USAS-R

Status, Current Design & Implications
– Technical –

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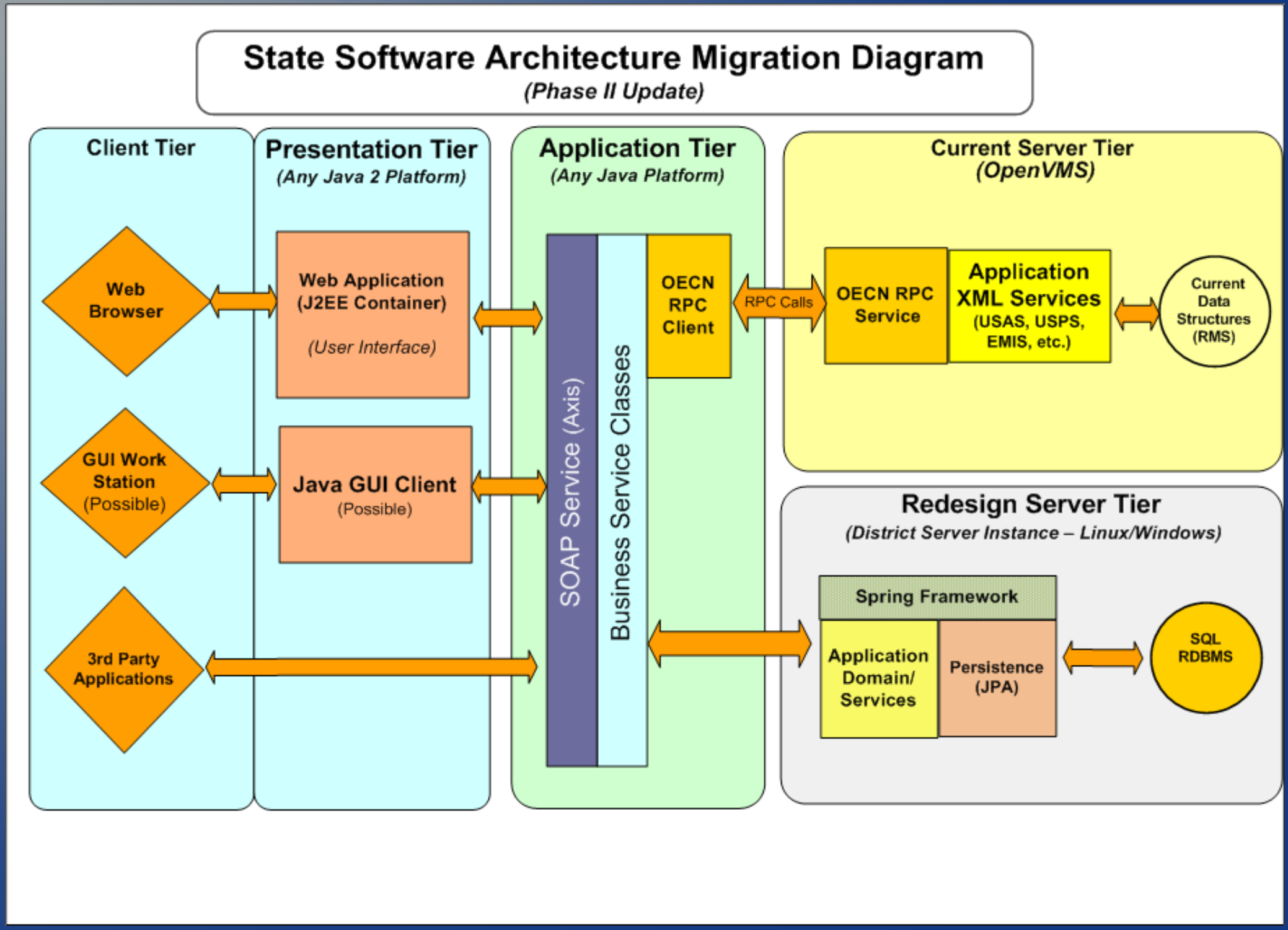
Disclaimer

- Still early in Development Cycle
- Not fully committed to some choices:
  - Database Platforms, likely:
    - Oracle
    - MS SQL Server
    - Open Source: MySQL or PostgreSQL
  - OS (Linux, Windows?)
  - Distribution Model:
    - Installation kit?
    - Virtual Applicance?

