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# WebSphere Continuous Test

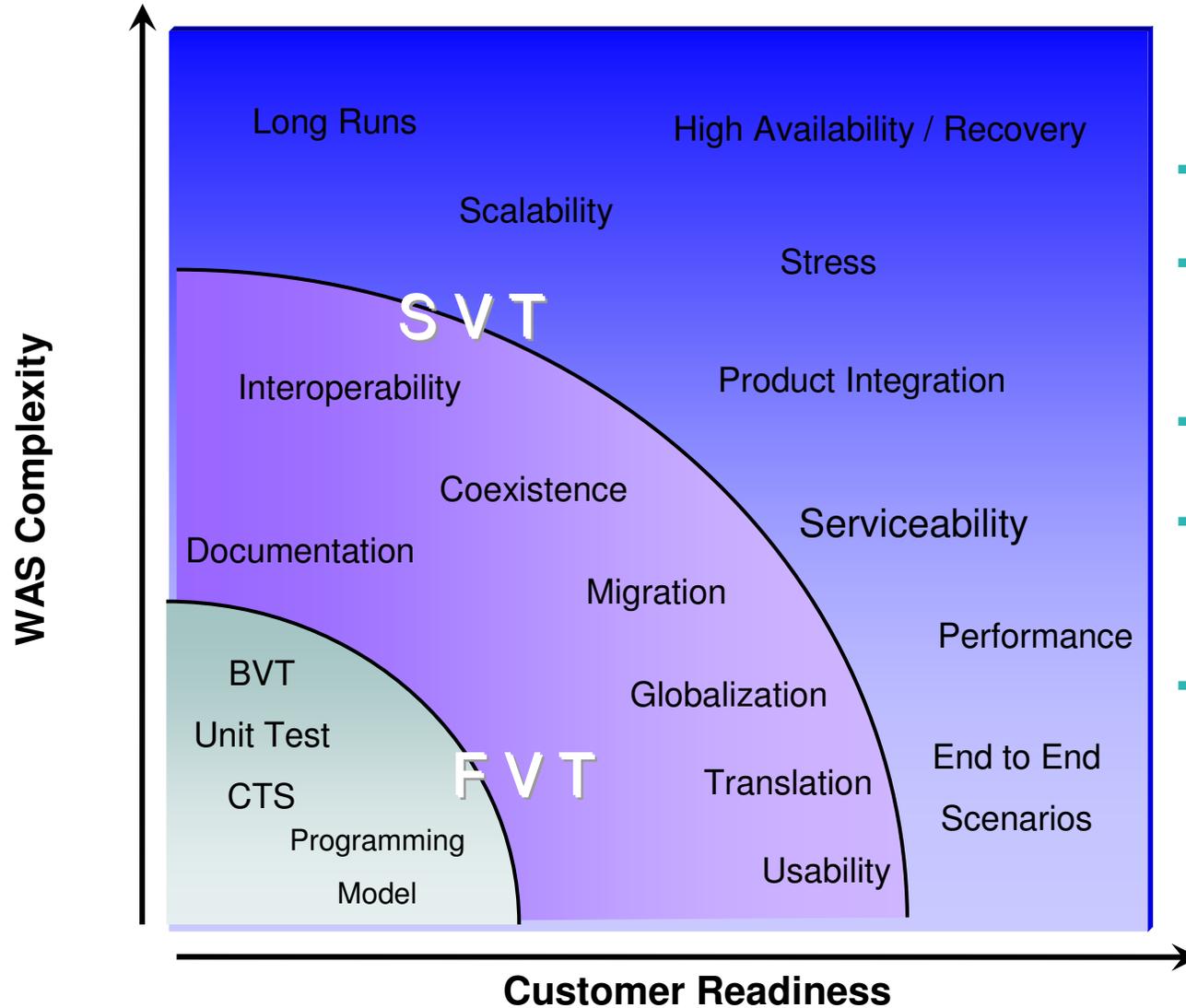
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## Agenda

- WebSphere Testing (prior to release)
  - Testing overview
  - Stack compatibility testing release to release
  - Fix pack testing (service stream)
  - Large topology and scale
  - SWG Integration testing
  - Future directions (Personas)
- WebSphere Environment Test Best Practices
  - Test methodology
  - Critical “hotspots” to monitor
  - Tools to understand the JVM
- Questions

## WebSphere Product Test Phased Approach



### Key Phases

- **Unit Test:**
  - Developers testing basic capability of a specific new function/component
- **Function Verification Test (FVT)**
  - Tests code for a single function or interaction of functions, using a variety of parameters and sequence of events
- **Globalization Test**
  - Tests functions run correctly in non-English environments
- **Performance Test**
  - Tests the product meets performance objectives based on customer requirements and industry competitiveness
- **System Verification Test**
  - Focus on testing end to end customer usage patterns across all components in the system and all supported operating platforms
  - Long runs, stress, recovery, bad apps, user experience all play a part in this phase

## WAS Quality Focus areas – Development cycle

- **WebSphere Early Design Program**
  - Allow customers and partners to have early view into use cases driving development and allow for input
- **Iterative Development cycle**
  - Incrementally construct a product's functionality one or more use cases (or scenarios) at a time with an “almost” full development cycle for better risk management and to get early feedback
- **Improved test automation**
  - Require automated test for new function
  - Increase testing efficiency and coverage from BVT to SVT
- **Improved robustness of System Verification Testing**
  - Limits, HA, Stress, Long runs, Error paths, Bad applications
  - Replicate customer usage patterns (ie industrial, financial, telco....)
- **APAR analysis for top APAR generating components**
  - Analyze PMRs/APARs for top components
  - Initiate specific actions to address design/code/doc issues

# WebSphere Testing Overview

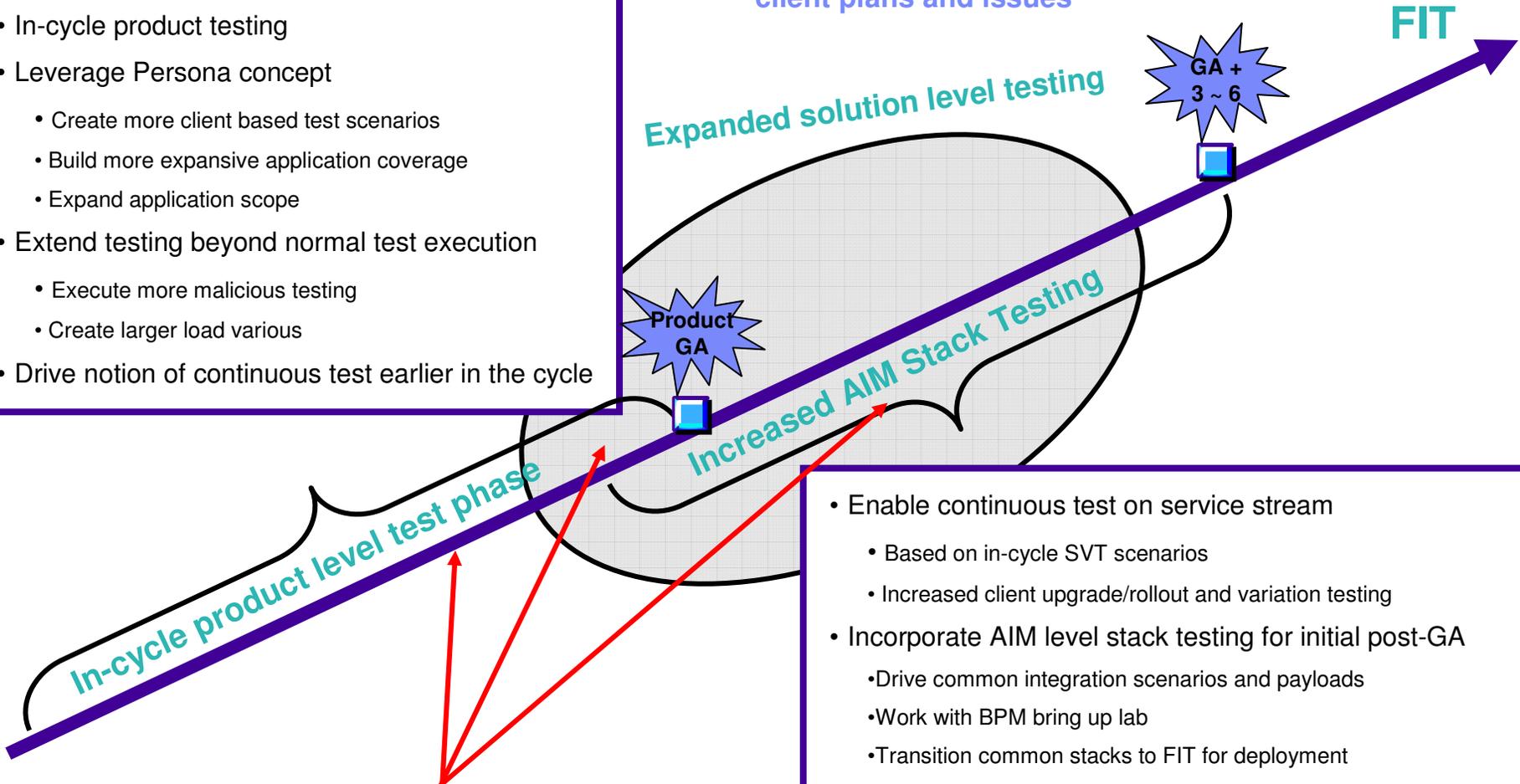
## ■ Phases of testing

- Unit testing
- Build verification test
  - 900+ builds a week with 200+ automated build tests
- Compatibility Test Suite
  - **23,000+ Java certification tests**
- Function verification test
  - **35,000+ function tests**
- System verification test
  - **1100+ complex customer scenario tested**
- Performance test
  - **3 large complex end to end benchmarks executed in various configurations and scenarios**
- Globalization verification test
  - Complete GVT on 8 distinct languages
- Post GA Testing
  - JDK and OS certification testing
- Service stream testing
  - Long Runs and stress testing for each fixpack (Started in 3Q 2006)

# Stack Evolution of Test

Leverage Large Topology Environments  
Capture additional test variations form client plans and issues

- In-cycle product testing
- Leverage Persona concept
  - Create more client based test scenarios
  - Build more expansive application coverage
  - Expand application scope
- Extend testing beyond normal test execution
  - Execute more malicious testing
  - Create larger load various
- Drive notion of continuous test earlier in the cycle



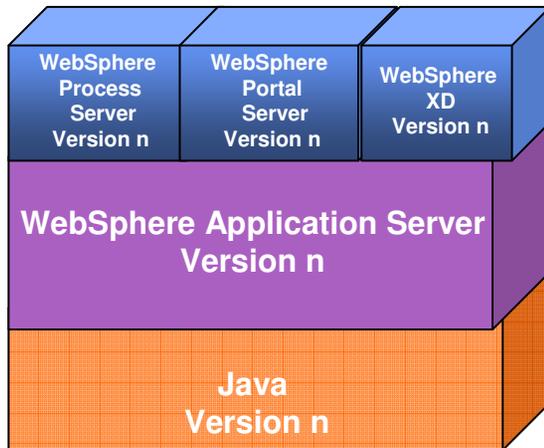
Incorporate critical SWG products

- Enable continuous test on service stream
  - Based on in-cycle SVT scenarios
  - Increased client upgrade/rollout and variation testing
- Incorporate AIM level stack testing for initial post-GA
  - Drive common integration scenarios and payloads
  - Work with BPM bring up lab
  - Transition common stacks to FIT for deployment
- “Be the Client” approach
  - Don’t cheat, use resources available to clients
  - Provide input to needed collateral

# SWG Stack Alignment

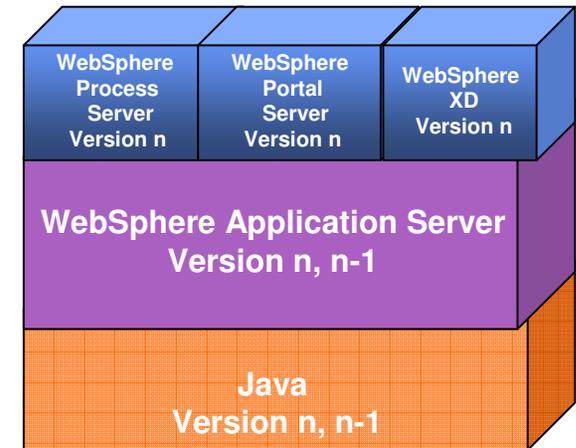
*Improved consumability through release to release compatibility*

