



***Integrating the  
Progress Rollbase Portal  
into OpenEdge  
Applications***

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## Consultingwerk Ltd.

- Independent IT consulting organization
- Focusing on **OpenEdge** and **.NET**
- Located in Cologne, Germany
- Vendor of tools and consulting programs
- 24 years of Progress experience (V5 ... OE11)
- Specialized in GUI for .NET, OO, Software Architecture Application Integration

## OpenEdge® application modernization solutions

- WinKit
- **SmartComponent Library**
- Dynamics4.NET
- Tools can be used together or separately
- Share common code base
- **SmartComponents.Mobile,**  
**SmartComponents.Web**
- **SmartBPMAdapter for OpenEdge BPM/Savvion**
- **Smart Rollbase Adapter for OpenEdge**

## Agenda

- Progress Rollbase
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- Rollbase REST API's
- Implementing an REST Client in OpenEdge
- Accessing Rollbase Objects and meta data from OpenEdge
- Conclusion

## Progress Rollbase

- Hybrid cloud development platform
- RAD – rapid application development
- App(lications) in the browser and for mobile devices
- Applications for public websites (Portal) and internal users
- html + JavaScript (on Client and Server)

## Progress Rollbase

- Acquisition by Progress Software in June 2013 – announced during PUG Challenge Americas 2013
- **Hosted by Progress Software** on <http://www.rollbase.com>
- Alternatively Download and **Install on your own hardware** or a different cloud provider
- Component of the Progress Pacific PaaS offering

## Progress Rollbase

- Alternative to Progress WebSpeed
- Progress Software's "*force.com*", but allowing you to host locally
- Migration of *force.com* or MS Access
- Supports styling and corporate identity
- Progress Exchange 2014 Website runs on Rollbase



## Progress Rollbase

Customer | Progress Roll | x

https://www.rollbase.com/prod1/m/main.jsp?appId=81253817&tabId=8125390

**PROGRESS Pacific** Hey Mike

**Consultingwerk** Sports 2000

APPLICATIONS: Sports 2000

CREATE: New Record...

CALENDAR: Day Week Month

RECENT ITEMS: flusso (Customer), Sports2000 Customer Portal (Portal), Customer (Object), Marko Rüterbories (User)

Customers | Items | Salesreps | Orders | Orderlines

All Customers | **New Customer** | All Customers | Filter

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Action	Name	Updated At	Updated By
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit   Del	Mark Hardy	04/03/2014 01:40 AM	Mike Fechner
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit   Del	Test 123	04/02/2014 04:08 PM	Mike Fechner
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit   Del	Düngel Corp.	02/24/2014 11:45 AM	Mike Fechner
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit   Del	flusso	02/21/2014 03:21 AM	Mike Fechner
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit   Del	Mike Liewehr	02/03/2014 03:55 AM	Mike Fechner
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit   Del	Martyn, Martin and Steve	01/22/2014 09:09 AM	Mike Fechner
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit   Del	bla bla bla	01/22/2014 05:36 AM	Mike Fechner
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit   Del	This is a new test lead	01/22/2014 05:34 AM	Mike Fechner
<input type="checkbox"/> Edit   Del	test	01/22/2014 05:19 AM	Mike Fechner



## Progress Rollbase

Rapid Application Development x Consultingwerk Ltd. | Customer x

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software architecture and development

### Sports 2000

All

#### APPLICATIONS

Sports 2000

New Application

Install Applications

#### CREATE

New Record...

#### CALENDAR

Day Week Month

#### RECENT ITEMS

Consultingwerk Ltd. (Customer)

Customers

Items

Salesreps

Orders

Orderlines

eCustomer

Tests

+

Customer: Consultingwerk Ltd.

Save

Save & New

Cancel

#### Customer Information

Customer Number

Name

Consultingwerk Ltd.

