



JBoss Enterprise BRMS

Business Rules Management System

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- Introduction
 - who am I?
- JBoss BRMS
 - overview
 - future directions
- Lab overview

Questions?



Who am I?

- American
 - in NL since 1992
 - MSc VU in Amsterdam
- Professional
 - 13 yrs SW engineering / lead development / architect
 - Open Source
 - IBM / SNS Bank / Red Hat
 - EMEA SME jBPM / BRMS



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Declarative Business Rules

- Avoids hard-coding business rules in business logic
- Rules can change without Java code changes or re-compilation
- Expert system allowing solution of complex problems
- Multiple Authoring Options: DRL, DSL, CSV and Programmatic Rules Definition
 - Application objects (facts) mixed with conditions (rules) similar to HQL
 - POJO and Declarative Fact Model
 - Decision Tables in Excel/Open Office
 - DSL Natural Language Extensions

Rule Repository

 Versioning of business rule-related artifacts (e.g. Fact models, enumerations, functions, DSL definitions, rules, tests, etc.)

Rule Manager

RIA for creation & maintenance of business rule artifacts



What is a rule engine?

- A rule engine at its core is an environment/shell for capturing knowledge
 - Applying that knowledge to specific data (facts)
 - Uses production rules
 - IF <conditions> THEN <actions>
 - rules express logic
- Has roots in AI research
 - Success of "expert" systems in the past triggered popularity of rule engines



What is it going to do for me?

- Externalize business logic
 - Logic that is complex
 - Logic that changes often
 - Logic that just doesn't fit neatly in code
 - Logic that means more to domain experts than it does programmers
- Keep application and user interface logic in your application
 - Business logic in the rule engine
- Use domain objects as interface to rule engine



When should I use a rules engine?

- When there is no satisfactory "traditional" solution
- The problem becomes to complex to express using traditional methods
- No known algorithms for solving the problem traditionally
- Too hard
- Too "fluid"



What is a rule?

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when
<conditions>
then
<actions>
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- In short, a rule is an premise and conclusion
 - If it is raining, then the ground must be wet
- A rule is made of conditions and actions. When all the conditions are met, a rule may "fire".
- The conditions are collectively referred to as the LHS (left hand side) and the actions are referred to as the RHS (right hand side, or consequence).
- A rule operates on facts (data). In our case, these facts are instances of objects in our application.



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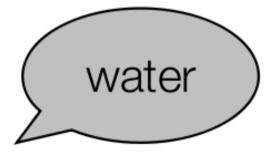




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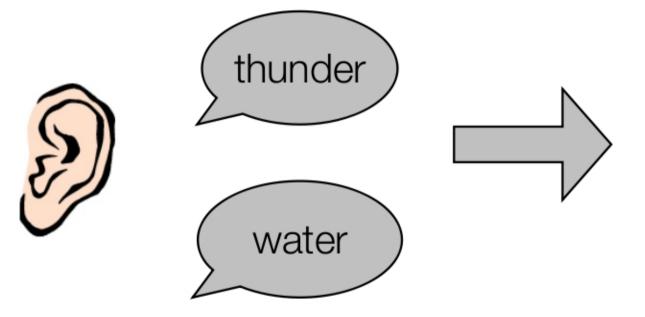






