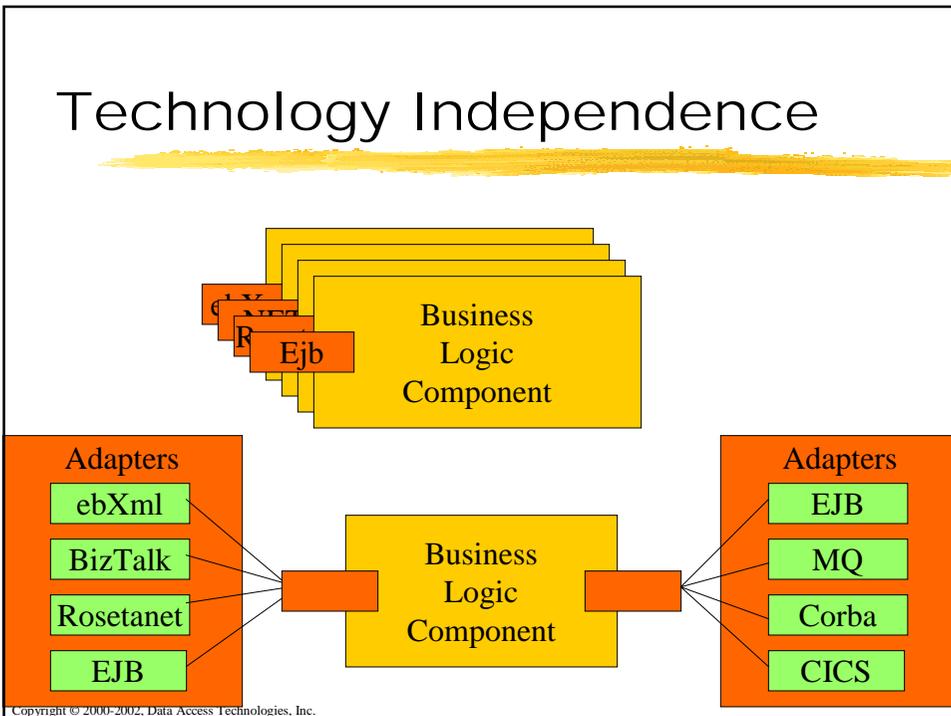
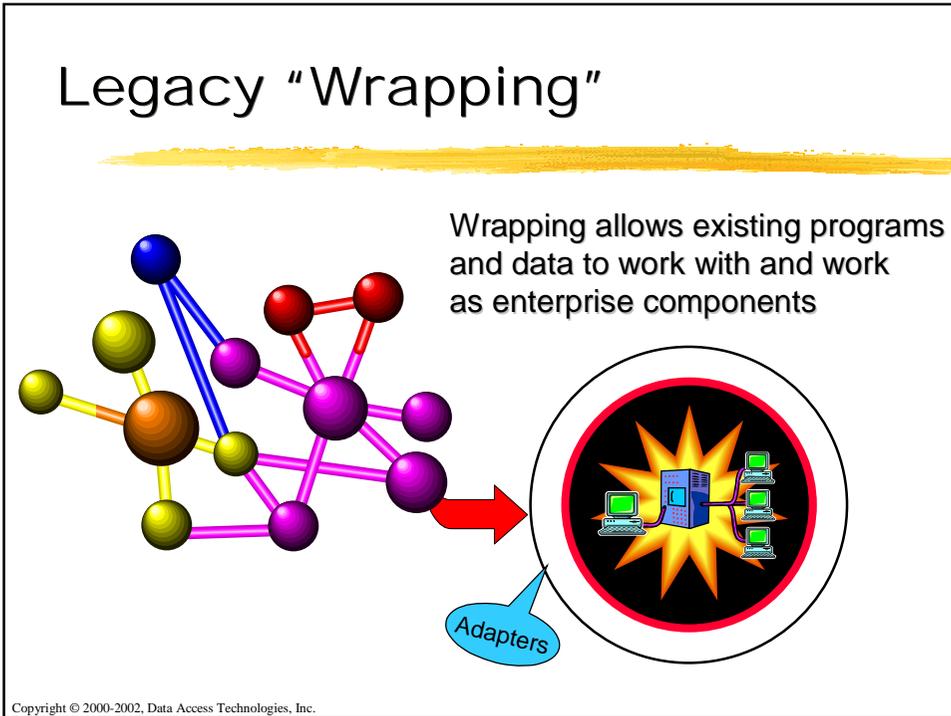
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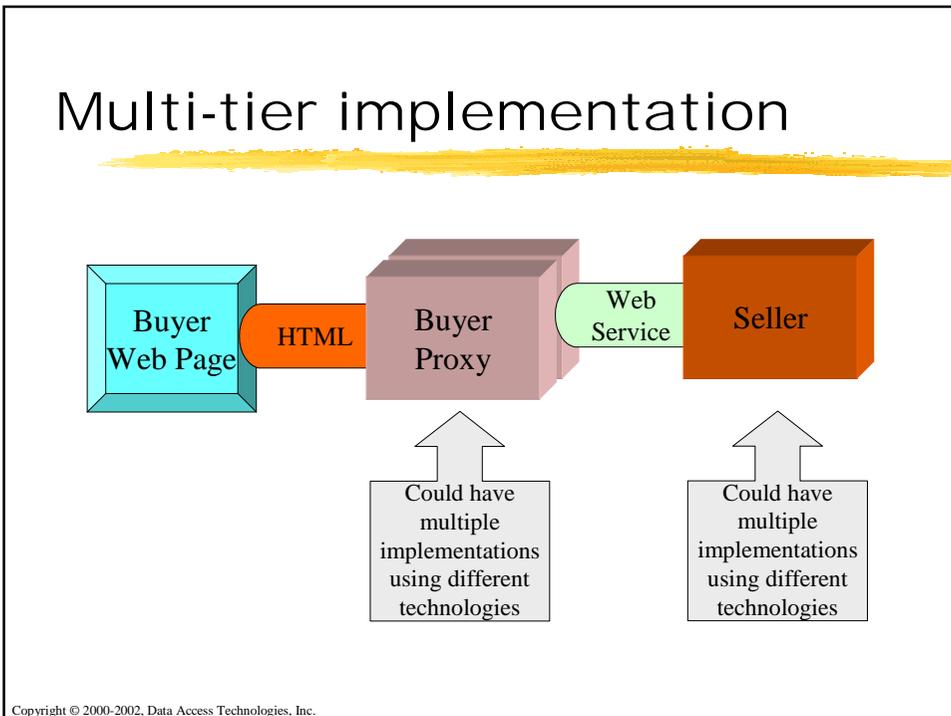
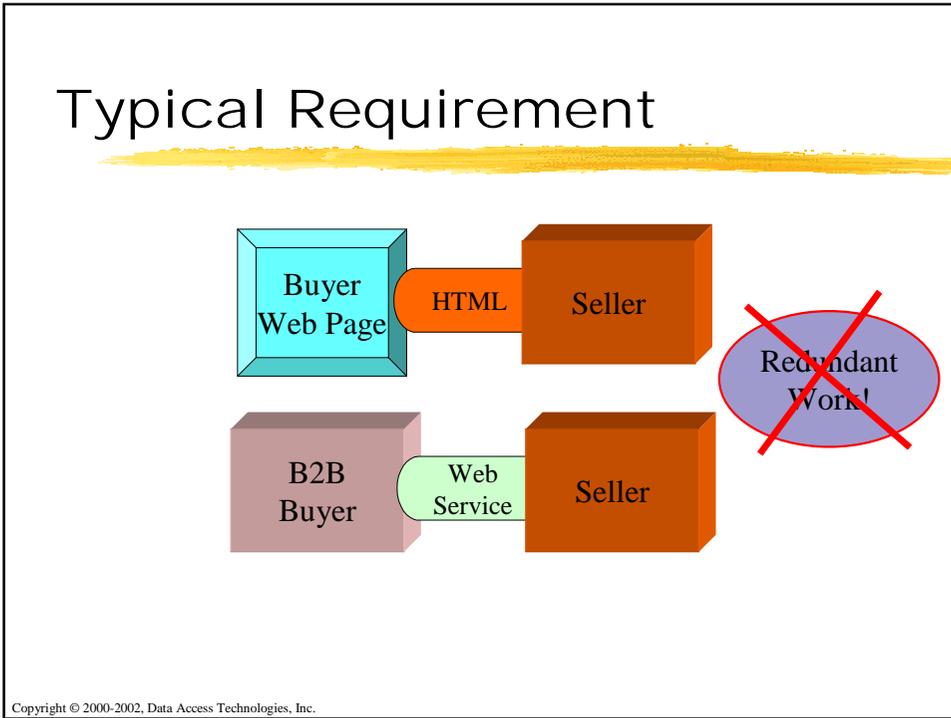


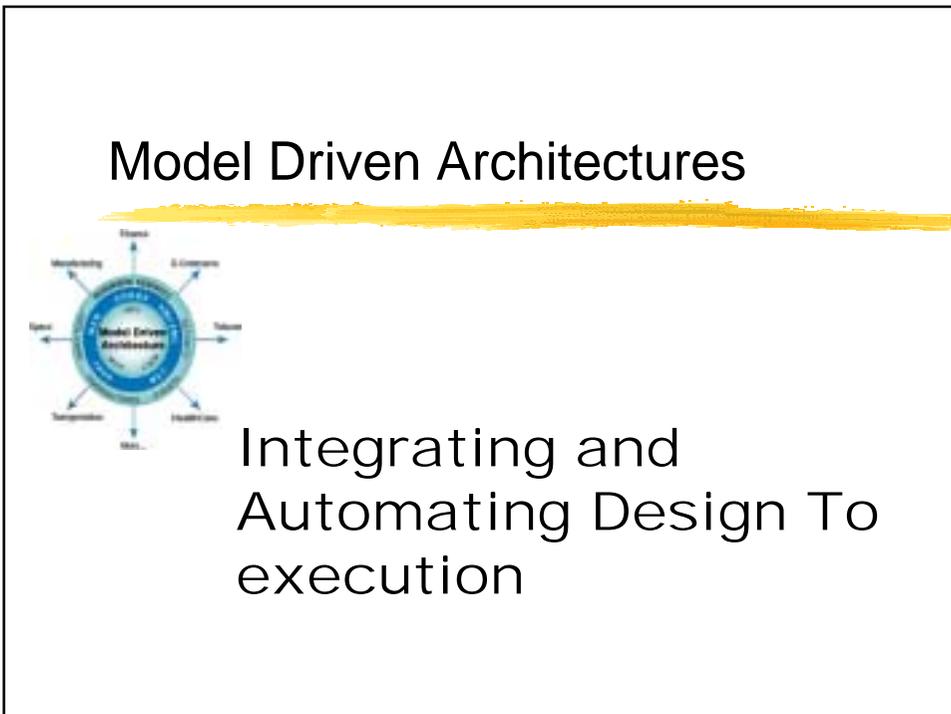
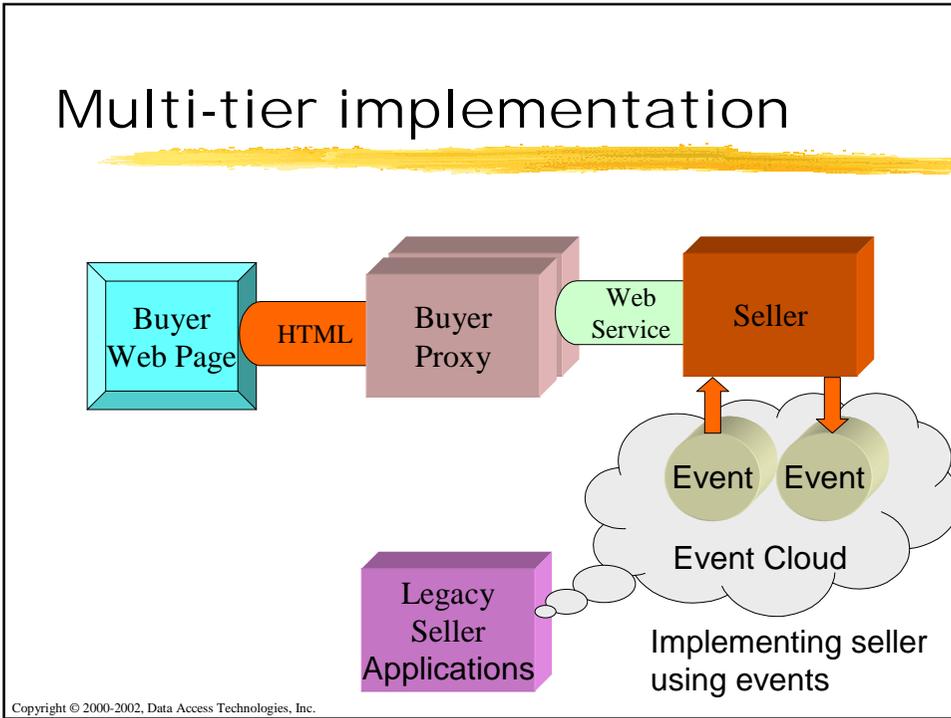
"Wrapping" Legacy Applications and Data

- Enterprise Components are defined in terms of their external contract; implementation may use existing applications
 - Can "call" existing application
 - Can read and write legacy DBMS
 - Can use "screen scraper" (Last resort)
- Legacy applications can appear as enterprise components but may not be implemented as components