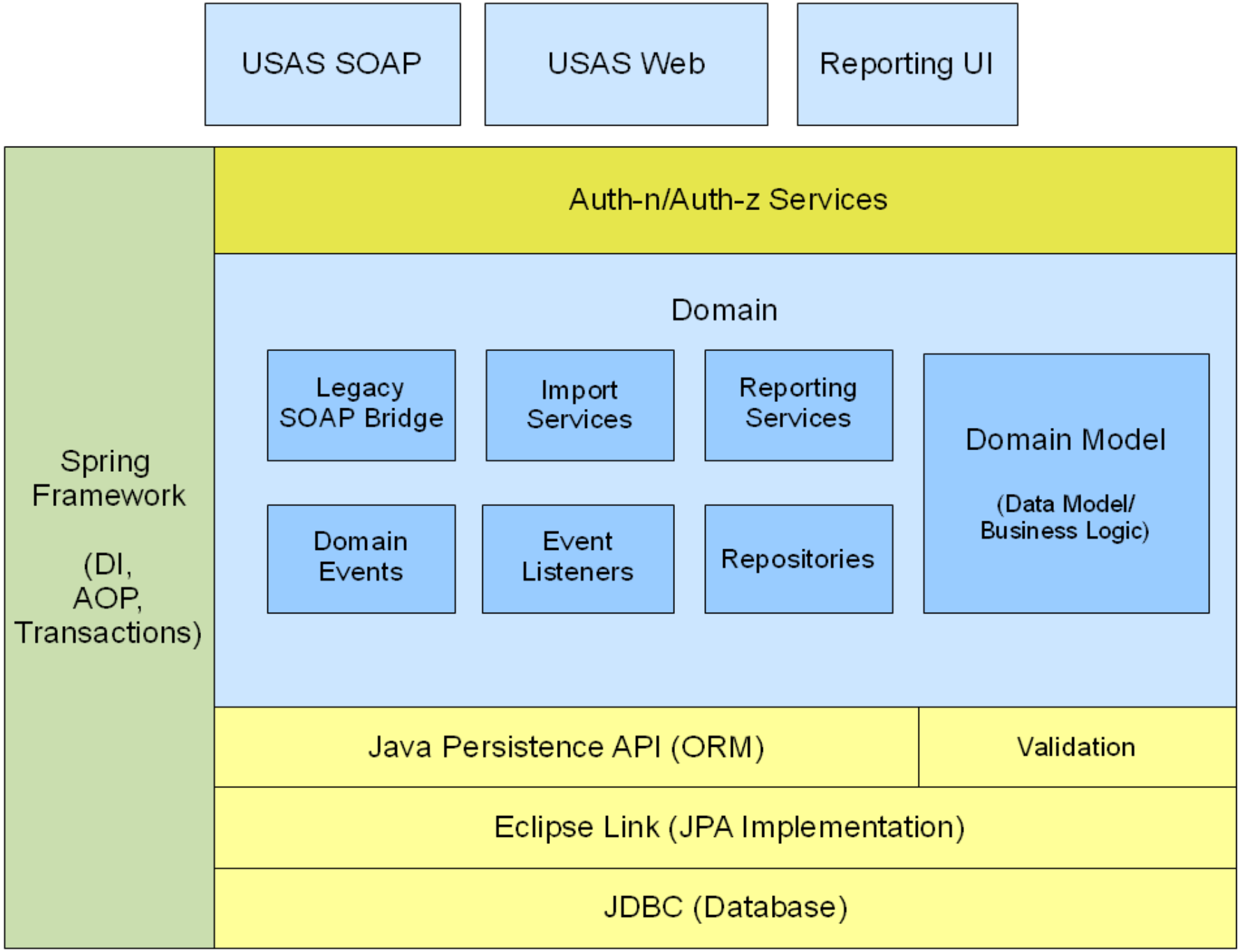

State Software Architecture Migration Diagram
(Phase II Update)
Client Tier
Presentation Tier
(Any Java 2 Platform)
Application Tier
(Any Java Platform)
Current Server Tier
(OpenVMS)
Web Browser
Web Application (J2EE Container)
(User Interface)
OECN RPC Client
RPC Calls
OECN RPC Service
Application XML Services
(USAS, USPS, EMIS, etc.)
Current Data Structures (RMS)
GUI Work Station
(Possible)
Java GUI Client
(Possible)
SOAP Service (Axis)
Business Service Classes
Redesign Server Tier
(District Server Instance – Linux/Windows)
3rd Party Applications
Spring Framework
Application Domain/ Services
Persistence (JPA)
SQL RDBMS

Redesign Goals

- Primary:
  - Reproduce Existing Functionality
  - Redesign Data Model
    - Will not “port” existing data model
    - Simplify Application
    - Allow for Future Growth
  - Increase Flexibility
  - Partial Compatibility with Classic versions
- Secondary
  - “Incidental Enhancements”
    - Leverage new tools and frameworks
    - Improve usability, flexibility and integration

USAS-R Status

- Domain Model
  - Most Major Object Types designed
  - Import process
  - Authorization/Authentication Modules
  - SOAP Bridge (Legacy Compatibility)
  - USAS Web App connected to USAS-R
- Prototype Reporting Service


USAS SOAP
USAS Web
Reporting UI
Spring Framework
(DI, AOP, Transactions)
Auth-n/Auth-z Services