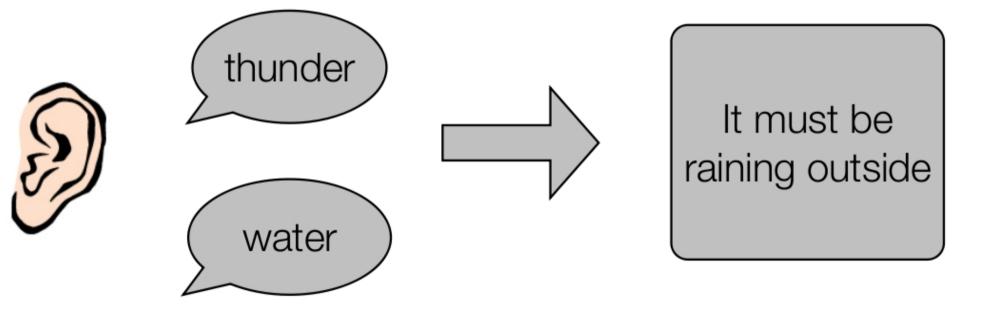


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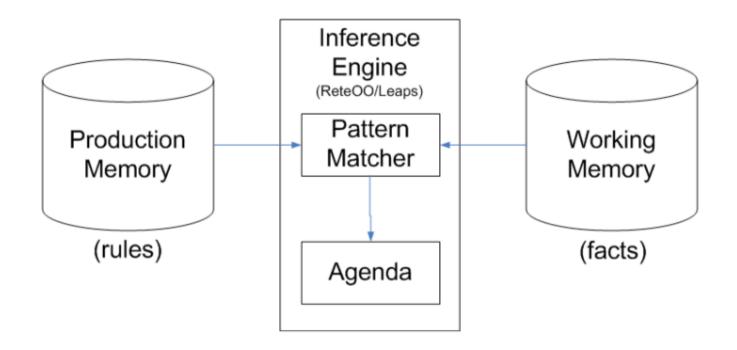
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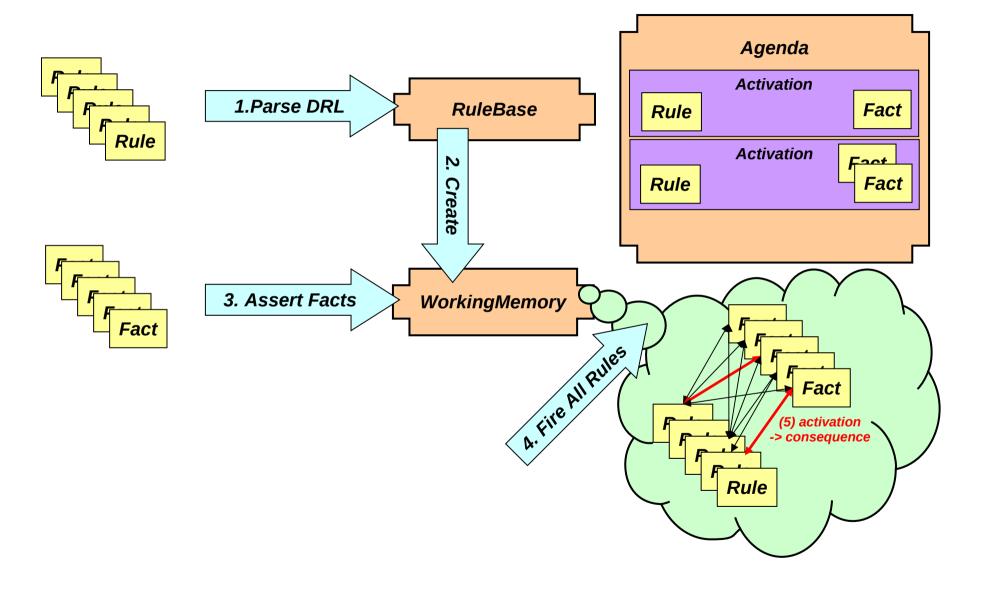
Inference Engine

- The brain of a Production Rule System is an Inference Engine which matches facts against Production Rules.
- When matches are found, the rules actions are fired.
- Actions most often change the state of the facts, or perform some external action on the application.



