



Applying COOL:Security Services

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- What is Application Security?
- The Service-based Software Architecture
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- Security Administration
- Applicability for Multiple Client Types
- Demonstration and Questions



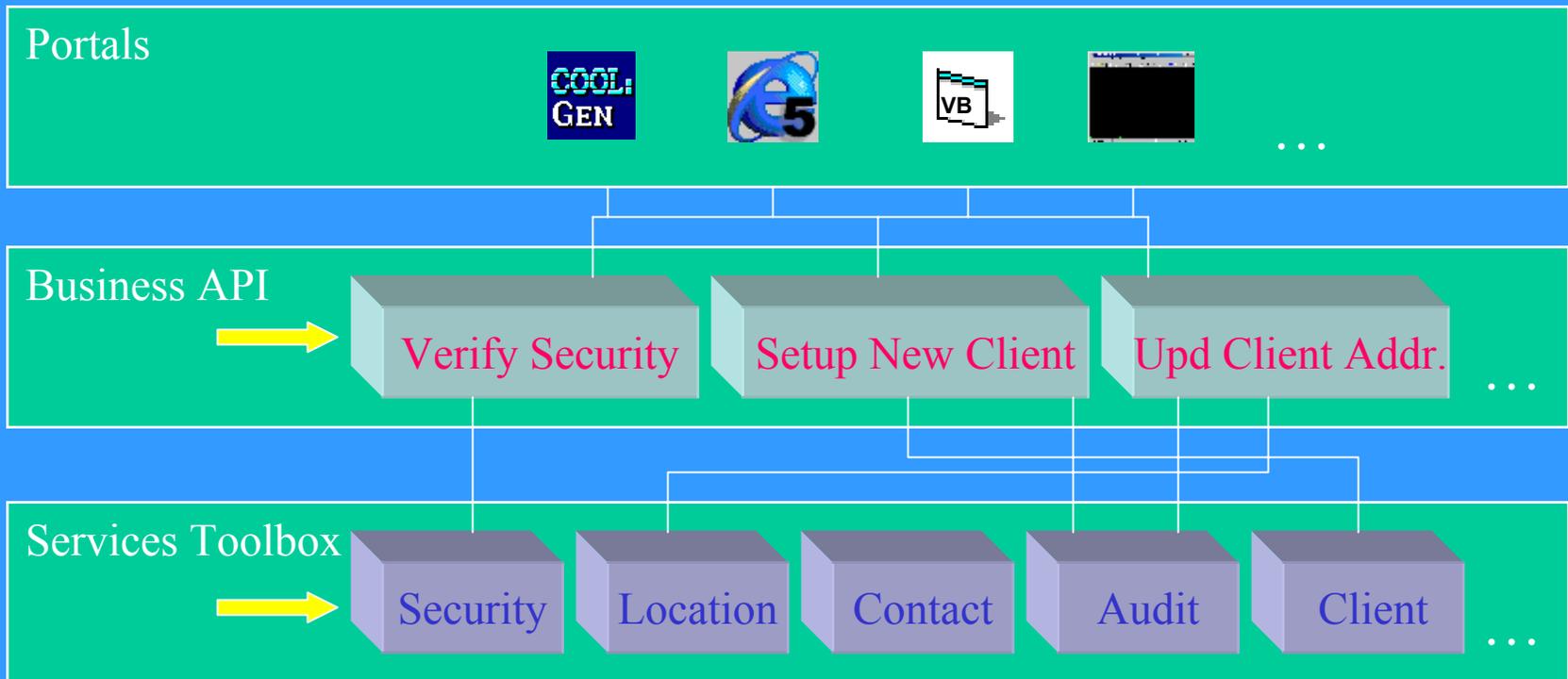


What is Application Security?

