

Introduction to OSGi and Modularity

InfoSphere MDM, Version 11.x

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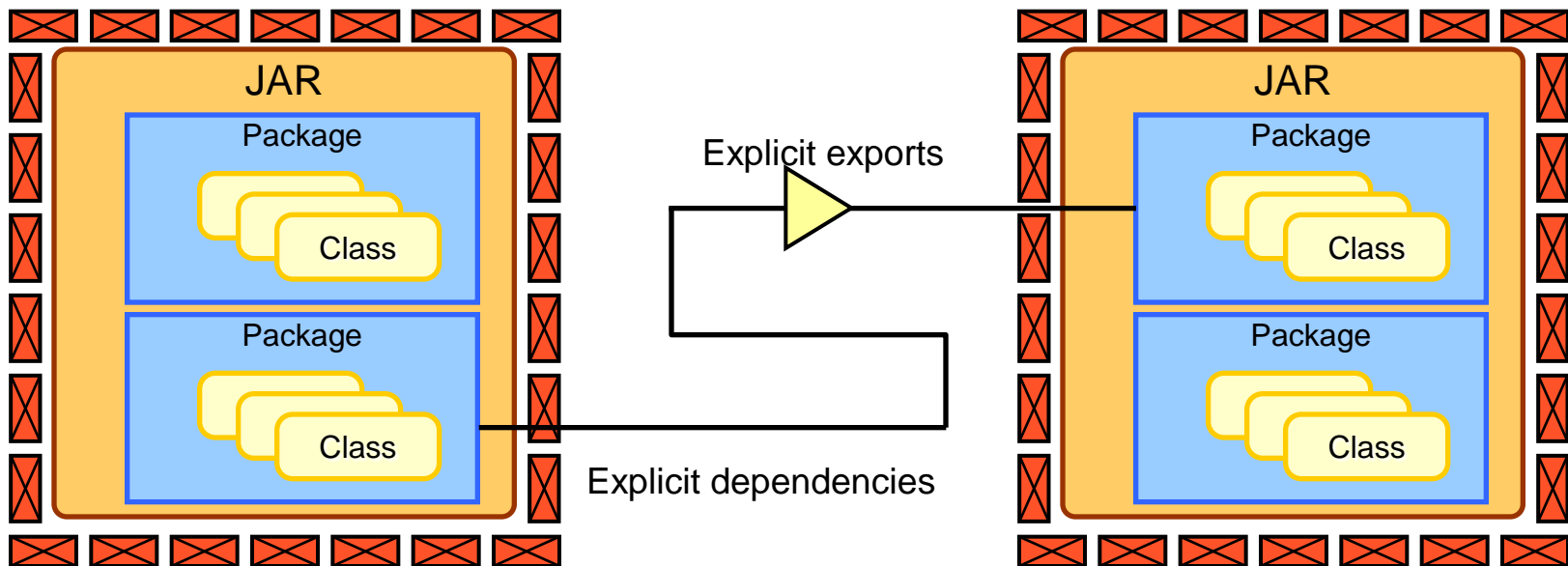
Agenda

- Part 1: Introduction to OSGi
- Part 2: MDM and OSGi
- Part 3: Customizing and extending MDM using OSGi
- Part 4: Demo
- Summary



What is OSGi and what is Modularity?

- OSGi stands for “Open Services Gateway initiative”. *Which doesn't have much to do with what it's about.*
- “The dynamic module system for Java”
 - Mature 10-year old technology
 - Governed by OSGi Alliance: <http://www.osgi.org>
 - Used *inside* just about *all* Java-based middleware
 - IBM WebSphere, Oracle WebLogic, Red Hat JBoss, Sun GlassFish, Paremus Service Fabric, Eclipse Platform, Apache Geronimo, (non-exhaustive list)
http://www.osgi.org/wiki/uploads/News/2008_09_16_worldwide_market.pdf



Components of OSGi We'll Discuss

- OSGi bundles
- OSGi Applications
- OSGi Composite Bundles
- OSGi Bundle Repositories (OBR)
- OSGi Services



OSGI building blocks

■ Bundle

- A [jar](#) containing, classes, resources and manifest.
- Manifest specifies [Bundle-SymbolName](#), [Bundle-Version](#), [Import-Package](#) and [Export-Package](#)

■ Enterprise Bundle Archive (EBA)

- EBA to OSGI is what an EAR is to JEE.
- EBA's [APPLICATION.MF](#) specifies all its assembled OSGI bundles and their versions
- Application manifest specifies values for [Application-ManifestVersion](#), [Manifest-Version](#), [Application-Name](#), [Application-SymbolicName](#), [Application-Version](#), [Application-Content](#), etc.

■ Composite Bundle Archive (CBA)

- Has the characteristics of an EBA (as it contains bundles) and a Bundle (as it provides import and export the packages/services it needs)
- Composite Bundle Archive (CBA) is used to attach customized logic to an EBA

■ Bundle Repository

- Allows putting sharable OSGi bundles amongst applications

■ OSGI Blueprint

- Blueprint is an XML based definition that describes [OSGi service\(s\)](#) or [OSGi service listener\(s\)](#).
- Each bundle may have one or more blueprint files



OSGi Bundles

- OSGi Bundle – A **JAR** containing:
 - Classes and resources.
 - OSGi Bundle manifest.
- What's in the manifest:
 - **Bundle-SymbolicName**: this is the name that matters.
 - It's the name the OSGi container uses to refer to the bundle.
 - It's the name to which the version number (Bundle-Version, below) is attached.
 - **Bundle-Version**: Multiple versions of bundles can live concurrently.
 - **Import-Package**: What packages from other bundles does this bundle depend upon?
 - **Export-Package**: What packages from this bundle are visible and usable outside of the bundle?

```
Manifest-Version: 1.0
Bundle-ManifestVersion: 2
Bundle-Name: MyService bundle
Bundle-SymbolicName: com.sample.myservice
Bundle-Version: 1.0.0
Bundle-Activator: com.sample.myservice.Activator
Import-Package:
com.something.i.need;version=1.1.2
Export-Package: com.myservice.api;version=1.0.0
```



Enterprise Bundle Archives (EBAs)

- EBAs represent OSGi Applications. An EBA is to OSGi what an EAR is to JEE.
- Bundles are assembled into Enterprise Bundle Archives.
- EBAs isolate the bundles in them from bundles outside the EBA
- Bundles are specified in the APPLICATION.MF of the EBA.
- Bundles can be included in the EBA itself or not. If they are not they must be provisioned from a repository.

```
Application-ManifestVersion: 1.0
Manifest-Version: 1.0
Application-Name: InfoSphere Master Data Management
Application-SymbolicName: com.ibm.mdm.hub.server
Application-Version: 11.0.0
Manifest-Version: 1.0
Application-Content:
com.ibm.mdm.server.commonutils;version=11.0.0,
com.ibm.mdm.server.referencemodels;version=11.0.0,
com.ibm.mdm.server.adminservices;version=11.0.0,
com.ibm.mdm.server.batch.management;version=11.0.0,
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Composite Bundle

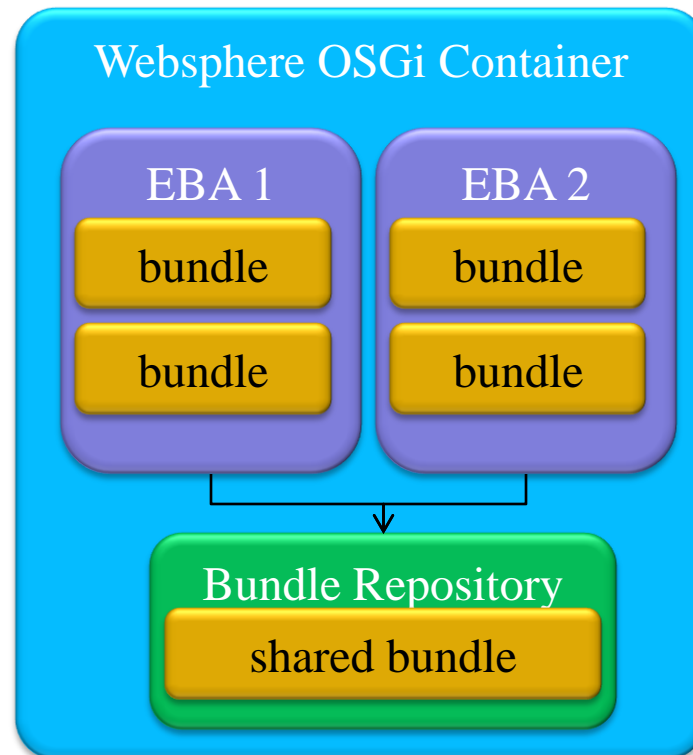
- Composite Bundle has the characteristics of an EBA and a Bundle.
- It's like an EBA because
 - It contains bundles
 - It provides a level of isolation to the bundles
 - It exports the services it provides
- It's also a bundle because
 - It imports and exports the packages it needs and provides
- We use composite bundles to attach customizations by clients

