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Large Scale Migration from WebLogic to JBoss

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Agenda

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The Approach

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Setting the Scene





Focus on Deployment of Enterprise Middleware

Fast

Reliable

Manageable

Secure

Subcontracted for BEA PS

Subcontracted for RedHat PS

Ideally Placed to Help!

The Customer

Large UK Government
Department

Substantial Investment in
WebLogic since 6.x

Many many applications in
production

Extremely Large Data
Volumes

24/7 operations

Many Systems Integrators



Technical Environment

100s of WebLogic 8.1
managed servers

10s of Domains

100's of JEE Developers

RHEL Linux Blades

Custom Built Deployment



Complex N-Tier Systems

Many Discrete Applications

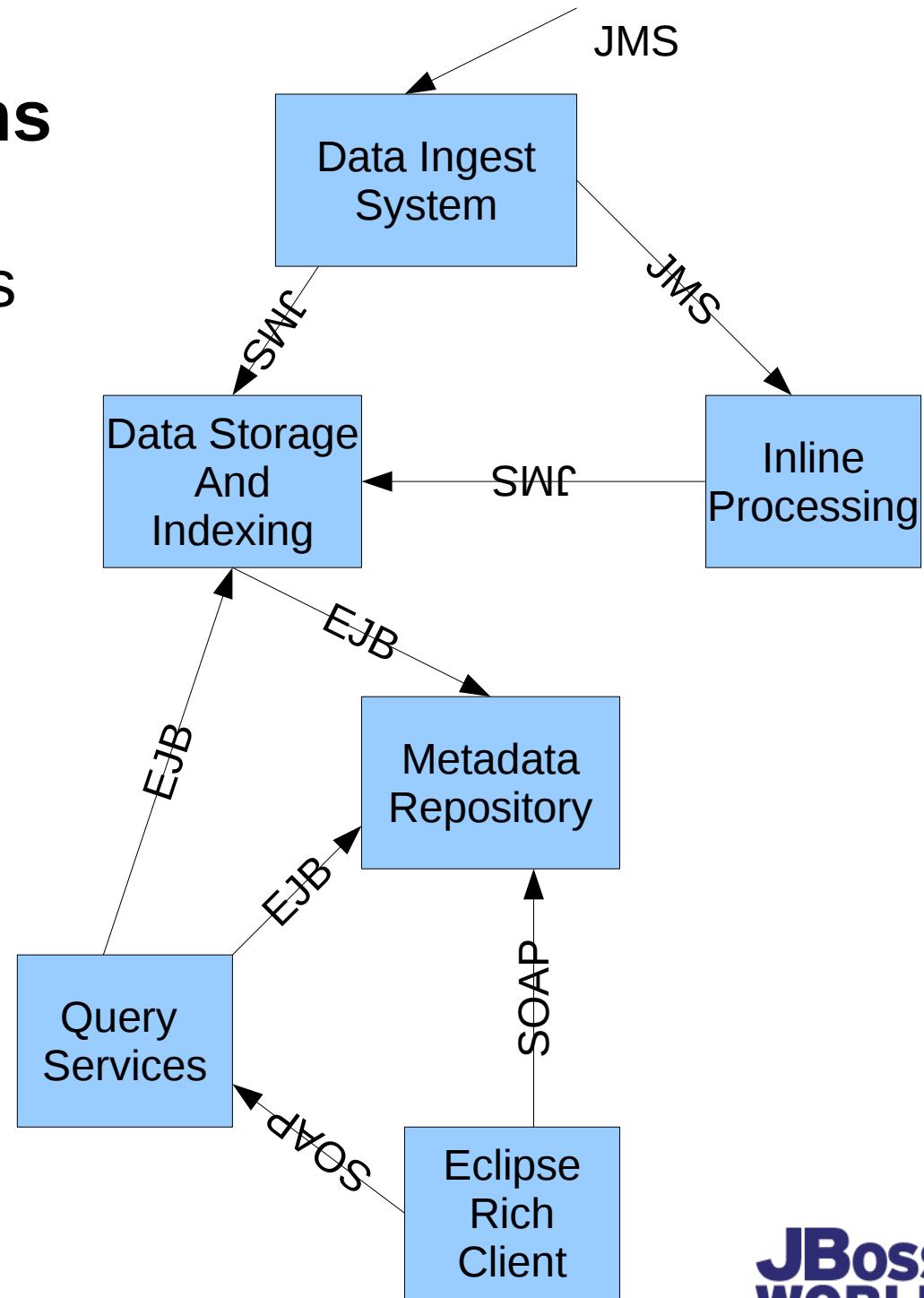
Applications “Talk” to Each Other

EJB<->EJB interactions

JMS integration

Web Services

Separate Domains



Bespoke Security Requirements

Propagation of Principals

Domain Credentials

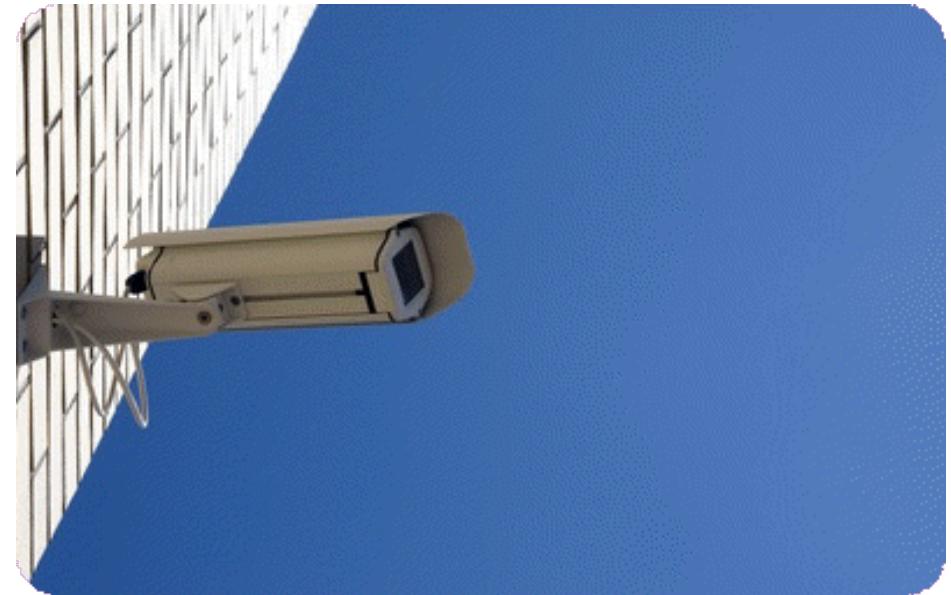
JMS

Authenticators

Identity Asserters

Complex Audit
Requirements

Bespoke VPD



Heavy Tuning

Extensive JMS Tuning

Session and Entity Bean
tuning

High Availability
Configuration

WebLogic Performance
Tuning



The Approach



Why Migrate at All?

Money?

No!

New Architectures

Support

Government Push into
Open Source



The Time was Right

Money

NOT the primary reason

“Not the Reason”

