Extending Your Mainframe for More Business Value

Extend Access Channels with SOA

Service Oriented Finance's Business Problem

We want to grow revenue and improve customer satisfaction by extending new access channels to our business

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Mainframe Extension Solution – Extend Access Channels

- **Key Access Channels**
  - ▶ Web access by customers and business partners
  - ▶ Call centers
  - ▶ Front offices
  - ▶ Enabled by internet technologies

- **Growing pains and requirements**
  - ▶ How to expose access to back end systems?
  - ▶ Significant increase in transactions is typical
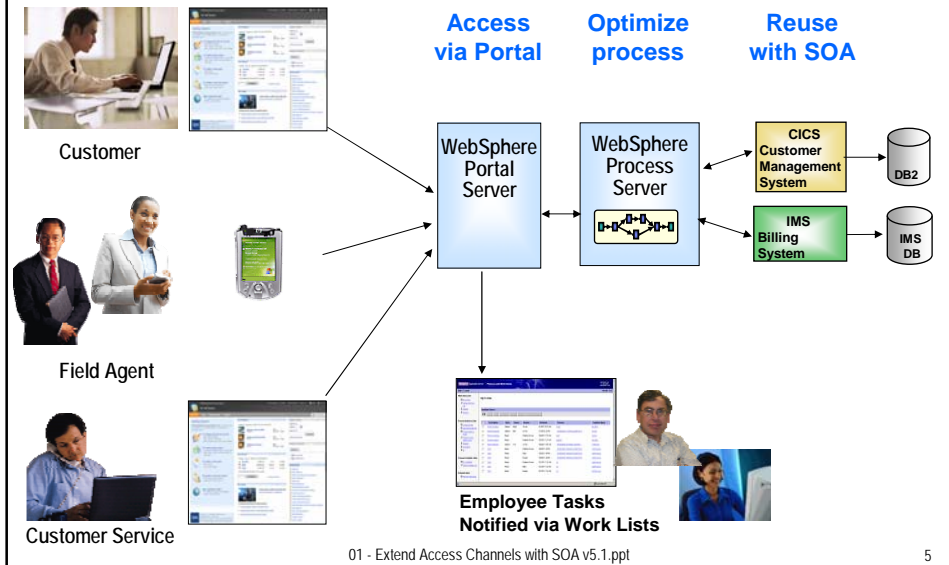 - ▶ Constrain I/T costs to grow slower than business revenue

Service Oriented Finance's Technical Challenges
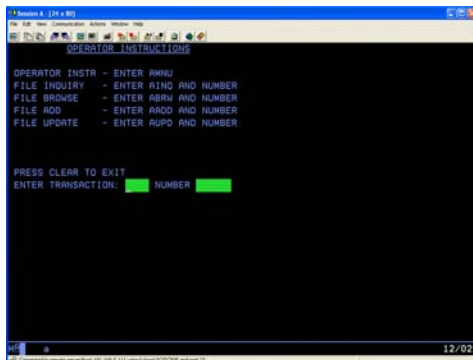

How can we leverage our existing mainframe investments?

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Service Oriented Finance Solution Picture

Access via Portal

Optimize process

Reuse with SOA

Customer

Field Agent

Customer Service

WebSphere Portal Server

WebSphere Process Server

CICS Customer Management System

DB2

IMS Billing System

IMS DB

Employee Tasks Notified via Work Lists

Existing CICS Investment: Customer Management System

We have invested millions of dollars in this asset

Existing application consists of CICS programs accessed via "green screen" terminals.

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Use SOA to Extend Your Mainframe Assets

We want to make portions of this CICS application available to our new channels

CICS TS Version 3 has built-in capabilities to expose programs as web services

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The Basics: What is SOA?

… a service?

A **repeatable business task** – e.g., check customer credit; open new account

… service oriented architecture (SOA)?

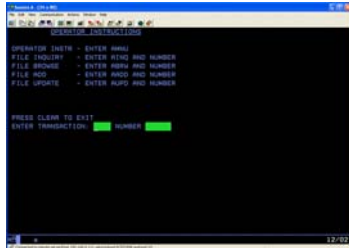An IT **architectural style** that supports integrating your business as linked services

"SOA impacts every aspect of IT and business."