```
Bundle-Name: com.ibm.mdm.server.compositeBundle
Bundle-SymbolicName:
com.ibm.mdm.server.compositeBundle
Bundle-Version: 1.0.0
CompositeBundle-ManifestVersion: 1
CompositeBundle-Content:
com.ibm.mdm.server.bundle1,
  Com.ibm.mdm.server.bundle2
Manifest-Version: 1.0
Import-Package: com.dwl.base,
  Com.dwl.base.xml
Export-Package: com.ibm.server.extensions,
  com.ibm.mdm.server.extensions2
CompositeBundle-ExportService:
com.ibm.mdm.z.api.MyInterface
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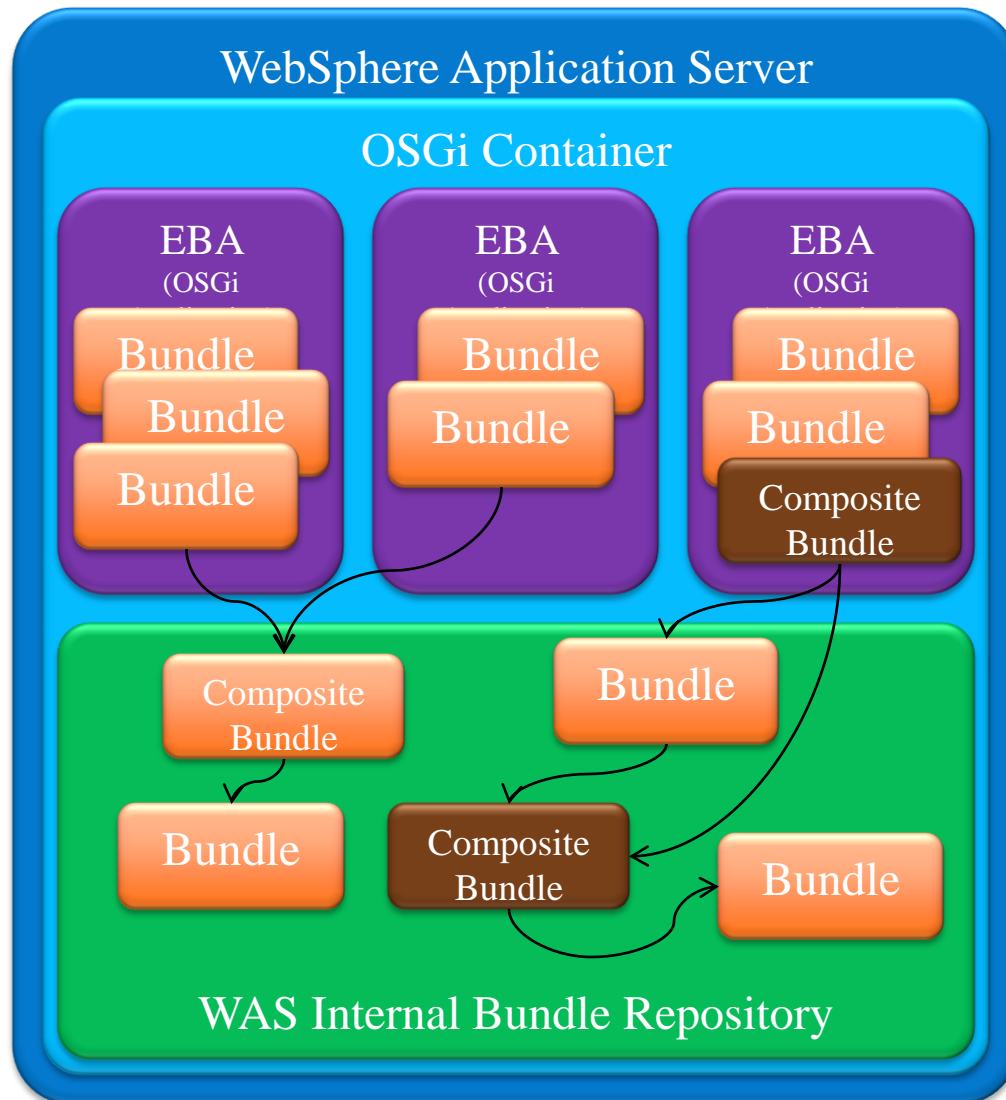


OSGi Bundle Repositories - OBR

- Bundle repositories are places to put OSGi bundles that are shared amongst applications.
- Bundle repositories can be used to share third party jars amongst application.
- Bundle repositories are used in WAS during runtime to provision shared bundles amongst applications.



How it all Fits together

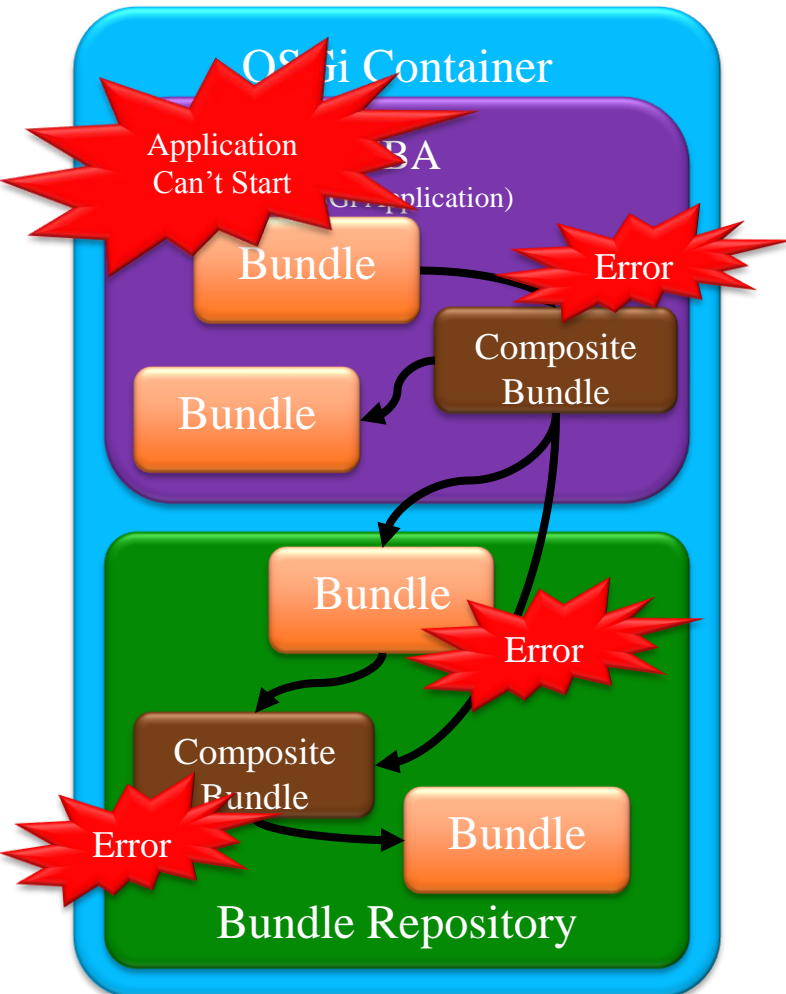


- Bundles can exist in several places in an OSGi container. The two we're concerned with are:

- Within an OSGi Application.
- In WAS's internal bundle repository.
 - You can load composite bundles or bundles into a WAS bundle repository.
 - These bundles exist in a repository ready to be used by any application that needs them.



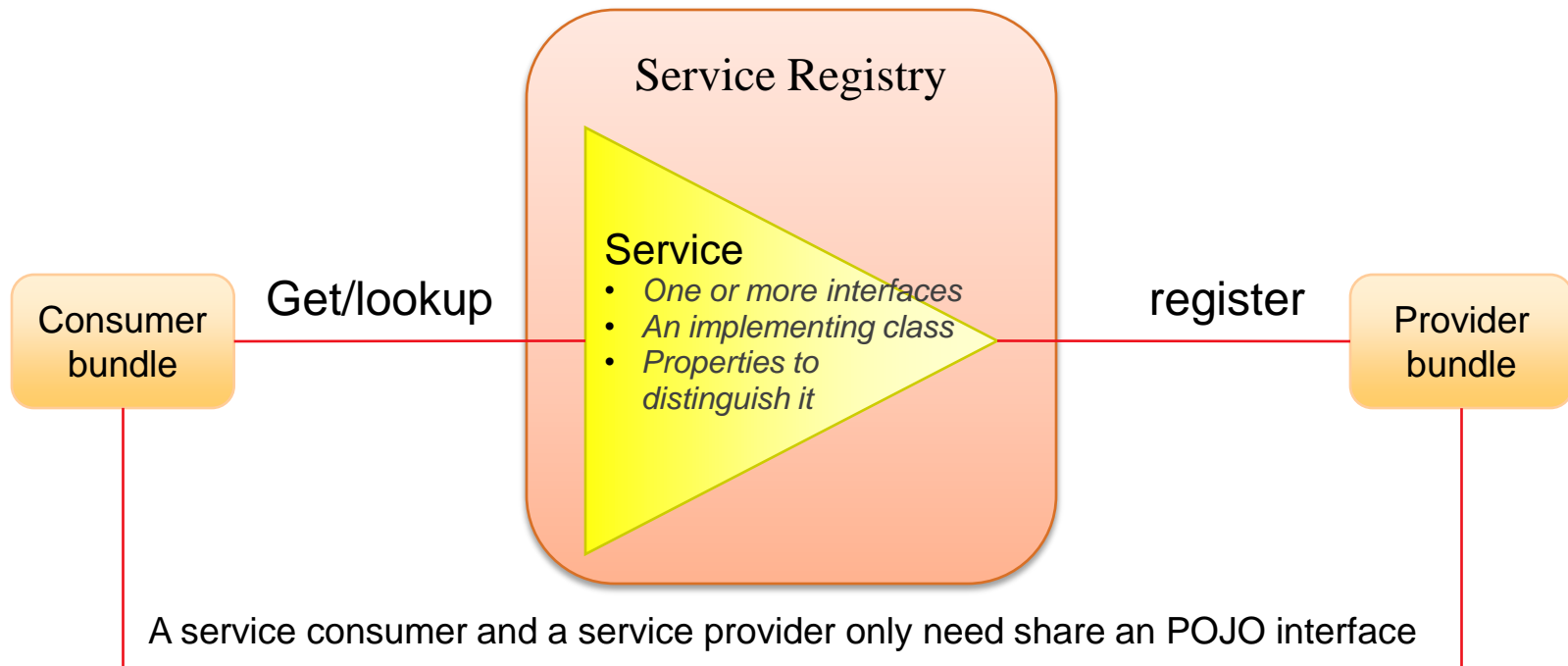
Provisioning



- When an application is deployed/installed or started
- The OSGi container provisions the application by examining each bundle it contains
- It looks at which packages a bundle imports and goes off and finds the bundles that provide those packages.
- It will look inside the EBA first.
- It will then look in the bundle repository.
- Bundles in the bundle repository may themselves have dependencies on other bundles in the bundle repository.
- If one of the necessary bundles isn't there, the application can't be provisioned and won't be able to start.



