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WHERE TEAMS ARE **R-HEROES**



IBM Rational Asset Manager Governing the Assets of your Enterprise

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Asset Governance

- The establishment of
 - ▶ **Chains of responsibility** to empower people
 - ▶ **Measurement** to gauge effectiveness
 - ▶ **Policies** to guide the organization to meet their goals
 - ▶ **Control mechanisms** to ensure compliance
 - ▶ **Communication** to keep all required parties informed

 Rational Asset Manager capabilities enabling governance:

Communities, Review and Approval

Impact Analysis, Metrics, Reporting

Policies, Communities, Information Model, Asset Versioning, ANT

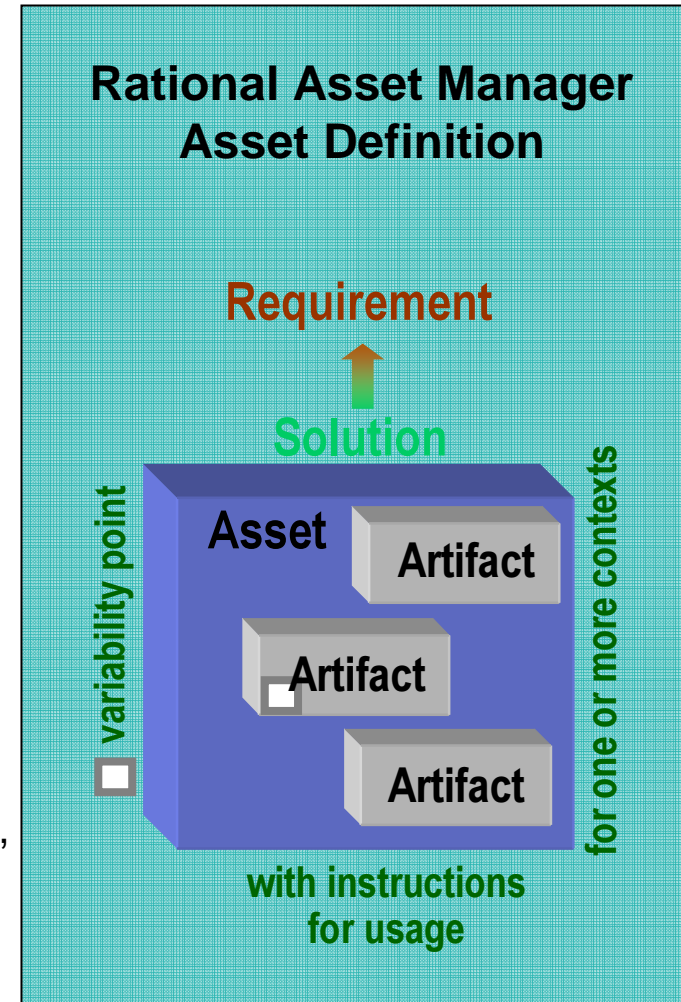
Access Control, Libraries

Notifications, Subscriptions, Discussion Forums, Integrations



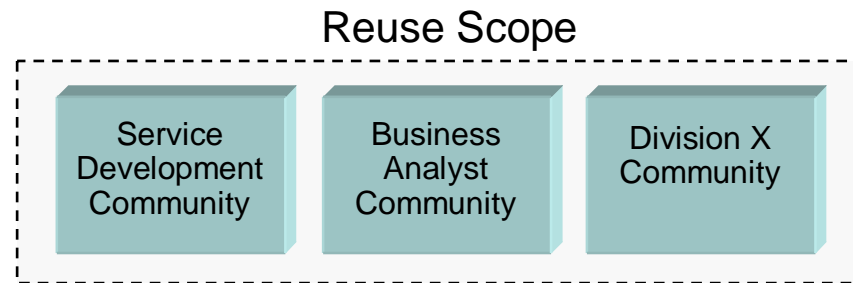
What is an Asset?

- An Asset is
 - ▶ a collection of Artifacts
 - ▶ which provides a solution to a requirement or business need
 - for one or more contexts
 - with instructions for usage
 - and variability points
- What are Artifacts?
 - ▶ Workproducts from the software process
 - Requirements, Designs, Models, XML, XSD, Source code, Data, Tests, User Interfaces, Documentation, Service Interfaces, Estimates and so on...
- Kinds of assets
 - ▶ Applications, components, business process, information model, patterns, services, frameworks, templates, ...



What is a Community?

- A community
 - ▶ is a target audience for assets.
 - ▶ may produce, consume, and manage assets.
- A community may be aligned on organizational boundaries, or for a role, or a project, and so forth.
- Assets may be shared amongst communities

