IBM WebSphere Matchmaking Environment

Dynamic Insurance Product Configuration

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Business Issues

- Reduce the cost of selling insurance
 - using automation technology, even for complex products
- Improve customer service
 - bridging the language gap between customer needs and product features
 - using mass customization technology to personalize offers
 - Address a wider range of customer needs
 - dynamically composing offers from product components
- Improve portfolio management
 - using tools for customer and product information modeling
 - integrating the sales & marketing system with the back office

Typical solution to automate quotations

 User (sales person, agent, broker, direct customer) talks to quotation engine



Problems

User needs to talk the language of the product

Many products are too complex for automation with a quotation engine

No help in mapping customer needs to product options

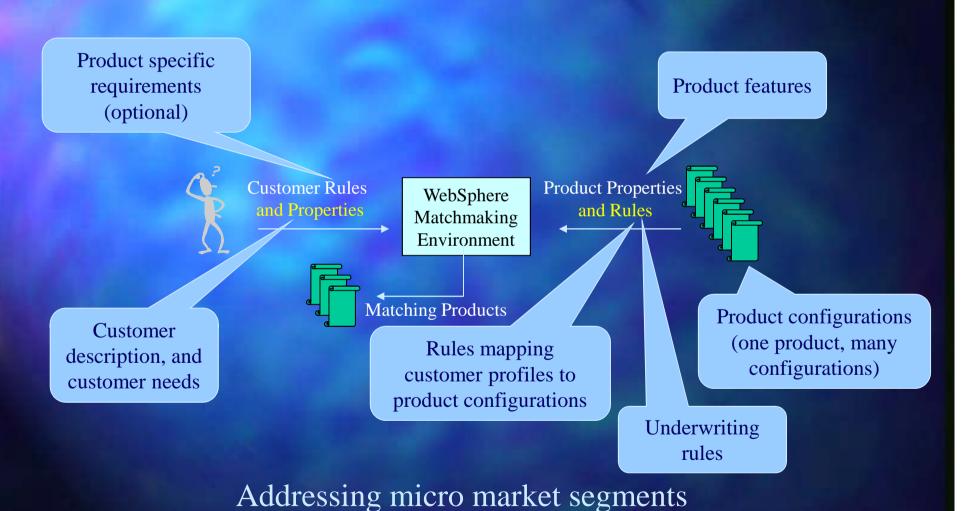
Many input parameters means many questions

