

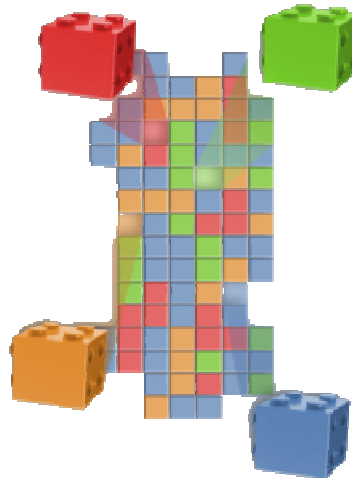
# SOA What?



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## Agenda

- Service Oriented Architecture
  - Why should you care
  - What is it?
  - Terminology
    - Service, Loose Coupling, ESB,
  - The broader context
    - Web 2.0 & SOA
  
- SOA and IMS
  - Role of Legacy in SOA
  - IMS SOA Solutions
  
- Some customers examples



## The need for SOA

- SOA (So - Ahh) What?
- Why do I need to learn another Architecture ?
- Is there a problem or need that it addresses?



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## Once upon a time in America...

- Early 1970s:
  - Deepak's International Curry House, New York
  - Casual restaurant serving curries from around the world (Thailand, India, Mongolia, etc.)
  - New York(2), Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami



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## Once upon a time in America...

### ■ 1980s Decade:

- Hired Marketing Personnel: Ann Sheridan
- Acquired several contracts
- IPO offering
- Hired IT VP : Steve Nathan
  - Bought computers and hired programmers
  - Built software applications
  - Bought different software packages
  - e.g. application for corporate finance, Payroll etc.
- 60+ Restaurants across the nation
- Ann, Steve & Deepak partied at Studio 54



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## Once upon a time in America...

### ■ Late 1980s into early 1990s:

- Stiff Competition
- Economic Downturn (downsizing)
- World wide web
- Shutdown some Restaurants
- Fighting for survival



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## Once upon a time in America...

- Cost cutting
- New ways to make money:
  - Cyber Curry House in malls across America
  - Acquire a computer manufacturing company
- IT's (Steve Nathan's) response:

“Woa Woa, Hold on Deepak. We have a problem.  
Acquired company's software has to tie into our software.  
Our day-to-day business functions, policies & information  
are locked inside our programs.”
- Can't we integrate ?
- IT's (Steve Nathan's) response:

“Yes, but it will take a very, very long time.  
May be 18 months to 2 years.  
And it will cost lots and lots of money”



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## The Problem (from a business perspective):

- Challenges of the Modern Business World
- Social market economy is being replaced by a Global market economy & the marketing guys rule the world
- The *Speed of Business* is rapidly increasing
  - Must respond to market changes **more quickly**
  - Must respond to market changes **more cheaply**
- Business environments have and continue to become more distributed
  - Assets and business information need to be accessible from everywhere
- Business environments are becoming more complex

“Its not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones most responsive to change.”



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## The Problem (from an IT perspective):

- IT is a key business value enabler & IT flexibility is paramount BUT ...
  
- Large Systems
  - As business grew, they became more & more **complex**.
  - Include **Legacy** applications
  - **Distributed** Systems
    - Hetrogeneous – mess of mainframes, SAP hosts, middleware, etc.
    - Different owners – different departments or divisions
      - Different budgets & schedules
      - Certain amount of redundancy



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## Service Oriented Architecture:

- SOA helps bridge the business/IT gap
  
- SOA releases business from the grips of IT
  
- SOA helps systems remain **scalable** & **flexible** while your business is growing/changing
  
- SOA is focused on business process



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## Service Oriented Architecture:

- Enterprises are made up of a set of **Business Processes**
  - Day to day, week to week, year to year stuff
- These business processes can be broken down into more fundamental discrete building blocks known as **Services**



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## Services

- Service is the IT realization of some self-contained business functionality
  - **Note:** Service should also separate out the business logic from the computer resource logic
- It hides the technical implementation details
  - Abstract black box with a formal contract of engagement
  - Allows business people to understand it
- Can be reused and assembled into Business Processes
- Consumer & provider of the service are loosely coupled



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## Key Service Concepts

- Business-Driven vs Technically driven Interface
- Service Compositions (Composite Applications)
- Service Reuse
- Loose Coupling of Service Consumers & Providers