According to BEA sales
Rep

Cost of change can be
great

Re-education

Development Work



New Architectures

Agile Dynamic
Infrastructure

Virtualised Linux

New Frameworks

Spring, Hibernate

JDK 5

JEE 5

SOA and ESB



**Cost of Change Great
for WLS 10 and AquaLogic**

Support

BEA Support not seen as
good value

On-site consultancy support
better value

Red Hat support good
RHEL customers

Open Source means rapid
problem resolution and
fixes



Migration

Incremental Approach
New Applications JBoss
Slow migration of legacy

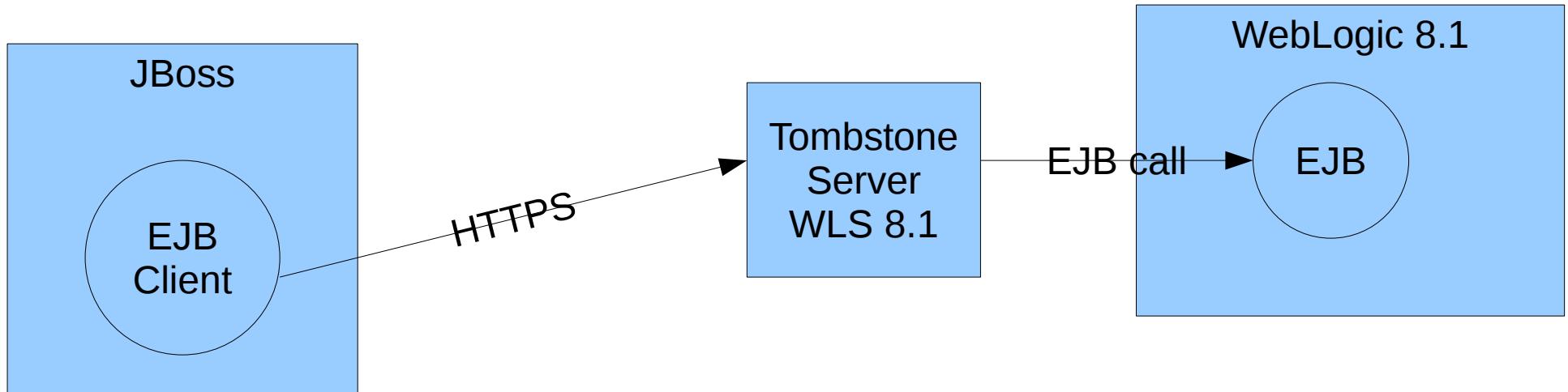


Interoperability

WebLogic Remains
JBoss needs to talk to
WebLogic
SOAP, JMS and EJB
Requirements
Security Propagation
Load Balancing
Fail Over



Tombstones



JBoss Client has the same EJB client interface

Packages up parameters and Security principal

Invokes Servlet in Tombstone

Unpackages Security authenticates to WLS

Invokes EJB in WebLogic Server

Tombstones (2)

IOP

EJB Spec requirement

Can be made to work

No load balancing or fail
over

Tombstone

Provides Load Balancing
and Failover

Identity Propagation
infrastructure

JMS Still not solved



The Bad



Documentation

JBoss Docs are BAD

Difficult to get Version

Difficult to work out what applies

Download the Source

Ultimate Documentation



JBoss Administration

Easy it is NOT

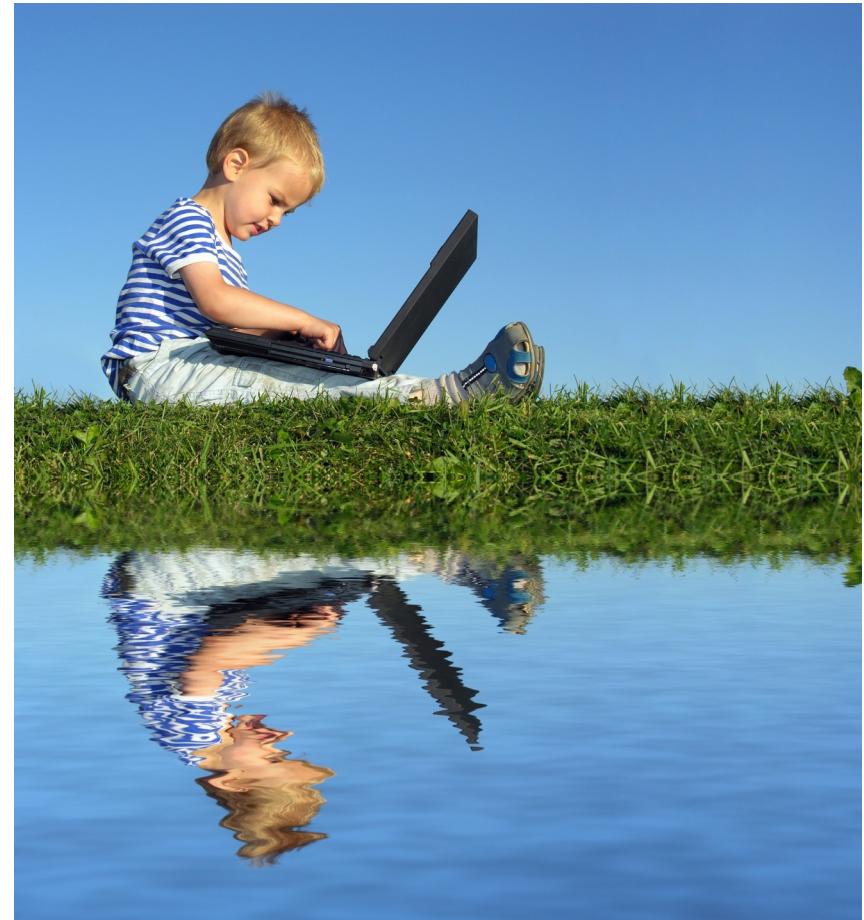
Too much XML Editing

No Central Configuration

No Rollout to a “Domain”

