



What's new in OpenEdge ABL

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Agenda

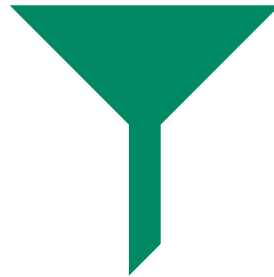
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- Protect Compiled R-Code
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- OpenTelemetry Tracing support
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- Windows 32-bit support

OpenEdge ABL Collections



List

Delivered in 12.5



Sorted Set

Delivered in 12.6



HashMap

Delivered in 12.7

HASH-CODE()

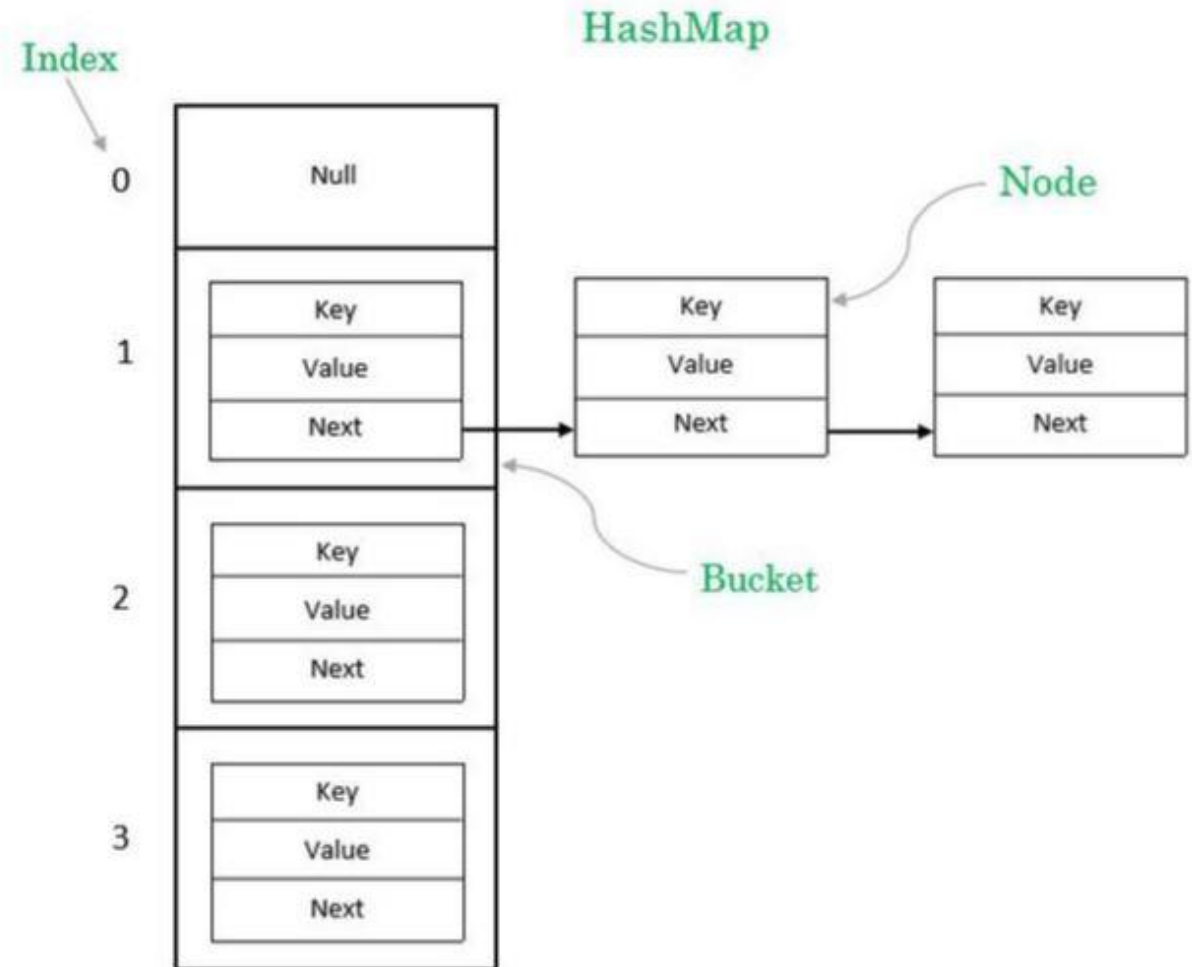
- Returns hash code as an integer for one or more arguments
- To support hash-based collection only
- Return value is consistent within a given ABL session
- Order of arguments can change the resulting hash code value
- Not replacement to ENCODE function, nor it is suitable for any cryptography tasks
- Any two values that return TRUE when compared with the EQ operator return the same hash code

HASH-CODE(arg [, arg] ...)