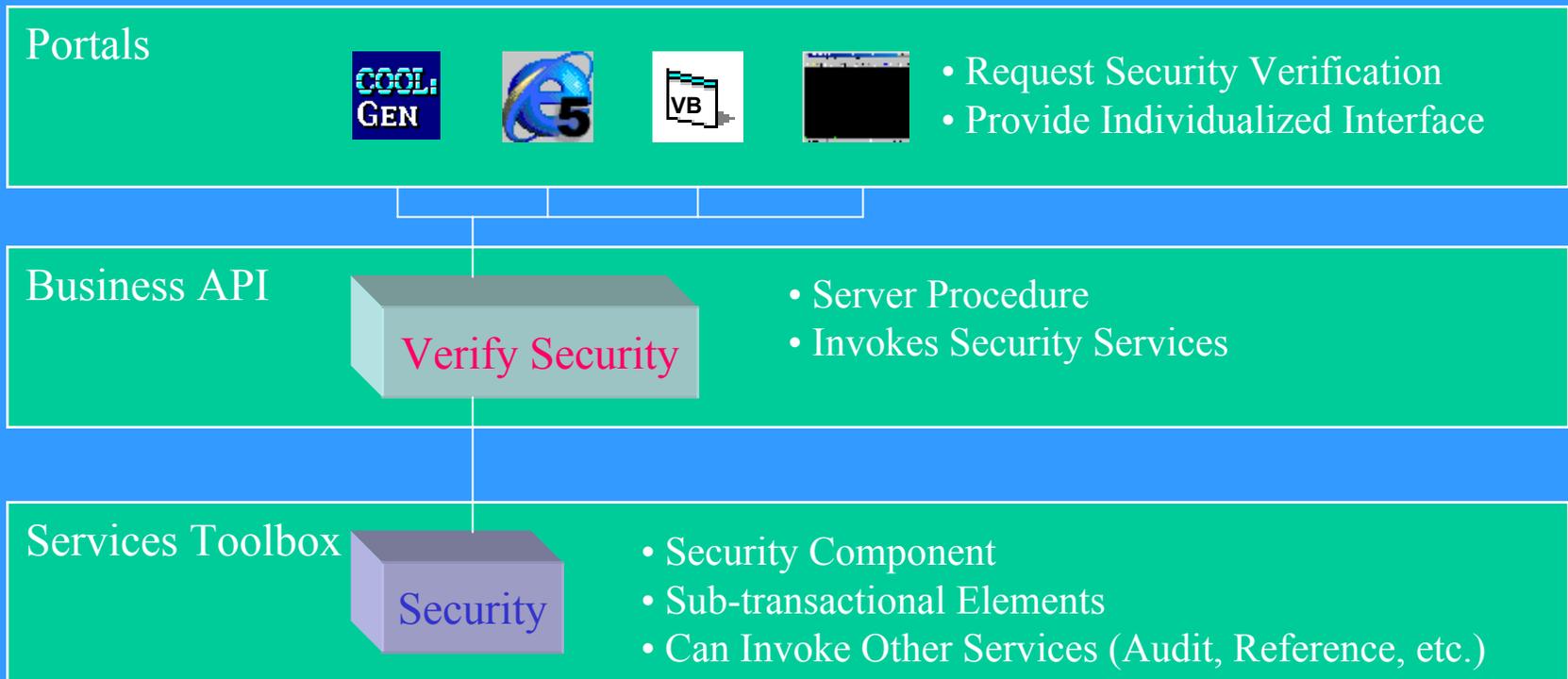
- A mechanism for:
 - Authenticating software users
 - Applying discrimination in terms of software functions through authorization
 - Providing individualized portals to software and information assets



