

## gmStudio Workshop

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Workshop Agenda

Objectives, Expectations, and Context

- Methodology Concepts
- Technology Concepts
- Demonstrations and Labs
- Onsite Smart Start





- Objectives
  - Successfully upgrade VB6/ASP systems to .NET
  - Understand how Great Migrations can help you
- Expectations
  - VB6/ASP systems = ?
  - Successfully = ?
  - Upgrade = ?
  - .NET = ?
- Additional Reading
  - greatmigrations.com/pubs/gmStudioPricing.pdf
  - greatmigrations.com/resources/myth-busters.aspx

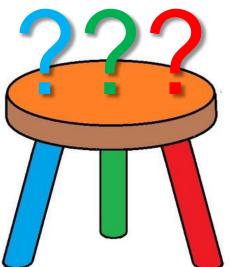






## **Three Factors**

- As-Is: what do you have?
- To-Be: what do you want?
- How: how will you get there?
  - Priorities
  - People
  - Process
  - Productivity
  - Proof







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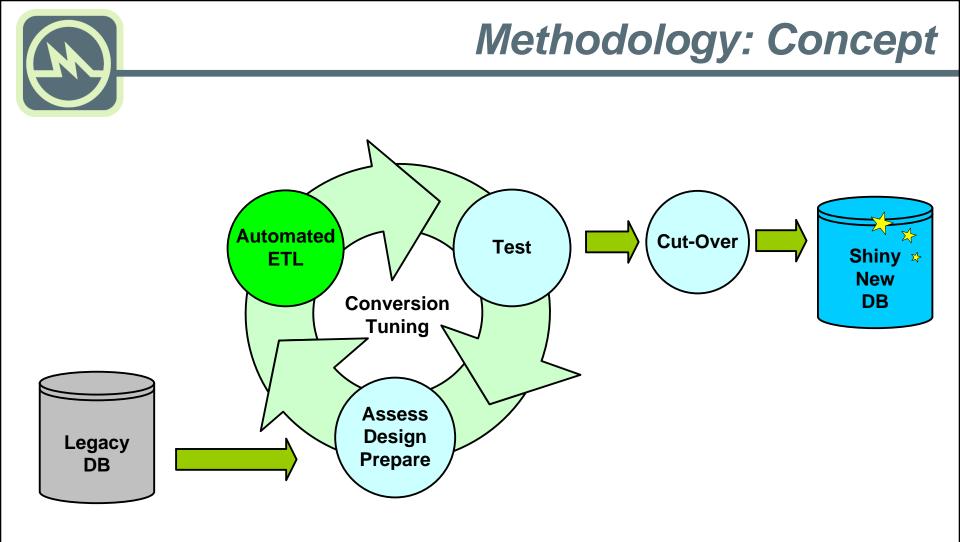
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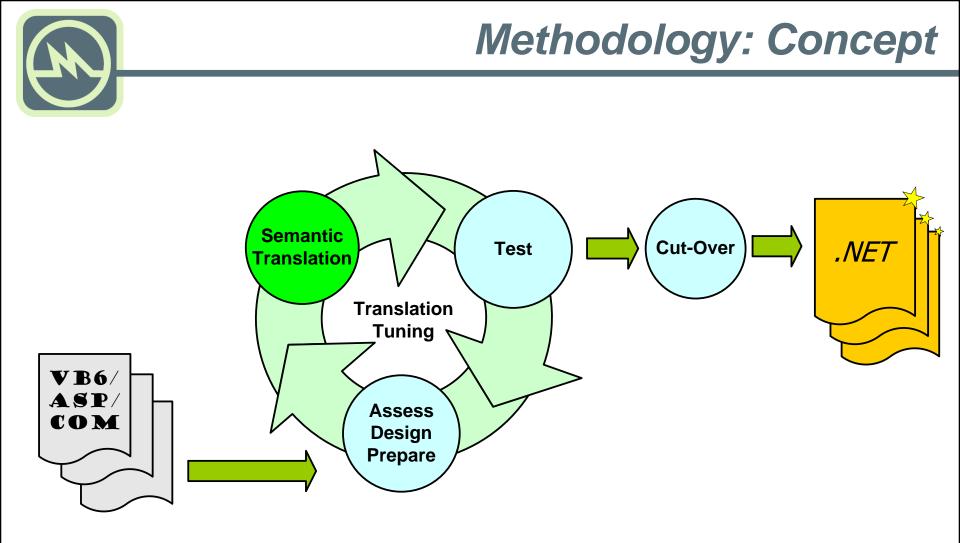