Each Server Subtly
Different

Jmx-console too much crud



JEE 5 Compliance

JBEAP NOT JEE 5
Compliant

No EJB->Servlet injection

Many minor issues

Causes Project Delay

Causes developer
confusion



Mind shift

Developers experienced in
J2EE 1.3

Large Education Cost to
shift to JEE 5

Java 5 upskill

JPA upskill

EJB upskill

ESB new model



Better but different

The Ugly



Ports

How many ports are there in JBoss?

2 in WebLogic

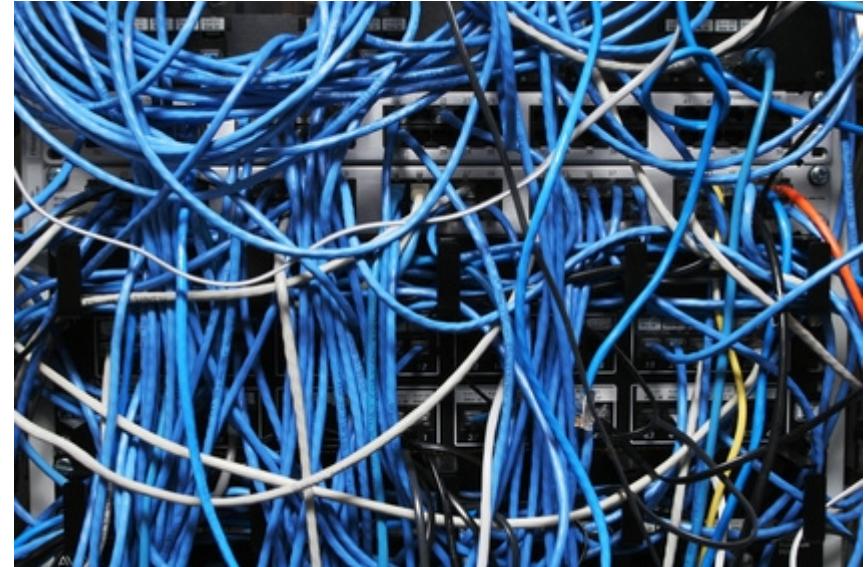
Service Binding a Hack

Many developers per Machine

Nightmare!

NAT

Where is the definitive answer?



Red Hat sort it out Please!

Interoperability

You must address this
What do you rely on now?
JTA and XA
Principal Propagation
Load Balancing
Failover
Same JDK version
Nothing works “out of the box”



