Repurpose, Compose, Profit— Next Generation SOA Infrastructure



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What is SOA?

- "Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) is a paradigm for organizing and utilizing distributed capabilities that may be under the control of different ownership domains." [OASIS SOA RM]
- Practical application is more concrete
 - Binding, assembly, policy, deployment
- You don't buy SOA, you do SOA
 - approach to problems



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Service Orientation

- Services and composition are not new
 - Services architectures decades old
- Service composition hasn't solved all our problems
- Hard problems in factoring and composition
 - Granularity suited to problem and implementation



Value from SOA

- Cost of design for repurpose/reuse <<
 Business value for repurpose/reuse
- Pace of business innovation faster
- Coarse-grained services easier to assemble
 - Fewer XML/web interfaces required
 - Easier to repurpose/reuse
 - May be harder to adapt



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SOA in the Enterprise 1

After Anne Thomas Manes, Burton Group

- SOA Today:
 - Using SOA Technologies for integration
 - Standardizing on runtime infrastructure
 - Adopting enterprise architecture perspective, planning, governance



SOA in the Enterprise 2

- Future of SOA
 - Delivering strategic value
 - Flexible and adaptive systems
 - Supplanting current systems
 - Accelerated innovation
 - Self-optimizing systems
 - Improved business value
 - Simpler management



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Optimize Business Value

- Best of Breed / Best Value
 - Business people in design and deployment
- Runtime management and monitoring
- Early detection of problems
- Business criteria for optimization
- Enhance business agility
 - "presentation of capabilities through creative composites"—Eisenstein, GE Money



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Optimization 1

- Self-optimizing can mean many things
 - Increased efficiency
 - Improving performance and agility
 - Continuous business process improvement
- Configuration and optimization to increase business value
 - Policy and assembly instead of coding
 - Innovations are coming in automated improvement
 - Craft components to allow optimization



Optimization 2

- Optimization of
 - Software (assembled components)
 - Reassembly for improved business performance
 - Business Quality of Service
 - Business issues, technical solutions
- Dynamic improvement vs. static configuration
 - Runtime behavior (long and short term) as input
 - Enable self-optimization
- A new way of improving business apps



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Three Approaches

- Compose by selecting Service Components at deployment
- Modify existing deployment
 - Incremental change
- Modify business process (and deployment)
 - Too many degrees of freedom?
 - Automation and/or workbench support feasible



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Optimization Enablers

- SOA architectural approach
- Business metrics and description
- Determine the business value of a deployment
 - Competition for components more likely
- Business process models, execution, choreography



Technology Requirements 1

- Model
- Terminology
- Services and service components
 - Compose and reconfigure for business value
 - Definition
 - Deployment
 - Assembly
 - Policy



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Technology Requirements 2

- Business Quality of Service [BQoS]
 - Quantify value related to *your* business
 - Reliability and third party evaluation issues
- Reliability and rating of services' BQoS
 - Validate, estimate
- Business Service Level Agreements
- To be addressed by OASIS EERP Technical Committee (in formation process)



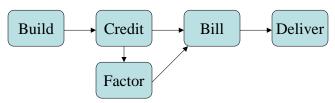
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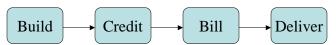
A Simple Example 1



- Compose by selection
 - Select service providers using BQoS
 - Criteria? Evaluation of solution?
- Modify existing deployment
 - Replace failed services and/or improve by replacement



A Simple Example 2



- Improve Business Process
 - Estimate value of possible changes
 - Use EERP approach with BQoS to evaluate changes
 - Optimize proposed process service discovery before selection
- Best value from process change
- New products faster
 - Evaluate potential product deployments
 - GE Money examples (see references)



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Problems and Solutions

- Problems
 - Complex evaluation for real business processes
 - Process change is complex, more an art than a science
 - Some business metrics are specific to an industry
- Solutions
 - Incremental optimization conceptually easier
 - Improve deployment
 - Figure-of-merit evaluation guides process change
 - · Improve process
 - BQoS to communicate business value for your business
 - · Improve value



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Conclusions

- SOA mindset enhances business value
- Next generation will enable optimization
- Service component capabilities
- Business Quality of Service
- Value from optimization
 - Build in an optimized way
 - Modify existing deployment
 - Improve business process



Questions

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