



## Dollars and Cents, Justifying Your Business Flexibility Project

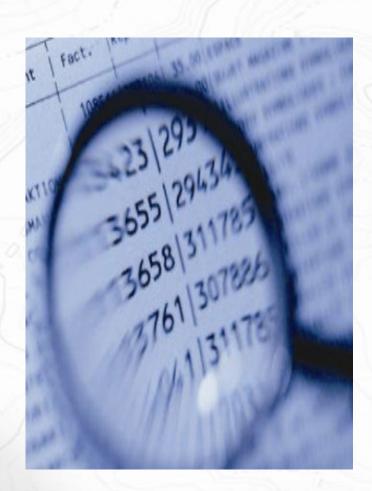
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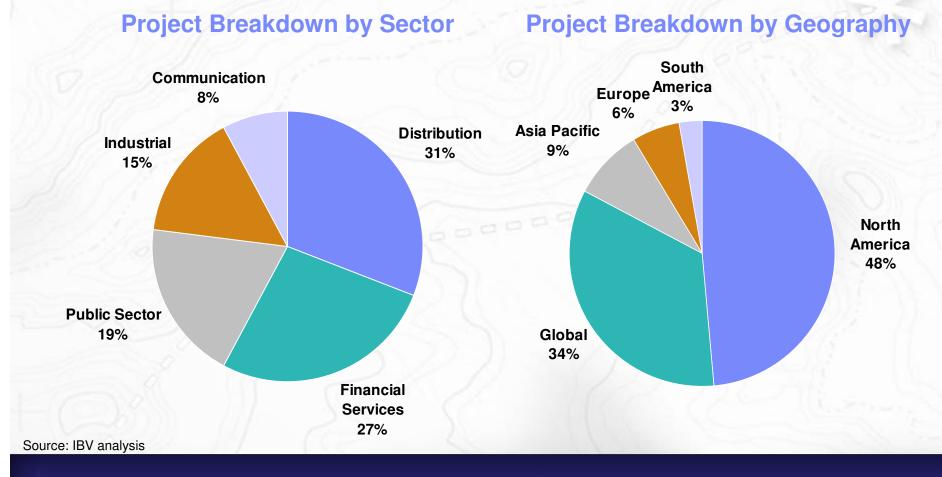
### Justifying and Financing Investments in SOA

- Many companies have realized the benefits of aligning IT and business via SOA – as demonstrated in IBM proprietary research
- These benefits are crucial for justifying the business case for the investment in SOA – a framework for measuring those benefits
- Financing hurdles can be overcome with flexible financing solutions to meet the funding requirements of SOA projects - and help deliver business value rapidly





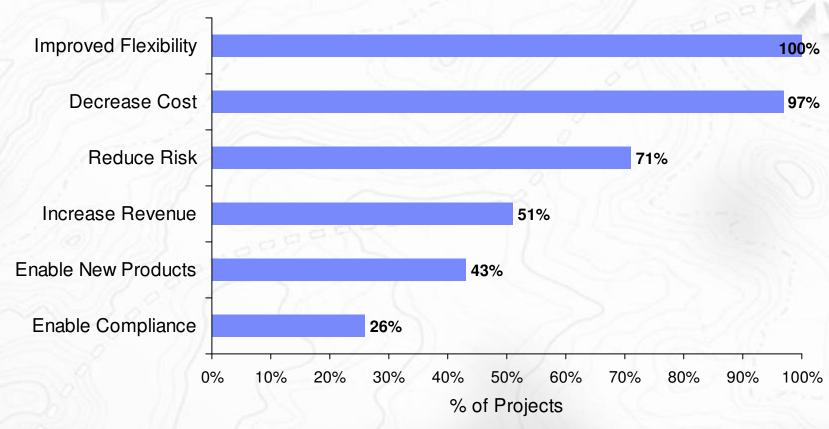
## We collected data from over 35 projects, in 5 sectors covering 11 industries world wide





## Our thought leadership confirms the drivers of business value that we have seen consistently in SOA engagements

#### **Benefits Resulting from SOA Solution**



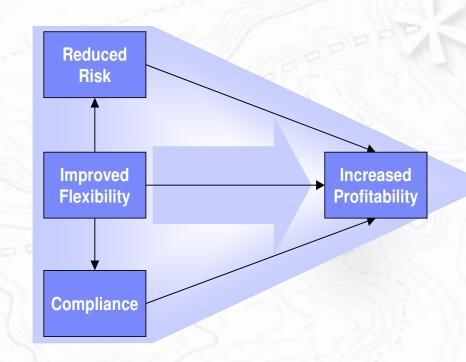
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#### We used the study findings to create a framework for looking at the business value of a Service-Oriented Architecture

- Select a group of simplified benefits
- Structure cost benefits around three basic cost scenarios
- Calculate simple return using benefits and costs first
- Select cost scenarios for second and subsequent implementations
- Look at the return for second and subsequent implementation (keeping benefits constant) relative to first implementation

