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From Legacy to Leading Edge in the Distributed Environment

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Objectives

- Introduce Hagemeyer North America
- Describe Our legacy technical environment
- Describe Our new EDI infrastructure
- Explain Design points
- List Processes currently in production
- Questions?



Hagemeyer North America, Inc. (HNA), A wholly owned subsidiary of Hagemeyer N.V., is a wholesale distributor focusing on business-to-business markets in electrical, safety, and industrial products and services throughout North America. HNA's 3000+ associates serve more than 100,000 customers from approximately 500 locations.





Our legacy environment

- Hagemeyer acquisitions in the U.S.
 - Cameron & Barkley Co. (CamBar) - ~55% of HNA sales
 - **OS/390 – in-house ERP – DI2.1 translator**
 - **20%-40% of business transactions EDI**
 - Vallen Safety Supply – ~35 % of HNA sales
 - **AS/400 – in-house ERP – Harbinger TLE translator**
 - **20%-30% of business transactions EDI**
 - Tri-state Electrical Supply – ~10% of HNA sales
 - **AIX – package ERP – minimal EDI**



Our new EDI Infrastructure

- WebSphere MQ
 - Message Transport
- WDI
 - Message Transformation
- WebSphere Business Integration Message Broker
 - Message Routing
- WebSphere Application Server
 - Web based communications
- WebSphere Partner Gateway
 - Trading Community Management



WebSphere MQ

- WebSphere MQ is being used for internal integration between our legacy applications
- Installed on most platforms
 - OS/390 – MQSeries V2.1
 - AS/400 – WMQ V5.3
 - Windows – WMQ V6.0
 - AIX – Java Client
- Easy to use
- Assured Delivery



WebSphere Data Interchange

- We've been using DI since 1992
- Good performance
- Support for older EDI standards
 - TRADACOMS, ODETTE, UCS, X.12 V2R0
- Support for new XML standards
 - OAGIS, Commerce One xCBL, Rosettanet
- MQSeries integration
- Any to Any mapping





WebSphere Business Integration Message Broker

- Started with MQSI V2
- Currently running WBI-MB 5.0
- Flexible MQ message routing
- Simple data transformation
- Database integration
- Limited to single message UOW coordination



WebSphere Application Server

- Currently running WAS 5.0
- Mostly a communications facility
- Custom Java code
 - HTTP/HTTPs
 - MQ integration
 - Workflow
- Plan to replace with WPG



WebSphere Partner Gateway

- Currently implementing WPG 6.0
- Trading Community Management
- Document Archival
- Logging
- Process choreography
- Communications
 - EDIINT (AS1/AS2/AS3)
 - Rosettanet
 - VAN
 - HTTP/HTTPs
 - FTP
 - SMTP





Why we chose Windows

- Uncertainty about future ERP platform
 - S/390, AS/400, Unix? Some combination?
 - Everything now has a Windows client
- Need to extend the life of our S/390
 - Delayed implementation of replacement system
 - Projected business growth
- Lack of AIX expertise and experience
- Performance seems adequate
- Breadth of tools available
- Earlier release of new code
- Low entry cost





Design Points

- Message based integration service bus
- Normalize all documents
 - Created Hagemeyer Business Messages (HBMs)
 - XML
 - Loosely based on ANSI X.12
- WMQ for message transport
- WBI Message Broker for message routing
- WDI for data transformation
- WPG for:
 - Message Archiving
 - Event Logging
 - Process Choreography
 - Communications Protocol support





Design Points (continued)

- **Functionality**
 - Must support existing business requirements
 - Must be able to support new business requirements
- **Flexibility**
 - Must be able to easily accommodate changes in the operating environment
- **Performance**
 - Must be able to handle the load
 - Response time requirements are getting shorter
- **Platform independence**
 - See Flexibility and Performance