Address

Unter Käster 1

Address2

Postal Code

50667

City

Cologne



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## Demo

- Login to Rollbase Portal
- Navigate objects
- Show object definition

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## Integration using shared Database

- **Rollbase may store objects and meta data in an OpenEdge Database**
- Tables already existing in the database (e.g. tables of an OpenEdge application) may be included in external tables in Rollbase
- Only supported when installing Rollbase on your own hardware or own cloud provider, **not supported on Progress hosted Rollbase**
- „Rollbase in Action“, Appendix C

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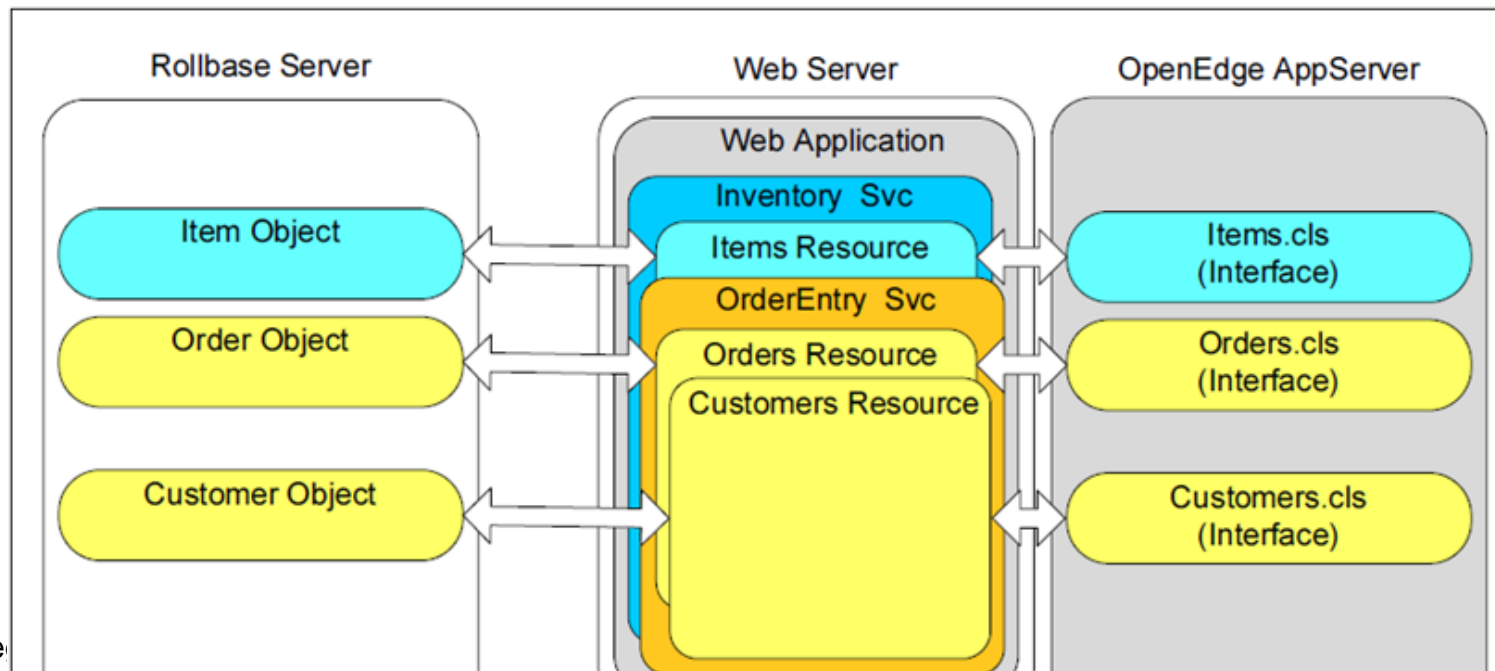
## Progress OpenEdge Adapter for Rollbase

- Access to „Business Entities“ running on the OpenEdge AppServer from Rollbase
- Using the same technology as OpenEdge Mobile (now called Rollbase Mobile)
- OpenEdge AppServer REST Adapter and JSDO (JavaScript Data Object)
- Wizards in Rollbase for creating external objects
- Navigation and manipulation of Data from Rollbase
- Data persistence done on OE AppServer (OE