Gartner

DEMO: Portal Calls CICS Program Using Web Services

- Customers accesses the Portal
- A portlet talks to the CICS Loan application using Web Services

Web Services expose CICS and IMS investments for a new generation of re-use

Customer — Portlet — SOAP / HTTP — CICS TS V3 Web Service

CICS Web Services

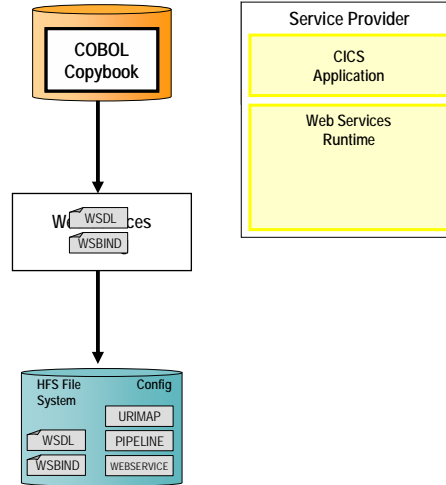- Native Web Services capability offered by CICS

  - A CICS application can be a web service provider and requester
  - Fully integrated into CICS
    - Resource definition using CICS admin screen, problem determination, monitoring & statistics
    - New tooling support for easier application development
  - SOAP requests can flow over HTTP or WebSphere MQ transports

- Rich set of Web services standards supported
  - SOAP 1.1 and 1.2   to send and receive web service messages
  - WS-I Basic Profile 1.0   for interoperability with between providers and requesters
  - WS-Coordination   transaction coordination
  - WS-AtomicTransaction
  - WS-Security   for authentication and encryption of messages

Development Steps to Expose CICS Application as a Web Service Provider

1. Start with COBOL copybook

2. Generate WSDL from copybook

3. Copy files to host file system.

    1. Use standard CICS supplied PIPELINE definition

4. CICS automatically installs other related definitions

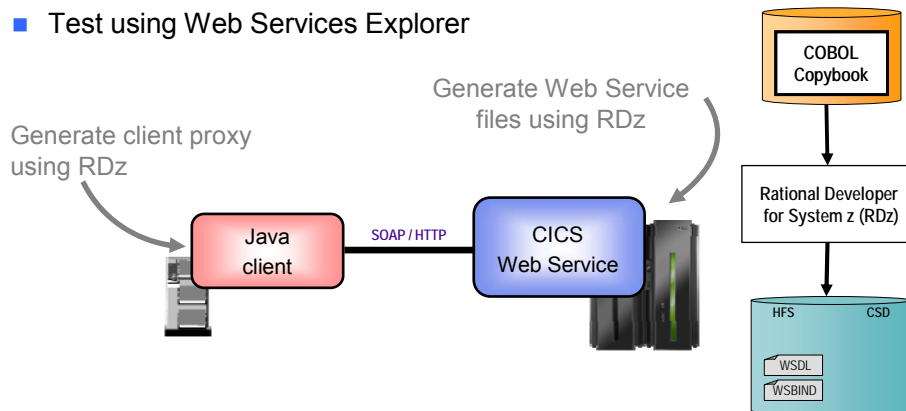5. CICS application is now web service enabled

COBOL Copybook

W... ces
WSDL
WSBIND

Service Provider

CICS Application

Web Services Runtime

HFS File System   Config
WSDL   URIMAP
WSBIND   PIPELINE
          WEBSERVICE

DEMO: Use Rational Developer for System z to Expose CICS Program as Web Service

- Generate WSDL and WSBIND files
- Deploy files to host file system
- Test using Web Services Explorer

Generate client proxy using RDz

Generate Web Service files using RDz

COBOL Copybook

Java client   SOAP / HTTP   CICS Web Service

Rational Developer for System z (RDz)

HFS   CSD
WSDL
WSBIND

CICS Service Flow Feature

- Business Logic is often spread across multiple screen interactions

- The CICS Service Flow Feature allows you to sequence fine-grained CICS program and screen interactions into a higher level step
  - ▶ This can then be exposed as a web service