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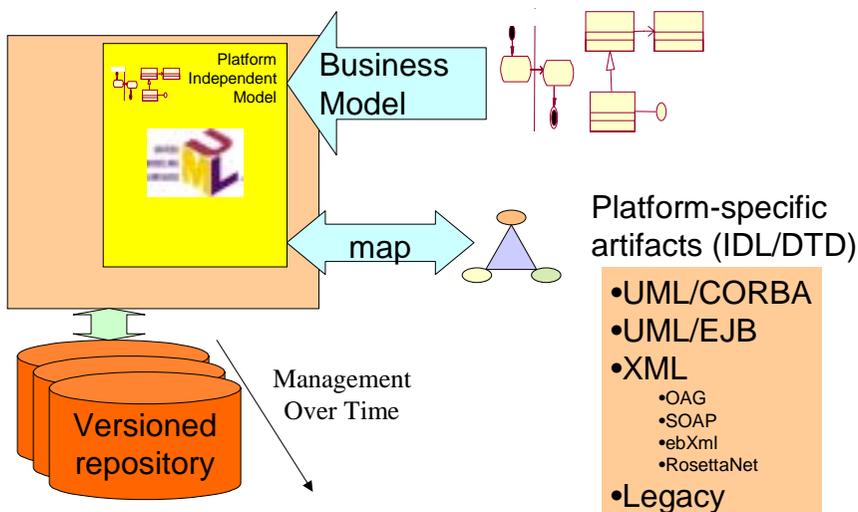


MDA Overview

- Modeling has evolved
 - Its not just pictures anymore
- Use high level UML models made precise with profiles
- With technology specific mappings
- Define and produce substantial parts of the executable system

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Models and mapping



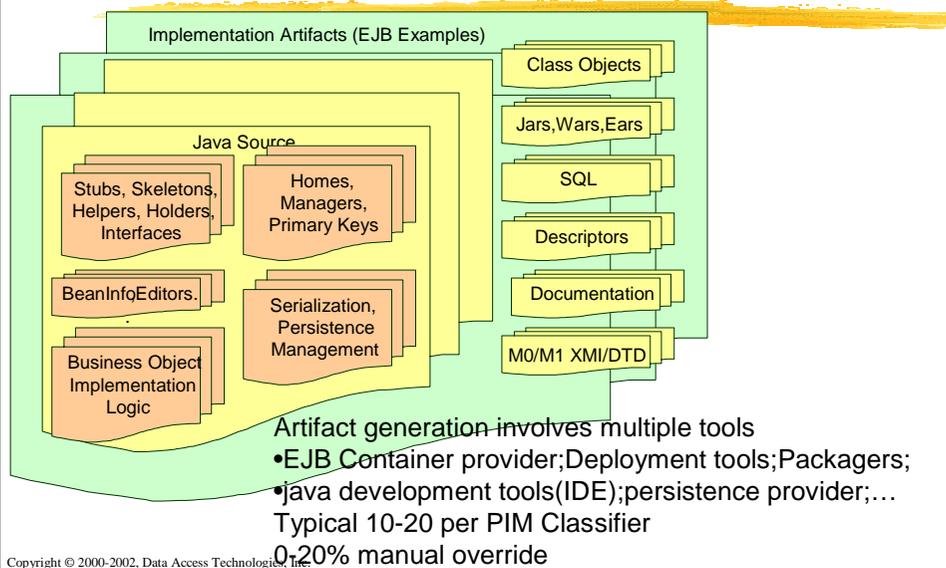
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Ways to map

- Generate code and other artifacts
 - Usually required to adapt to legacy
 - Emulates the manual process
- Assemble and configure existing generic and specific components
 - Both efficient and dynamic
- Interpret or otherwise “animate” the high-level model
 - High level & dynamic but may have performance issues

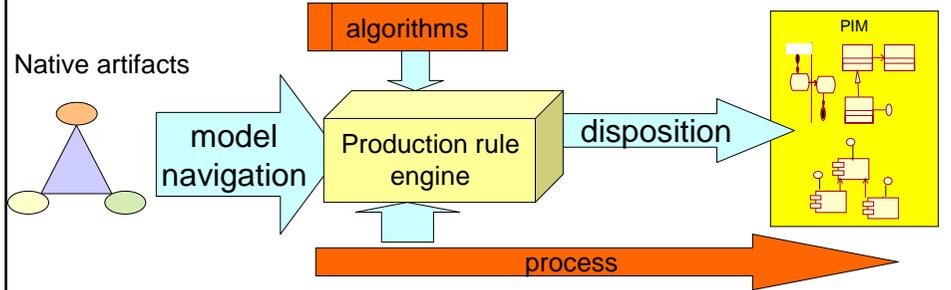
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Example Generated Artifacts



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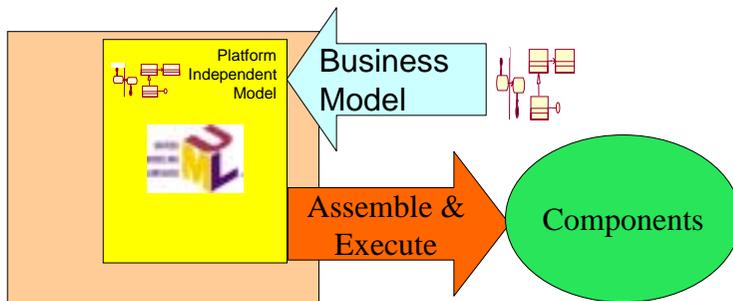
Reverse Engineering



- Native meta-model is platform-specific
 - XML DTD/Schema; java introspection; SQL tables; legacy model; etc.
- Map navigates the native meta-model, populates PIM
- Limited semantic recovery
 - Information and middleware models work best

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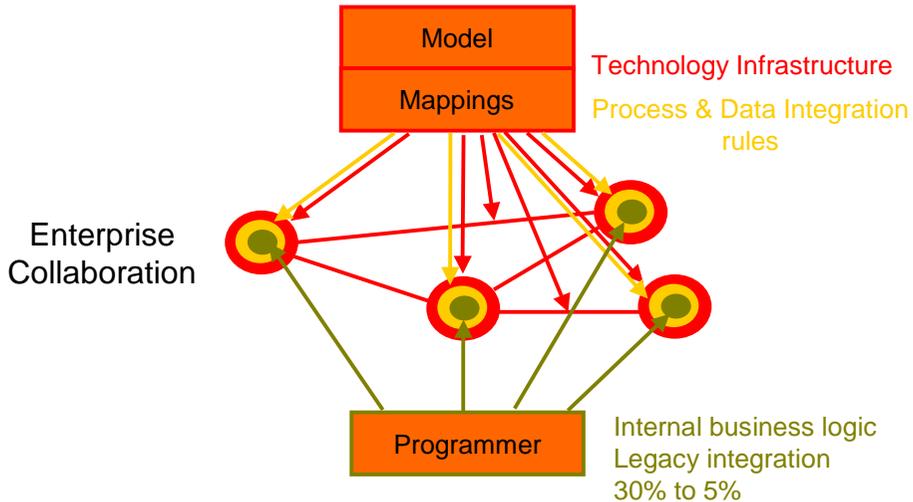
MDA and Components



Enabled but not required

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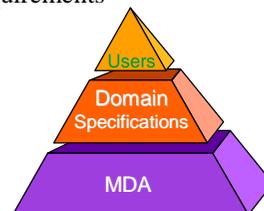
What can we automate?



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Summary of MDA benefits

- Isolates domain specifications from platform details
 - Reduces complexity
 - Preserves domain model semantics
 - Increases stability and lifetime
 - Generates to platform/legacy of choice
- Decreased development time
 - fast iterative development
 - separation between the engineering and business requirements
- Increased quality.
- Builds on industry directions