## Progress OpenEdge Adapter for Rollbase

- „Building Bridges“ blog article by G. Calcott including Video Demo
- <http://viewfromtheedge.progress.com/2014/02/building-bridges/>



## Backend architecture

- Progress AppServer as the Backend for reading modifying data, execute custom code (OO, procedural)
- REST as the communication protocol
- **REST Adapter** deployed to Tomcat 7 Java Servlet Container (like WSA und AIA)
- “ProxyGen” integrated into PDSOE
- JSON as data transfer format between Rollbase and AppServer
- Based on today’s standards and protocols

## Demo

- OpenEdge „Business Entity“ as REST Service
- Import into Rollbase as external Objekt
- Browse Sports2000.Customer records

APPLICATIONS

Setup ▾

New App Find Apps

CREATE

New Record... ▾

CALENDAR

Day Week Month

RECENT ITEMS

- MobileSampleService (Application)
- flusso (Customer)
- Sports2000 Customer Portal (Portal)
- Customer (Object)
- Marko Rüterbories (User)

Recycle Bin (0)

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Tip: Import Objects and Relationships from uploaded OpenEdge JSDO catalog file [Learn more](#)

## Import Objects from OpenEdge Services

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### OpenEdge Service

OpenEdge JSDO Catalog  MobileSamp...vice.json

### JSDO Service URI and Credentials

Service URI

Example: <http://oemobiledemo.progress.com/CustomerService>

Login Name

Password

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## Progress OpenEdge Adapter for Rollbase

- „Rollbase in Action“, Appendix E
- For information on the REST adapter and OpenEdge backend, refer to my last years PUG Challenge presentation:

“The backend for OpenEdge Mobile”

## Limits (according to documentation)

- Still in beta, requires OpenEdge 11.3
- Supports only single table datasets
- No support for fields with invalid characters in name (such as hyphens)
- No support for array fields
  
- More features in future releases

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## Rollbase API's

- Login/Logoff
- Query Data
- Query Meta Data
- Modify Data (Create, Update, Delete)
  
- Multiple versions of the API's: SOAP and REST, XML and JSON

## Login to retrieve Session ID

<https://www.rollbase.com/rest/api/login?loginName=mikefechner&password=>

Send

Save

Preview

Add to collection

Body

Cookies (5)

Headers (9)

STATUS 200 OK

TIME 216 ms

Pretty

Raw

Preview



JSON

XML

```

1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
2 <resp status="ok">
3   <sessionId>3c8e9fa165134fb6819aa65eebc3044d@80644224</sessionId>
4 </resp>
5

```

## List available object names (JSON)

<https://www.rollbase.com/rest/api/getObjectDefNames?sessionId=3c8e9fa165134fb6819aa65eebc3044d@80644224&output=json>

Send

Save

Preview

Add to collection

Body

Cookies (5)

Headers (9)

STATUS 200 OK

TIME 119 ms

Pretty

Raw

Preview



JSON

XML

```

1  [
2    "$GROUP",
3    "$ORG_DEPT",
4    "$ORG_FUNC",
5    "$ORG_LOCN",
6    "$SETTINGS",
7    "account55",
8    "COMMLOG",
9    "contact40",
10   "Customer4",
11   "eCustomer",
12   "item10",
13   "lead23",
14   "meeting",
15   "order6",
16   "orderline",
17   "salesrep_recordname",
18   "test80",
19   "todo",
20   "USER"
21 ]
    
```

## List available object names (XML)

<https://www.rollbase.com/rest/api/getObjectDefNames?sessionId=3c8e9fa165134fb6819aa65eebc3044d@80644224&output=xml>

Send

Save

Preview

Add to collection

Body

Cookies (5)

Headers (9)