Operational Management

Consistent Large Scale
Deployment difficult

Haven't addressed this yet

Across "Domain" monitoring
difficult even with JON

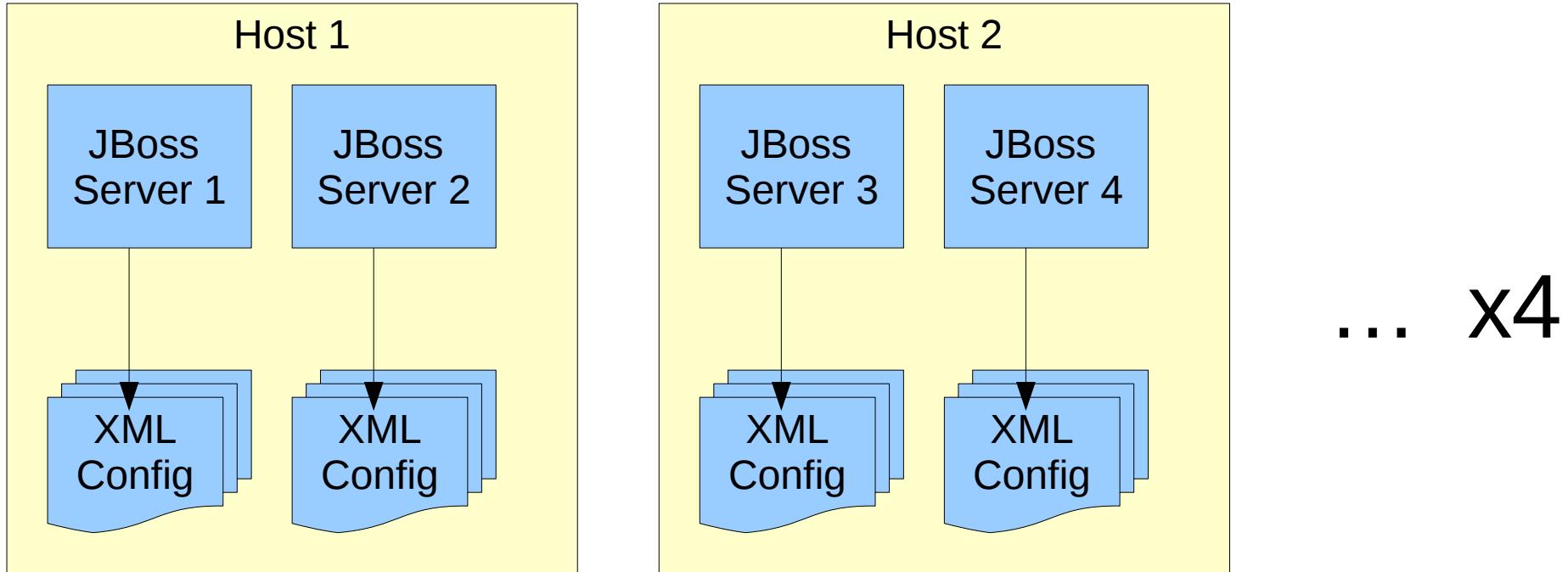
Useful things not available

Active JTA transactions

No Node Manager



Operational Management (JBoss Cluster)



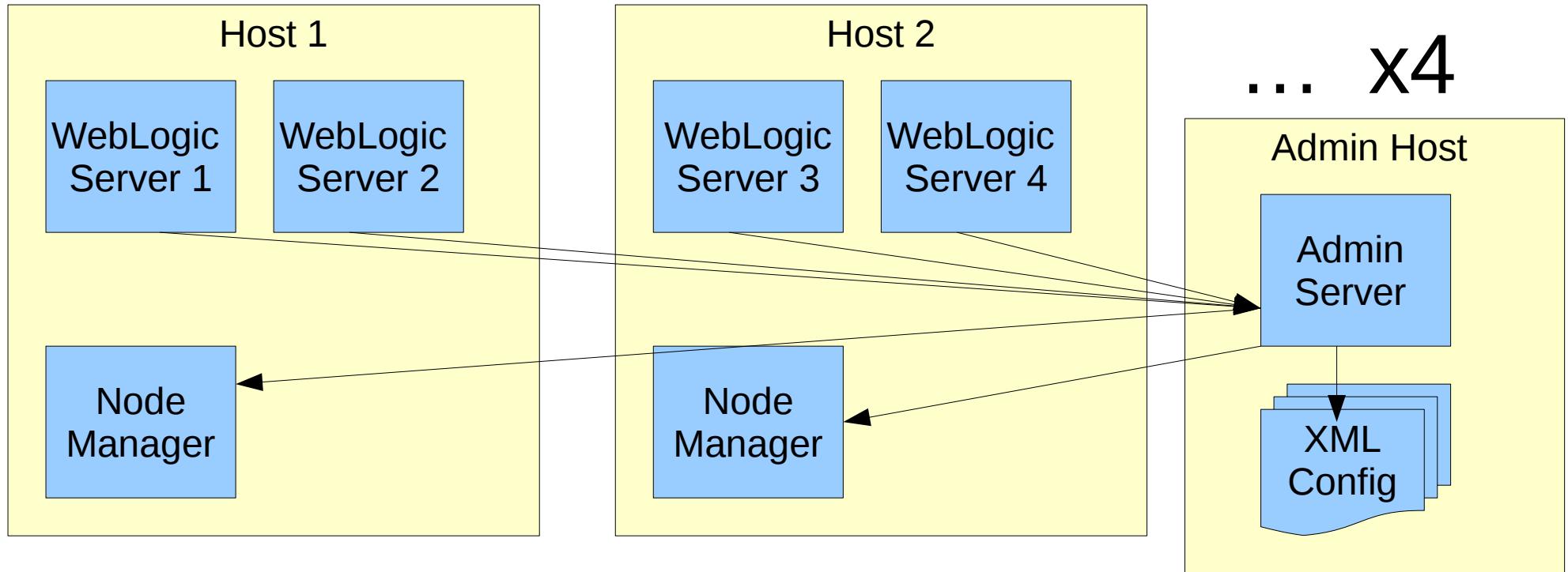
XML files require differences

- Node ID (Web, JMS, XA)