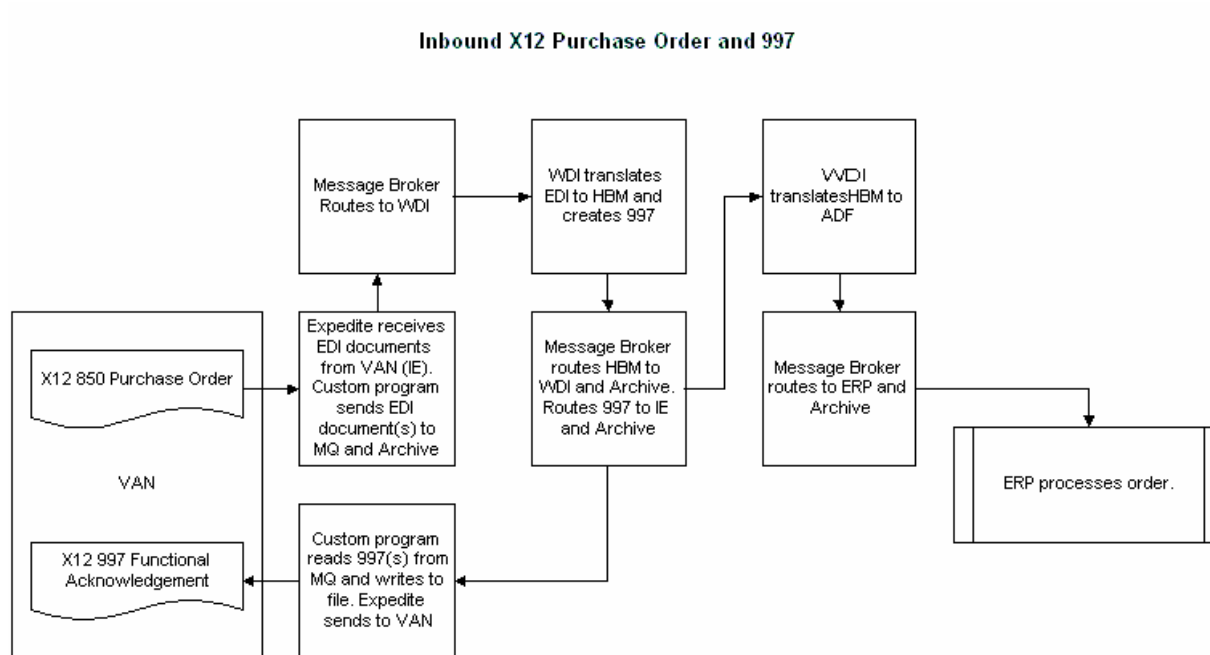


Processes Currently In Production

- MQ enabled legacy application interfaces
 - All inbound EDI transactions
 - Some outbound EDI transactions
 - New query transactions
- WDI maps for data transformation
 - Trading partner format (EDI, XML, CSV, etc.) translated to/from HBM XML format
 - Application Interfaces (mostly ADF) translated to/from HBM