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## Business-Driven vs Technically Driven Interface

### **Technically driven:**

```
CustomerOP (action, // "create", "read", "change", "delete"  
            id,      // customer id or null  
            name,   // new customer name or null  
            address, // new customer address or null  
            account) // new customer bank account or null
```

### **Business-driven:**

```
createCustomer (name, // new customer name  
               address, // customer address  
               account) // customer bank account  
  
readCustomer (id) // customer id
```

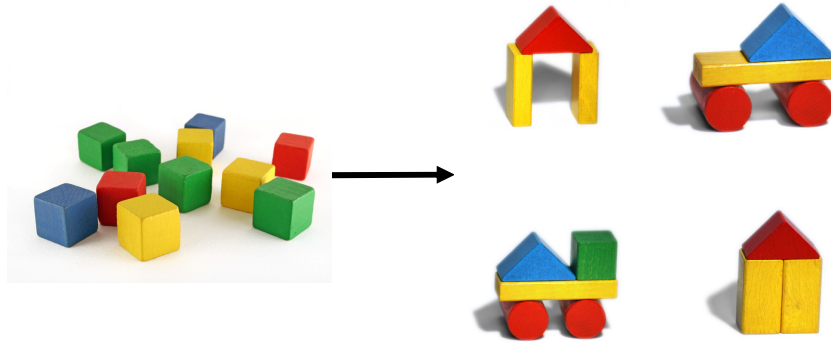


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## Service Composition (Composite Applications)

*Business process building blocks*



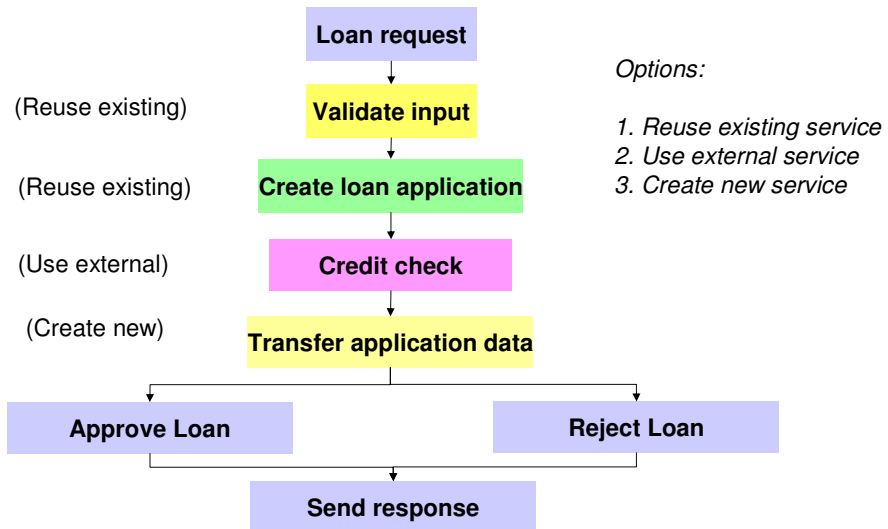
This is what Business wants! They want to play with their Lego and make lots and lots of money



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## Example: Mortgage Loan Application Process



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## Service Reuse

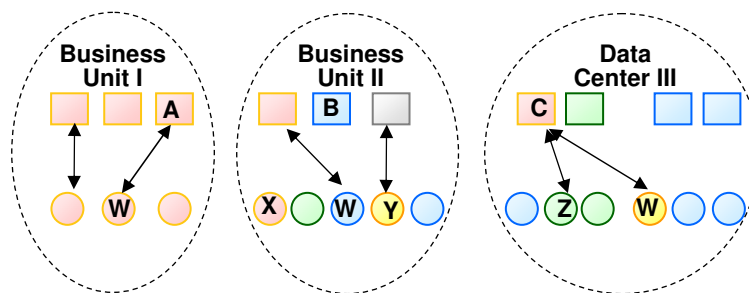
- SOA is not about “out with the old, in with the new”
- SOA is about reuse
- Redundancy problem: Many similar programs
  - Especially after acquisitions
- With SOA you end with one **single** business service for a given function that gets used everywhere in your organization.
- Advantage: Changes only have to be made in one place



