

Migrating to JBoss? Risks, Tips, Tricks, and the JBMS

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Unisys At A Glance

Fortune 300 Status

Media
200+ Newspapers

Transportation
200 Airlines
100 Airports
3500 Hotels

Public Sector
1,500 government agencies

Financial Services
2,200 clients

Communications
90+ providers

\$6 Billion in Revenues

37,500 Terabyte Professionals

Global Presence in 100+ Countries

Business Solutions
Precision Thinking. Relentless Execution.

Outsourcing, Systems Integration, Infrastructure, Server Technology, Consulting.

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Unisys and JBoss – A Deep Relationship

- Premier JBoss Certified Systems Integrator
 - Global Systems Integration Capability
 - Over 1000 J2EE Programmers and Architects
- Global JBoss Training Partner
- Premier Technology Partner
 - ES 7000 Intel-based Scalable Servers
 - ClearPath Servers – JBoss on Mainframes
- JBoss Authorized Service Partner
 - Providing Level 1 and Level 2 support for customers for the entire JEMS suite
- JBoss Certified Solution Partner
 - Building Mission-Critical Communications and Transportation products on Open Source JBoss

Premier JBoss Certified Systems Integrator

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Why do Customers Migrate App Servers?

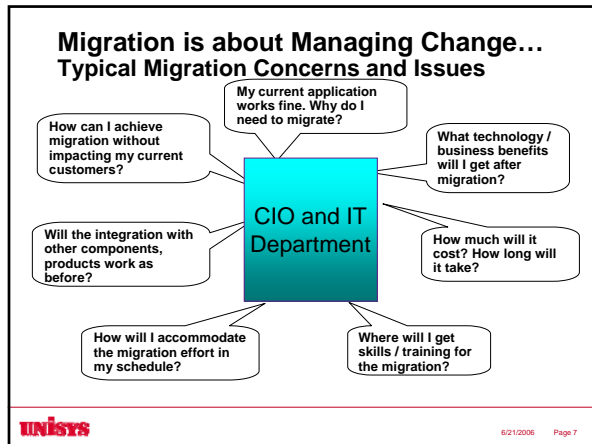
- **Reduced / No availability of support for current application server**
 - Older versions of WebLogic or WebSphere that are being sunset
 - Vendor has changed business model
- **Escape Vendor “lock-in” and control**
 - Get rid of expensive maintenance fees
 - Decouple from vendor to take advantage of new J2EE spec
- **Unplanned growth of systems**
 - Escalating app server growth or new Web-based applications
 - Unplanned growth of company (may have had a VERY good year)
- **Merger with another company (standardization effort of heterogeneous applications)**
- **Standardization with other IT applications or systems in company (support consolidation)**
- **Steadily rising Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)**

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Who Should Migrate?

- **Type A - Looking for New Ways to Save Money**
 - Reduce your operational cost of your Java EE application...
 - Get long-term cost savings from product license and support...
 - Save in long-term hardware costs via improved server utilization...
- **Type B - Looking for New Ways to “Future Proof”**
 - Have plans to enhance your current application with Open Standards or new functionality...
 - Current application server vendor is phasing out support for the version running in your organization...
 - Save on future investments on upgrade of application infrastructure enhancements...

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The Typical Migration

A typical migration or upgrade project is:

- "Artifact-less" - Lots of re-learning and retraining each time
- Manual - Developers forced to perform menial migration tasks
- Time/Resource Intensive - Needed to research, assess, migrate, test, then integrate
- Error-prone - Considering the amount of research involved
- Poorly Communicated - Scope of the migration is never made clear to all participants

Bottomline: Migrations can be risky and costly endeavors, since they are usually isolated projects; and not an on-going effort.

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Why Customers are Migrating to JBoss?

- JBoss Economics
 - Low-cost with Equivalent Functionality
 - Open Source Community - Globalization at its best
- JBoss Non-stop Innovation
 - JBoss: Application Server is part of a suite of products -- Apache Tomcat, Hibernate, JBoss Portal, JBoss jBPM, JBoss Cache, JBoss Eclipse IDE.
 - Innovation -- JBoss is the first open source app server to pass J2EE 1.4 Certification.
- JBoss Business Advantage
 - Avoid vendor lock-in -- Middleware is core to modern business processes
 - Elimination of future software licensing costs - especially important for ISVs and evolving companies
 - Reduced TCO for a key IT budget item -- middleware infrastructure

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JBMS Vision & Value Proposition