Service-based Software Architecture



Service-based Security Verification



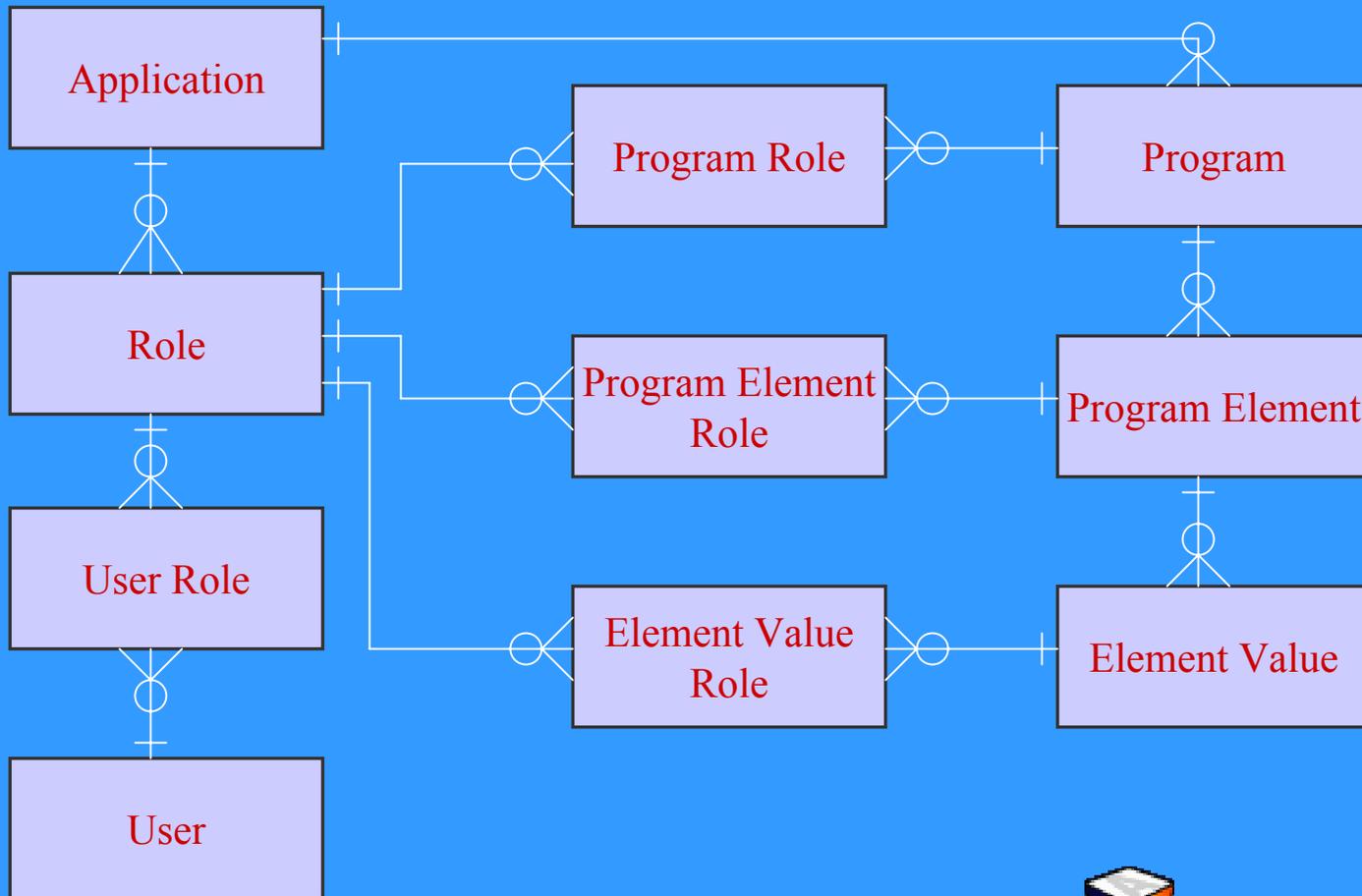


Application Security Data Elements

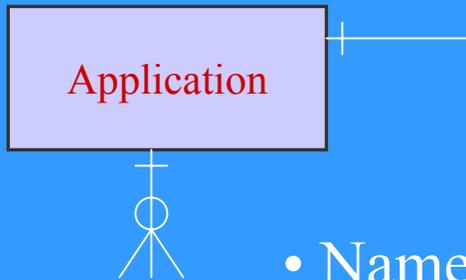
- **Application** — each application is defined to the Security Application
- **User** — each user is setup in the Security Application
- **Role** — for each application, roles are used to group users
- **Program** — an executable unit of an application
- **Program Element** — a function or data element provided by a program
- **Element Value** — for data elements, can be used to limit authorization levels



Expansion of Security Data Elements

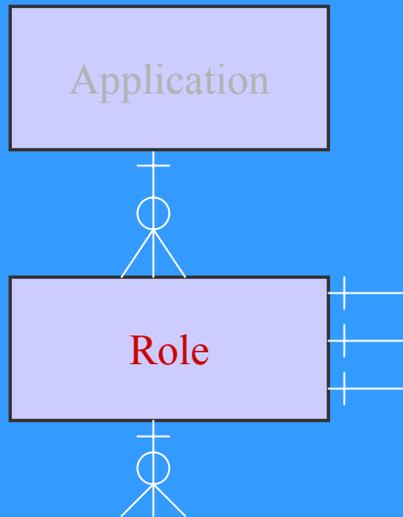


Application



- Name
- Description
- Privilege
 - All – application is available for all users
 - None – application is not available
 - Restricted – restricted access

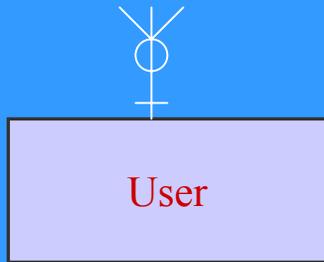
Role



- Name
- Description
- Privilege
 - All – all application functions
 - None – no privileges
 - Restricted – restricted privileges
- Beginning Date – date privileges start
- Expiration Date – date privileges end