Collaborations and Roles

Conceptual Foundation

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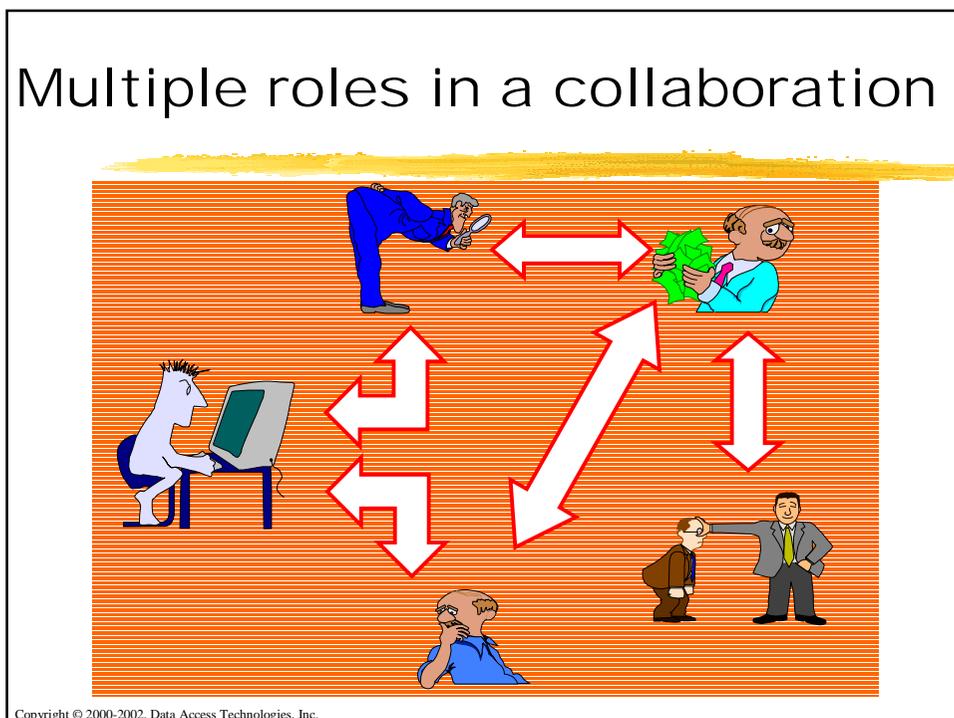
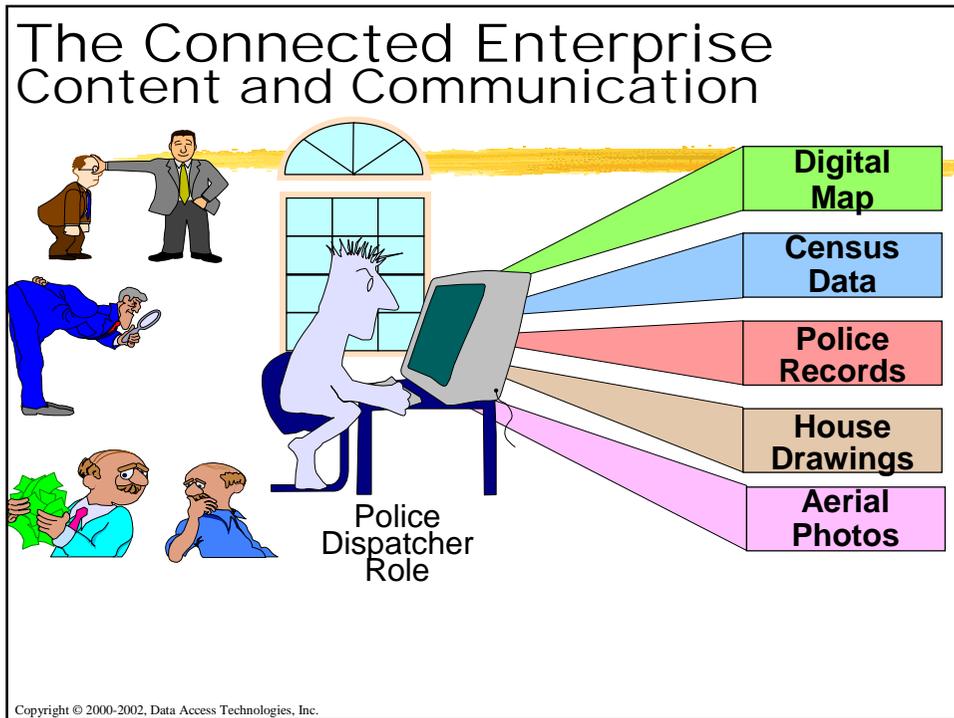
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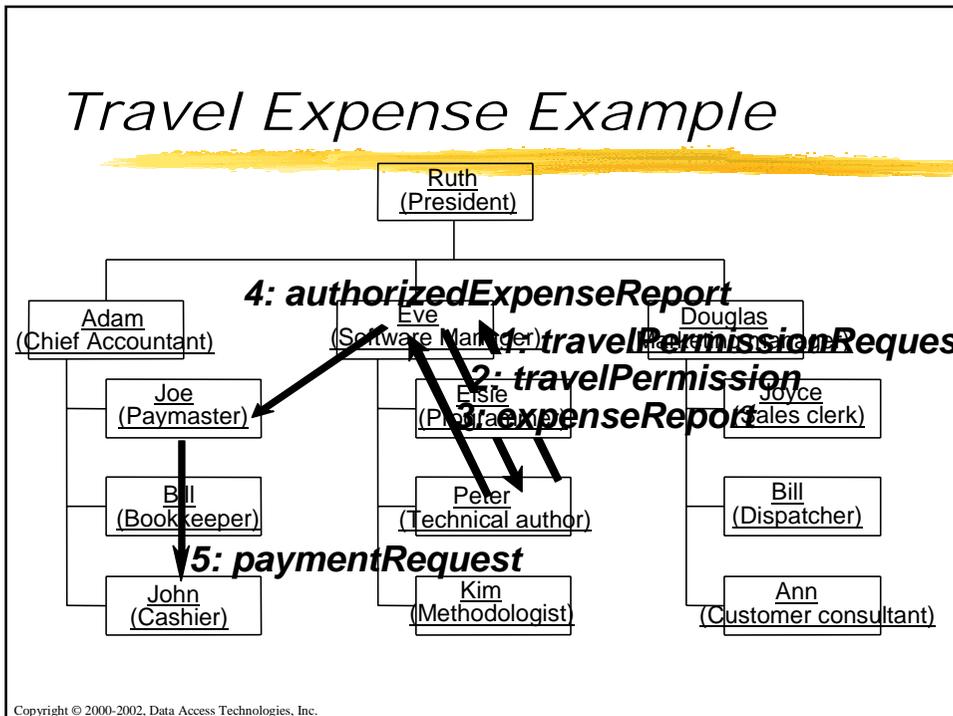
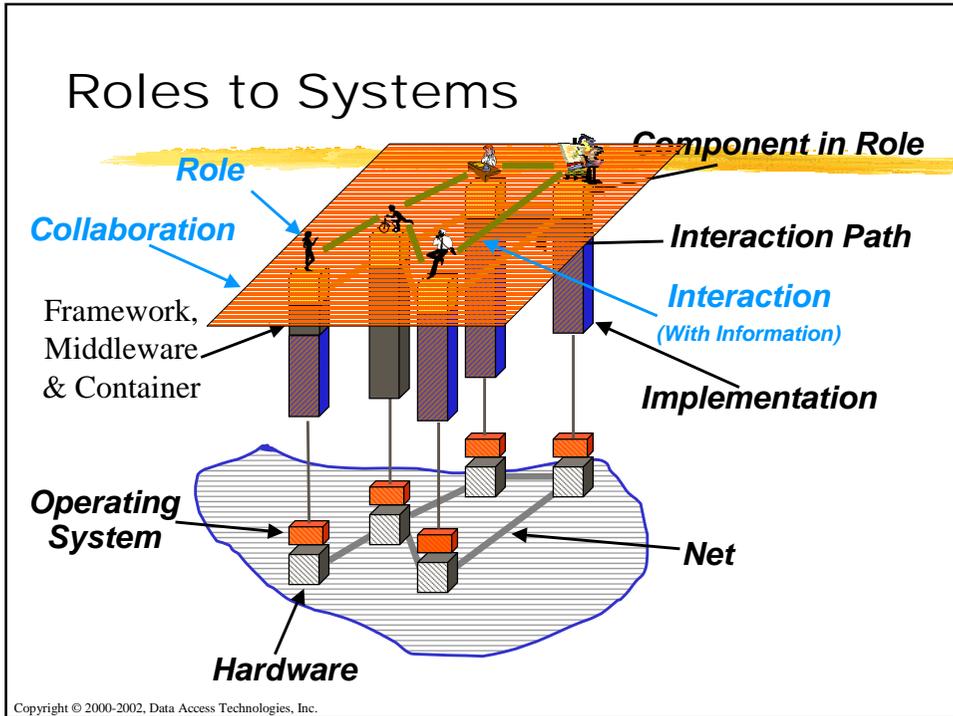
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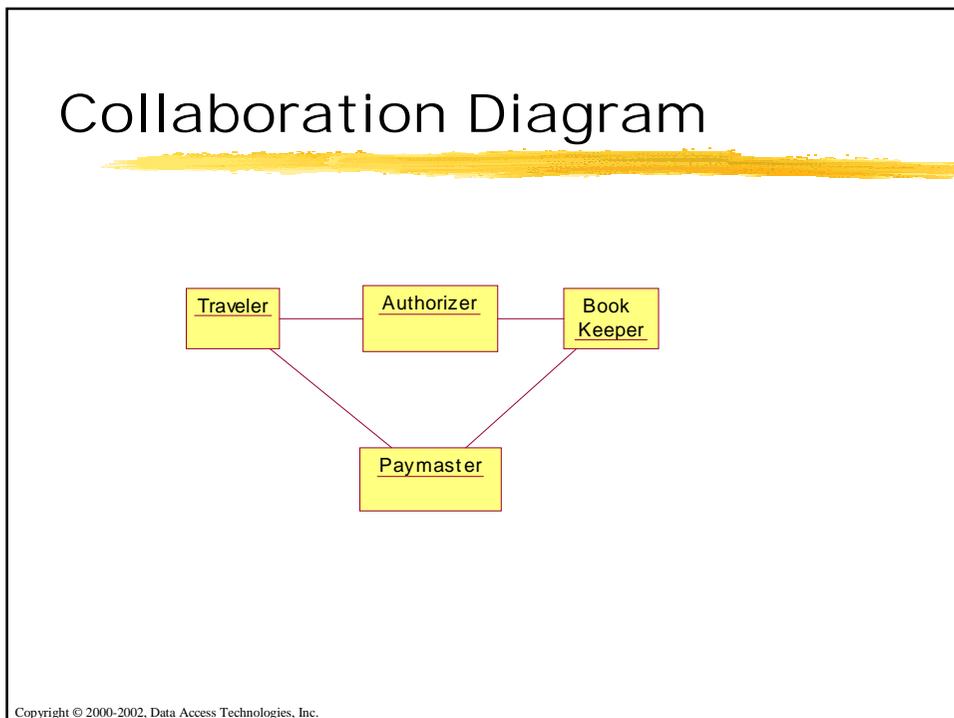
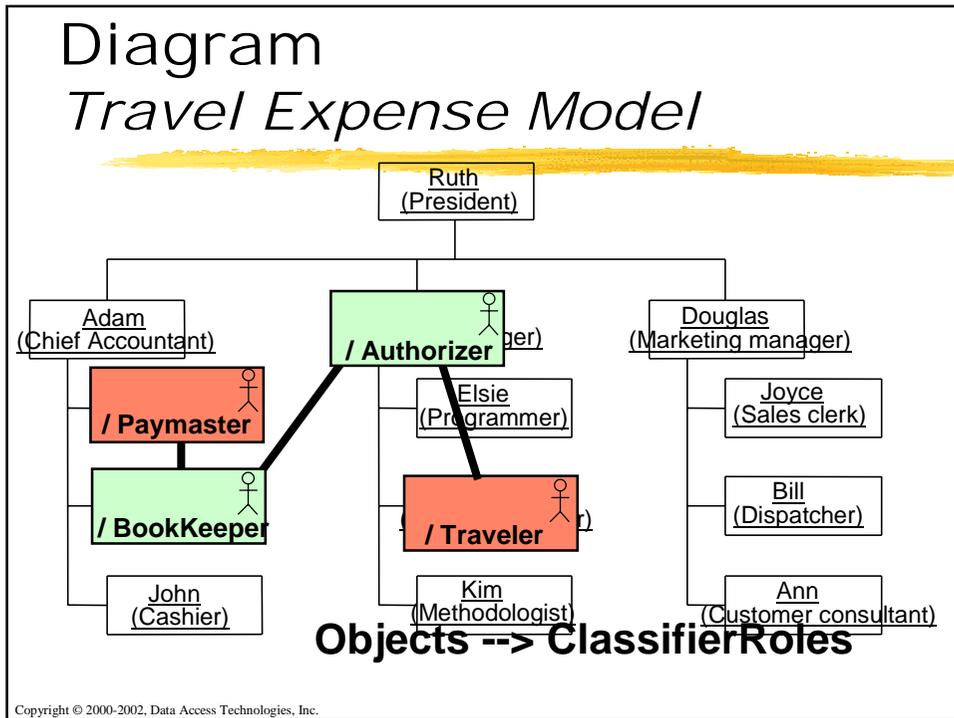
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Travel Permission Decision *Travel Expense System*

Traveler Period Planned cost

Purpose

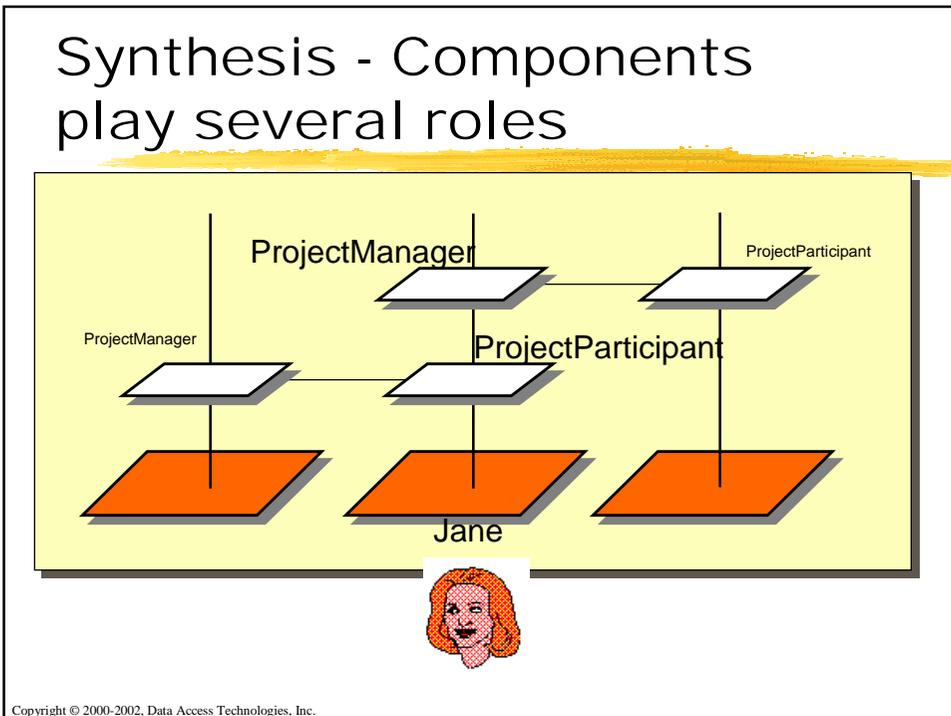
Current plan for Peter

activity 1	-----					
activity 2	-----					
activity 3	-----					
week	10	11	12	13	14	15

Budget + commitments

Item	Budget	Committed
Travel	10,000	4,000

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Discussion Point

- What are other ways of representing business semantics?
- What role do these play?
 - Business Processes
 - Information Models (DBMS)
 - Events
 - Workflow
 - Internet
- What is used internally?

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Standards for Global Internet Computing



XML Standards

- XML Schema & DTD
 - Description and packaging of data
- WSDL
 - Specification a services, operations and flows available via that service
- Soap
 - Basic messaging and packaging
 - Extensions for Soap-RPC with WSDL
 - May be extended to support collaborative messaging

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Vision

- EDOC (a UML Profile)
 - Provide an architecture for open collaborative computing
 - Simplify the development of component based distributed systems by means of a modeling framework, based on UML 1.4
 - Provide a platform independent, recursive collaboration based modeling approach supporting multiple technologies.
 - Embrace Model Driven Architectures (MDA) – Provide design and infrastructure models and mapping
- ebXML
 - Creating a single global electronic market
 - Includes process specification, transport and repositories
 - Collaboration Oriented

