What's New in CA 2E Web Option

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About the Speaker

- Rory Hewitt
  - Software Architect for 2E team
  - Software developer for 17 years (14 with 2E development team)
  - Helped design some of the largest features in recent 2E history
    - RPGIV generator, function wrappering & duplicate parameters, triggers
    - ...and, of course, Web Option!
  - Competition-level snowboarder and karateka
  - British (hence the strange accent!)

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agenda

Web Option prior to r8.5

how things changed at r8.5

future enhancements

questions

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Web Option prior to r8.5

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Web Option prior to r8.5

First release was Release 7.0+

- Initially made available in mid 2001
- Each new release has included more functionality
- Becoming a 'stable' product

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Web Option prior to r8.5

- Shipped as 2 libraries
  - Y2WEB –programs and non-LDO data
  - Y2WEBVENG – LDO data
- Lots of the stuff in Y2WEBVENG wasn't really LDO
  - Significant duplication when creating Y2WEBVxxx libraries
  - Unnecessary translation
- Problems with CCSID conversion
  - Hard-coded variant characters in skeletons
    - #000000 (color attributes)
    - <!– (HTML comments)

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Web Option prior to r8.5

- Each 'copy' of the Web Option server requires duplicates of both libraries
- Duplication of effort
  - Fixes have to be applied to all copies
  - Multiple copies of same program
  - Upgrade woes ☹
- Not always clear which 'copy' of Web Option is which
- Terminology problems
  - 'copy', 'instance', 'environment'...

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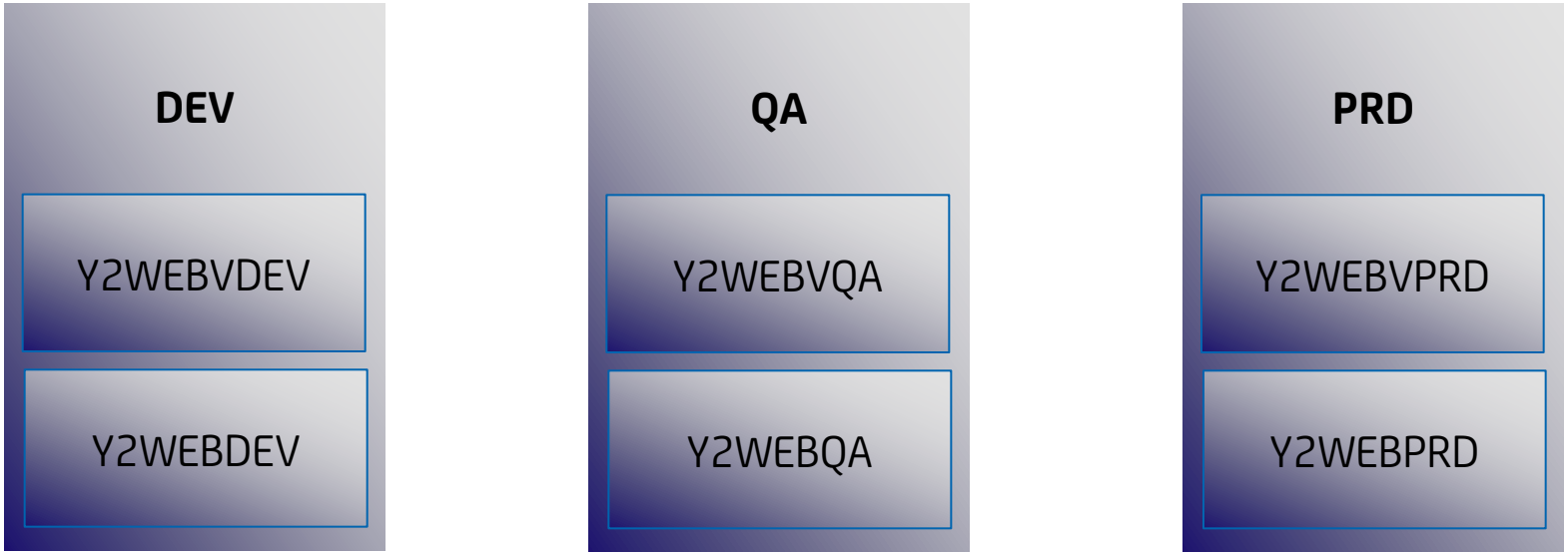
Web Option prior to r8.5