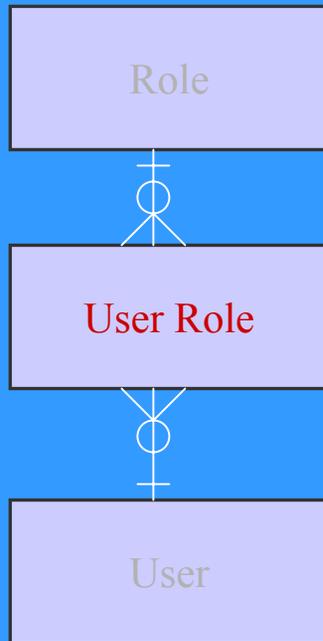
User



- Id
- Last Name
- First Name
- Middle Initial
- Password
- Password Expiration Date



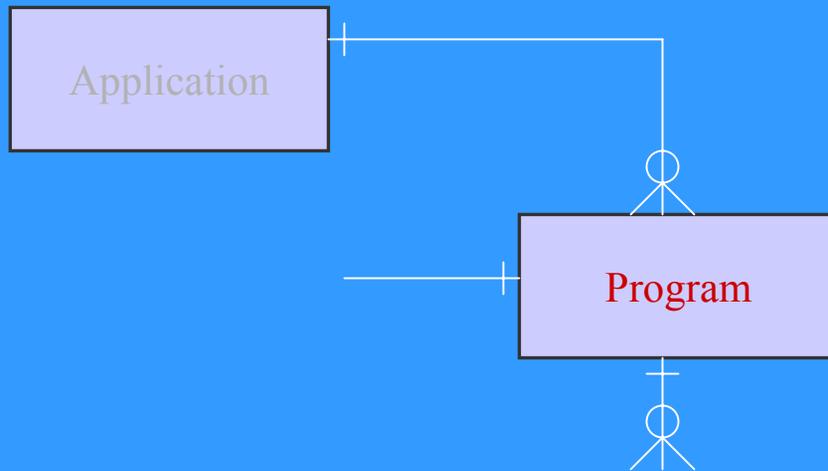
Assignment of Users to Roles



- Beginning Date
- Ending Date

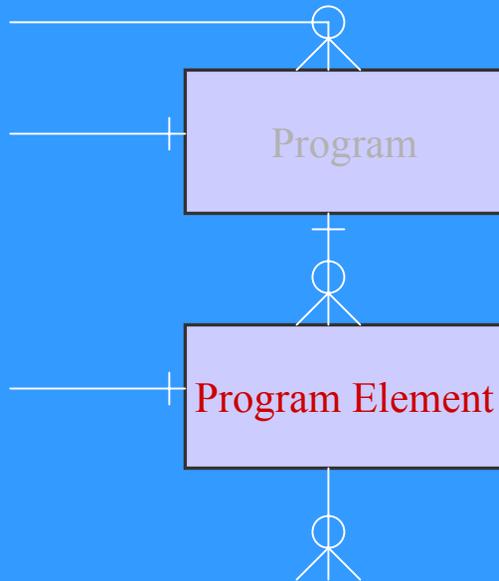


Program



- Name
- Description
- Privilege
 - All
 - None
 - Restricted

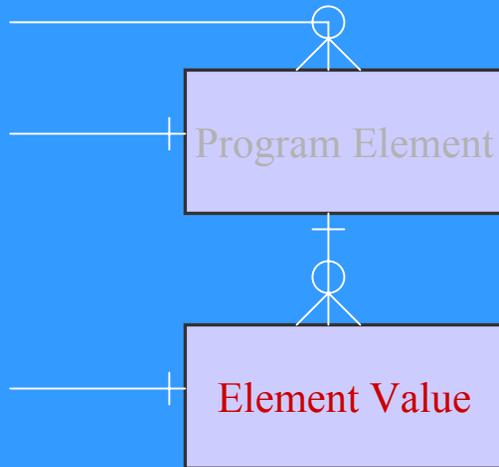
Program Element



- Name
- Description
- Type
 - Control
 - Data Field

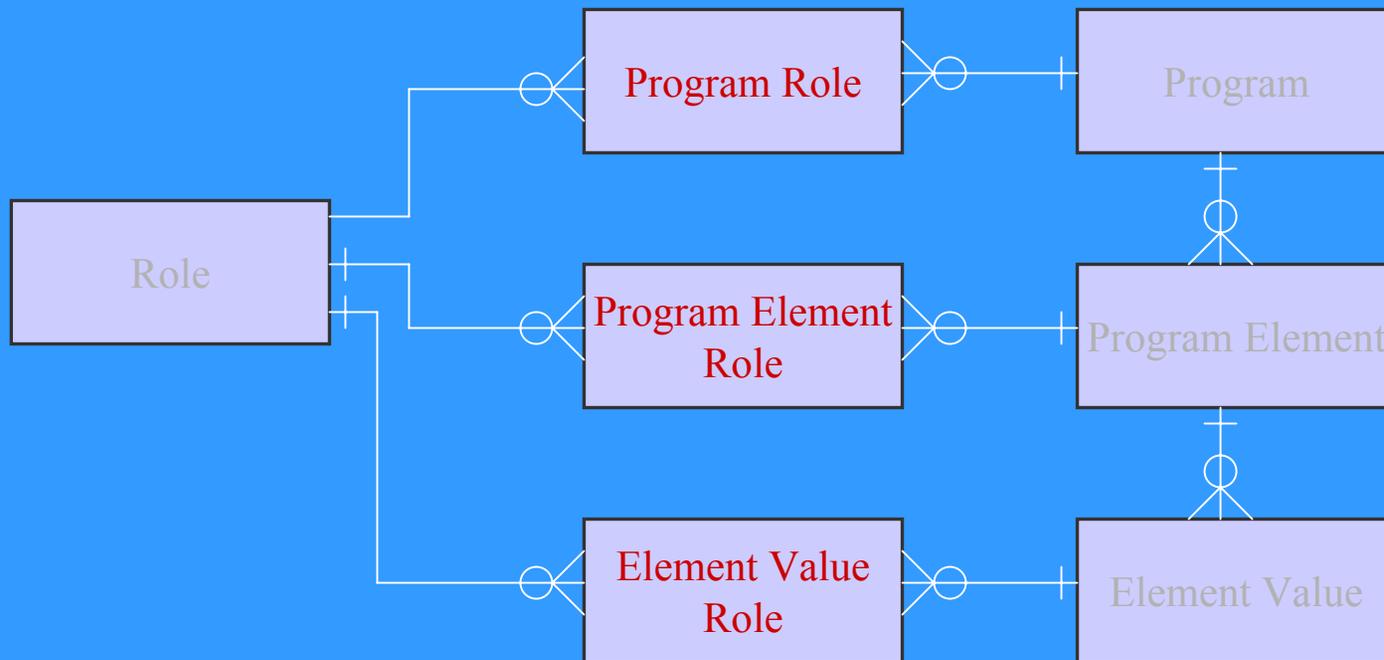


Program Element Value



- Field Value
- Field Domain

Authorization of Roles for Software



- Beginning Date
- Ending Date



Security Administration (Development)

- For each application, must decide what programs (clients) and their elements are to be secured, including value-based security
- Each client must invoke the security verification API
- Each client must interpret the results and modify its presentation layer (within its capabilities)
- Helpful to develop and use matrices to record requirements
- Adds an additional level of testing (might want to wait until core development and testing is complete)





Security Administration (Implementation)

- For each application, designate a security administrator
- Create a form and a process for requesting authorization to applications, programs, elements, etc.
- Establish a process for troubleshooting authorization problems
- Administrative effort increases with the number of roles
- Administrative effort increases with the complexity of the security requirements
- Administrative effort increases with the complexity of the interfaces (more elements to secure)





Applicability for Multiple Clients

- Users see “same” behavior across multiple clients providing the same functions
- Security services provide same results, independent of the client type or communications mechanism
- Each client type might react differently to the results, depending on the capabilities of the technology (dynamic versus static)





Possible Client Behaviors



COOL:Gen Clients

- message box presentation
- enable/disable controls



Dynamic Web Pages

- dynamic content
- provide/remove controls



Visual Basic Clients

- message box presentation
- enable/disable controls



Block Mode Screens

- error message capability
- enable/disable fields

Behavior standards are really up to you...but enforce them.