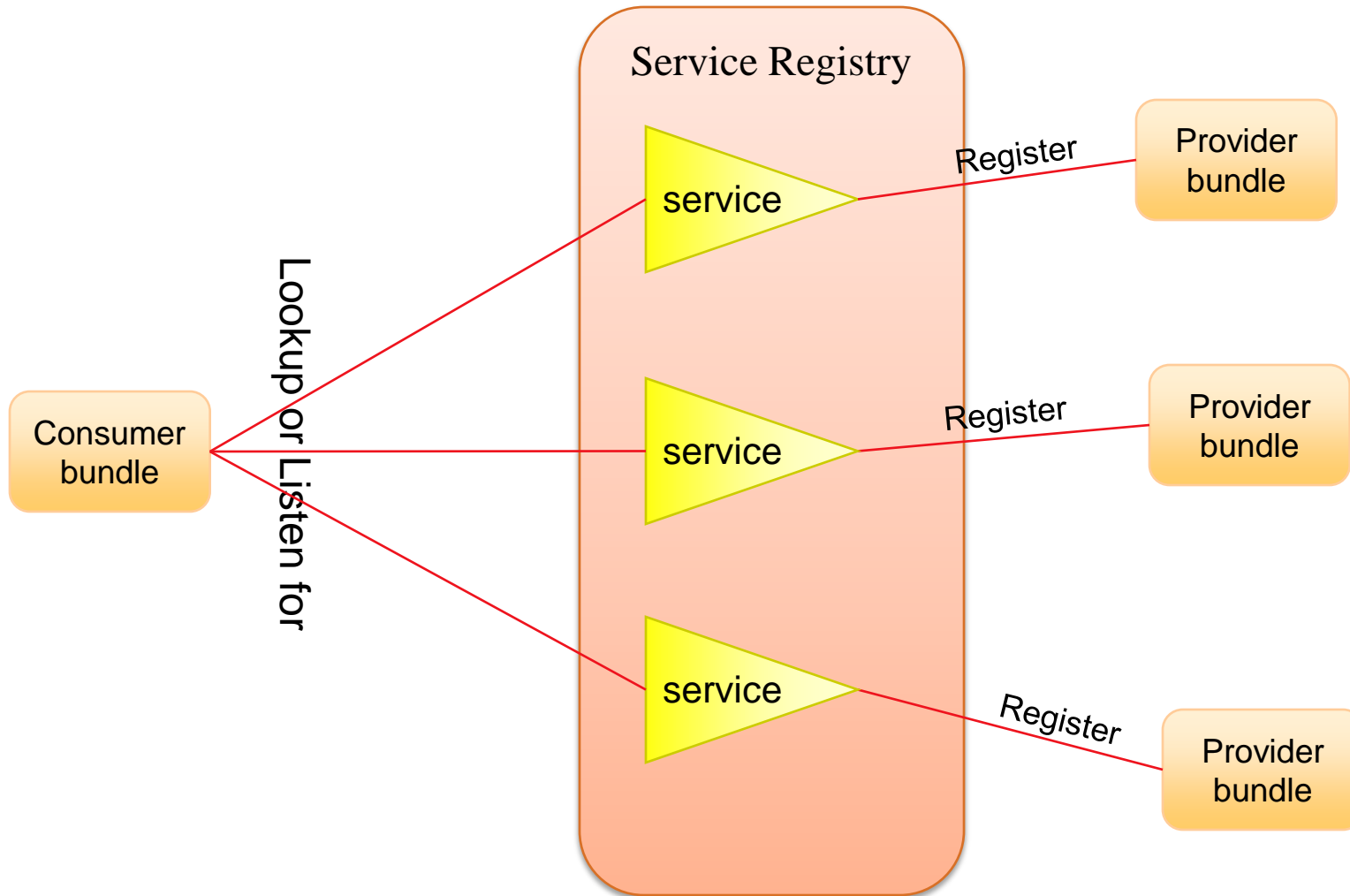
OSGi Services



- Publish/find/bind service model
 - Fully dynamic
 - Local
 - Non-durable
- A service is a POJO* advertised with properties and/or interface and/or class
- Primary mechanism for bundle collaboration



Services are Dynamic



Defining Services using Blueprint

- All the services us use in MDM are defined using blueprint.
- Blueprint is an XML based languages that describes OSGi services.
- Each bundle in MDM has one or more blueprint files, each file defining one or more services or service listeners.
- The following pages illustrate several of the ways that we use blueprint to define our services.
- Any feature or capability in MDM where you can plug in a new implementation or where you can extend MDM with new entities, is defined as a services.
- Recall that services are the means by which we can provide loose couplings between bundles that consume features and bundles that provide them. Services are the natural means by which we can enable the addition of new capabilities.



Blueprint Examples: Defining Services

```
<service id="BusinessProxy.getComparativeMultipleParties"
  interface="com.ibm.mdm.common.servicefactory.api.BusinessProxyFactory">
  <service-properties>
    <entry key="transaction.name" value="getComparativeMultipleParties" />
  </service-properties>
  <bean class="com.ibm.mdm.common.servicefactory.BusinessProxyFactoryImpl" >
    <argument type="java.lang.Class"
      value="com.cwi.tcrm.coreParty.bp.TCRMGetComparativeMultiplePartiesBP" />
    <argument ref="blueprintBundle"/>
  </bean>
</service>
```

The ID of the service can be any name. In this case it describes the service as being for a business proxy and the transaction name it supports.

This service has a service property that distinguishes it from other business proxy factories. The service property is called "transaction.name" whose value is the name of the transaction this particular business proxy supports. If this proxy supported more than one transaction, there would be an entry for each transaction name.

A service can be defined by one or more interfaces. In this case the interface is for a business proxy factory. Our business proxies are not services themselves but the factories that create them are. So any bundle containing a business proxy, must also define a service that creates the business proxy.

This is the name of the factory class. It implements the factory interface.

Blueprint has the ability to define arguments to services. In this the argument is the class of the actual business proxy. This is the BP that the factory will produce when called upon. This is a type of injection. The blueprint container will inject into the factory the classes it is to create.

Blueprint Example: Defining Service Listeners

```
<reference-list availability="optional" id="BusinessProxyBroker"
  interface="com.ibm.mdm.common.servicefactory.api.BusinessProxyFactory"
  member-type="service-object">
  <reference-listener bind-method="registerBusinessProxy"
    unbind-method="unregisterBusinessProxy">
    <bean class="com.ibm.mdm.common.brokers.BusinessProxyBroker"
      factory-method="getBrokerInstance"/>
    </reference-listener>
  </reference-list>
</reference-list>
```

This listener lists for the registration of any service having this interface. It the same interface as in the previous slide where the service is defined.

The unbind-method instructs the blueprint container which method to execute whenever a service having this interface is unregistered.

The bind method, instructs the blueprint container which method to execute each time a service having this interface is registered, from any bundle. This is how bundles that consume this service can be made aware of its existence.

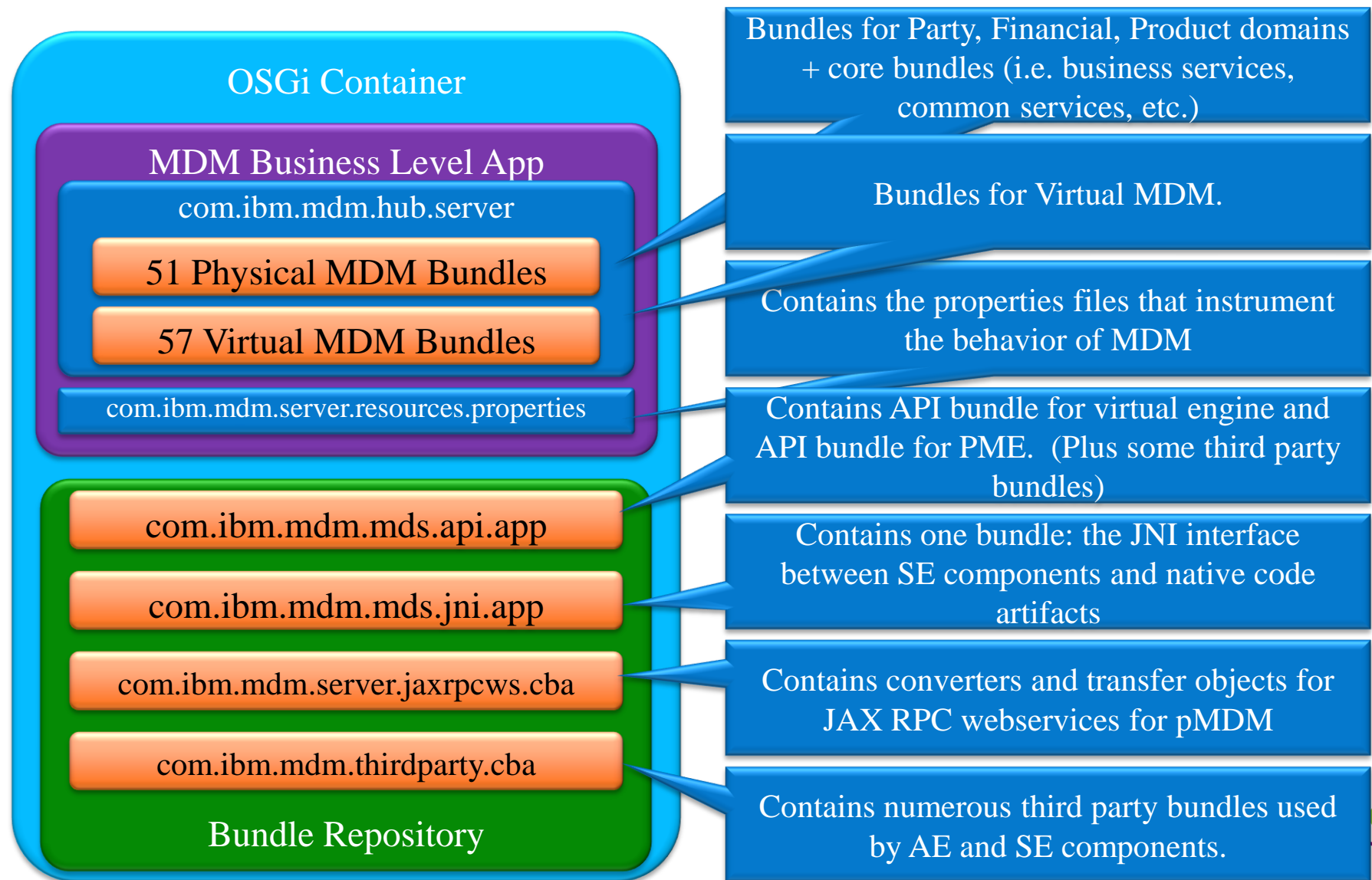
This is the class that the blueprint container will call upon to bind or unbind each time a service having this interface is registered. We call such classes brokers because they act as intermediaries between the objects that use business proxies and the BPs themselves. They keep track of which BPs are active and where they are so they can be used when called upon.