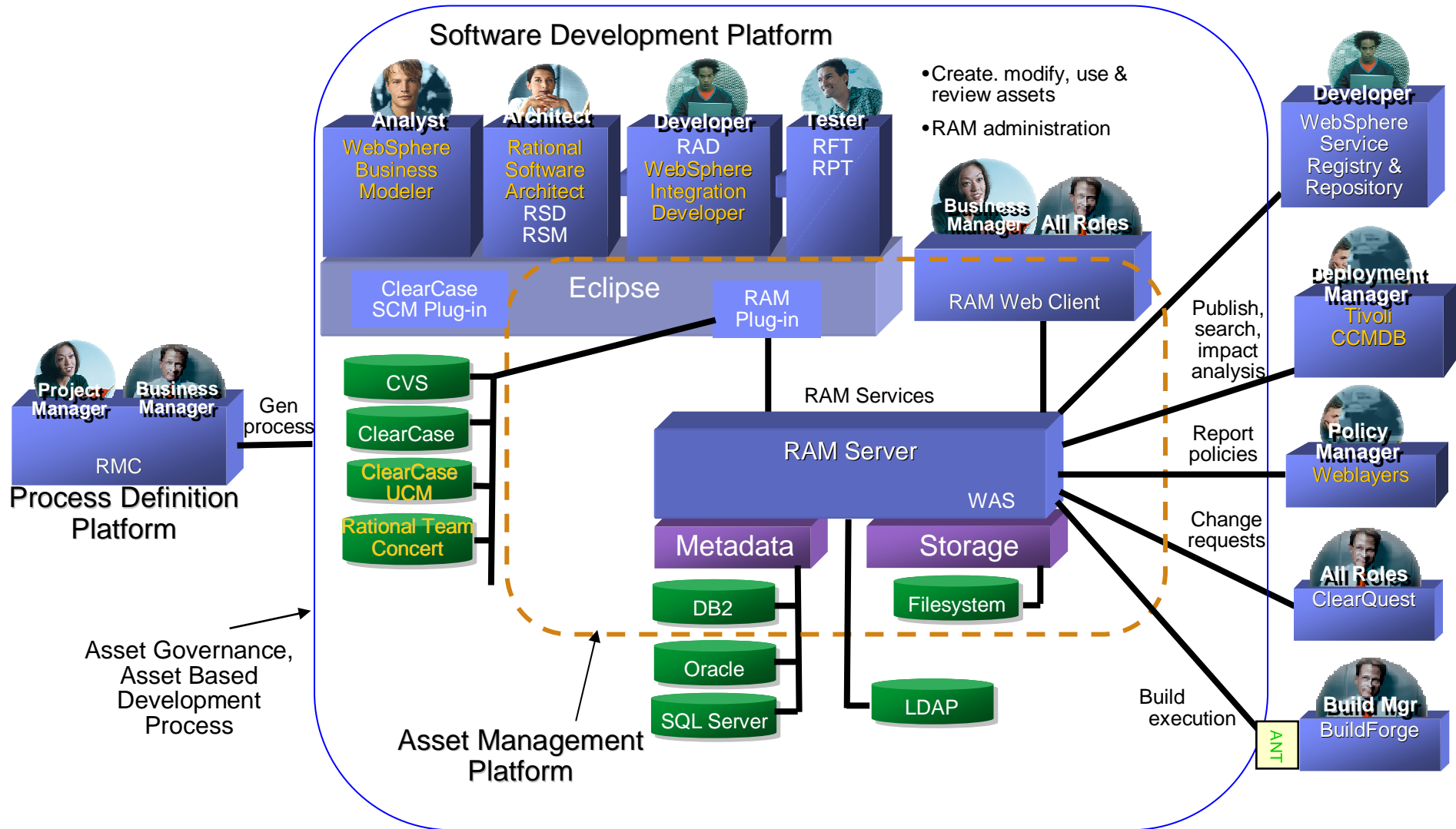


The repository is typically created for a reuse scope.



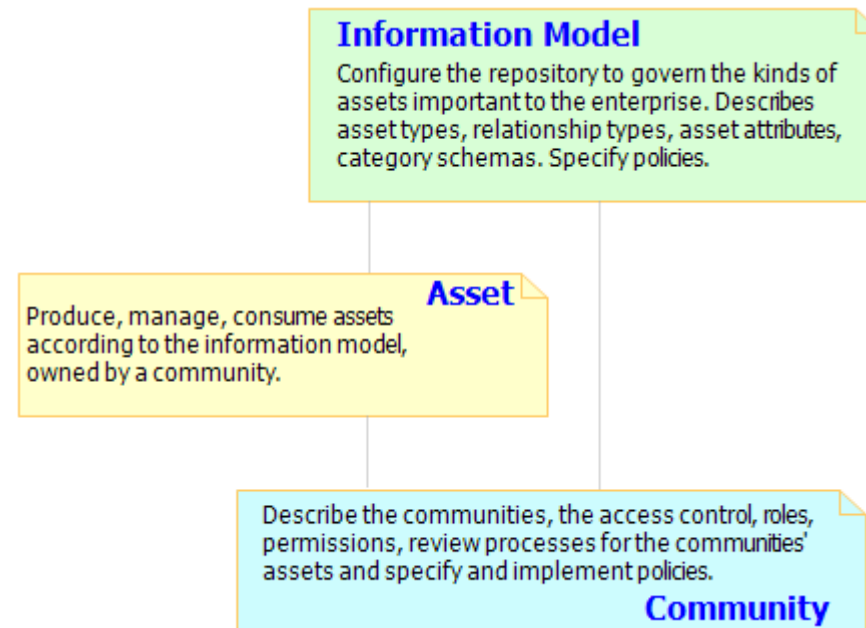
Rational Asset Manager Architecture

Targeted for RAM V7.1



Major RAM Concepts

- The major RAM concepts include
 - ▶ Information Model
 - ▶ Assets
 - ▶ Communities
- Understanding these concepts and how they relate to each other, enables our ability to configure the repository



RAM Usage Templates

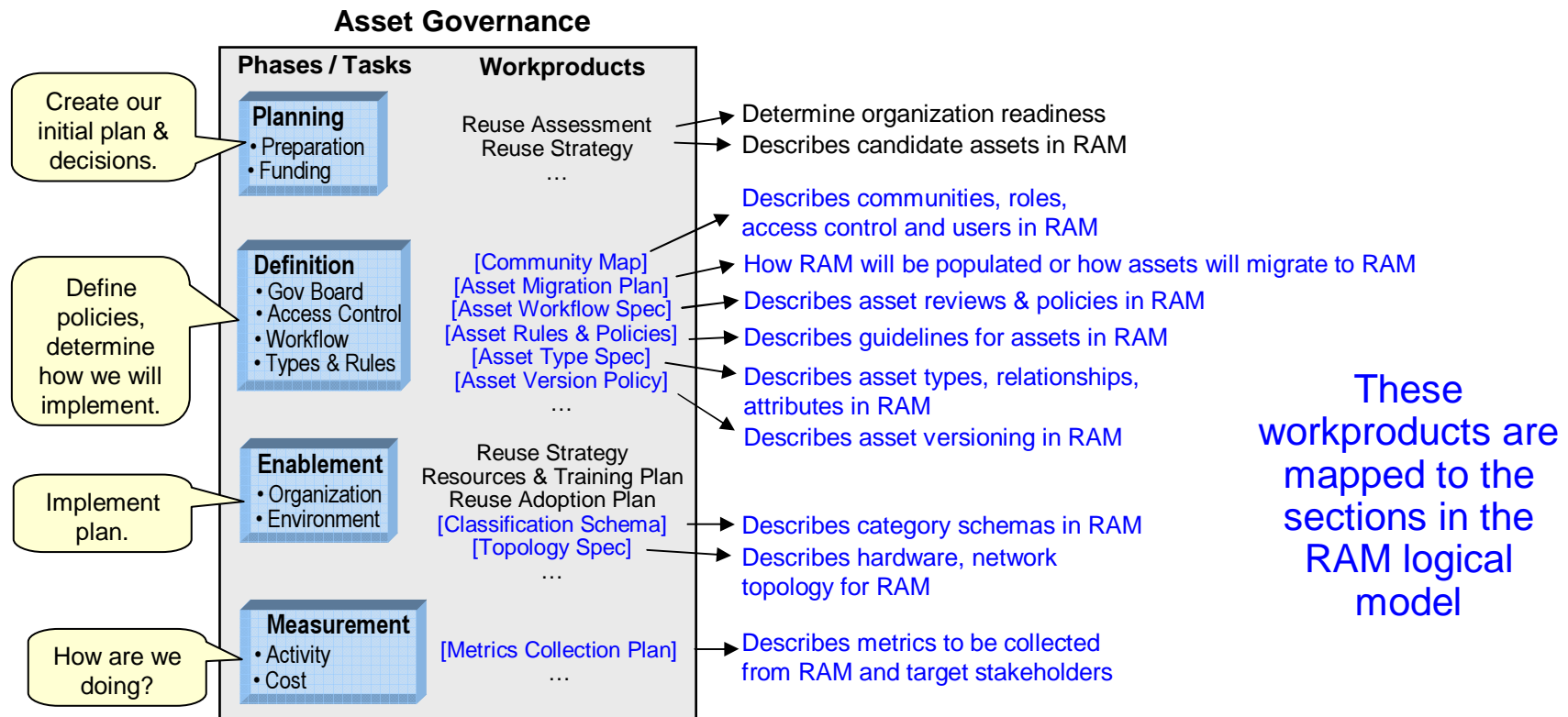
The RAM usage templates influence the RAM configuration