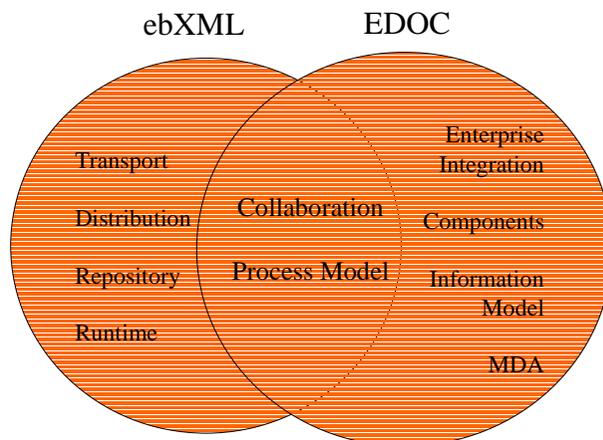
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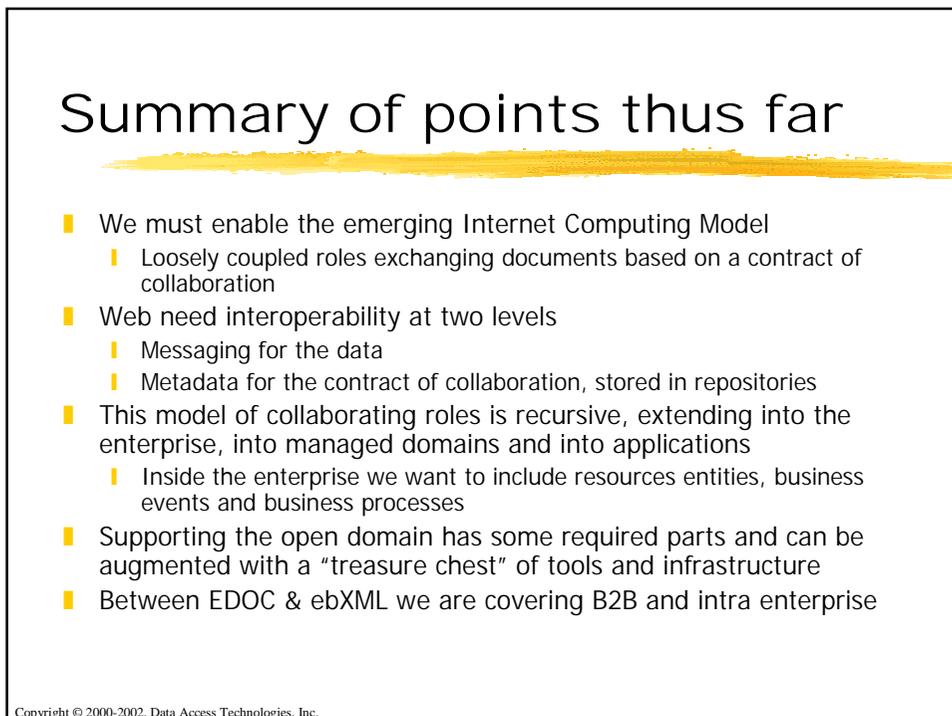
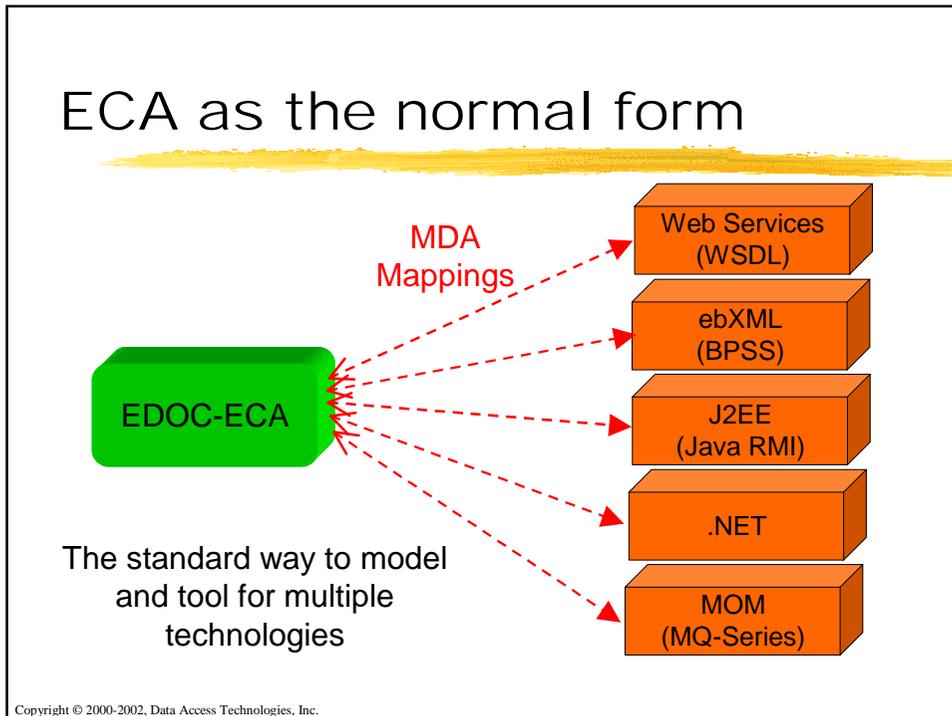
- Java Process Components
- Uses ECA (CCA) as the baseline component model
- Asynchronous document exchange
- Component composition
- A J2EE technology mapping for ECA
- Will make J2EE an excellent integration and web services platform

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ebXML & EDOC



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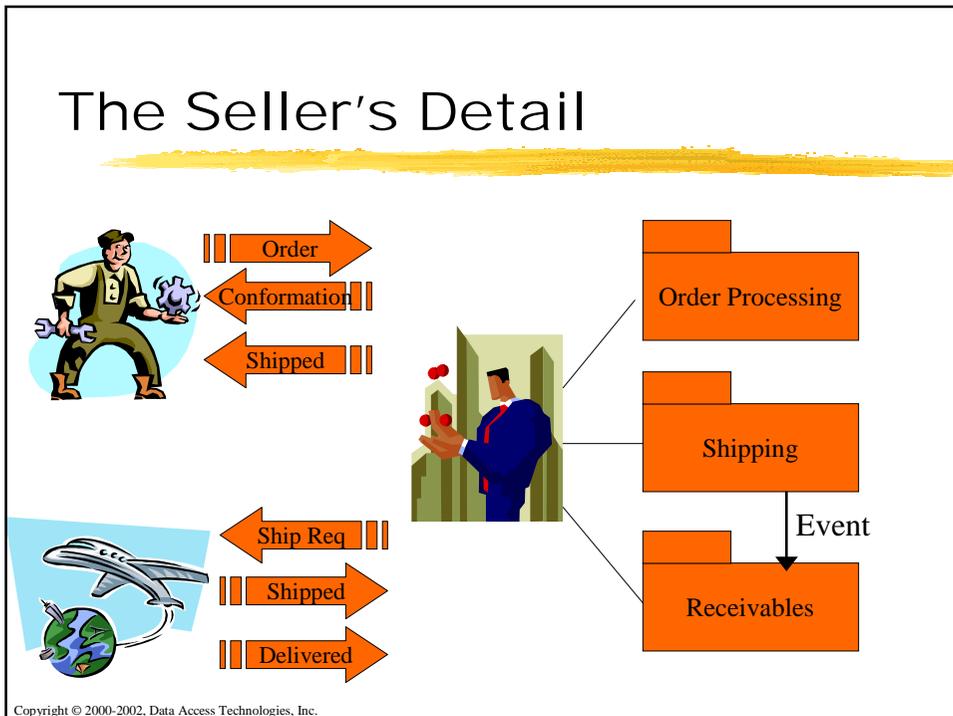
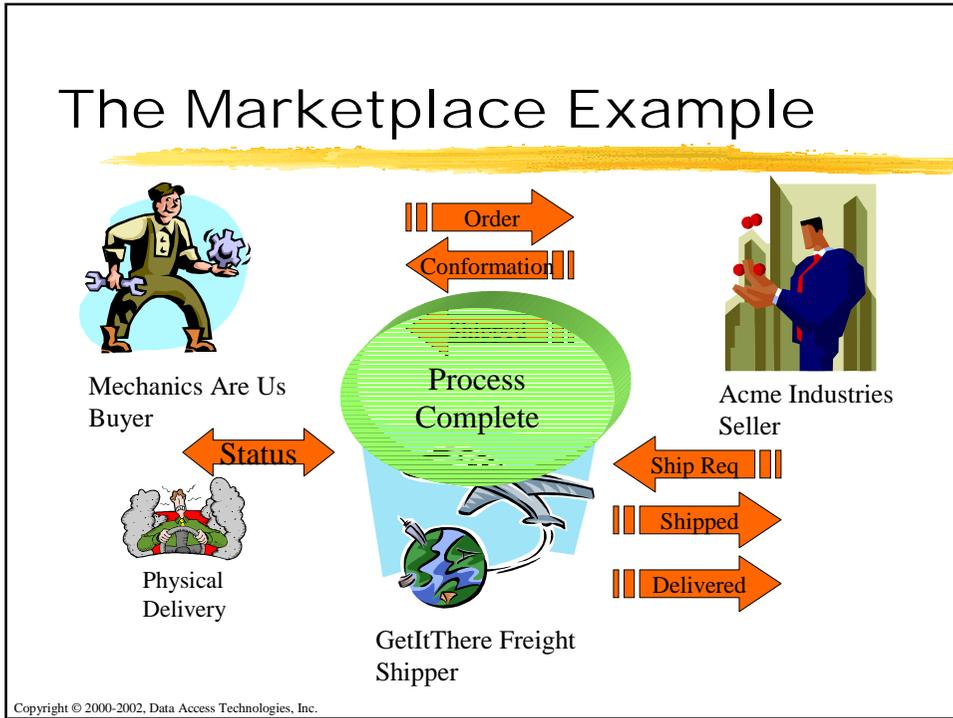
Back to EDOC

How to realize global
collaborations

EDOC Component Collaboration Architecture



The model of
collaborative
work



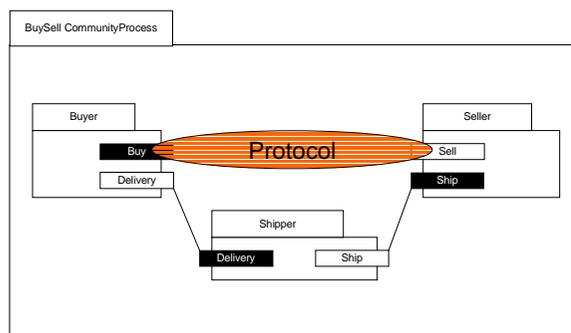
Parts of a CCA Specification

- Structure of process components and protocols
 - Process components, ports, protocols and documents
 - ┆ Class Diagram or CCA Notation
- Composition of process components
 - How components are used to specify components
 - ┆ Collaboration diagram or CCA Notation
- Choreography
 - Ordering of flows and protocols in and between process components
 - ┆ Activity Diagram

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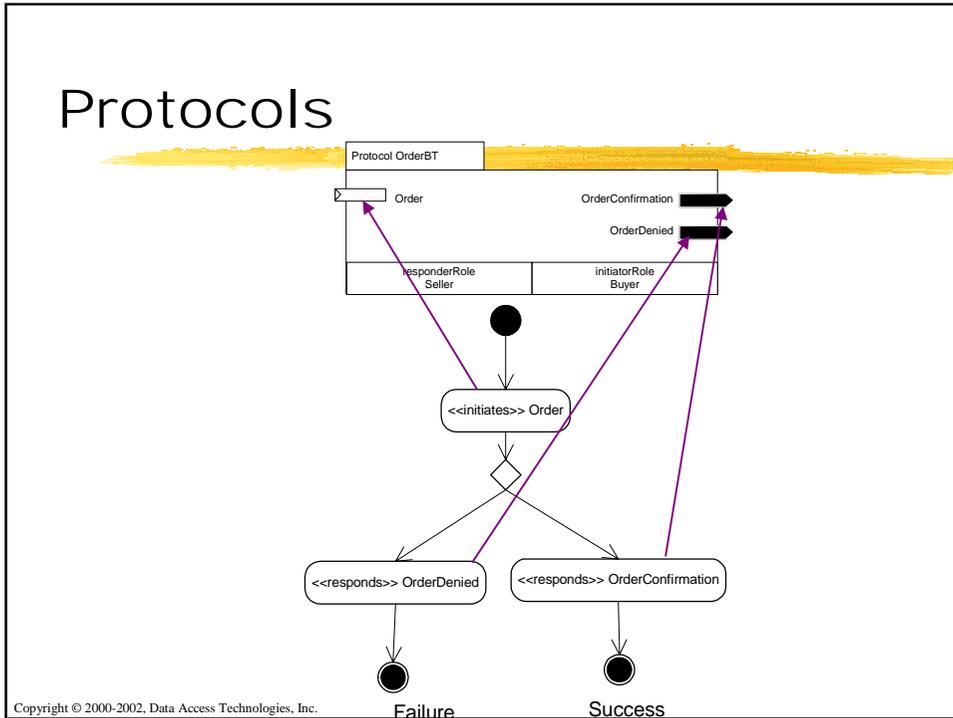
The Community Process

- Identify a “community process”, the roles and interactions in a collaboration

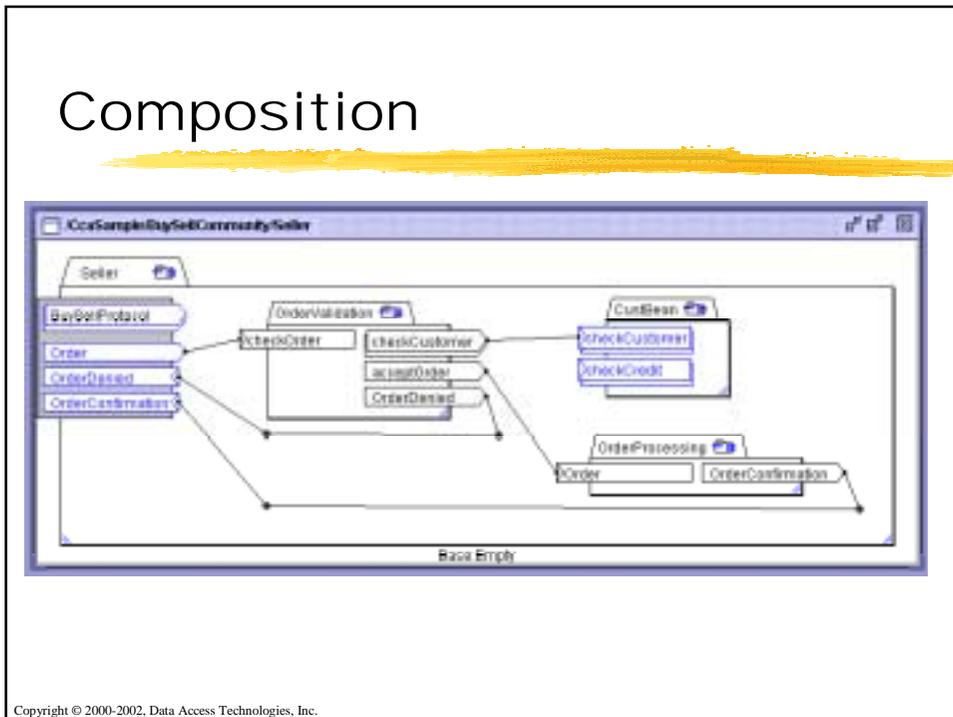


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Protocols



Composition

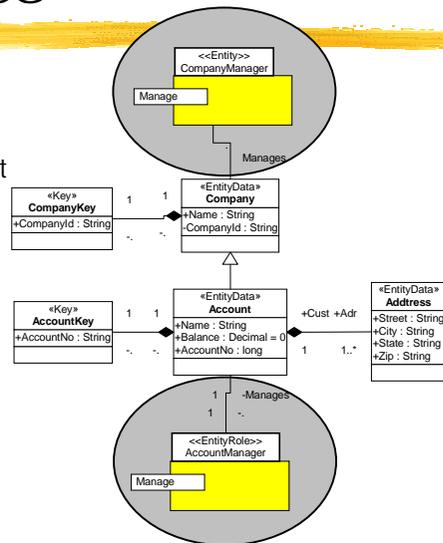


ECA Entity Profile

The model of things
Data Inside a "shared domain"