Hash based Collections

- Hash based collections backed by hash table
- Hash table contains buckets for groups of objects
- Leverages Hash-Code function



HashMap

HashMap Collections

Collection of key-value pairs (referred to as a map)

Map contains unique keys

- Each key is associated with a value
- Values are not required to be unique

Ordering of elements is not important

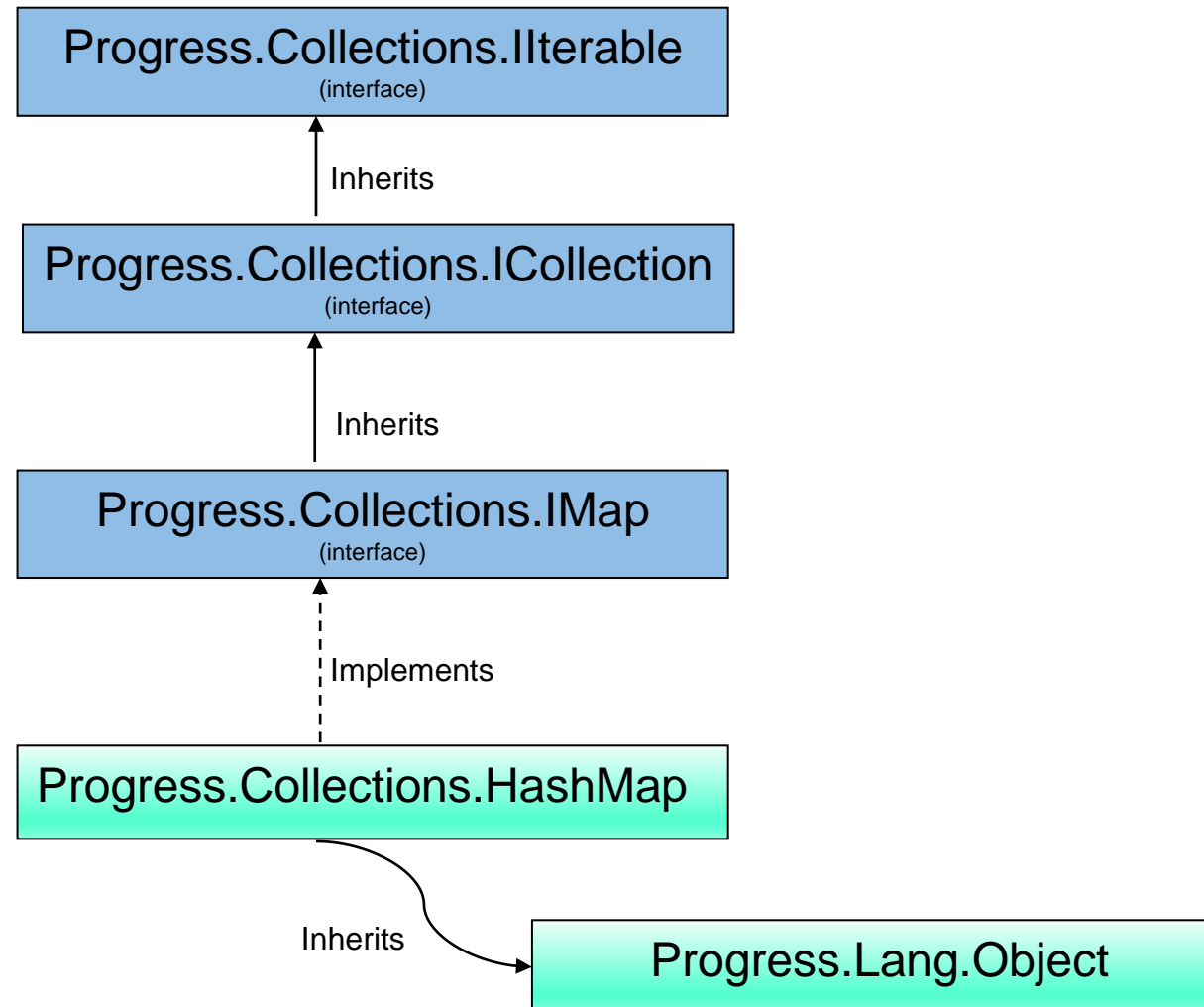
Provides type safety

Most suited data structure for

- Better performance and
- Resource utilization

HashMap is serializable

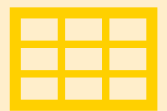
HashMap – Classes and Interfaces



Progress.Collections.IHashable



Default comparer implementation