- Reuse
 - ▶ Harvest existing artifacts, build and share assets to mitigate costs and productivity concerns for analysis, development, testing
- Governance
 - ▶ Coordinate and control assets, intellectual property, determining what is shared, versioned, and visible for others to use
- Impact Analysis & Traceability
 - ▶ Understand the relationships and impact of assets, such as the relationship amongst development time assets and the relationship to infrastructure assets
 - ▶ Creating a map of the key assets of the enterprise
- Broker
 - ▶ Govern assets within and across communities, a community describing needs, another community realizing needs and submitting solutions to repository
- SOA / Services
 - ▶ Govern service development and publishing into service registry
- Catalog
 - ▶ Track assets with largely remote references to artifacts; often leaving them in their original place but using the repository as an entry point for discovery and navigation of references
- Business Intelligence
 - ▶ Custom reporting on asset activity, trends, financial impact
- Asset Planning & Roadmap
 - ▶ Align assets with requirements and features, defining asset development, rollout, and retirement

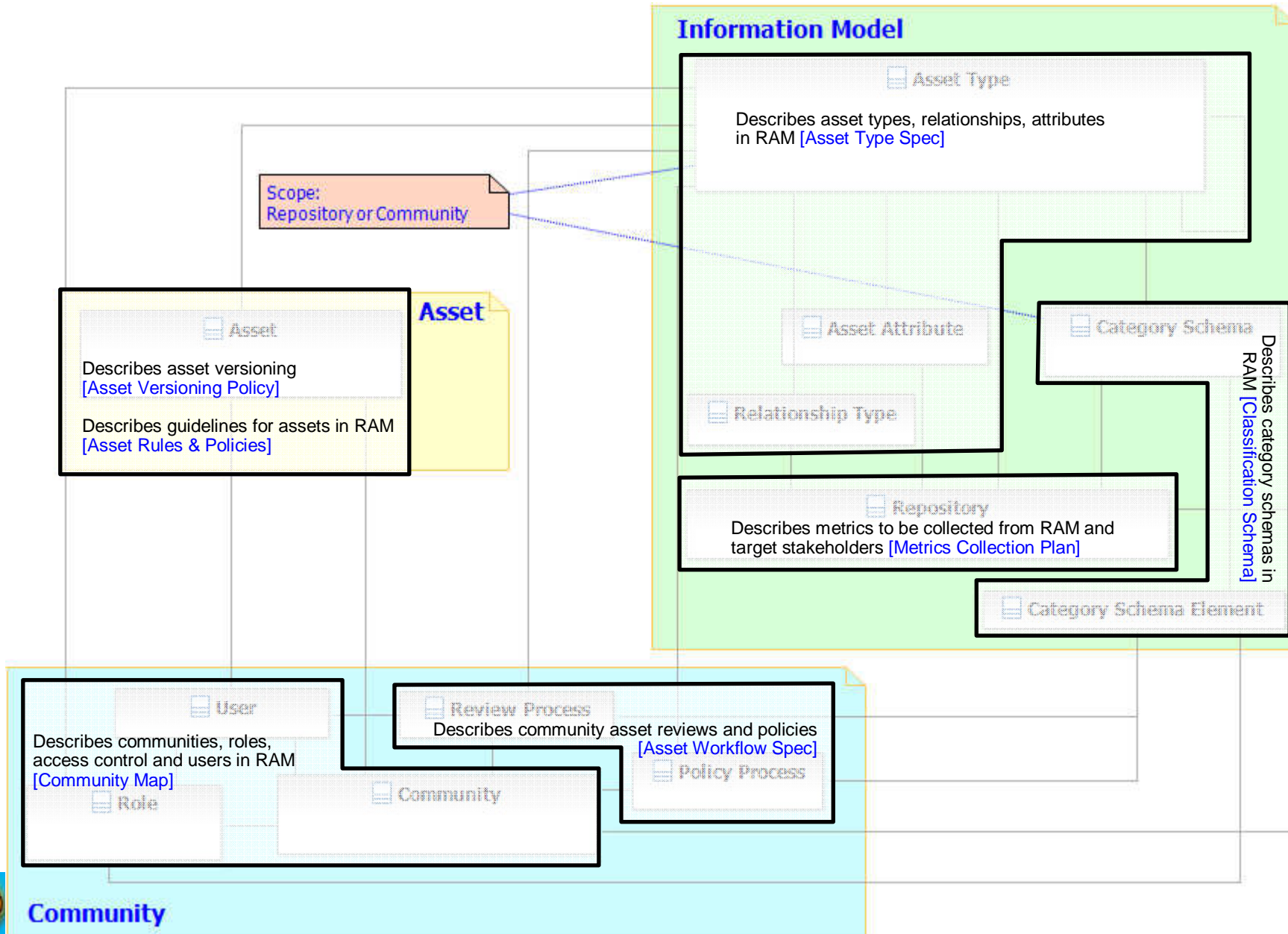


Asset Governance Process & Workproducts

- A process should be followed to configure RAM most asset management needs
- The Asset Governance workproducts capture the policies which are configured and enforced in RAM



Asset Governance Workproducts - RAM Logical Model



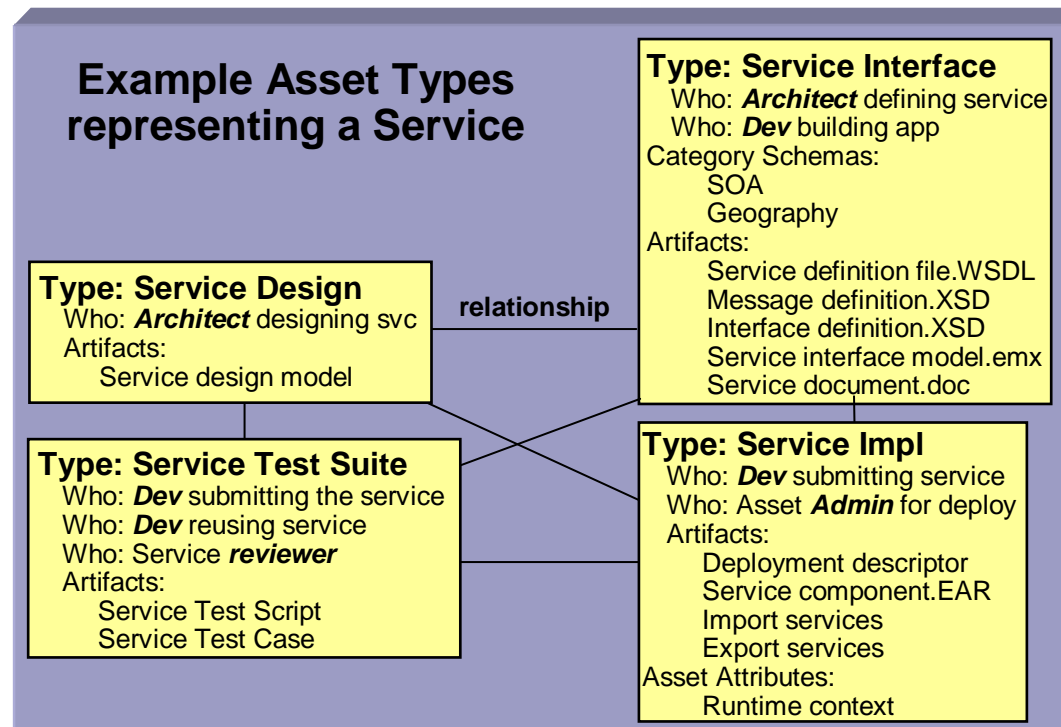
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 - Category Schemas
 - Relationship Types
 - Asset Attributes
 - Import / Export
 - ▶ Asset Versioning
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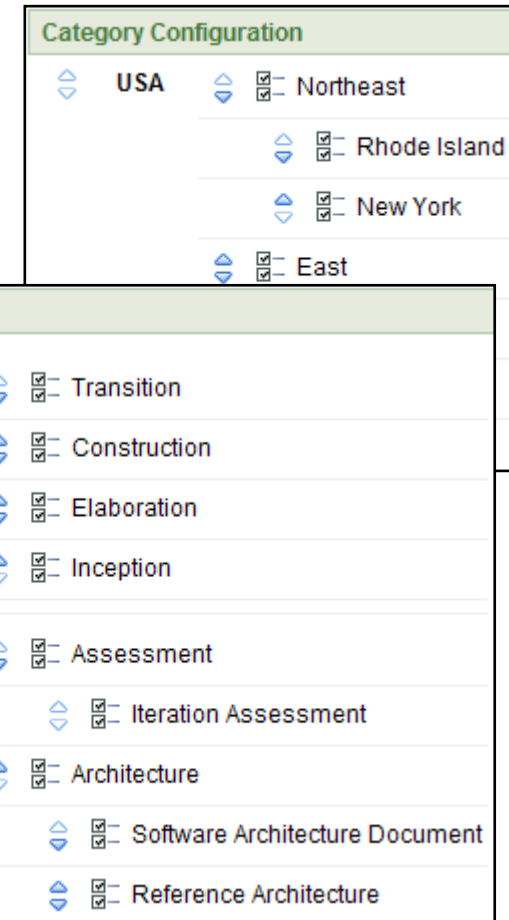
Information Model: Asset Types