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Web Option prior to r8.5

- Nevertheless a great product!
- Lots of customers
  - Manufacturing
  - Logistics
  - Insurance
  - Local & state governments
- Fully backed by CA
  - Not just some fly-by-night web-enablement.. ☺
  - No requirement to change existing applications
  - Fully integrated with CA 2E model environment

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how things changed at r8.5

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how things changed at r8.5

Release 8.5 came out in 2009

- Web Option environments
  - Similar to the concept of a 2E model
  - Uses an 'environment data library'
  - Separation of system data and user data
- Data override processing
  - Environment data overrides system data
  - only require changed records in environment
- Simpler upgrade processing
  - Upgrades from r8.5 onwards won't touch environment data
- Several PTF's since GA

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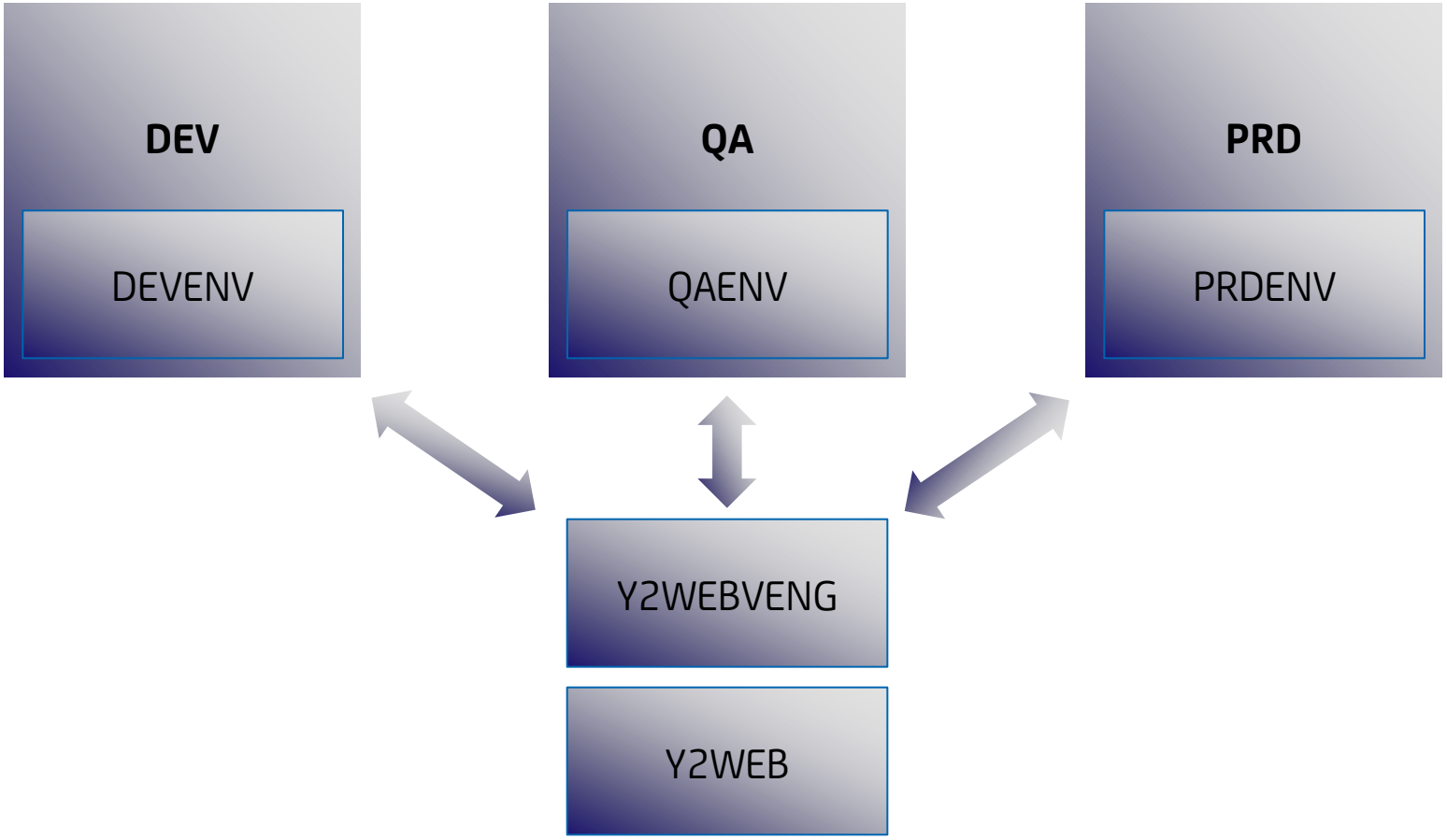
how things changed at r8.5