Requires `HashCode()` and `Equals()` to be implemented

Progress.Collections.IEqualityComparer<T>



Where modifying class is not possible



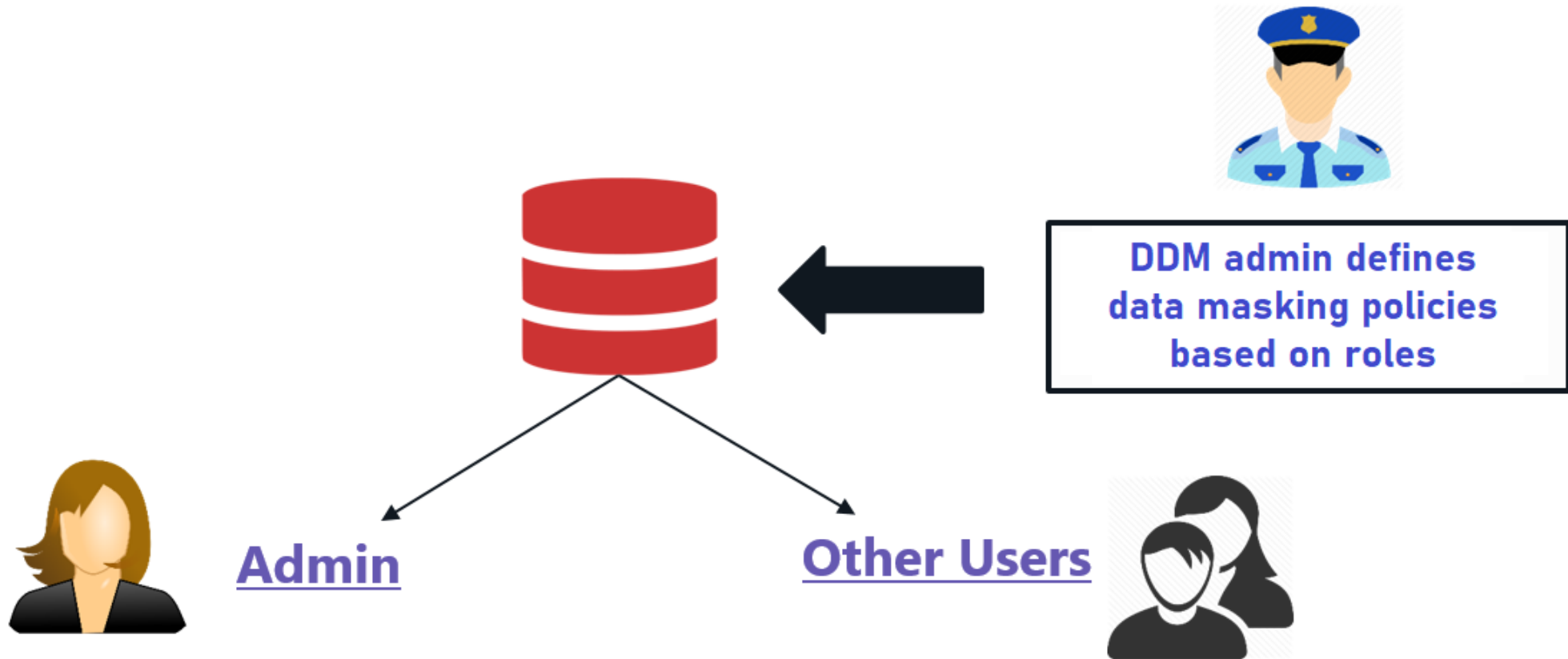
Alternate implementations to

GetHashCode() and/or
Equals()



Dynamic Data Masking (DDM)

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First Name	Last Name	Age	email	SSN
Bob	Jones	48	bob@xms.com	123456789
Alis	Wonder	46	alis@xms.com	987654321

First Name	Last Name	Age	email	SSN
Bob	Jones	?	xxx@xxx.com	XXXXX789
Alis	Wonder	?	xxx@xxx.com	XXXXX321

AVM support for Dynamic Data Masking

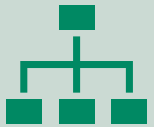
A DDM admin will need to set up the following:

- Mask value
- Who is authorized to see the value without any masking.