- Consists of:
  - ▶ CICS Service Flow Runtime in CICS TS V3
    - – Runtime in CICS executes a sequence of terminal or commarea based interactions
  - ▶ Service Flow Modeler in Rational Developer for z
    - – Visually design flow
    - – Tool can record flow as user navigates through BMS screens
    - – Use Web Services wizards and test facilities in RDz

DEMO: Service Flow Modeler

- Use Visual Designer in RDz
  - ▶ Record Screen interactions
  - ▶ Wire CICS programs together
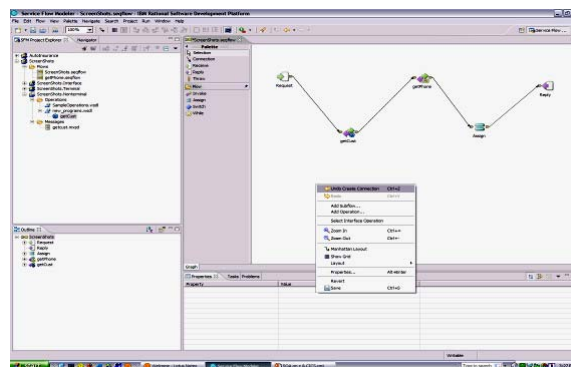
What About IMS Assets?

- Use the **IMS SOAP Gateway** and **IMS Connect** in IMS V10

- Integrates IMS assets into SOA by providing a standard Web Services interface
  - ▶ Expose your IMS application as a web service with easy deployment and configuration
    - − No programming needed

- Tooling support
  - ▶ IBM Rational Application Developer for System z generates Web Service artifacts like WSDL and XML converters
    - − From COBOL copybook of IMS application

- Transforms XML data without changing IMS application
  - ▶ IMS Connect XML Adapter transforms XML data
    - − No need to modify the IMS application code

Customer Self-Service Access

We want to provide a superior self-service experience for our customers…
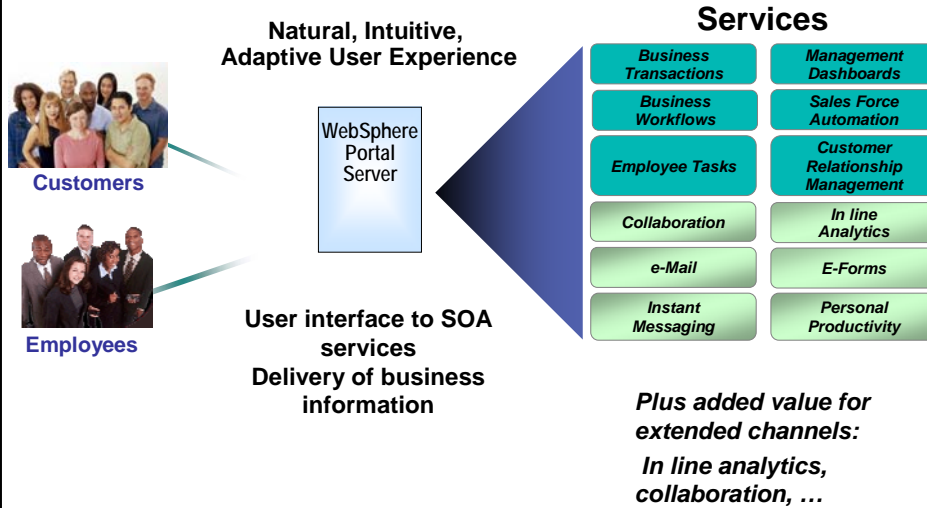
Use WebSphere Portal to build a customer facing portal

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IBM WebSphere Portal Supports Extended Channels

Natural, Intuitive, Adaptive User Experience

Services

WebSphere Portal Server

Customers

Employees

Business Transactions	Management Dashboards
Business Workflows	Sales Force Automation
Employee Tasks	Customer Relationship Management
Collaboration	In line Analytics
e-Mail	E-Forms
Instant Messaging	Personal Productivity

