# Top 7 Data API Headaches (and How to Handle Them)

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# 1. Variety of Data APIs in the Cloud



# How Can I Simplify Data Management to Multiple Data Sources?

- Point-to-point too difficult to manage, with many unique or native APIs
- APIs change too often, and there are too many versions to manage Maintenance of all APIs quickly becomes too costly

# Data Connectivity Through the Cloud



- Unified SQL and OData access to SaaS/Cloud data sources
- Unified SQL and OData access to enterprise/on-premise data sources

### Data Sources Supported Through the Cloud Service



# Integrating DataDirect Cloud Into OpenEdge Applications

- Progress OpenEdge applications often need to integrate with other data systems
- An ABL ODBC bridge to Progress DataDirect Cloud facilitates OpenEdge application integration with SaaS applications like Salesforce, Microsoft Dynamics CRM, and Oracle Service Cloud

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- Interact with DataDirect Cloud using a set of OOABL classes which simplify SQL execution and gathering data results
- Sample code allows you to connect to any DataDirect Cloud data source, with flexible querying

# 2. Data Access in Enterprise Mobility



How Can We Share the Data and Make It Easily Accessible?

 Businesses have valuable data that they want to make available to other parties

However, this data is often locked away in proprietary databases and applications

- From enterprise applications, SQL drivers (ODBC, JDBC) can be used to access the data
- From most mobile/Web applications, the data can be made available via a Web service



So How Do I Unlock the Data for Mobile/Web Apps?

- The Open Data (or OData) Protocol is a Web protocol for querying and updating data
- OData makes it simple to interact with data from a variety of applications and programming languages, and is built on HTTP for broad reach
- OData unlocks data and makes it easier to consume by both information workers and developers

### Wait – So What Is OData?

- The value OData puts on standardization and query-ability makes it an ideal solution for exposing data
- OData was created to provide a simple, standardized way to interact with data on the web from any platform or device
- OData is a standardized protocol for creating and consuming data APIs, building on core protocols like HTTP and commonly accepted methodologies like REST

# The result is a uniform way to expose full-featured data APIs

http://www.odata.org/



# But Why Is Supporting OData APIs So Important When Connecting to Data?

 Well, sometimes it is just not practical to include SQL data drivers like ODBC and JDBC that are typically used in enterprise applications

DataDirect Cloud already supports SQL protocols like ODBC and JDBC, but now supporting OData APIs from the application enables mobile and Web applications to query data sources much more easily

 And if you are going through a OData connectivity service provided by DataDirect Cloud, then all of that data can be made available using a standardized REST API



The dual benefit is the value of OData for simpler data connectivity from Web/mobile applications plus the value of SQL in accessing cloud and enterprise data through an easy to use connectivity service.

# OK, What Do I Have To Do?

You can use the OData standardized APIs from your mobile or Web application and access the broad spectrum of cloud and enterprise data sources already supported by DataDirect Cloud – a cloud-based connectivity service

 While we still use SQL under the covers, all you have to worry about are the simple, standardized
 OData queries to which ever databases you need to unlock

# Where Do REST and JSON Fit?

- Remember, the OData service has a RESTbased (Representational State Transfer) model that allows you to perform SQL query-like operations on a URL – it's like ODBC for the Web!
- You might have heard of JSON (JavaScript Object Notation), which is a data model used for smaller data sets in documentbased NoSQL databases
- Well, OData supports JSON as well, making it very easy to query JSON data from mobile/Web applications





# Unified Data Connectivity Through a Cloud Service



- All data exposed through OData service, enabling mobile and Web applications to interface with data sources through Web services APIs
- Because OData is a RESTbased service, the OData API makes it easy for mobile, enterprise mobile, Web, non-C/C++, and non-Java applications to access the data sources
- Note: Today, DataDirect Cloud supports OData version 2 and read-only operations such as fetching data and metadata

# OData Service Currently Supports These Data Stores

- Apache Hadoop Hive
- IBM DB2
- Greenplum
- HubSpot
- IBM Informix
- Marketo
- Microsoft Dynamics CRM

- Microsoft SQL Server
- MySQL Enterprise
- Oracle
- Oracle Eloqua
- Oracle Service Cloud
- Progress OpenEdge

- Progress Rollbase
- Salesforce (and other Force.com data stores)
- SugarCRM
- SAP Sybase

# Rollbase Mobile and DataDirect Cloud



# 3. Data On-Premise



# Accessing Secure Enterprise Data From the Cloud

- Too hard to reconfigure firewalls, networks, and data ports
- Need to establish separate authorizations if data sources not on same network
- SQL skills required and need to build SQL into your apps