- An asset type describes the structure of assets
- An asset is of one asset type
- When defining asset types, do so from the perspective of the target asset consumer



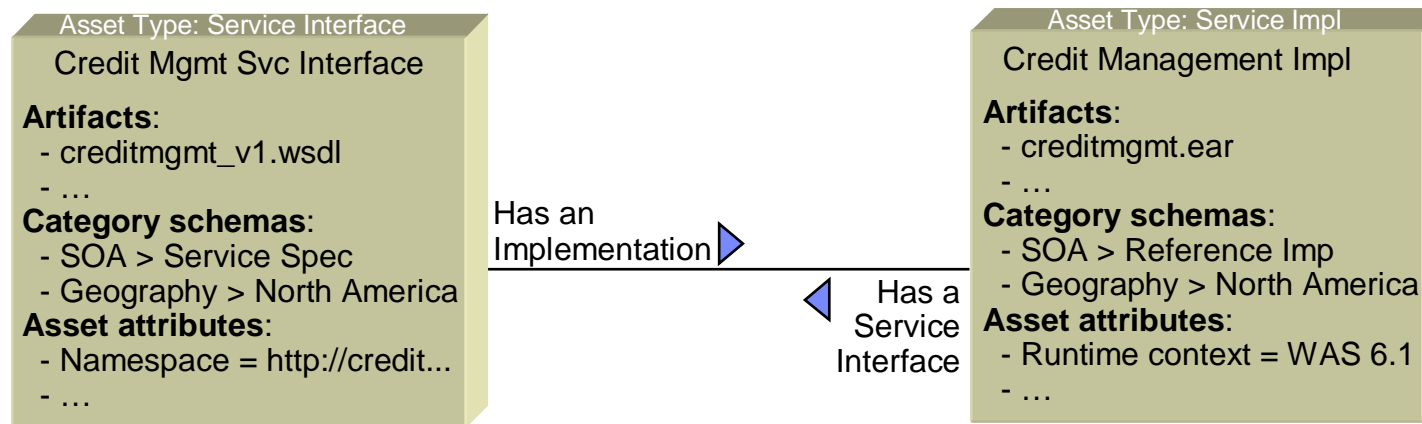
Information Model: Category Schemas

- Category schemas are a form of communication
- A perspective or the business or technical domain or ...
- Used by asset consumers to discover assets
- Used to constrain
 - ▶ Asset Types
 - ▶ Review Processes
 - ▶ Roles
- When defining category schemas, do so from the perspective of
 - ▶ asset consumers
 - ▶ intended reports
 - ▶ other stakeholders



Information Model: Relationship Types

- Asset relationships are bi-directional



- When defining the relationship type in the repository, define both ends
- Relationship Types can be used as constraints on Asset Types



Information Model: Asset Attributes

- The core metadata elements for assets in the repository are defined by RAS (Reusable Asset Specification)
- Asset Attributes are associated with Asset Types
- Asset Attributes are metadata elements which contain either strings or pre-defined lists

Defined at repository level

Name	Description
Contact name	

New Attribute...

Associated with Asset Types,
as required or optional

Name	Required
Contact name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



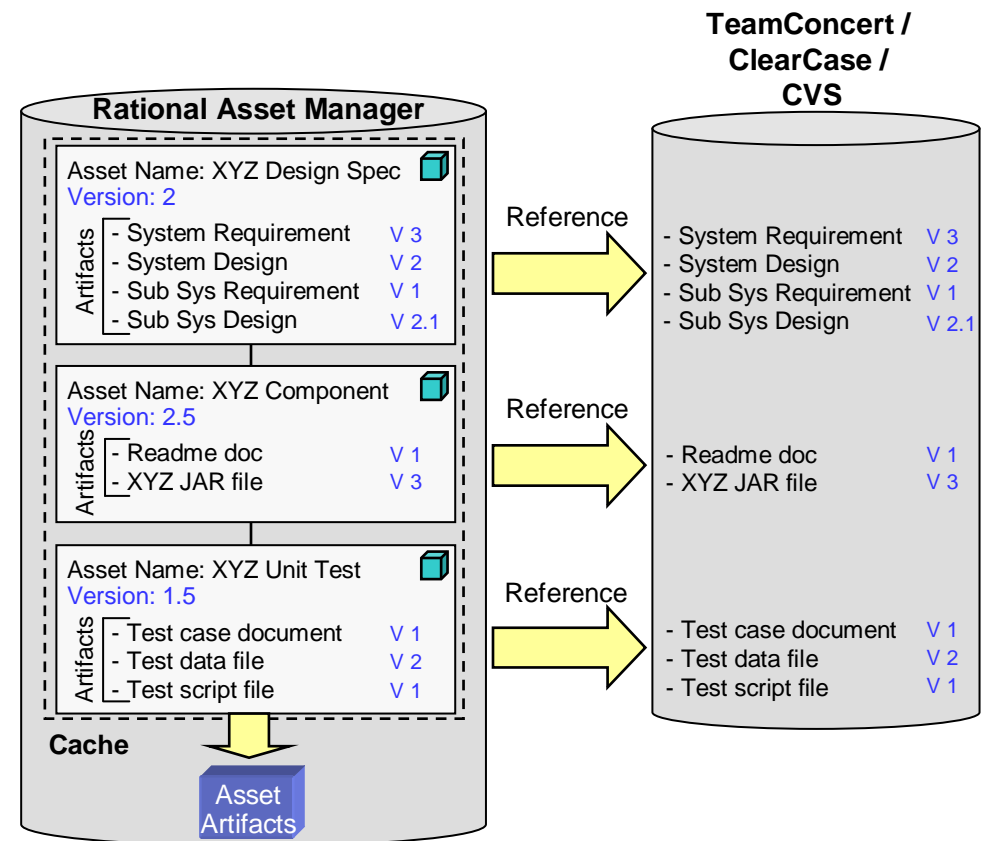
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Asset Versioning