Adding Entities

- Entities are added to manage entity data
- Entity Roles are managers that provides a view of the same identity in another context
- The Entities have ports for managing and accessing the entities
- Non-entities which are owned by (aggregate into) an entity are managed by the entity

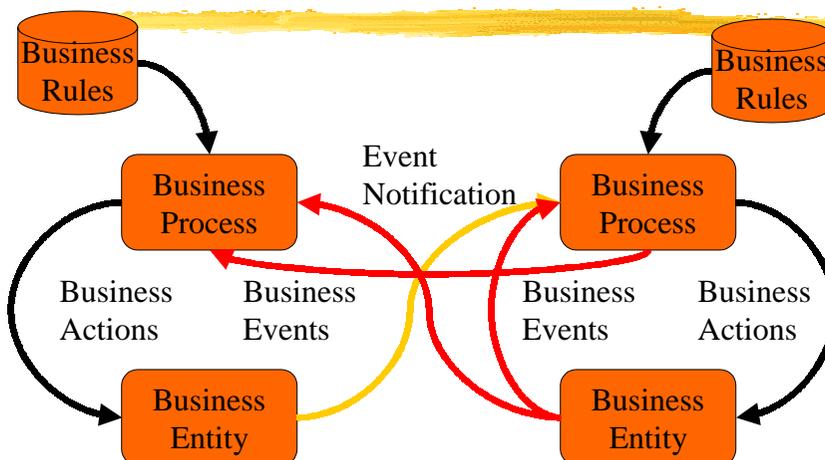


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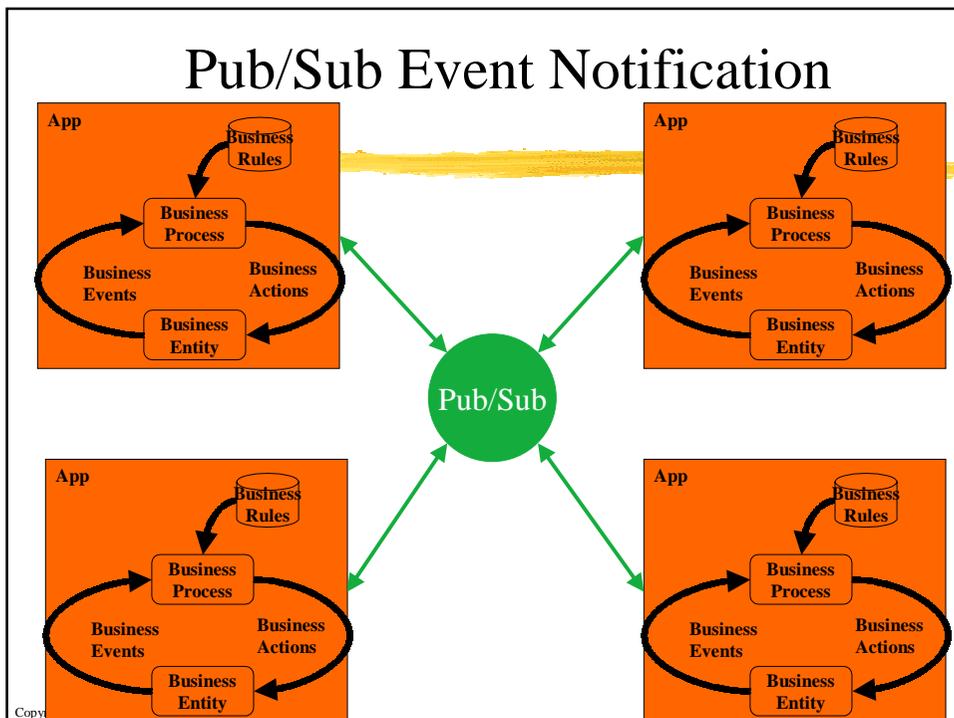
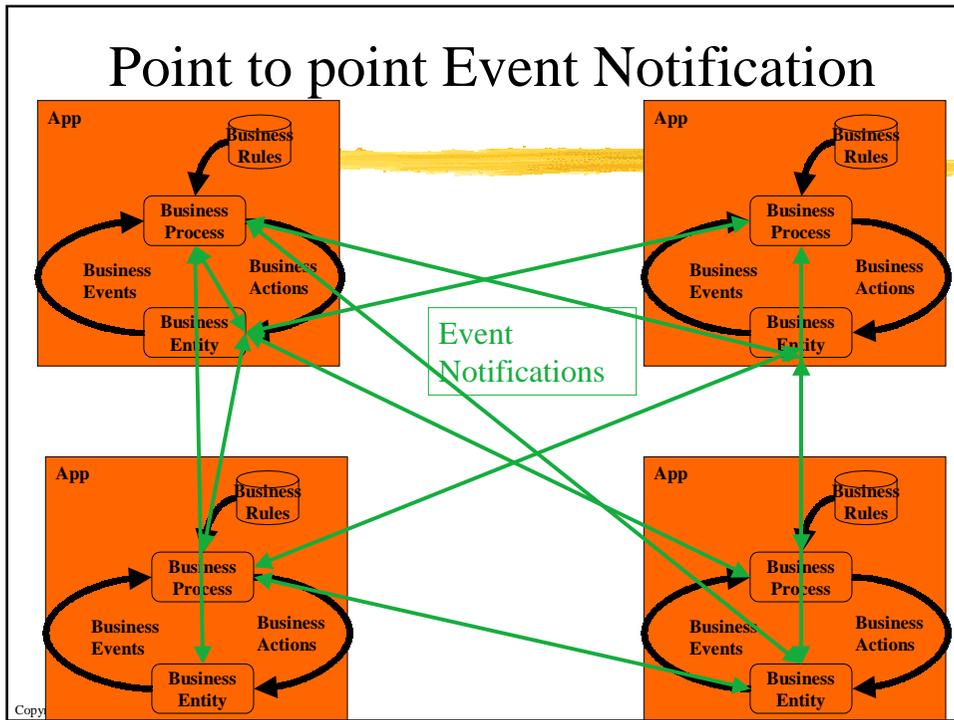
ECA Business Events

The model of when...
 Loosely coupled integration within
 the enterprise and with "aligned"
 business partners

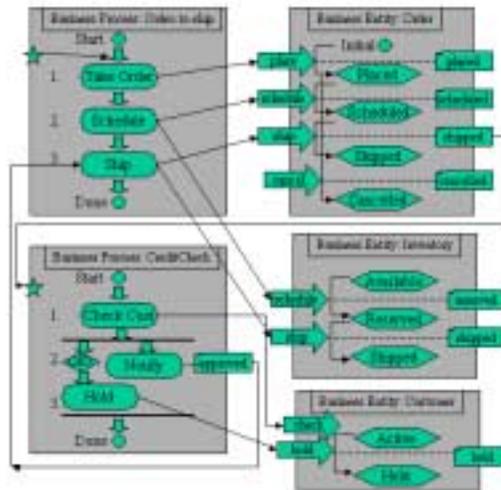
Event Based Business Processes



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Event Example



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Events or Services

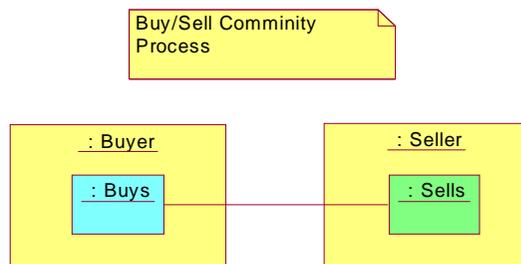
- Services - conversation between known parties
 - Good supply chain model
- Events - Actions based on notification of events
 - Parties do not know about each other!
 - More loosely coupled
 - Works best inside a managed domain (enterprise)

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EDOC CCA Example

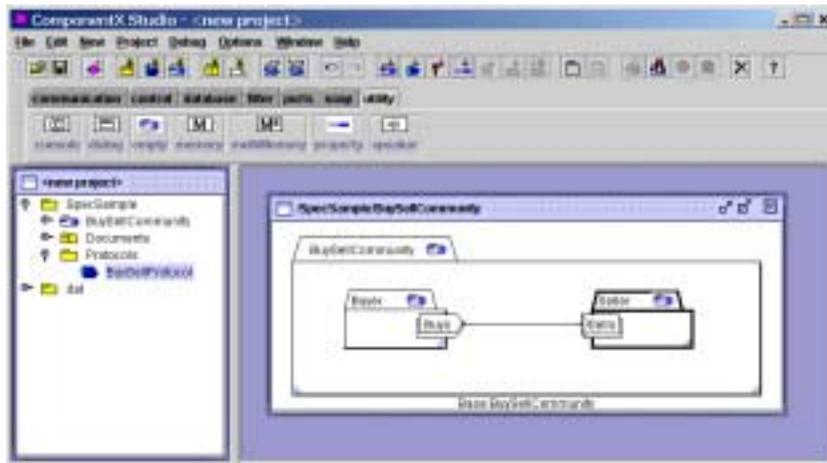
Buy-Sell Process

Community Process



UML Collaboration Diagram

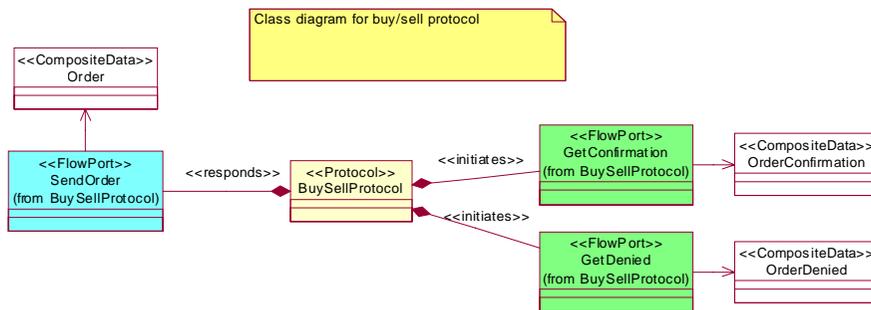
Community Process (CCA)



CCA Notation

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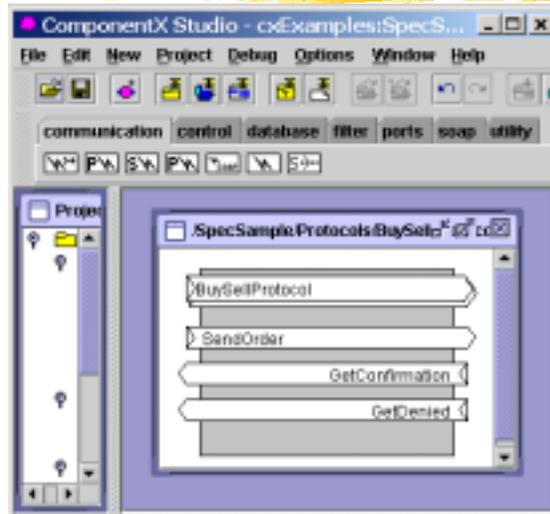
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UML Class Diagram

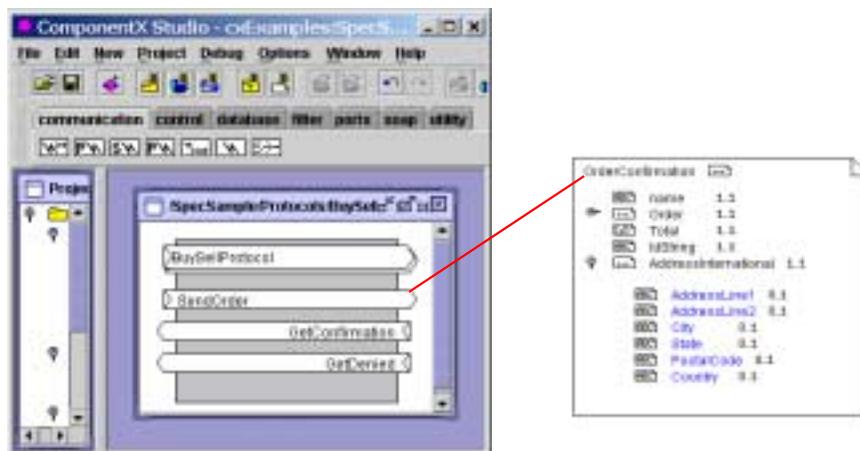
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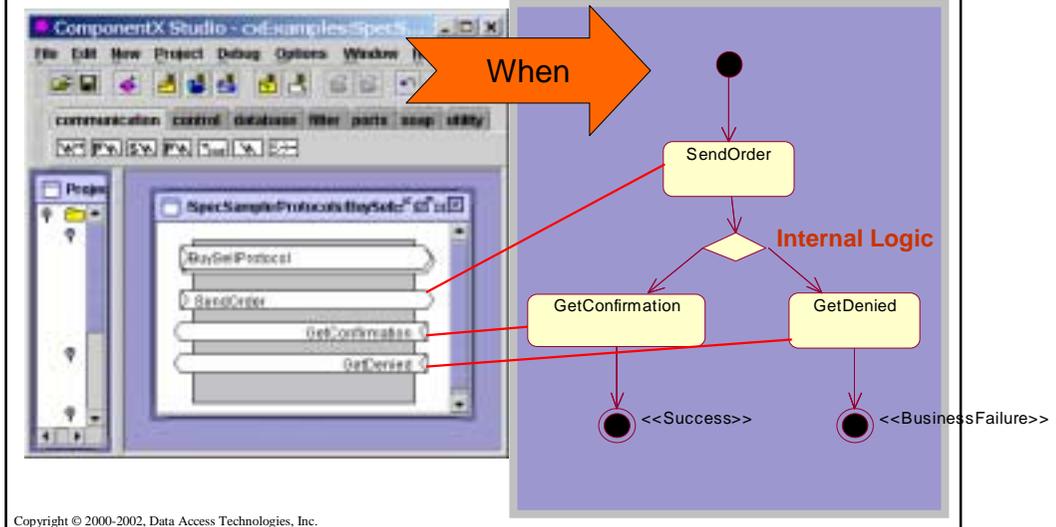
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Define Documents



