



IBM WebSphere

# WebSphere & SOA Architectures: Vision and Strategy

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Be prepared for **change**.  
It's the only thing you can count on.



# Building a new kind of company

- Need for **flexibility** and innovation is forcing organizations to break their business processes into manageable parts
- Applications mirror this approach, becoming increasingly **modular**
- **Simplification** of underlying IT infrastructure is required to manage and support changes in the business



# Business flexibility depends on IT flexibility

“Today’s IT architectures, arcane as they may be, are the **biggest roadblocks** most companies face when making **strategic moves.**”

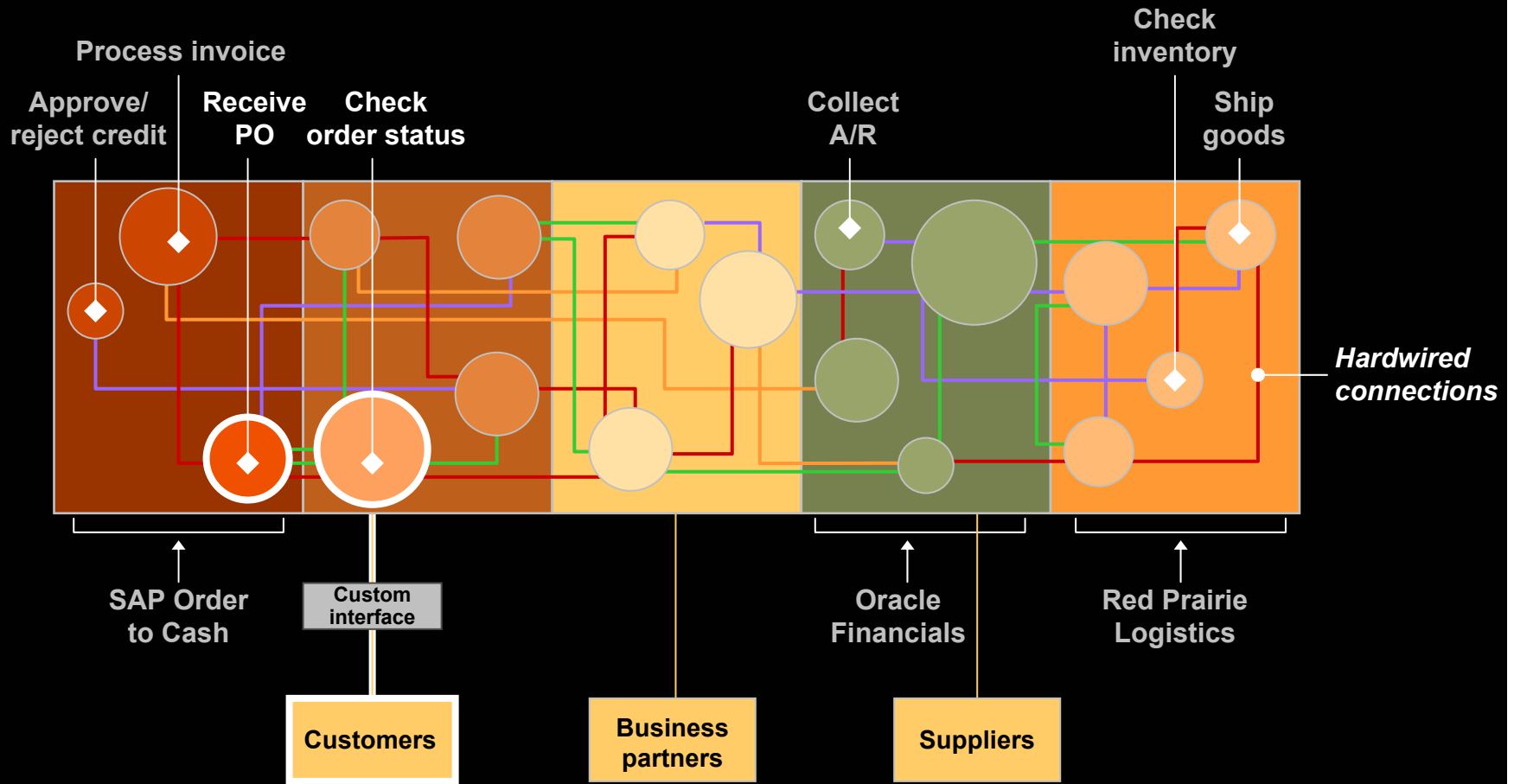
–McKinsey

*“Flexible IT, Better Strategy”*



# A typical application architecture

Application components for business services are protocol dependent.





