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Migrating SAP Portal Application to JBoss Portal Sushil Ajgaonkar



Challenges with existing Portal

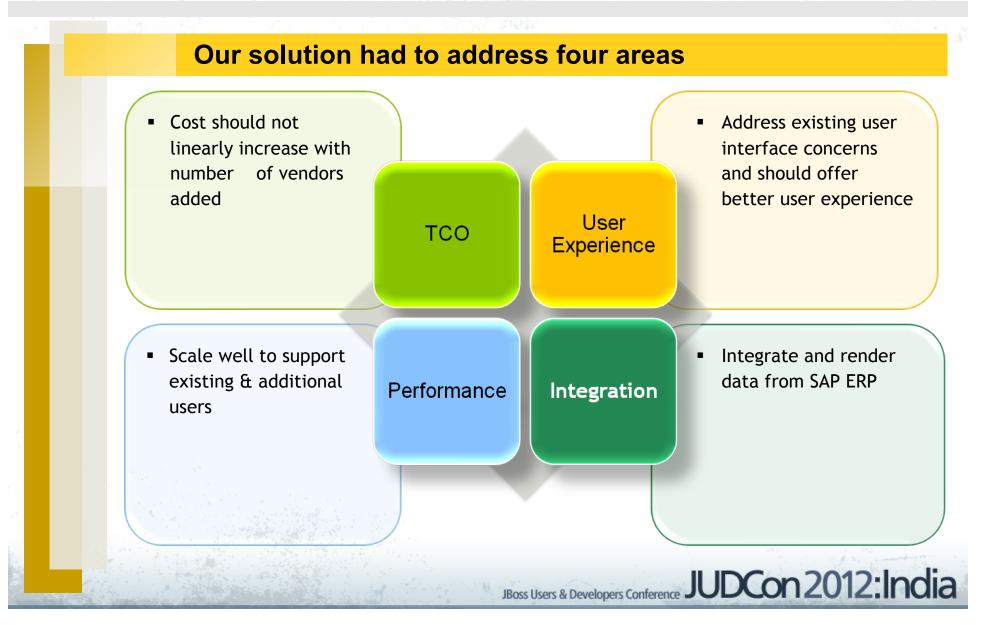
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- Existing Self Service Portal for Vendors
 - Release of PO and amendments
 - Issue of Material / Receipt of finished goods
 - Quality Inspection Reports
 - Approval of Invoices
- Challenges
 - Mounting costs as vendor base expanded
 - High maintenance and support cost
 - Erratic response time
 - Non-intuitive user interface



L&T Infotech Solution Requirements



Managing TCO



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- Proposed migrating the SAP Enterprise Portal to Redhat supported JBoss Portal.
- Took advantage of core based pricing model of JBoss Portal
- For an annual outgo of USD 14000,
 - About 400 users supported on the SAP EP platform
 - 16-core JBoss Portal subscription supporting unlimited users

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Exploited the flexibility in deploying the 16 cores

Rich User Experience



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- Developed Rich Portlets which would render similar views if not richer than Flex based iViews on existing portal
- Seam portlets combined with RichFaces
- Implemented an inter-portlet communication (IPC) framework to provide intuitive and minimal navigation
- Leveraged AJAX for seamless screen refresh
- Used custom-renderers and themes to improve look-andfeel of the portal.

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Cross browser support



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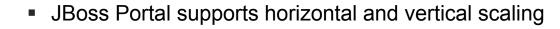
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Manage Performance

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Performance



- Exploited the flexibility in deploying the 16 cores
- Tuning JVM, Pool of connections to SAP ERP, Seam framework, UI layer



Integrate with SAP

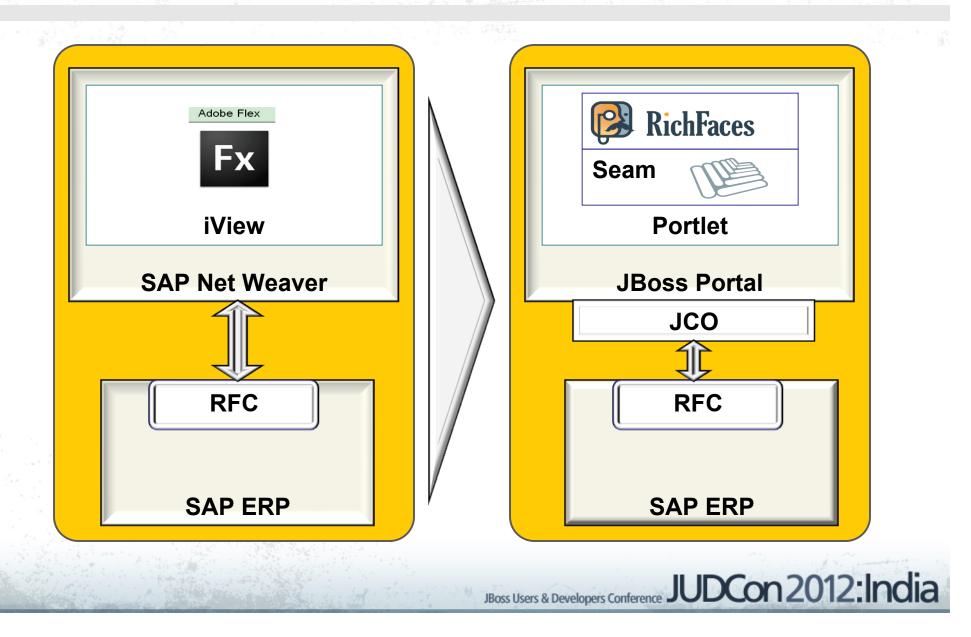
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Integration