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## Traditional IT Service Approach – Dedicated resources, dedicated applications Redundancy



Applications A, B and C all need Customer Information

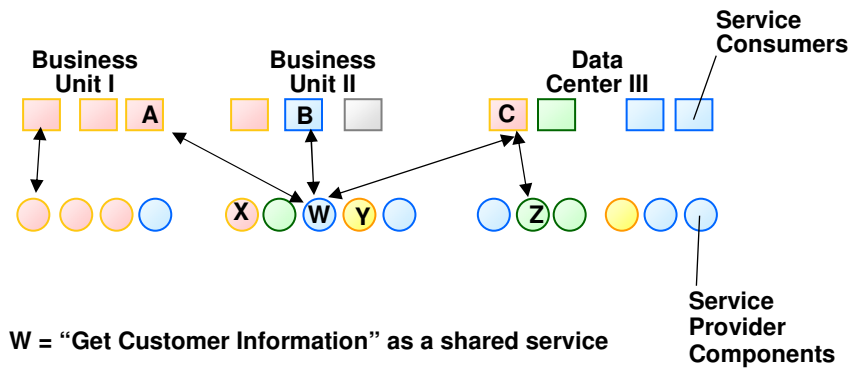
W = Similar 'Get Customer Information' applications



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## SOA Approach – Shared Reusable Services Across Business Units



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## Service Reuse & OOP

- OOP is a programming paradigm for applications
- SOA is an Architectural paradigm for system landscapes
- Also OOP binds data and its processing together.

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## Loose Coupling of Service Providers & Consumers

- Aim of loose coupling is to minimize dependencies
- When there are fewer dependencies, modifications to or faults in one system will have fewer consequences on other systems.

### Possible forms of loose coupling in SOA:

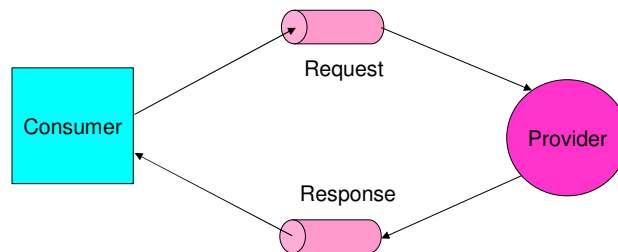
	Tight coupling	Loose coupling
<b>Physical Connections</b>	Point-to-point	Via mediator
<b>Communication style</b>	Synchronous	Asynchronous
<b>Data Model</b>	Common Complex Type	Simple common types only
<b>Type System</b>	Strong	Weak
<b>Interaction Pattern</b>	Navigate through complex object trees	Data-centric, self-contained message
<b>Control of process logic</b>	Central control	Distributed control
<b>Binding</b>	Statically	Dynamically



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## Asynchronous Communication



- How do you associate the response to the request (correlation ID)
- Processing the response requires knowledge of initial state & context
- What if you send multiple async requests the responses are not in order?
  - Testing and debugging this can be complicated



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## More Concepts: Business Service Registry and Repository

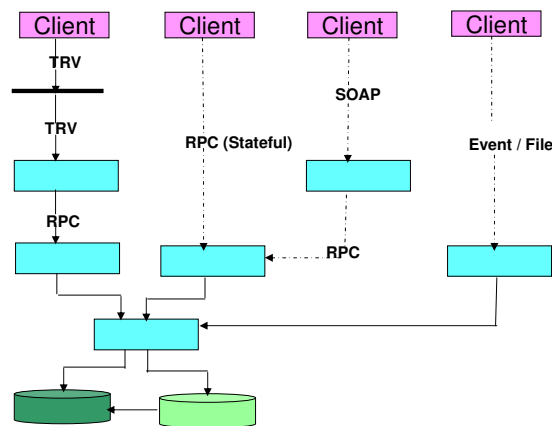
- Publish and Find Services
- Govern
  - Full access control for management of who can access which services
- Enrich
  - Enable ESB to find best -fitting endpoint when request is received
- Manage
  - Enable policy enforcement and conduct impact analysis



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## The Reason for ESB (Enterprise Service Bus)