## Where we are today

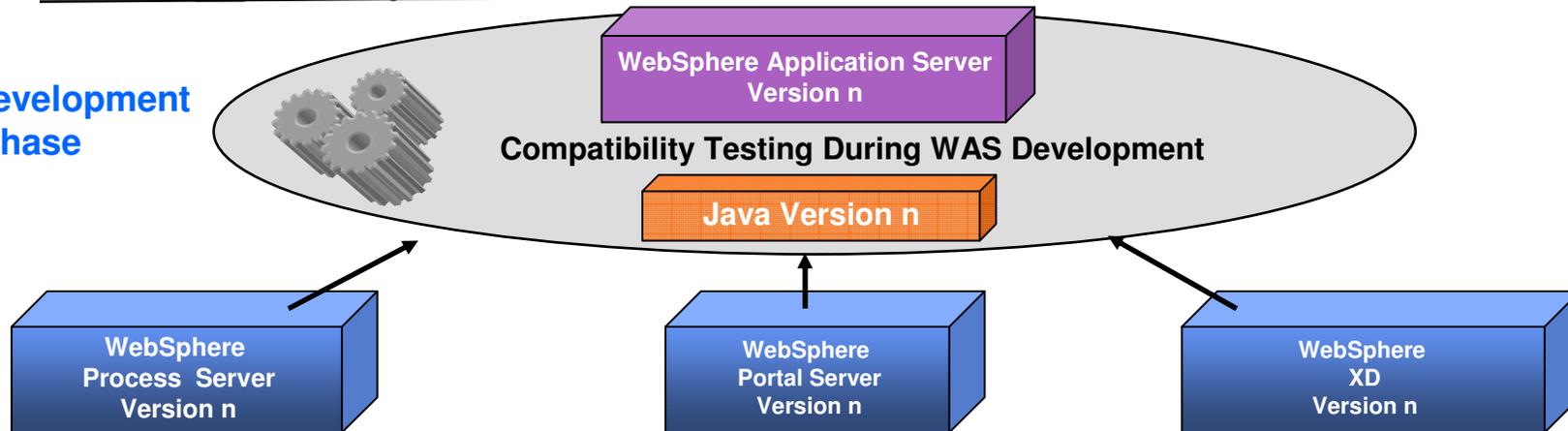


- Testing key SWG stack products during WAS development cycle
- Realizing benefits of Agile development
  - Stable code at the end of each iteration
  - Leveraging agile development practices to deliver earlier code drops
- Leverage technology like OSGi to provide an extensible core run-time
- Driven by customer feedback and usage patterns

## Where we are going



## Development Phase



# WebSphere Service Stream Continuous Test

- Increase testing coverage on service stream Fix Packs
  - Cover all service streams
    - Feature Packs
    - Java SDK updates
  - Test each Fix Pack on a variety of hardware
- Long Runs
  - Continuous 7-days under load in ND client based environment
    - 80+% CPU utilization,
    - 500+ clients
    - 150+ transactions/sec
- Various application workloads rotated across Fix Pack test cycles
  - SM Continuous Deployments
    - Stresses administration via continually deploying / redeploying applications
  - DayTrader
    - Coverage: EJB 3.0, JPA, JSP 2.1, Servlet 2.5, Platform Messaging
  - Garage Sale
    - Coverage: EJB 3.0, JPA, JSP 2.1, Servlet 2.5, JSF, Web Services Features
  - GasNet
    - Coverage: Shareable Local Transaction containment, platform messaging
  - Acme
    - Coverage: Security (JACC), Web Services Features, Thin clients, JNLP
  - Trade -- Performance benchmarking application
  - ERWW
    - Coverage: JDBC 4.0, EJB3.0, JPA, SQLJ, Platform Messaging, JACC

# Service Stream – SVT Continuous Long Run Testing

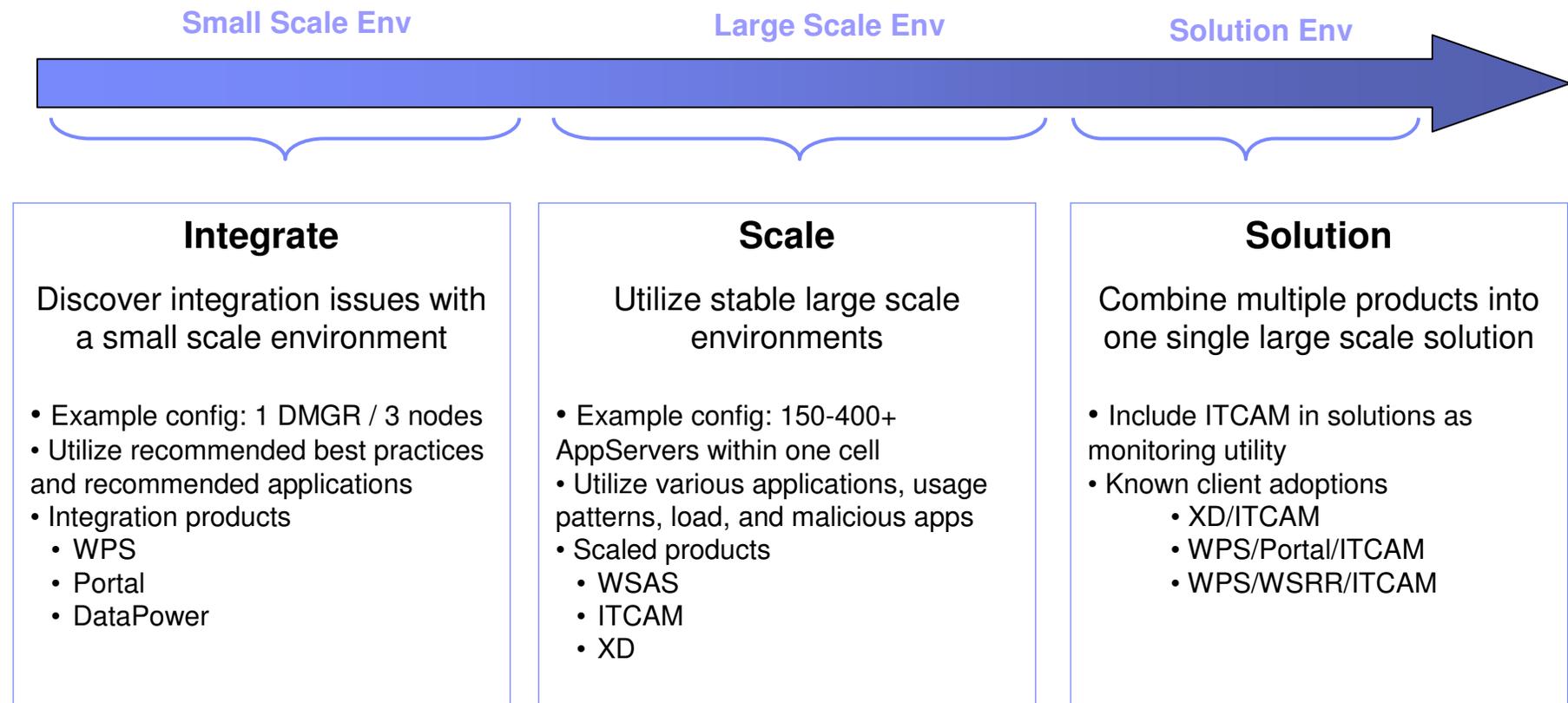
- Executing upgrades and monitoring environments based on client scenarios
  - Monitored during long runs
    - Heap size
    - CPU utilization
    - Various component logs
  
- Driving increased size and complexity of Long Runs
  - Combining multiple stress scenarios in for full shared environment simulation
    - Example
      - SM/Trade
      - GasNetwork/GasNetwork
  - Feature packs within one cell for coexistence validation
  - Increasing number of application servers per cell
  - Collaborating with Development / Support / Clients to define additional testcase and workload variations
  
- Stack product validation testing for WAS fix packs
  - WXD, WPS, Commerce, and Portal
  
- Including additional products, latest Fix Packs to increase coverage
  - Recent additions
    - ITCAM v6.1
    - Oracle 11g
    - AIX v6.1

# WebSphere Large Topology Testing

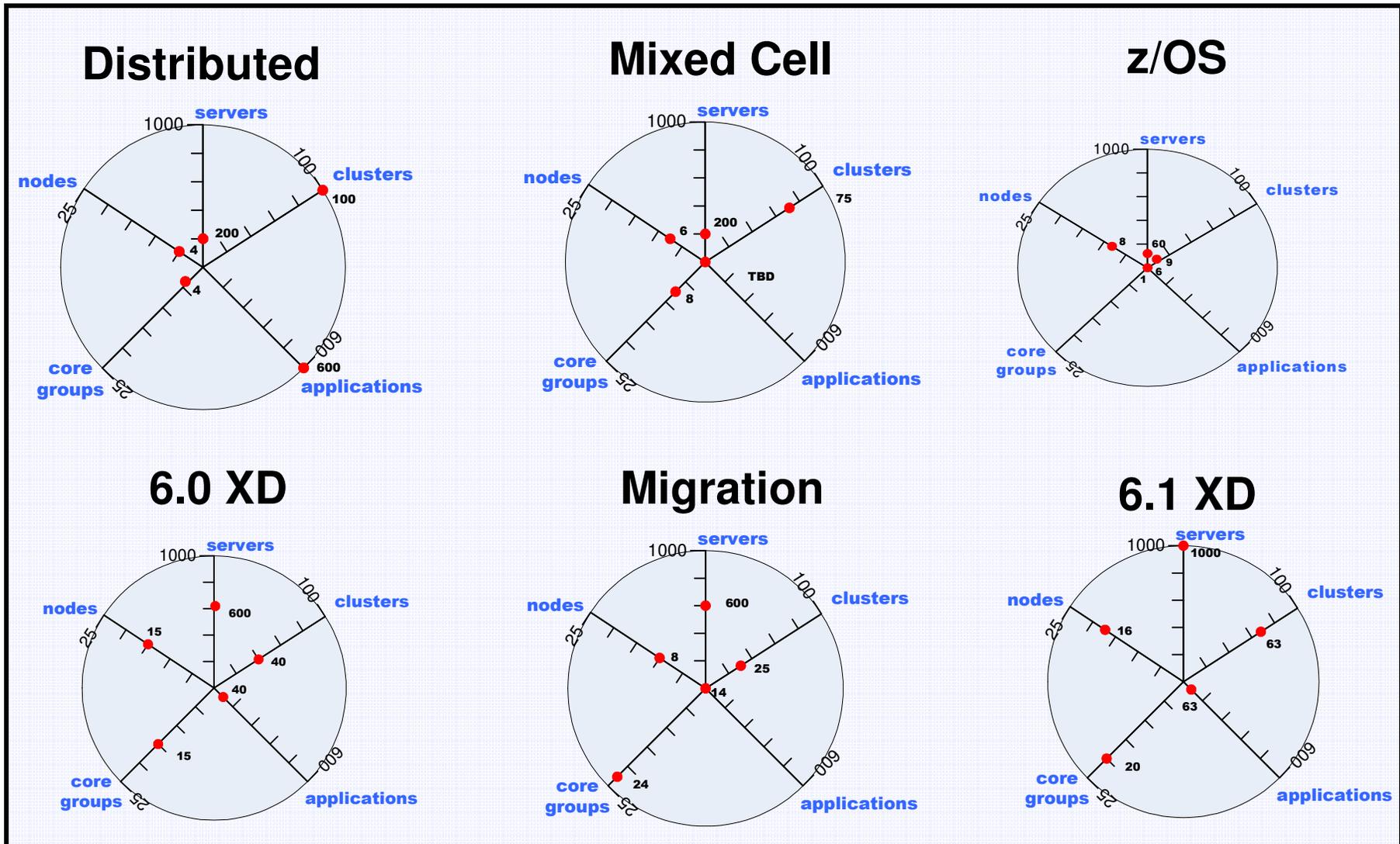
- Operating Principles:
  - Focus on complex client topologies and usage scenarios
  - Remain agile in adapting to focus on “hot spots”
  - Continuously executing, updated and maintained
  - Catalyst for driving improvements in development and test
  