Domain
Legacy SOAP Bridge
Import Services
Reporting Services
Domain Model
(Data Model/ Business Logic)
Domain Events
Event Listeners
Repositories
Java Persistence API (ORM)
Validation
Eclipse Link (JPA Implementation)
JDBC (Database)

Architecture

- Modular based on Lightweight Container
- One District:
  - One Database (local or remote)
  - One Software Install
  - One Server (Virtual Machine)
- Each installation
  - Customizable per District
  - Modules loaded as needed
- Intended to be “Cloud Ready”

Likely Distribution Model

- SSDT will distribute “Virtual Appliance”
  - Linux-based (maybe Windows variation)
  - Pre-installed with OS and Container (OSGi?)
  - Appliance:
    - Prompt for Configuration
    - Download modules from SSDT
    - Install/create database (local or remote)
  - Check for updates, one-click install

Administrative Overhead

- Server per District creates Admin Overhead
- Intend to provide:
  - Administrative Console
    - List of servers
    - Status
    - Access to Application Console
    - Monitoring Events
  - Remote software updates

Auth-n/Auth-z

- Auth-n, multiple sources:
  - Local Authentication (database)
  - External Authentication (LDAP, ADS, OpenID?)
  - Plugin Auth-n modules via Spring
- Auth-z:
  - Authorized users mapped to USAS user profile
  - Roles in database (not in External source)
  - May provide Role mapping from external source