- Every asset's artifacts are cached in the repository
- Versioning is handled at two levels
 - ▶ Asset
 - ▶ Artifact
- Asset
 - ▶ Each asset can be versioned in the repository
 - ▶ Asset versioning is dictated by the policies of the organization
- Artifact
 - ▶ Artifacts can be located and versioned in Rational Team Concert, ClearCase, CVS



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 - ▶ **Communities**
 - Customizable community home page
 - Access control and roles
 - Review and approval
 - Repository Configuration Community
 - Policy Adapters
 - ▶ Impact Analysis, Metrics, Reporting
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Customizable Community Home Pages

- When users come to the repository they often don't understand many things about the repository
- Guide community users attention to
 - ▶ Key assets to use
 - ▶ Discussion forums
 - ▶ Community overviews
 - ▶ Tags
 - ▶ Configuration
 - Asset types
 - Category schemas
 - ▶ Asset version policy
 - ▶ Workflows and review processes



Welcome to the **Credit Management Community**

Provides the designs, components and tests for credit reporting, credit scoring, and other credit management functions.

Overview | Configuration | Forums Edit...

Administrators -

Master Administrator

Tags -

rebrand_solution

Your Roles -

Administrator

Administrator

Popular Downloads -

International address formatting	0
c a	0
Rebrand UI Component	0
UI Rebrand Test Case	0
Rebrand Server Component	0
Server Rebrand Test Case	0
Rebrand Application Solution	0

Recent Submissions -

Rebrand Server Component

Server Rebrand Test Case

Rebrand UI Component

Getting Starting for Community Users -

Welcome to the Credit Management Community!

This community includes assets for credit solutions. The kinds of assets available are described in the image below.

Solution assets aggregate components to solve coarse-grained problems. Component assets include code and templates for solving software engineering problems. Test Case assets provide scripts and data for validating Components.

Searching for assets in this community is best performed by looking for assets of type "Solution" on the "Search for Assets" page. As always, please provide feedback on your experience.

RAM Asset Types

Solution

Component

Test Case

RAM Assets

Rebrand Application Solution

Contents

- Overview
- Effort Estimate
- Intended reuse context

Solution

Rebrand UI Component

Contents

- Rebrand UI forms
- Rebrand UI help
- Code templates
- Doc templates

Component

Rebrand Server Component

Contents

- Rebrand logging
- Rebrand error handling
- Code templates

Component

UI Rebrand Test Case

Contents

- Test script

Test Case

Server Rebrand Test Case

Contents

- Test script

Test Case

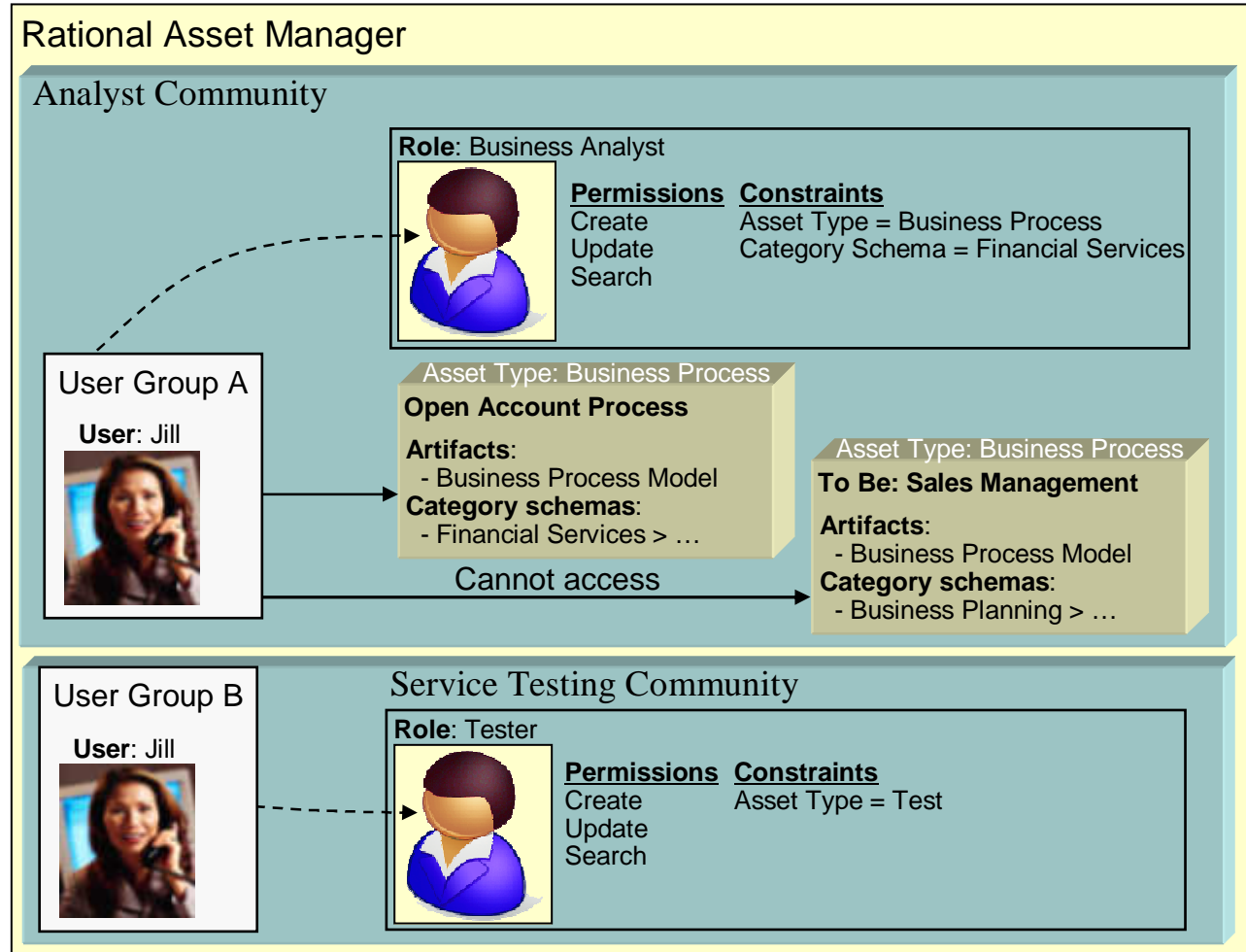


Access Control

Access control defines what you can do in the repository and with what assets you can work.