- Manipulating multiple levers creates more moving parts and overall stress
  - Large Scale Migration under load – security enabled, high load, large scale, web/ejb traffic, mixed cell
  - Mixed Cell environments – multiple WSAS versions within one cell, Systems Management stress, application load, security enabled
  - XD environments – Mixed and non mixed cells, high load, ODR, dynamic placement, app load, malicious testing
  
- Defects to date addressed as a result of multiple conditions
  - Scale of the environment
  - Complex configurations
  - Continuous usage scenarios
  - Malicious testing and misbehaving applications
  - Some defects found not attributable to Large Topology Test uniqueness

# WebSphere Large Topology Stack Integration

- Integrate products with large scale client adoption
- Collaborate with development and test teams of stack products
- Proactively address concerns

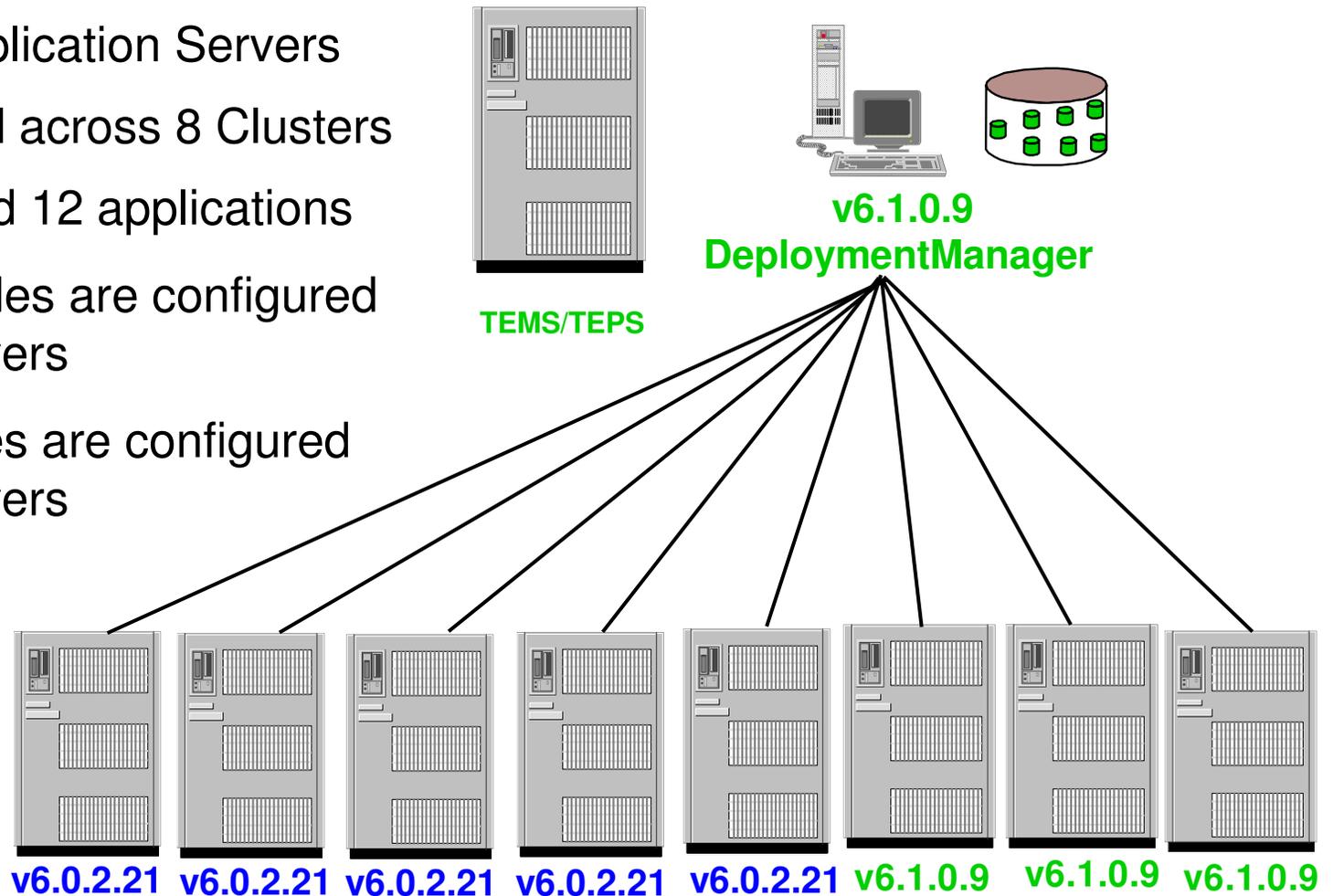


# Example of Current Environments



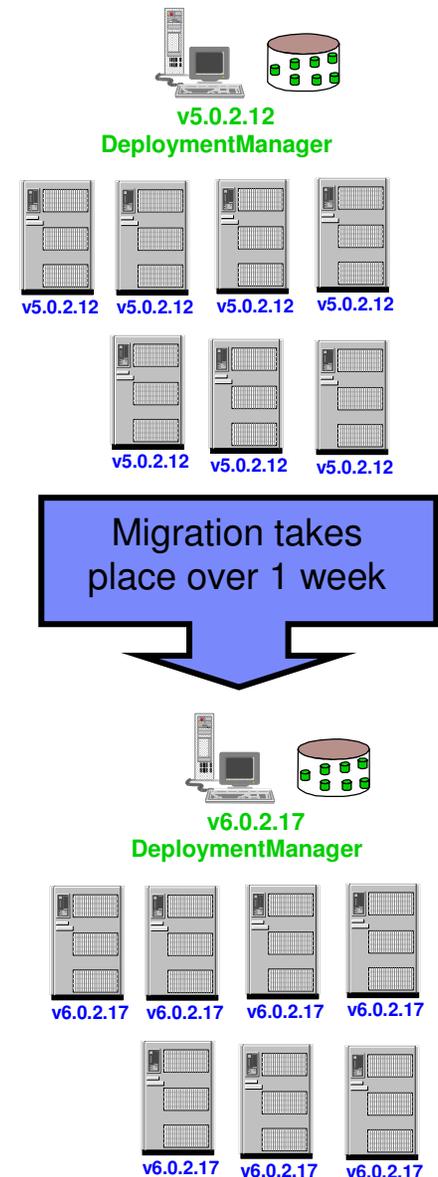
# z/OS Mixed Cell environment

- 70 Total Application Servers
  - Spanned across 8 Clusters
  - Deployed 12 applications
- 6.0.2.21 nodes are configured with 42 Servers
- 6.1.0.9 nodes are configured with 28 Servers

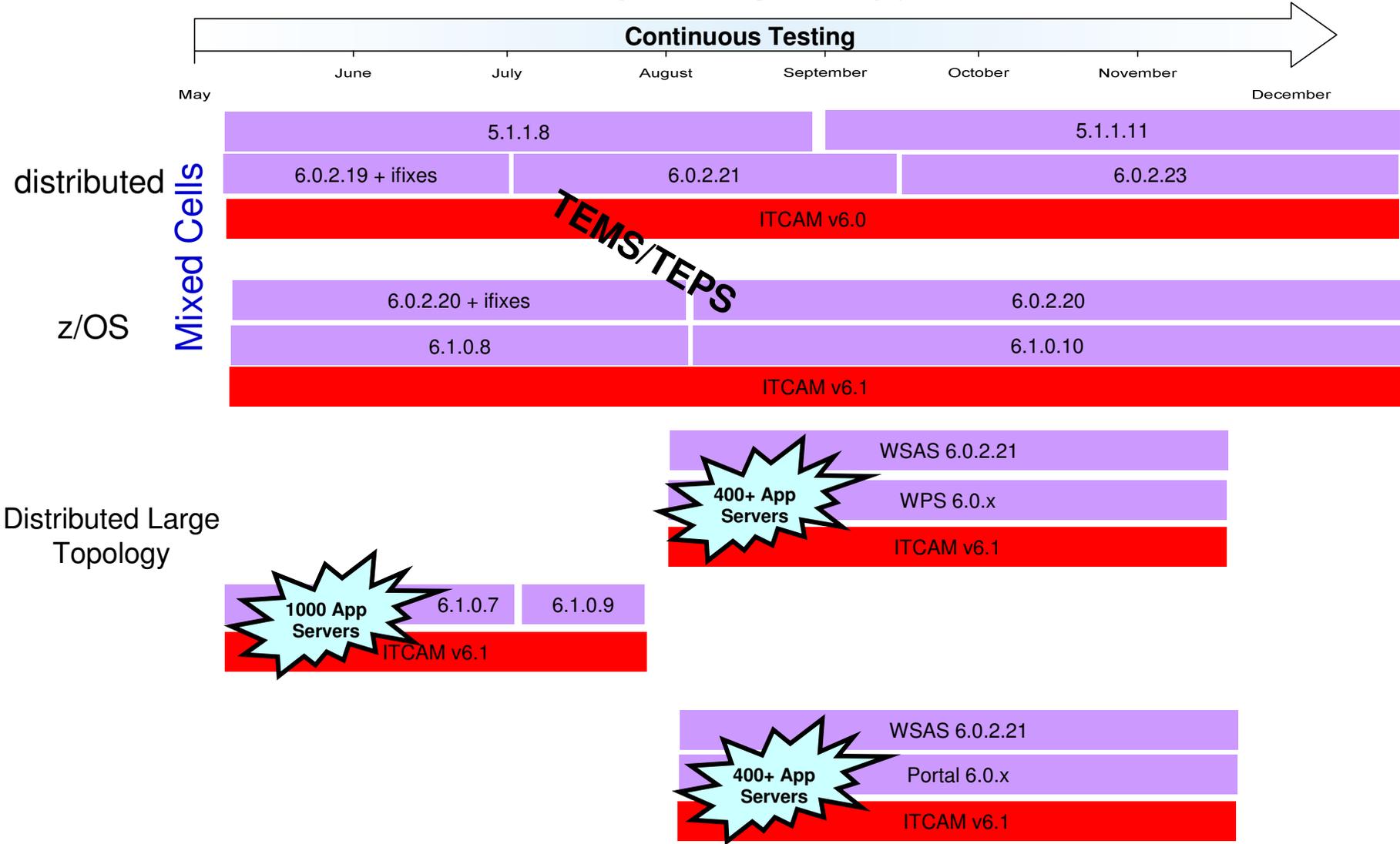


# Large Scale Migration Under Load

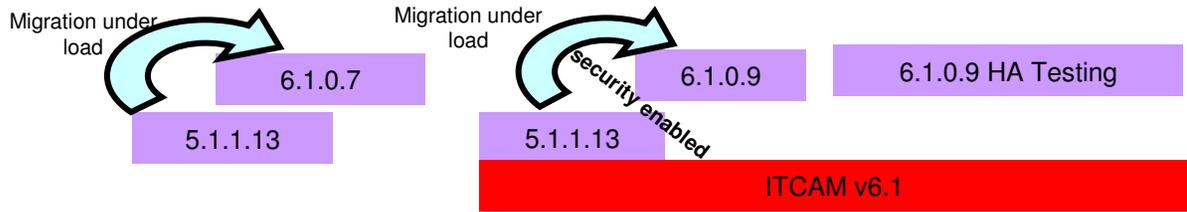
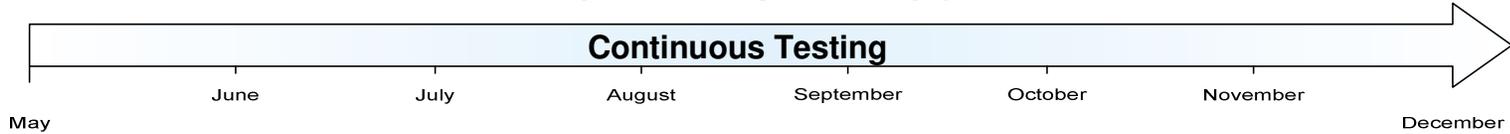
- Migrate 8 Nodes of pure V5 to V6
  - V5 Nodes: WAS 5.0.2.12 with JDK SR8 + 2 fixes
  - V6 Nodes: WAS 6.0.2.17 with JDK SR6 + fix bundle
- General Overview
  - Environment contained 285 application servers
  - Maintain application availability thru migration window
  - Heavily leveraging HA Manager and CoreGroupBridge
- Completed specific multiple times
  - Completed with 285 servers
  - Completed with 520 servers
  - Provided documentation to clients for specific migration tasks
- Environment leveraged to recreate issues and validate documentation