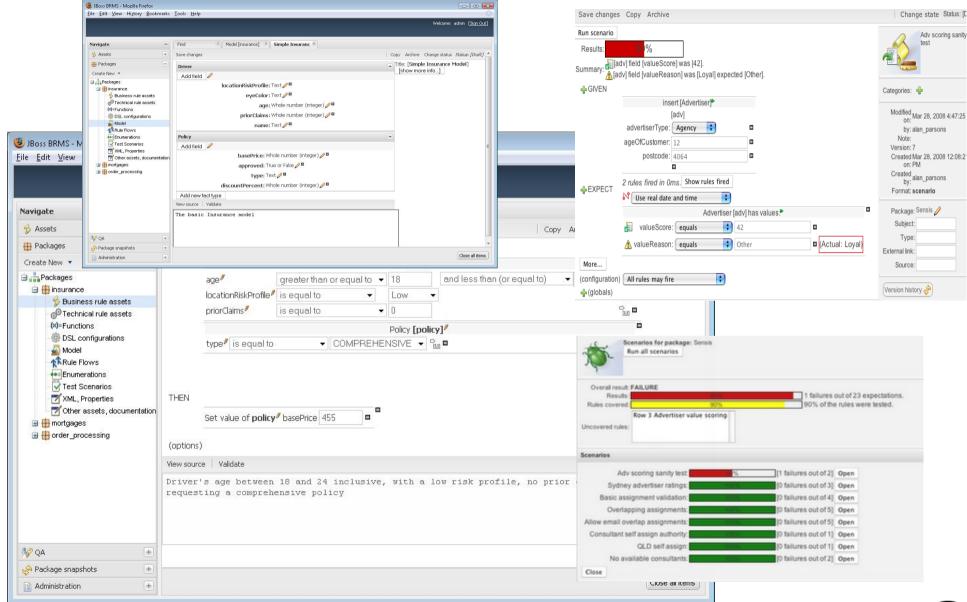


How it Works



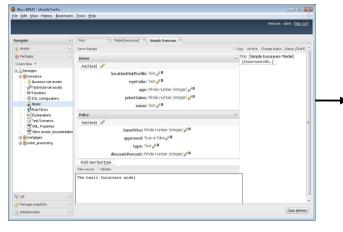


BRMS – Rich UI for Business Rules

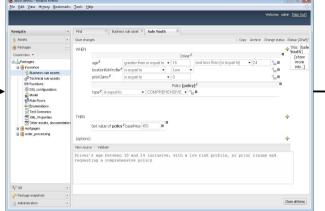




Analysis Perspective

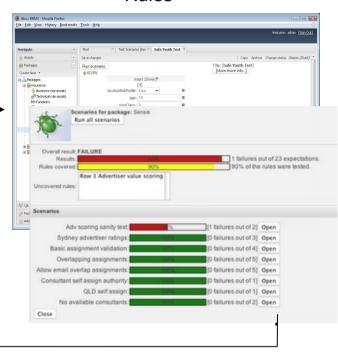


JBoss BRMS Web Manager Model the Facts



Prototype the Rules

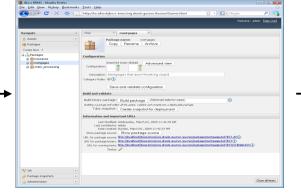
Test the Rules





JBoss Developer Studio

Check-Out Artifacts from Repository Build & Test Application Check-In changes to Repository



JBoss BRMS Web Manager Create Package J2SE

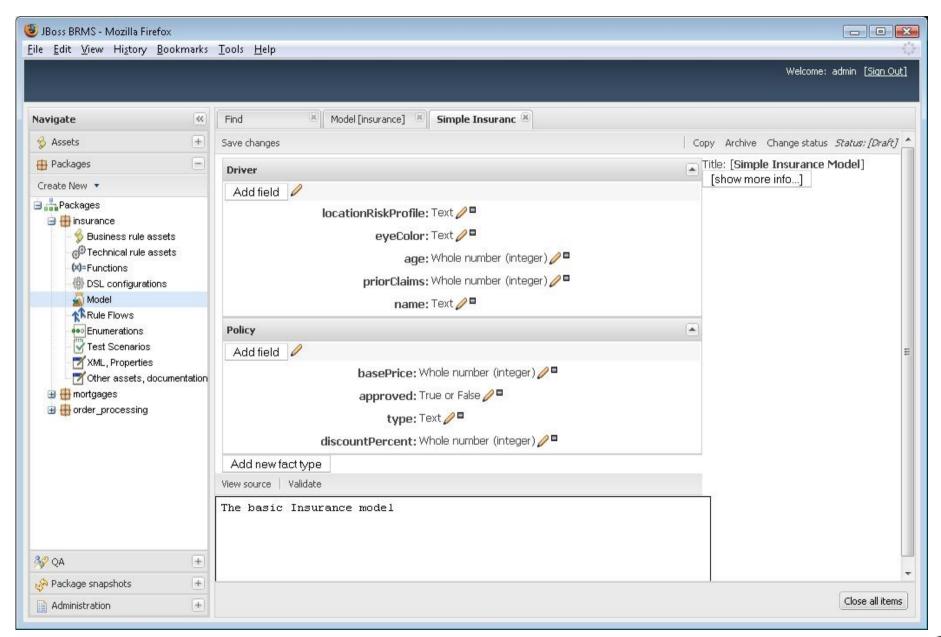
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Deployment .