- Ports (if on the same host)

Edits and deployments manually pushed to ALL

Operational Management (WebLogic Cluster)



Single
Effective Clusterwide Deployment
Start and Stop servers remotely

The Good



Open Source

Saves Huge Amounts of Time

Solve problems fast

See how things really work

Security

Internals

Fix critical issues

Ultimate Documentation



Flexibility

JBoss is SO Flexible

Everything is configurable

Easy to Hook in Code

EJB Interceptor stack

AOP

Security providers

Many more!



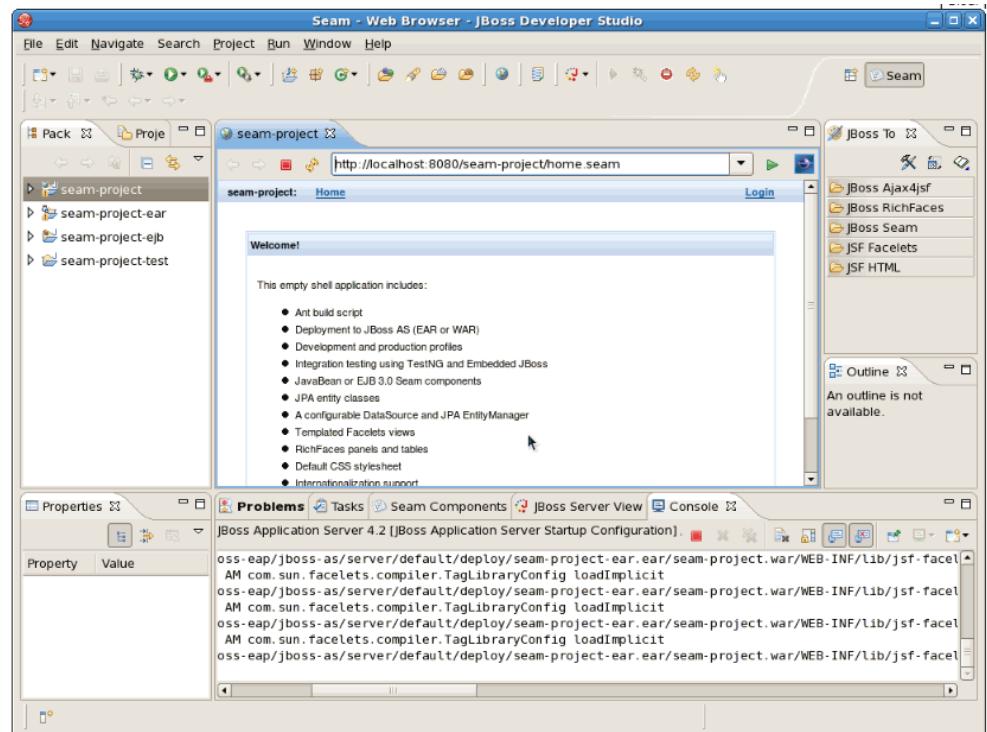
Developer Productivity

Developers Experienced in
Eclipse

Poor Integration with WLS