How MDM makes use of OSGi



What makes up MDM Server Standard Edition and Advanced Edition - OSGi



What makes up MDM Server Standard Edition and Advanced Edition – OSGi EBA

Business-level applications

Business-level applications

Use this page to manage business-level applications. A business-level application represents any artifacts that the application needs to run on the OSGi Platform, Enterprise Edition (Java EE) applications or modules for business-level applications.

+ Preferences

Start Stop New... Delete

Select Name Description

You can administer the following resources:

Select	Name	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	MDM-native-E001	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MDM-old-web-services-E001	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MDM-operational-server-EBA-E001	MDMBLA
<input type="checkbox"/>	MDM-web-services-E001	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MDM-web-services-virtual-E001	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ivtApp	
<input type="checkbox"/>	query	

Total 7

<div>AddDelete</div>				
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Select	Name	Description	Type	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	com.ibm.mdm.hub.server.app-E001 0001.eba		asset	<div></div>
<input type="checkbox"/>	com.ibm.mdm.server.resources.properties-E001 0001.jar		Shared library	<div></div>



MDM Server in the OSGi Bundle Repository

The screenshot displays the IBM WebSphere Administration Console interface. On the left, a navigation tree shows the path: **Environment** > **OSGi bundle repositories** > **Internal bundle repository**, which is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from this box to the main content area. The main content area is titled "Internal bundle repository" and contains a description: "The internal bundle repository can store bundles that are referenced by OSGi applications running in WebSphere Application Server. When an OSGi application is imported as an asset, the provisioner attempts to satisfy all its dependencies by using the contents of the asset, the contents of the internal bundle repository, and the contents of any available external bundle repositories." Below the description is a "Preferences" section with "New..." and "Delete" buttons, and icons for file operations. A table lists the bundles in the repository:

Select	Bundle Symbolic Name	Bundle Version
<input type="checkbox"/>	com.ibm.mdm.mds.api.app	11.0.0.FP00IF000_20130430-1800
<input type="checkbox"/>	com.ibm.mdm.mds.ini.app	11.0.0.FP00IF000_20130430-1800
<input type="checkbox"/>	com.ibm.mdm.server.jaxrpcws.cba	11.0.0.FP00IF000_20130430-1800
<input type="checkbox"/>	com.ibm.mdm.thirdparty.cba	11.0.0.FP00IF000_20130430-1800
Total 4		

Red arrows point to each bundle name in the table.



Where we employ OSGi services in MDM

It's pluggable and customizable, there's a service definition for that:

- Parsers, Response Constructors, Business Proxies, Suspect Processors
- Business Objects, Components
- Controllers
- Rules, Behavior Extensions, External Validation, ASI transformation definitions

For a full set of service definitions and the before/after OSGi comparison:

See MDM OSGi Migration @

http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/mdm/v11r0/topic/com.ibm.mdmhs.dev.platform.doc/concepts/c_Overview_OSGi_Migration.html



Sample OSGi Service

A Service is identified by its interface

```
<service id="Controller.AdditionSamplesTxn"
interface="com.ibm.mdm.commonentity.samples.interfaces.AdditionSamplesTxn">
  <service-properties>
    <entry key="osgi.jndi.service.name">
      <list>
        <value>addNote</value>
        <value>updateNote</value>
        <value>addReminder</value>
        <value>updateReminder</value>
      </list>
    </entry>
  </service-properties>
  <bean
class="com.ibm.mdm.commonentity.samples.controller.AdditionSamplesTxnBean"
/>
</service>
```

A service can be decorated by service properties, so that you can distinguish different implementations of the same service.

A service has an implementing class that's a bean



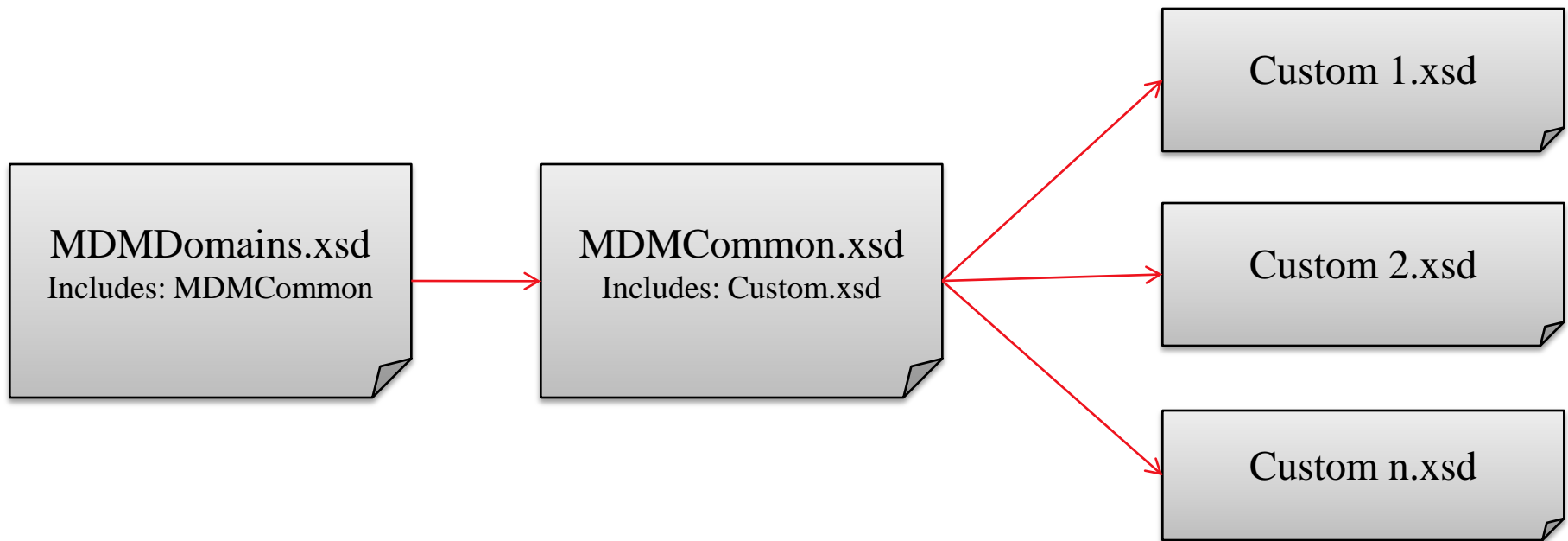
OSGi Services – lookup APIs

- Services can be looked up using JNDI service lookup pattern:
 - `MyObject = Context.lookup("osgi:service/<service interface name>/<filter>");`
- Service locator
 - We've modified the ServiceLocator class so that it can get OSGi services for you:
`MyObject = ServiceLocator.getOSGiService(String lookupPattern);`
- Using Brokers (found under *com.ibm.mdm.common.brokers* package)
 - BObjBroker : Used to return an instance of a BOBJ
 - BusinessProxyBroker : Used to return a BP instance
 - ComponentBroker : returns a MDM Component instance
 - ControllerBroker : returns a MDM Controller instance
 - ...



Schemas

- Customer Schemas are now complete schemas, not snippets
- They are self-contained fragments
- Custom schemas are pulled together at runtime.



