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Rational Application Developer for WebSphere Software 8.0

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RAD accelerates SOA, Java EE, Web 2.0 and Portal development for IBM middleware



RAD Themes Overview

Theme 1: Support for Standards and Standards Currency

- Tools to support JEE6 specifications (EJB 3.1, JPA 2.0, JSF 2.0, Servlet 3.0, ..), SCA
- Ongoing support for WAS feature packs; JPA 2.0 tools, OSGI (Aries) Tools

Theme 2: Improve Developer Productivity

- Support iterative creation, validation, revision and deletion of artifacts in support of JEE 6
- Advanced Web 2.0 development tools to build rich internet applications
- Comprehensive migration support from RAD 7.0.x and RAD 7.5.x

Theme 3: Improve Application Quality

- Improve the static problem determination tools (line level code coverage enhancements)
- Improve the dynamic problem determination tools: Debug tools supporting JEE6, enhanced profiling capabilities

Theme 4: Cloud support

Use RAD to access test server environments in the IBM public cloud

Theme 5: Exploit Integrations with other IBM products

- WebSphere Application server test environment
- WebSphere Portal server test environment
- Rational Team Concert



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Java Enterprise Edition (JEE) 6

Continuing the trend of simplification, streamlining and improved integration

RAD helps accelerate Java EE 6 annotation style development

- Content assist and as you type validation
- Quickfixes for code and project configuration
- Advanced refactoring options to allow you to modify and maintain code in an iterative manner.
- Annotation view to manage and modify annotation properties





Optimized for WebSphere

RAD - Simplified Web 2.0 Development

- Use RAD to build rich internet applications to improve online user experience and increase customer satisfaction
- Lower the barriers of adoption of Web 2.0 technologies
 - Visual development of Web 2.0 pages
 - Source level tools to aid with Javascipt and dojo development
 - Debug capabilities with Firebug integration
 - Multiple browser previews
 - Expose server side assets as Web 2.0 consumable services
- Lightweight Ajax test server to rapidly preview web pages that include images, scripts, services, and data







Improve Application Quality



Problem determination tools help find problems during the development lifecycle of your application

Static tools that help find problems in the developed code via line level code coverage or static analysis



Dynamic tools that help find problems at runtime whether it is debugging the code or profiling the code on the WebSphere Application Server



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Improve Quality

Improve Quality Through Team Collaboration

- RAD and RTC integrate to:
- ♦ Share live debug sessions between team members
- ✤ Share code coverage information from automated testcase execution
- ✤ Improve test coverage and quality based on code coverage results



Introducing - Support for the Cloud

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WAS

Web UI

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Browser



IBM Smart Business Development and Test on the IBM Cloud.

API

Cloud.





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WebSphere Application Server Integration

RAD the fastest development, deployment, integrated test and profiling for WebSphere Application Server

- RAD includes WebSphere Application Server integrated test environments
 - V8 beta, V7.0, V6.1, V6.0 (remote only)
 - Feature Packs Web 2.0, SCA, OSGi, JPA 2.0, CEA, XML, Web Services, EJB 3
- Migration Support
 - Support to help you migrate your application to the latest server, or the latest specification



Increase Componentization with OSGI and RAD

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Create modular applications to reduce application complexity, ensure easier integration, and administration with built-in versioning, and dependency management.



- WAS OSGi FeP provides the application-level OSGi infrastructure required by such web applications, integrated into the application server runtime
- Reduce disk and memory footprint with a shared repository of OSGi modules across different applications
- OSGi bundle versioning enables multiple versions of the same library to be loaded concurrently within a server

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Modularization in Java

- Java Platform Modularity
 - Classes encapsulate data and logic.
 - Packages contain classes.
 - Jars contain packages.
- Class visibility
 - private, package private, protected, public.
- What's missing?
 - No "jar scoped" access modifiers.
 - No way for a jar to declare its dependencies.
 - No versioning.
 - > Jars have no modularization characteristics.
- At runtime there is just a collection of classes on a classpath.

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OSGi Bundles and Class Loading

- OSGi Bundle A jar containing:
 - Classes and resources.
 - OSGi Bundle manifest.
- What's in the manifest:
 - Bundle-Version: Multiple versions of bundles can live concurrently.
 - Import-Package: What packages from other bundles does this bundle depend upon?
 - Export-Package: What packages from this bundle are visible and reusable outside of the bundle?

- Class Loading
 - Each bundle has its own loader.
 - No flat or monolithic classpath.
 - Class sharing and visibility decided by declarative dependencies, not by class loader hierarchies.
 - OSGi framework works out the dependencies including versions.

Manifest-Version: 1.0
Bundle-ManifestVersion: 2
Bundle-Name: MyService bundle
Bundle-SymbolicName: com.sample.myservice
Bundle-Version: 1.0.0
Bundle-Activator: com.sample.myservice.Activator
Import-Package:
com.something.i.need;version="1.1.2"
Export-Package: com.myservice.api;version="1.0.0"

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Blueprint Components

- When bundles are activated they are checked to see if they are blueprint bundles.
- A blueprint bundle contains one or more Blueprint XML files
- A Blueprint bundle is created and responsible for:
 - Parsing the Blueprint XML files
 - Instantiating
 - Wiring the components together
- The Blueprint container makes sure:
 - the mandatory service references are satisfied
 - Registers all the services into the service registry
 - Creates initial component instances Dependencies



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OSGi Application Tools





OSGi Application Support in RAD

Provide integrated development and test of OSGi Applications on the WebSphere platform

 Integrated with Web Tools, JEE productivity tools, and other capabilities in RAD

Supports deployment to WAS v7
 OSGi FeP and includes the FeP in the WAS Test Environment
 Enhanced validation for application.mf and blueprint.xml

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RAD OSGi Application Support

RAD provides project support for OSGi application project , bundle projects, composite bundle projects and blueprint files

RAD provides an editor to define the OSGi application manifest to supply or require dependencies (via import & export)

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SCA Composition

- An SCA composite consists of 1-n components, each of which:
 - specifies a consistent, neutral, SOA-centric view of the services it provides and the services it requires.
 - specifies its implementation technology.
 - specifies access paths to and from services.
- SCA composites can contain components which utilize a variety of implementation technologies.
- SCA composites promote services it provides and depends upon.
 - Corollary: SCA composites can hide detail that is not relevant for external consumers or providers much like chips hide circuit detail.
- Composite applications exist in other technologies:
 - EAR files are a composition of JEE implementation kinds.
 - OSGi applications are a composition of OSGi bundles.



SCA Composition Considerations

- Tightly-coupled vs. Loosely-coupled composition
 - Wire or Bind vs. Implementation.
 - Service independence, location and management.
 - Can use default binding to make wiring simpler for either style.
- Coarse-grained vs. Fine-grained Policy
 - "Intents" (abstract policies) put QoS within reach of the average developer.
 - Policy is best thought of as a constraint.
 - Coarse-grained (service level) policy can be configured in the assembly.
 - Fine-grained (operational level) policy is frequently deferred to the underlying framework implementation (e.g. JEE, OSGi) policy mechanisms.
 - Policy specified at the service level constrains all operations of the service.

Composition in Rational Application Developer





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