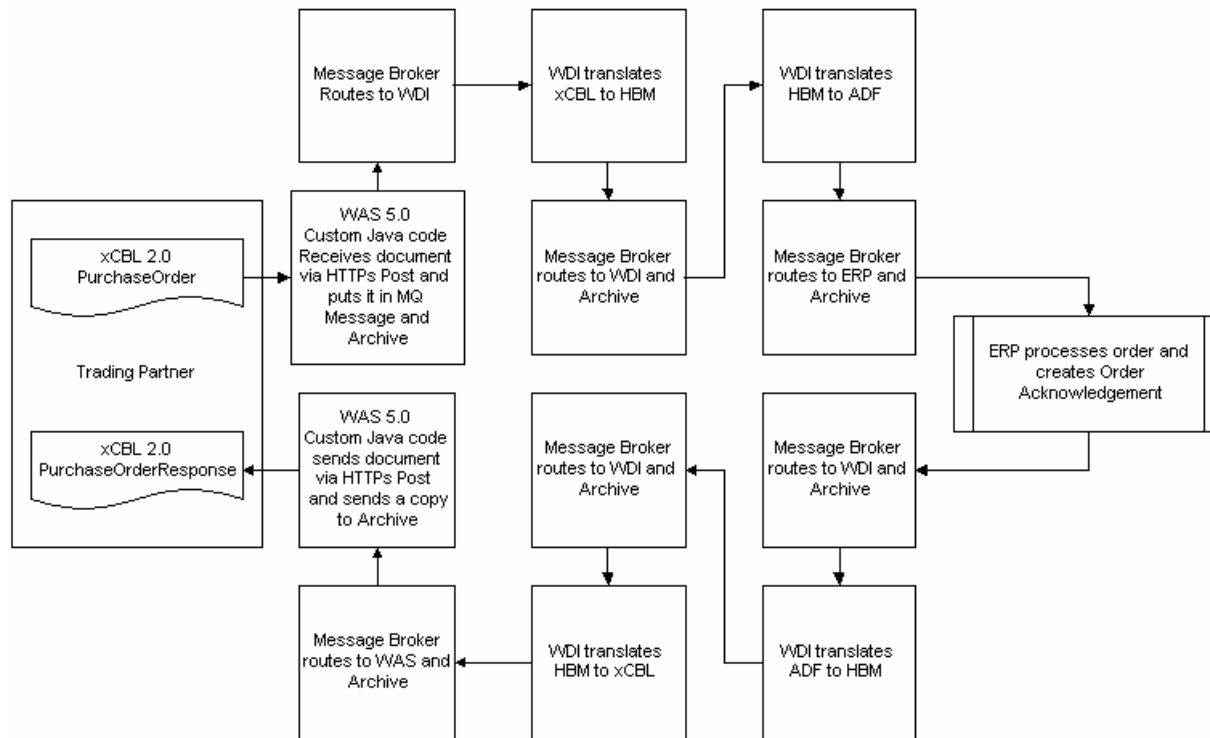
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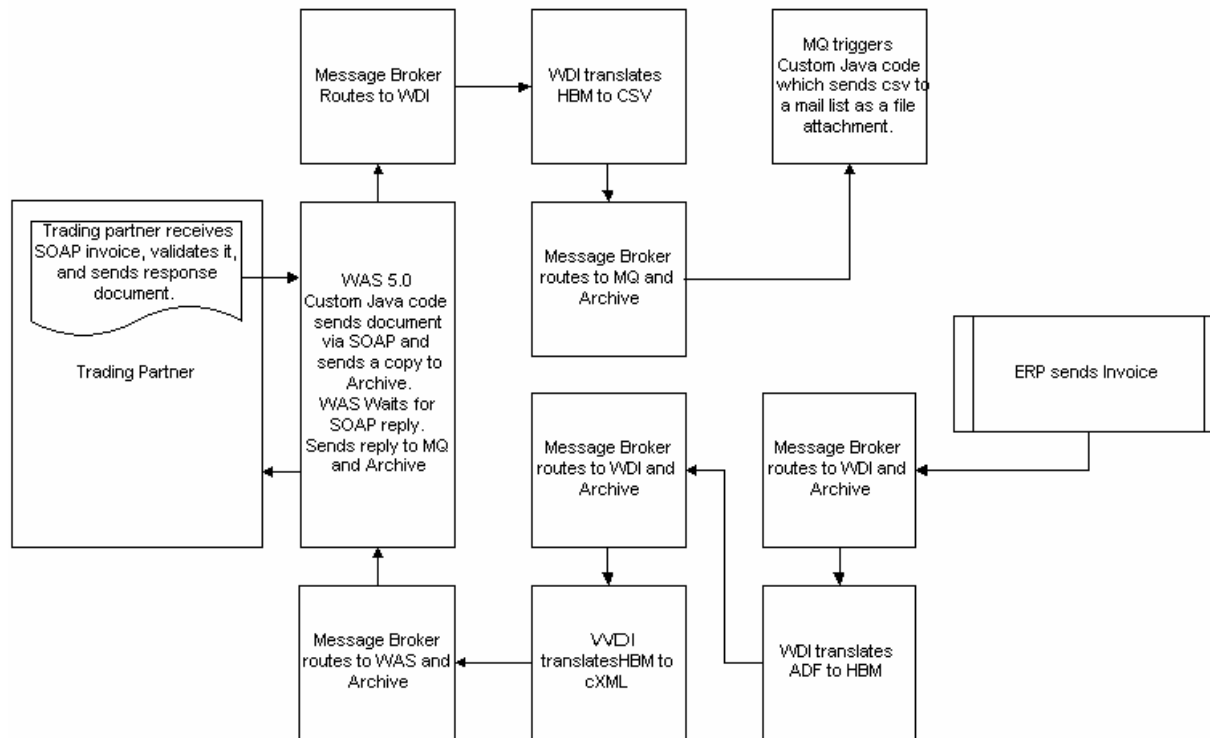
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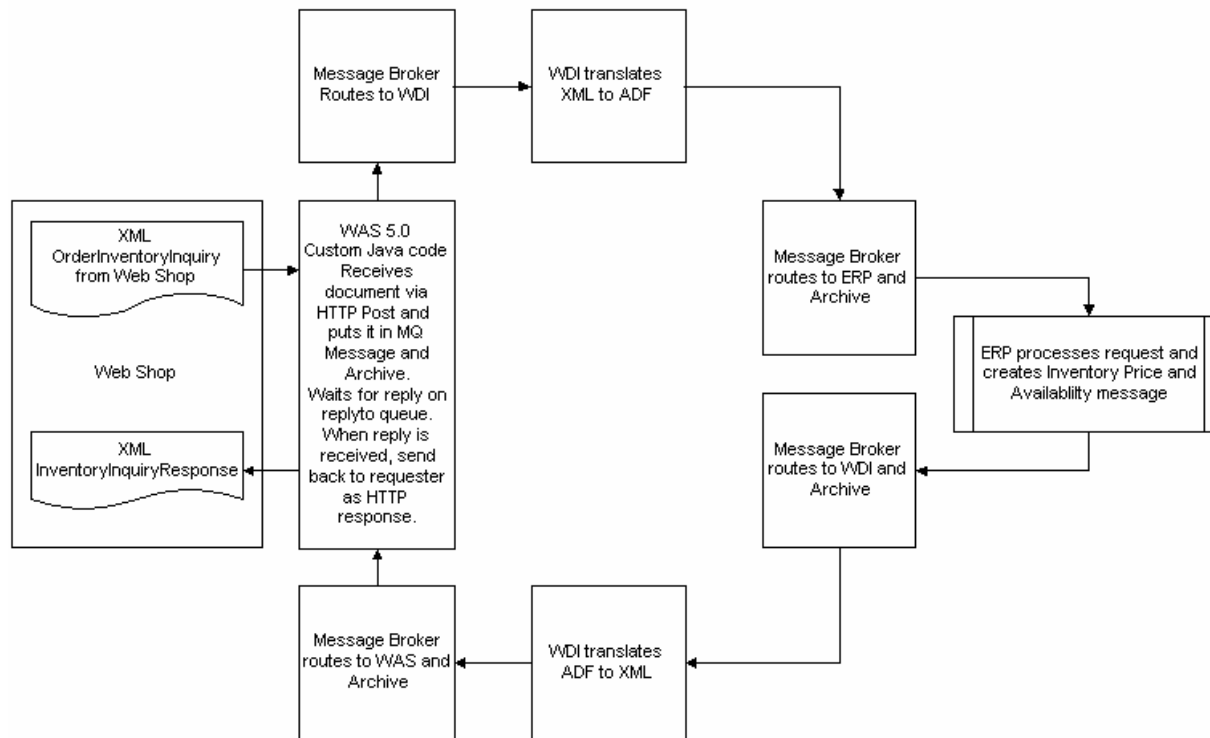
Synchronous Outbound Invoice and Response