STATUS

200 OK

TIME

104 ms

Pretty

Raw

Preview

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JSON

XML

```

1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
2 <resp status="ok">
3   <names>
4     <name>$GROUP</name>
5     <name>$ORG_DEPT</name>
6     <name>$ORG_FUNC</name>
7     <name>$ORG_LOCN</name>
8     <name>$SETTINGS</name>
9     <name>account55</name>
10    <name>COMMLOG</name>
11    <name>contact40</name>
12    <name>Customer4</name>
13    <name>eCustomer</name>
14    <name>item10</name>
15    <name>lead23</name>
16    <name>meeting</name>
17    <name>order6</name>
18    <name>orderline</name>
19    <name>salesrep_recordname</name>
20    <name>test80</name>
21    <name>todo</name>
22    <name>USER</name>
23  </names>

```

## Query records (objects)

<https://www.rollbase.com/rest/api/selectQuery?sessionId=3c8e9fa165134fb6819aa65eebc3044d@80644224&output=json&query=SELECT%20id,%20name>

Send

Save

Preview

Add to collection

Body

Cookies (7)

Headers (9)

STATUS 200 OK

TIME 154 ms

Pretty

Raw

Preview



JSON

XML

```
1  [
2  [
3      82113304,
4      "Lift Tours",
5      "Gloria Shepley",
6      1
7  ],
8  [
9      82689189,
10     "Consultingwerk Ltd.",
11     null,
12     4
13  ],
14  [
15     82732914,
16     "PUG Challenge",
17     null,
18     2003530
19  ],
20  [
21     82799434,
22     "web4biz Consulting",
23     "Robert Prediger",
24     2003535
25  ],
26  [
27     82801201
```

## Query records (objects)

- <https://www.rollbase.com/rest/api/selectQuery?sessionId=3c8e9fa165134fb6819aa65eebc3044d@80644224>
- output=json
- query=SELECT id, name, contact, CustNum  
FROM Customer4
- maxRows=10
  
- URL is case-sensitive

# Update records (simple API)

- Method: update2
- id is similar to ROWID (Rollbase internal key)
- contact=Mike Fechner  
name/value pairs of fields to change

<https://www.rollbase.com/rest/api/update2?sessionId=3c8e9fa165134fb6819aa65eebc3044d@80644224&id=82113304&contact=Mike%20Fechner>

Send Save Preview Add to collection

Body Cookies (7) Headers (9) STATUS 200 OK TIME 171 ms

Pretty Raw Preview   JSON XML

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
2 <resp status="ok">
3   <Msg>1 fields have been processed.</Msg>
4 </resp>
5
```



## API Call Limits

- Progress hosted Rollbase instances limit the number of API calls per hour
- Based on license type
- Single user developer: 200 calls per hour
- Basic/Professional runtime 200/800 calls per hour
  
- Not really a problem, as I don't believe that OpenEdge applications would use Rollbase as a primary data access layer

## Single concurrent session per user

- API calls require sign in
- A single user can only have a single active session at a time
- Relogin will end previous session and invalidate session ID
- Alternative: REST API calls without creating a session, passing Rollbase username and password using http basic authentication
- <https://community.progress.com/technicalusers/f/25/p/10366/38876.aspx?Redirected=true#3887>

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## Implementing REST Client in OpenEdge

- I couldn't get the SOAP API's to work from ABL
- OpenEdge does not come with a REST client



## Implementing REST Client in OpenEdge

- REST is a simple protocol
- http is not rocket science



## Implementing REST Client in OpenEdge

- REST is a simple protocol
- http is not rocket science
- OpenEdge 10.2B (GUI) and OpenEdge 11 (GUI and Windows AppServer) can use .NET http client
- ABL http implementations are available
- Based on sockets
- <https://community.progress.com/technicalusers/f/19/t/9419.aspx>

## Sample using .NET

```
ASSIGN cUserName = "mikefechner"
```

```
cUrl = SUBSTITUTE ("https://www.rollbase.com/rest/api/login?loginName=&1&&password=&2",  
cUserName, cPassword) .
```