- Download and install the onpremise connector (on the machine that has network access to the on-premise data store)
- 2. Obtain the unique Connector ID established when installed, and use it when configuring the onpremise data source in DataDirect Cloud (plus the connection details for the on-premise data store)
- 3. DataDirect Cloud uses JDBC/ODBC over HTTPS, so there is no need to open a database port, establish a VPN, or use SSH tunneling

Accessing OpenEdge On-Premise Data

- Configure the OpenEdge onpremise data source (credentials, server name)
- Use ODBC bridge to DataDirect Cloud service
- SQL queries through DataDirect for real-time data access



# 4. Data Volumes (Big Data)

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# Large Volumes of Data

- Dark data, making it hard to find the right data and getting the data into/from Hive
- Not scalable, with need for load balancing
- Not high-performance, with need for a solution that can handle bulk load

# 4. How Do I Simplify Access to Volumes of Big Data?



- Two data connectivity options: through the DataDirect Cloud service or directly with DataDirect Connect
- Single data driver that works on all platforms and connects to all flavors of Hadoop
- Designed for bulk load, high performance and throughput, scalability, and reliability
- Easy to implement and deploy
- Bypasses need for additional services libraries which could slow performance

# Leveraging Data Connectivity in Progress Pacific

- Import object metadata using DataDirect Cloud service
- Enables SQL access to a wide variety of cloud and enterprise data sources, including Big Data sources like Apache Hadoop Hive

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# 5. Data Access in Transactional Environments



High-Transaction Environments Require High Performance

- Not scalable and requiring application failover
- Slow access with the goal of near real-time access with no bottleneck
- High resource usage, with need for efficient use of resources



# Direct Connectivity to Data



- Ultimate enterprise on-premise data connectivity suite for managing and integrating data across relational, Big Data, and Cloud data sources
- High performance connectivity enables migration, integration, and management of critical data to empower the transformation of data into a valuable asset
- Utilizes standards-based interfaces such as ODBC, JDBC, and ADO.NET
- Bulk load, application failover, security, and efficient resource utilization critical to managing the growing volumes of data.

# **Direct Data Connectivity**



# **Data Connectivity and Corticon BRMS**

- Data connectivity can be one of the biggest bottlenecks in creating, changing and deploying enterprise applications
- Progress® Corticon® Enterprise Data Connector clears the path with a unique, model-driven approach to data connectivity
- Eliminates the complex SQL coding traditionally associated with integrating business rules and enterprise applications
- Connects your decision services to external data sources such as relational databases



# 6. Data Access to Applications



Challenges in Making My Application Data More Accessible



### Get to Market Faster with OpenAccess



- Quick and easy implementation, translating into fast time-to-market
- Custom build data connectivity to your application data... from anywhere
- OpenAccess exposes an application's data through standard APIs like ODBC and JDBC
- Data access is optimized by leveraging the OpenAccess SQL execution engine
- OpenAccess provides most of the code needed to open a database
- OpenAccess enables SQL access to any data source, including application data and proprietary files

# Building Custom Data Connectivity to OpenEdge Applications

- OpenAccess enables quick development of drivers for OpenEdge application data
- Connectivity through your business logic
  layer, not directly to your underlying database
- Expose your complex or multi-tenant data in a simple, secure and reliable way
- Standardized data integration with any datacentric application on the market today
- Provides pre-built, full-function Interface
  Provider (IP) for OpenEdge Business Logic
- Business Entity should implement methods to support CRUD operations



# 7. Data Report Automation and Synchronization



How Can I Avoid Manual, Tedious Report Generation?

- Data overload and failing to reconcile different data sources
- Poor data quality or stale data, causing you to not make sense of the info you are collecting
- Not enough data, sources, or context
- Poor feedback cycles, can't keep pace with proper reporting, and inflexible reports with constant updating



- Simplifies data integration and collaboration
- Automatically connects and imports data
- Combines data from multiple sources
- Provisions a cloud data mart to store data
- Syncs reports for sharing
- Provides compatibility with BI and reporting tools

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- Sample code allows you to connect and query the data source

# In Conclusion ...



## Aspirin Relief for Data API Headaches

- 1. Cloud-based data service helps data variety chaos
- 2. OData service enables data access for enterprise mobile
- 3. New technology provides low-touch access to enterprise data
- 4. SQL access to Hive for Big Data environments
- 5. Direct access architected for speed and efficiency
- 6. Customized access to application data
- 7. Automated and synchronized reports that integrate data



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