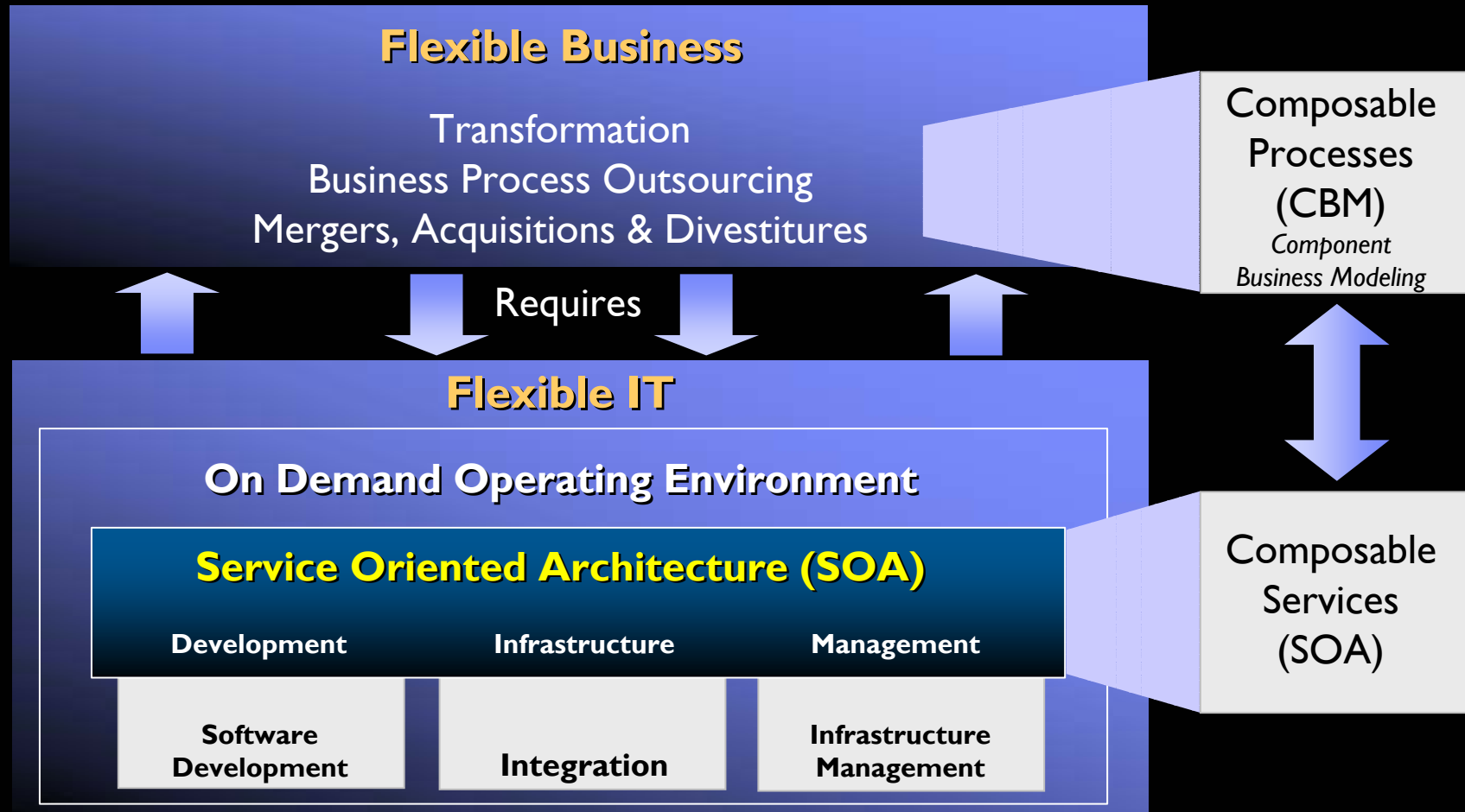
# Hardwired = hamstrung

Applications in an architecture built on **proprietary standards**:

- **Don't work** across the Internet
- Are **device dependent**
- Are **expensive** to implement
- Are **expensive** to maintain
- Are **difficult** to reuse
- Are **subject to fragile/brittle connections** with other components.



# Great flexibility is required from business models and the supporting IT architecture



# Service Oriented Architecture: the blueprint for change

- In an SOA world, **business tasks are accomplished by executing a series of “services,”** jobs that have well defined ways of talking to them and well defined ways in which they talk back.
- It doesn't really matter how a particular service is implemented, as long as it responds in the expected way to your commands and offers the quality of service you require.
- This means that **the service must be appropriately secure and reliable,** as well as fast enough.
- This makes SOA a near ideal technology to use in an IT environment where software and hardware from multiple vendors is deployed (do you know of any that are not like that?).

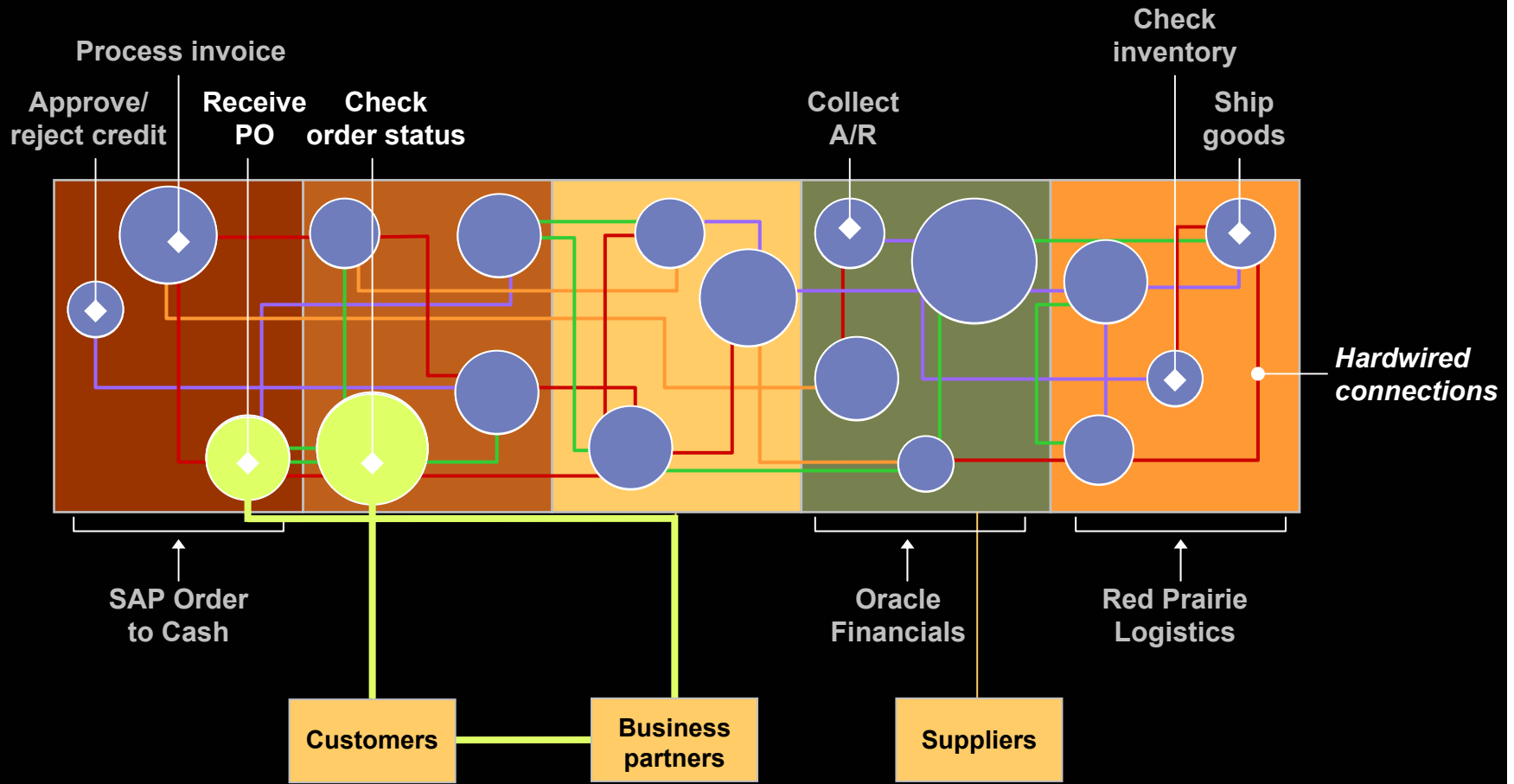


**Web services is the best way we have today to implement SOA, but Web services does not equal SOA!**



# Better: a service-oriented architecture

SOA surfaces service components from applications.