User interface to SOA services
Delivery of business information

Plus added value for extended channels:

In line analytics, collaboration, …

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Create a Specialized User Experience with Advanced Personalization

Address

Search

Page Page Page Page

Portlet 1

Portlet 2

Portlet 3

Portlet 4

Portlet 5

Visibility Rules

Address

Search

Page Page Page

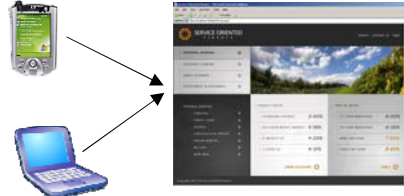Portlet 1

Portlet 2

Portlet 3

Hide pages and portlets
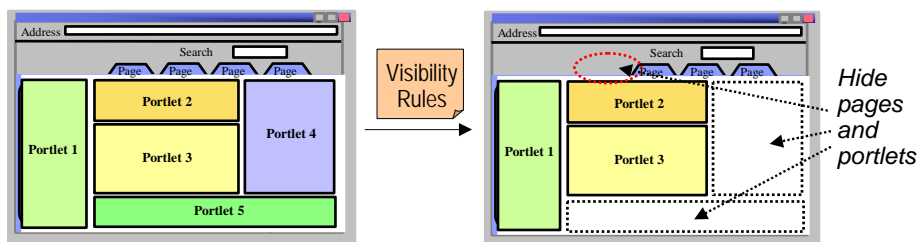
■ Attribute-based personalization based on "visibility rules" allows for a more flexible and dynamic user experience

■ Visibility rules instruct the portal to:

▶ Show or hide pages and portlets…

▶ …based on dynamic characteristics that are determined at runtime…

▶ …according to business rules

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DEMO: Service Oriented Finance Customer Portal

■ Customer Portal:

▶ Access using Browser and Mobile Client

■ Content Personalization:

Juan's Portal / Portlet View

Gold status prompts display of Private Banking portlet

Herman's Portal / Portlet View

Non-Gold status hides Private Banking portlet

Optimize Processing of Car Loan Applications

The new channel is generating more new business! Our current manual processing can't keep up.
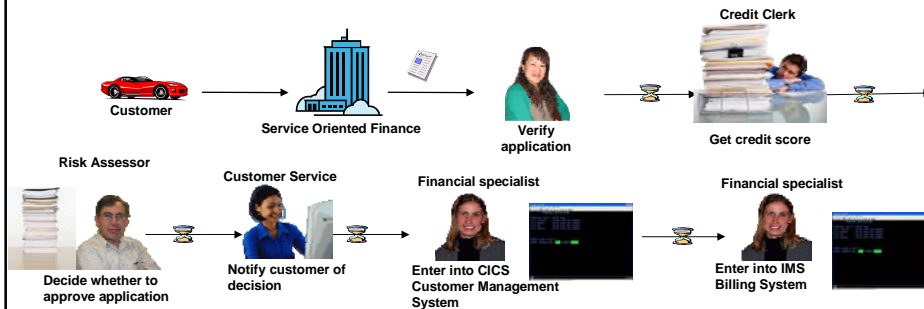
Create an improved process with WebSphere Process Server
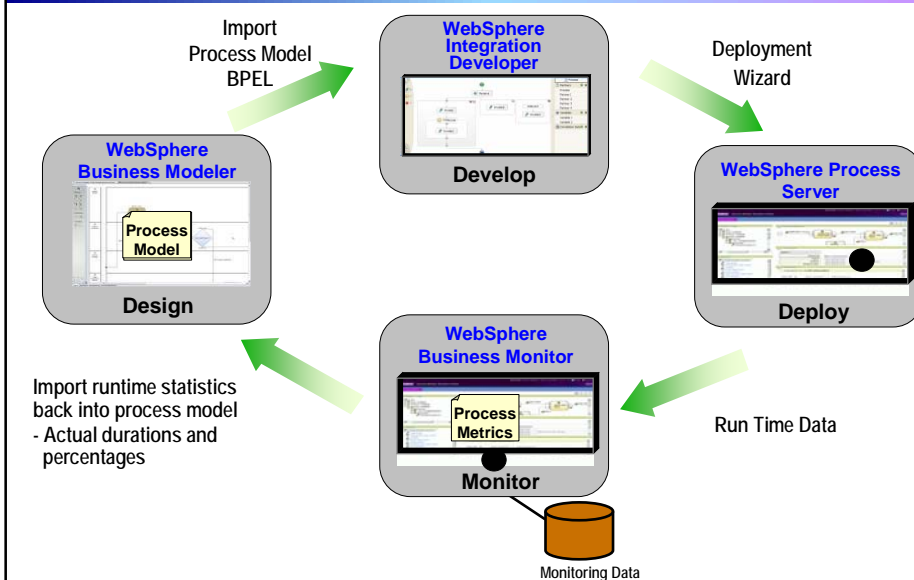
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Current Process for New Car Loans
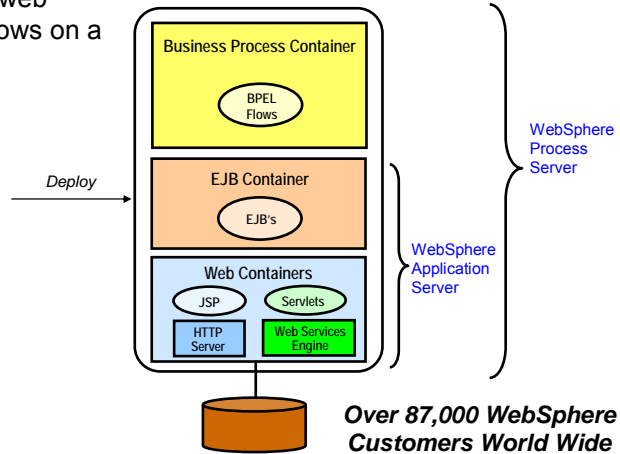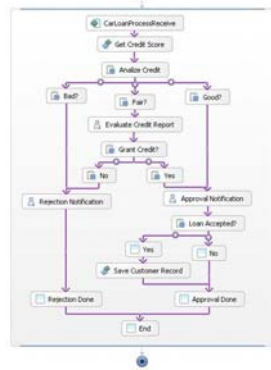

Issues with the current process:
- Manual process won't scale
- Manual data entry results in errors
- Sequence of handoffs makes it difficult to determine status of any particular loan request

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Design, Develop, Deploy, and Monitor the New Process

# The Completed Process Runs on WebSphere Process Server (WPS)

- The completed BPEL process can be deployed easily to WPS

- WPS supports J2EE, web services, and BPEL flows on a unified code base

Deploy

Business Process Container
BPEL Flows

EJB Container
EJB's

Web Containers
JSP | Servlets
HTTP Server | Web Services Engine

WebSphere Process Server

WebSphere Application Server

Over 87,000 WebSphere Customers World Wide

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DEMO: Run the New Car Loan Process
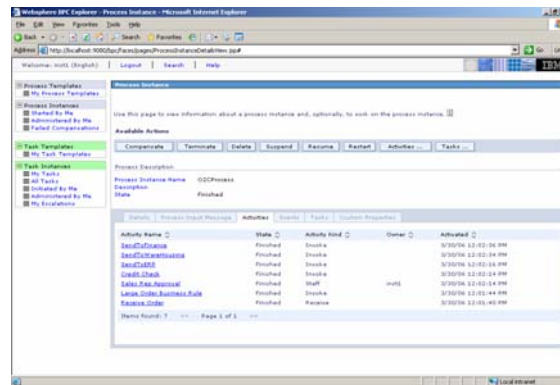
- Submit new loan application through Portal
- Process-level monitoring
- Human workflow – Work list gets populated with tasks

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Employee-Facing Portal

We want our customer service center to provide better customer satisfaction

WebSphere Portal also provides easy access to business information and applications for your employees

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Employees Need Easy Access to Business Information

- Customer service representative needs multiple screens
- Data not stored in a way to support conversations
- Customer ends up waiting on the phone, repeating information

Can you increase the limit on my credit card?