The DDM configuration will be maintained via an ABL based tooling



Roles and tags



A DDM admin will grant the user-defined DDM role(s)



Associate those user-defined roles

Fields to be masked,
Linking them using 'authorization tags.'



Role will be associated with one or more tags

Allows those users to see the data, based on tags.

Mask Format

- To hide underlying data
- Transformed to same type as original
- Enforced to begin with either a 'D', 'N', 'L' or 'P', each followed by a colon

D: Default mask

N: Null value

L: Literal value

P: Partial masking

DDM Example - HR

```
FOR EACH employee:
```

```
    DISPLAY
```

```
        empnum
        firstname lastname
        startdate address city
        state1 postalcode
        birthdate ssn
        salary homephone
        homeemail SickDaysLeft.
```

```
END.
```

```
Emp No: 1
```

```
First Name: Kelly
```

```
Last Name: Koberlein
```

```
Start Date: 05/06/2015
```

```
Address: 4500 Main Street
```

```
City: Houston
```

```
State: TX
```

```
Postal Code: 75024
```

```
Birthdate: 10/29/1986
```

```
SSN: 700-12-1819
```

```
Salary: $270,560
```

```
Home Phone: (214) 234-4657
```

```
HomeEmail: f_1_fakeaddr@gmail.com
```

```
Sick Days Left: -1
```


DDM Example - Developer

```
FOR EACH employee:
```

```
  DISPLAY
```

```
    empnum
```

```
    firstname lastname
```

```
    startdate address city
```

```
    state1 postalcode
```

```
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```