# The importance of standards

## Mars Climate Orbiter Probe (1999)

- NASA uses English units of measurement during construction
- Metric equivalents used in operation
- Manual processes, inefficient communication let error go undetected
- Probe veers 100km off course and is destroyed
- Cost: US\$125 million and a PR nightmare for the agency



# Industry needs standards now

## Automotive

- Quality issues—high warranty costs
- Growing need for multivendor **in-vehicle systems/software integration**

## Healthcare

- Accelerating costs, slow response times, quality of patient records
- Increasing **pressure to integrate payers, providers, hospitals**

## Electronics

- Moving from traditional manufacturing to configure-to-order
- Lack ability to **mass produce with last-minute customization**

## Banking

- Information silos, redundancy and underutilization of data
- Pressure to **speed development and delivery of new products & services**

## Retail

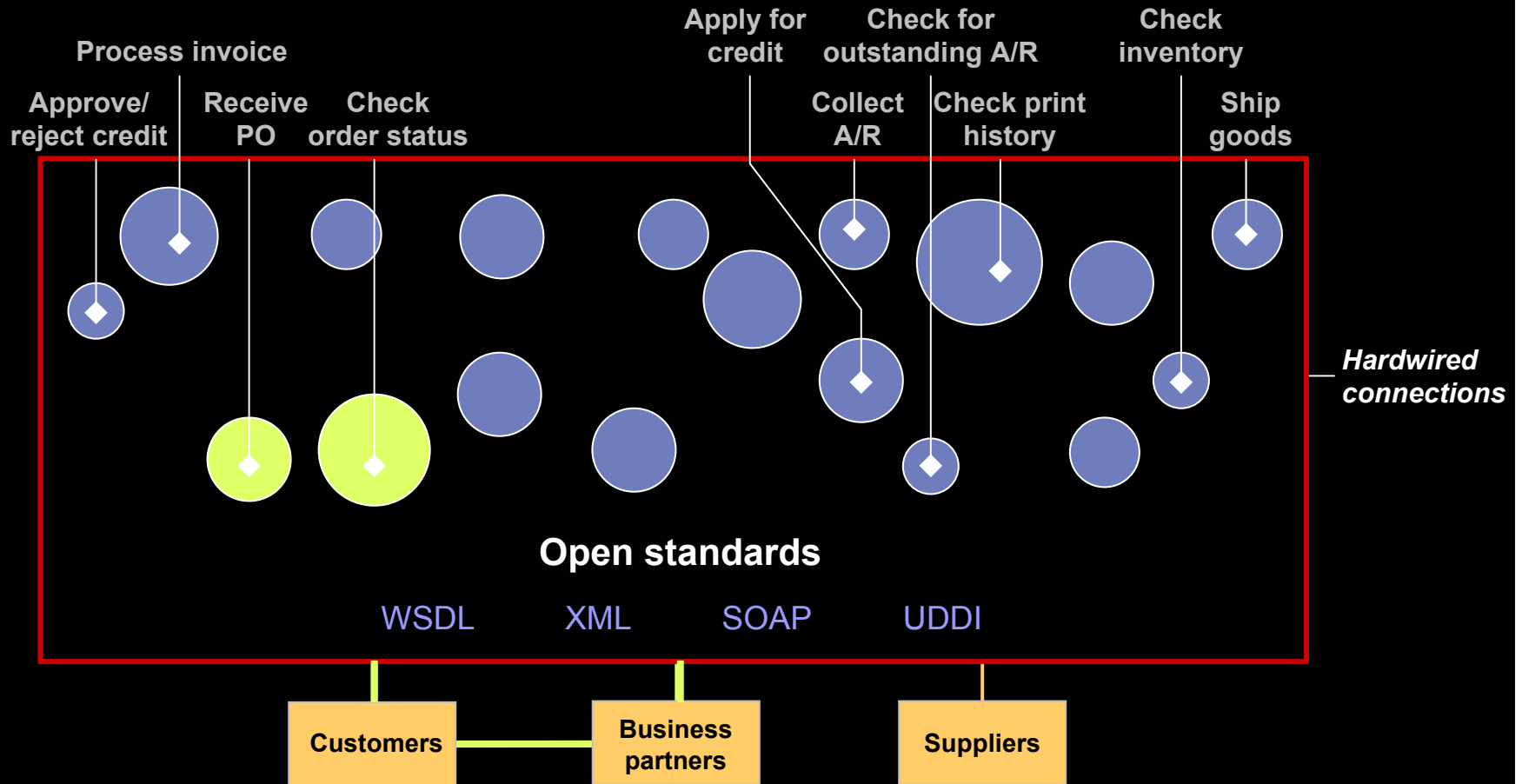
- Available data increasing exponentially (e.g., RFID), but not leveraged effectively
- Access to **realtime information required to optimize supply chain**

## Telecom

- “Island” infrastructures—multiple legacy systems and heterogeneous environments
- **No single view of the customer** (activation, self-service, billing, customer care)