Customizing and extending MDM



Pre-OSGi in MDM

- In the past, the method was to use the information to look up the implementation for a capability in a properties file (e.g. TCRM.properties, DWLCommon.properties, etc). Then java reflection (i.e. Class.forName) was used to create the object of the implementation. That worked when there was one class loader for the entire MDM application. It doesn't work in OSGi where the implementation can be in any bundle having its own class loader
- Also in the past, when you customized MDM, you incorporated your customization directly into MDM's own Enterprise Archive (EAR file). And you redeployed your own custom MDM EAR

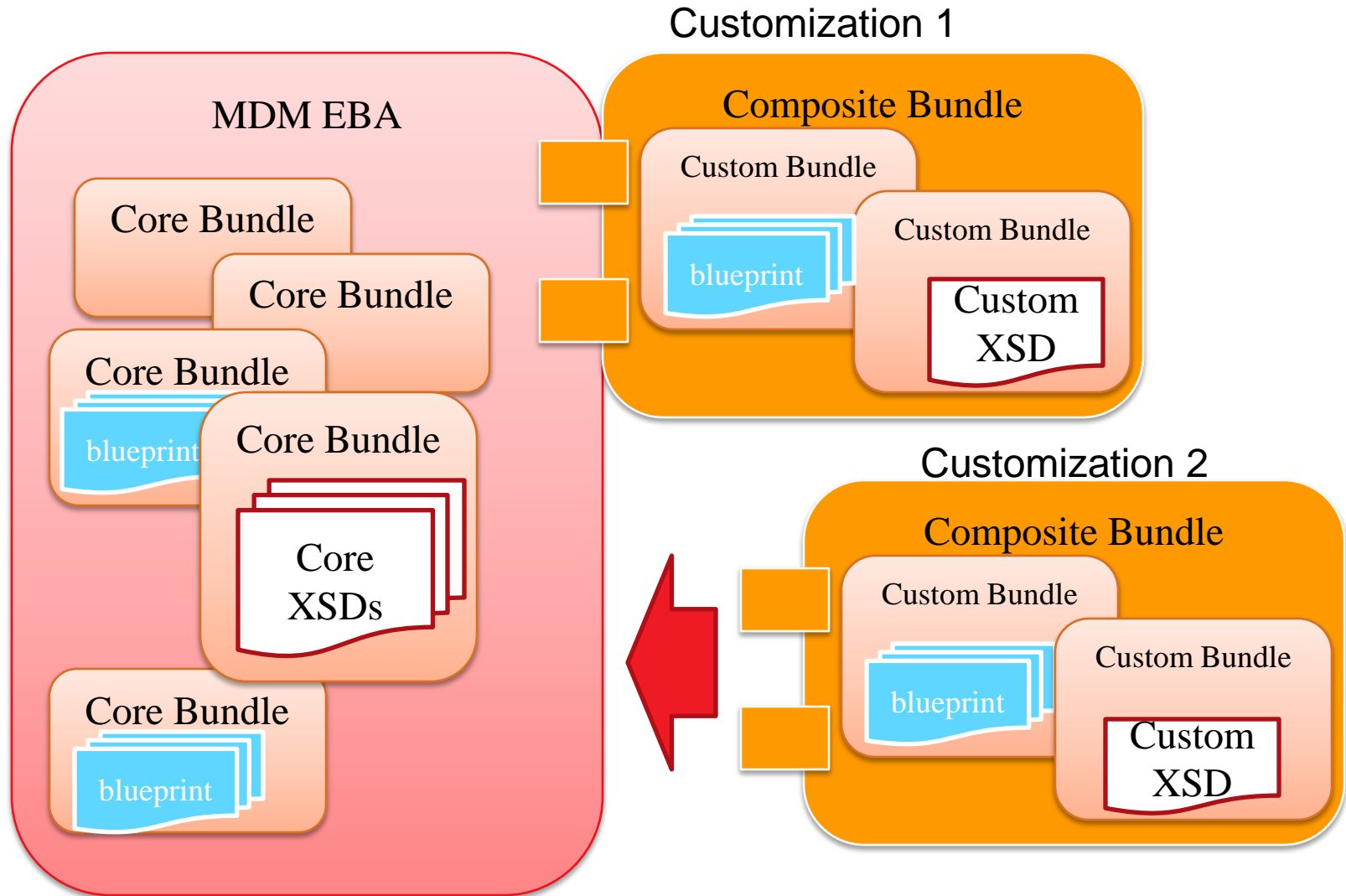


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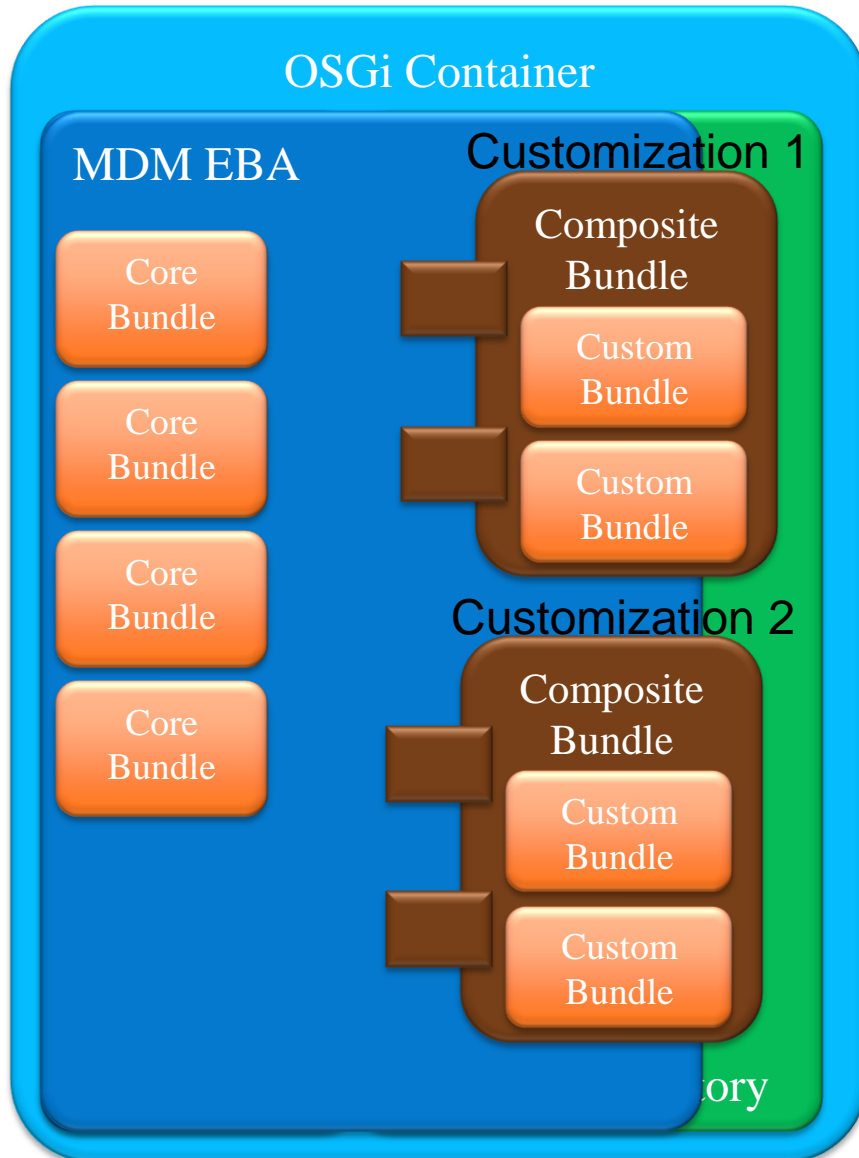
- MDM no longer is an enterprise archive file (EAR). With OSGi it is packaged in the form of an Enterprise Business Archive (EBA). With OSGi, no longer will you redeploy MDM with your customizations within it. In other words, you will never need to open MDM's EBA to include your customizations. Instead, you will generate your customizations in the form of OSGi bundles. You will package these bundles into Composite Bundle Archives (CBA) which are essentially bundles of bundles, and you will affix them to MDM as it is running.



Customizations using Composite Bundles



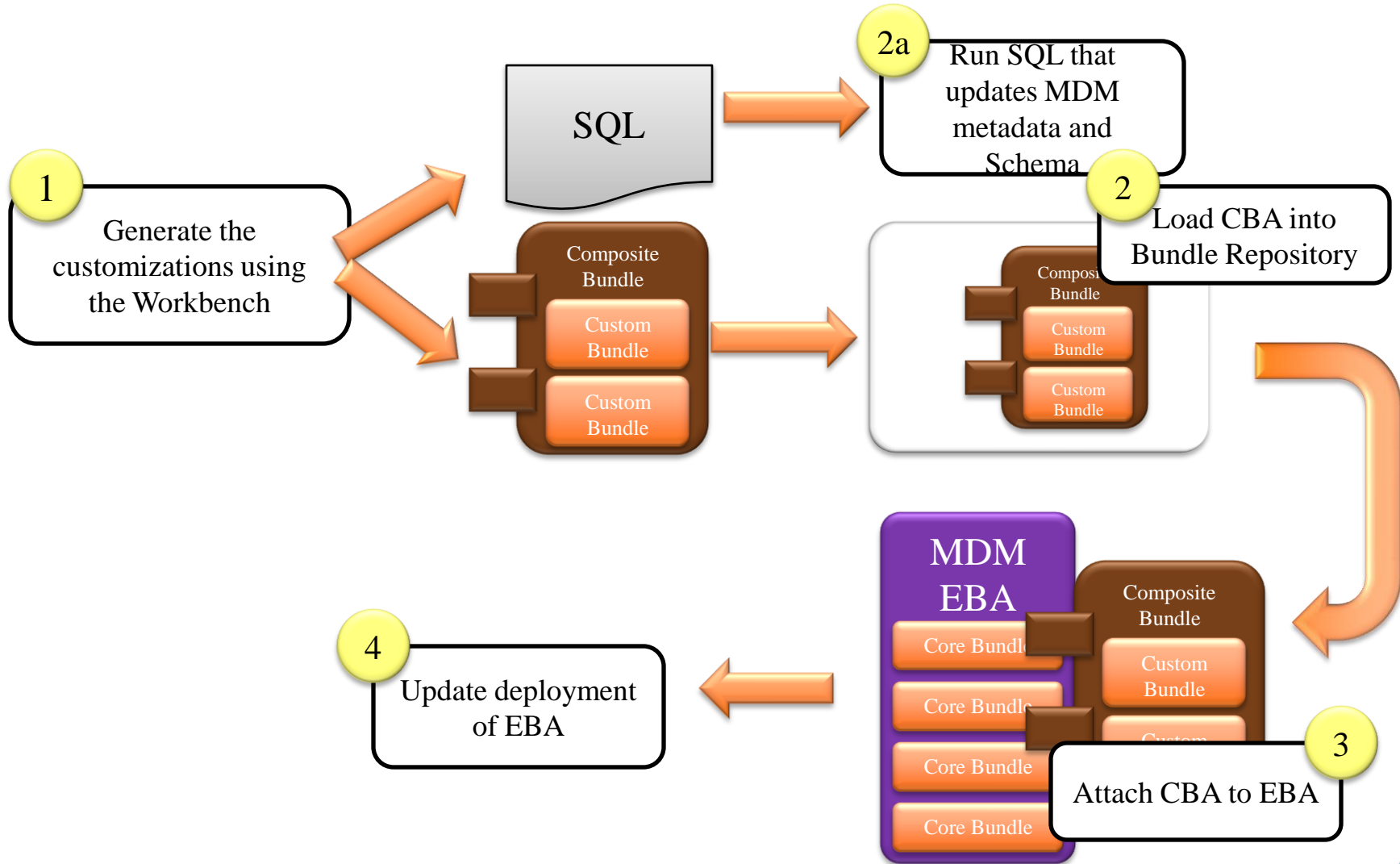
Extending Applications using Composite Bundles