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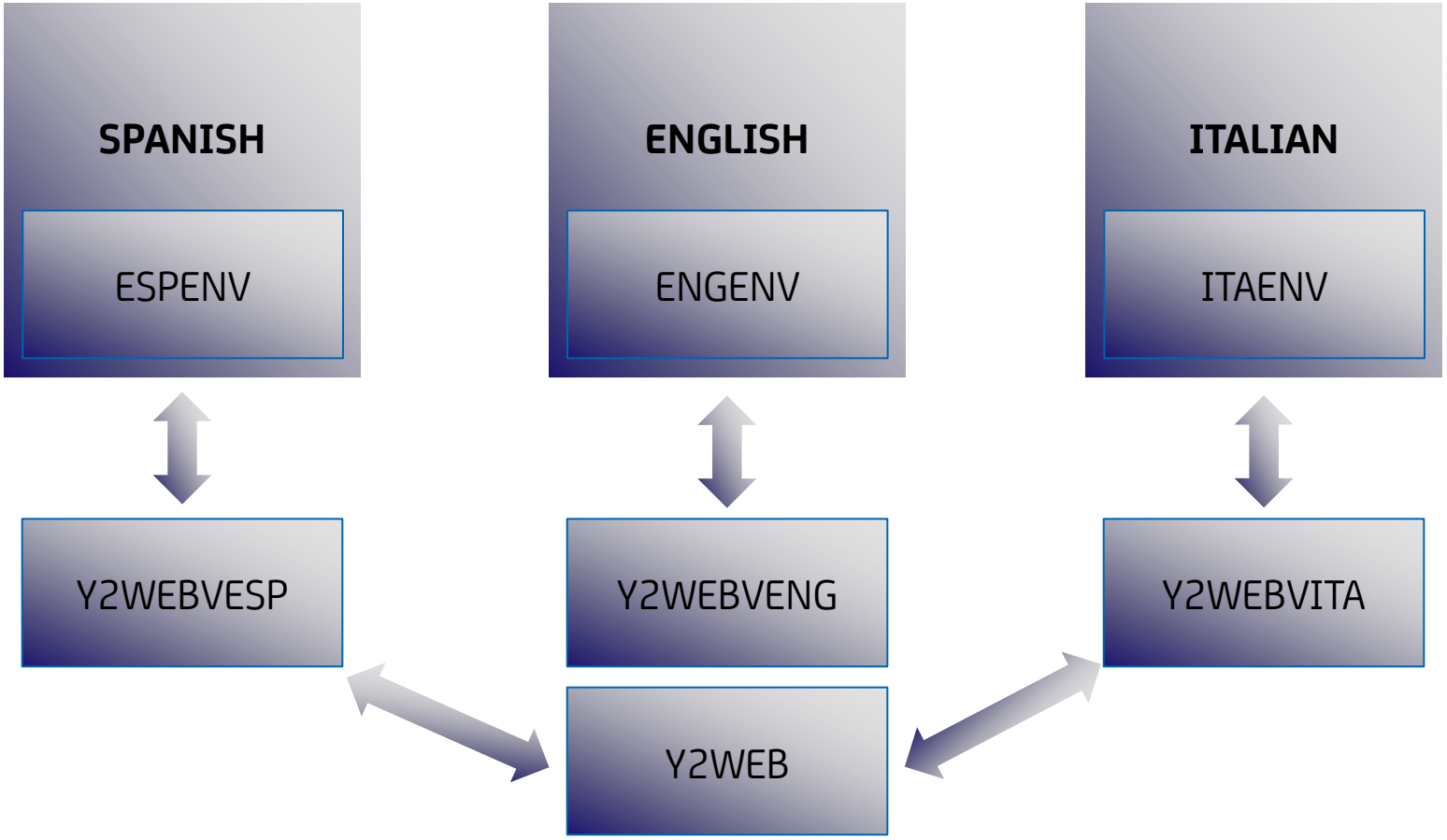