```
MESSAGE "Login Request" SKIP (2)
```

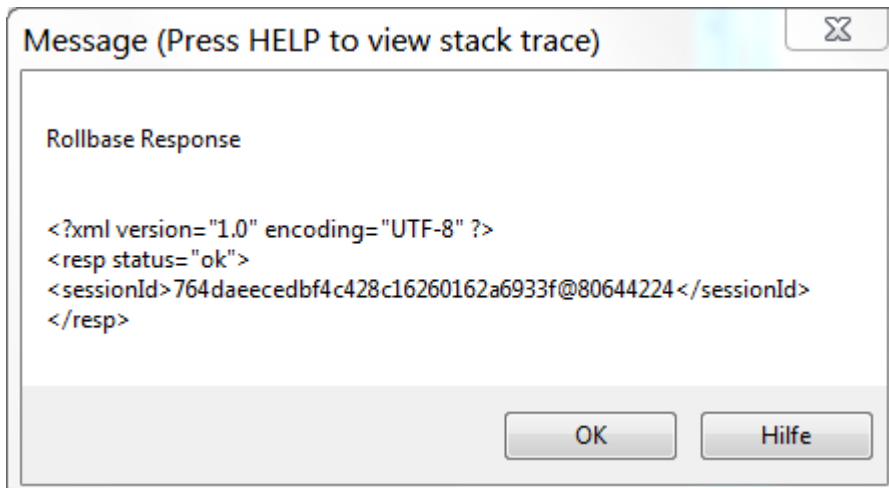
```
    SUBSTRING (cUrl, 1, R-INDEX (cUrl, "=")) + "secret"  
VIEW-AS ALERT-BOX.
```

```
oWebClient = NEW System.Net.WebClient().  
lcResponse = oWebClient:DownloadString (cUrl).
```

```
oWebClient:Dispose() .  
DELETE OBJECT oWebClient.
```

```
MESSAGE "Rollbase Response" SKIP (2)
```

```
    STRING (lcResponse)  
VIEW-AS ALERT-BOX.
```





# Sample using ABL Socket based http

```
ASSIGN cUserName = "mikefechner"

      cUrl      = SUBSTITUTE ("https://www.rollbase.com/rest/api/login?loginName=&1&&password=&2",
                             cUserName, cPassword) .

MESSAGE "Login Request" SKIP (2)
      SUBSTRING (cUrl, 1, R-INDEX (cUrl, "=")) + "secret"
VIEW-AS ALERT-BOX.

oHttpClient = NEW Consultingwerk.HttpClient () .

lcResponse = oHttpClient:GetLongchar ("www.rollbase.com", cUrl) .

DELETE OBJECT oHttpClient.

MESSAGE "Rollbase Response" SKIP (2)
      STRING (lcResponse)
VIEW-AS ALERT-BOX.
```

Message (Press HELP to view stack trace)

Rollbase Response

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<resp status="ok">
<sessionId>d9a4d1d541a548ee92ce1020d55d3892@80644224</sessionId>
</resp>
```

OK

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## Demo

- Review Consultingwerk.HttpClient class
- Class, READ-RESPONSE handler is procedure that calls back into class

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## Import required root certificate

- Accessing hosted Rollbase from ABL required us to import root certificate into OpenEdge
- Export root CA certificate from web browser to file
- Details on this process in K-Base

```
proenv> certutil -install
```

```
Equifax_Secure_Certificate_Authority.pem
```

```
Importing trusted certificate to alias name:
```

```
594f1775
```

## Handling of Rollbase responses

- Same API's return XML, JSON or both
- JSON parser part of OpenEdge 11, very simple and straight forward API
- XML parser in OpenEdge 10 and 11
- I prefer JSON 😊
  
- Some of the JSON responses need “post-processing” on ABL Client, e.g. dates, special characters