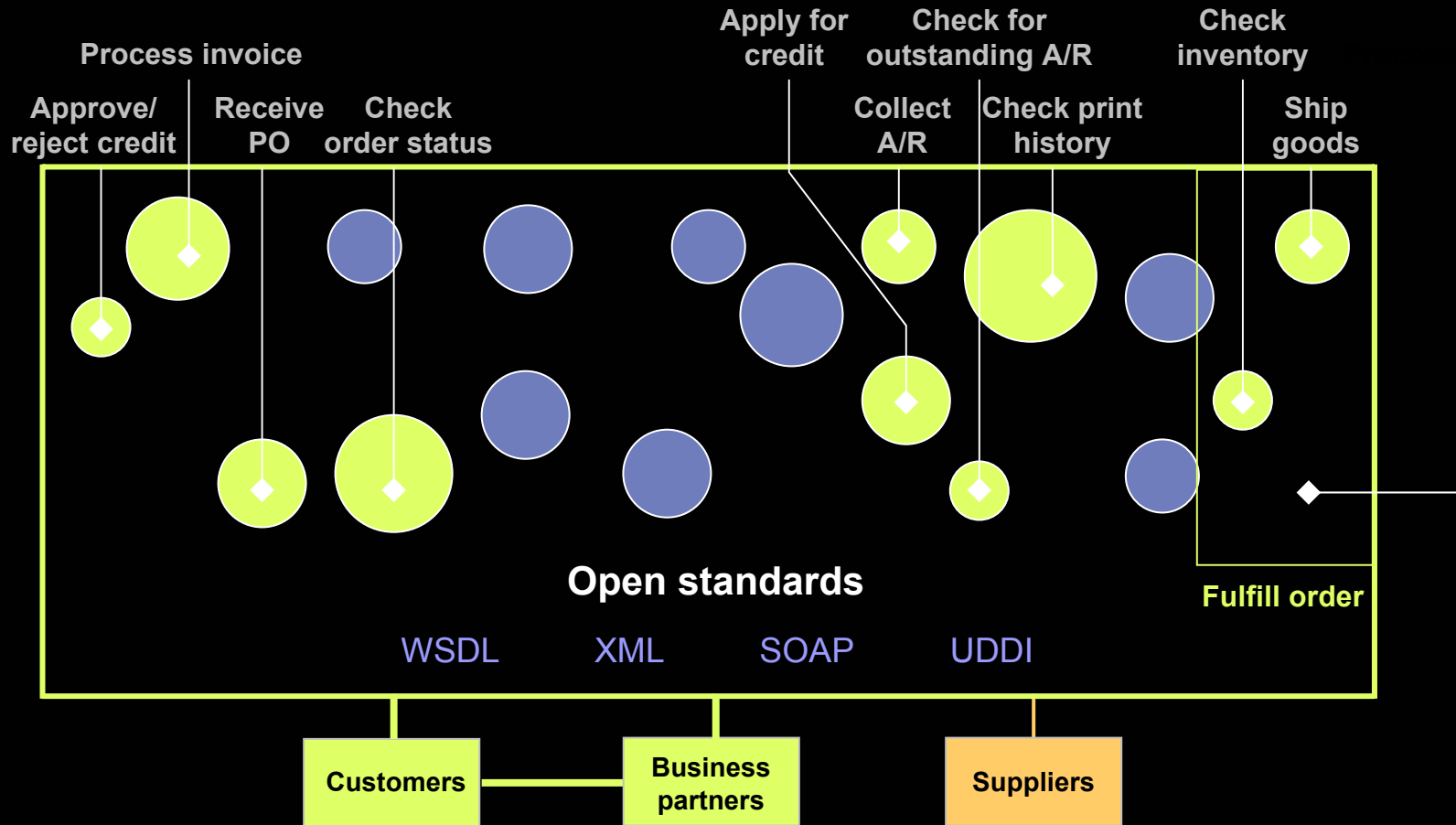
# Breakthrough: SOA based on open standards

Web services apply a common interface across the entire environment...



# Breakthrough: SOA based on open standards

...so you can move them, recombine them and enhance their functionality.





# Why is SOA Important?

## Business Benefits

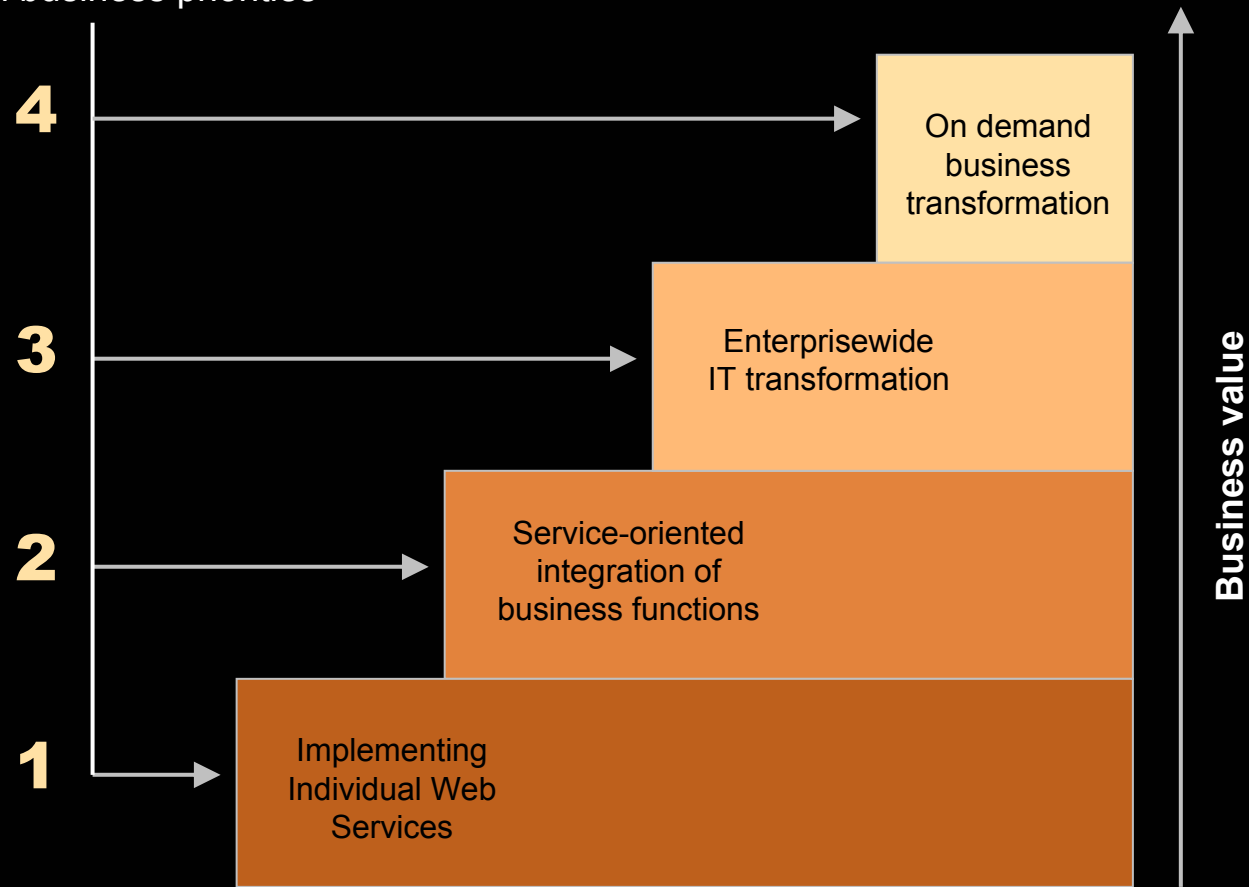
- Business flexibility provided by increased granularity of processes enabled through services
- Ability to quickly create business processes and composite applications to respond to changes in the marketplace
- Improved customer service using services without having to worry about the underlying IT infrastructure