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how things changed at r8.5

- Pre-r8.5 used a single Web Option router in Y2WEB
  - Multiple HTTP server instances – one per Y2WEB* copy

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Pre-r8.5 HTTP configuration

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 Browse : /www/y2web86/conf/httpd.conf
 Record :      28   of      41 by  14          Column :    1     59 by  79
 Control : ____________________________________________________________

....+....1....+....2....+....3....+....4....+....5....+....6....+....7....+....
</Directory>

<Directory /webopt/>
Allow From all
</Directory>

<Directory /QSYS.LIB/Y2WEB.LIB/>
Options +ExecCGI
CGIConvMode %%EBCDIC/MIXED%%
Allow From all
</Directory>

AliasMatch ^/web2edoc/(.*) /webopt/$1
ScriptAliasMatch ^/web2e$ /qsys.lib/y2web.lib/yrouter.lib
 **********End of Data**********

 F3=Exit    F10=Display Hex    F12=Exit   F15=Services   F16=Repeat find
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how things changed at r8.5

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- At r8.5, we use a copy of Web Option router
  - Specified in the environment library
  - Updated with latest shipped version on upgrade
  - One HTTP server instance can be used for many environments

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r8.5 HTTP configuration

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 Browse : /www/y2web86/conf/httpd.conf
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ScriptAliasMatch ^/web2e-es$ /qsys.lib/espenv.lib/yrouter.lib
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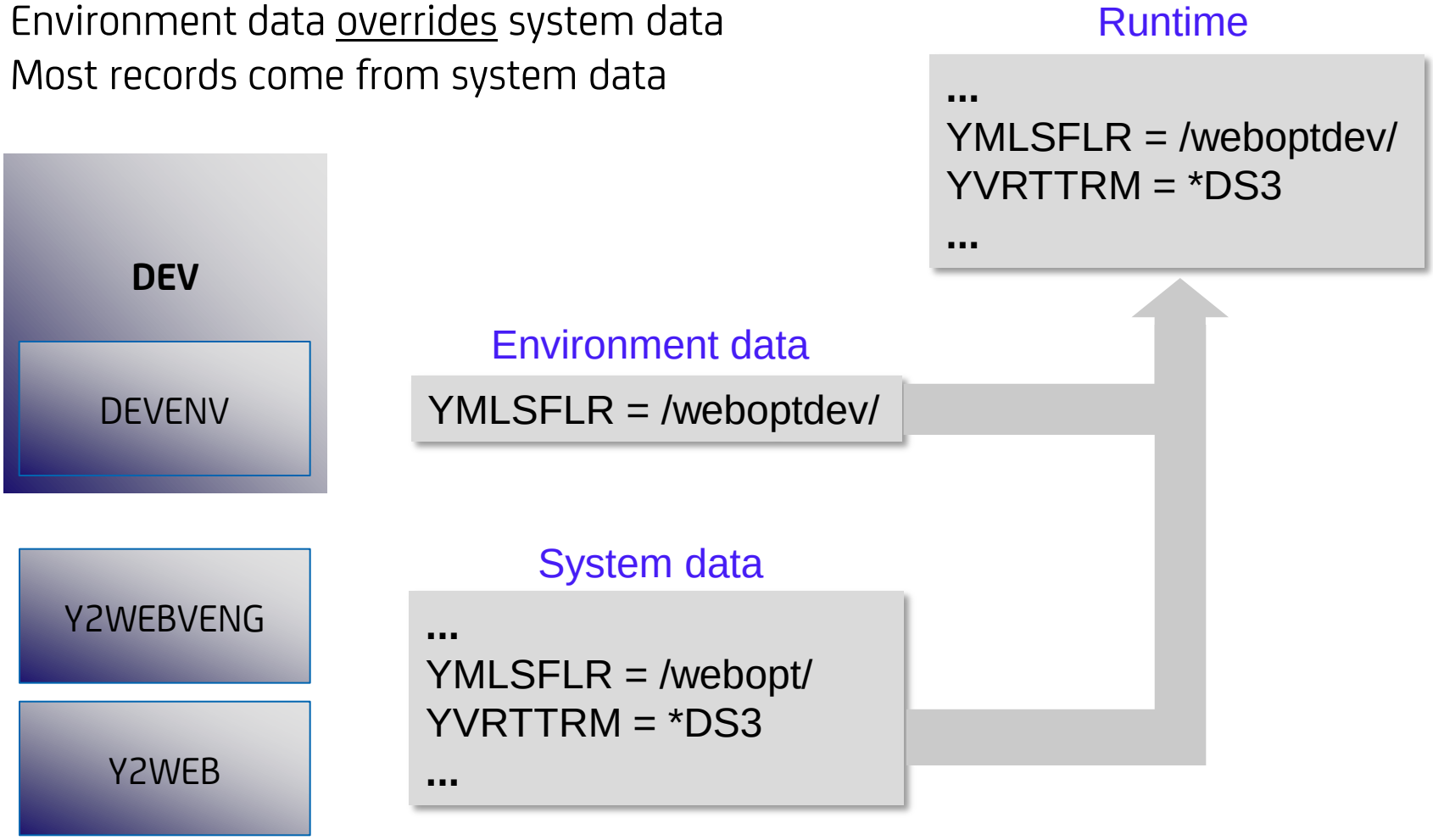
r8.5 data override processing