```
Birthdate: 01/01/1902
```

```
SSN: ***-**-1819
```

```
Salary: ?
```

```
Home Phone: *****
```

```
HomeEmail: f_1_*****1.com
```

```
Sick Days Left: -1
```

DDM Example – Authorized vs Unauthorized

Emp No: 1
First Name: Kelly
Last Name: Koberlein
Start Date: 05/06/2015
Address: 4500 Main Street
City: Houston
State: TX
Postal Code: 75024
Birthdate: 10/29/1986
SSN: 700-12-1819
Salary: \$270,560
Home Phone: (214) 234-4657
HomeEmail: f_1_fakeaddr@gmail.com
Sick Days Left: 6

Emp No: 1
First Name: Kelly
Last Name: Koberlein
Start Date: 05/06/2015
Address: *****
City: *****
State: TX
Postal Code: 75024
Birthdate: 01/01/1900
SSN: ***-**-1819
Salary: ?
Home Phone: *****
HomeEmail: f_1_*****1.com
Sick Days Left: -1

DDM in action - Summary

Optionally establish one or more users as **secAdmin**

Enable database for DDM [enableddm]

Identify fields to be masked

For each field to be masked, Identify role – For unmasked information

Define a set of #DDM_See_ .. Authorization tags

For each of fields to be masked

- Assign authorization tag and
- Specify masking rule

Activate DDM in the database [activateddm]

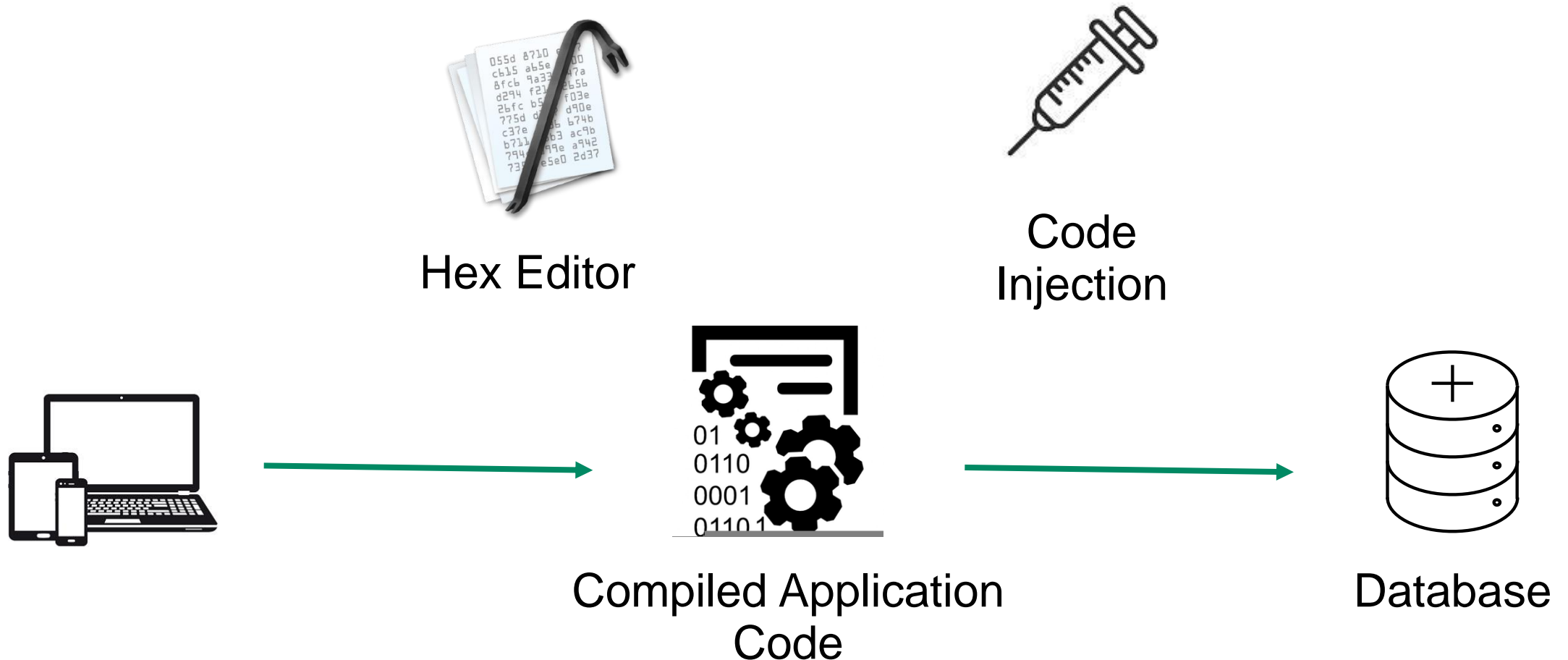
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Protect Compiled R-Code

Protecting Compiled Application Code



Signed Package



Protect Compiled OpenEdge Code



Archive file with .apl extension



Based on Java JAR standard