Jill in the Role of Business Analyst in the Analyst Community

Jill in the Role of Tester in the Service Testing Community can access assets of type Test

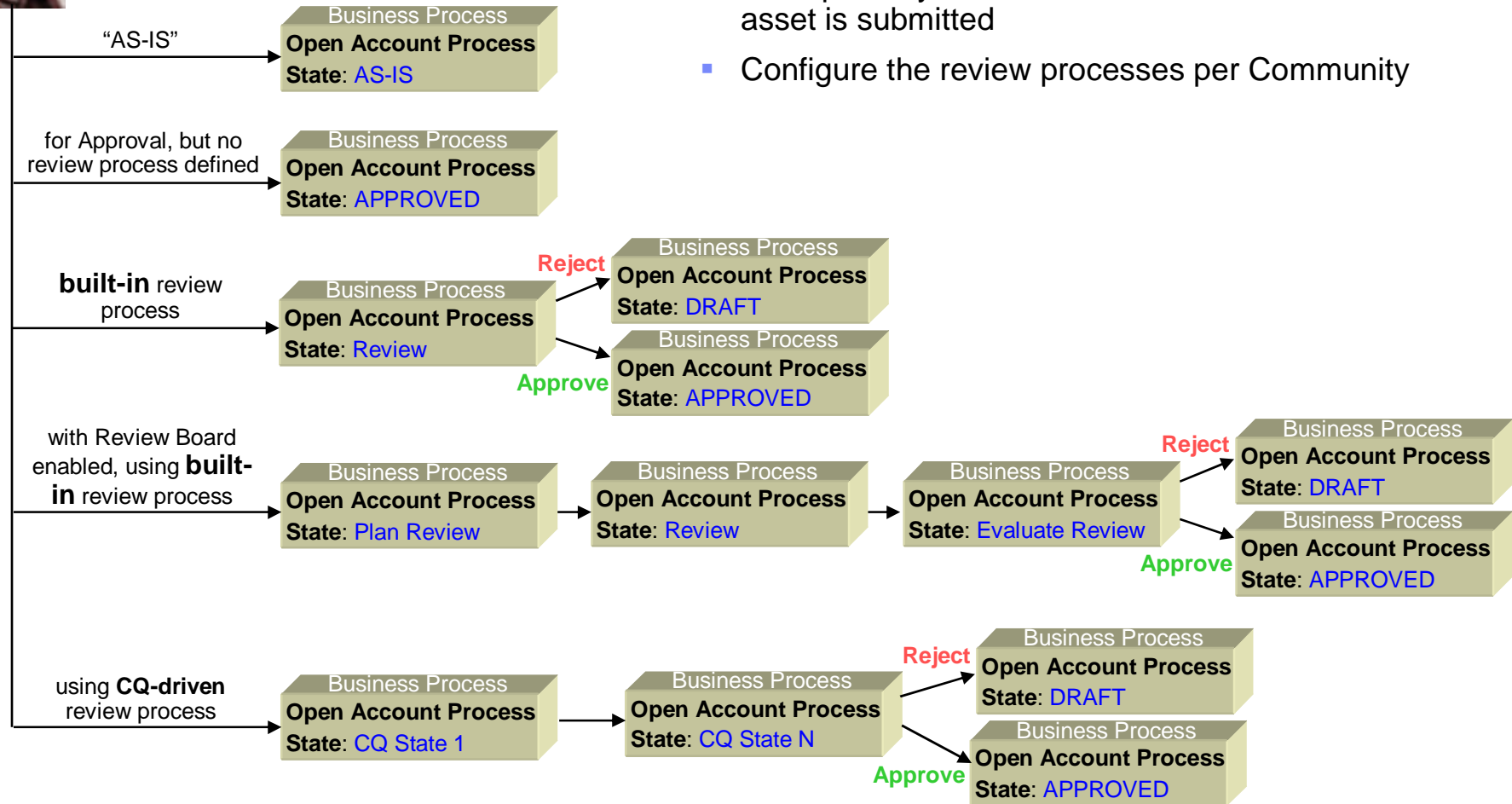


Asset Review Processes

User: Jill



Submit asset...

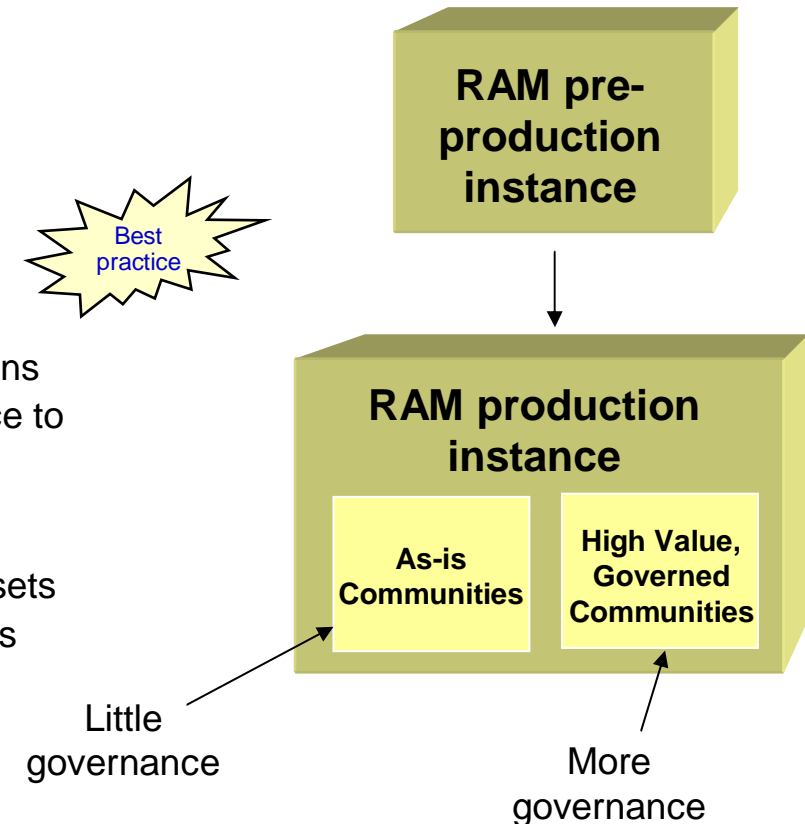


- There are several flows for review processes
- The flow selected depends on the configuration of the repository and on the stated intention when the asset is submitted
- Configure the review processes per Community




Communities – Low Governance and High Governance

- Start with RAM instance for practice, learning
 - ▶ Test out repository policies and governance assumptions
 - ▶ Give a place for people to learn
 - ▶ Watch where they “walk”
 - What asset types they create
 - What communities they create
 - What category schemas they create
 - ...
- Create a production RAM instance
 - ▶ Refine repository policies and governance assumptions
 - ▶ Migrate “good” assets from on-boarding RAM instance to production RAM instance
 - ▶ Create communities which support as-is, open marketplace asset
 - Let the rating systems bubble up high-value assets
 - ▶ Transition high-value assets to governed communities
 - Provide support for assets
 - Track asset consumers
 - Conduct impact analysis