# Customer Focused Large Topology Test Timeline '07

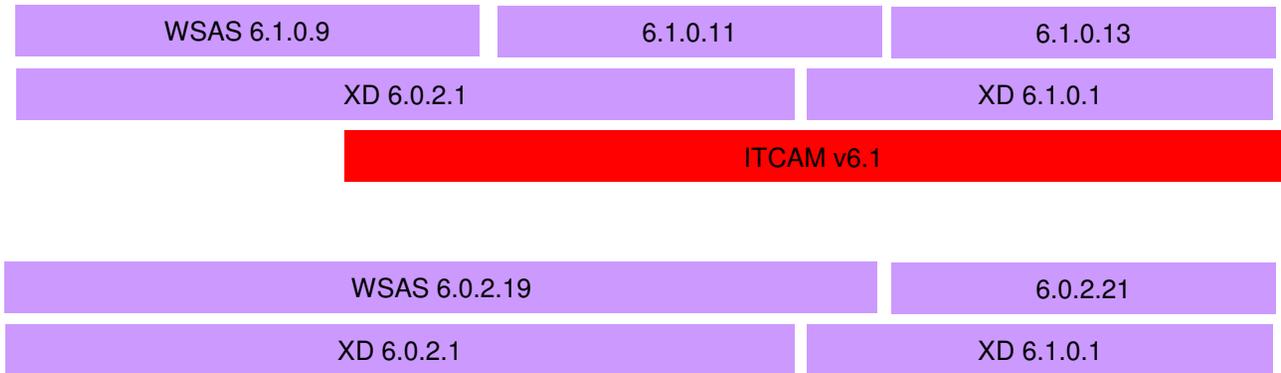


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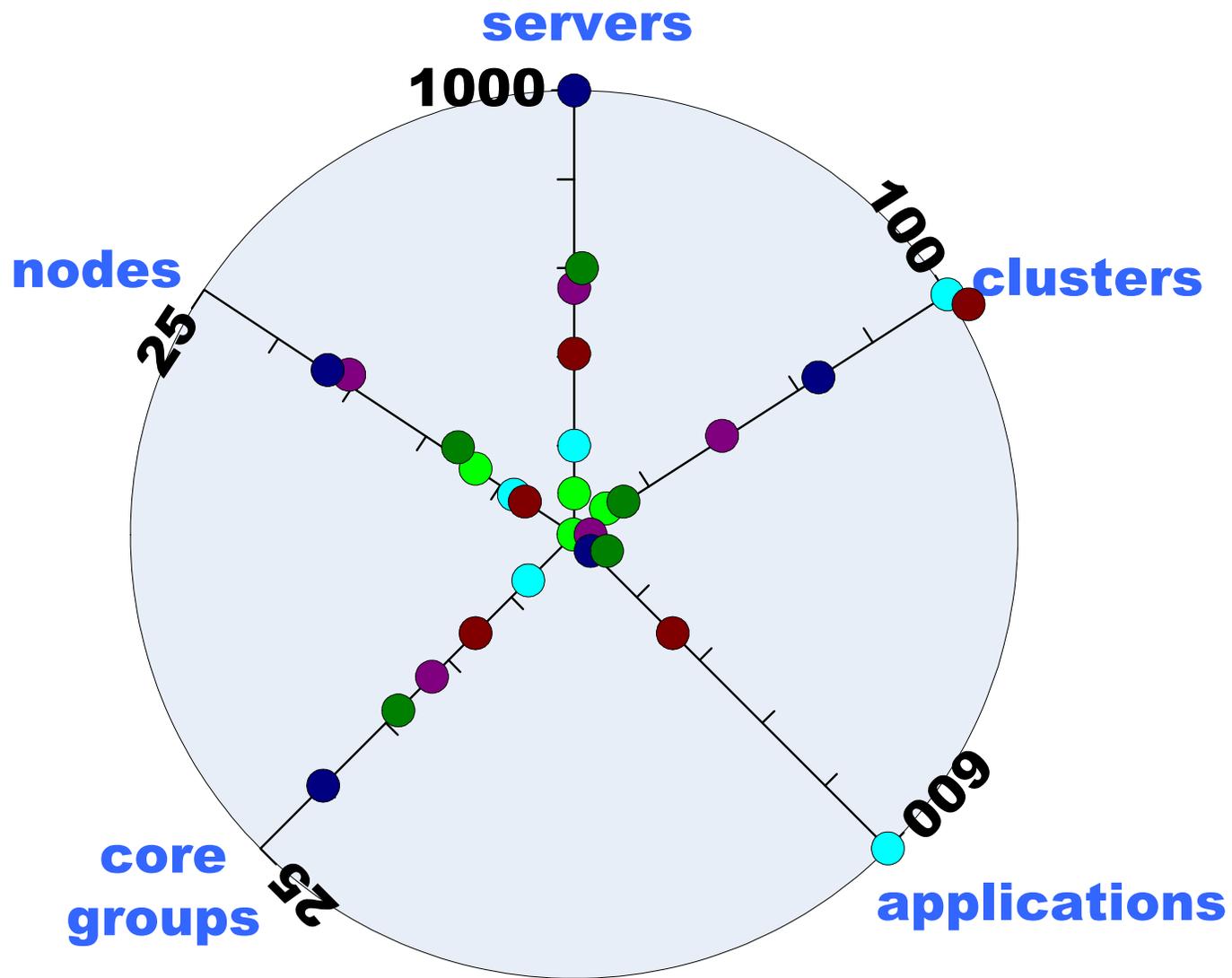


Additional Migrations

XD Large Topology Environments



# All Topologies



# SPECjAppServer2004 benchmarking leadership overtime

## SPECjAppServer2004 Leadership Timeline

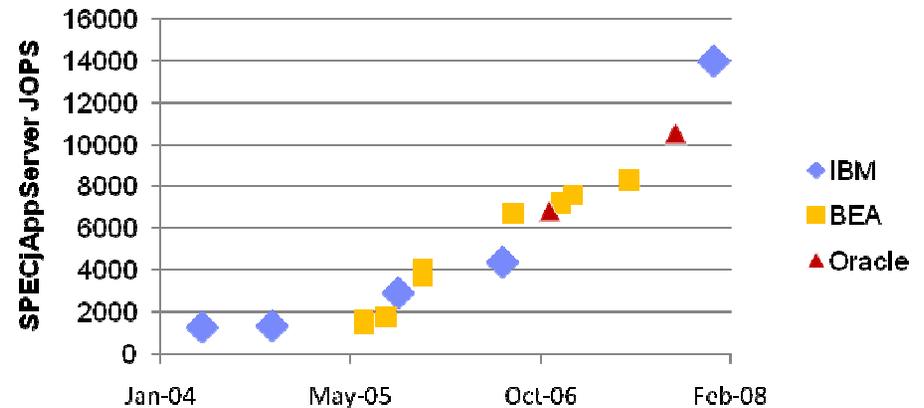
- **April 2004** – SPECjAppServer2004 released. IBM first to publish on benchmark
- **May 2004 – July 2005** – IBM Continues to publish higher throughput numbers while no other competitors submit
- **October 2005** – IBM publishes record setting total configuration result numbers almost 65% better than the competition
- **July 2006** - IBM again publishes record setting total configuration results.
- **December 2006** – IBM publishes dominate SPECjAppServer2004 JOPS/Core results
- **November 2007** – IBM publishes industry leading SPECjAppServer2004 JOPS/Core over 36% faster than the nearest competition
- **January 2008** – IBM releases total configuration results that top the nearest competitor be 33% and produce and astounding 75,000 database transactions per second

*“IBM WebSphere Application Shatters Industry Benchmark, Powers SOA” – CNN Money*

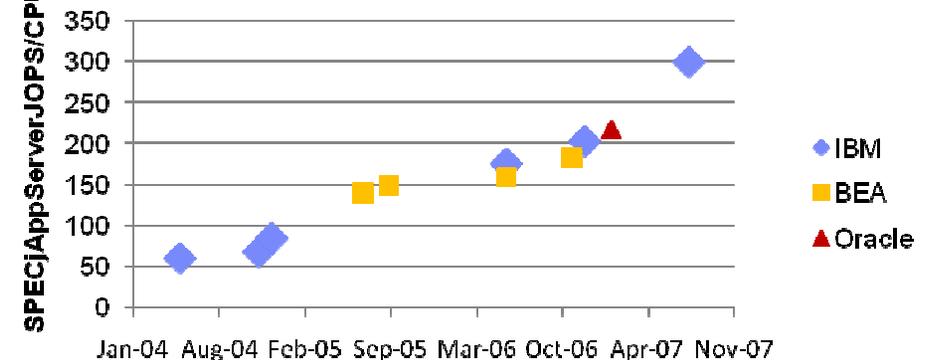


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### SPECjAppServer2004 Record Setting Total Throughput Publishes



### SPECjAppServer2004 Record Setting JOPS/AppServer CPU Core Publishes

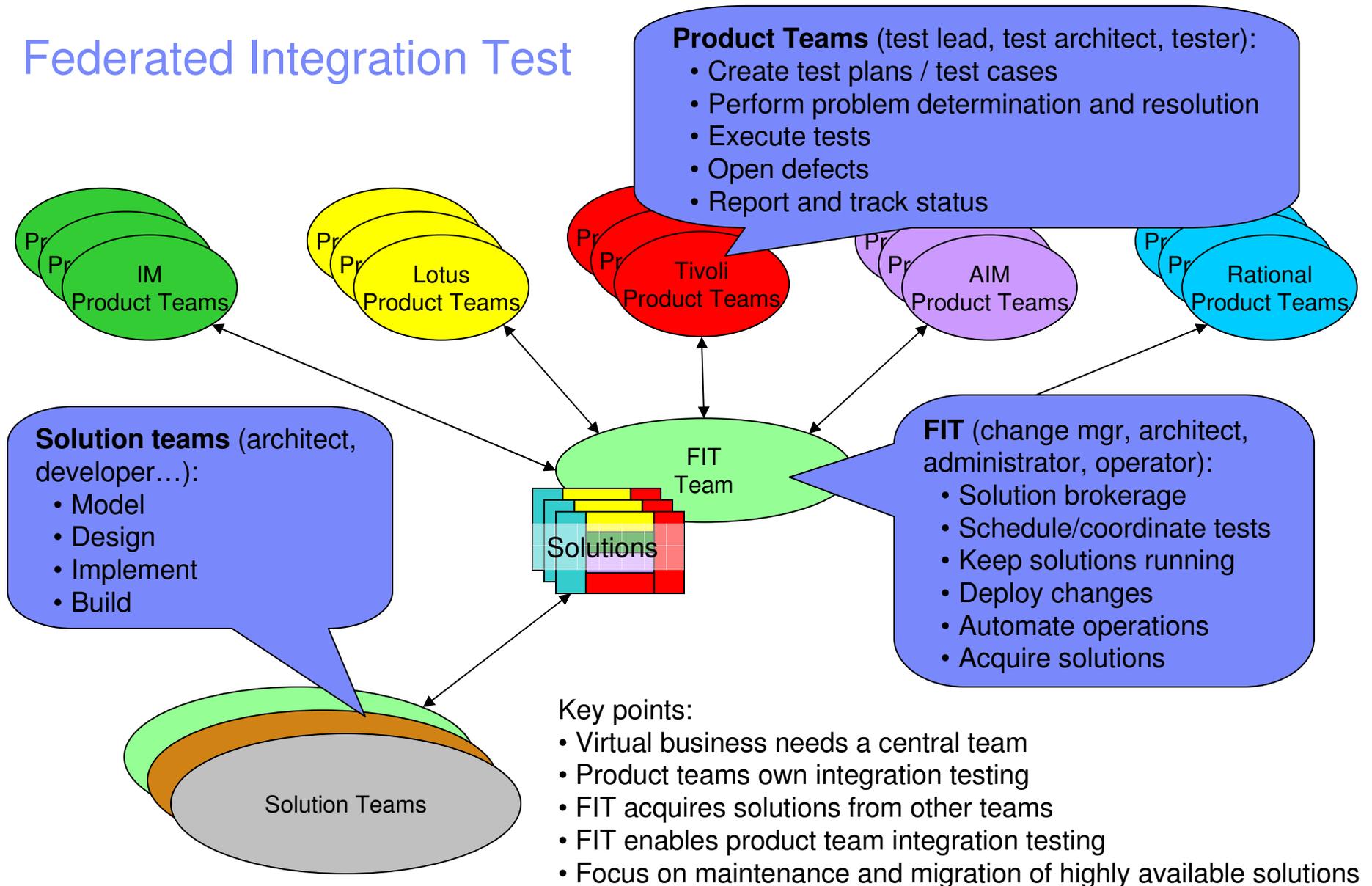


# SWG Federated Integration Test (FIT)

## *Current focus on service stream*

- Building a collaborative test lab that is centrally managed but enables brand product teams to do their own integration and/or service stream testing
  
- All tests are owned by individual product teams and executed with assistance from the FIT Core team
  - Product and core test teams open defects against their own product as well as other products (as appropriate)
  
- FIT environments is always ready to be used by brand product teams
  - i.e. continuously running systems in which you update/add infrastructure, products and applications
  
- Provides additional system level test suite to individual product testing

# Federated Integration Test



## Roadmap to a better understanding of WebSphere customers

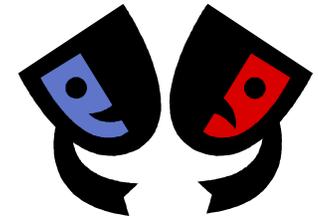


### **Customers aren't all alike, but they are not all completely different from one another either**

A small number of customer archetypes share many common characteristics

1. Identify and prioritize these customer types,
2. Devise a standard way to describe the types, and
3. Provide sufficient details to be useful to testers (and designers)

## Introducing WebSphere Customer Personas

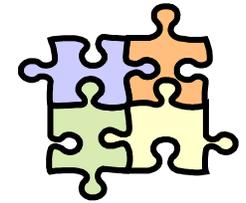


A **concise descriptive model** of a company, what it wishes to accomplish, and why.