- **Estimation**
- What is the Source/Target Architecture? Do you have a target architecture in mind?
  - Inter-related VBPs?
  - Shared Code Files?
  - Code to be removed?
  - Specific new components to incorporate?
- What is the Maintenance Process? (SDLC, schedule, team structure/size/capabilities)
- What is your Source/Target Platform? OS upgrade? Multiple-OS?
- What is the desired migration team? (testers, developers, internal/external partners)
- What is your expected process for project status tracking and management?
- What is your specific acceptance criteria for deliverables?
- Do you plan to change functionality during the migration?
- Are you interested in having GM develop automated unit tests?
- What is your Development Process (unit testing? Other tools?)
- What is your SCM Process? (Version control, tools, standards)
- What is your Deployment Process?
- What is your Test Process? (team, environment, data, automation)





### **The Tool-Assisted Data Conversion**

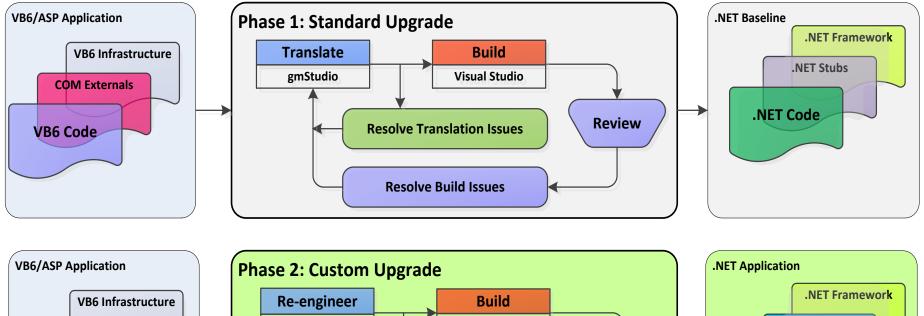


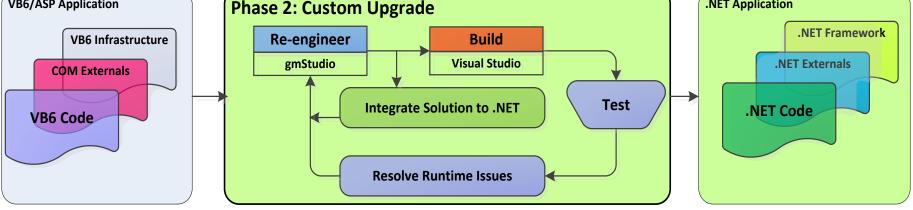
### **The Tool-Assisted Rewrite**

Agile Iterative Scalable Repeatable Measureable Improvable



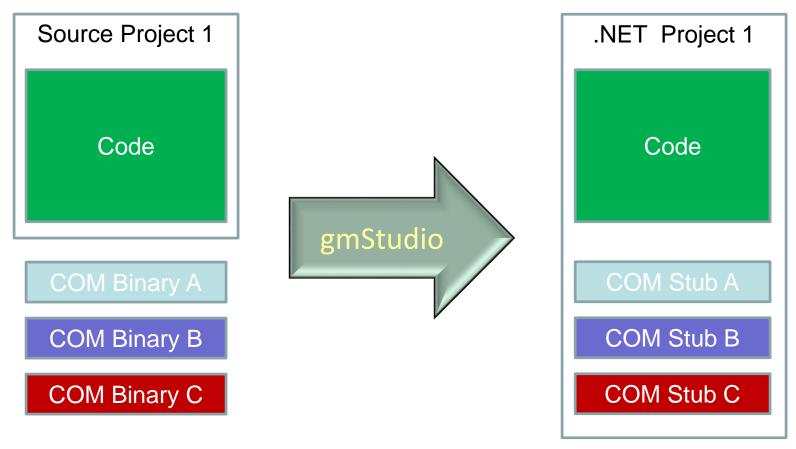
## Methodology: Phases





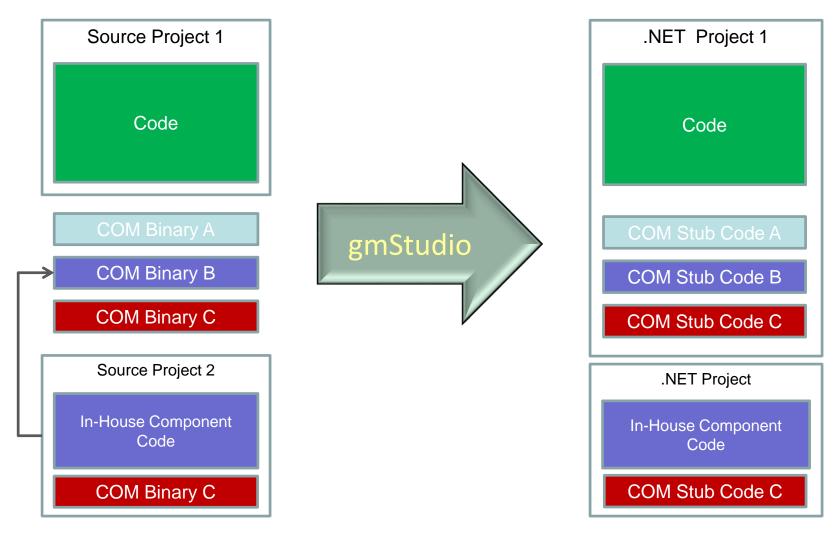


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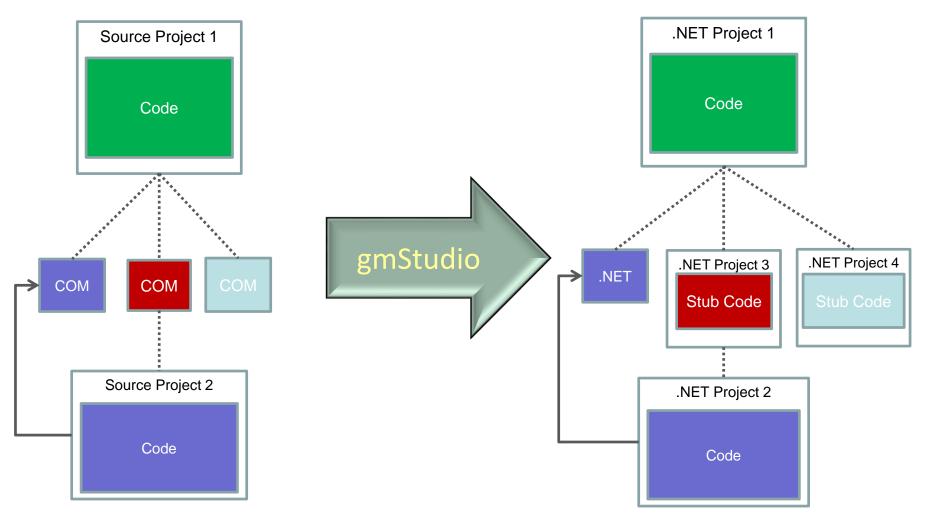