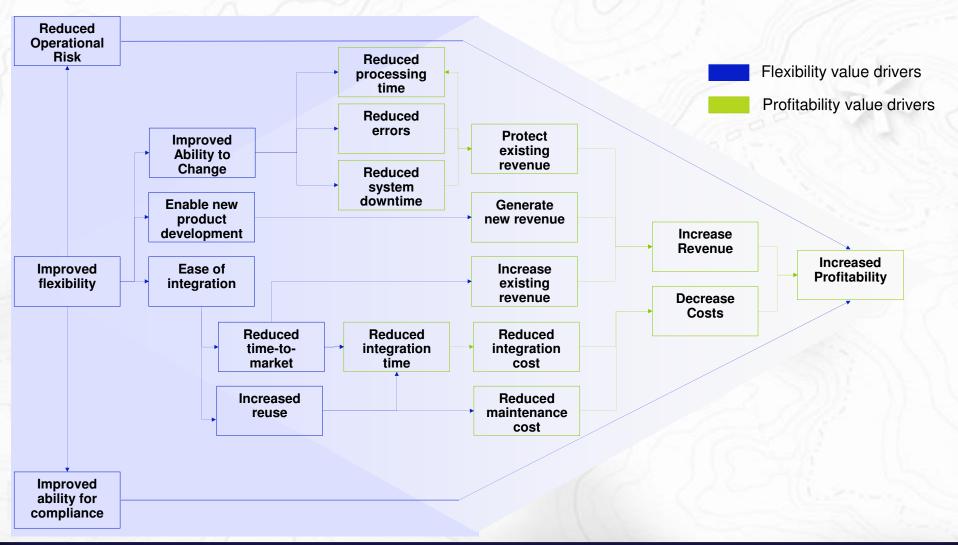


Source: IBM Institute for Business Value "The Business Value of Service-Oriented Architecture" 2006



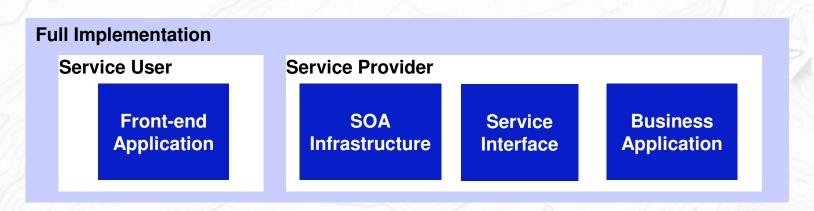


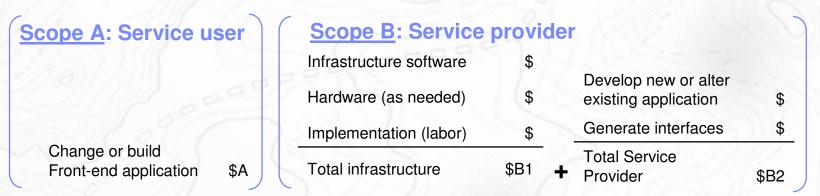
## The intuitive framework guides the examination of the business benefits of SOA for the non technical user