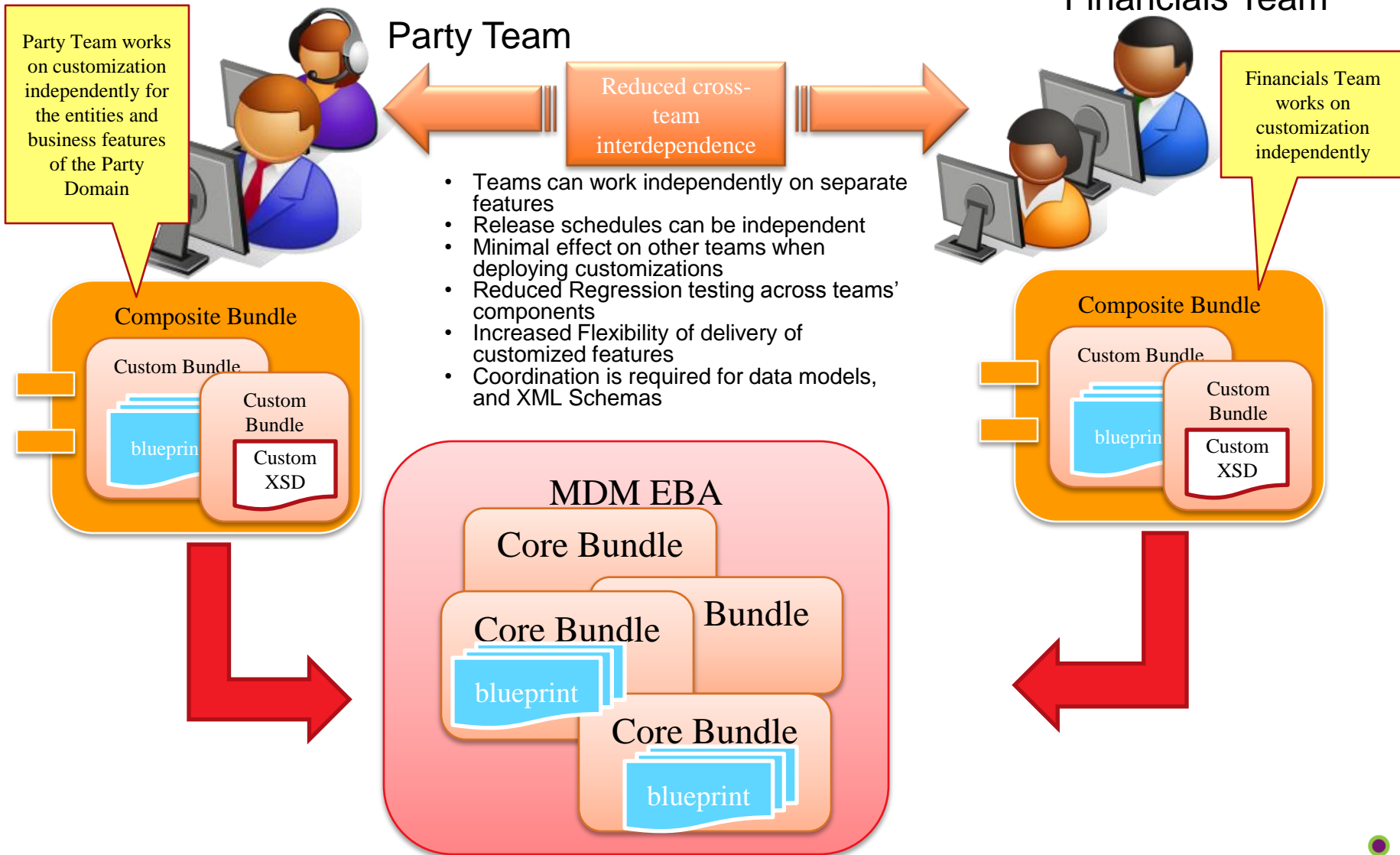
- You can customize MDM by adding features through Composite Bundles. These Features become part of the application itself.
- Here's how you can do it.
 - Load the CBAs (i.e. the composite bundles) into the WebSphere's OSGi Bundle Repository.
 - Bolt the CBAs – you can bolt on as many as you like – onto the EBA (the technical term is “composition unit extension”).
- The EBA has now been extended to incorporate the Composite Bundles.



