With minimal effort, you can create the rich, interactive applications your business colleagues need to do their jobs—faster. Speed up development by using webMethods Composite Application Framework (CAF).

Develop faster with more than 200 ready-to-go user interface controls. Import CSS definitions from design tools to automatically apply the wanted layout and style. Even visualize your apps during development as you go using WYSIWIG editing capabilities.

You also can build on previous development. With webMethods CAF, you can re-use any service managed by webMethods and put a modern interface on applications that have run your business for years.

webMethods CAF is a highly productive development environment that works seamlessly with webMethods BPMS. Create rich enterprise applications that combine a wide range of information sources and services onto a single screen.

**Key Benefits**

- Create rich Internet applications that deliver the speed, performance and graphical interaction usually only associated with desktop applications
- Deliver Web-based applications with a zero end-user footprint, ensuring a lower total cost of ownership
-Expose and re-use any service to build new composite applications that drive business value
- Modernize legacy application UIs and align existing IT assets with the needs of the business users
- Reduce the time-to-deployment and time-to-benefit for new applications capabilities that are all focused on making development as productive as possible
- Reduce development and maintenance costs with applications that can be easily adapted to changing requirements

**Features**

**Unified design environment**
Save time with a single, Eclipse™-based environment for all your UI design needs. You can visually create interfaces by dragging and dropping UI controls onto your design canvas. This minimizes the skills needed to use the tool and accelerates your time-to-market.

**Automatic page layouts and styling**
No need to start from scratch when creating interfaces. Simply drag and drop a Web service or any other data definition onto the UI design canvas. webMethods CAF will automatically generate a page layout for you to edit and refine. The same way, you can simply import an existing CSS definition for automatic styling of your application.

**Composite controls & re-use**
Combine ready-to-use controls or pre-define their property values to create custom, composite controls and store them as snippets. You can re-use snippets in other applications and share them with other team members. In addition, you can import third-party libraries to replace or complement native webMethods CAF controls.

**Events & notifications framework**
Use the events editor to visually create custom events and associated actions that occur when events are triggered. Actions keep your applications dynamic and keep business users on top of what’s happening. They can include invoking a service, executing a client-side AJAX event or sending out email or RSS notifications based on pre-defined templates.
My webMethods Server event interaction
My webMethods Server comes with a variety of ready-to-use events for your custom portlet applications. Using the events editor, you can visually interact with events—for example, when you want an application to react to a user log-in, a document upload or one of the many other events that My webMethods Server can trigger.

In-place notifications
React faster to events. Because people need to know about some events right away, webMethods CAF lets you combine client-side AJAX events with in-place notification control. Any custom message can be displayed on the business user’s screen so they can react quickly.

Subscriptions
Business users can choose which events they want to know about. With the ability to subscribe or unsubscribe, they gain greater control and avoid getting swamped with unwanted information. It’s easy to define custom subscriptions. Pre-defined UI templates reduce the time and effort to add them to applications.

Easy creation of workspaces
Reduce your IT backlog and let business users create their own UIs. Non-technical users can simply drag and drop the UI elements they need onto their own workspaces. This quick and easy activity lets users decide what they need as part of their UI and what the layout should be. No need to go back to IT for every single layout change!

Collaboration & sharing
Simplicity and ease of use are critical for greater collaboration. Anyone can share his/her workspace with others to simply share information or even work jointly on page composition. Want to set up a site for your team to post news, documents and to exchange information? With ready-to-use components, such as Wikis, discussion forums, attachment handlers and more, you are up and running in a few minutes without having to do any configuration.

Context awareness
My webMethods Server understands what you’re working on and automatically surfaces information that’s useful to you. Imagine the time you’ll save when working on an order approval, for example, and all relevant information—such as customer detail or transaction history—is presented automatically to you. Moving on to a different order approval? No problem. My webMethods Server will display the relevant information that corresponds with the next task.

Developing rich composite applications is quick and easy with webMethods CAF. Count on tools that empower UI developers to create highly productive applications.

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