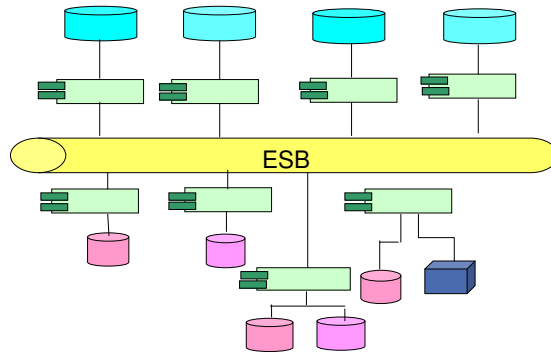
•  $n$  Systems require  $n \times (n-1)/2$  connections



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## ESB (Enterprise Service Bus)



- ESB is part of the SOA infrastructure
- Only need one connection and interface for each system
- ESB provides **interoperability**



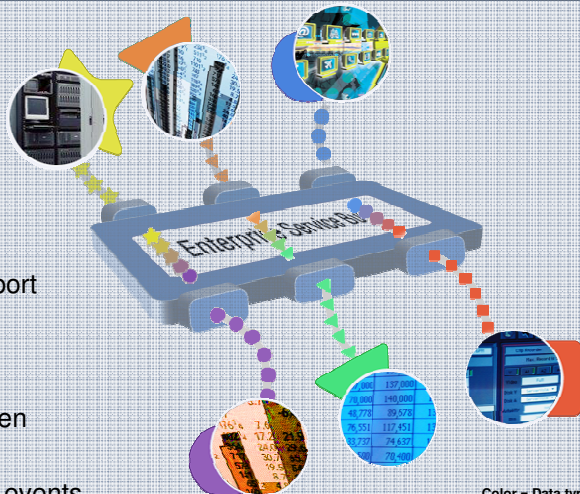
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## More Concepts - Enterprise Service Bus

**Flexible connectivity infrastructure for integrating applications and services to power an SOA**

- ▶ **ROUTING** messages between services
- ▶ **CONVERTING** transport protocols between requestor and service
- ▶ **TRANSFORMING** message format between requestor and service
- ▶ **HANDLING** business events from disparate sources



Color = Data type  
Shape = Protocol



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## More Concepts – SOA and Open System Standards

- Enterprise systems are typically heterogeneous
  - Multiple hardware and software platforms, languages and APIs
- Interoperability requires standards. BUT ...
  - ... SOA can exploit many standards and technologies, including -
    - XML
    - Web Services (SOAP, WSDL, WS-Security, etc.)
    - the business process execution language (BPEL)
    - Java Enterprise Edition (J2EE) standards (JDBC, JCA, JMS, etc.)



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## More Concepts – Open SOA Collaboration

### OSOA (Open SOA Collaboration):

An informal group of industry leaders that share a common interest: Defining a language neutral programming model that meets the needs of Enterprise developers who are developing software that exploits SOA characteristics and benefits.



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## More Concepts – Open SOA Collaboration

- The Industry Partners are currently working on 2 projects:
  - **Service Component Architecture (SCA):** aims to provide a model for the creation of service components in a wide range of languages and a model for assembling service components into a business solution
  - **Service Data component (SDO):** aims to provide consistent means of handling data within applications, whatever its source or format maybe. SDO provides a way of unifying data handling for databases and for services.

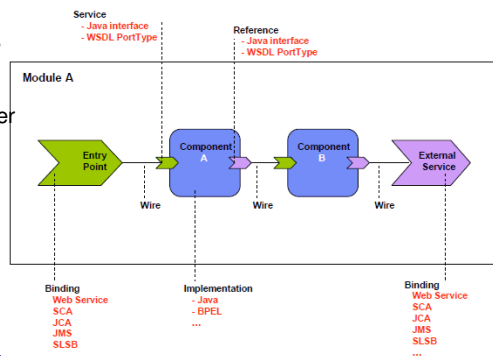


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## More Concepts - Service Component Architecture