Steps to Extending MDM Server with Workbench Customizations

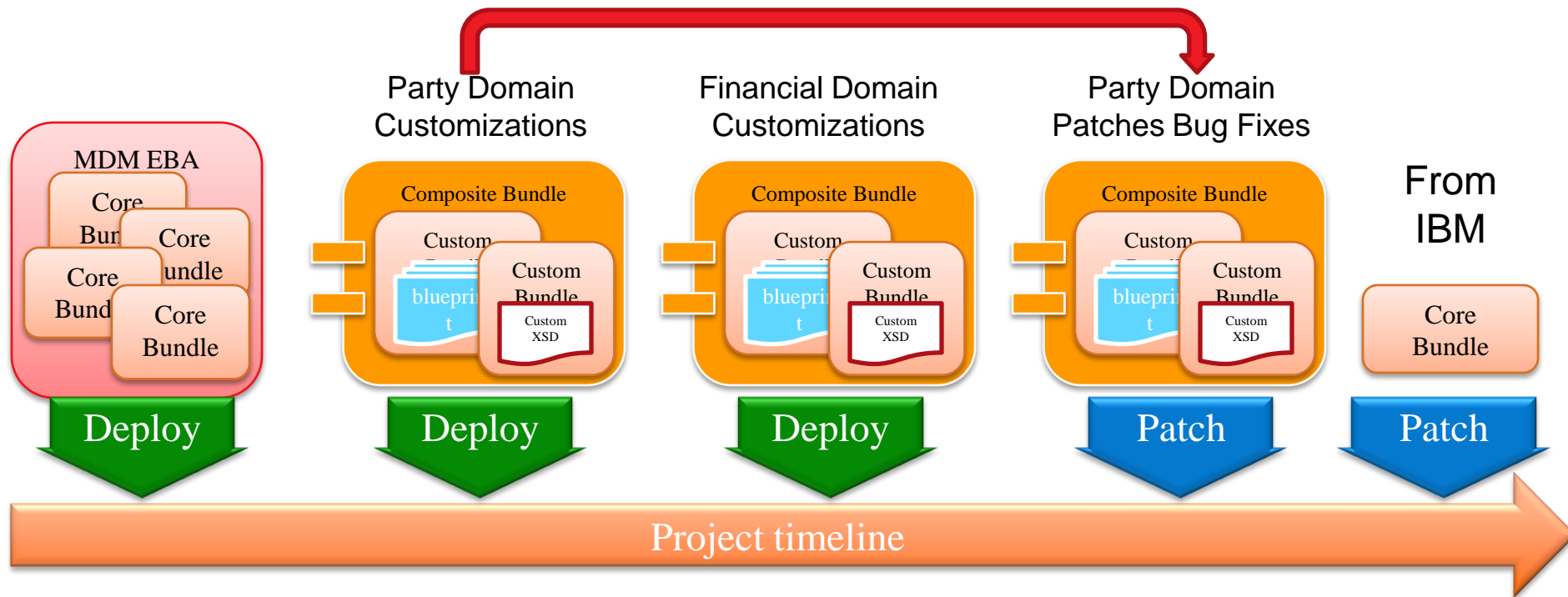


Project Management Benefits to OSGi



Hypothetical Scenario

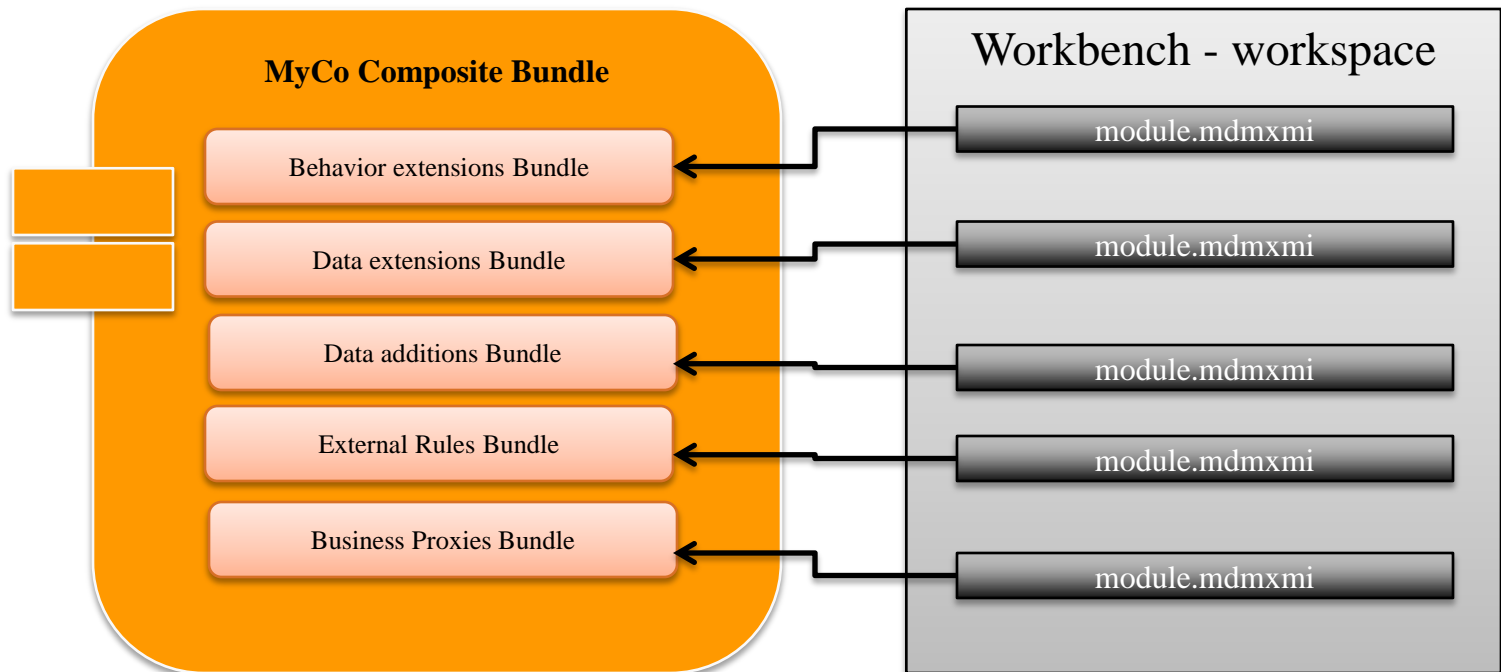
- Teams can deploy their customizations separately without affecting the customizations or the core modules installed beforehand.
- Patches only affect the patched modules, not the surrounding features.



Componentization / Modularization Scenario I

Multi-module – 1 CBA deployment

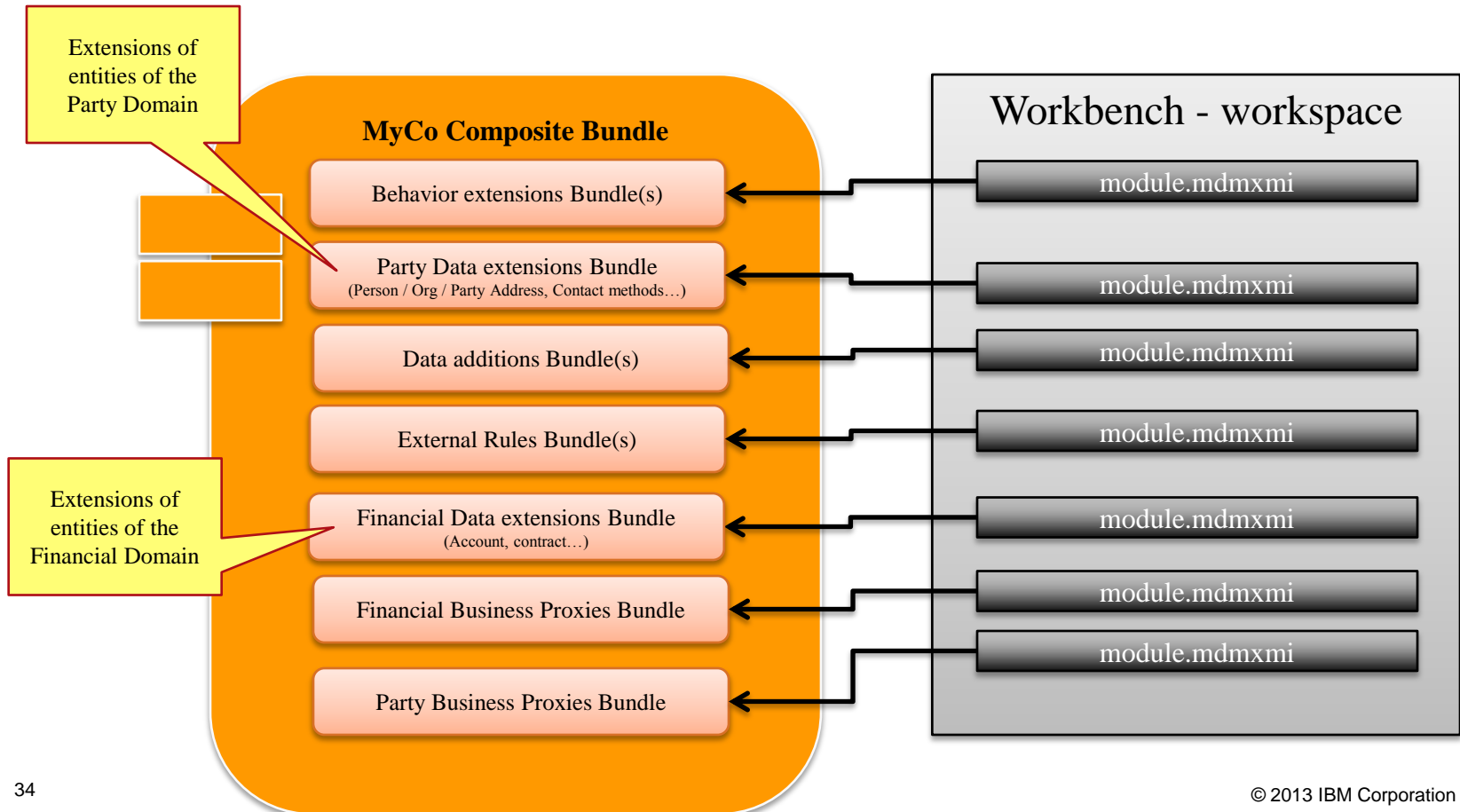
- Multi-module and bundle projects with separation of data extension, data additions, behavior extensions, external rules, business proxies etc.
- Simpler to deploy and maintain.



Componentization / Modularization Scenario II

Multi-module grouped – 1 CBA deployment

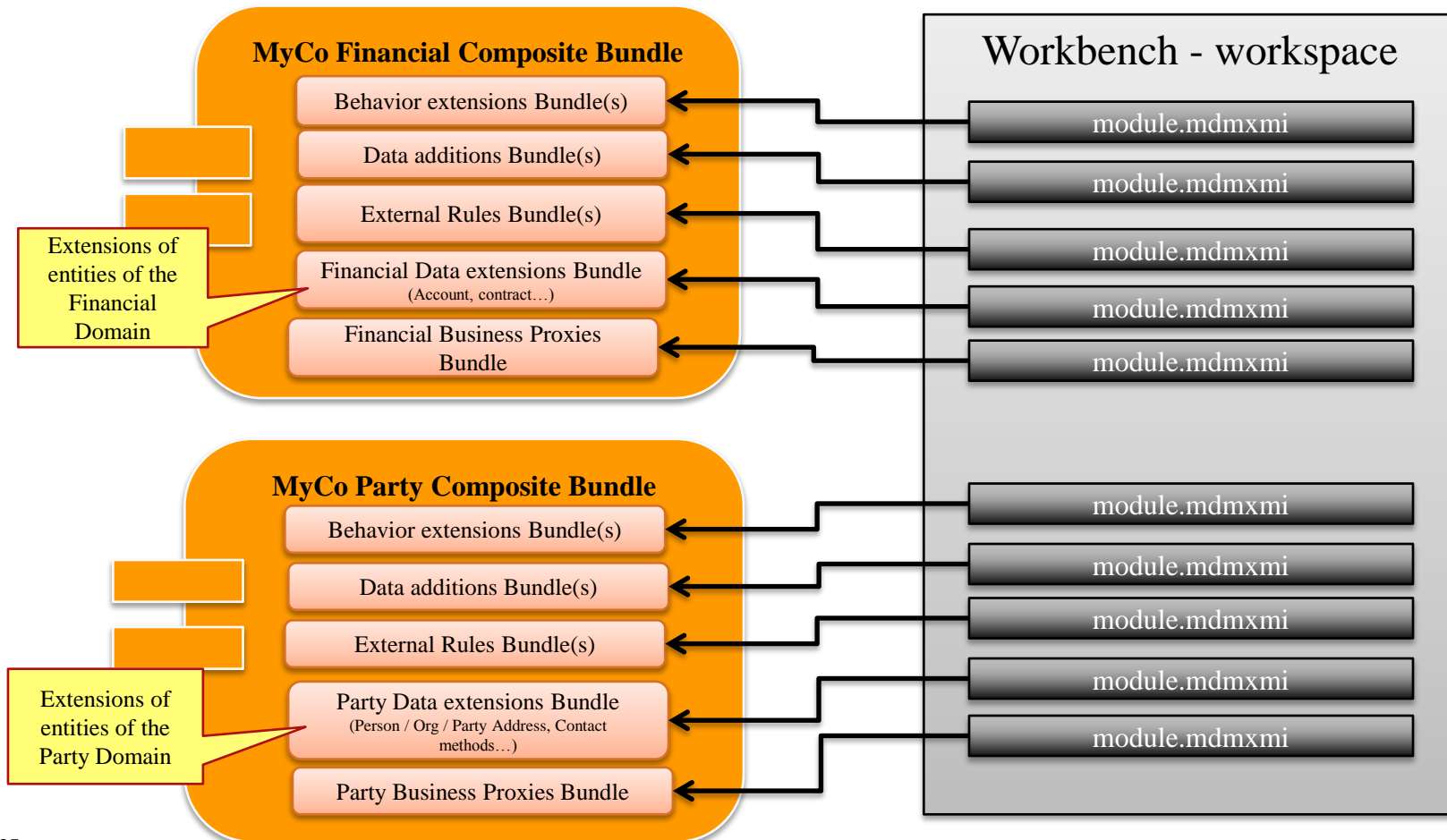
- Similar to scenario #1, but componentizing a step further and grouping by domains. Party module, financial module, etc...