Processes Currently In Production (Continued)

Synchronous Inbound Inventory Inquiry and Response





Summary

- Work in progress...
- The rules keep changing
- The future is still uncertain
- The architecture is flexible enough to handle change
- Performance is better than expected





Acronyms

- ADF - Application Data Format
- ANSI - American National Standards Institute
- AS (1/2/3) - Applicability Statement (1/2/3)
- CSV - Comma Separated Values
- DI - IBM DataInterchange
- EDI - Electronic Data Interchange
- EDIINT - Electronic Data Interchange Internet Integration
- ERP - Enterprise Resource Planning
- FTP - File Transfer Protocol
- HBM - Hagemeyer Business Message
- HNA - Hagemeyer North America, Inc.
- HTTP - Hypertext Transfer Protocol
- HTTPS - HTTP secure
- IBM - International Business Machines
- IE - Information Exchange VAN (Formerly IBM, now GXS)
- MQ - Message Queuing (IBM WMQ)
- OAGIS - Open Applications Group Integration Specification
- SMTP - Simple Message Transfer Protocol
- SOAP - Simple Object Access Protocol
- UOW - Unit of Work
- VAN - Value Added Network
- WAS - IBM WebSphere Application Server
- WBI-MB - IBM WebSphere Business Integration Message Broker (Formerly WMQ I)
- WBIC - IBM WebSphere Business Integration Connect
- WDI - IBM WebSphere Data Interchange
- WMQ - IBM WebSphere Message Queuing (Formerly MQSeries)
- WMQI - IBM WebSphere MQ Integrator
- WPG - IBM WebSphere Partner Gateway (Formerly WBIC)
- xCBL - XML Common Business Language (Commerce One)
- XML - eXtensible Markup Language