SOA-P, Mediated Services

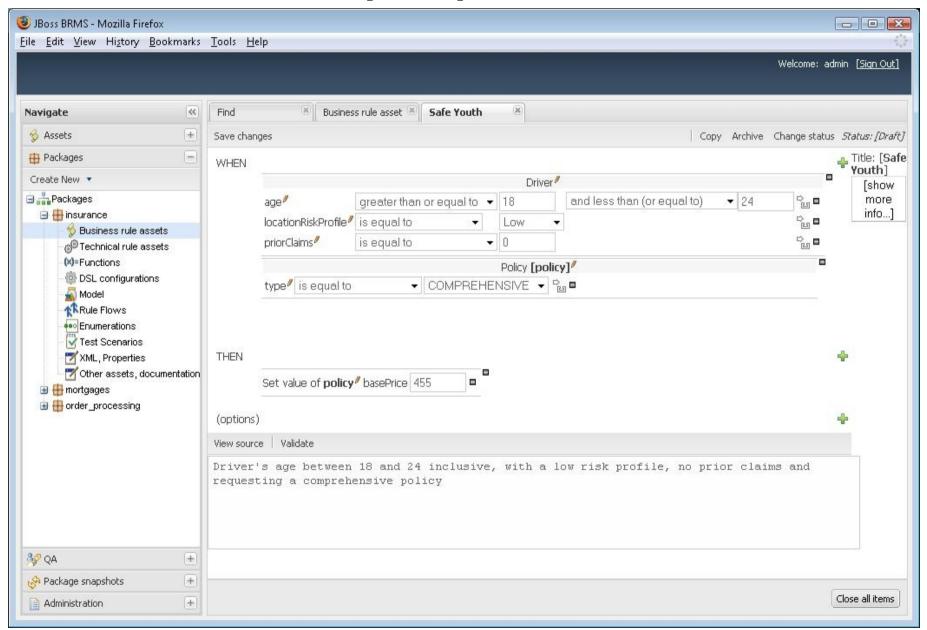


Fact Model Editor



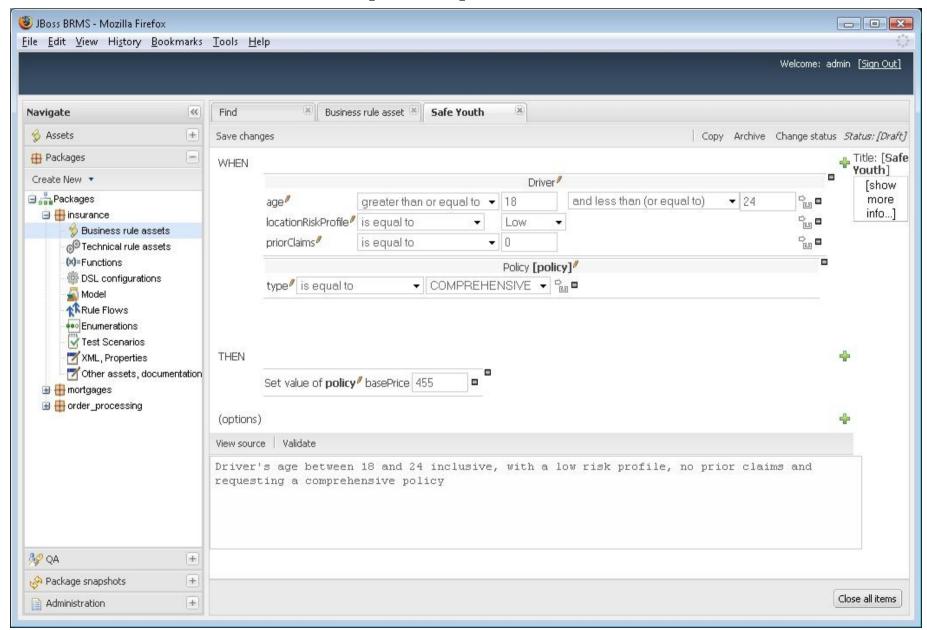


Guided Rule Editor (Web)



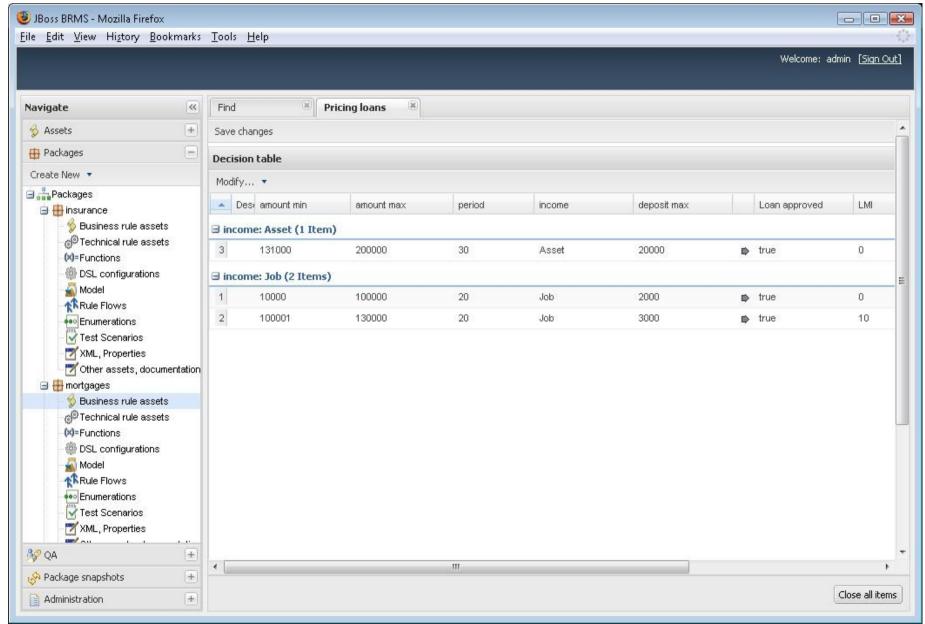


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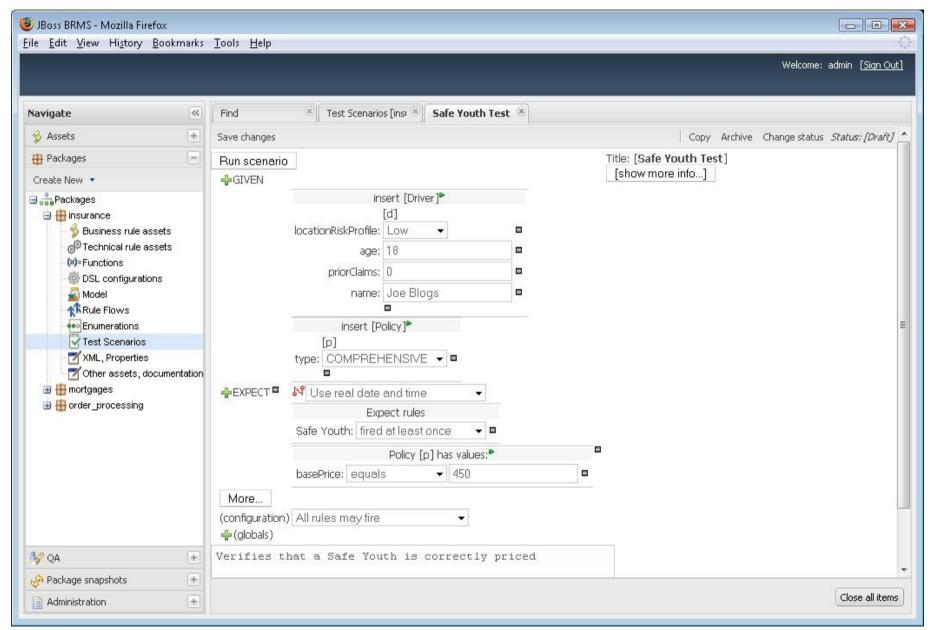