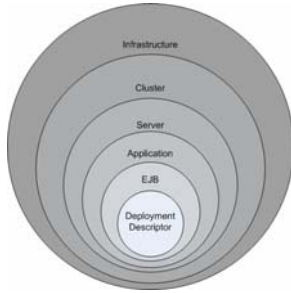
- Flexible Migration between app server brands and versions - Horizontal and Vertical (upgrades), Hybrid migration
- Reduce Migration LOE (Cost & Time)
- Provide a standardized and consistent platform for middleware migrations - people, tools, processes, and knowledge
- Leverage UnisyS domain/technical knowledge - experienced migration specialists armed with best practices
- Evolution of Migration Kit based on industry projects/experience - Industry-tested tools - "eating our own dog food"
- Configurable Migration Blueprints - Migration by server, application, single XML file, Web Services

Bottomline: JBMS reduces the risk and cost of performing a migration. Enterprises can more quickly adopt Open Source JBoss, ultimately providing greater flexibility at a lower TCO.

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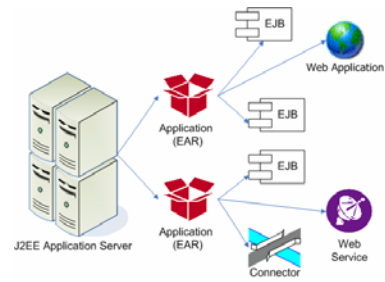
J2EE Migration – What is Involved? Simple and Complex considerations

- No two migrations are the same. A good methodology must consider:
 - Scope
 - Level of Complexity
 - Size
 - Time
 - Cost
 - Deliverables



Migration from 30,000ft – Applications

- Standards Compliance, Portability, Vendor Lock-in



Migration from 30,000ft – App Server

- Separation of Concerns, but Lack of Portability

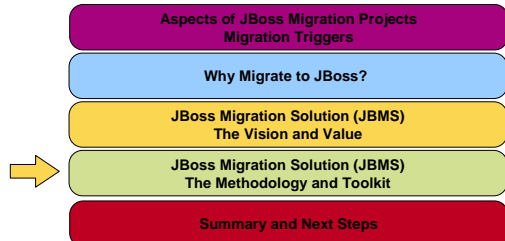


Migration from 30,000ft – Organization

- Reduce risk here



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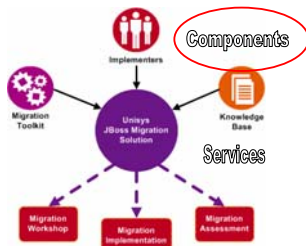
JBMS – What is it?

- The JBMS is one of many services provided by Unisys in the Open Source arena
- Integrates into our other Open Source Services
- Comprises many services:
 - Migration Assessment
 - Migration Workshop
 - Migration Implementation
- Quickly tailored to each client – no more than what you need



JBMS Components

- Trained Migration Implementers
- Knowledge Base
- Migration Toolkit



- Migration Methodology
 - Migration Processes

Migration Implementers

- Experienced J2EE architects
- JBoss Certified Consultants
- Contributors to the Knowledge Base
- Resources:
 - Internal Unisys Training
 - External J2EE/JBoss Training
 - Migration Support
 - Available to all Unisys architects/developers
 - JBMS Knowledge Base
 - JBoss ASSIST Team



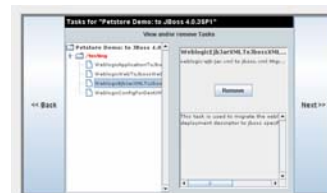
JBMS Knowledge Base

- Tasks are reusable artifacts
 - Automated (executed by the Transformation Engine)
 - Manual (step by step instructions provided)
- Migration Scenarios/Blueprints
- Process Documentation
- Migration Questionnaire
- Past Projects/Estimates
- Global – Unisys
- Best Practices



JBMS Migration Toolkit

- Generic, Powerful Transformation engine
- Task/Resource separation
- Eclipse Plug-in
- Knowledge Base Integration
- Pluggable/Extensible Architecture
- Migration Task Automation
- Report Generation
- Deployable out of the box



Migration Toolkit – Tasks

- Scenarios contain Tasks
 - WebLogic 8.1 to JBoss 4.0.2
 - Migrate EJB DD's
 - Migrate JMS destinations
 - WebSphere 5.0 to JBoss 3.2.6
 - Migrate J2EE Security settings
 - Migrate Web Services
- WebLogic tasks
- WebSphere tasks
- JBoss tasks (vertical migration)



JBMS Methodology and Services

- Estimating the Effort
 - Questionnaire
 - Estimation Tools
- Assessment Workshop
 - Process
 - Report/Recommendation
- Migration Implementation
 - Optional use of customer resou
 - Offshore possibilities (for large
 - Reusable tasks
- Verification & UAT
- Deliverables



Migration Assessment Service

- Information gathered via "migration questionnaire"
- Client completes migration questionnaire themselves –OR–
- Engagement can be performed on-site directly with Unisys assistance

