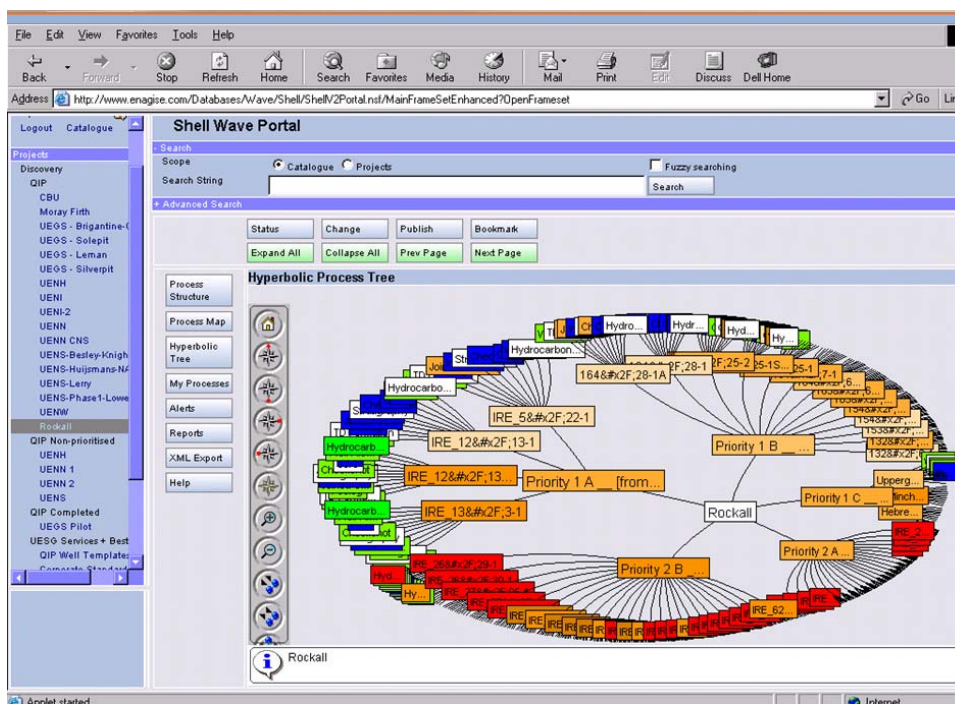


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Shell's 'Wave' Portal (courtesy [Flare Consultants](#))

Around 60 attended the fifth SMi E&P Data and Information management conference. Shell's Discovery data clean-up program continues to dominate the data management agenda, with an update from [Erik van Kuijk](#) and an insight into how security issues are being managed from [Richard Mapleston](#). Aspects of the Discovery work are recycled (though POSC and the UK DTI) into (yet?) another joint industry-government data initiative. As the UK market matures, there is a consensus between government, industry and suppliers that more should be done to facilitate newcomers' access to data. The [UK Pilot Data Initiative](#) – sets out to address this issue by reducing the time for 'hot' data to move into the public domain, and ultimately by simplifying location and access to public and 'added value' data. Some place in between Discovery and Pilot the technologists have spotted an opportunity to promote '[web services](#)' – direct computer to computer interaction of the type which was once promised by object technologies. Hard to tell whether web services have relevance here other than as a marketing vehicle (for Microsoft's .NET or IBM's Web Sphere). The Norwegian DISKOS project was up and running for years before 'web services' were even dreamed of! But they may provide a convenient lever for the UK to get its data act together. A paper by [Flare Consultants](#) applies risk analysis to investment in information management while a presentation from [Instant Library](#) looked into disaster recovery in IT and document stores. [Exprodat](#) continues to develop its GIS-focused E&P data access.

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