Manifest file



Like procedure library but with better security



New tools – PROPACK and PROSIGN



Built-in Class:
`Progress.Archive.ArchiveInfo`



Export and Import using dynamic buffers

New methods

- BUFFER-EXPORT()
- BUFFER-IMPORT()
- BUFFER-EXPORT-FIELDS()
- BUFFER-IMPORT-FIELDS()





OpenTelemetry Auto Tracing Support

OpenTelemetry - Introduction

- SDKs for telemetry data
 - Collect
 - Process
 - Export
- Supports telemetry data like
 - Logs
 - Metrics
 - Traces
- Vendor agnostic approach



OpenTelemetry Collector

Middleware

Collect and manage data

Can be deployed on

- Host machine as agent
- Stand-alone service

Provides vendor neutral support to:

- Collect
- Process and
- Export telemetry data

Why do we need to implement?

- OpenEdge is part of larger distributed applications
- Enabling Cloud
- Assists in addressing:
 - Performance optimization
 - Troubleshooting
 - Problem isolation
- Customers are using monitoring tools like
 - Dynatrace,
 - NewRelic

OpenEdge specific



ProOTel library

Wrapper library for OpenTelemetry



Auto tracing

ABL Procedures

Classes

Transactions



Distributed tracing

Client and Server-side tracing



Other clients

HTTP Client

Java Open Client

Setup process

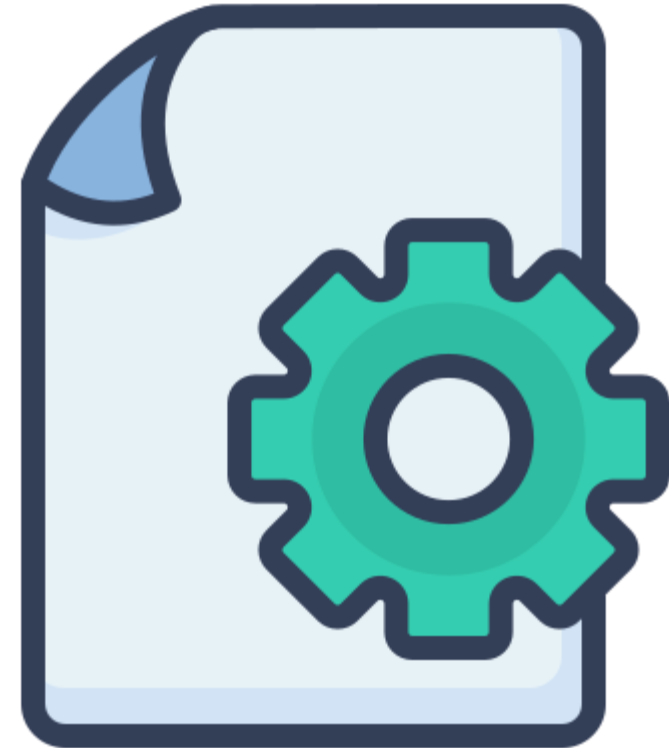
No changes to existing application code

Minimal setup

- AVM config file
- Collector config

Sample config