This might take a while. Please hold while I look up your information

Customer

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Channels Can Deliver Operational Intelligence with Embedded Analytics

- In-line Analytics for Guided Analysis
  - ▶ Embedded into existing processes and web applications
  - ▶ Combines operational information (i.e. current point in time) with data warehouse (historic) information
  - ▶ Real-time
  - ▶ Suitable for large volumes of requests

- Use Alphablox to Embed Analytics
  - ▶ Prebuilt Blox (dashboards, KPI's, charts, scoreboards) to deliver embedded analytics with web applications
    - − Extends business insight without programming!
  - ▶ Can run as portlet or web application on System z

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DEMO: Customer Service Center Employee Portal

- Customer service representative uses inline analytics to make a real-time decision
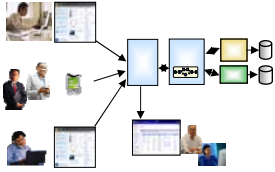

Customer

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Deployment Decisions

What platform should I use to deploy these channel solutions?

System z is an ideal platform for your SOA solutions

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Why SOA on System z?
1. Qualities of Service

- An effective SOA implementation requires very high Quality of Services (QoS) from the underlying environment
  - ▶ Continuous Availability/Disaster Recovery
  - ▶ Scalability and Clustering
  - ▶ Rock-solid Security
  - ▶ Workload Management to handle peak demand

- *These are fundamental characteristics of System z, making it an ideal platform to deploy an SOA solution*

- IBM's core SOA framework runs on z/OS
  - ▶ WebSphere Application Server
  - ▶ WebSphere Process Server
  - ▶ WebSphere Portal Server
  - ▶ WebSphere Enterprise Service Bus

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Why SOA on System z?
2. Co-location

- The mainframe already houses the core CICS and IMS applications and data for the business
  - ▶ Quickly expose them as services, and continue the QoS the business depends on

- Having the Process Server and Portal Server in close proximity to each other and the assets they access provides better performance and throughput
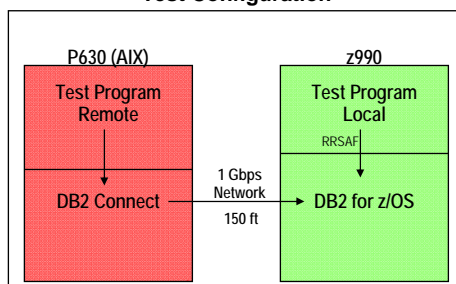
- HiperSockets technology means less network overhead
  - ▶ Memory to memory communication

Co-located Environments Maximize Throughput
IBM Study Shows Effects of Network Latency on SQL Processing

Test Configuration

P630 (AIX)

Test Program Remote

DB2 Connect

1 Gbps Network
150 ft

z990

Test Program Local

RRSAF

DB2 for z/OS
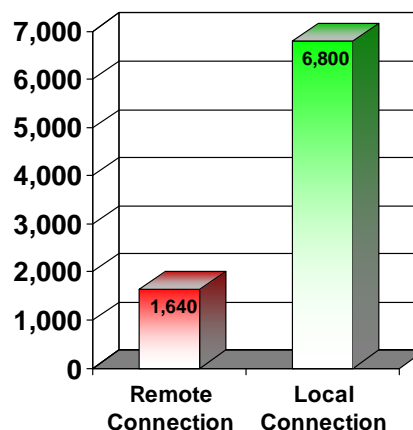
Why the big difference in SQL throughput?
- Elimination of network latency incurred by remote database connections increased SQL throughput **4x!**
- Hipersockets provide this benefit for consolidated applications on zLinux

**Results:
SQL Statements / Second**

Remote Connection: 1,640	Local Connection: 6,800

IBM Study: "Local versus Remote Database Access: A Performance Test", 2005
http://publib-b.boulder.ibm.com/abstracts/redp4113.html

Mainframe Extension Solution – Access Channels

LPAR 1   LPAR 2

WebSphere Portal Server
WebSphere Process Server
DB2 + QMF
z/OS

CICS
z/OS

System z Hypervisor

GP   zAAP

Best
- Quality of service
- Co-location
- Lower cost of acquisition

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