

# Business Process Driven Transformation through BPM

## **Insights and Practices**

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### **Process-driven Transformation**



**Business Agility** is the ability for an enterprise to make quick decisions, to know their likely impacts, and have confidence in their sustainability.

**Business Process Management** (BPM) provides for some of the key capabilities to do just that...

## **Business Agility** in Action

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## Business Agility requires a different paradigm of the enterprise view



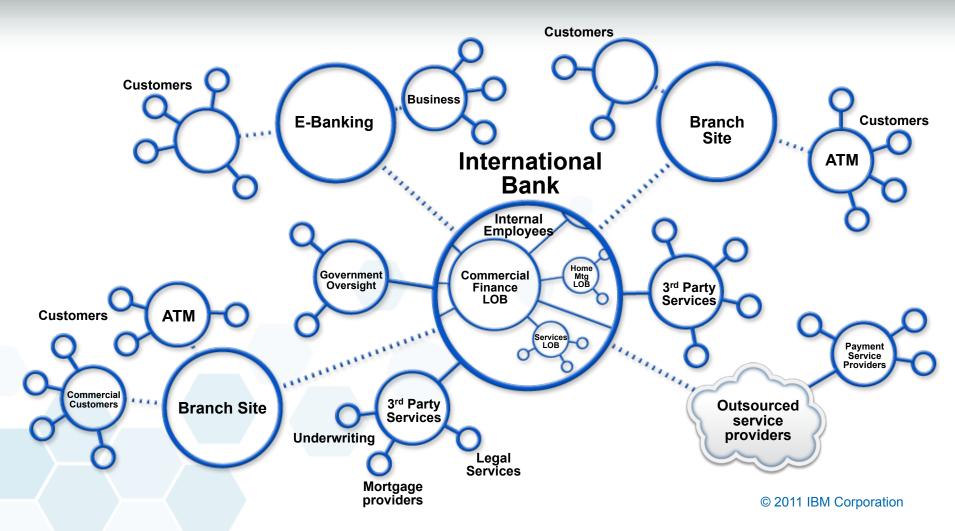
- Business agility is the ability of a business to adapt rapidly and cost efficiently in response to changes in the business environment.
- One type of <u>enterprise architecture</u> that supports agility is a non-hierarchical organization without a single point of control.
- Agility is a concept that incorporates the ideas of flexibility, balance, adaptability, and co-ordination under one umbrella.
- The agile enterprise is an extension of this concept, referring to an organisation that utilises key principles of complex adaptive systems and complexity science to achieve success.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Business agility