## IT Benefits

- Becoming a more responsive IT organization with a secure and managed integration environment
- Decrease development and deployment cycle times through the use of pre-built, reusable services building blocks.
- Reducing complexity and maintenance costs with common services
- Enhancing existing IT systems rather than replacing them

# SOA and Web services adoption

**Entry points**  
Based on business priorities



# Things are getting interesting



*“Service-oriented architecture deployments are increasing and **becoming a mainstream architectural model** for developing services, applications and infrastructures.”*

“Effective Web Services and SOBAs Require Management”

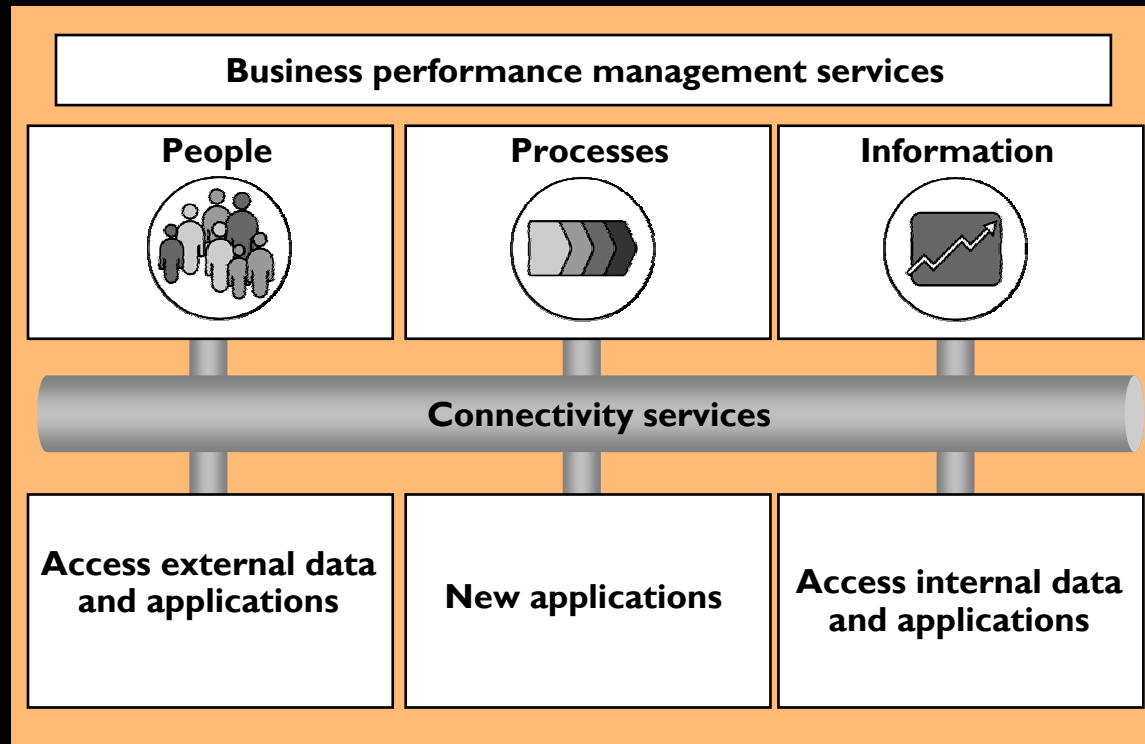
**Frank Kenney, Gartner**  
September 28, 2004