```
{  
  "OpenTelemetryConfiguration": {  
    "exporters": {  
      "otlp": {  
        "http": [  
          {  
            "url": "http://localhost:25208/v1/traces",  
            .....  
          } ] } }  
    },  
    "OpenEdgeTelemetryConfiguration": {  
      "trace_classes": Customer,Leads,Sales,Orders,  
      "trace_procedures": sales_client.p,  
      "trace_abl_transactions": false,  
      # The following two options are applicable to Distributed tracing.  
      "trace_requires_parent": false,  
      "trace_request_start": true  
    }  
  }
```



AVM: otelconfig

PASOE: otelConfigFile

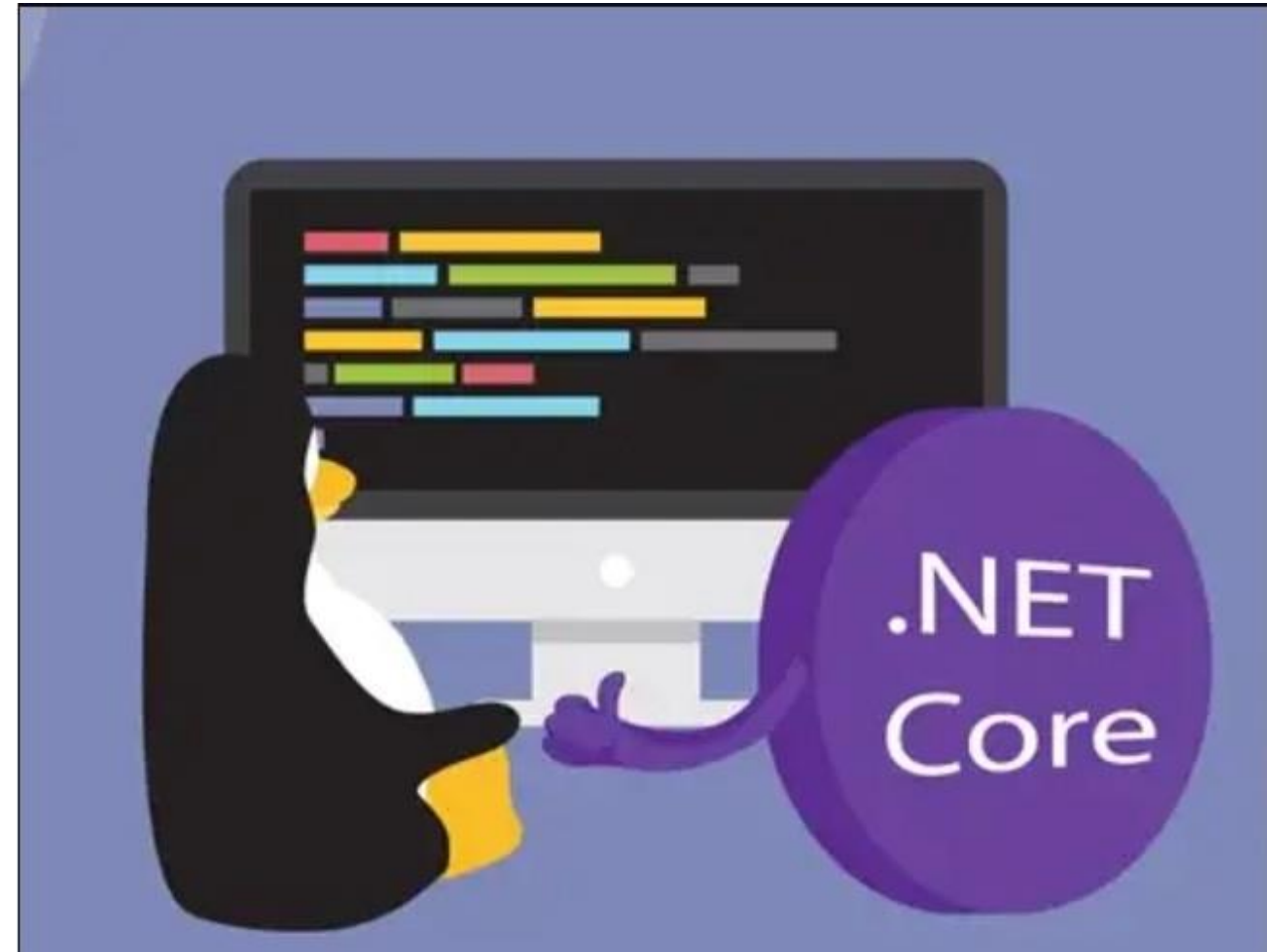


Support for .NET on Linux

.NET on Linux

- Access .NET Classes from ABL on Linux
- Allows to run same app on both
 - Windows and
 - Linux

Access to GUI functionality (say WinForms) on Linux is not supported



Supported clients

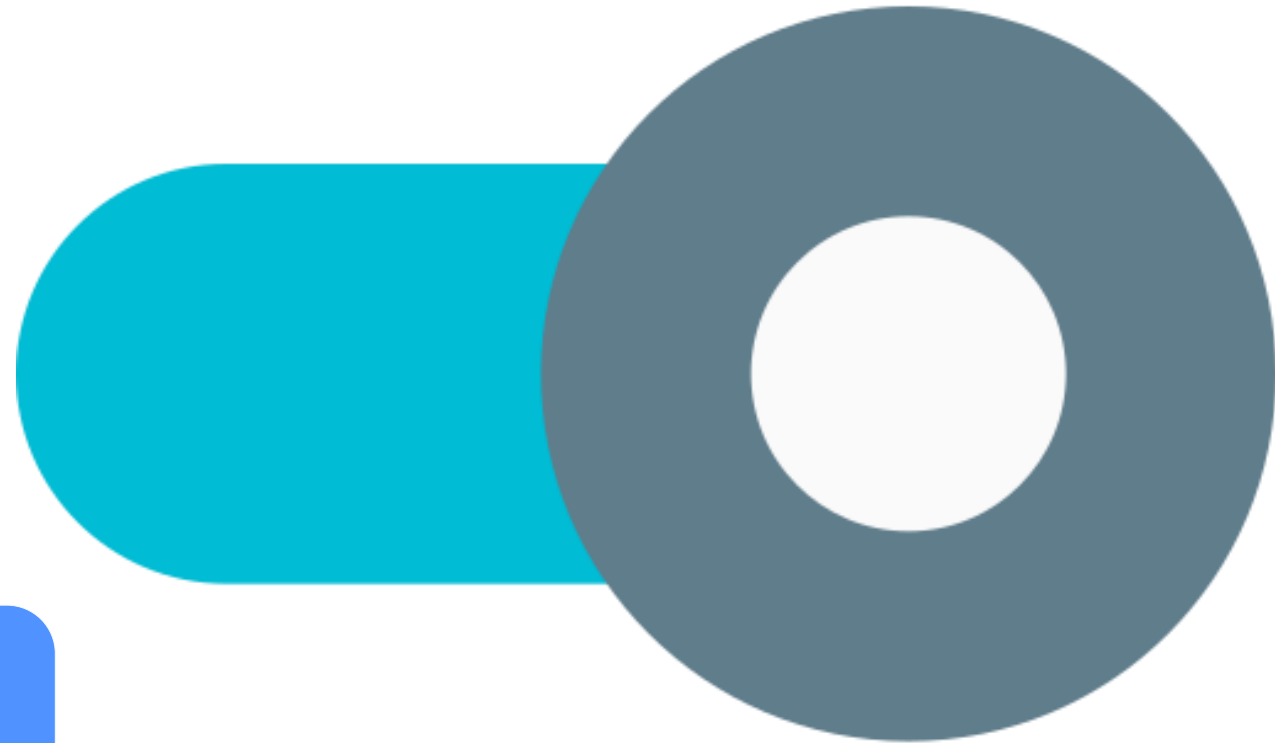
- Access .NET classes from clients:
 - Character client
 - ABL batch client
 - PASOE agent

Enables OpenEdge .NET cloud applications to be migrated to cost effective Linux platforms

How to enable this feature?

- Install .NET
- Use startup parameter
 - `-clrnetcore`

You cannot use `-clrnetcore` and No Common Language Runtime (`-noclr`) at the same time.





Windows 32-bit support

Myths and facts about 32-bit Windows

Myth: You need a 32-bit operating system to run 32-bit applications.

✓ Fact: You can run 32-bit applications on a 64-bit operating system.

Myth: Progress dropped support for 32-bit applications in OE 12.0.

✓ Fact: 32-bit OE 12.x supports developing and running 32-bit applications.

✓ Fact: Progress has no plans to stop supporting the 32-bit Windows version of OpenEdge.

Myth: Microsoft dropped support for 32-bit applications in Windows 10.

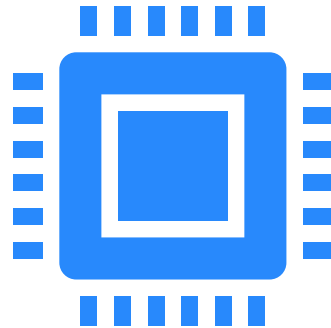
✓ Fact: 64-bit versions of both Windows 10 and Windows 11 support running 32-bit applications.

✓ Fact: Microsoft has not announced plans to drop support for 32-bit applications.

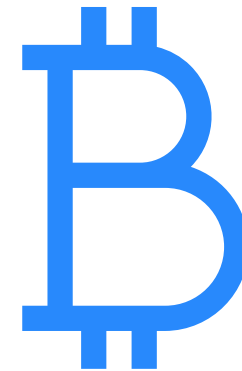
If this changes, Microsoft will announce
it years in advance



32-bit OpenEdge applications on Windows



Problem Definition: Progress stopped offering the 32-bit version of OpenEdge Studio in 12.0.



This left customers with no viable way to maintain applications which use 32-bit OCX controls and DLLs.