## Multiple, Standalone Translations



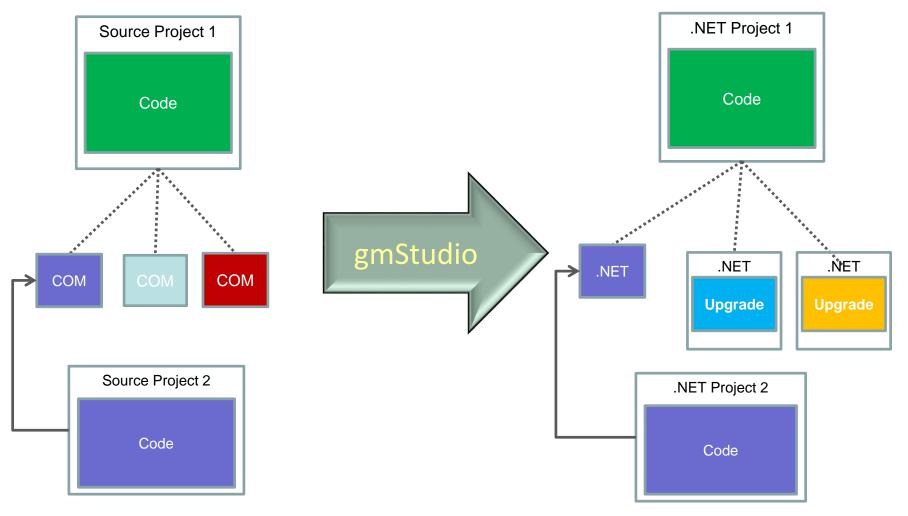


## Multiple, Integrated Translations

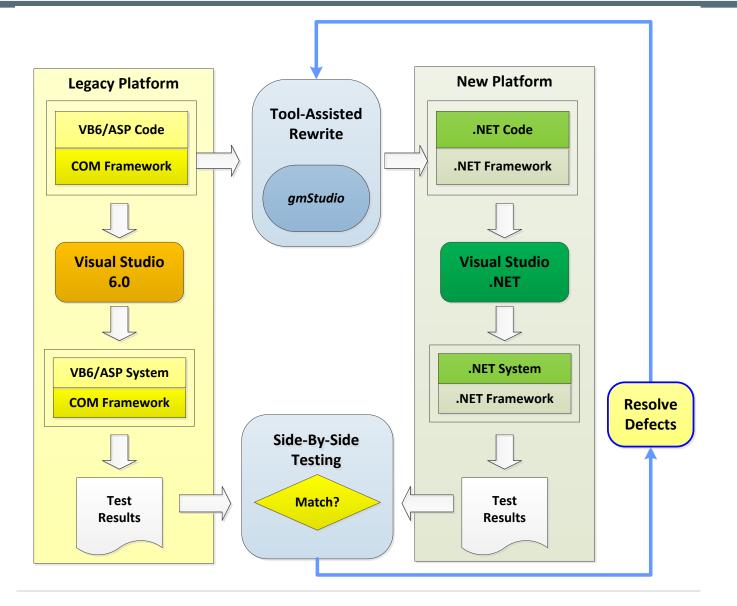




## Multiple, Integrated Upgraded Translations



## Methodology: Side-by-Side Testing



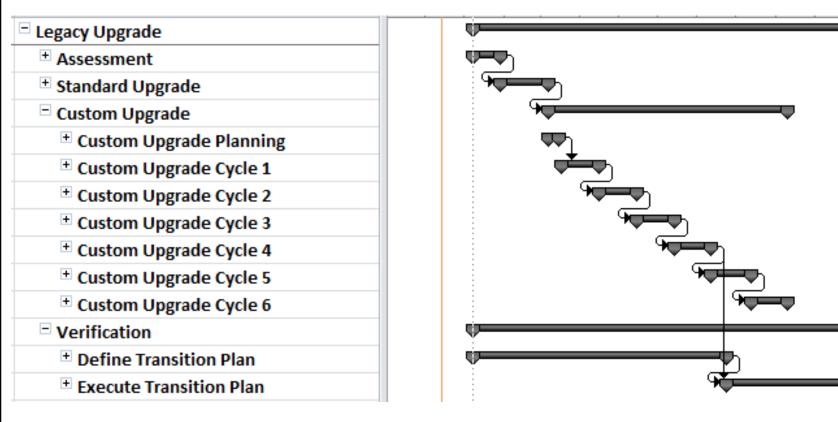


- 0: Source Complete, Ready to Translate
- 1: Translate Complete, Ready to Assess
- 2: Build Complete, Ready for Reengineering
- 3: Reengineering Complete, Ready for Testing
- 4: Verification Complete, Ready for Cut-Over





## Methodology: Project Plan







Custom Upgrade	С
Custom Upgrade Planning	1
Structural Issues	2
COM	
Language Issues	3
Entry-Point APIs	4
DevOps	
Custom Upgrade CheckPoint	5
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#### Custom Upgrade Cycle

- 1. Analyze requirements in the application
- 2. Select effective and economical strategy
- 3. Design solution feature
- 4. Develop Migration Unit Test (MUT)
- 5. Implement and Verify solution in MUT
- 6. Integrate solution feature with the application upgrade
- 7. Integrate feature results with new application
- 8. Select scope of work for next cycle

Repeat until all **required** upgrade features are integrated into the new application



## Methodology: Balance

## Convert or Rewrite?



The Great Migrations Methodology balances automated translation and other techniques to create s custom upgrade solution that delivers high quality results with less risk and less effort.





### Inputs

- VB6 Code VBPs and source code files
- COM Components (3PCs)
- .NET Coding Standards, Design Standards, SCM Standards
- Replacement Components (.NET Framework, 3PCs, In-House Components IHCs)

### • Tools

- Attitude! Check your preconceptions about the limits of automated reengineering.
- Brain! Must Be Detail-Oriented! Vague objectives cannot be met.
- gmStudio.exe / gmBasic.exe / gmDeploy.exe
- .NET tools, MSBuild.exe / VBC.exe / CSC.EXE / ASPNET\_Compiler.exe / VS2010
- VB6, Programmer's Editor, File Comparison Tool
- Excel (for analysis of reports), SQL Server

### Steps

- Preparation: gather/refine inputs
- Translation: run translations
- Verification: code review, build tests, functional tests, technical tests

### Outputs

- Repeatable high-performance VB6/ASP/COM to .NET upgrade solution
- .NET codes of increasing quality