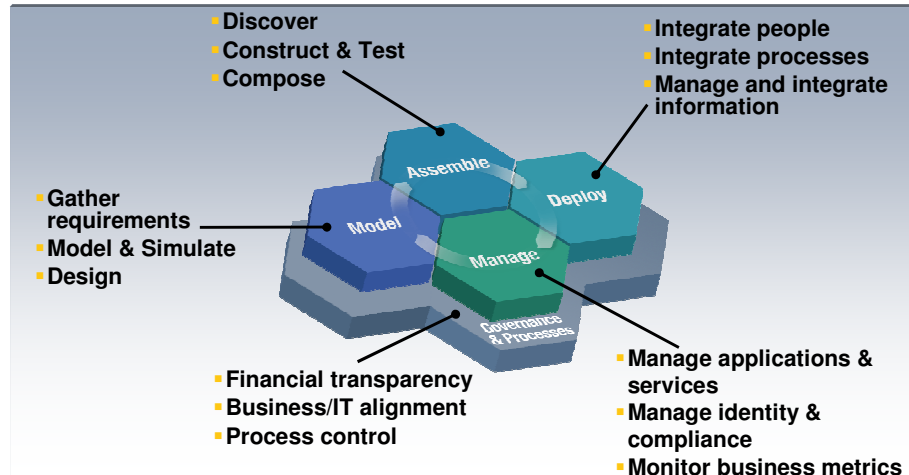
- In SCA, services are assembled as Modules and Components
- A Module is a “coarse grained” service, invoked using loose coupling
  - The binding (invocation technique) can be SCA , Web Services, JMS, etc.
  - The module is the basic unit of deployment in WebSphere Process Server
- Each Module will contain one or more Components – the actual business logic implementations
- A Component is a “fine grained” service
  - Local references (i.e. service calls within the module) are local, and can be tightly or loosely coupled
  - Components can be called by other SCA components or non-SCA components (e.g. java servlet)
- A System is an assembled set of Modules that form a business solution



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## SOA is an evolution



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## What SOA Isn't

- A product that can be purchased
- The need to rewrite existing applications
- The need to overhaul IT infrastructure
- Web services (more about this later)
- The need to replace legacy systems



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## SOA

- SOA is an architecture but not a concrete architecture
- SOA is a style, paradigm, concept, philosophy
- It is a way of thinking, a value system that leads to certain concrete decisions when designing a concrete software architecture.
- There is no tool or recipe you can use use to make everything work.
- While applying this paradigm, you have to make decisions that are appropriate to your circumstances.



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## Benefits of a SOA

- Improved Adaptability and Agility
  - *Provide more function faster*
- Functional Reusability
  - *Reuse what you already have*
  - *Eliminate the need for large scale rip and replace*
- Independent Change Management
  - *Compose services from parts vs. writing new services*
  - *Focus on configuration rather than programming*
- Interoperability instead of point-to-point integration
  - *Loosely-coupled framework, services in network*
- Orchestrate rather than integrate
  - *Configuration rather than development to deliver business needs*
  - *Easier to change*



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## Who Does SOA?

- SOA is a team sport
  - Across a business unit, across the enterprise
- Requires collaboration between and across organizations
  - Business owners
    - Business processes and requirements
  - Application developers
    - Best way to meet business needs
    - 3 choices:
      - Reuse existing service
      - Call external service
      - Create new service
  - IT Staff



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## SOA and Web 2.0

- Web 2.0
  - “second generation” of web sites where visitors can contribute information for collaboration and sharing
  - Use Web services and may include Ajax, Flash, blogs & wikis.
  - Mashups are also regarded by some as Web 2.0 applications
  - “Enterprise mashup” – Web applications that combine content from more than one source into an integral experience – like SOA apps
- Like the Apple Commercial
  - PC Guy (SOA for IT):
    - Reliable, planned, predictable, scalable
    - Slow, inflexible
  - MAC Guy (Web 2.0 for dept mgrs):
    - Fast results, personal, innovative, creative
    - Uncontrolled, ungoverned
- Two cultures/two audiences/two purpose



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## Customer Examples



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## The Role of Legacy in SOA

- ‘Legacy’ – Anything in production!
- Support core businesses processes and provides crucial information
- Contains billions of lines of valuable business rules
- Processes majority of critical corporate data such as customer, product, supply chain, and more
- Using proven, time-tested applications can significantly lower risk, cost, and time to market



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## Legacy as the Foundation of SOA

- Significant business intelligence exists in core systems
  - "200 Billion lines of COBOL code in existence" *eWeek*
  - "5 Billion lines of COBOL code added yearly" *Bill Ulrich, TSG Inc.*
  - "Majority of customer data still on mainframes" *Computerworld*
  - "Replacement costs \$20 Trillion" *eWeek*