- Custom developed using SAPJCO library
- Invoke appropriate RFC exposed by SAP ERP



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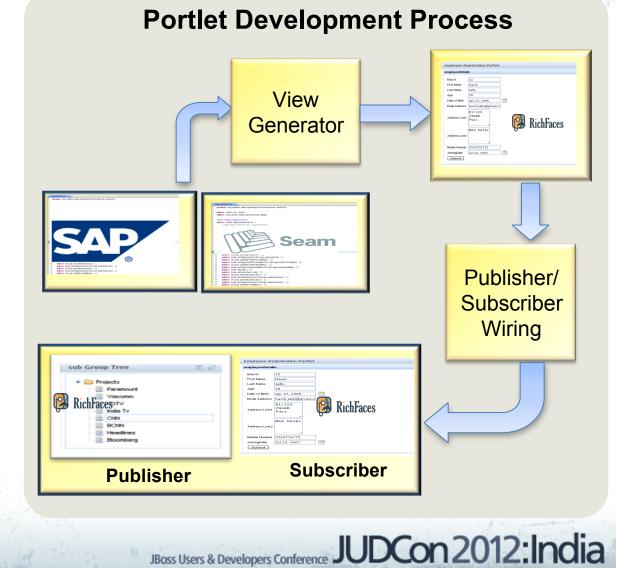
&T Infotech **Migration Approach** Use appropriate Wire themes etc. for appropriate **Create Seam** desired look-andportlets for portlets using Rich feel IPC Faces components to replicate existing views onto a portlet Configure the portal to use appropriate authentication mechanism Deploy the portlets into the portal For each portlet, invoke the Seam Bean to bind the **Develop Seam Bean** SAP ERP data to to invoke appropriate the view SAP RFC calls using JCO. JBoss Users & Developers Conference JUDCon 2012: India

QuikPortal Framework

 Ready framework to accelerate the time-tomarket for portal applications

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- Automates the creation of views using Rich Faces components
- Allows wiring of the portlets for IPC
- Generates Java proxies and Seam Bean to invoke SAP RFC



L&T Infotech QuikPortal – Generated Views

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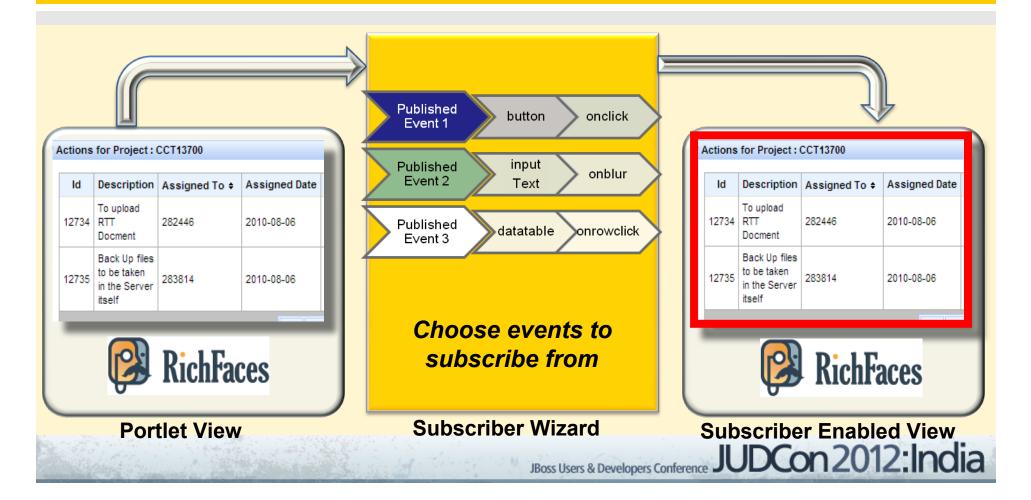
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QuikPortal - Portlet Wiring

- Wizards to configure the Portlets as Publishers or Subscribers or both.
- Allows wiring such configured portlets together to perform IPC.

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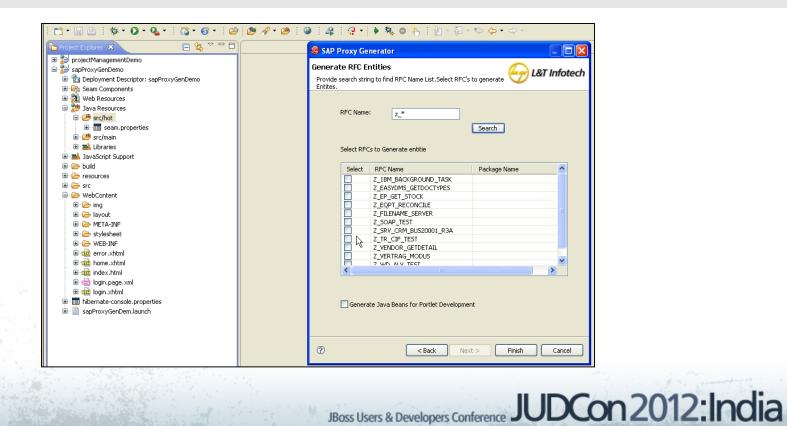
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- Connects to the SAP RFC repository
- Generates ready to use Java proxies and Seam Bean
- Seam Bean can be used to generate Portlet Views





Summary

Our migration approach

- Create Portlets to migrate the view
- Bind the view to the source of data. For an enterprise app, identify appropriate integration touch point
- Enhances user experience and performance
- Leverage the features and capabilities provided in the JBoss Portal

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 Can be generalized to migrate applications out of commercial portals to improve user experience and performance while reducing TCO



Thank You