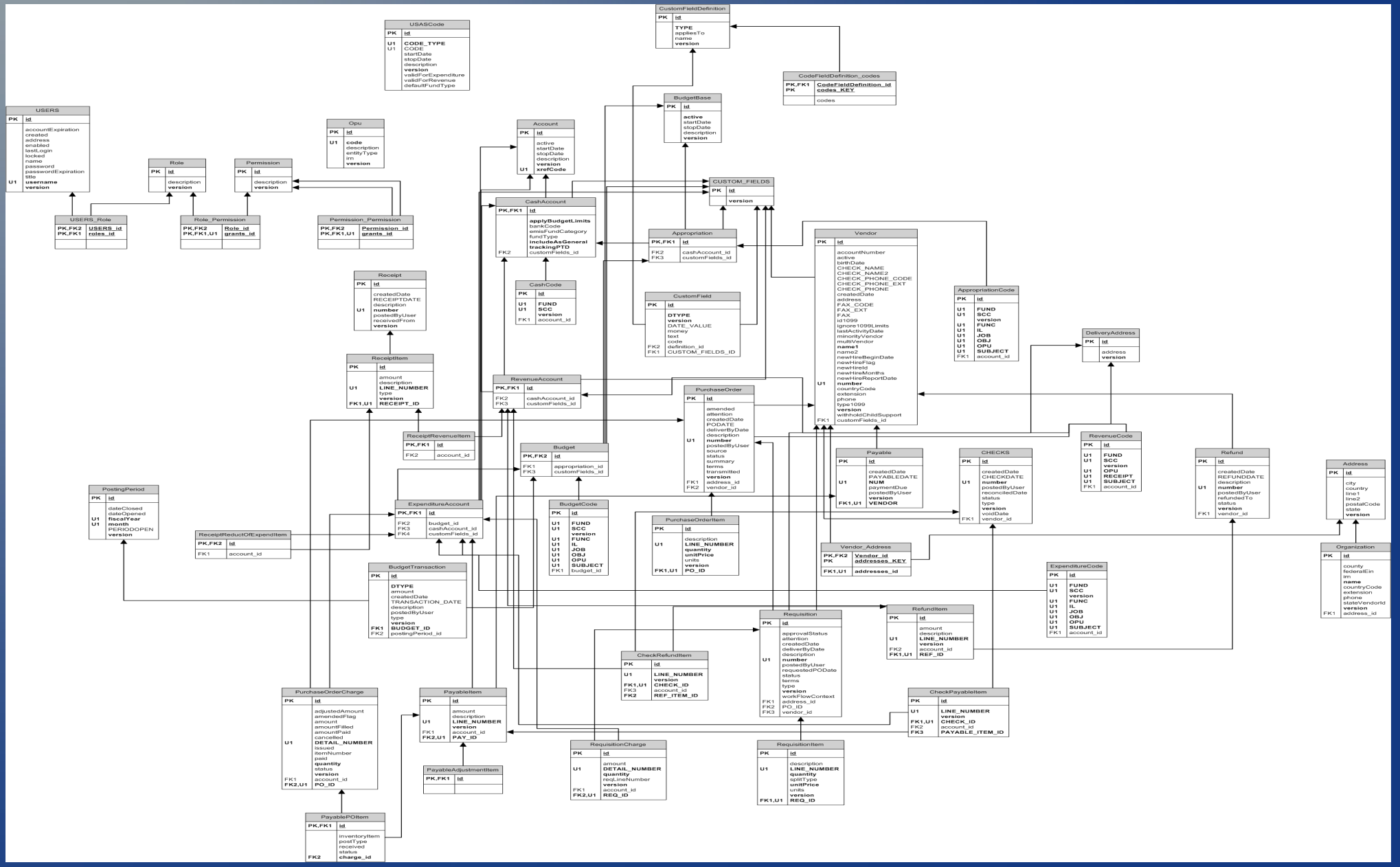
Development Process

- SSDT using “Agile-ish” process:
  - No “Big Design Up Front”
  - Two Week Iterations (Short plan cycles)
  - Design evolves iteratively
  - Decisions deferred until “Last Responsible Moment”
  - Continuous Integration/Automated Testing
- Object Oriented Design
  - Relational database is side-effect of Model
  - Persistence Layer Abstracts Away Database

Higher Levels of Abstraction

- SSDT writes Object Model and Business Logic:
  - Java and Groovy
  - Passes objects to Persistence layer (no SQL)
  - Persistence Layer writes database meta-data and SQL
- Database is a artifact of compiling Object model
- Programmers are
  - Aware of database
  - But don't (much) care about it
  - It's just a place where Objects go to until needed again
  - All business logic is in Domain

Database ER Diagram



Frameworks/Languages

- Java VM based
  - Java
  - Groovy (Dynamic/Meta Language)
- JPA (Persistence)
- Aspects (Aspect Oriented Programming)
  - Cross cutting concerns:
    - Transactions
    - Security
    - Logging
- Spring Framework:
  - Lightweight Application Container
  - IoC/DI (Inversion of Control/Dependency Injection)
  - Auth-n/Auth-z

Groovy? Seriously?