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Protocol Choreography

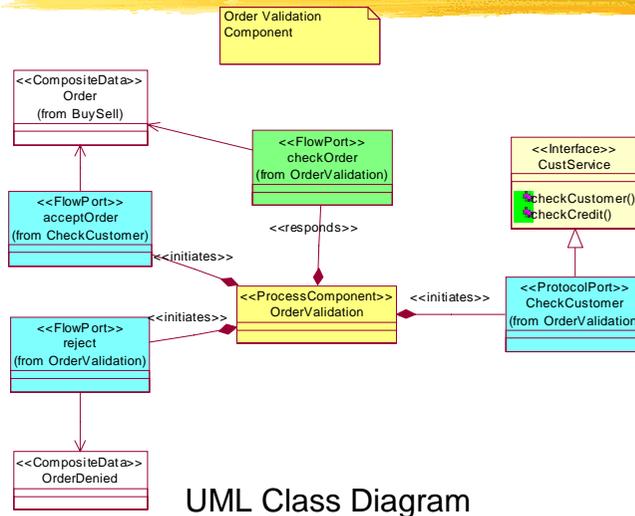


EDOC Exercise - Community

- Part one
 - Pick a collaboration from the first exercise
 - Model it with EDOC notation as a community process
- Identify an interaction
 - Specify the documents of the interaction
 - What are some of the major elements?
 - Specify any choreography

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Validation Component



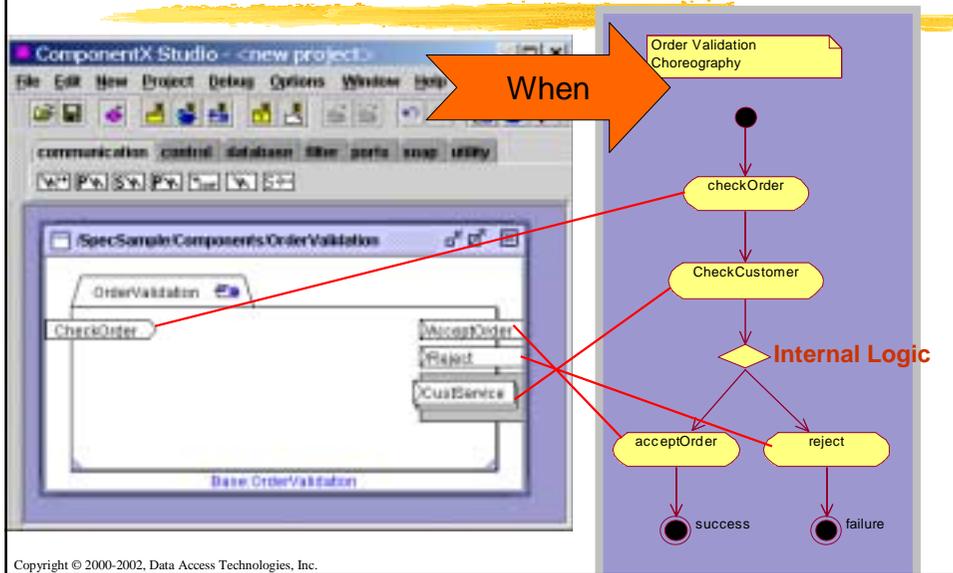
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Validation Component (CCA)



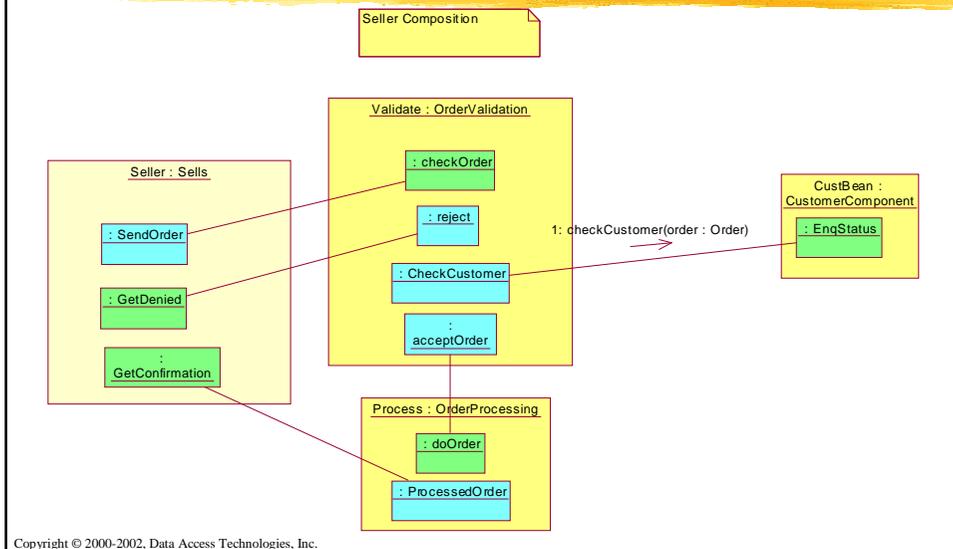
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Choreography



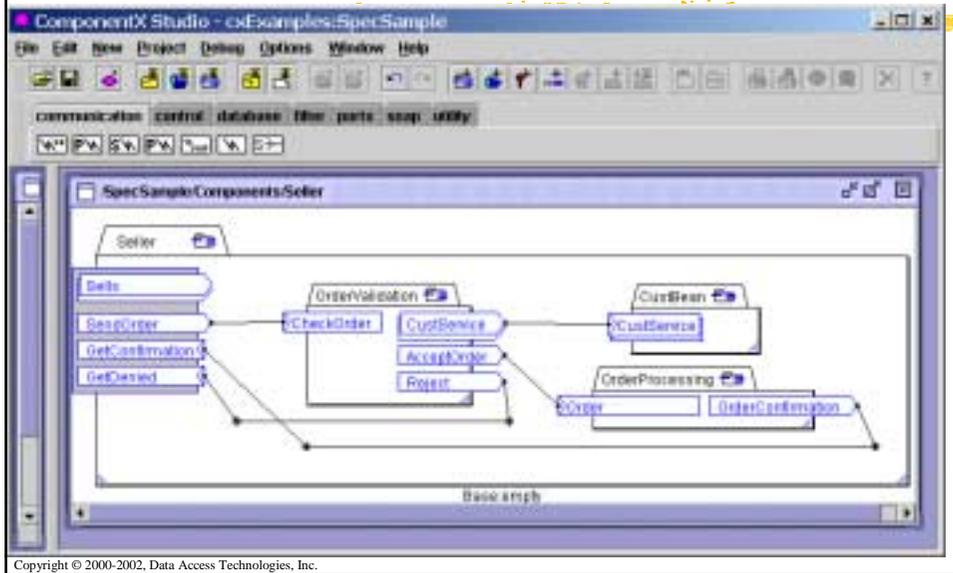
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Composition (UML Collaboration)

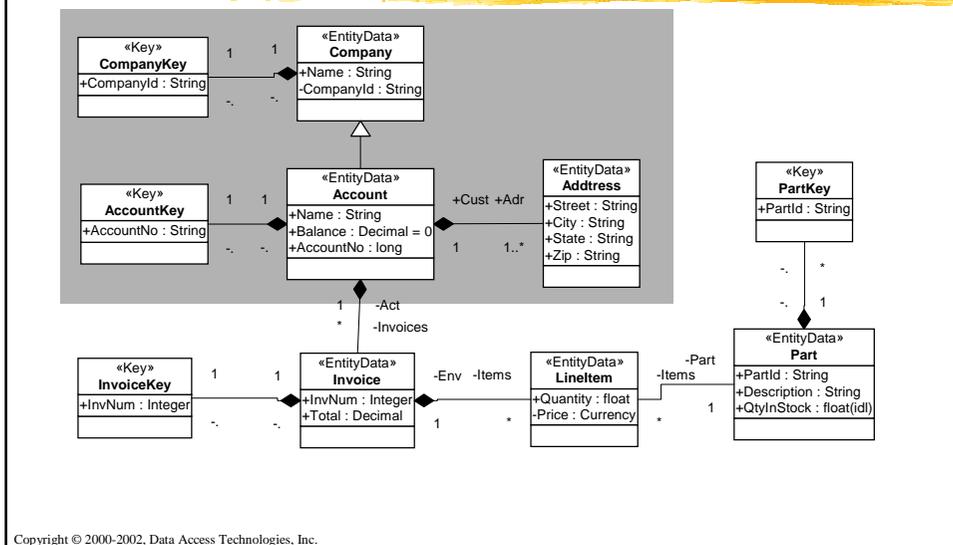


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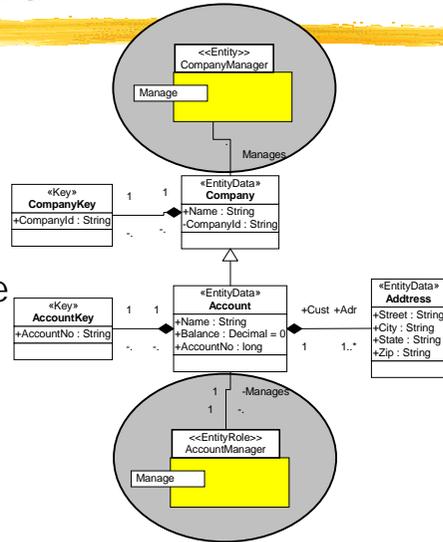


Sample Information Model



Adding Entities

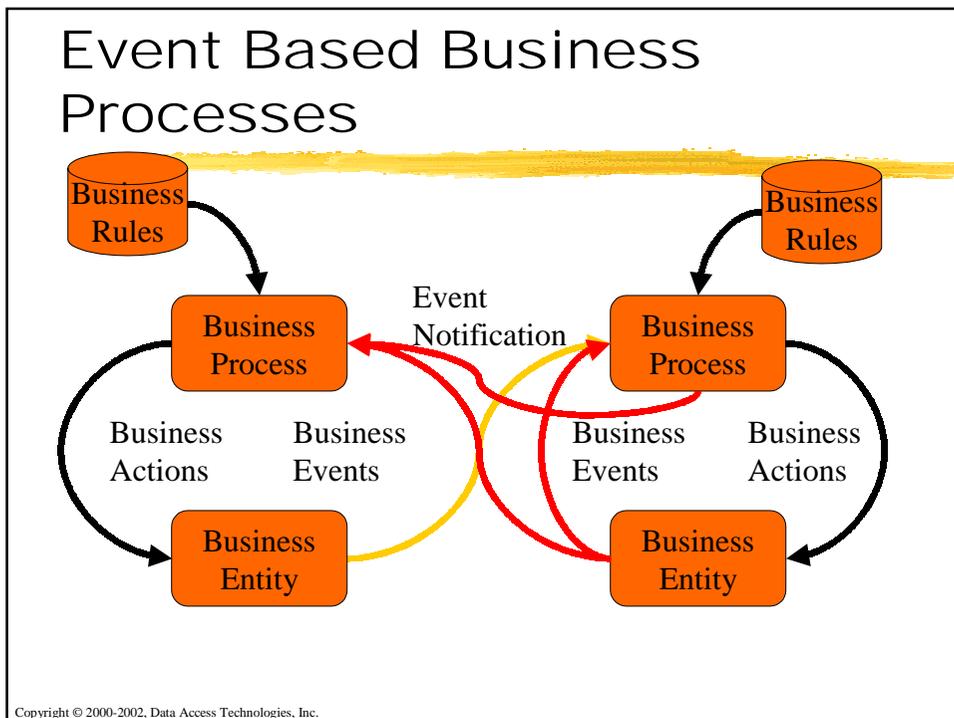
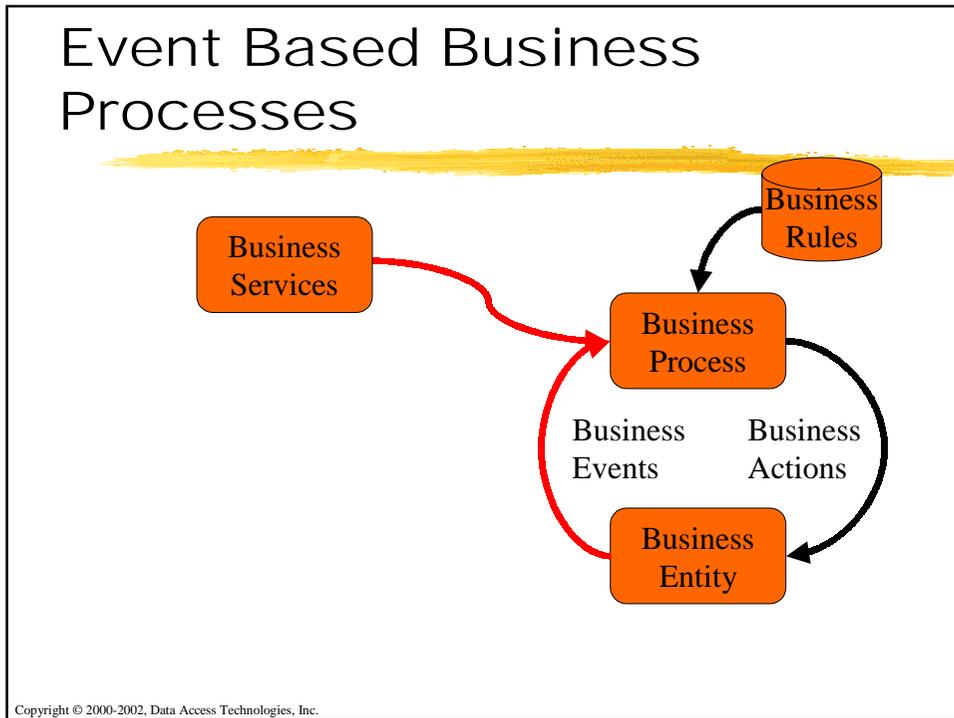
- Entities are added to manage entity data
- Entity Roles are managers that provides a view of the same identity in another context
- The Entities have ports for managing and accessing the entities