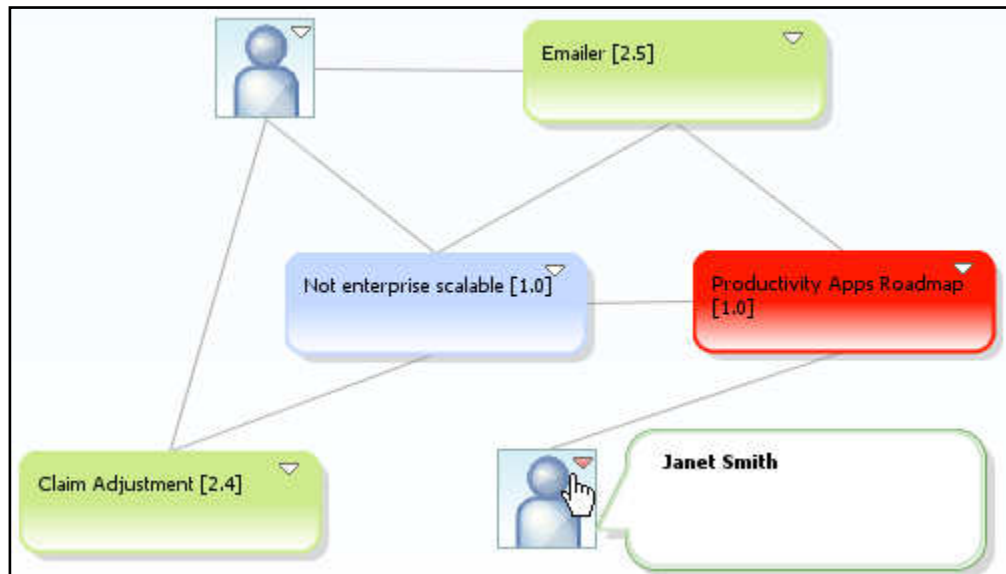
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Visual Browse and Impact Analysis

- A critical part of governance is to understand the impact of a change
- RAM illustrates what assets are impacted and what people are impacted



Related Assets

Depth:

Has Risk

Risk For

Has Direction

▼Has Risk

 ▼Not enterprise scalable [1.0]

 ▼Risk For

 Productivity Apps Roadmap [1.0]

 Claim Adjustment [2.4]

▼Has Direction

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 Not enterprise scalable [1.0]



Metrics and Reporting

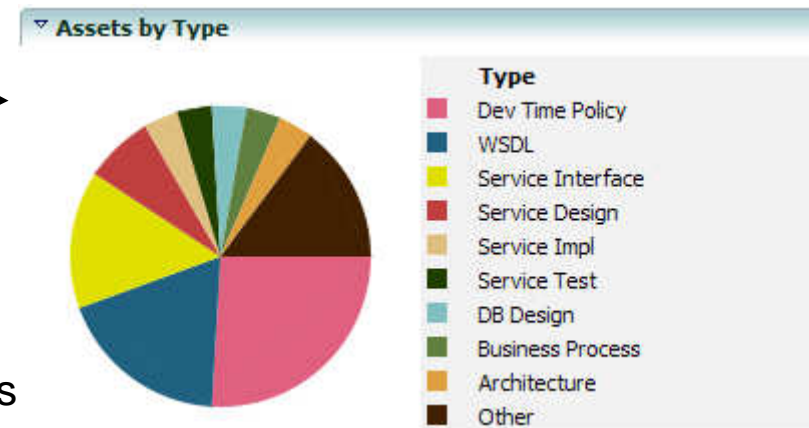
- Rational Asset Manager manages usage metrics at two levels
 - ▶ Asset
 - ▶ Repository

- Asset metrics are viewed in Eclipse and Web clients by administrators and other users
 - ▶ Amount of time to produce an asset
 - ▶ Expected time to reuse and asset
 - ▶ Total downloads
 - ▶ Average downloads for assets of given type
 - ▶ Unique downloads
 - ▶ Artifact browses



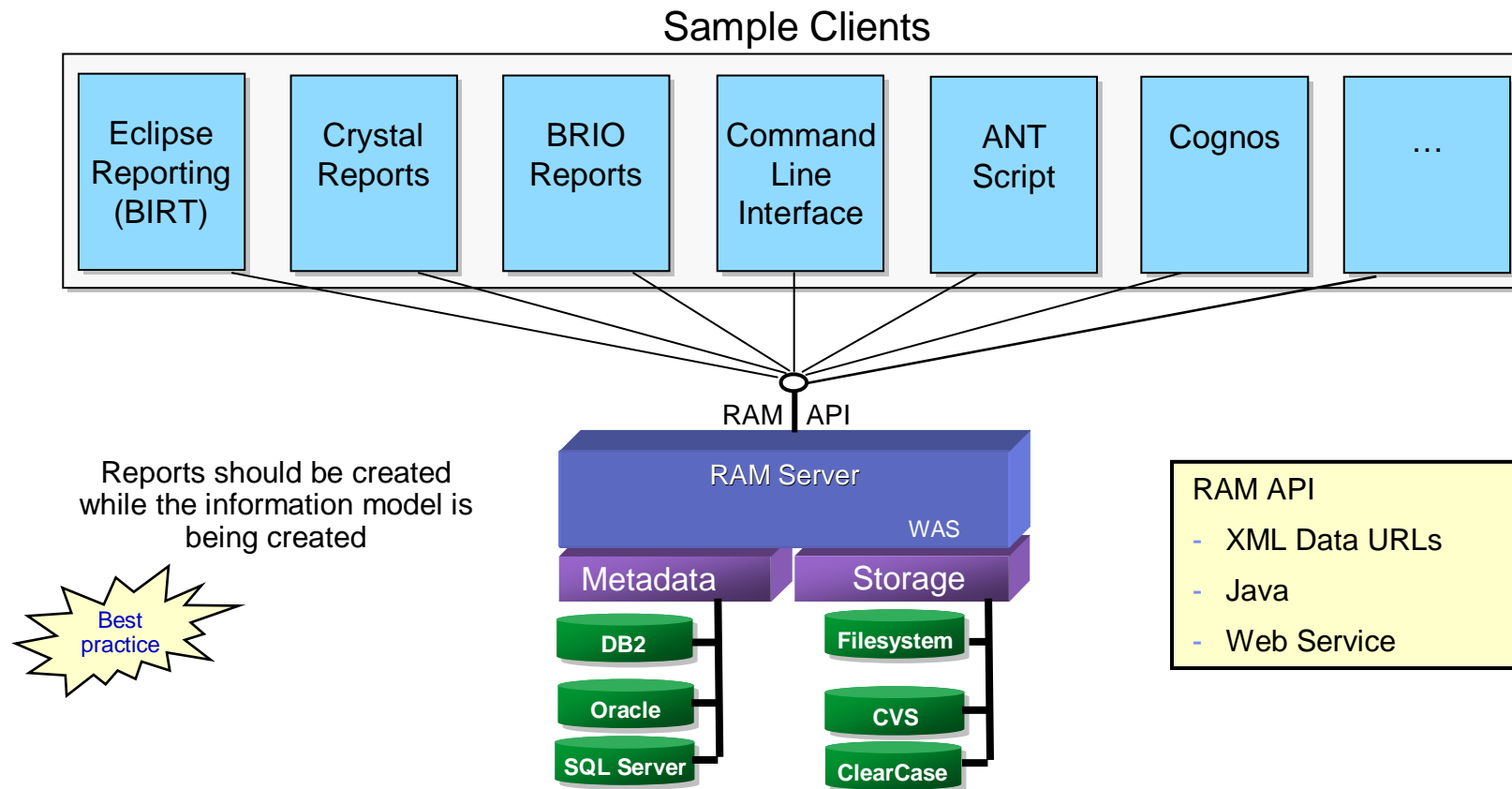
Metrics and Reporting

- Repository statistics
 - ▶ Reports are viewed in Web client by administrators
 - ▶ Reports can be downloaded into .csv file formats
- Reports
 - ▶ Repository Contents
 - ▶ Asset Activity
 - ▶ User Activity
 - ▶ Search History
 - ▶ Activity Audit
 - Generate audit for up to 22 activities
 - Who did what, when, on what asset