- Dynamic/Meta-Programming Language
- Java's answer to Ruby

Java:

```
List<Things> things = getListOfThings()
for (int i = 0; i < things.size(); i++ ) {
     System.out.println(things[i]);
}
```

Groovy:

```
def things = getListOfThings()
things.each {
  println it
}
```

Aspect Oriented Programming

- Cross-cutting Concerns
  - Security
  - Transaction Handling
  - Exception Handing
- Avoid Boilerplate code
- Code is modified post-compile-time

Aspect Example (Without AOP)

```
Vendor update(vendor) {

    if (!user.isInRole('VENDOR_UPDATE') {
      Throw new SecurityException(...)
    }

    Transaction tx
    Try {
         tx = transManager.start()

         em.merge(vendor)

         tx.commit()
    } catch (Exception ex) {
          tx.rollback()
    } finally {
        tx.release()
    }
}
```

Aspect Example

- With Annotation-Based Aspects

```
@Transactional
@Secured('VENDOR_UPDATE')
Vendor update(vendor) {
    em.merge(vendor)
}
```

Example

- Query to get Vendor by ID (returns RowSet)

```
SELECT  *
from USAS.VENDOR V
   JOIN USAS.VENDOR_ADDRESS VA ON V.ID = VA.VENDOR_ID
   JOIN USAS.ADDRESS A ON A.ID = VA.ADDRESSES_ID
   JOIN USAS.VENDOR_CUSTOMFIELD VCF ON VCF.VENDOR_ID = V.ID
   JOIN USAS.CUSTOM_FIELDS CFS ON CFS.ID = VCF.CUSTOMFIELDS_ID
   JOIN USAS.CUSTOMFIELD CF ON CF.CUSTOM_FIELDS_ID = CFS.ID
   JOIN USAS.CUSTOMFIELDDEFINITION CFD ON CFD.ID = CF.DEFINITION_ID
   WHERE V.ID = '06751225-8565-4a67-8e09-731882bebfc4'
```

- Equivalent using JPA:

```
Vendor vendor = em.get('06751225-8565-4a67-8e09-731882bebfc4',Vendor.class)
```

Import/Conversion

- Goal
  - One-step 100% import from Classic USAS
  - All relevant data imported accurately
- Process:
  - Full SSWAT Extract on OpenVMS
  - USAS-R Import Utility:
    - FTP from VMS system (or local file)
    - Builds database
    - Imports all data

Not Your Father's USAS

- Domain Model will be radically different from Classic USAS
  - Data will be stored and related much differently
  - Far more flexible Data Model
- Modularized/Event Driven
  - Extensibility
  - Customization

Data Model Differences (Example)

- Classic USAS:
  - Expenditure & Budget on one Record
  - USAS Code on same record and every transaction
- USAS-R:
  - Separate Records:
    - Expenditure Account
    - Budget Account
    - USAS Code
  - Model will allow:
    - Multiple Expenditures per Budget
    - But not initially
  - Transactions will not store USAS Code

Data Model Differences (Example)

- Classic USAS:
  - Purchase Order contains items
  - Each Item contains USAS Code
  - Multiple accounts per item is simulated in USAS Web App
- USAS-R:
  - Purchase Order contains:
    - Items
    - Charges (with reference to Expenditure Account)
  - Charges related to items
  - But a Charge could apply to multiple items, or PO
    - Allows possibility of charging entire PO
    - But not initially

Database ID

- UUID - Universally Unique Ids for primary keys
  - “06751225-8565-4a67-8e09-731882bebfc4”
  - Unique across database, ITC and state
  - Used for internal relationships between tables
  - User (should) never see actual ID
- Advantages:
  - “SIF-Ready”
  - Merges and replication (data warehousing)
  - Disconnected operations and REST-ful services
  - Possible to identify data type just from ID
- Disadvantages:
  - SQL database performance (e.g. indexes can not be clustered)
  - May not survive performance testing

Permissions/Roles

- Permission System:
  - Software Defined Fine Grained Permissions
  - Permissions can grant other permissions
  - Hierarchical, example:
    - USAS_VENDOR grants:
      - USAS_VENDOR_VIEW
      - USAS_VENDOR_CREATE
      - USAS_VENDOR_DELETE
      - USAS_VENDOR_UPDATE
      - USAS_VENDOR_REPORT
- Roles
  - Roles grant permissions
  - User are granted role(s)
  - Software or District Defined