- Overview
  - gmStudio
  - gmBasic
- Demonstrations
  - Preparation
  - Translation
  - Deployment
  - Verification
  - Refinement

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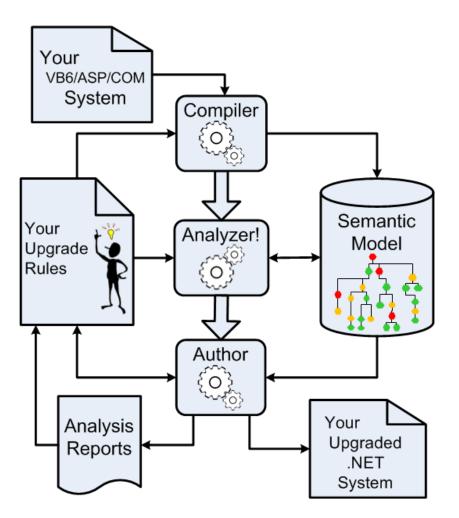
## Technology: gmBasic Overview

#### What is gmBasic?

A highly configurable, robust VB6/ASP/COM compiler that produces source codes instead of binaries.

#### How does it work?

- Compiler: Builds a comprehensive semantic model of the codebase implementation.
- Analyzer: evaluates and restructures the model to fit the desired architecture patterns.
- Author: processes the optimized model to generate clean, correct code that meets custom standards and conventions.



VB6 to .NET, ASP to .NET, IDL to XML, XML to .NET, Scripting, Reporting...



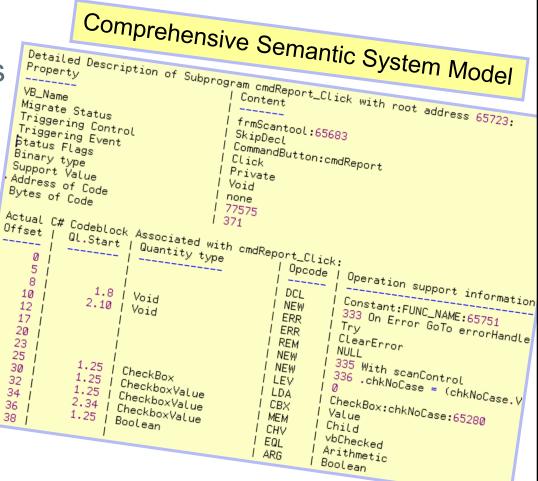
- Upgrade Development Environment
  - Project Setup Code and COM Assessment
  - Process Orchestration
  - Solution Development and Experimentation
  - Search, Analysis, and Reporting
- "Integrated" Tools
  - Transformation: gmBasic.exe
  - Deployment: gmDeploy.exe
  - Code Editing: e.g. Notepad++
  - File/Folder Comparison: e.g. BeyondCompare
  - Other: VB6, VisualStudio, MSBuild, Excel, Custom



## Technology: gmBasic Internals

### **Semantic Model**

- Symbol Trees
  - External Components
  - Language Elements
  - Source Structures
- P-Code Tables
  - Operations
  - Expressions
  - Source Mappings



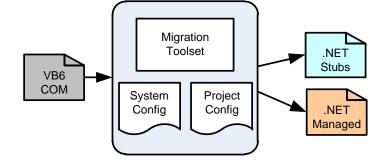


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- Standalone EXE
  - ListView
  - TreeView
  - ImageList
  - StatusBar
  - ToolBar
  - RichTextBox
  - Scripting

- VB6 to .Net (externals stubbed)
- VB6 to .Net (externals upgraded)
- Look at Code, Build, Report, Run





## **Technology: Upgrade Solution Files**

- gmStudio Project Files
  - Project Settings
  - Project Tasks: VBPs, ASP Pages, Special Scripts
- Translation Script Templates
- COM Interface Description Files (IDFs)
- Project Metalanguage Files
  - Startup File
  - System Language Description
  - Source Language Description
  - Language Translation Rules
  - Code Authoring Rules and Templates
- User Batch Command Script Templates
- Other files: custom scripts, unit tests