# Parsing Login Response (SAX XML)

```
/*-----  
    Purpose: Parses the Login Reponse  
    Notes:  
    @param plcResponse The response of the REST Login method  
-----*/  
METHOD PUBLIC VOID ParseResponse (plcResponse AS LONGCHAR):  
  
    DEFINE VARIABLE hSaxReader AS HANDLE NO-UNDO.  
  
    CREATE SAX-READER hSaxReader .  
    hSaxReader:HANDLER = hSaxHandler .  
  
    hSaxReader:SET-INPUT-SOURCE ("LONGCHAR":U, plcResponse).  
  
    hSaxReader:SAX-PARSE () .  
  
    FINALLY:  
        IF VALID-HANDLE (hSaxReader) THEN  
            DELETE OBJECT hSaxReader .  
        END FINALLY.  
  
END METHOD .
```

# Parsing Login Response (SAX XML)

```
/*-----  
Purpose: Invoked when the XML parser detects the end of an XML document.  
Notes:  
@param pcNamespaceURI A character string indicating the namespace URI of the  
@param pcLocalName A character string indicating the non-prefixed element name  
@param pcName A character string indicating the actual name of the element in  
-----*/  
METHOD PUBLIC VOID SaxEndElement (pcNamespaceURI AS CHARACTER,  
                                pcLocalName AS CHARACTER,  
                                pcName AS CHARACTER):  
  
    CASE pcName:  
        WHEN "sessionId":U THEN DO:  
            ASSIGN THIS-OBJECT:SessionId = lcCharacterData  
                lExpectingCharacter = FALSE .  
        END.  
        WHEN "err":U THEN DO:  
            ASSIGN THIS-OBJECT:ErrorMessage = lcCharacterData  
                lExpectingCharacter = FALSE .  
        END .  
    END CASE .  
  
END METHOD .
```



# Parsing the GetObjDefNames (JSON)

```
/*-----  
Purpose: Parses the response of the ObjectDefNames request  
Notes:  
@param plcResponse The longchar with the response data from the ObjectDefNames request  
@return The Character array with the Object Definition Names  
-----*/  
METHOD PUBLIC CHARACTER EXTENT ParseResponse (plcResponse AS LONGCHAR):  
  
    DEFINE VARIABLE cNames          AS CHARACTER          NO-UNDO EXTENT.  
    DEFINE VARIABLE oObjectModel AS ObjectModelParser NO-UNDO .  
    DEFINE VARIABLE oArray          AS jsonArray          NO-UNDO .  
    DEFINE VARIABLE i                AS INTEGER           NO-UNDO .  
  
    oObjectModel = NEW ObjectModelParser () .  
  
    oArray = CAST (oObjectModel:Parse (plcResponse), jsonArray).  
  
    EXTENT (cNames) = oArray:Length .  
  
    DO i = 1 TO EXTENT (cNames):  
        cNames[i] = oArray:GetCharacter (i) .  
    END.  
  
    RETURN cNames .  
  
END METHOD .
```

## Demo – using the SelectQuery API

- Review Object Definition in ABL GUI
- Import Rollbase Object Definition into Temp-Table
- Run SelectQuery API from ABL procedure

```

{eCustomer.i}

/* ***** Main Block ***** */

oAdapter:SelectToTempTable ("Customer4":U,
                           'WHERE name LIKE "Mike%":U,
                           0,
                           100,
                           INPUT-OUTPUT TABLE eCustomer BY-REFERENCE) .

FOR EACH eCustomer:
    DISPL id
        CustNum FORMAT ">>>>>>>>9"
        Name     FORMAT "x(40)"
        WITH DOWN .
END.

```

## Demo – Application Portal Integration

- Create new „Lead“ in Rollbase Portal
- Import Lead as Customer in ABL Application
- Review Customer in Rollbase GUI

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## Conclusion

- OpenEdge and Rollbase offer various options for integration
- Getting started with Rollbase is simple, simple access to OpenEdge from Rollbase
- Data persistence in OpenEdge or Rollbase
- Access to Rollbase from OpenEdge through REST may be implemented with not too much effort
- Perfect solution for extending OpenEdge applications with satellite apps, e.g. where currently end customers help themselves using MS Access or Excel based solutions

# Questions?