# The IBM view of the Modern Enterprise... ... a complex system...









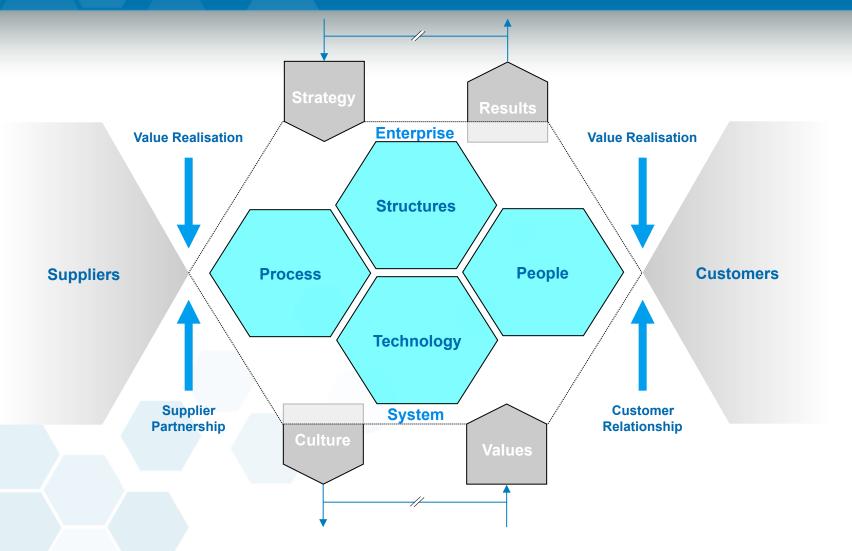


The Enterprise as a Dynamic System



## The Organisation as a Dynamic System





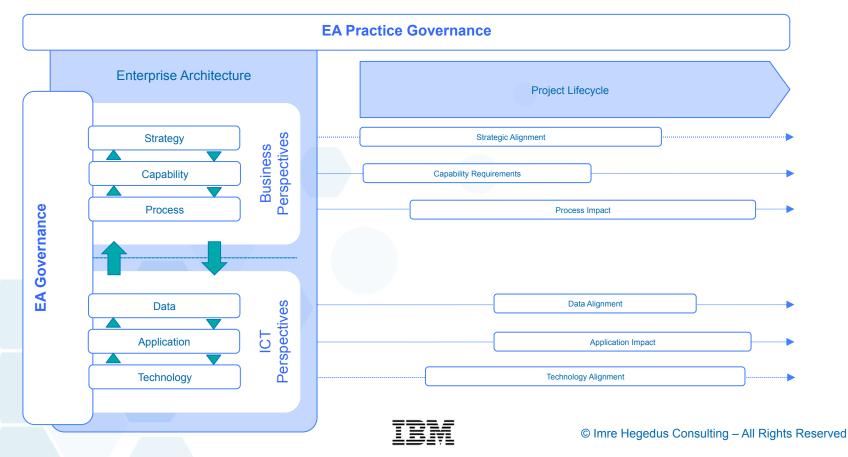


# Business Agility: Drivers and Impacts across the Enterprise Model



For an Enterprise Model to be effective in decision-making, it must must be part of an EA Practice that:

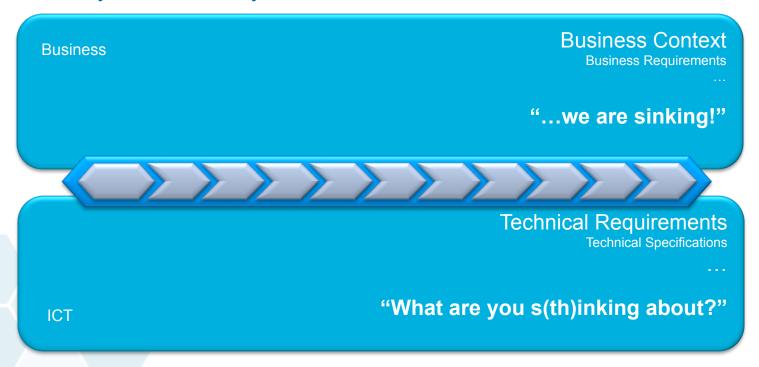
- integrates the architectural domains,
- <u>efficiently</u> undertakes impact analyses,
- informs and is informed by enterprise projects,
- managed as an enterprise reference asset, <u>balancing business and IT perspectives</u>



## Business Processes are the common language between Business and IT



- Processes bridge the Business-IT Divide
- A common language is imperative if business requirements are to be effectively and efficiently translated into business and IT solutions





## **Business Process Agility**



For an enterprise to be agile it must have agile business processes that must be:

- Explicit: Agile business processes are documented, understood, and agreed upon
- Visible: They are also visible, making process performance available in real time, measurable, and actionable
- Changeable: Agile business processes are easily changed, with tasks, activities, and end points that are flexible and quickly adjusted.
- Managed: Above all, the business can achieve agility with process information contextualized by role and extended to all stakeholders, as well as with processes that are governed to ensure compliance with business and regulatory requirements and executed as designed

Adapted from an online article "Build a More Agile Business with IBM"



## BPM – Technology - Agility





### **Process Management** *managing specific processes*

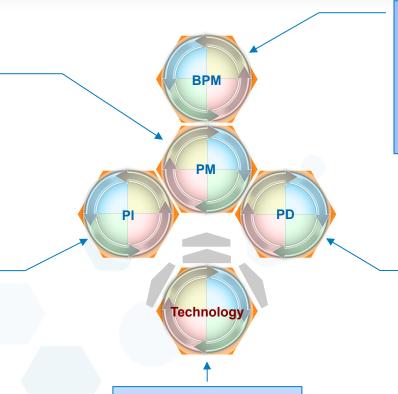
capability to continually manage and improve specific processes

Process Stewardship

### Process Improvement improving specific processes

realise capabilities of existing processes

DMAIC



### **Business Process Management** managing the enterprise as a system

enterprise-wide capability to continually improve and (re)design new and existing processes