Permissions/Roles

- Initial (Legacy) Roles:
  - USAS - Simulates “Standard” identifier
  - USAS_RO - Simulates “Read-Only” role
  - Others to simulate other Classic USAS Identifiers
- Future:
  - District will be able to define roles with permissions:
  - e.g. “SECRETARIES”, “SUPERVISORS”

Custom Fields

- Replaces “User Defined”
- True Custom Fields:
  - Types:
    - Code, Text, Money, Date
    - Possible Types: URL, Attachment, Calculated, etc
  - Description
  - Help
  - Validation (e.g. Code list of values)
- Defined by:
  - District
  - SSDT
  - Third-party vendors

Custom Fields

- Predefined for current User Defined:
  - VENDOR_MONEY1
  - VENDOR_CODE1, etc
- Some Classic USAS Fields moved to CF:
  - Vendor Category
    - Will allow code values to be defined
  - Requisition Type
    - “Template” will be separate field
    - Types will be District Defined Custom Field
  - Allow district to disable if not using, so User will not have to see “User Money 1” on screen

Domain Events

- Allows:
  - Communication between modules w/ Loose Coupling
  - One-to-Many (Broadcast)
- Application will “publish” events:
  - Repository Events:
    - Create, Update, Delete
    - Query, Retrieve
  - Business Logic events:
    - Budget Adjusted (Increase,Decrease)
    - Check Voided
  - Exception Events (Unexpected Errors)
  - Security Events (Login Failure, Role Granted)

Event Contents

- Events contain:
  - Date/Time
  - Elapsed Time
  - Authenticated User
  - Type of Event (Create,Update,...)
  - Source of the event (Repository, Security,...)
  - Target of the Event (Vendor, PO, ...)

Event Listeners

- Domain Events do nothing unless something's is listening
- Event Listeners:
  - Are notified of events
  - Listener determines if event is of interest
  - Can Respond to event:
    - Cancel transaction
    - Process related business logic
    - Ignore

Listener Examples

- Listeners might:
  - Perform Audit Logging
  - Perform validation (budget check)
  - Send notification message
  - Send message to 3rd Party Application
- Events will be:
  - SSDT Defined
  - District Defined
  - 3rd Party Developer

Custom Event Listeners

- District Defined
- Customize USAS behavior:
  - Example #1 (Notification):
    - When a Purchase Order is posted
    - Where “total” amount is > $10,000
    - Send Email to Treasurer
  - Example #2 (Custom Validation):
    - Vendor is created or updated
    - Email address is blank
    - Reject transaction and return error message

ODBC is dead, long live...

- Fair Warning:
  - ODBC access by end-users will be unlikely
  - Replaced by “Reporting Services”
- USAS-R design:
  - Database is organized for “Operational” needs
    - Highly normalized
    - Strictly a data store, no business logic
  - Security is only implemented in Domain Model
  - Calculated fields only exist in Model

Don't Believe?

- Below is a “simple” query returning Vendors with Addresses and Custom Fields:

```
SELECT  *
from USAS.VENDOR V
   JOIN USAS.VENDOR_ADDRESS VA ON V.ID = VA.VENDOR_ID
   JOIN USAS.ADDRESS A ON A.ID = VA.ADDRESSES_ID
   JOIN USAS.VENDOR_CUSTOMFIELD VCF ON VCF.VENDOR_ID = V.ID
   JOIN USAS.CUSTOM_FIELDS CFS ON CFS.ID = VCF.CUSTOMFIELDS_ID
   JOIN USAS.CUSTOMFIELD CF ON CF.CUSTOM_FIELDS_ID = CFS.ID
   JOIN USAS.CUSTOMFIELDDEFINITION CFD ON CFD.ID = CF.DEFINITION_ID
```

- And is still largely useless:
  - Cartesian product between Address and Custom fields
  - “Correct Solution” would be involve sub-queries...