# Business flexibility enabled by robust capabilities

**Integrate** business processes and the underlying infrastructure

**Extend** and reuse existing IT assets

**Scale** quickly and cost-effectively



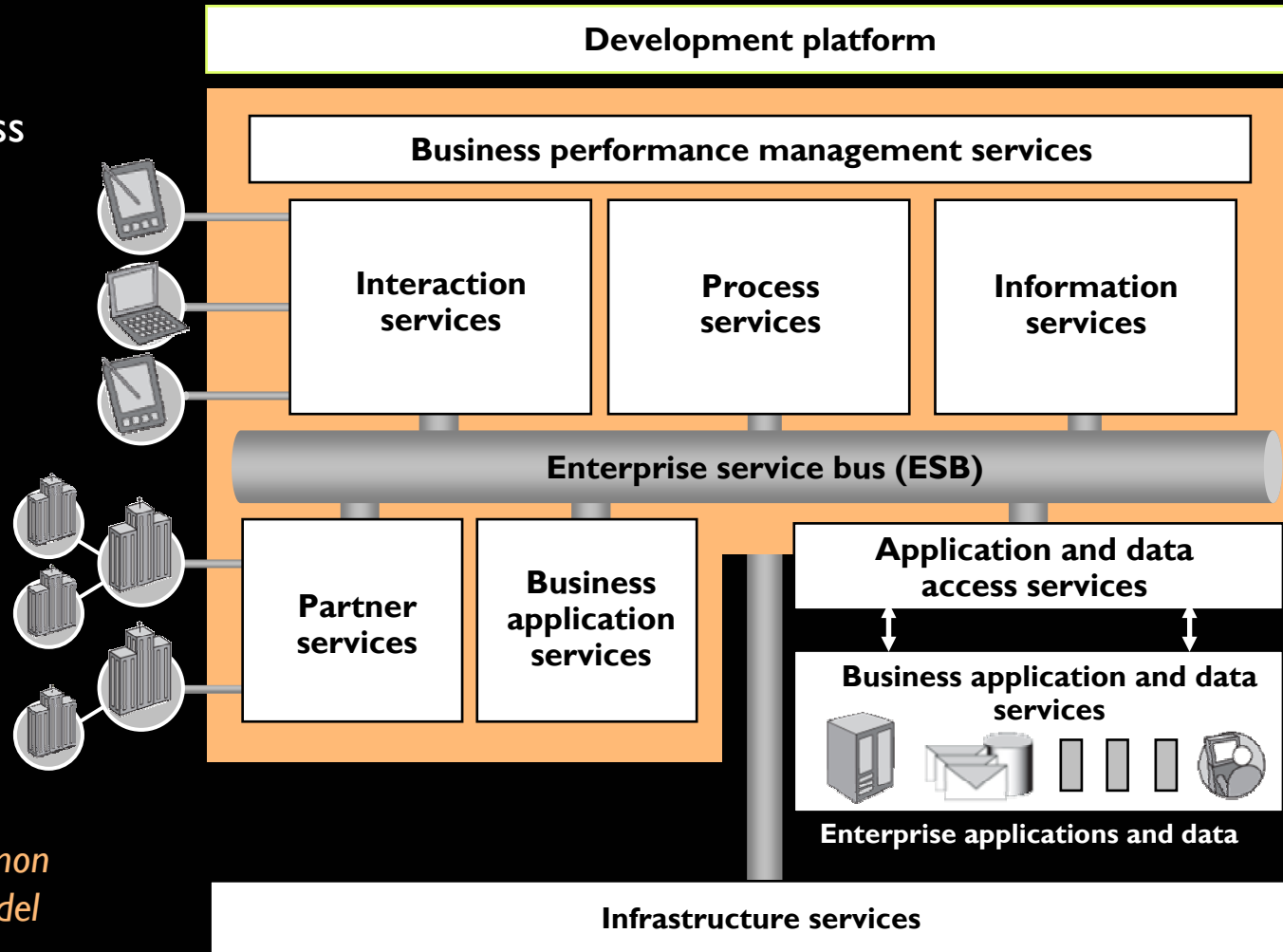
# Business flexibility enabled by the WebSphere Business Integration Reference Architecture

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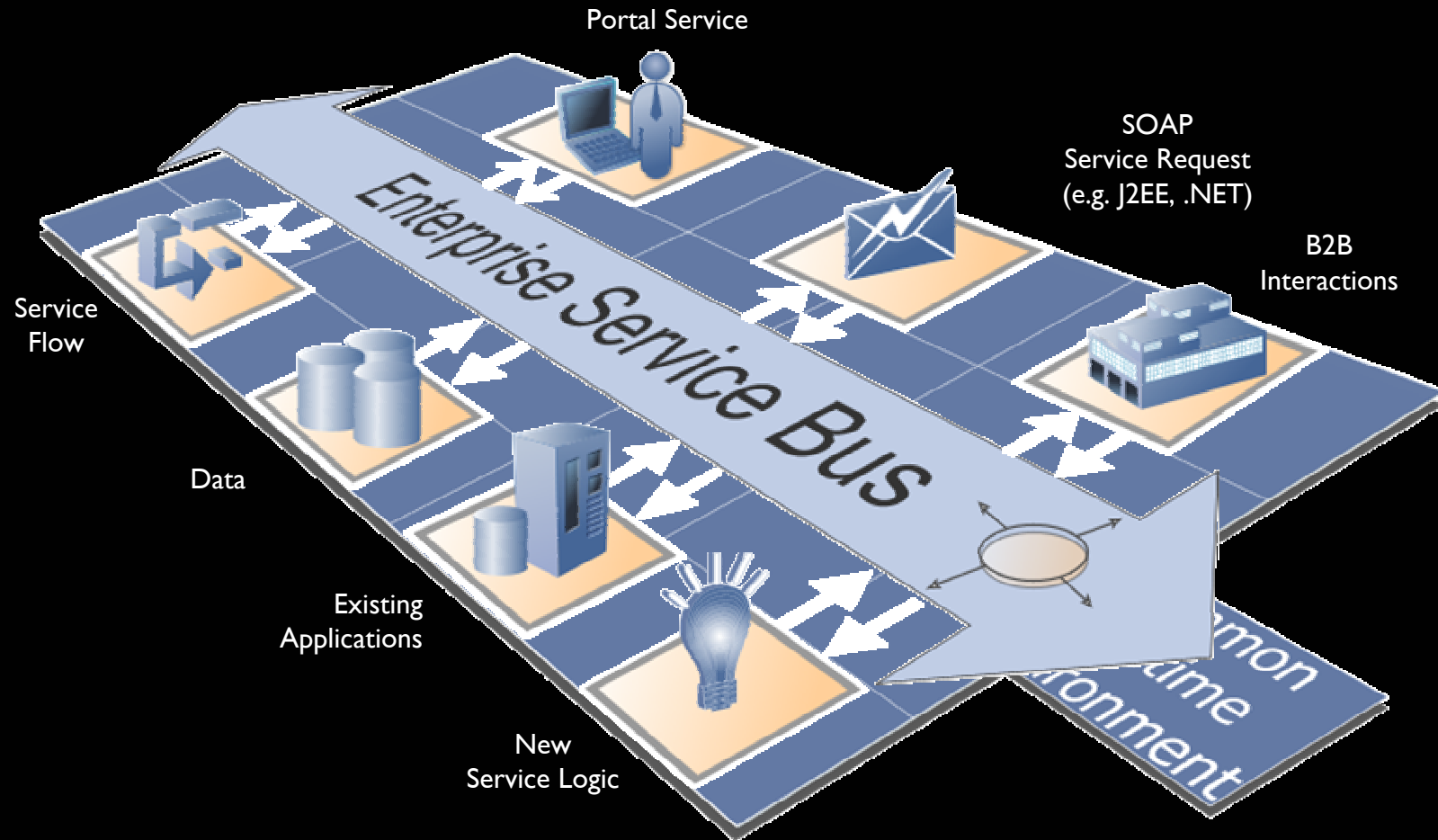
**Scale** quickly and cost-effectively