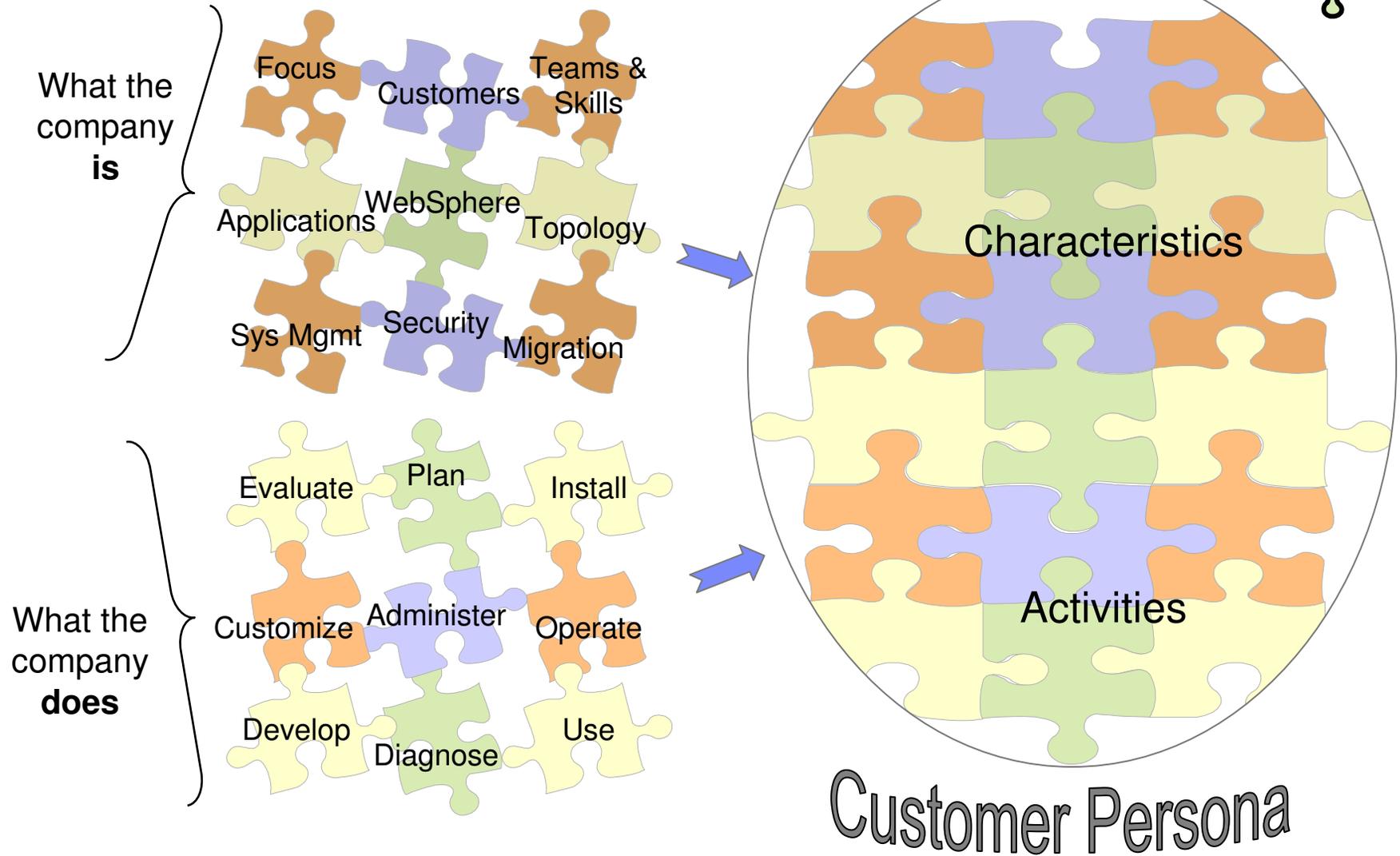
A **composite archetype** based on behavioral and descriptive data gathered from many actual companies that share related usage patterns.

Our company personas are intended to provide WebSphere development and testers with a consumable source of customer information that can serve as a context for writing more customer-oriented test scenarios.

➤ **Better understanding of customers = more effective design and testing**

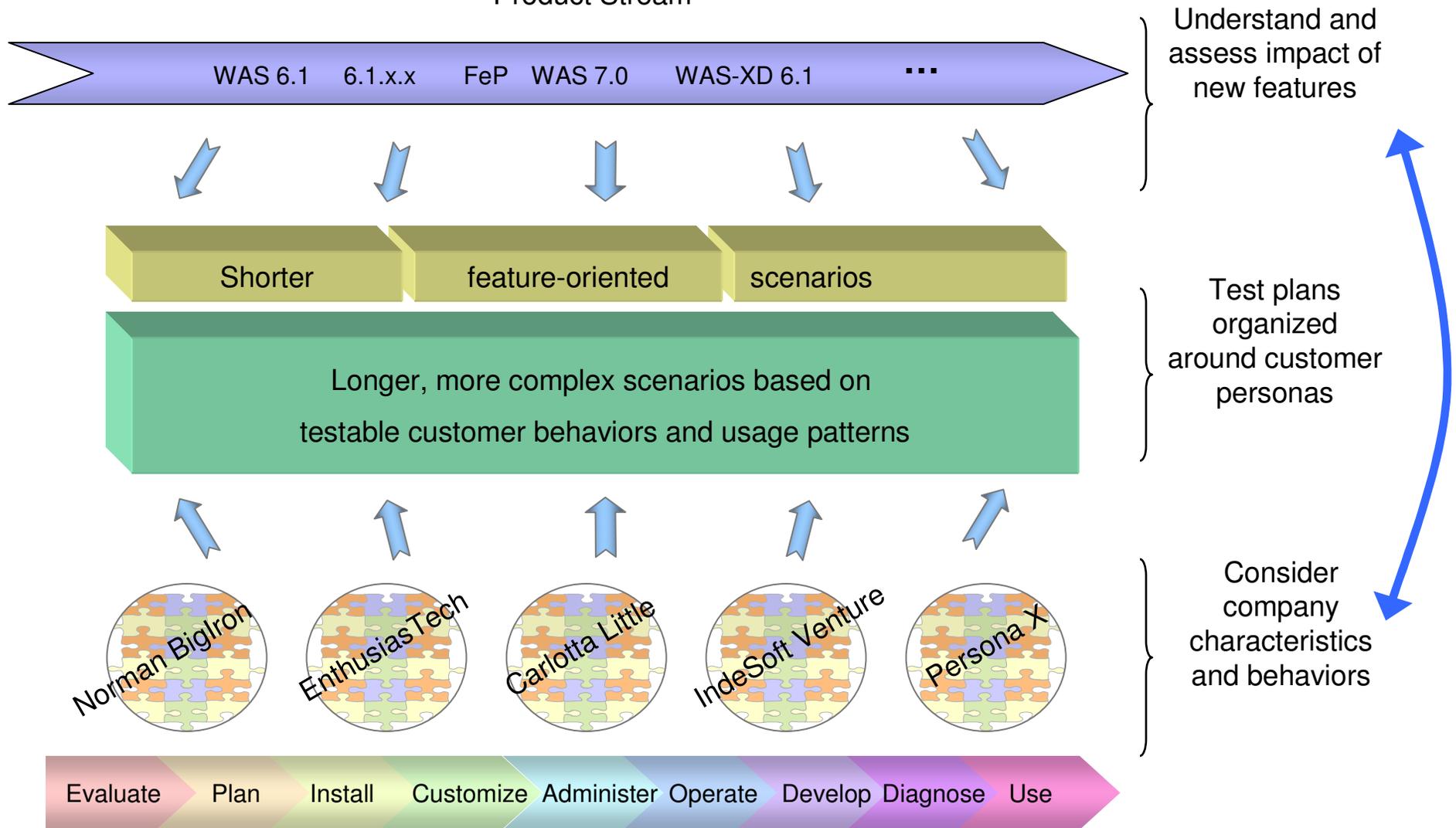


# Persona composition



# Developing test plans

Product Stream



Telco/SIP

**Forced Entry  
Home Security Corp.**

We start our journey  
Knowing other middleware.  
Make it easy, please.

Z Pattern

**Carlotta Little  
Online Auction Company**

Quick, dirty, no frills.  
Myriad transactions on  
Many cheap servers.

**IndeSoft Venture  
Corporation**

We will use WebSphere  
To solve your software problems.  
Turn the key and go.

**Norman Biglron  
Corporation**

Wise but cautious staff,  
Continuous deployment  
Of many small apps.

**EnthusiasTek  
Financial Services Co.**

Push all the limits.  
Fill apps with complex functions.  
Automate with scripts.

**Family  
Products**

**Client Securities  
Corporation**

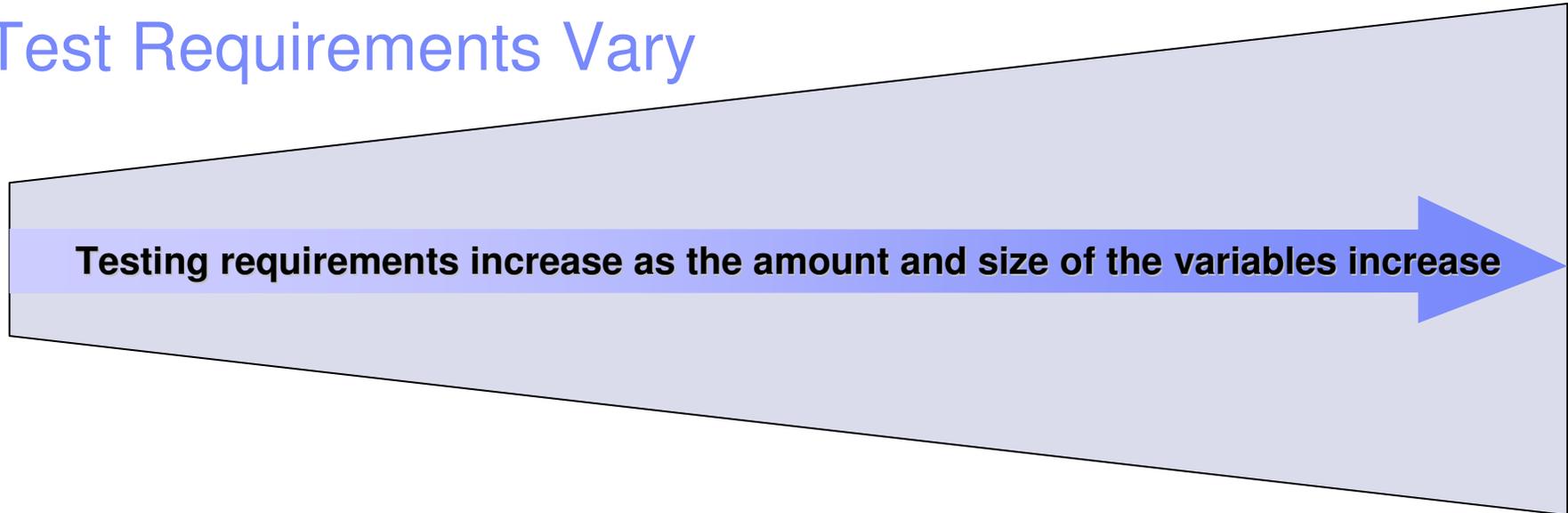
No lost transactions.  
High availability.  
Java client apps.