Environment data overrides system data
Most records come from system data



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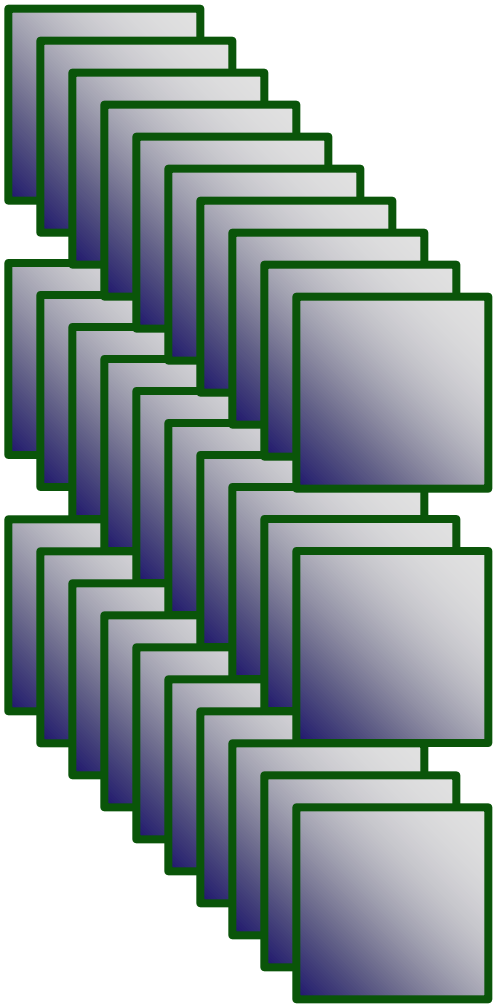
r8.5 server job increase



Prior to r8.5, Web Option allowed a maximum of **30** server jobs...

...which sounds like a lot...

...but isn't enough if you have a BIG Web Option installation...

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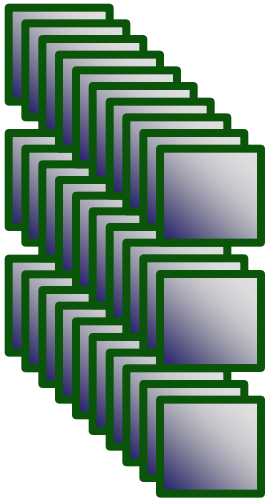
r8.5 server job increase