BPM Leadership

### Process (re-)Design

designing specific processes

new processes provide increased capabilities

DMADV

### Technology

**Enabling BPM** 

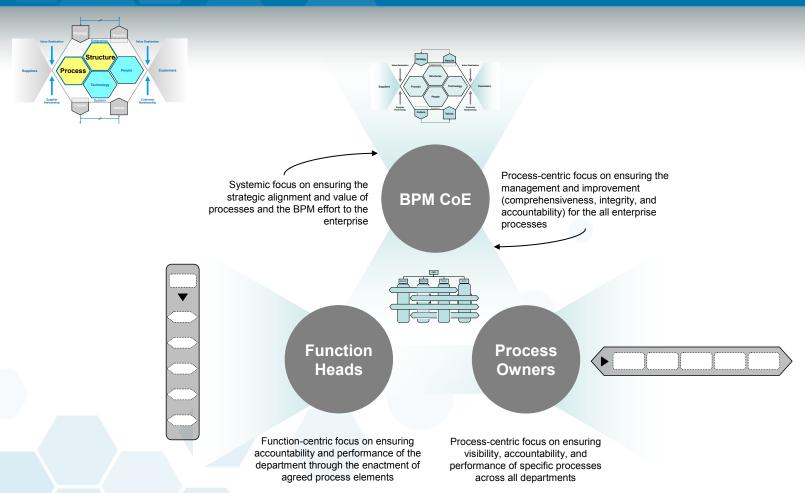
automating key processes

IT-enabled Business Agility



## Organising for Agility: The BPM Centre of Excellence





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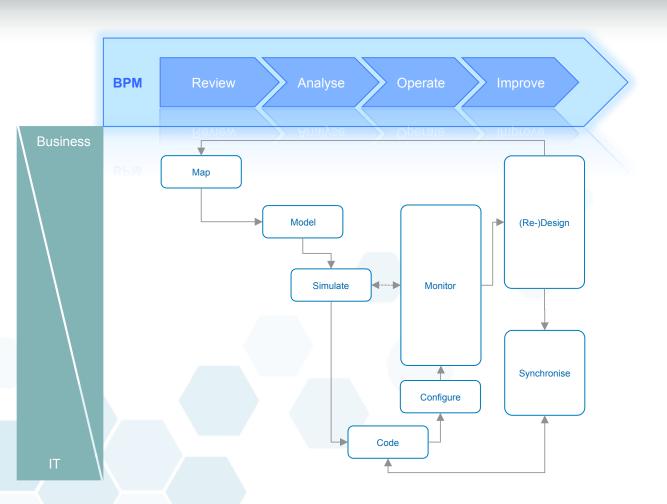


**In Practice Cases** 



# In Practice: Business-to-IT Process Lifecycle Integration





#### **SYMPTOMS**

- Significant time, resources, and effort spent on understanding the business and IT impacts of process improvements and innovations
- Technology developments not realising their business benefits

#### **ISSUES**

- No Process Lifecycle agreed between Business and IT
- Multiple technologies used throughout the Process Lifecycle
- No single Process Architecture
- Multiple methods and standards used

#### RESOLUTION

- Develop a shared Process Lifecycle
- Establish a Governance Body to manage the process lifecycle
- · Integrate with Program Office



# In Practice: Process-driven Technology Investment





#### **Initiative Prioritisation Matrix**





#### **SYMPTOMS**

- Business Functions not working together
- Poor understanding of process performance
- Technology developments not realising their business benefits

#### **ISSUES**

- IT investments by separate functional units actually slowing down process performance
- Hand-offs and manual data manipulation required
- Performance Reporting was time-consuming

#### **RESOLUTION**

- Agree key customer requirements and prioritise investments accordingly
- Develop a data architecture in line with the process architecture
- Develop a process management capability



## Key Concepts and Recommendations



### Enterprises are complex and dynamic systems

Develop an enterprise view that facilitates cross-functional impact analysis

BPM Maturity facilitates the realisation of technology benefits

Develop a BPM Capability within the business and enabled by IT

Business and IT must share common views of enterprise processes

Establish cross-functional Governance

Business Agility is only effective if accurate and sustainable

Improve only what you can manage - Automate only what you have improved

BPM enables Business Agility
Technology enables BPM

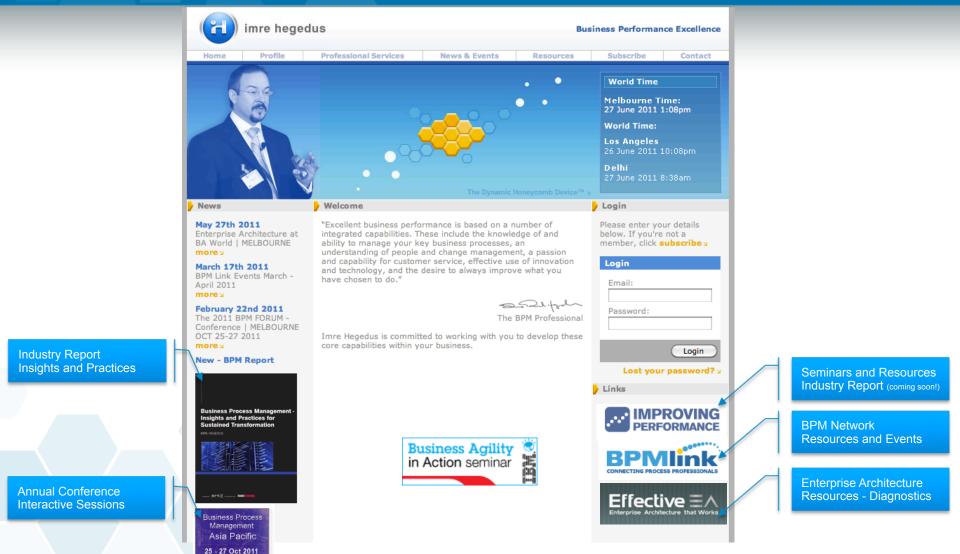


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### **Presentations**

BPM: Aligning Business and IT

BPM: Context-setting Models

BPM: Key Elements

#### **Articles**

BPM & Culture

Customer Value: The Business Discipline of BPM

Innovation and BPM

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BPM & PI: Business Performance Partners (part 2)

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