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# WebSphere End User Testing Best Practices

# Test Requirements Vary



## Small

- Minor application changes
- New application promotions
- Runtime configuration changes
- Product related iFixes
  - Anywhere in the environment

## Medium

- Product fixpack updates
- Significant application changes
- New application deployments

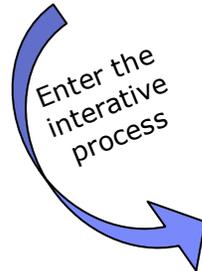
## Large

- WAS version upgrade
  - Any product version upgrade
- Operating system change
- Major application changes and interop modifications

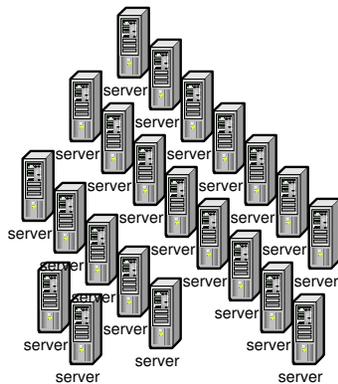
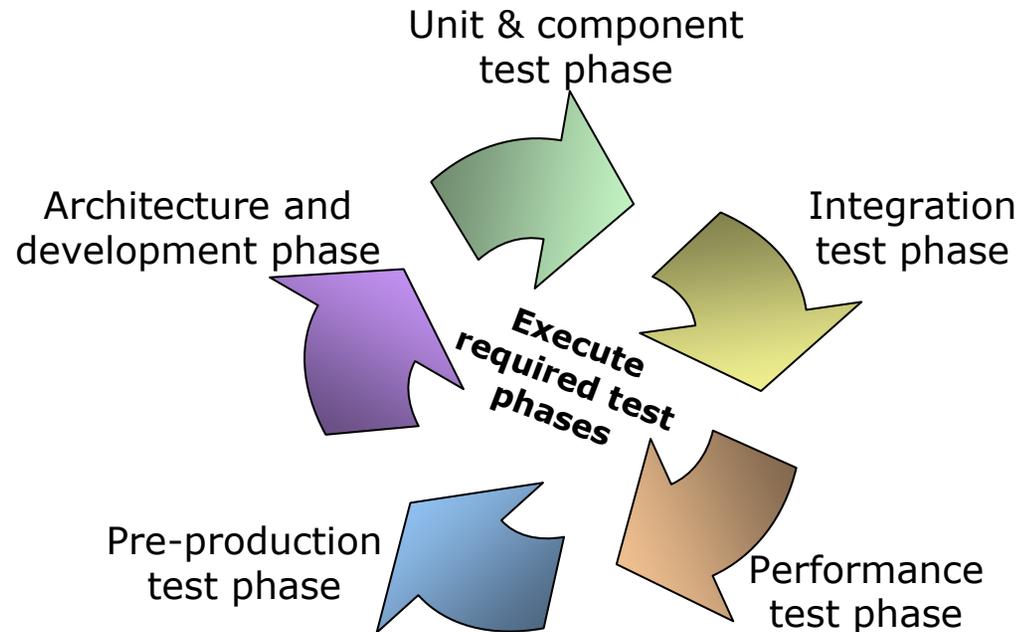
**Test environments must represent production**

# Test Phases Allow for Iterative Planning

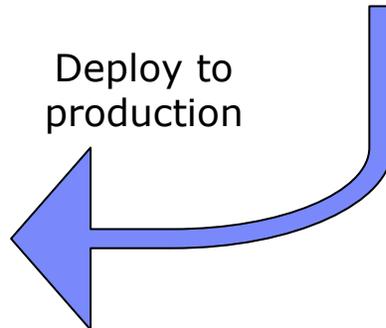
Understand the magnitude of change being introduced



Enter the iterative process



Deploy to production



Understand types of issues found at each phase/iteration

## Testing Planning: Black Box

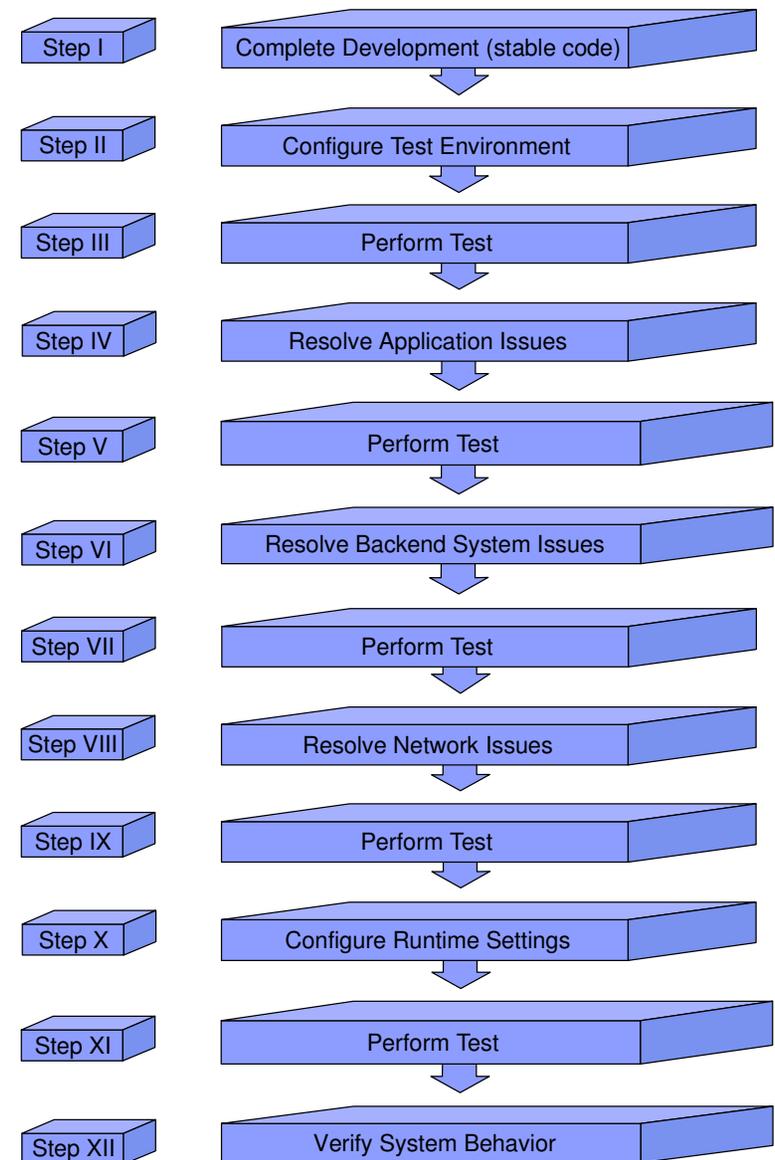
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- Where are the integration points?
- What is expected?
- How is it used?
- What is new or changing?

**End User**



## Testing Life Cycle

- Life cycle can be applied within or across the phases
- Iterations and specific tests depend upon application and environment
- Multiple changes adds test complexity and overall risk
- Understand expected results at each phase and measure



## WebSphere Tuning Misconceptions (Performance and Beyond)

- Set the "Magic Knob"
- Add more memory to the system
- Add another server and cluster the application server
- Customer XYZ used these WebSphere settings
- Just write the code and then deploy
- BOTTOM LINE
  - YOU CAN'T TUNE OR CLONE YOUR WAY OUT OF A POORLY DESIGNED APPLICATION
  - NOT EVERY APPLICATION CAN BE TUNED THE SAME WAY

## When to Think About Application Integration & Performance

- Architecture design
- Development period
- Unit/Component test phase
- Integration test phase
- Performance test phase
- Pre-production test phase
- Deployment and rollout
- Bottom line
  - **Always keep integration and performance in mind**

## What does Testing Entail....(partial list)

- **Integration testing**
  - Backend systems (DBs, Messaging, Legacy, etc)
  - Stack products and vendor applications/products
  - Additional environment applications (solutions)
- **Load testing**
  - Simulate user activity
  - Based on actual business patterns
    - Current business transaction rates
    - User loads increased by 10 to 20 percent
  - Identify load level with acceptable response times
  - Provide metrics on performance bottlenecks
- **Stress testing**
  - Evaluate performance at levels well beyond estimated loads
  - Burst loading effects
  - Sustained tests at extremely high loads
- **Failover testing**
  - Crash and recovery testing
- **User acceptance testing under load**

## Testing Methodology Imperatives

- Test from an end-user perspective
  - End-to-end response times
  - Overall view of application behavior
- Use tools to monitor each piece of the puzzle
  - Specific application code paths
  - Web Server
  - Application Server
  - Server resource use
  - Network health
- Correlate results from tools to determine the problem piece
- Represent deployment
  - Environment (configuration and size/scale) (at least proportional)
  - Application(s)
  - Number of users / transactions
  - Scenarios

## Testing Methodology Imperatives (cont)

- **Test all key business processes**
  - Include most intensive business logic
  - Include database activity
  - Typically about 70 to 80 percent code coverage
  - Look for processes with different code paths
  
- **Follow a disciplined and repeatable process**
  - Follow a set of processes and procedures
  - Document every run and modification
  - Make controlled and limited changes simultaneously
  - Validate results
  - Ensure problems are real
  - Easier to replicate