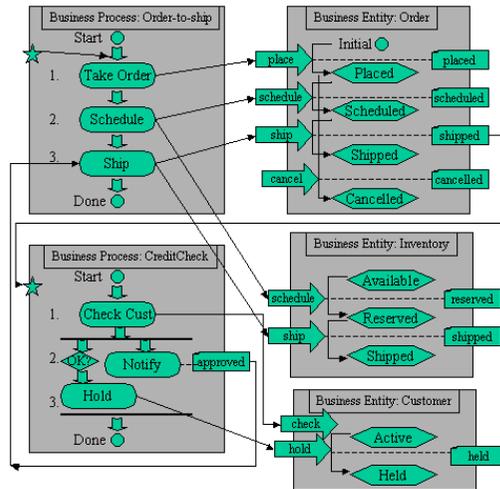
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Modeling Events

What to do when something happens



Event Example



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Does ECA map well to WSDL?

An approach to the mapping

ECA/WSDL mapping

- ECA works well as a modeling framework for WSDL
- How major concepts could map
 - WSDL Port <-> ECA Port
 - WSDL Operation <-> ECA Flow port (one way) or Operation (Two way)
 - WSDL Service <-> ECA Component
 - WSDL Port type <-> ECA Protocol
 - WSDL Message <-> ECA Document type

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WSDL/ECA Differences

- WSDL Adds
 - Technology binding and endpoints
- ECA adds
 - Choreography, nested conversations, two-way protocols, nested components.

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Web Services for Enterprise Collaboration

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- A Mapping from EDOC-Enterprise Collaboration Architecture to WSDL 1.1 with attachments and a SOAP binding.
- A Mapping from WSDL 1.1 with a Soap binding to the EDOC-Enterprise Collaboration Architecture.
- Any required extensions to the EDOC-Enterprise Collaboration Architecture to represent WSDL semantics.

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ECA Methodology

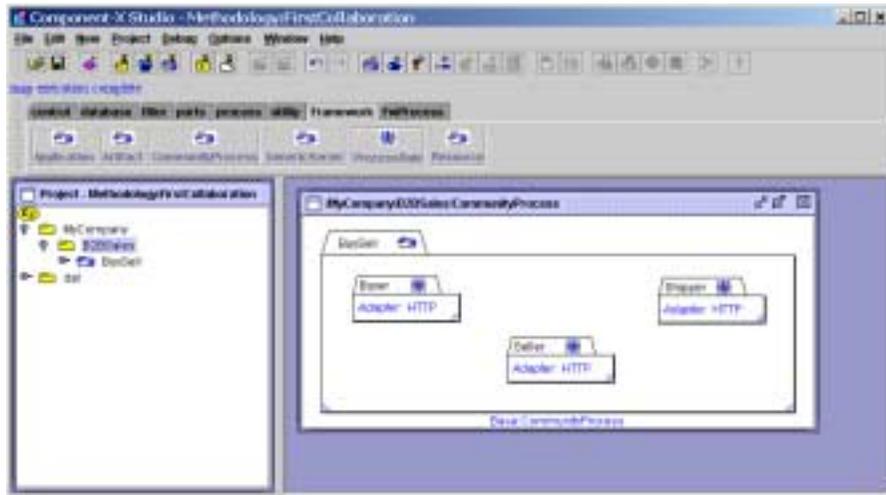
A simple methodology for creating collaborative business processes

Basic Steps

- Identify roles and organize roles into collaborations
- Define collaboration documents
- Create basic business transactions
- Organize into protocols and events
- Use protocols to define ports on roles
- Drill-down into role detail
- Implement roles
- Configure implementations for deployment with technology specifics
- Deploy

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Identifying roles and collaborations



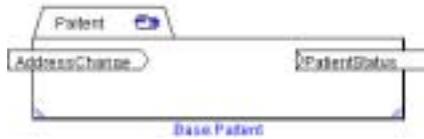
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Identify Documents



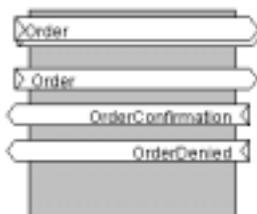
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Distinguish protocols and events



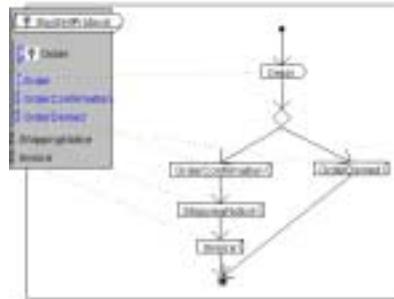
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Create Business Transactions



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Organize into protocols



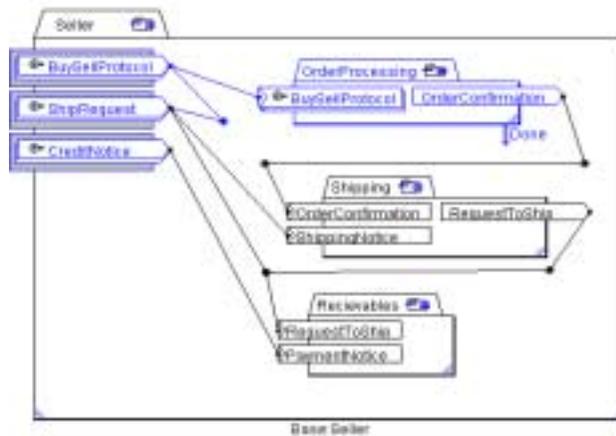
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Add ports to complete community process



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Drill-down



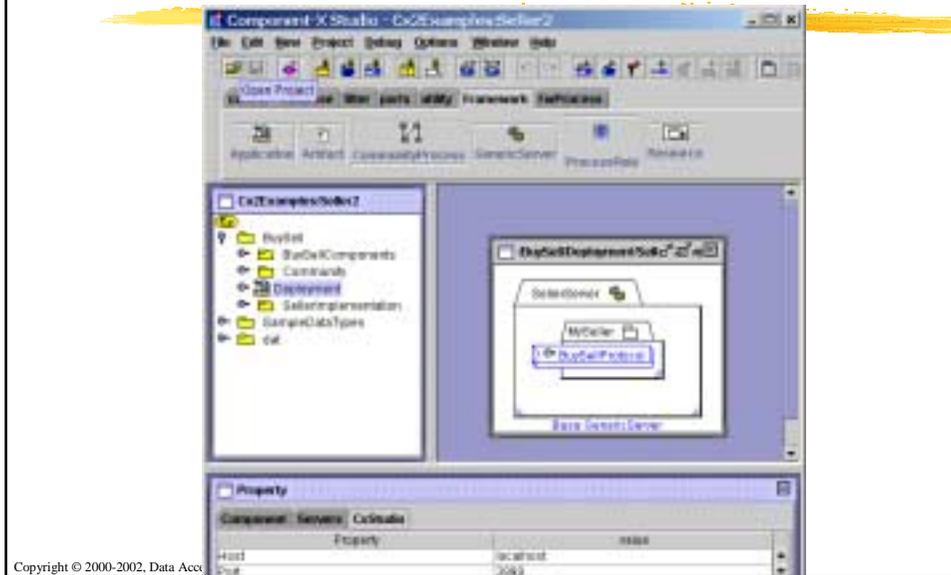
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Add implementation

- As component compositions
- In a programming language
- By using an external service

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Add technology specifics for deployment



Complete process

- Implemented roles are deployed
- Completing the process

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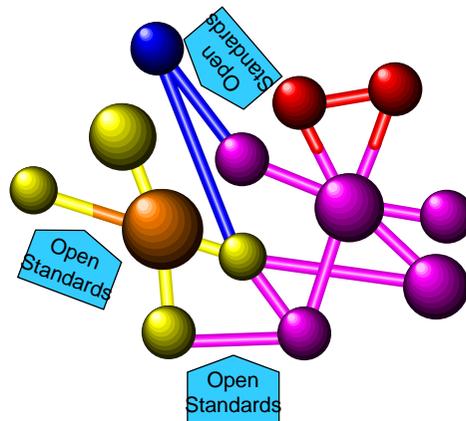
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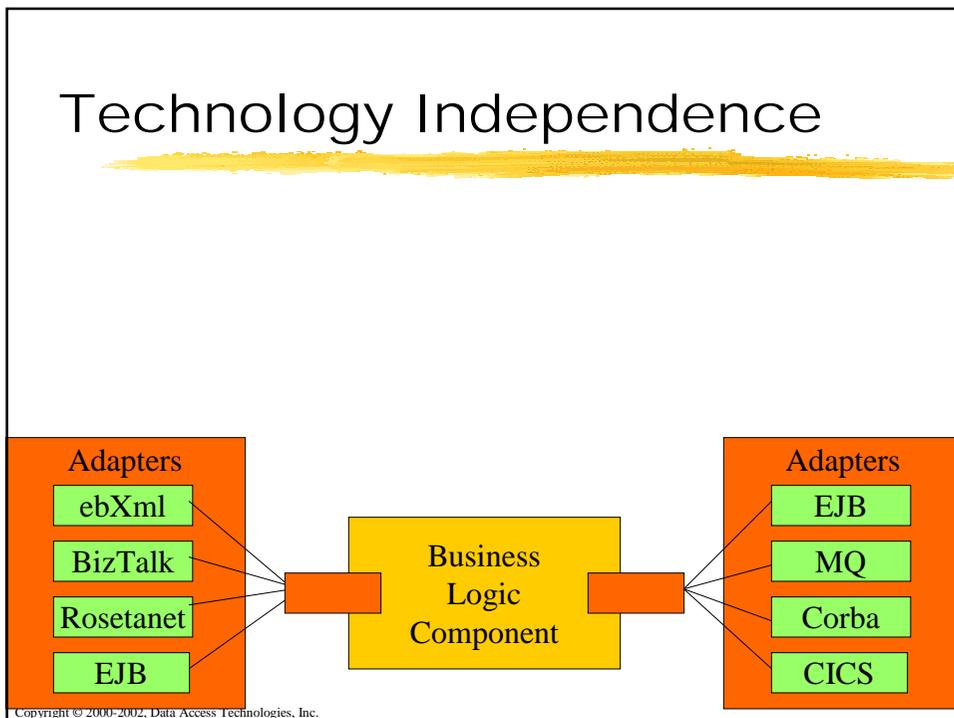
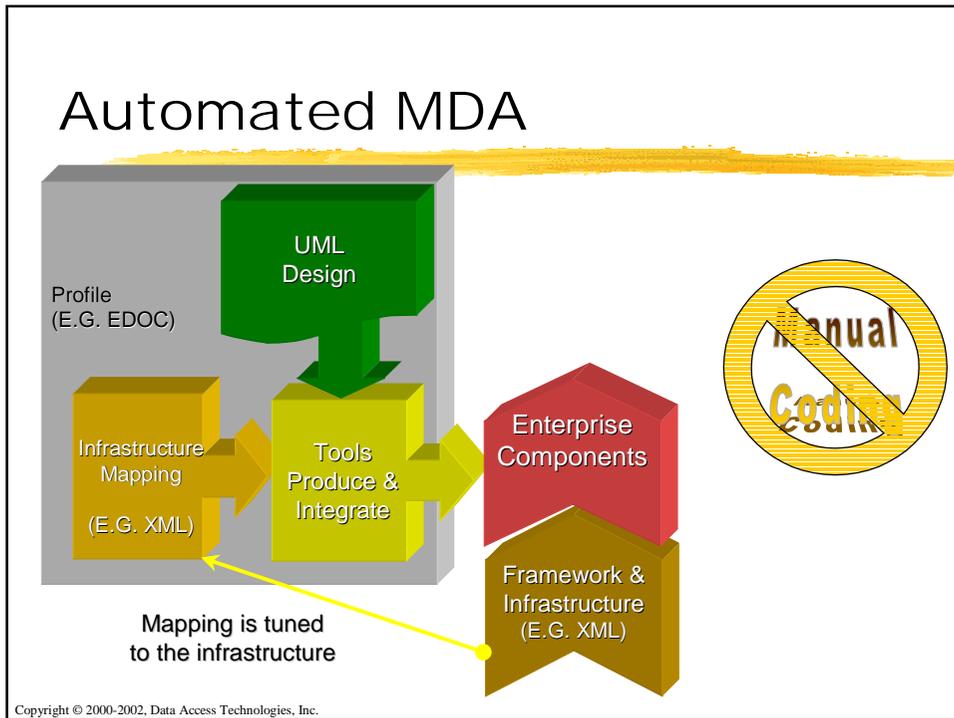
Building and adapting systems for collaboration, reuse and change

