

## Smart Work for a Smarter Planet

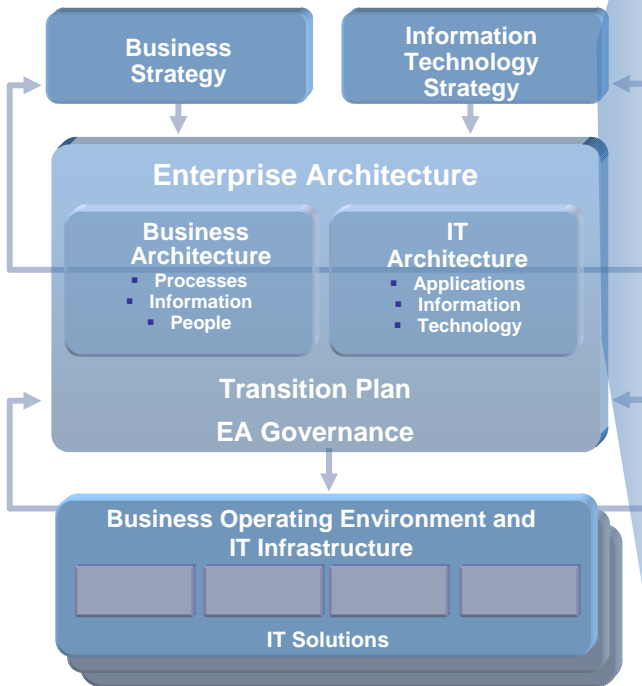


### Architecting the right SOA Infrastructure

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## What is the impact of SOA on current Enterprise Architectures?

- Alignment of Business and IT Architectures
- SOA Reference Models
- SOA Governance

### How do you develop SOA with a business focus?

- Business Components
- SOA Design
- Business Process Management

#### How do you reuse applications in the context of SOA?

- Asset Discovery
- Application Reuse

#### How do you leverage information in an SOA?

- Information as a Service
- Master Data Management

#### How does my infrastructure support SOA?

- Service Management / QoS
- Security

# Agenda

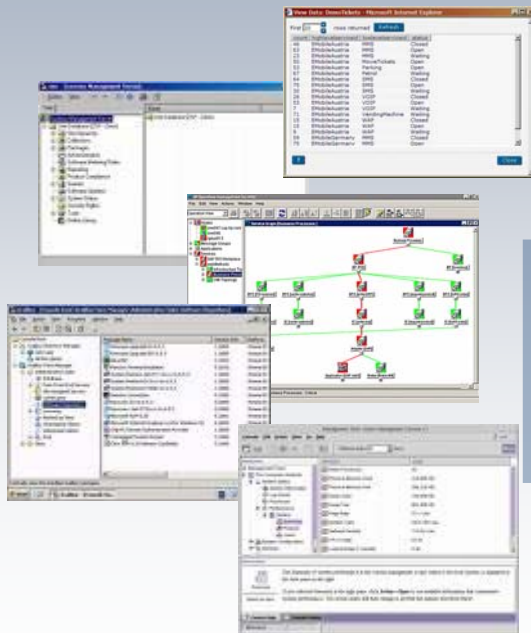
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# SOA Represents a Marked Change in IT Prioritization And Requires a New Way of Thinking