*...utilizing a common programming model*



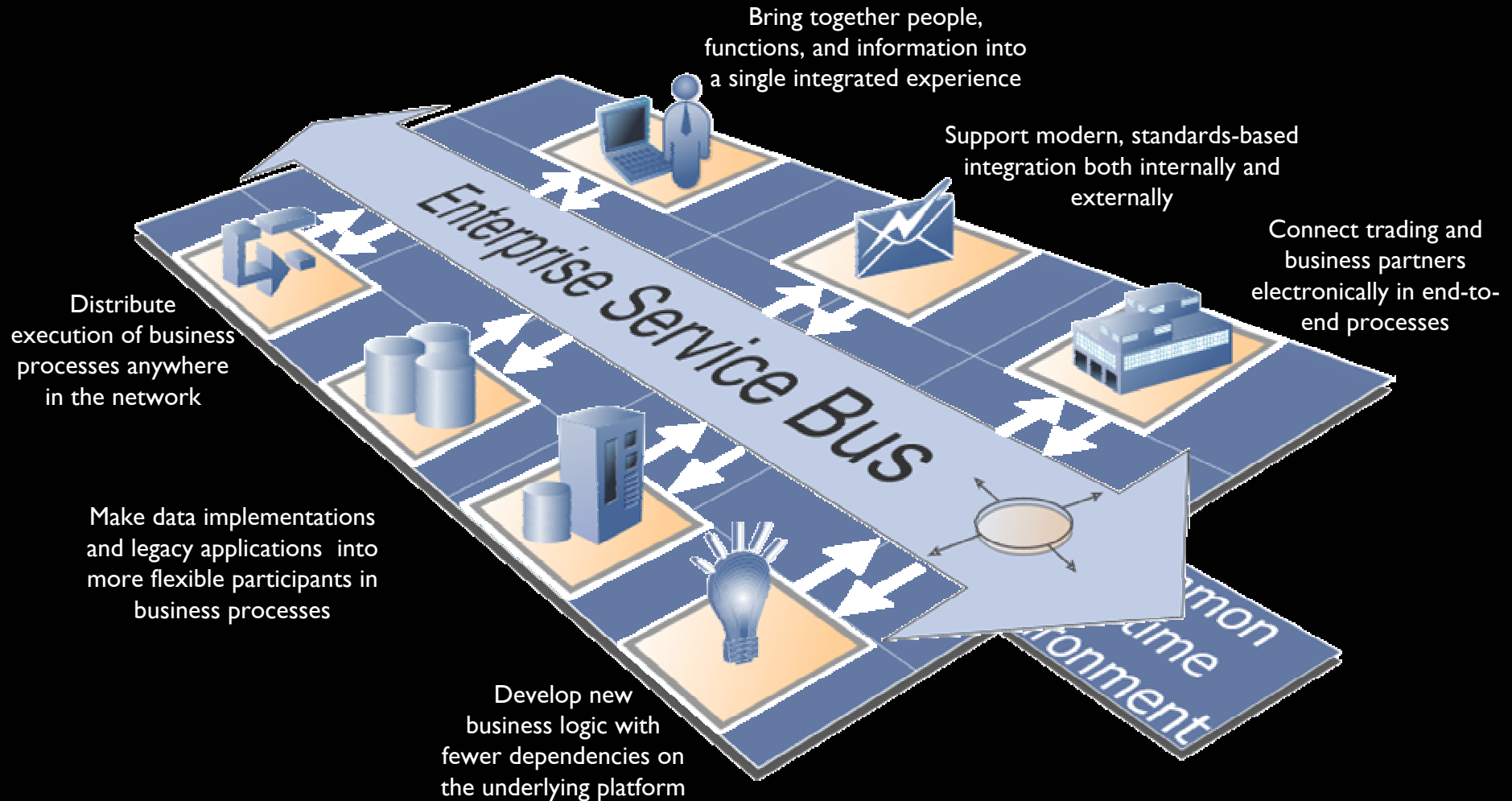


# Service Oriented Architecture and IT functions



*SOA and ESBs integrate the most diverse environments, bridging protocols, languages, platforms, APIs and messaging paradigms to provide the scale and scope of integration required by today's extended enterprise.*

# Service Oriented Architecture and business value



**SOA and Enterprise Service Buses are providing business value today.**

# Requirements across the Architecture

## Imperatives...

## Middleware features needed to strengthen your ability to enable...

<p><b>Increase return on existing investments and lower total cost of ownership</b></p>	<p><b>Key Service Oriented Architecture Building Block</b> Application platform with support for standards based messaging and the latest Web services standards</p>
<p><b>Do more with less</b></p>	<p><b>Secure, Optimum Resource Utilization</b> Quick and secure scaling across the multiple platforms</p>
<p><b>Eliminate lost business opportunities</b></p>	<p><b>On Demand Infrastructure</b> Near continuous uptime for mission critical applications</p>
<p><b>Improve time to value and employee productivity</b></p>	<p><b>Rapid Development and Deployment</b> Ease of use enhancements and out of the box performance improvements</p>

# Increased **satisfaction**, decreased costs

## Case study: MAAF Assurances



### The Challenge

Round-the-clock telephone support and services for a growing customer base --- leveraging multiple heterogeneous systems including reuse of business logic on mainframe

### The Solution

IBM WebSphere Application Server  
IBM WebSphere Studio Application Developer

### The Results

Increased customer satisfaction  
Seamless extension to new customer segments  
Support for multiple partner & internal applications/channels  
Unified integration platform  
Lower operational cost and reduced maintenance charges

*“With the help of IBM and partners we have re-architected our channel support, where Web Services have proven to introduce the level of flexibility that we require for a future proof solution”  
Philippe Poirier, Architect,  
MAAF Assurances.*