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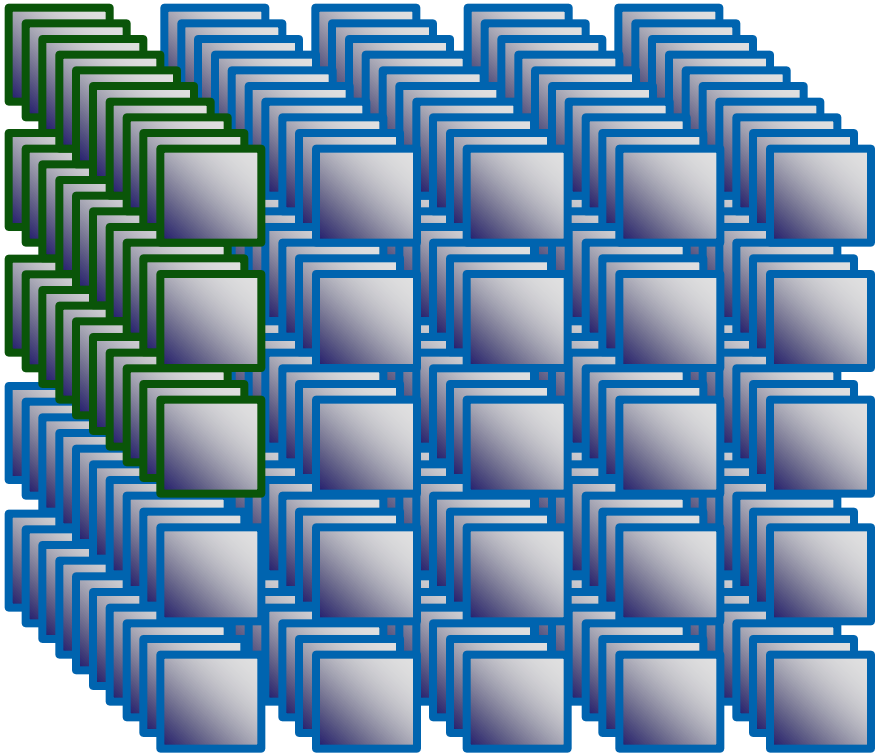
r8.5 server job increase



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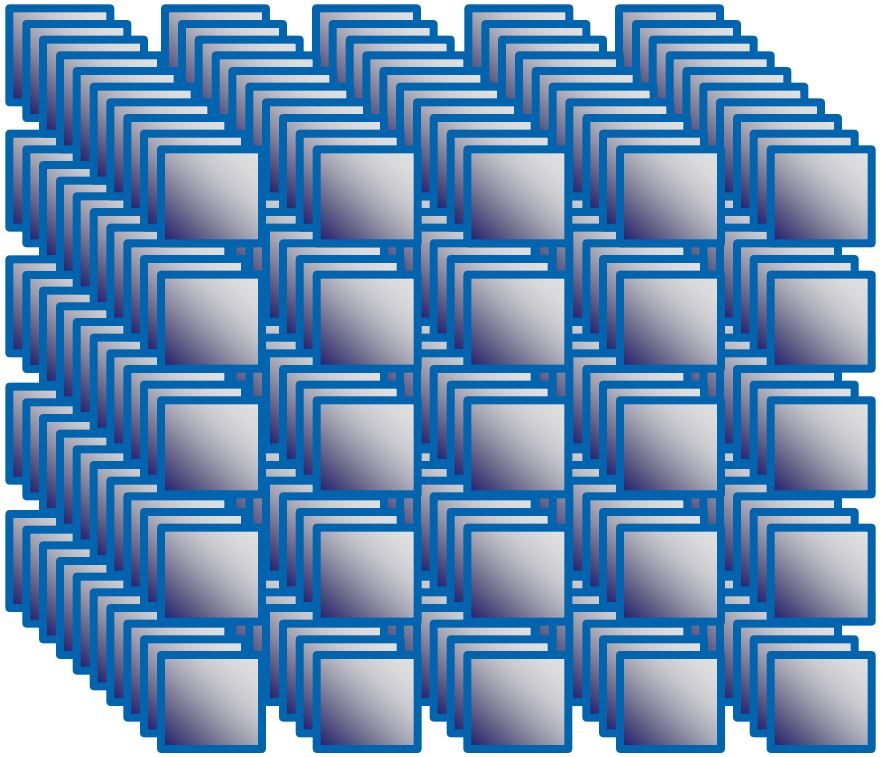

...to **500**

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how things changed at r8.5

- Better DBCS support
  - Support for all variables being DBCS-mixed
- New YSKLCHK control value (in PTF)
  - Specifies how often to check if skeletons have been changed
  - **Big** improvement to runtime performance
- Improved confirm prompt processing
  - Fully handled in client-side JavaScript
- Improved data caching
- YGENMLS changed to flush memory
  - Always uses latest control values from file

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how things changed at r8.5

- Service Program Diagnostic Load Utility (SPDLU)
  - Allows user or CA support to quickly diagnose *SRVPGM errors
- IPv6 compatibility
- Runtime test fix library installation
  - Allows quick and easy testing of supplied PTF's and test fixes
- Field-level right-click (context) menu
  - Allows right-click options at field- or record-level
  - Supplied as single JavaScript file yctxmnu.js
  - Minor element customization changes to implement