COOL:Gen Client

- Require logon dialog box at application level
- Request security verification when window opens
- Request verification for all window controls
- Enable/Disable controls accordingly
- Use Message Box for authorization failure





COOL:Gen Block Mode

- Require logon screen at application level
- Request security verification on “first time” execution
- Request verification for all screen functions
- Use variables to simulate function key availability
- Or, show all functions and use message line
- Use “Authorization Failure” screen





Visual Basic Client

- Require logon dialog box at application level
- Request security verification when window opens
- Request verification for all window controls
- Enable/Disable controls accordingly
- Use Message Box for authorization failure





Web-Based Client

- Require logon dialog box at application level
- Request security verification when page is requested
- Request verification for all page functions
- Dynamically display controls and links accordingly
- Use Security Error page for authorization failure





Demonstration

- Review of the Security Maintenance Application web interface
- Setup a new user and authorize for access to application
- Review the actions of different client types, based on the user's authorizations



Demonstration Scenario



The demonstration application is supported by data and services of a simple “Reference” component...



Demonstration Scenario

Block Mode

Web Client

The demonstration includes a variety of user interfaces.

COOL:Gen

Visual Basic

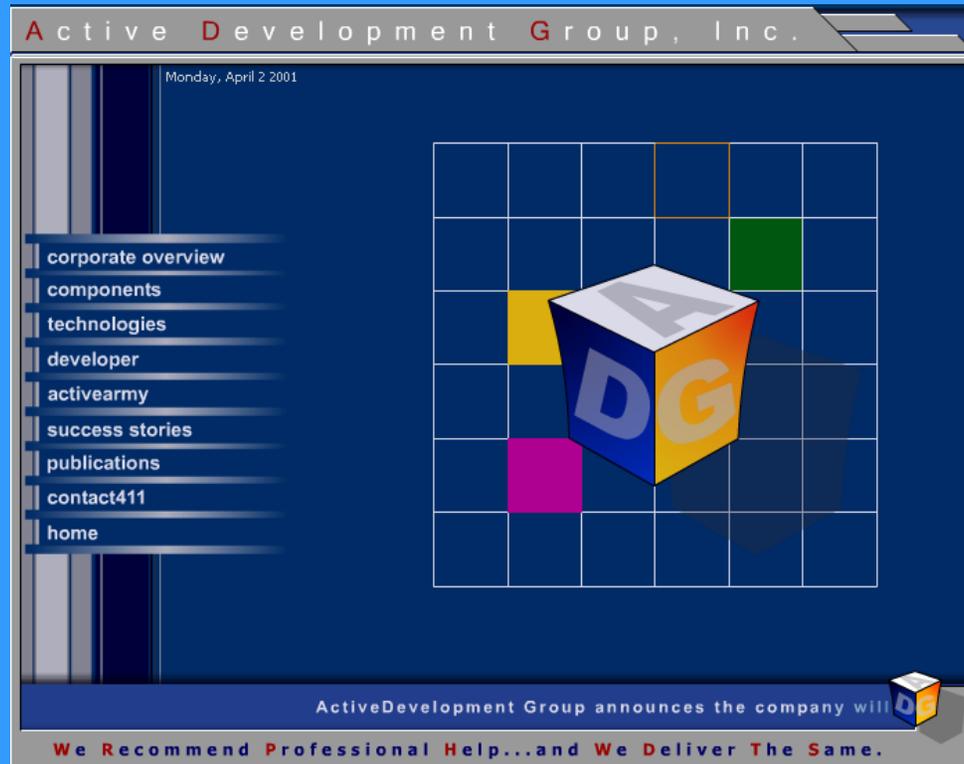
The image displays three overlapping screenshots from a demonstration scenario:

- Top Left:** A terminal window titled "Application Execution Facility" showing a "Code Types List" with columns for "CODE TYPE", "Reference Codes", and a date/time stamp "04/11/2001 10:33:54". It lists code types like APPLICATION, BAD DEVELOPER, DATABASE TYPE, DISHONEST CONSULTING FIRMS, EYE COLOR, FOOTBALL TEAMS, and WEB DEVELOPMENT TECH.
- Top Right:** A Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying a web client interface. The page title is "ADG Reference Codes" and it includes a welcome message for "TONY PIERCE". A table titled "List of Reference Code Types" is visible, listing the same code types as the terminal window.
- Bottom:** A Visual Basic code window titled "Code Types List" showing a list of code types: APPLICATION STATUS, APPLICATION STYLE, BAD DEVELOPERS, DATABASE TYPE, DISHONEST CONSULTING FIRMS, EYE COLOR, FOOTBALL TEAMS, and WEB DEVELOPMENT TECH.





Questions & Comments



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