Web Decision Table Editor



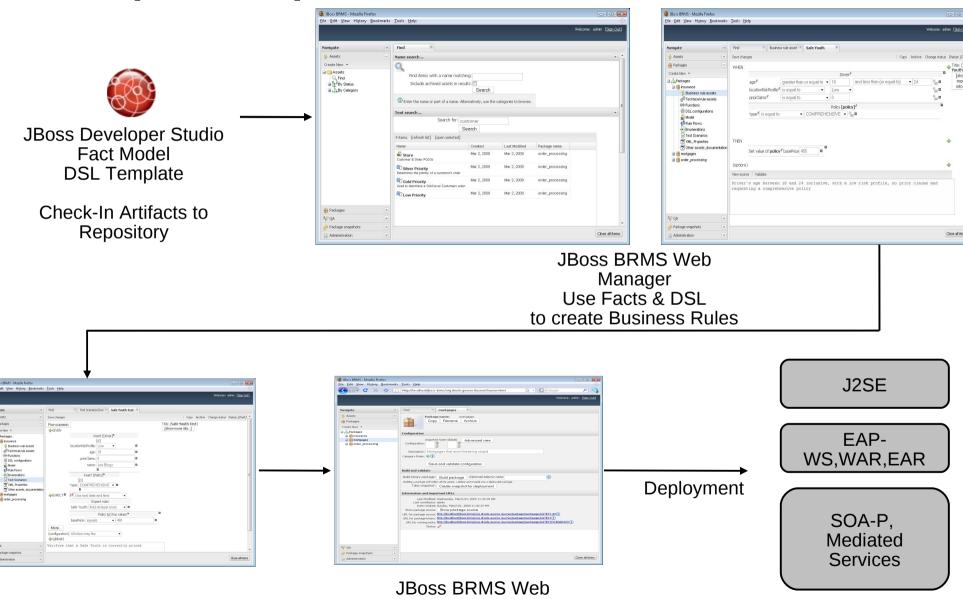


Test Scenario Editor





Developer Perspective



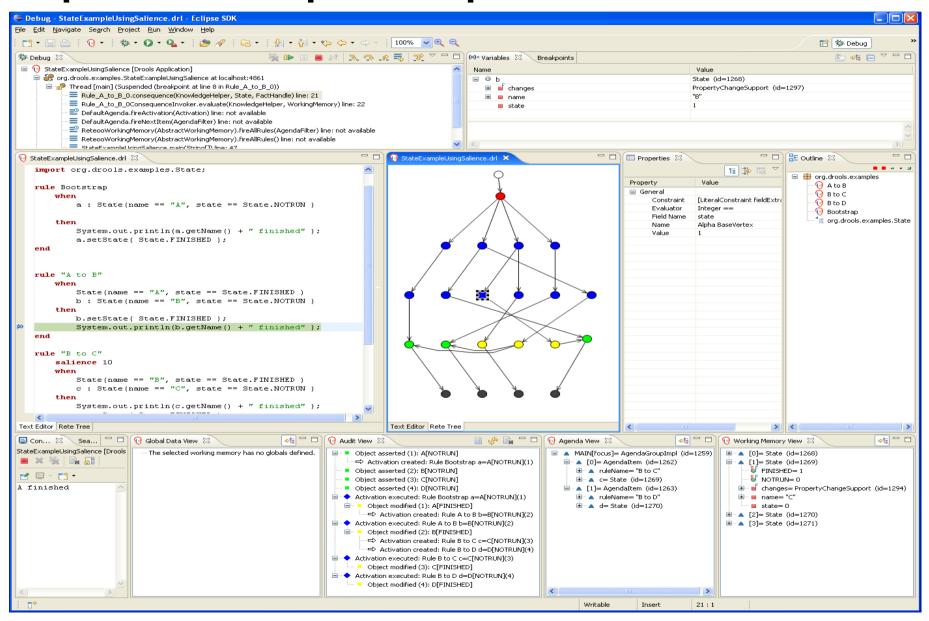
Manager

Create Package



JBoss BRMS Web

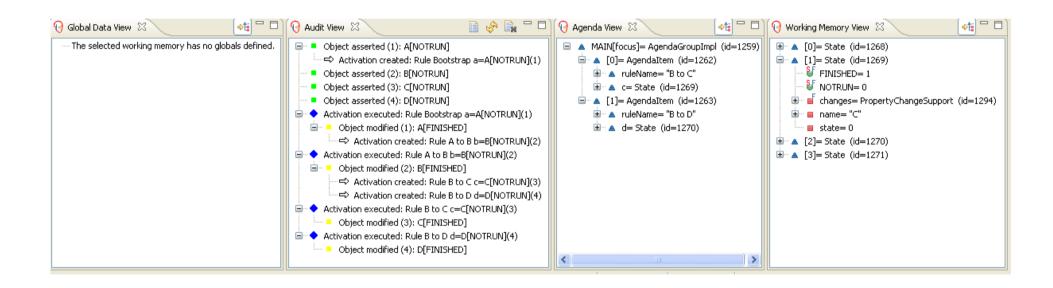