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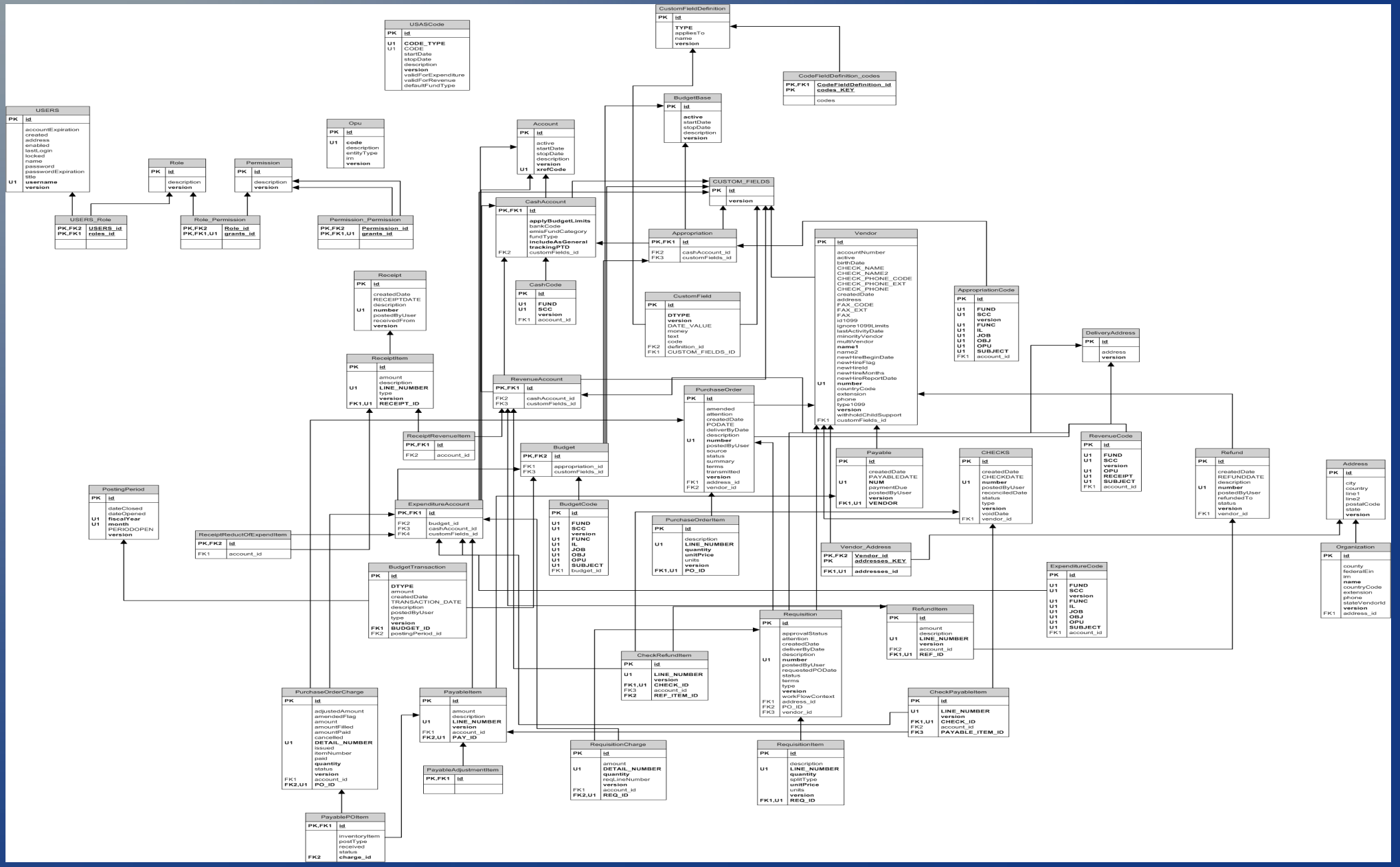

Reporting Services

- Exposes Data Model
  - “Flattens” model for reporting needs
  - Provides Calculated and reference fields:
    - “total” of Purchase Order
    - Expenditure Account code on PO Item
  - Query methods:
    - Form based
    - Simplified “Advanced” Query Language
- Export formats:
  - PDF, Excel, CVS, XML, JSON, etc
  - REST (URL) style request for application integration