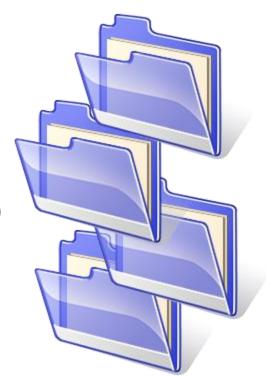
## Technology: Upgrade Workspace

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[Migration1]
                            : Workspace root folder
    +---deploy
                           : All generated code
        +---bin
                           : runtime assemblies (i.e. MigrationSupport.dll and Interop Assemblies)
            +---GenInterop : Interop Assembly Generation workspace
        +--- externs : prototype (stub) assemblies generated from COM binaries
        +--- task1 : .NET project code for task1
                            : .NET project code for task2
        +--- task2
        +--- taskN
                        : .NET project code for taskN.
                           : Interface description files
    +---idf
       +---FromCode
                           : IDFs generated from VB6 code
        \---FromIDL
                           : IDFs generated from COM binaries/IDL
                            : Translation logs, Build logs, Deployment logs, working scripts, etc.
    +---log
                            : Analytics reports
    +---report
                           : RESX files generated for your migration
    +---resx
        +--- task1 : .resx files for task1
        +--- task2
                           : .resx files for task2
        +--- taskN
                       : .resx files for taskN.
                            : User-authored upgrade solution files
    \---usr
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## **Technology: Generated Files**

- Metadata, Artifacts, Logs
  - Actual Translation Scripts
  - Content Bundles (.BND)
  - Information Files (.VBI)
  - Interface Description Files (.XML)
  - Translation Logs
  - Deployment Logs
  - Build Logs
  - Reports (.TAB, .TXT)
- .NET Code and Binaries
  - Generated .NET Application Codes (Deploy Folder)
  - Generated Stub Classes (instead of interop)
  - Generated Stub Assemblies (instead of interop)
  - Interop Assemblies (rarely used)





Analytics-References Report

### • What really matters:

 How you *actually* use COM/VB6 APIs

AND

- How you intend to replace them on the new platform.
- All API replacements are
   **NOT** created equal!

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		firstChild	Lib_Property	3		3
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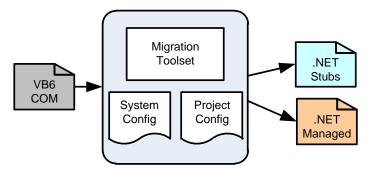
- Assembly References
- Namespaces
- Classes, Structs
- Enumerations
- Enum Entries
- Members, Properties
- Control Initialization (Designer)
- Event Handlers
- Dynamic Rules
  - gmSL Scripts
  - Migration DLLs

**Baseline COM IDF** ┿ Hand Customization **Custom IDF** giving Automated **COM Replacement** 



### **Managed Interface Descriptions**

- Template Generated from COM
- Map source API to target API



#### GM.Scrrun.dll.xml

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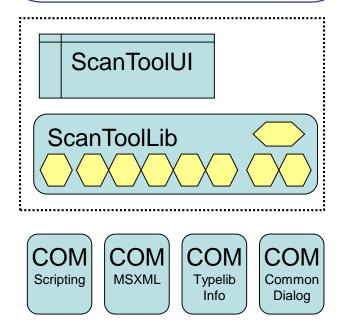
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### • VB6 to .Net (externals stubbed)

- Local Stubs
- VB6 to .Net (externals upgraded)
  - COM replacements
  - Custom Runtime
- Look at Code, Build, Report, Run

### Demo: ScanTool

- Two VBPs: UI.exe and LIB.dll
- Lib talks back to UI via events
- 4 External COM APIs
- Win32 APIs
- Many VB Intrinsics
- Object Polymorphism
- Error Handling
- Over 2000 LOC





## **Technology: Reporting**

Title	Output File
Code Scan Reports	
Source Structure	[MigName]-SrcStruct.tab
Source References	[MigName]-SrcRef.tab
Source Members	[MigName]-SrcMember.tab
Source GUI Scan	[MigName]-SrcGUI.tab
Source Code Scan	[MigName]-SrcScan.tab
Iceberg	[MigName]-Iceberg.tab
Project Reports	
Project Summary	[MigName]-MigStat.txt
Metrics Summary	[MigName]-Metrics.htm
Migration Set	[MigName]-MigSet.tab
Code Bundles	[MigName]-Bundle.tab
.NET Build Logs	[MigName]-BldLog.tab
Translation Logs	[MigName]-TranLog.tab
All Logs	[MigName]-AllLog.txt
Interface File Headers	[MigName]-LibHeaders.tab
Interface File ProgIds	[MigName]-LibProgIds.tab
Semantic Model Reports	
Semantic References	[MigName]-AnaRef.tab
Semantic Definitions	[MigName]-AnaDef.tab
Semantic Symbols	[MigName]-AnaSym.tab
Semantic Audit	[MigName]-Audit.txt
Utility Reports	
Migration Project List	gmProjects.tab
Multi-Unit Script	tran.[MigName]_MultiJob.xml
Target Code Scan	[MigName]-BndScan.tab
Target Code Changes	[MigName]-BndChanges.txt

