

You are looking beyond your first experiments with web services and initiatives to implement EAI, B to B, and other integration capabilities. Though you've done some SOA planning, you realize that without a more detailed blueprint you may end up with: an uncoordinated mix of web services, XML schemas, standards and technologies; a lack of alignment with the business; and a failure to mine the strengths of your legacy environment. In short, a blueprint is needed to realize the potential of SOA for reuse, interoperability, business agility, and other benefits. How can you create a sufficiently detailed blueprint in a timely way, in the face of other project priorities? How can the blueprint help you further your overall enterprise architecture agenda? The SOA Monitor will help you develop a relevant and compelling blueprint that sets the SOA "Direction for the Enterprise."

A BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION

- **Align with the business** – SOA provides a forum to collaborate with the business to articulate a vision for new capabilities and an increased flexibility for change. We help our clients develop and communicate a common view of the business architecture that in turn provides the strategic requirements for the technology components of the architecture.
- **Define SOA components** – We use our experience with other clients to guide you in identifying key services and layering scenarios; infrastructure and vendors required to develop, operate, and manage them; the XML architecture and related taxonomies; and the service oriented application portfolio.
- **Link to existing EA** – The SOA components must be linked to the application, function, process, information, and core infrastructure components of the enterprise architecture and the work effort to deliver the architecture over time. Gaps in the non-SOA EA components must be filled and implications of SOA assessed.
- **Mine your legacy platform** – The blueprint will help you explicitly define how your legacy applications can be used through the right combination of exposing application services, consolidation, streamlining, and service oriented integration.

"By engaging the right people in our architecture efforts we finally developed a blueprint for a new data services layer, that allowed us to begin to rationalize our legacy environment, and to compose new applications that enabled executives to better manage product marketing and distribution across business units." – IT Director – Entertainment Company

ENGAGEMENT DELIVERABLES

The key deliverable is the SOA architecture blueprint. Components of and level of detail vary by client but typically include: service descriptions, layering diagrams, infrastructure architecture, reference architecture, business domain architecture, XML architecture, legacy transformation strategy, and function/information/service matrices.

THE TEAM, PROJECT DURATION AND COSTS

Our team includes SOA consultants and enterprise architects that specialize in adapting the EA for SOA. We collaborate closely with your team to develop the blueprint. Engagement duration and cost varies in accordance with status of the current enterprise architecture and the depth and breadth of the required work. We produce explicitly defined deliverables on a fixed price basis.

SET THE SOA DIRECTION FOR THE ENTERPRISE

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