# Increased **responsiveness**, decreased costs

## Case study: Belgacom



### The Challenge

Improve customer service and streamline business processes

### The Solution

IBM WebSphere Portal  
IBM WebSphere Application Server  
IBM WebSphere Studio Application Developer

### The Results

Increased customer satisfaction and employee productivity  
Increased sales via improved cross-selling capabilities  
Decreased integration effort between applications  
Eased future end to end business processing integration

*“We believe the Web services standards to become pervasive in our industry. The technology can be used to well define components in application development and then to re-use these components. Web services are the basis for a Service-Oriented Architecture and can in such an architecture perform many application integration functions,” says René Dewil – Belgacom IT Strategy Manager*



# Improved efficiencies, reduced cost

## Case study: IBM

### The Challenge

Supply chain unable to keep pace with customer demand and market opportunities

### The Solution

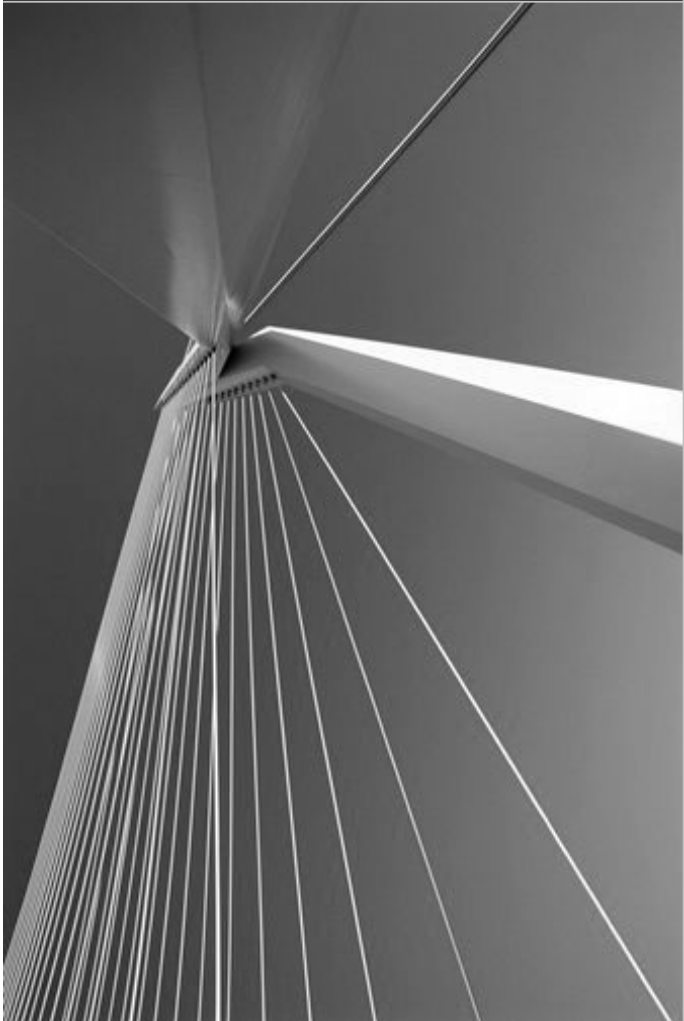
IBM WebSphere Business Integration Modeler  
 IBM WebSphere Business Integration Server Foundation  
 IBM WebSphere Studio Application Developer (IE)  
 IBM Rational XDE  
 IBM DB2 Universal Database  
 IBM WebSphere Portal

### The Results

Order tracking system release cycle time reduced 35%  
 Release costs reduced 32%

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# Components of success—and how IBM delivers



- **Standards Leadership**  
Actively **leading** and facilitating the creation of standards with other IT Industry leaders.
- **Web services-enabled products and solutions**  
IBM has **more than 40,000 developers** actively working on SOA and Web services applications.
- **Application of best practices**  
**IBM SOA / Web Services Center of Excellence** employs thousands of senior architects who have led successful implementations over the last several years.
- **Support of professional services**  
IBM has **more than 35,000 consultants** with Web services knowledge or experience.

# SOA is working today

“Leading IT shops have basically **proved that the technology can work**. SOA is the hottest architectural topic among Forrester's clients.”

***“IBM Global Services unveils SOA  
Management Practice”  
Application Development Trends***

***John Rymer, Forrester***



## Next steps




1. Understand and **quantify the value of SOA to you.**
2. Assess your SOA readiness and **map out your implementation scope and strategy.**
3. **Establish an enterprise reference architecture** and infrastructure based upon SOA and Web services.
4. **Let IBM help you** with its industry leading products, research, and services.

For More Information  
<http://www.watchit.com/websphere/>

The screenshot shows the WatchIt website interface. At the top, it says 'IBM. DELIVERED BY WATCHIT WATCHIT.COM'. Below that, 'WebSphere. software' and 'EDUCATION ON DEMAND FROM WATCHIT'. There are three program cards:

- Top Card:** 'The IBM Business Integration Reference Architecture'. Features Bill Hassell (Business Unit Executive, Worldwide WebSphere Technical Sales, IBM) and Robert Liburdi (WebSphere Business Integration Architect, IBM). Buttons for '100K START PROGRAM' and '300K START PROGRAM'.
- Middle Card (highlighted):** 'IBM WebSphere Software - Service Oriented Architecture: A New Model for Engagement'. Features Jason Weisser (Vice President for IBM Software Group's Enterprise Integration Solutions (EIS) Organization). Buttons for '100K START PROGRAM' and '300K START PROGRAM'.
- Bottom Card:** 'IBM WebSphere Software: Transforming Your Company Through Business Integration'. Features Tom Inman (Vice President of Product Management & Marketing, WebSphere, IBM). Buttons for '100K START PROGRAM' and '300K START PROGRAM'.

“Using IBM's WebSphere Business Integration software, we took a 45 minute task down to about 15 minutes and then six months later we reduced the additional systems down to basically one. We are now performing a 45 minute function in about two to three minutes and the resulting savings to us has been phenomenal. We estimated our saving to be within the hundreds of thousands, if not into the low millions, just by reducing that amount of labor. ”  
 Elizabeth Hackenson





## For more information

- Software Group Web Services/SOA Main Page
  - <http://www.ibm.com/webservices>
- on demand Operating Environment and SOA
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