### • Run

- Report menu (open after run)
- Report Panel (batch runs)
- Types
  - Code Scans
  - Project Reports
  - Model-based
  - Utilities
- Formats
  - Tab-delimted
  - Unformatteed
- Locations
  - Workspace\log
  - Workspace\report

## **Technology: Searching**

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### Search, Drill Down, Report



## Technology: SQL Analysis

**Output File** 

[MigName]-SrcStruct.tab

[MigName]-SrcMember.tab

[MigName]-SrcRef.tab

[MigName]-SrcGUI.tab

[MigName]-SrcScan.tab

[MigName]-MigStat.txt

 Bulk Insert to SQL
 Source Structure

 Various Procs and Queries
 Source Members

 Load into Excel
 Source Code Scan

 Project Reports
 Project Summary

Title

#### Semantic Model Reports

Semantic References Semantic Definitions [MigName]-AnaRef.tab [MigName]-AnaDef.tab



#### **Basic Transformations**

- Replace COM/Win32 APIs with .NET replacements
- Reauthor, Remove, or Stubout a member, class, file or entire component
- Control target file names, folder names, etc.
- Control target Visual Studio project files (resx, assemblyinfo, \*proj)
- Control formatting blank lines, comments, indenting, boilerplate code
- Specify settings that control internal translator operation

### **Advanced Transformations**

- Generate a complete skeleton of all application and external components
- Consolidate of Shared files into a new or existing host assembly
- Convert of COM classes to WCF web services
- Convert shared module state to thread-isolated state
- Break build cycles: convert circular references to interface references
- Define rules to map ASP/VB6 language elements to .NET coding patterns
- Shared Files Consolidation
- Custom



- Select Identifier Attributes
- Select Value Attributes
- Select Enumerated Attributes
- Select Search String Attributes
- Select Location String Attributes
- Select ComputeConditional String Attribute
- Select Author Flag Attributes
- Select Compiler Flag Attributes
- Select Analyser Flag Attributes
- Select Process Flag Attributes



- Dependency: Specify a possibly omitted include file dependency
- EditFile: Supply a set of Fix statements for a specified file
- FixType: Fix the type of a source component
- FixStatus: Specify an ASP page status
- Guid: Define the value of a GUID
- IdfStatus: Specify the Interface Description File status of an external
- Include: Specify the path to an include file
- LibName: Specify a library name or file name
- OverLoadArgument: Specify types for arguments to be overloaded
- Progld: Resolve a Progld
- RefactorFile: Supply a set of Refactor statements for a specified file
- SharedFile: Specifies that a file is shared by multiple VBPs
- UsesInterfaces: Specifies that a project file uses certain interfaces

## Technology: Fix/Replace



### • When to use

- Correcting source VB6 coding errors
- Correcting rare exceptions
- Work arounds

### Types of Fixes

- Source Code Fix (Compile/Fix/Replace)
- Target Code Fix (Author/Fix/Replace@lang="csh")
- Target Project Fix (Author/Fix/Replace@lang="csproj")
- Whole File (Author/Fix/ReplaceFile)
- Target Stub Class (Author/Fix@FileFilter="[lib.dll]"/Replace)
- Any File Fix (Fix@FileFilter="path"/Replace)
- Regex Fix (bundle) (Author/Fix/Replace@status="regex")



CallByName	Changes symbol-related code events that yield CallByName late
	binding calls into direct boxed calls.

- Extend Extends the content of a class by adding new components.
- FixType Changes the binary type of a component or group of components
- Implements Specifies that a VB6 class implements another class or interface.
- MigClass Introduces a new class that contains related refactoring information used for complex migration operations, especially as related to designer code.
- Migrate Specifies migration of a specific symbol introduced via an external library description.
- Reauthor Replaces the content of a subprogram with a completely rewritten block of code
- Remove Prevents a component from being authored
- Rename Changes the authored name of components
- Replace Replaces either the members of an external class or the patterns of opcodes via replacement declarations.