## To gain these benefits, you will incur costs in one of the following patterns



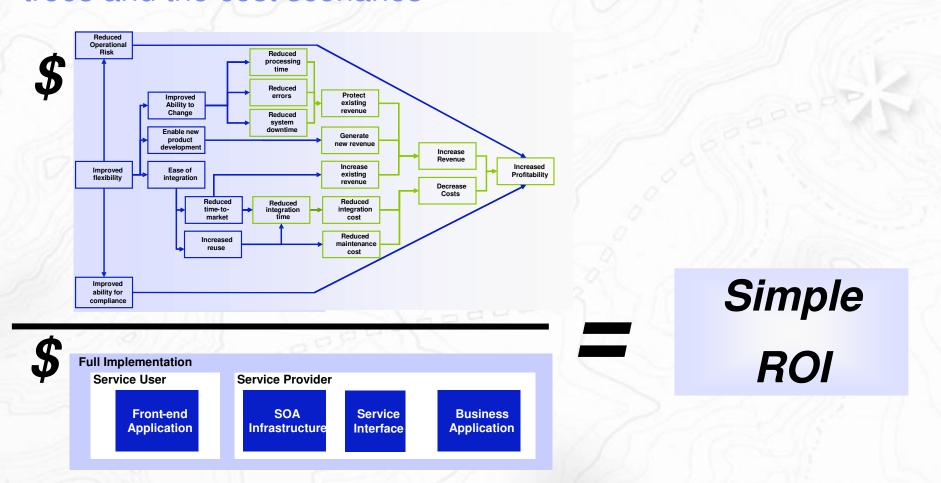


Scope C: Scope A + Scope B



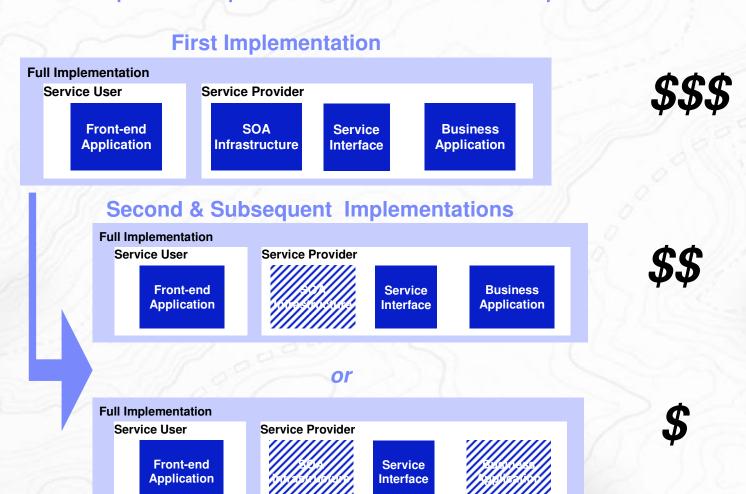


## A simple return can be calculated using the business value trees and the cost scenarios



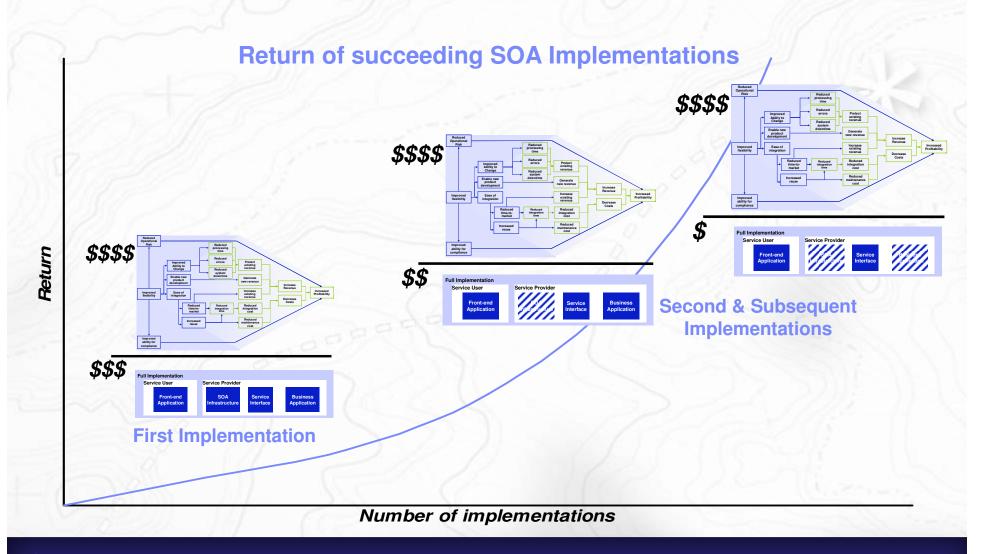


## Subsequent implementations = less spend



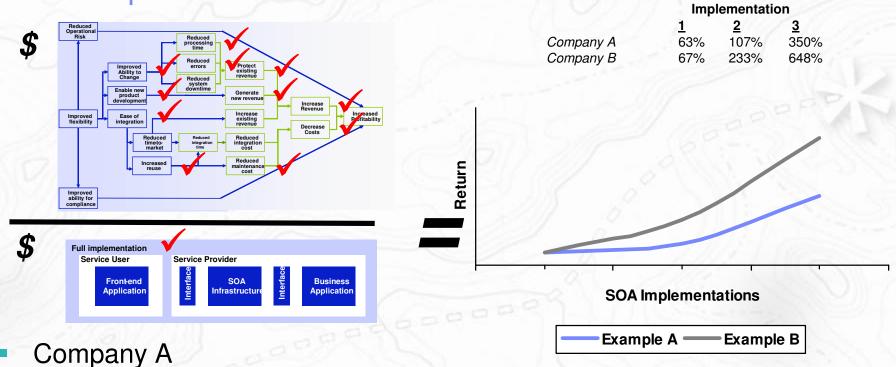


#### Over time, cost decreases & return increases





#### An example



- Insurance, Group Products Division, SOA investment used across Life, Disability, and Long Term Care
- Company B
  - Insurance, Property & Casualty Division, SOA investment used for personal property quotes, agency interaction, and quotes extended to auto

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## SOA business value outweighs the problems and challenges

- Significant business value can result from well-managed SOA solutions
  - Measure, but simplify and measure long term!
- Don't abandon building a business case for SOA
  - Take a simpler, more intuitive approach
  - Measure beyond the first implementation
- A sea-change for system communication and collaboration will drive equal change in business processes
  - Industry structure change is inevitable
  - Collaboration within and between industry players will increase
  - Table stakes!



#### Full study details and white paper



Service-Oriented Architecture: A practical guide to measuring return on that investment



#### **IBM Institute for Business Value**

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# Questions and Answers

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