*The SOA Foundation architecture embraces legacy as a tremendously valuable asset and deliberately avoids requiring that you re-engineer that entire legacy into a new generation of technology or language. ... possibly re-factoring it to be more re-usable, and then augmenting it to more precisely match the requirements of the business design.*

IBM's SOA Foundation Nov 2005



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## Legacy as the Foundation of SOA

- In most cases, much of your business design is already implemented in existing IT application systems
- Modelling the business design will either validate the existing applications or indicate where change is needed
  - Modifications to existing code, or
  - New application code
- Occasionally, some applications will not lend themselves to re-use
  - e.g. business logic and presentation (user interface) too tightly coupled - Re-engineering will be required



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## IMS and SOA Solutions – Connectivity

- Historically, IMS assets not readily accessible from non-zSeries platforms
- Today, can access both IMS transactions and data from any enterprise applications in
  - a platform independent way
  - supporting more programming languages



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## IMS Challenges – Data Representation

- Historically, IMS data was not easily shared across the industry or enterprise
- Today, you can share IMS data despite language, platform dependencies
  - XML has become the *de facto* data interchange language
  - Unicode has taken over as THE industry data encoding



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## IMS Challenges – Application Development

- Historically, IMS assets only accessible using COBOL and PL/I
- Today, IMS supports industry languages and emerging application development tools
  - Java continues to have success in tapping new skills and simplifying application development



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SOA and IMS



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## Customer Example #1 Service-Enable an IMS Transaction

- Customer Name: Large semiconductor firm
- Size \$11 billion
- Business Problem:
  - Need to increase speed and efficiency of customer service process
  - Need to reduce total cost of ownership
- Goals
  - Migrate from a Windows NT-based platform to a Web services-based application environment
  - Keep the same basic functionality in new application as original system
- Products used in the implementation
  - WSADIE (RAD support is coming); WAS; IMS TM Resource Adapter MFS support; Avaya Interaction Center
- Architecture diagram if available



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## Customer Example #2 Service-Enable an IMS Transaction

Customer Name: Large Insurance

- Size: \$6 billion
- Business Problem:
  - Need to find a support replacement product for webMethod MIS (Mainframe Integration Server) connector.
- Goals
  - Provide a Web Services SOAP interface to IMS transactions that are core to the customer business functions (claims settlement, insurance policy sales etc.)
  - Secure method for connecting to IMS transaction (implemented authorization exits and IP Validation)
  - Same or better performance as MIS connector
  - Improved management of the connection to IMS (transaction time-out values, more granular service level agreements)
- Challenges they ran into
  - RAD V7 Development environment was new to customer
  - Configuration of mainframe resident HWSJAVA component to access security exit
- Products used in the implementation
  - RAD Version 7 Toolkit; WAS; IMS TM Resource Adapter



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### Customer Example #3

#### Service-Enable an IMS Transaction

- Customer Name: Large Insurance, UK
- Size: £7 billion (new business in 2006)
- Goals
  - Enable access to backend IMS transactions using an ESB (WebSphere Message Broker)
- Challenges they ran into
  - Staff skilled in Java, but not with ESQL or the Message Broker programming model. (Today, that would be less of a problem as the product supports Java programming. In version 5 (when we did the work) the JavaCompute node did not exist. However, they would still need to learn / understand Message Broker).
- Products used in the implementation
  - WMB Toolkit; WMB; IMS MQ bridge
- Message Broker flows used to build a Web Service front-end to some IMS applications.
  - SOAP input messages (via HTTP and JMS)
  - Body converted into a format that was understood by the MQ/IMS bridge, setting MQIHL header etc.



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## Service Oriented Architecture

- SOA is revolutionizing the way business is done
  - Standard interfaces and qualities of service inherent in SOA have made integration of IT assets and heterogeneous systems a reality
- IMS is well positioned as a major player in this space with a variety of technologies that project IMS assets into the SOA foundation model



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## The Rest of Today's Agenda

- Implementing IMS SOA solutions
- How IMS applications and data can be service enabled
- How existing business logic can be reused by other applications
- How new JAVA applications can access IMS transactions and data
- How tools can make this much easier to do!