Rates

Quotation

Engine

Symmetric Matchmaking

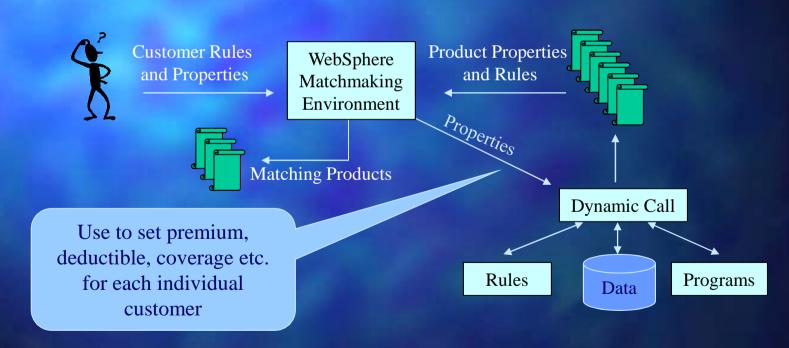


Dialogue about needs, not product features

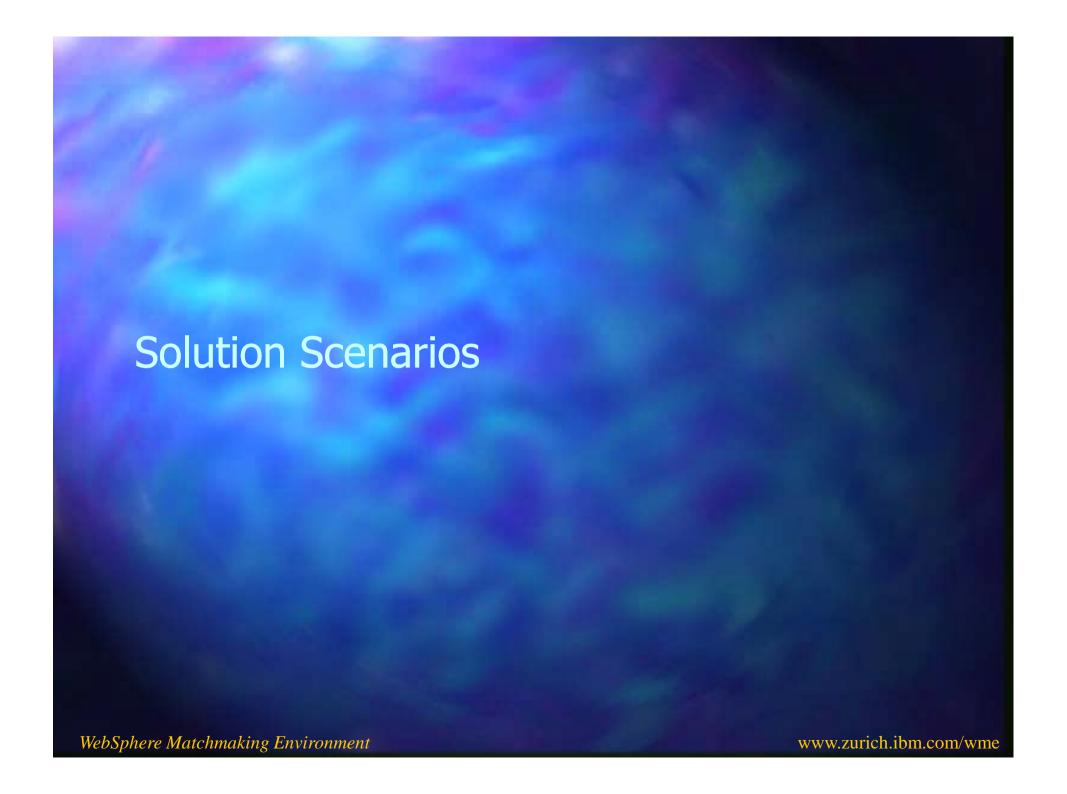
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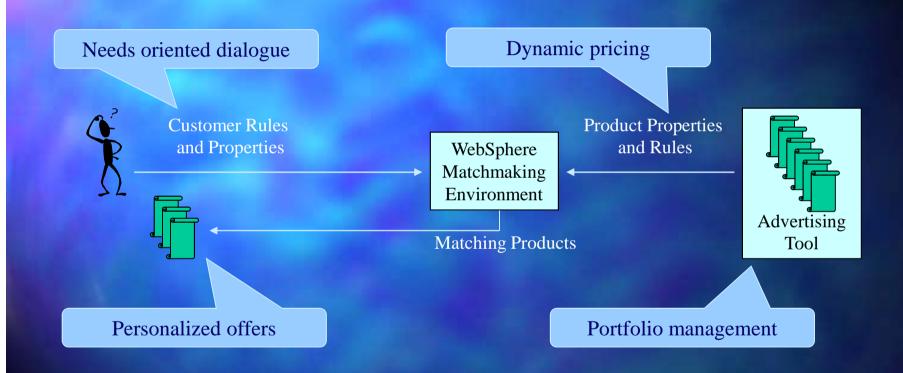
Dynamic Properties



Addressing a market of one

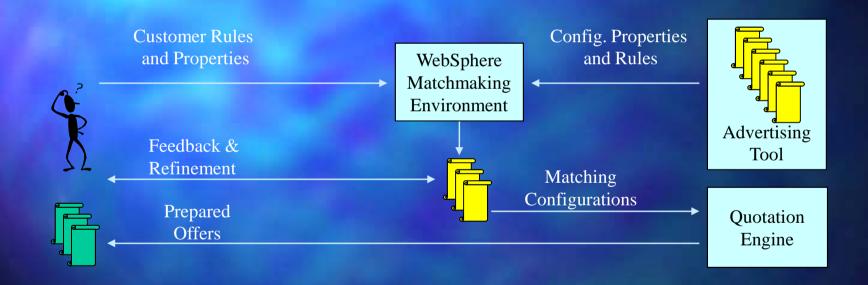


Complex product, simple pricing



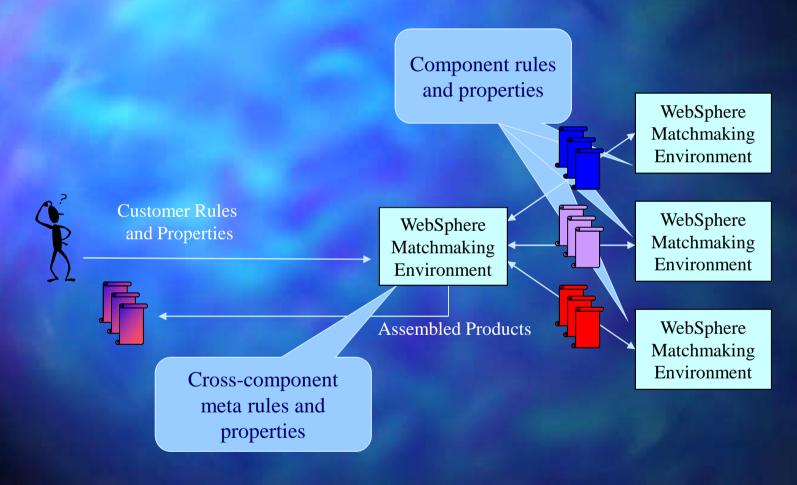
Examples include Travel, Personal Accident

Complex product, complex pricing



Examples include Car and Life products

Product Components



Examples include Commercial Lines, Wealth Management

IBM's WebSphere Matchmaking Environment

- can automate the quotation process, even for complex insurance products
- can bridge the gap between customer needs and produce features
- offers mass customization via dynamic personalization of any product feature
 - can dynamically compose offers from components
- can draw together complementary components from partner organizations
- has a suite of tools for modeling the information exchange between customers and product providers
- facilitates the integration of the sales and marketing system with the back office

Potential end-users

- Sales, call center and underwriting staff
- sales agents
- independent agents and brokers
- direct customers



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Client interfaces available:

- standard browser-based client
- WebSphere Portal
- WebSphere Commerce
- Web Services (SOAP, XML) for integration with existing applications

Integration with third party systems

- Customer databases and other CRM systems
 - **Quotation engines**
 - 3rd party information providers

Key features

- symmetric multi-attribute matchmaking
- progressive revelation of information
- dynamic offers
- multi-attribute decision support
- distributed architecture

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