Componentization / Modularization Scenario III

Multi-module with multiple CBA deployment

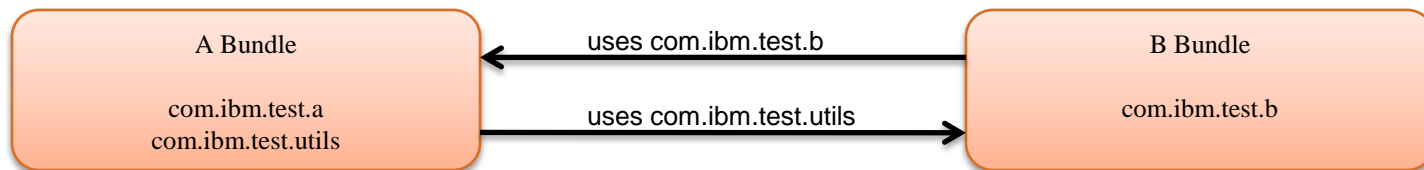
- This scenario assumes there are no cross-dependencies, otherwise a single CBA is ideal to ease updates to CU extensions in WAS.



Componentization / Modularization – Best Practices

Don'ts

- Avoid componentization which would introduce cyclical dependencies. A class in Bundle A depends on a class from Bundle B which also depends on a class from Bundle A



1 error, 0 warnings, 0 others

Description

✖ Errors (1 item)

✖ A cycle was detected in the build path of project 'A'. The cycle consists of projects {A, B}

- Avoid componentization which breakup domain modules. I.e. Don't extend person entity in 1 module, and Org entity in another module. The Query/Persistence framework won't tolerate this at least not without major refactoring!



Componentization / Modularization – Best Practices

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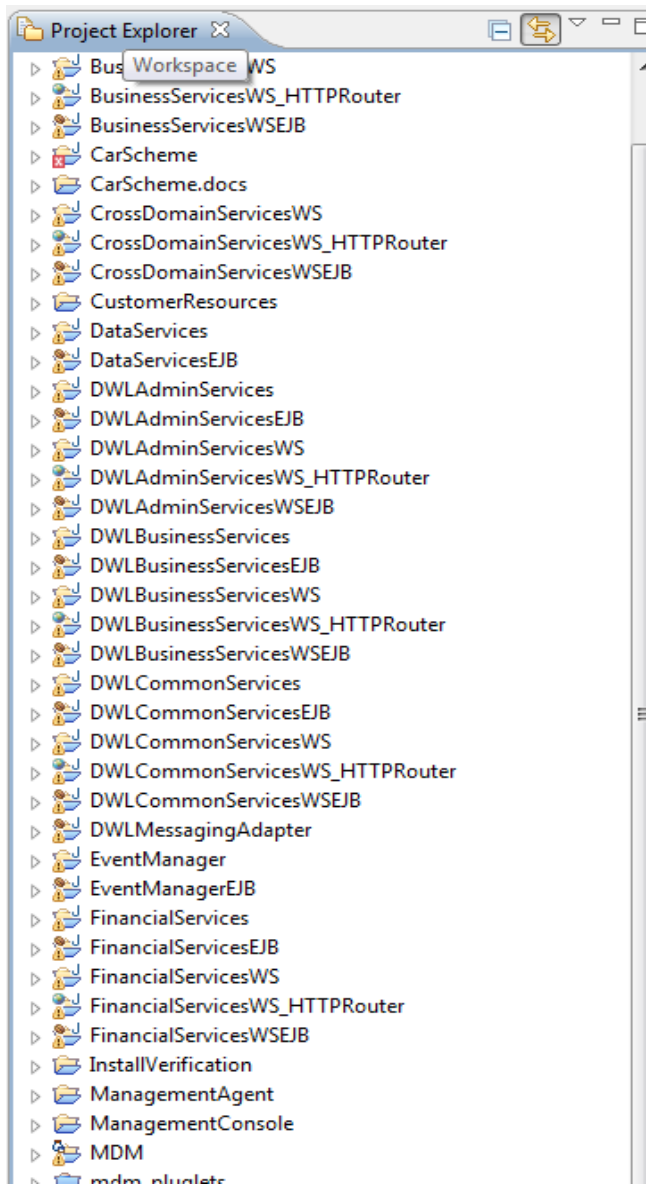
- Keep things simple!
Rely on the workbench generated structure to avoid complexity of packaging and deployment.
- Don't over componentize; do not componentize every data extension individually. Componentize by domain/module instead.

Best practices and troubleshooting article:

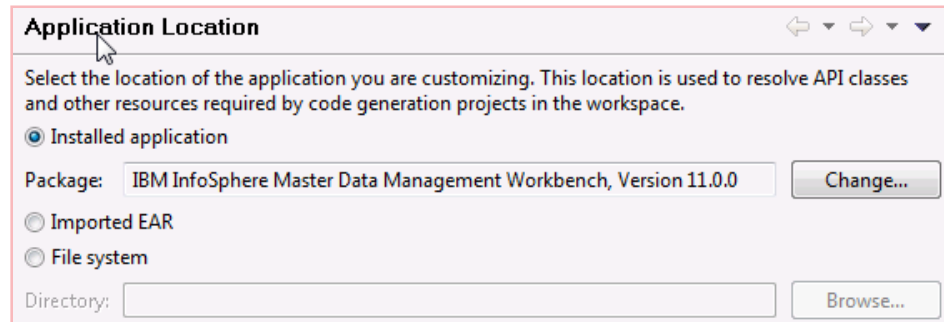
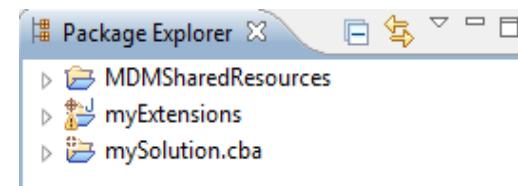
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pre-v11 - Workspace



v11 - Workspace



Extending MDM EBA with a CBA

Business-level applications

[Business-level applications](#) > [MDM-operational-server-EBA-E001](#) > [com.ibm.mdm.hub.server.app-E001_0001.eba](#)

Use this page to manage the composition unit. A composition unit is backed by an asset and contains configuration metadata. It contains customized configuration for such service definitions, references and other relevant configuration data. It also contains a list of deployment targets or runtime environments along with the runtime environment specific configuration where the composition unit is expected to run.

General Properties

Name

com.ibm.mdm.hub.server.app-E001_0001.eba

Description

Backing ID

WebSphere:assetname=com.ibm.mdm.hub.server.app-E001.eba

* Starting weight

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Additional Properties

View domain

Relationship options

Blueprint resource references

EJB JNDI names

EJB message destination references

EJB references

EJB resource references

Listeners for message-driven beans

Security role to user or group mapping

RunAs roles for users

Extensions for this composition unit

OSGI application console

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The Composite Bundle is now part of the Business Level Application

Cell=KANELLOSVMNode02Cell, Profile=AppSrv02

Business-level applications

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Preferences

ID	Bundle name	Bundle version	Bundle state
You can administer the following resources:			
60	com.ibm.mdm.server.dwlcommons.services.ejb	11.0.0.FP00IF000_20130430-1800	Active
61	CommonEntitySamplesCba	11.0.0.201305161032	Active
62	com.ibm.mdm.mds.history.service	11.0.0.FP00IF000_20130430-1800	Active
63	com.ibm.mdm.mds.job.client		
64	com.ibm.mdm.server.hybrid.transformation		
65	com.ibm.mdm.mds.engine.logic.api		
66	com.ibm.mdm.mds.entity.manager		
67	com.ibm.mdm.server.domains.resources.schema	11.0.0.FP00IF000_20130430-1800	Active
68	com.ibm.mdm.mds.relationship.logic	11.0.0.FP00IF000_20130430-1800	Active
69	com.ibm.mdm.rule.engine.odm	11.0.0.FP00IF000_20130430-1800	Active
70	com.ibm.mdm.server.coreutilities	11.0.0.FP00IF000_20130430-1800	Active
71	com.ibm.mdm.server.products.services	11.0.0.FP00IF000_20130430-1800	Active

- Framework packages
- Framework services

The OSGi Composite Bundle we imported and with which we extended the EBA is now one of the many bundles comprising the EBA.



Demo

- Ideal MDM Workspace settings
 - Auto-publish disabled
 - “Run on Server” setting
 - Run in debug mode
 - Start server without generated script
- Push sample extension/addition
- Log analysis of deployment
- OSGI application console view



Summary OSGi in general

- OSGi is a technology that isolates the components of an application from other components
- It's basic unit is the Bundle. A bundle is nothing more than an JAR file having a special manifest that is read and understood by an OSGi container.
- It provides a way for programmers to declare what aspects of their bundles they wish to expose and which they wish to keep internal.
- It provides a way to extend applications with new features without the need to redeploy the application.
- It provides a way to patch applications without the need to redeploy them



Summary MDM using OSGi

- Simplified development
 - Cleaner workspace
 - Ease of customizations deployment
 - Reduces cross-team interdependence
- Simplified update process
 - In-place update of bundles (the ability to apply a bundle update/fix without restarting the server)
 - Separation of core code (IBM code) and extensions (Customer code)
 - Patching simplified; IBM patches against core bundle(s); customer patches against the extension bundle(s)



Thank You - Question?