Eclipse – Developer Perspective





Debugging

Debug Views

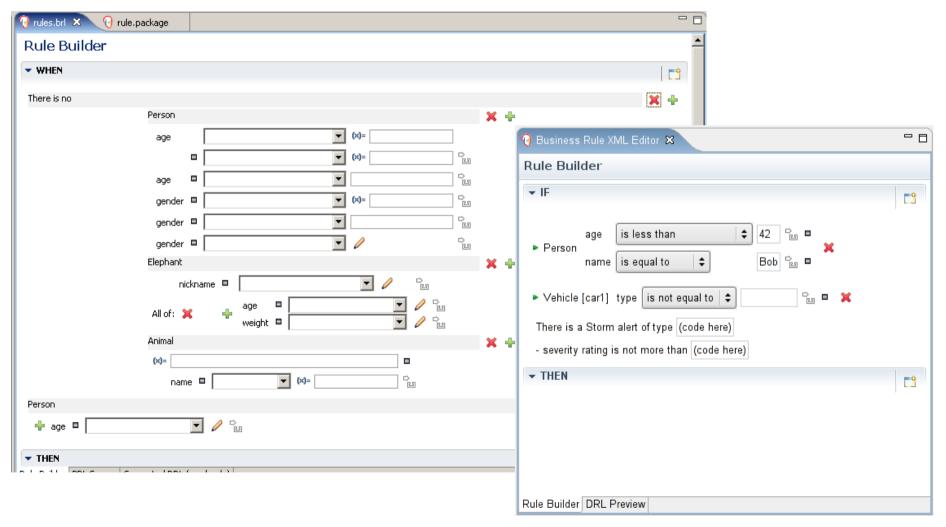


New rule "perspective" to configure IDE for rules as needed



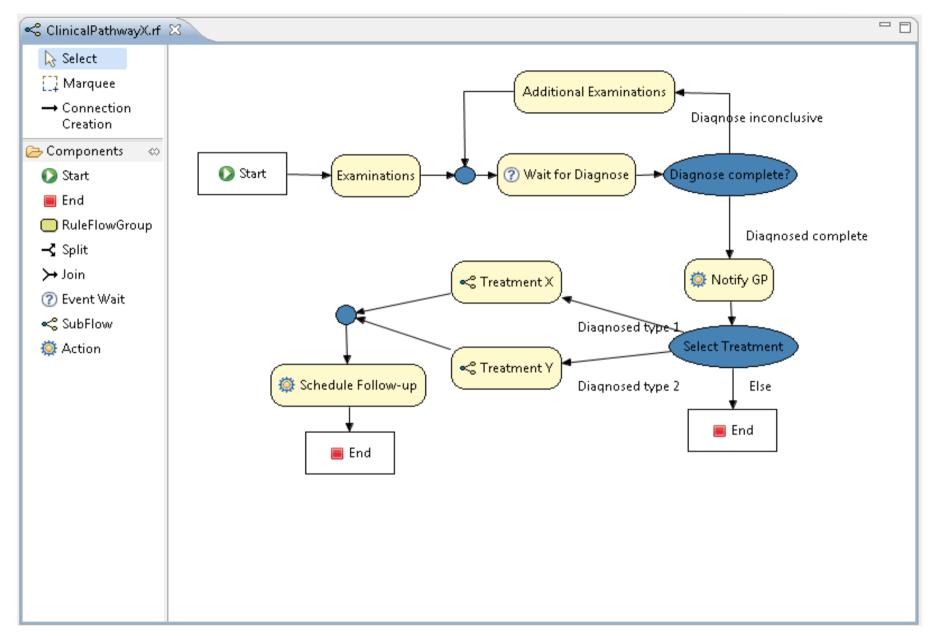
Guided Rule Editor (Eclipse)