Goal: the Assessment Service determines the scope and level-of-effort of a Migration

The JBMS Migration Assessment Process



Migration Assessment Service

- Questionnaire addresses key impact areas in migration:

- Hardware
- Software
- JVM
- Database
- Build
- Implementation
- Deployment
- Testing
- Transition
- Servlet/JSP
- EJB
- JNDI
- Security
- JMS
- JTA
- Refactoring

Questionnaire Excerpt

Software Considerations

Questions	Answers	Comments
How many 3rd party JARs are deployed as part of the application (EAR, WAR, or EJB Jar)? Please list with versions.		
Are you using Log4j and what version in your application?		
Are you using Apache Struts and what version in your application?		

What is the Cost of Migration? Effort Sheet from a Large Migration

PROJECT INVENTORY		PROJECT TEAM			EFFORT ESTIMATES	
		TYPE	NUMBER	INVOLVEMENT		
Applications	10	Project Manager	1	20%	Calendar Days	2 man months
JSP	1,300	Architect	1	30%	Person Days	184
Stateless EJB	150	Team Lead	1	100%		
Entity Beans	200	Developers	2	100%		
		Testing and QA	1	70%		

Facts:

- This product's original architecture was carefully designed to be vendor independent.
- No change in functionality, no refactoring
- The migration developers and team lead were part of the core development team.
- Source Environment: BEA WebLogic 5.1, Oracle 8i.
- Source Architectural Layers: JSP->Java->Session EJB->Custom DAO->Database.
- Target Environment: JBoss 4.0.2, Oracle.
- Target Architectural Layers: JSP->Java->Session EJB-> Custom DAO ->Database.

Migration Workshop

- A customized workshop that provides the customer with a clear migration strategy
- Process
 - Questionnaire and interviews – determine need
 - Adaptation of workshop to the customer's needs
 - Perform live Migrations
 - Show the process by demonstrating on POC
 - Recommendations based on the assessment
 - Process and Plans (how to migrate)
 - Migration Paths/Strategies



"The benefits of the Unisys workshop were multi-faceted. This is the kind of value-added training and knowledge transfer that jump-started our efforts in the usage of JBoss."

-Jason Miller
Manager, The Institute for Genomic Research

Migration Implementation

- Types of Migrations (Who is migrating?)

- Customer migrates the system
 - Unisys supplies training, a plan and processes
- Unisys and the customer migrates the system together
 - Unisys supplies training, a plan, processes, and guidance
- Unisys migrates the complete system

- Migration Plan

- Iterations based on architecturally significant applications

- Deployment

- Into the target environment

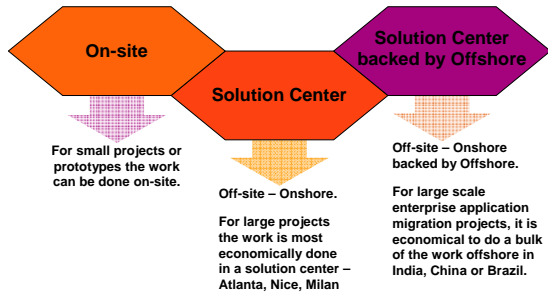
- Verification

- Iterative, testing and tuning to ensure pre-migration performance

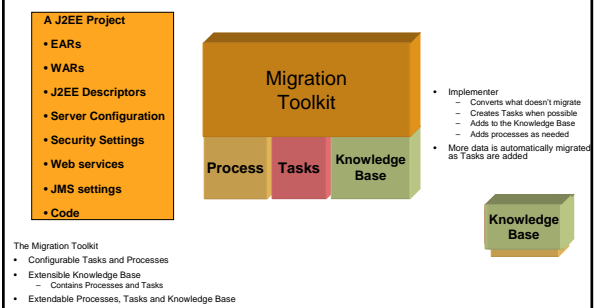
Services Deliverables

- Depending on the services rendered, deliverables include:
 - Migration Assessment Document
 - Contains Scope, Environment Models, and Migration Paths
 - Migration Workshop Notes/Slides
 - Class notes from training tailored to the customer
 - Migration Summary
 - Comparison with Migration Assessment Document
 - Migration Tasks (what was done)
 - Future Considerations/Issues

Unisys Migration Delivery and Economics Keep the Costs under Control



Putting it all together – JBMS from Unisys



Next Steps – Embarking on the Journey

- If you are a customer of BEA WebLogic or IBM WebSphere, start a pilot JBoss Migration for one application
 - Validate Value Proposition
 - Build the ROI
- If you are an ISV, migrate your solution to JBoss Application Server
 - Cost savings and performance of Open Source JBoss may surprise you
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