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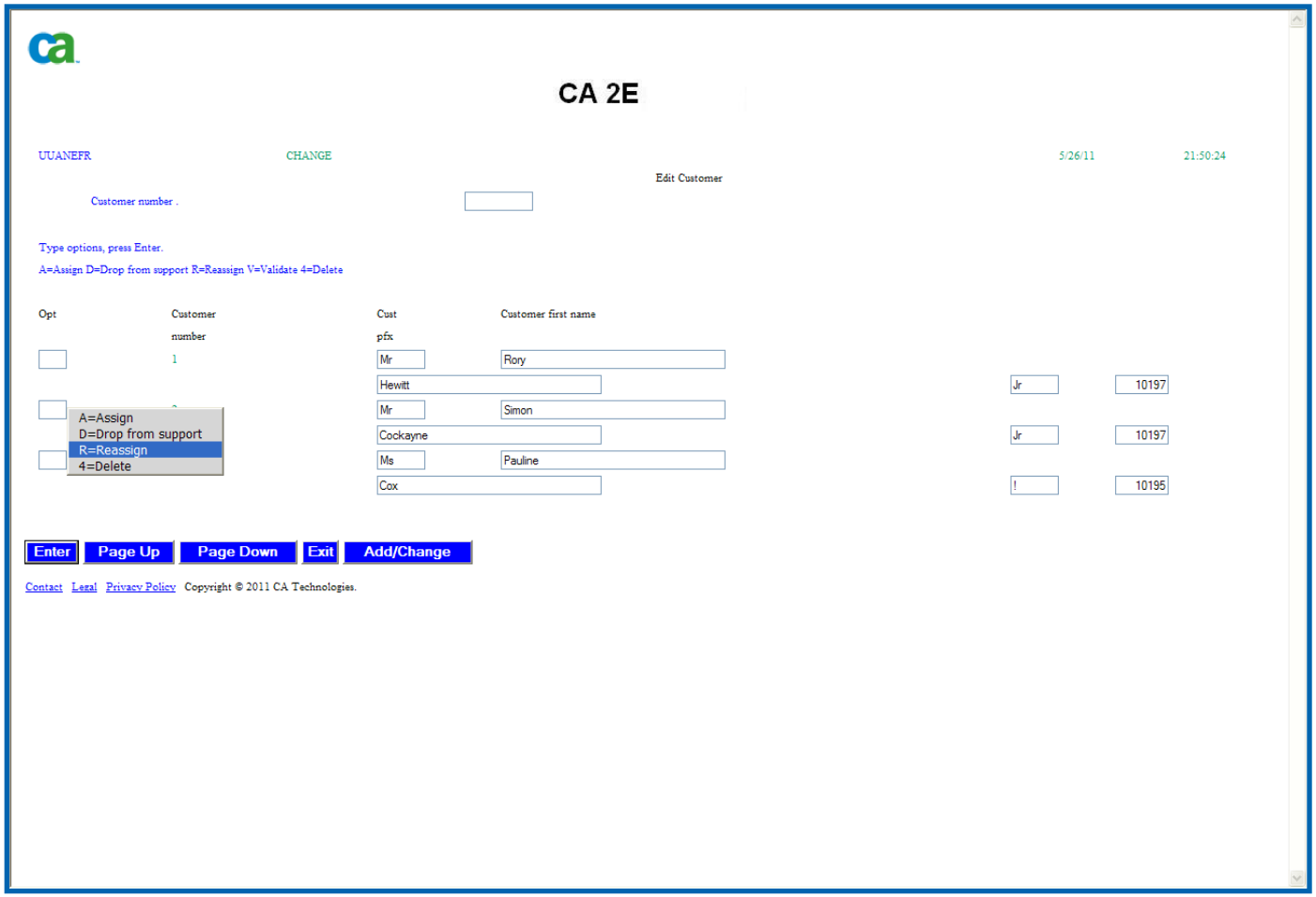