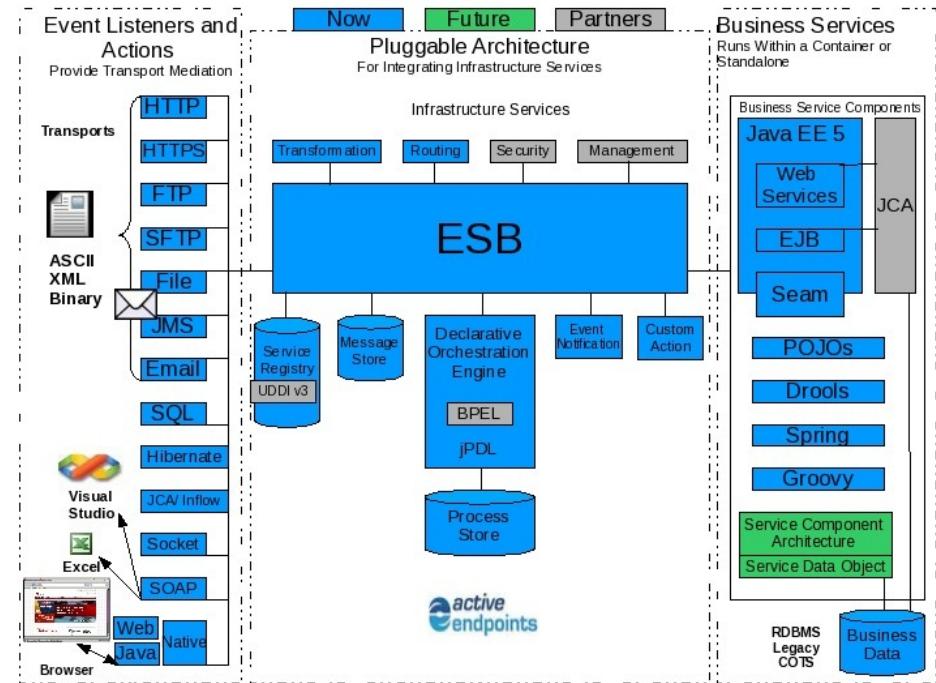
Excellent Eclipse
Integration with JBoss

Investigating SEAM



ESB

ESB Great Fit for the Business
Lightweight
Provides BPMS
Heavily Message Oriented



The Future



Major ESB Deployment

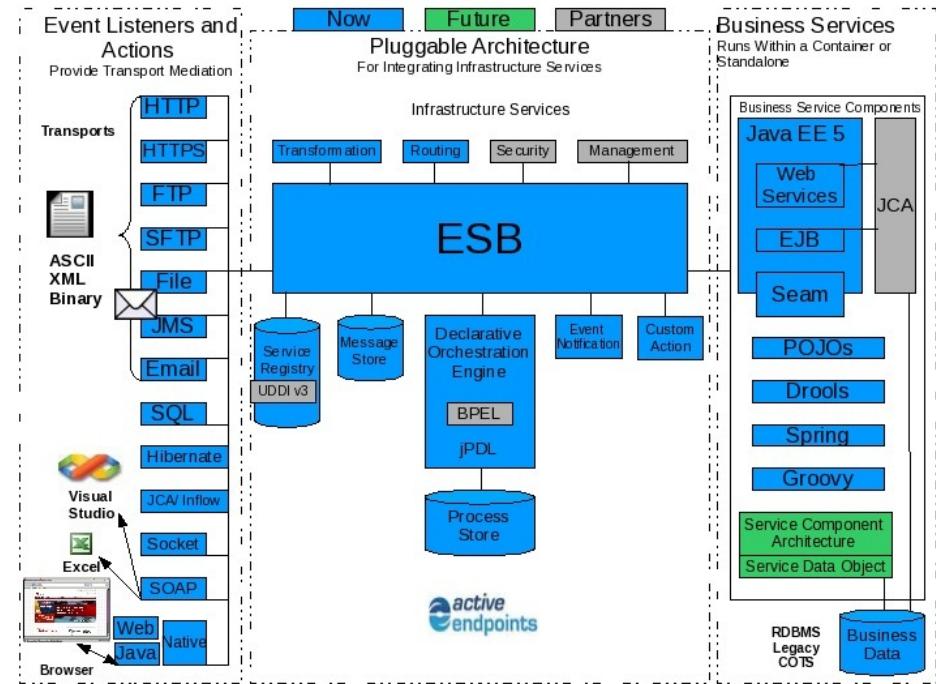
Developing a Major ESB infrastructure

20 million messages per day

Orchestrating many data processing systems using JBPM

Large scale deployment

Federated UDDI



Migrate in Earnest

Initial Applications Ported

Custom Security Code
Ported

Interoperability proved
Deployment and
Management still to solve



Large Scale Migration starting NOW!

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