Loosely coupled enterprise architecture

- Independent enterprise components
- Representing business concepts
- Link via open standards



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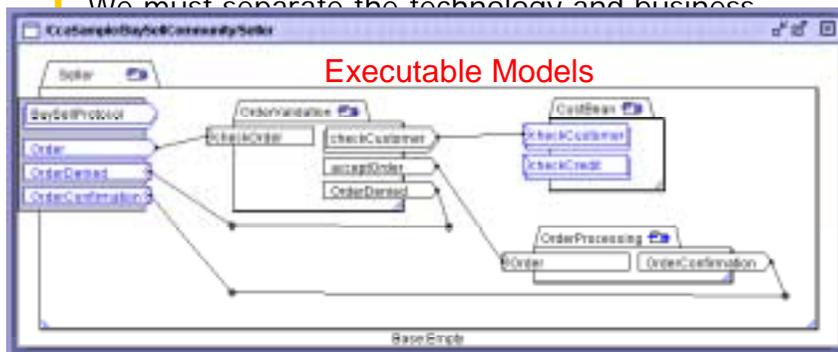
High level tooling & infrastructure

- MUST BE SIMPLE!
 - We must be able to create better applications faster
 - We must separate the technology and business concerns, enable the user
- Tooling + Infrastructure
 - Executable models are source code
 - Tooling must be technology aware
 - Infrastructure must support tooling, not manual techniques
- Model based component architectures

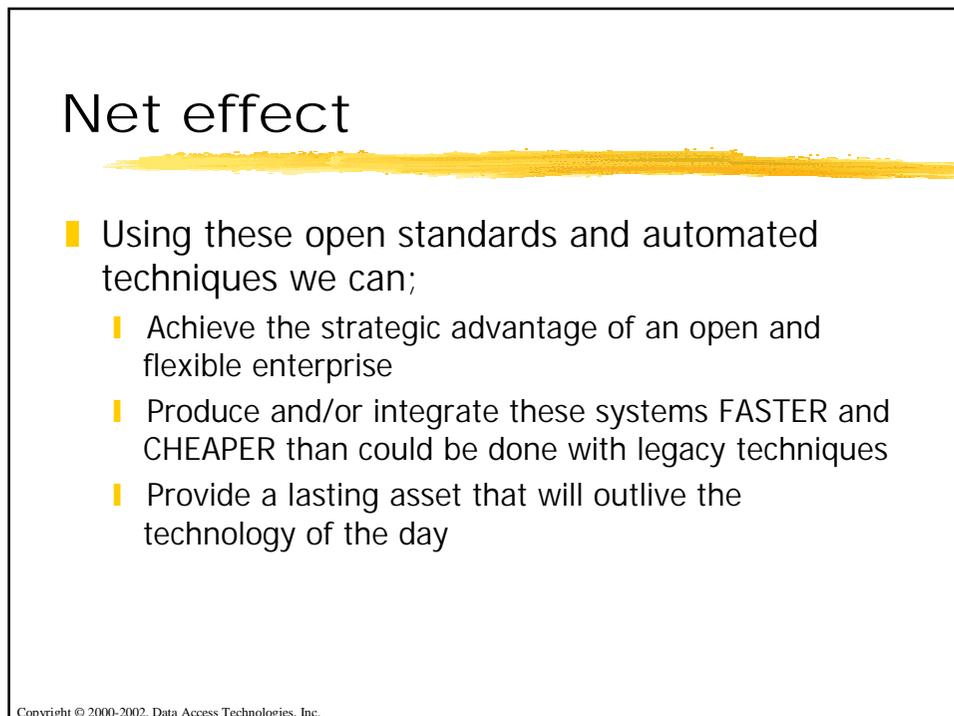
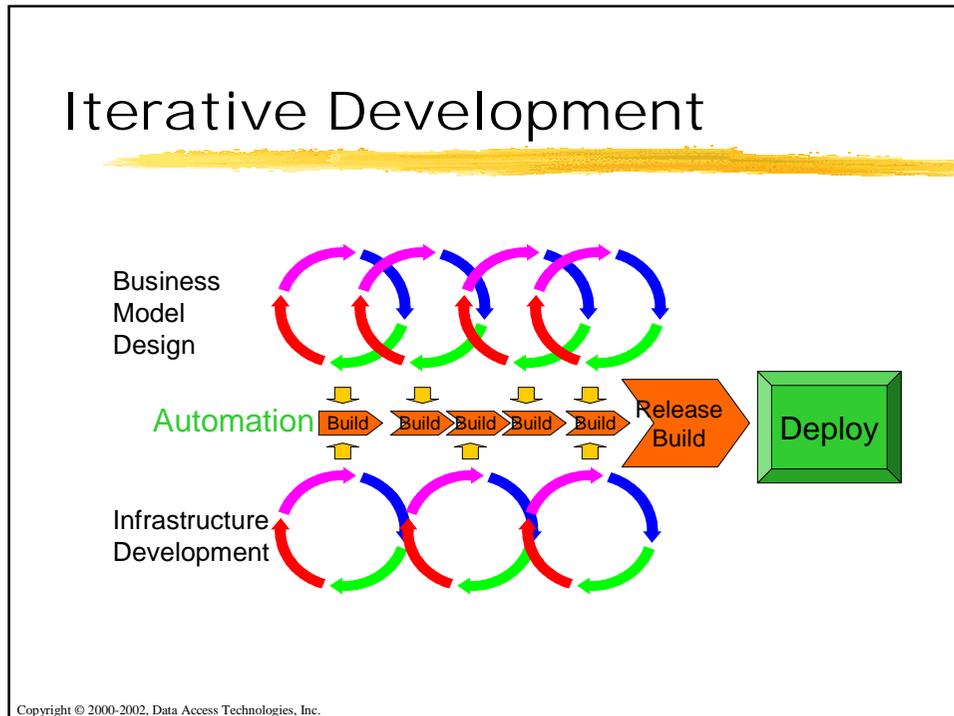
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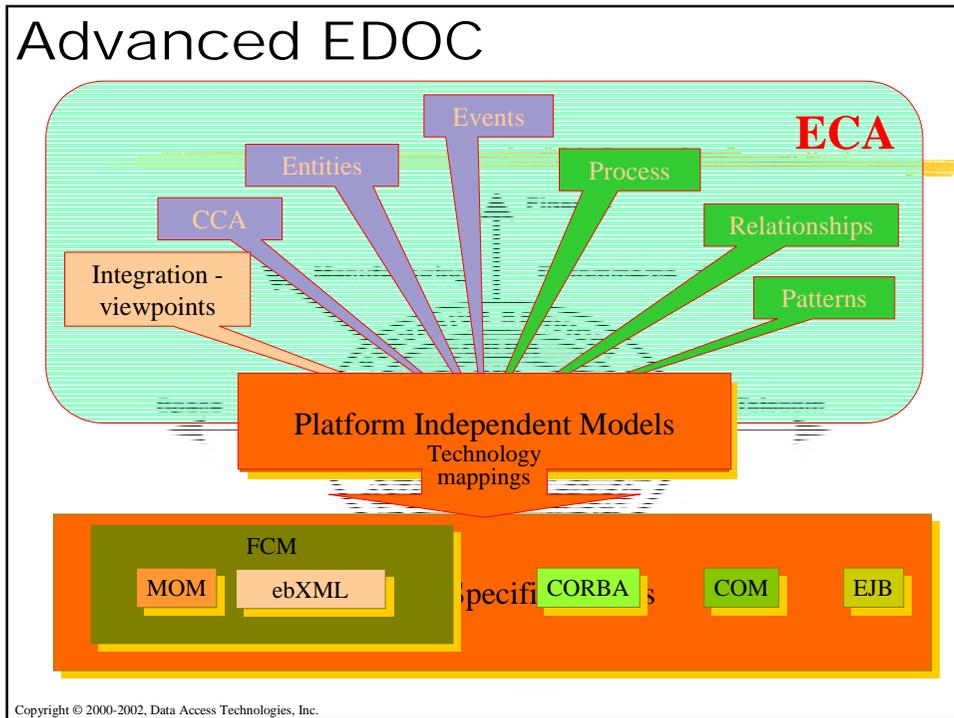
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Business Process Profile

how things are coordinated

Business Processes

- Specialize CCA
- Activity-centric view of a Process
- Express
 - Complex temporal and data dependencies between business activities
 - Iteration of activities
 - Alternative required Inputs and Outputs of activities
 - Roles related to performers, artifacts and responsible parties for activities

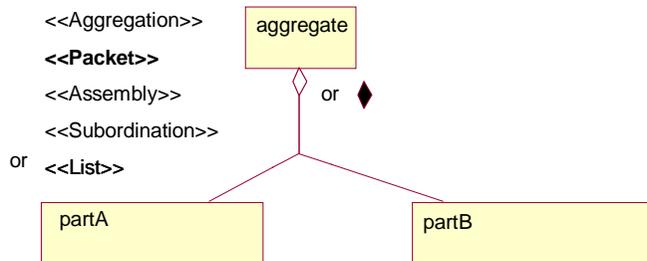
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Relationships Profile

Useful associations and dependencies

Relationships Profile

- Enables non-binary aggregations
- Defines useful association and dependency stereotypes



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Patterns Profile

reusing
parameterised
designs

Patterns Profile

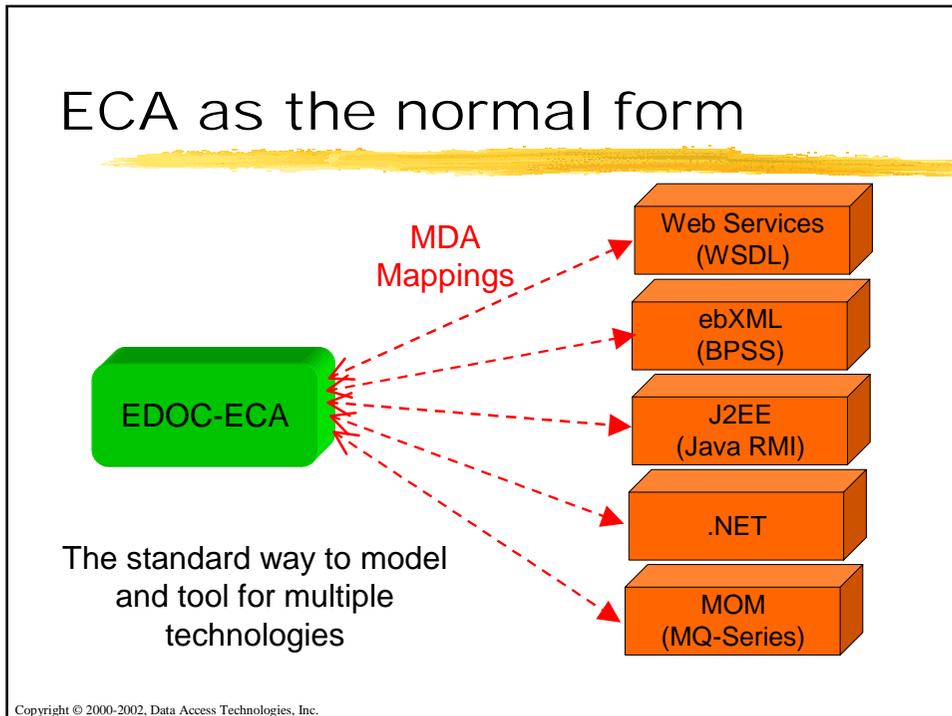
- Profiles UML Parameterized Collaborations
- Based on Business Function Object Patterns (BFOP)
 - Multi-Layer
 - Based on Catalysis Approach
- Adds stereotypes for
 - Named Patterns
 - Inheritance
 - Composition
 - Pattern Binding with renaming

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Platform Specific Modelling

- EJB, FCM, MOF
- Technology mappings from EDOC to Distributed Component and Message Flow Platform Specific Models
 - EDOC to J2EE/EJB mapping
 - EDOC to CORBA/CCM mapping
 - EDOC Business Process to FCM mapping
 - EDOC Business Process to CORBA mapping

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- ## Discussion
- How much are we using these kinds of concepts today?
 - What would be the advantages to going in this direction?
 - What are the barriers;
 - Technical?
 - Political?
 - What would be a good first step?
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