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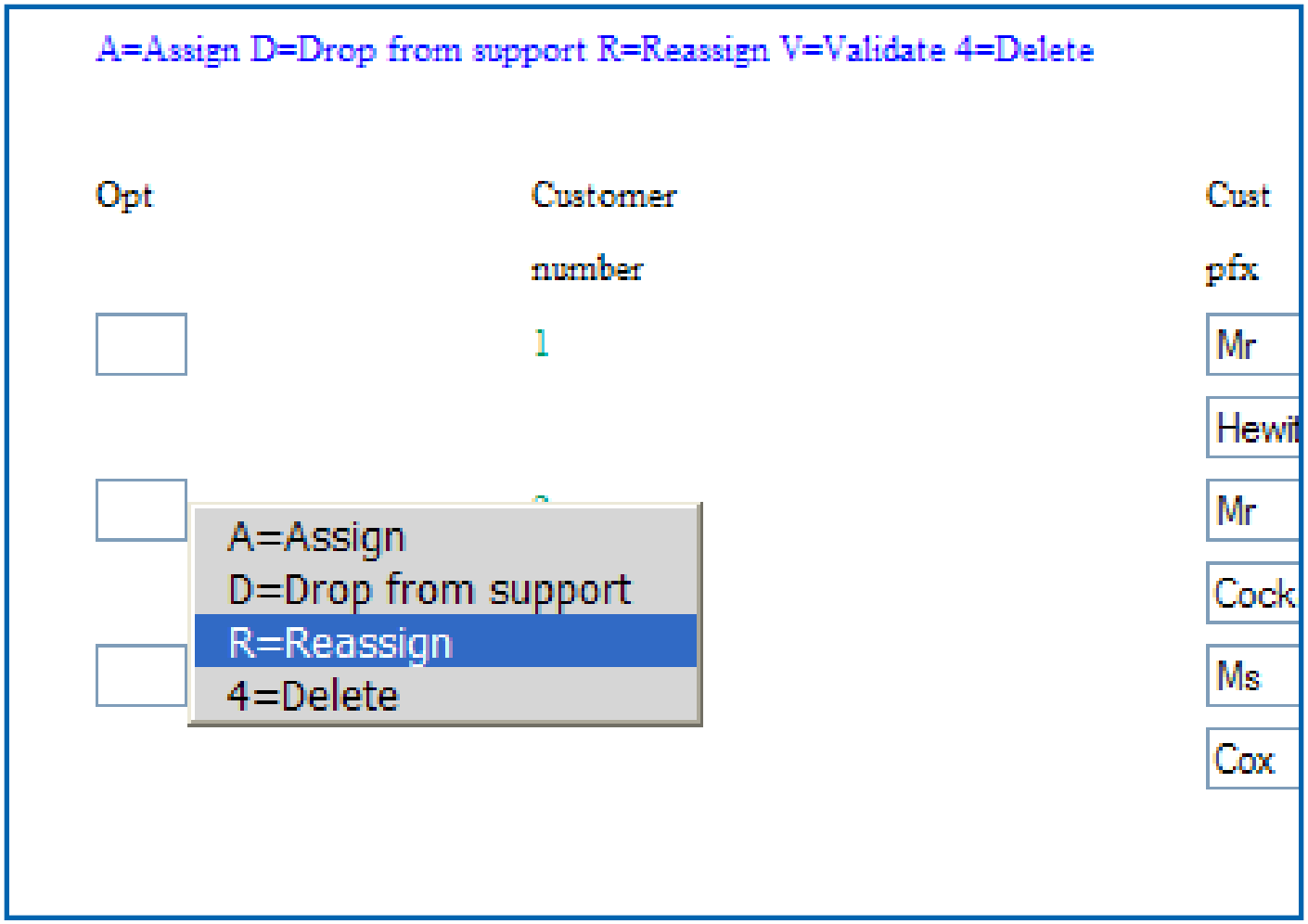

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future enhancements

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future enhancements (not confirmed)

- Single instance of data loaded into memory
  - Significantly reduced CPU usage & overall 'footprint'
  - Reduced start-up time
- Improved MLS data generator/editor
  - Easier to separate user/system data
- Further element customization improvements
- Improved client-side processing
  - HTML 4.0-compliancy
  - Extended use of CSS and JavaScript
  - Allow dynamic JavaScript libraries

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Finally...

- You'll all be glad to hear that we have a new Development machine
  - Bigger – all our stuff takes up about 10% of entire disk space!
  - Faster – CPU-tastic!!
  - Better – we're not sharing with other teams!!!
- Release 8.6 will be available for V5R4 onwards

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