Eclipse Guided Editor





Rule Flow





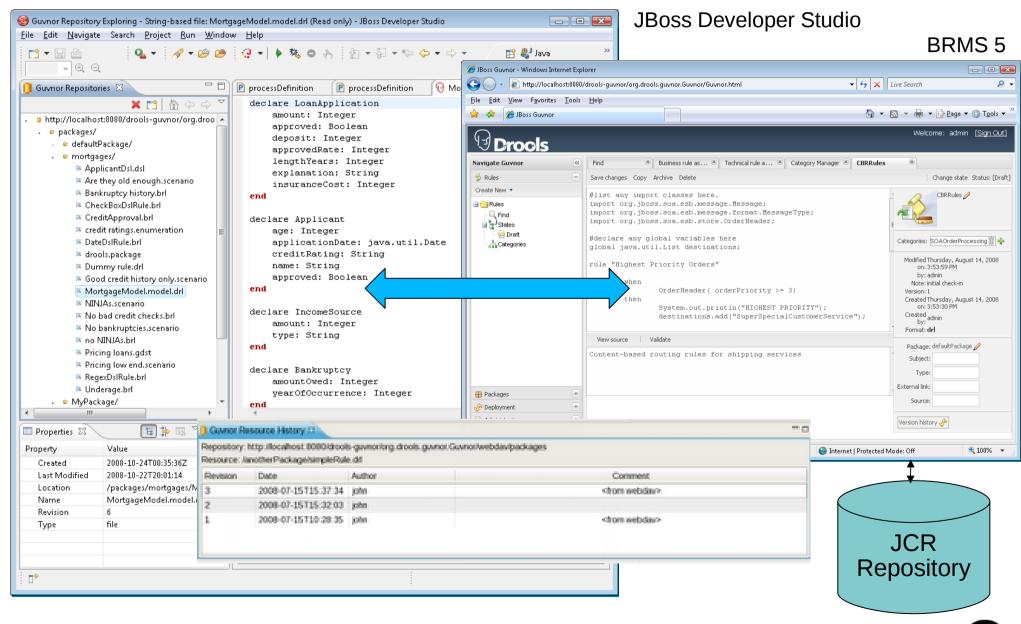
Decision Tables

Decision Tables – Excel/Open Office

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9	Base pricing rules	Age Bracket	Location risk profile	Number of prior claims	Policy type applying for	Base \$ AUD	Record Reason
10			LOW	1	COMPREHENSIVE	450	
11			MED		FIRE_THEFT	200	<u>Priors</u> not relevant
12	Young safe package	18, 24	MED	0	COMPREHENSIVE	300	
13				, ,			
14			LOW	0	FIRE_THEFT	150	
15		18,24	LOW	1	COMPREHENSIVE	150 700	Safe driver discount
16	Young risk	18,24	HIGH	0	COMPREHENSIVE	700	Location risk
17		18.24	нідн		FIRE THEFT	550	Location risk
18	Mature drivers	25,30		0	COMPREHENSIVE	120	Cheapest possible
19		25,30		1	COMPREHENSIVE	300	
20		25,30		2	COMPREHENSIVE	590	
21		25.35		3	THIRD PARTY	800	Hiah risk

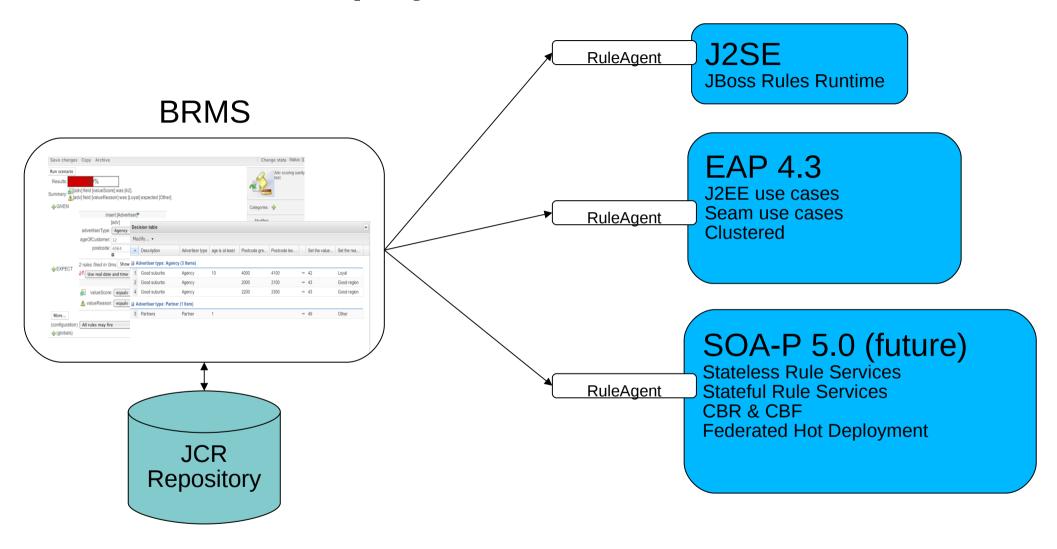


Eclipse to BRMS Synchronization





BRMS/Rules Deployment Scenario



Delivery of proper version of a rule package via the ruleagent to any of the above "containers".