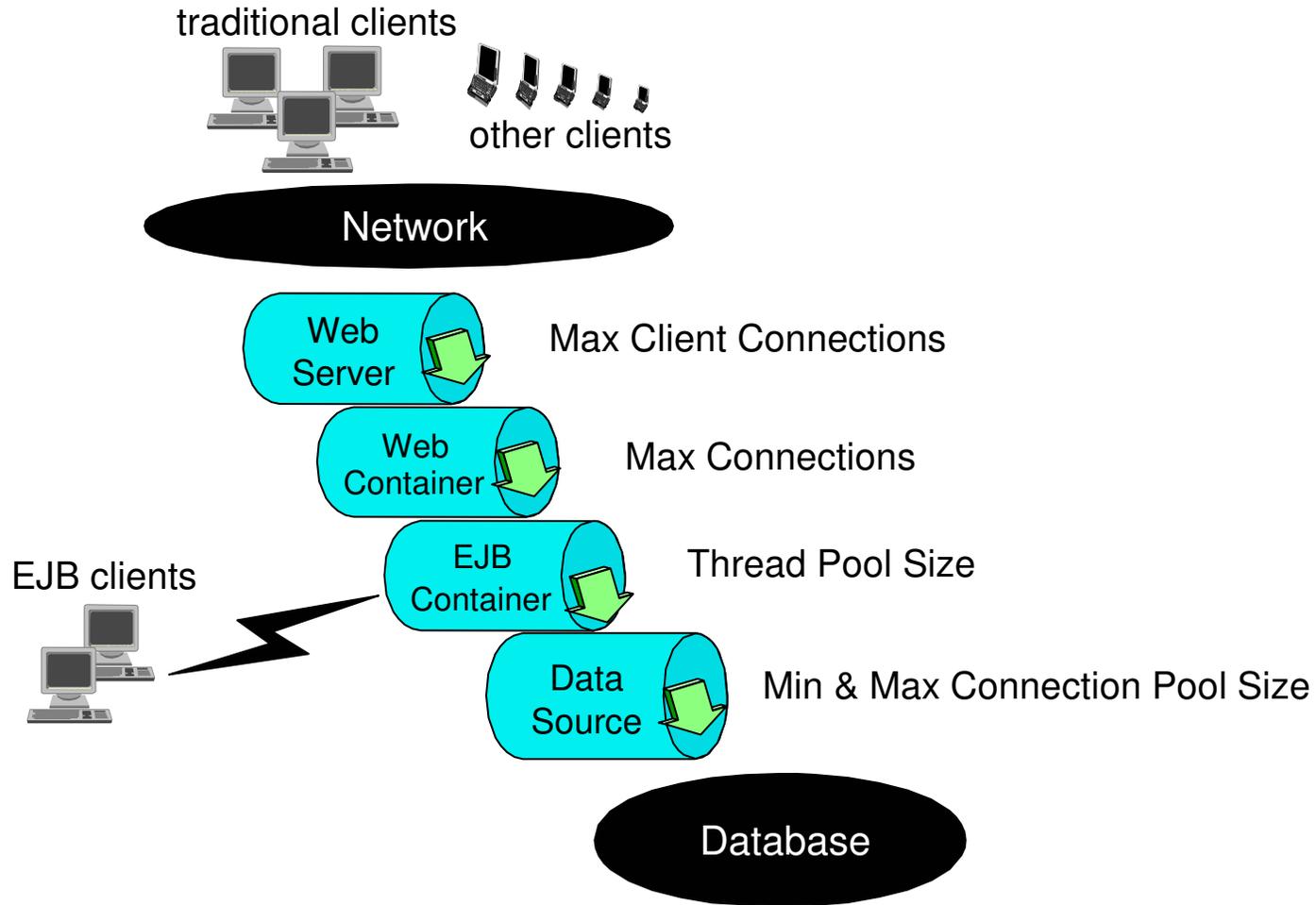
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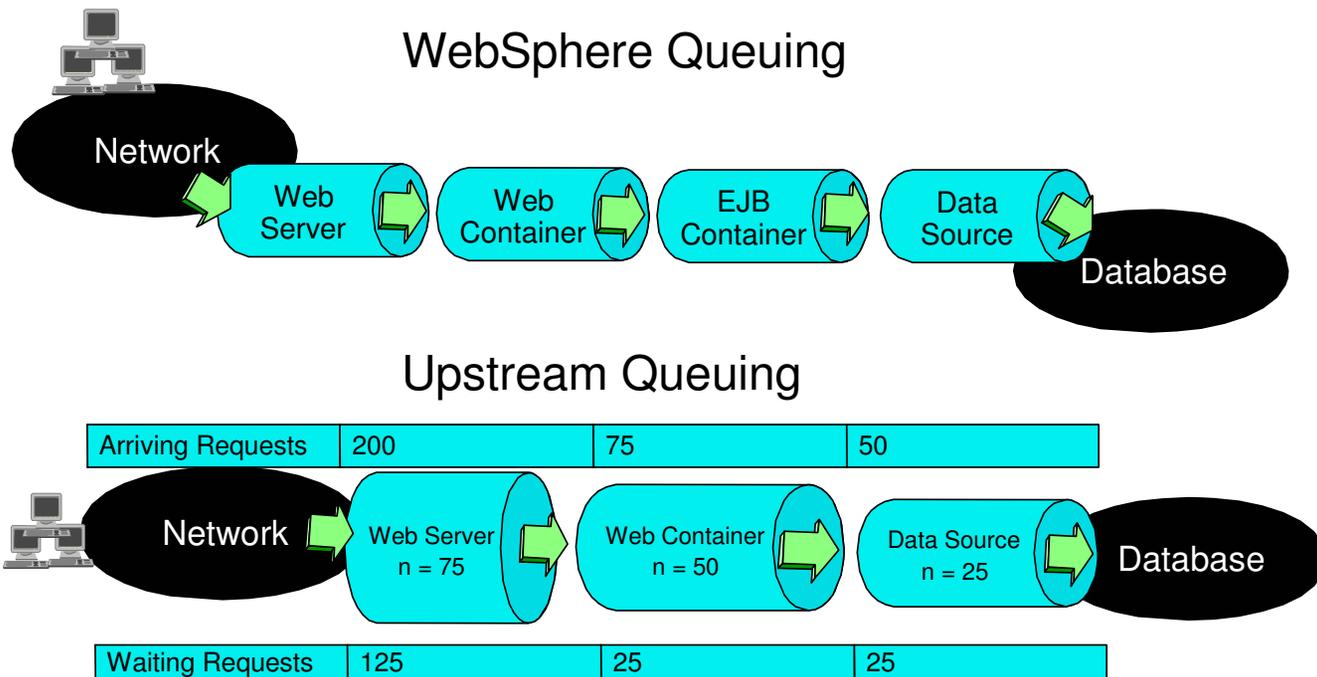


# WebSphere Queue Settings

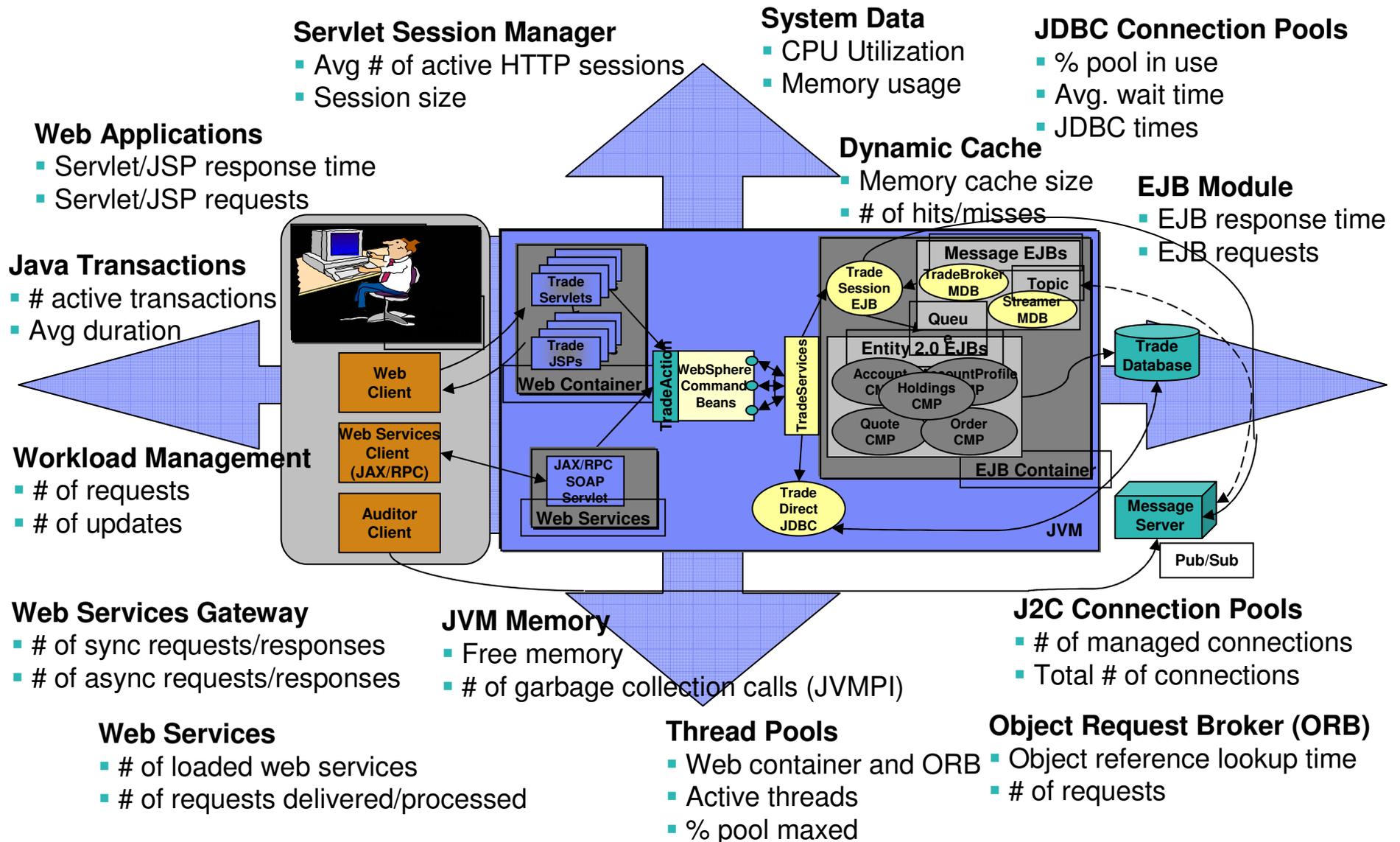


# WebSphere Upstream Queuing

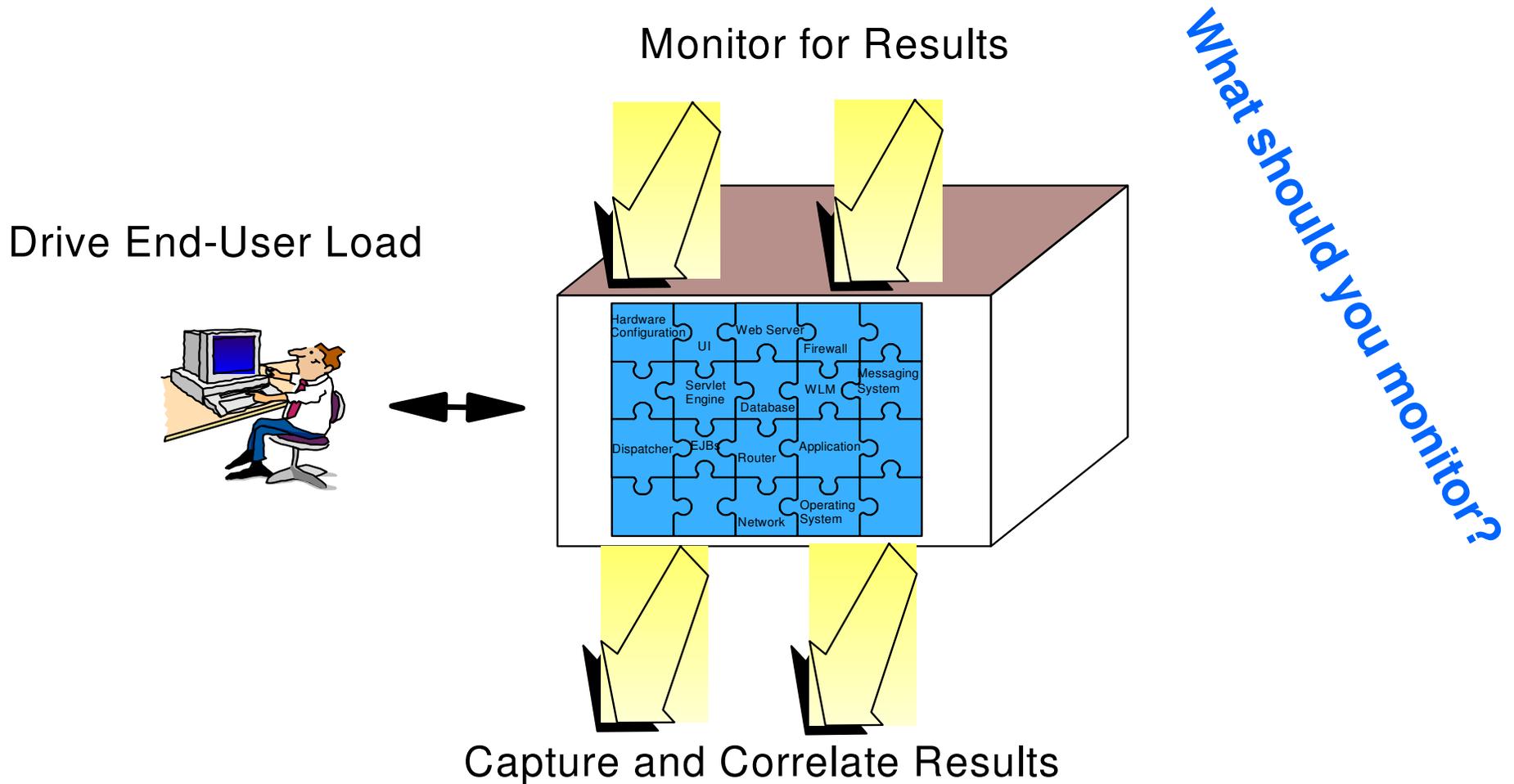
- Upstream queuing attempts to allow more work to be done by limiting the number of connections at each tier of the application



