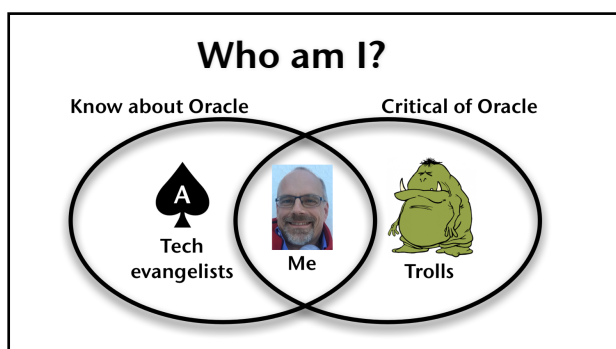


## APEX, ADF, or VBCS?

**A real-life application built in three tools**

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## The Old Way

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- ## From Old to New
- ### The old way

  - Receive spreadsheets
  - Manually merge
  - Single user
  - Manually update
  - Manually keep vendors informed of changes

### The new way

  - Import spreadsheets
  - Multi user
  - Auto recording of changes
  - Auto reporting to vendors

## The Oracle Solutions

- Application Express (APEX)
- Application Development Framework (ADF)
- Visual Builder Cloud Service (VBCS)

## APEX End-User UI

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## ADF End-User UI

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## VBCS End-User UI

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## End User UI Comparison

- APEX & ADF very similar
  - Strong on keyboard interaction
  - APEX has row global search & duplicate
  - ADF has easy multi-column search
  - Neither defaults date picker well by default
- VBCS first generation web feel

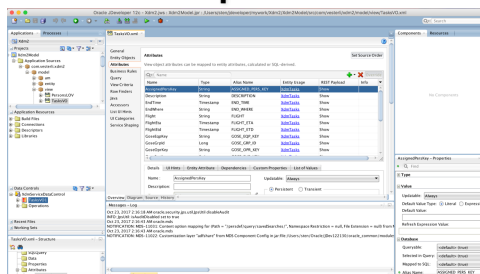
## APEX Development

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## APEX

- Import spreadsheet and create matching table (staging)
- Build data model
- PL/SQL to load from staging
- Build Interactive Grid

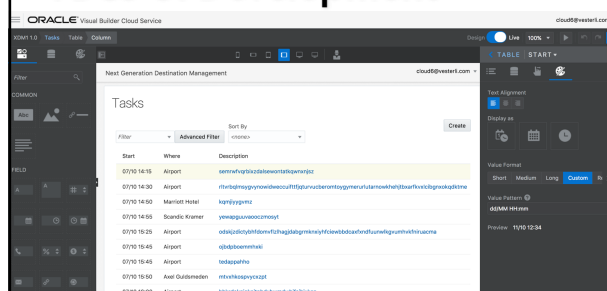
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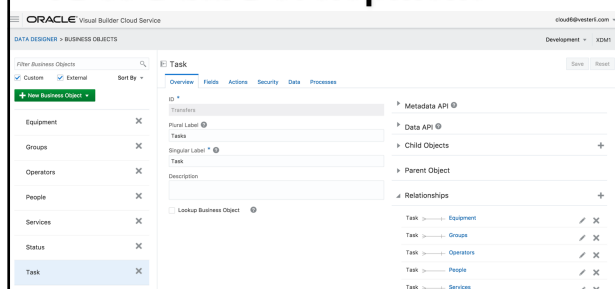
## ADF

- No data import features  
– Requires existing database
- Build business components
- Build ADF Faces task flow and page fragment

## VBCS UI Development



## VBCS Data Development



## VBCS

- Can import data  
– must be pre-processed into proper form  
– auto generates IDs, must convert keys manually (Excel VLOOKUP)
- Build web application  
– Table page, edit page, create page
- Great lifecycle support

## Adding UI Logic

- APEX
  - Dynamic actions
- ADF
  - Managed Java beans
- VBCS
  - Extremely limited

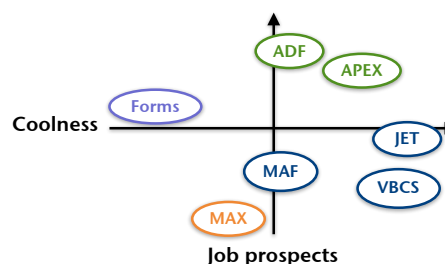
## Adding Data Logic

- APEX
  - In database PL/SQL
- ADF
  - Override business component methods
  - Or database PL/SQL
- VBCS
  - Base on REST service, place logic there

## Comparison

	APEX	ADF	VBCS
End-user UI	+++	+++	+
UI development	++	++	++
UI logic	++	+++	-
Data logic	(+++)	+++	(+)
Development speed	++	+	+++
Lifecycle support	-	++	+++

## Cool/Job Matrix



## What Oracle is Doing Wrong (and Right) in the Cloud



- Free whitepaper this week
- <http://bit.ly/orawrong>
- Also subscribes to Oracle Tool Watch newsletter

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