#### Translation Script – Refactor/Reauthor

```
<Refactor errorstatus="ignore">
   <Reauthor subprogram="%SrcFileStem%.GetComputerName"><![CDATA[</pre>
   public static string GetComputerName()
      // UPGRADE_INFO: hand-coded
      return System.Environment.MachineName;
   11></Reauthor>
   <Reauthor subprogram="%SrcFileStem%.LogNTEvent"><![CDATA[</pre>
   public static void LogNTEvent(string sString, int iLogType, int il
      // UPGRADE_INFO: hand-coded
       MigrationSupport.Lib.LogEvent(sString, (System.Diagnostics.E
       iLogType, iEventID, sEventTitle);
   11></Reauthor>
   <Reauthor subprogram="%SrcFileStem%.NullsToZero"><![CDATA[</pre>
   public static decimal NullsToZero(object v)
      // UPGRADE_INFO: hand-coded
      decimal NullsToZero = 0.00M:
      var f = v as MigrationSupport.DataLib.SglClient.Field;
      if (f != null)
         var value = f.Value:
         NullsToZero = (value == DBNull.Value ? 0 : Convert.ToDecir
      else
         NullsToZero = (v == null ? 0 : Convert.ToDecimal(v));
      return NullsToZero;
   11></Reauthor>
   </Refactor>
```

#### BEFORE

```
public static string GetComputerName()
{
   string GetComputerName = "";
   // Set or retrieve the name of the computer.
   string strBuffer = "";
   int lngLen = 0;
   strBuffer = VBNET.Strings.Space(255 + 1);
   lngLen = VBNET.Strings.Len(strBuffer);
   if (Convert.ToBoolean(GetComputerNameAPI(
      strBuffer,out lngLen)))
   {
      GetComputerName =
      VBNET.Strings.Left(strBuffer,lngLen);
    }
   else
   {
      GetComputerName = "";
    }
   return GetComputerName;
}
```

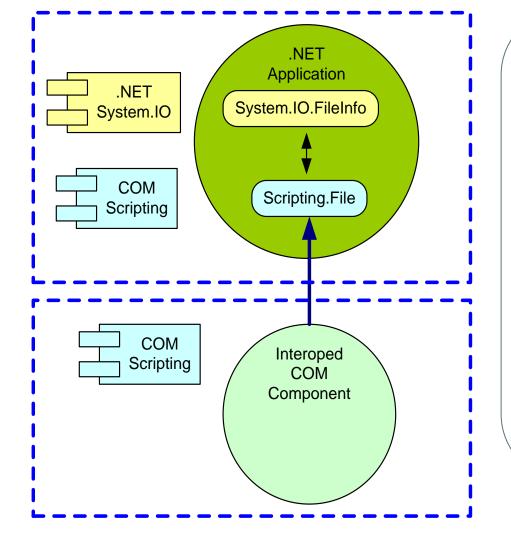
#### AFTER

public static string GetComputerName()

// UPGRADE\_INFO: hand-coded
return System.Environment.MachineName;



### Sidebar: API Crossing



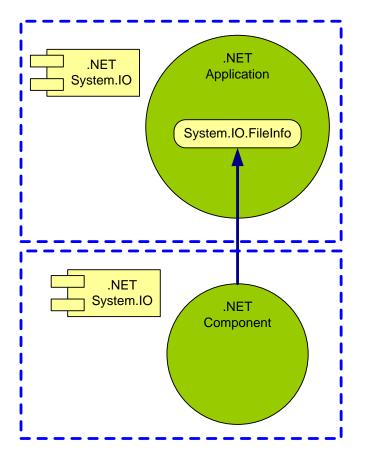
#### **Be wary of Top-Down Migrations**

- COM interfaces have COM types as member parameters and return types.
- If you interop COM components, your .NET clients will end up straddling the fence between COM and .NET and this will require more interop code which runs counter to the premise of adopting .NET in first place.





### Sidebar: API Crossing



#### **Bottom-Up, SmartPort Migrations**

- gmBasic remembers what it has translated and *knows* which components are going to .NET
- gmBasic knows how interfaces are changing to use new

#### types

• gmBasic uses this information to generate clean, native

code in client applications.

	Generated Interface Description
⊖ <localdescriptionfile></localdescriptionfile>	
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	Juste Processor Ske [[MScocks_bb.vbp
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id="FMStocks_DB.dll" name="FMStocks_DB"	
migName="FMStocks_DB"	
location="\FMStocks_DB_std_	_csh\bin\FMStocks_DB.dll"
type="Native"	
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<pre><importlib <="" id="GM.msado27.tlb" pre=""></importlib></pre>	/>
<class id="Version"></class>	
<pre><class id="Account"></class> <class id="TxNew"></class></pre>	
<class id="Broker"></class>	
<class id="Position"></class>	
<pre><class id="Ticker"></class> <class id="Tx"></class></pre>	
<pre><class id="1x"></class> <class id="DBHelper"></class></pre>	