# Performance Monitoring Infrastructure (PMI) Data



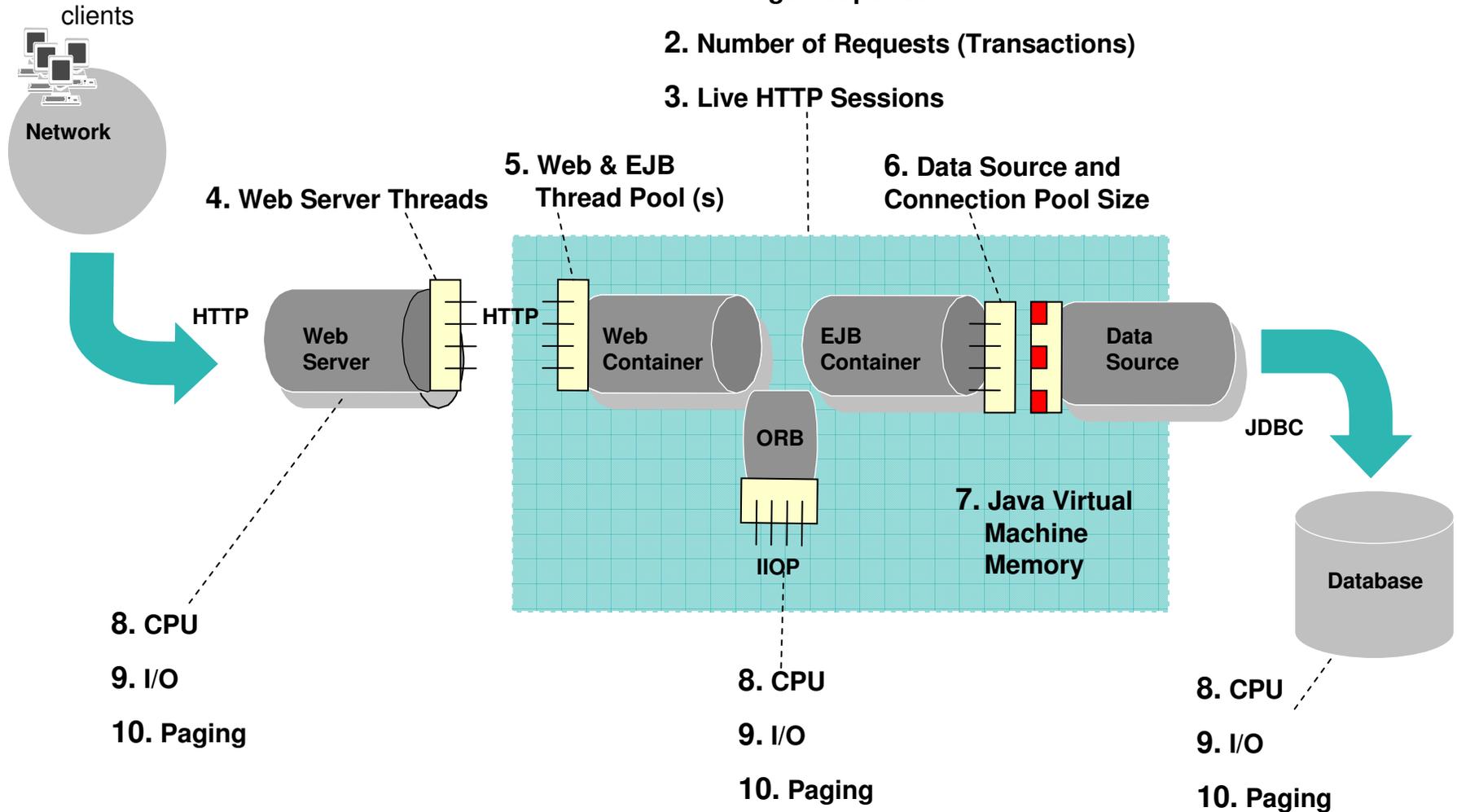
# Testing Execution: White Box



# End-to-End Monitoring -- “Top Ten Metrics”

## Servlets and EJBs

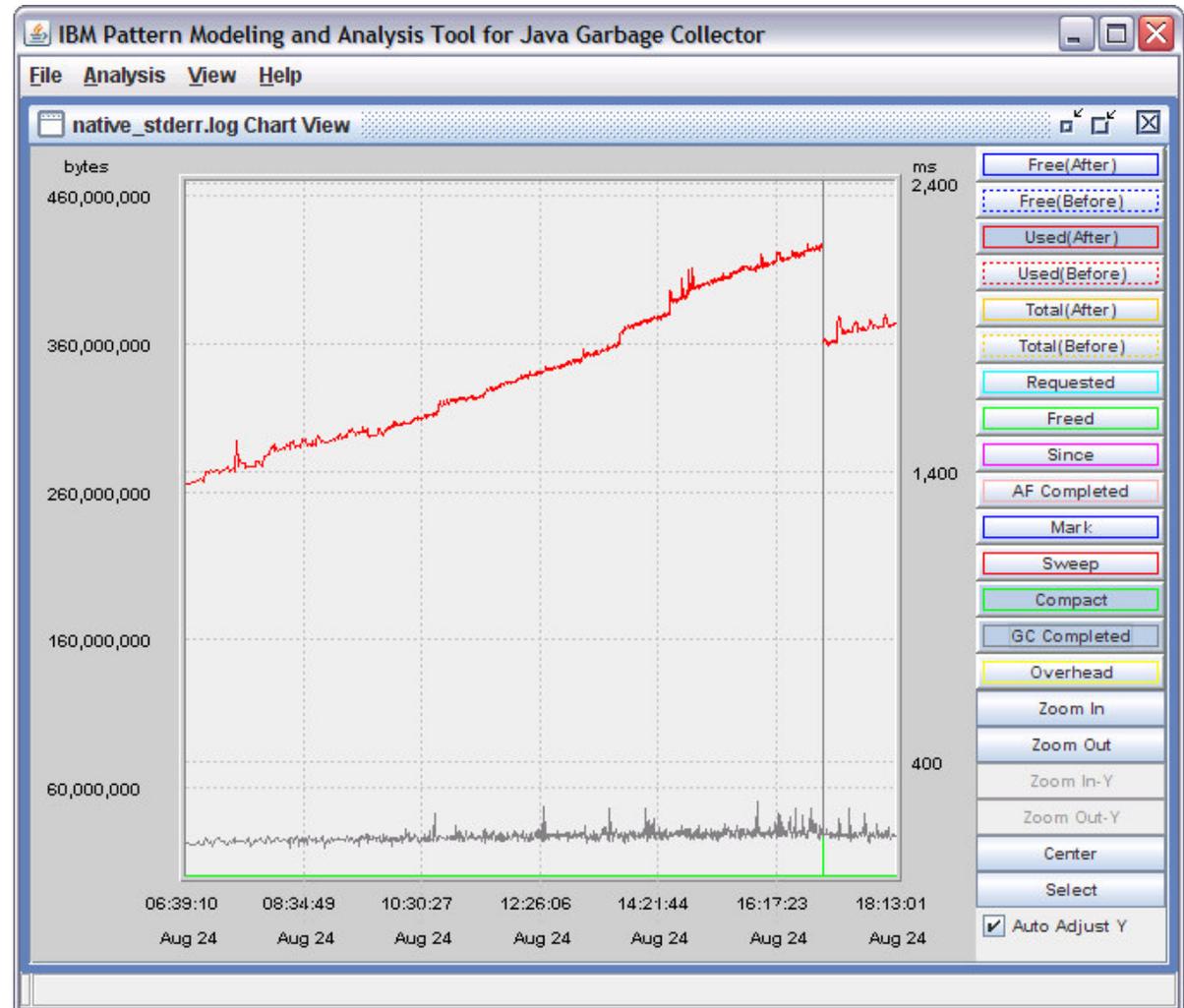
1. Average Response Time
2. Number of Requests (Transactions)
3. Live HTTP Sessions



# JVM Garbage Collection Analysis

- <http://www.alphaworks.ibm.com/tech/pmat>

- Monitor characteristics
- Understand patterns
- Identify leaks and spikes
- Leverage all information
  - Frequency
  - Compaction
  - Size
  - Large Objects
  - And more.....



# Thread and Monitor Dump Analysis

- <http://www.alphaworks.ibm.com/tech/jca>
- Identify thread contention & non-optimal behavior
- Understand performance issues and bottlenecks
- Compare thread dumps to better diagnose issues

The screenshot displays the IBM Thread and Monitor Dump Analyzer for Java Technology interface. It is divided into two main windows:

**Thread Detail: javacore1634460.1133786912.txt**

Name	State	Method
RT=3:P=531381;O=0:WS...	Runnable	java.net.SocketInputStrea...
Reference Handler	Waiting on condition	java.lang.Object.wait(Nati...
ServerSocket[addr=0.0.0...	Runnable	LISTEN
ServerSocket[addr=0.0.0...	Waiting on condition	java.lang.Object.wait(Nati...
ServerSocket[addr=0.0.0...	Runnable	java.net.PlainSocketImpl...
Servlet.Engine.Transports...	Deadlock/Waiting on con...	oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleC...
Servlet.Engine.Transports...	Deadlock/Waiting on con...	oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleC...
Servlet.Engine.Transports...	Waiting on condition	oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleC...

**Compare Threads: javacore1015934.112659007.txt javacore1015934.1126598314.txt**

Thread	javacore1015934.112659...	javacore1015934.11265...
AWT-Motif	sun.awt.motif.MToolkit	sun.awt.motif.MToolkit
Alarm : 0	com.ibm.ws.util.Thread...	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...
Alarm : 1	com.ibm.ws.util.Thread...	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...
Alarm : 2	com.ibm.ws.webcontrol...	com.ibm.ws.webcontrol...
Alarm : 3	com.ibm.ejs.util.FastHas...	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...
Alarm Manager	java.lang.Thread.isInter...	java.lang.Thread.isInter...
Finalizer	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...
GC Daemon	sun.misc.GC.Nid	sun.misc.GC.Nid
Java2D Disposer	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...
LT=0:P=341226;O=0:port=42359	java.util.Hashtable.get(H...	java.net.PlainSocketImp...
LT=1:P=341226;O=0:port=42360	java.util.Hashtable.get(H...	java.net.PlainSocketImp...
LT=2:P=341226;O=0:port=42361	java.util.Hashtable.get(H...	java.net.PlainSocketImp...
LT=3:P=341226;O=0:port=42362	java.util.Hashtable.get(H...	java.net.PlainSocketImp...
LT=4:P=341226;O=0:port=2810	java.util.Hashtable.get(H...	java.net.PlainSocketImp...
LocalNotificationServiceDispatch...	IDLE	IDLE
NotificationService dispatcher : 67	IDLE	IDLE
RMI RenewClean-[10.200.10.24...	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...	java.lang.Thread.isInter...
Reference Handler	java.lang.ref.Reference...	java.lang.ref.Reference...
ServerSocket[addr=0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0...	LISTEN	LISTEN
ServerSocket[addr=0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0...	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 2959	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 2972	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 2991	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 3007	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 3017	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 3019	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 3034	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 3036	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 3037	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 3038	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 3048	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 3049	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 3059	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...	java.lang.Object.wait(Na...
Servlet.Engine.Transports : 3060	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...	org.apache.jsp4.Catego...

Process ID : 1015934  
 First Dump : Tue Sep 13 10:54:47 EDT 2005  
 Last Dump : Tue Sep 13 10:58:34 EDT 2005  
 Garbage Collections per Minute : 1.0572687  
 Allocation Failures per Minute : 0.0  
 Elapsed Time : 3 Minute(s) 47 Second(s)  
 Number of hang suspects : 67  
 List of hang suspects:  
 AWT-Motif  
 Alarm : 2  
 Alarm Manager  
 Finalizer  
 GC Daemon  
 Java2D Disposer  
 Reference Handler  
 ServerSocket[addr=0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0,port=0,localport=8881]  
 ServerSocket[addr=0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0,port=0,localport=9085]  
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 Servlet.Engine.Transports : 3066

# Heap Analysis

- <http://www.alphaworks.ibm.com/tech/heapanalyzer>
- Understand and identify leaking objects
- Pinpoint exact issues for application developers to resolve

The screenshot displays the IBM HeapAnalyzer interface with two side-by-side windows showing heap dump analysis. The left window, titled 'heapdump721290.1187873985.phd Tree View', shows a tree view of heap objects. A red circle highlights a specific object at address 13,467,632, which is a 'com/disneyutil/CacheProperties' object. The right window, titled 'heapdump721290.1187900898.phd Tree View', shows a similar view with a red circle highlighting a 'com/disneyutil/CacheProperties' object at address 24,342,368. Both windows display object details such as TotalSize, Size, NumberOfChildObject, Name, and Address.

## Summary

**Everything is Important**

**Test, Test, Test**

# Questions and Answers