EE and SOA containers allow for hot deployment/reload of the changed rules without component restart and no loss of transactions/messages.



BRMS v5: Summary of Features

Graphical User Interface and repository for Business Rule Editing, Versioning & Deployment management that is usable by the non-Java Programmer and non-System Administrator.

Manages the following artifacts:

- Rule Packages
- Business Rules (via Guided Rule Editor)
- Business Fact Model
- Technical Rules (sync with Eclipse and/or BRMS UI)
- Technical POJO Fact Model
- Domain Specific Languages DSL
- Web-based Decision Tables
- Spreadsheet-based Decision Tables
- Rule Categories (for searching)
- Users & Roles associated with rule life cycle states
- Rule Promotion (Dev, QA, Production)
- Test Scenarios





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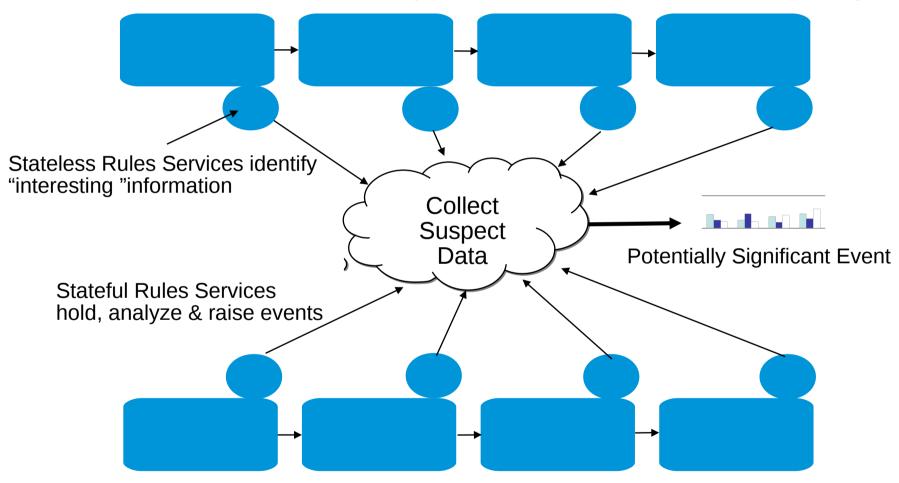
Business Rules Management System

Roadmap CY 2009 – 20011

(Tentative – Subject to Change)

Future: Event Stream Processing

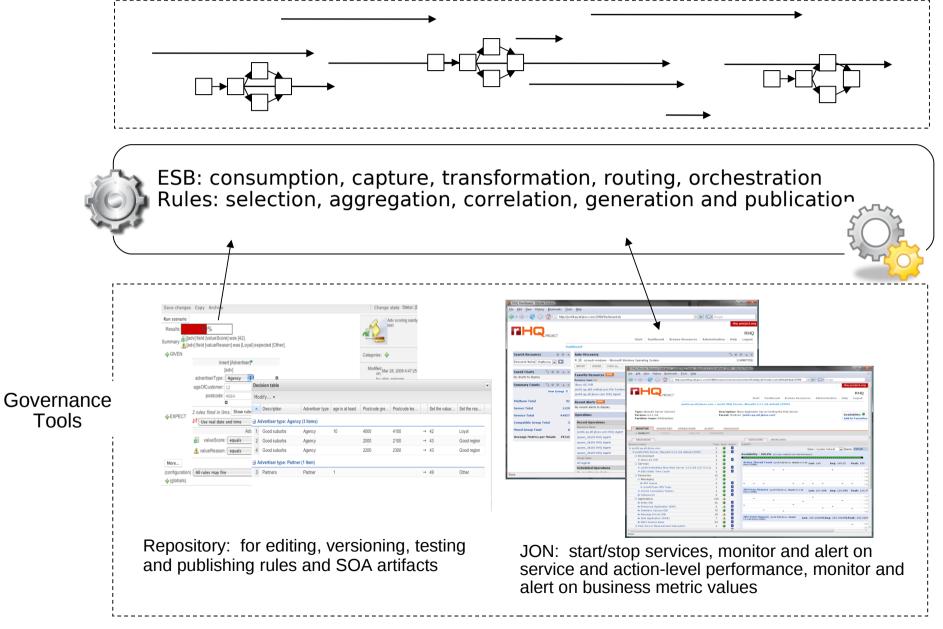
Some Process: Order Fulfillment, Replenishment, Customer Service, Financial Analysis



Other Process also capturing interesting data points and routing them to the "stateful" rules service for keeping and analysis.



Features: ESP + CEP via ESB, Rules & JON





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Lab overview

- Room HG00.029/HG00.307 1030-1230 hrs
 - Friday, 03 December 2010
 - Friday, 10 December 2010
 - Friday, 17 December 2010
- Lab1
 - start server & login
 - setup knowledge base, categories and model
 - create rules and tests



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