RAM v7.1 Reporting

- It is anticipated that the majority of reports produced with RAM will be created using report writing tools accessing the RAM API



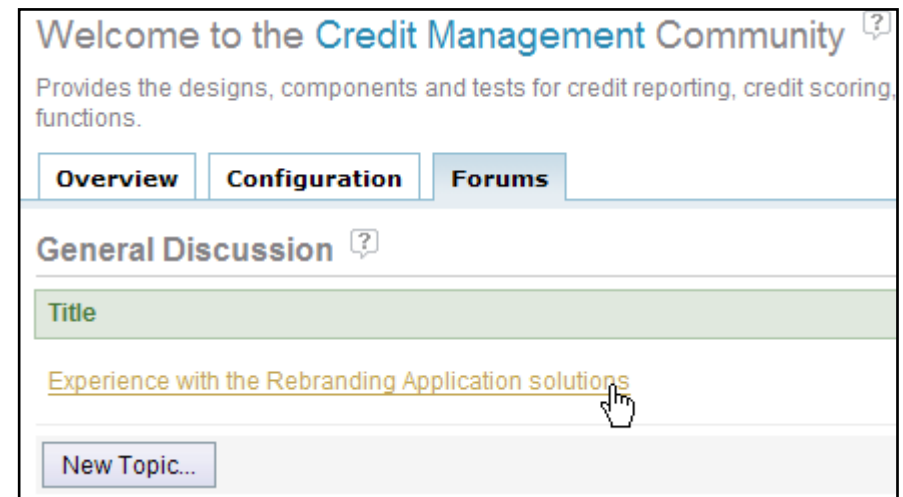
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Notifications, Subscriptions, Discussion Forums

- Rational Asset Manager generates notifications for review processes
- Subscriptions
 - ▶ Per asset
 - ▶ Per search criteria
 - ▶ Notifications sent on periodic basis
- RSS Feeds
 - ▶ Per asset
 - ▶ Per search criteria
 - ▶ Notifications sent per event to RSS reader
- Discussion Forums
 - ▶ Per asset
 - ▶ Per community

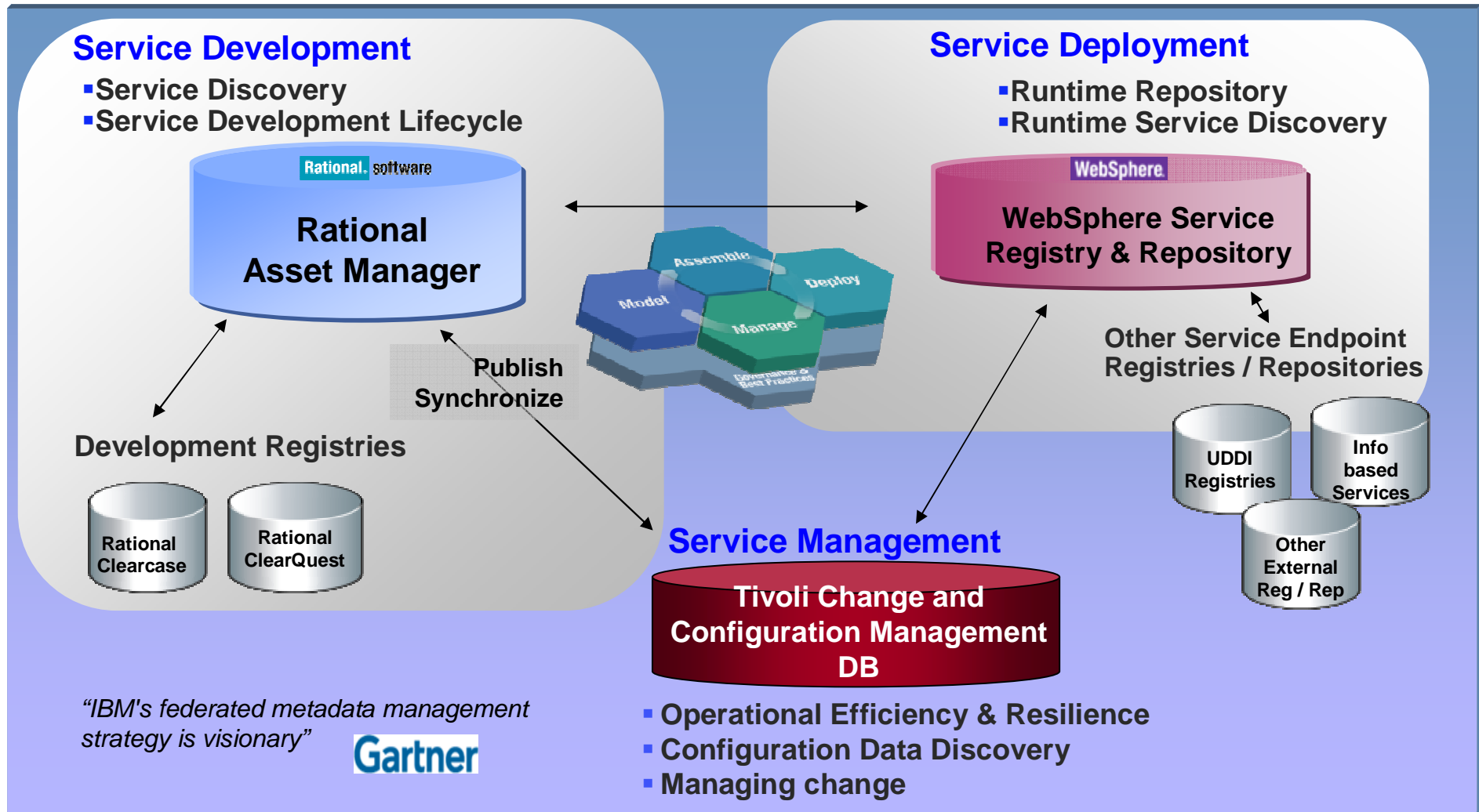


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 - Tivoli CCMDB
 - WebSphere Service Registry & Repository
 - ClearCase, CVS
 - ClearQuest
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IBM Registries/Repositories



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Rational Asset Manager Modular Service Offering



IBM Rational Asset Manager Modular Service Offering

- ▶ IBM Rational Software Services engagement to quickly deploy RAM in a customer's environment
- ▶ Serves as a first iteration of an enterprise rollout of RAM
- ▶ Includes 10 days of consulting to do:
 - Asset-based readiness assessment
 - Mentoring and training
 - Deployment planning
 - Product installation
 - Define and implement a customer's specific RAM information model for a pilot team
 - Asset types, communities, roles, review processes & categorizations





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