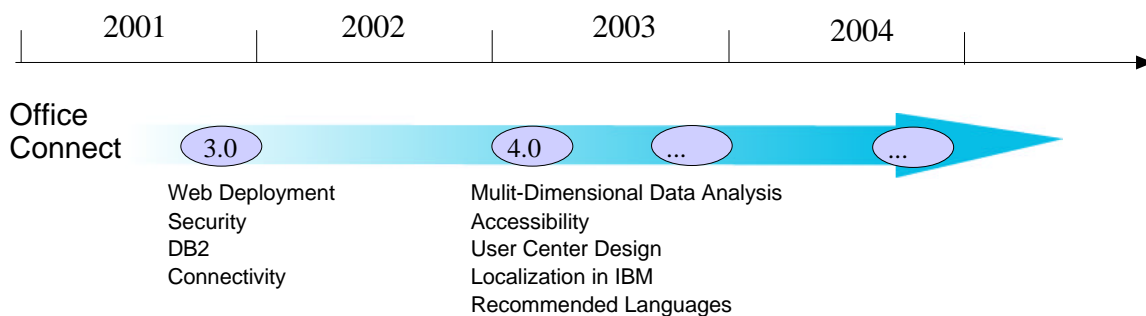# Other Specialty Tools

Office Connect

Office Connect increases utilization of data warehouses and operational databases by making it extremely easy for end users to access, understand, and even update their data using their existing investment in office automation technology.

IBM intends to continue to offer enhancements and support to existing Office Connect customers and partners for as long as they require.

The latest IBM Office Connect, Version 3.0 enhances business productivity with IBM databases by leveraging MS Excel and providing easy, distributed and secure data visualization, reporting and database update capabilities in both Intranet-Internet (Web Edition) and Client-Server (Personal Edition) environments. IBM Office Connect, Version 3.0 is also now tested and certified to seamlessly support IBM DB2 on both distributed and OS/390 platforms in addition to support of the IBM Informix databases. The next major release of IBM Office Connect is planned for the first half of 2003.

In summary,

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Office
Connect

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Web Deployment   Mulit-Dimensional Data Analysis
Security   Accessibility
DB2   User Center Design
Connectivity   Localization in IBM
                        Recommended Languages

MetaCube

MetaCube provides online analytical processing (OLAP) support for IBM Informix customers and business partners. MetaCube is positioned as an entry-level product that is capable of providing quick deployment for multi-dimensional OLAP applications. IBM intends to support existing Metacube customers and

partners for as long as they require. No future enhancements are planned at this time.

Object Translator

IBM intends to continue to offer support for existing Object Translator customers and partners for as long as they require. No enhancements are planned at this time and it has been withdrawn from marketing.   Key features of Object Translator have been included in the IBM WebSphere Studio product family.

Visionary

IBM intends to support existing Visionary customers and partners for as long as they require. No future enhancements are planned at this time and it has been withdrawn from marketing.