Solution: 32-bit OpenEdge applications on Windows



Progress added AppBuilder to 4GL Development System in 12.2.5 and 12.4.



Following will be added to 4GL Development System in upcoming release

Data Dictionary and Data Administration



No migration is required for 32-bit applications

Example: OCX controls or other components



Windows and OpenEdge both support 32-bit applications.



What did we learn?

HashMap Collections

OE - 12.7

Dynamic Data Masking

OE - 12.8

Protect Compiled R-Code

OE - 12.7

Export and Import using dynamic buffers

OE - 12.8

OpenTelemetry Tracing support

OE - 12.8

Support for .NET on Linux

OE - 12.8

Windows 32-bit support

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Filters by Category: All | Application Server | Configuration and Monitoring Tools | Data Services | Development Tools | Installation and Deployment | OpenEdge Database and Add-ons | Other | Pro2 | Security | SQL

- 3** VOTE: Provide a VST field for RDBMS license type
At present, checking whether the database RDBMS license is Personal, Workgroup, or Enterprise requires heuristics that look at various broker parameter values and make assumptions about which license is in use. There is no one field we can check L...
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- 3** VOTE: Provide a VST field for the database DLC version
When monitoring a database, the monitoring code often has different paths for different DLC versions, based on certain database features, conditions, or system tables/fields only being available in certain releases. While it is possible for a self...
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- 12** VOTE: Add Avro support to the Kafka connector
An AvroSerializer would be an important addition to the list of serializers for OpenEdge Messaging in 12.5. Since Avro is the most-preferred method of serialization that Confluent Kafka uses, having an AvroSerializer would simplify the way we send...
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- 33** VOTE: Simplify iterating over new Progress.Collections* (FOR EACH... !)
With the new Collection in 12.5 the following is the way to iterate over the collection: iterator = animals.GetIterator() repeat while iterator.MoveNext() animal = iterator.Current, message animal.Legs view-as alert-box end. This is both verbose ...
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