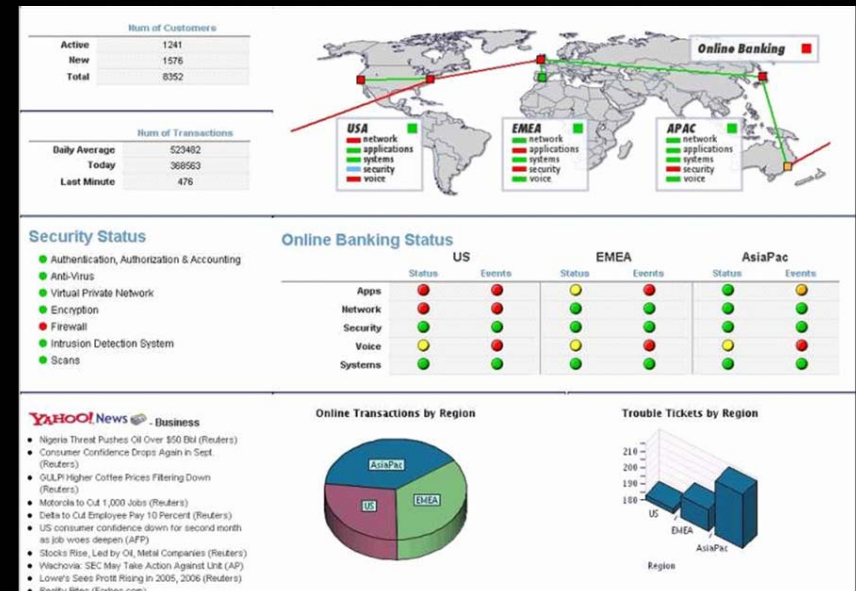
## Old Thinking

IT maintains IT **resources** that support the business



## New Thinking

IT delivers **services** designed to meet business **goals**

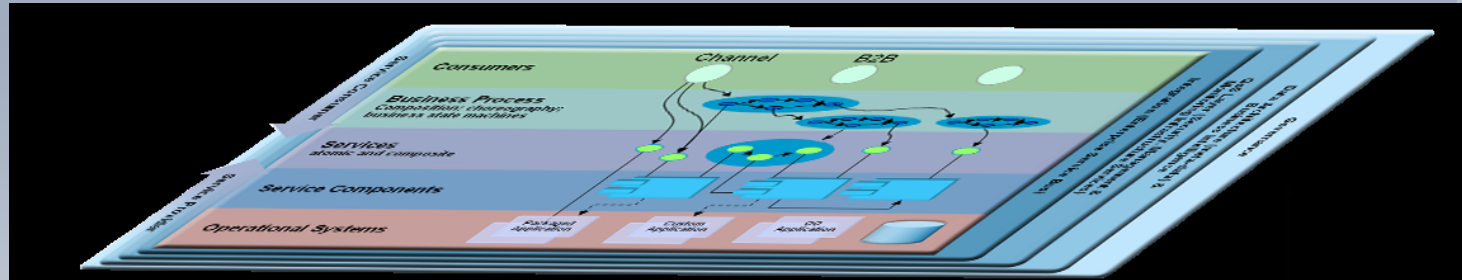


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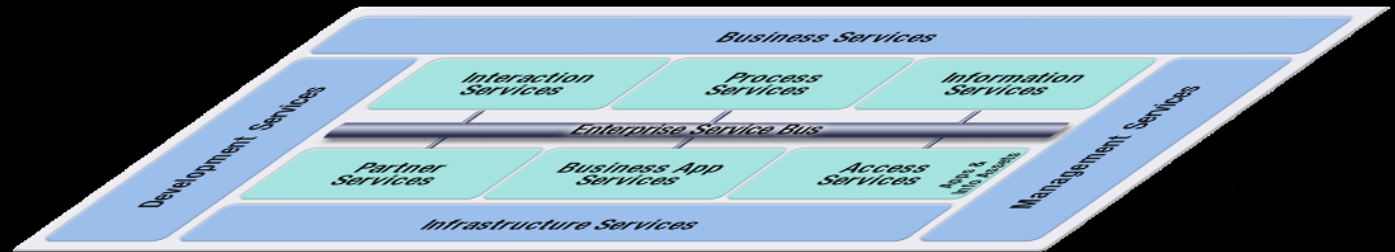
*... to Services*

# SOA and Layers of Abstraction

Processes  
Services  
Applications



SOA  
Infrastructure



Physical Infrastructure

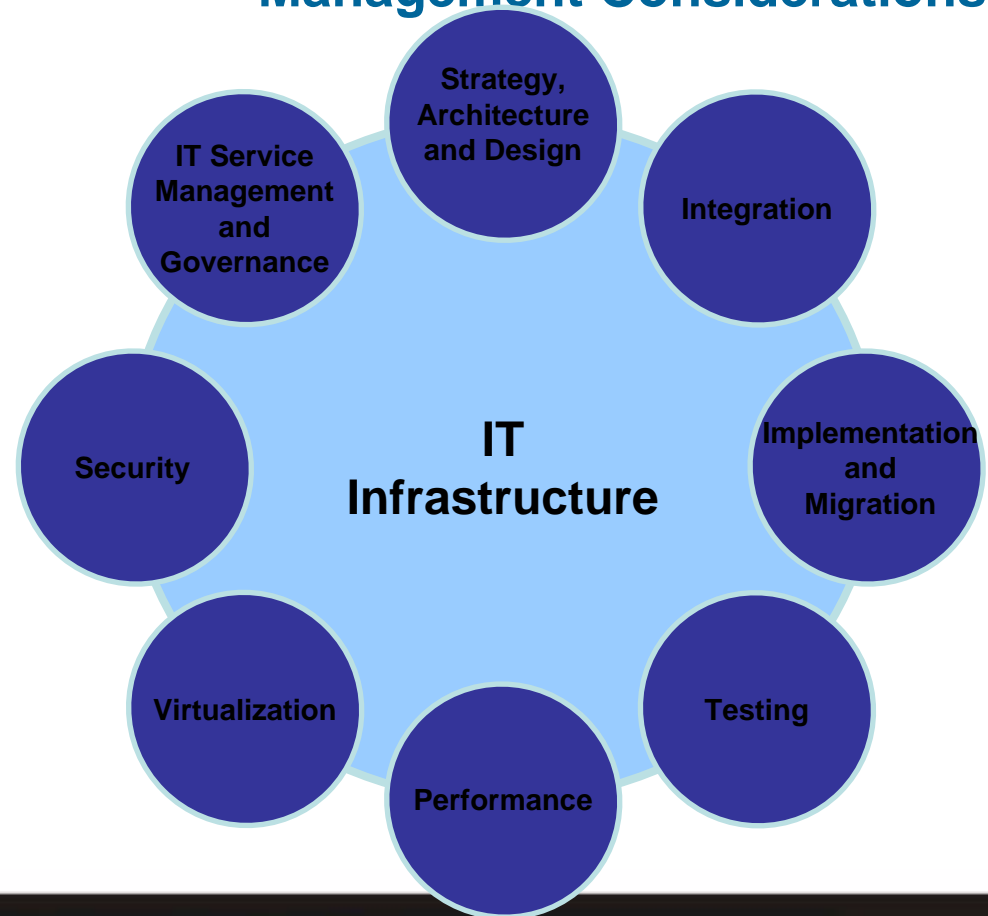


# How Does SOA Impact Infrastructure and Management?

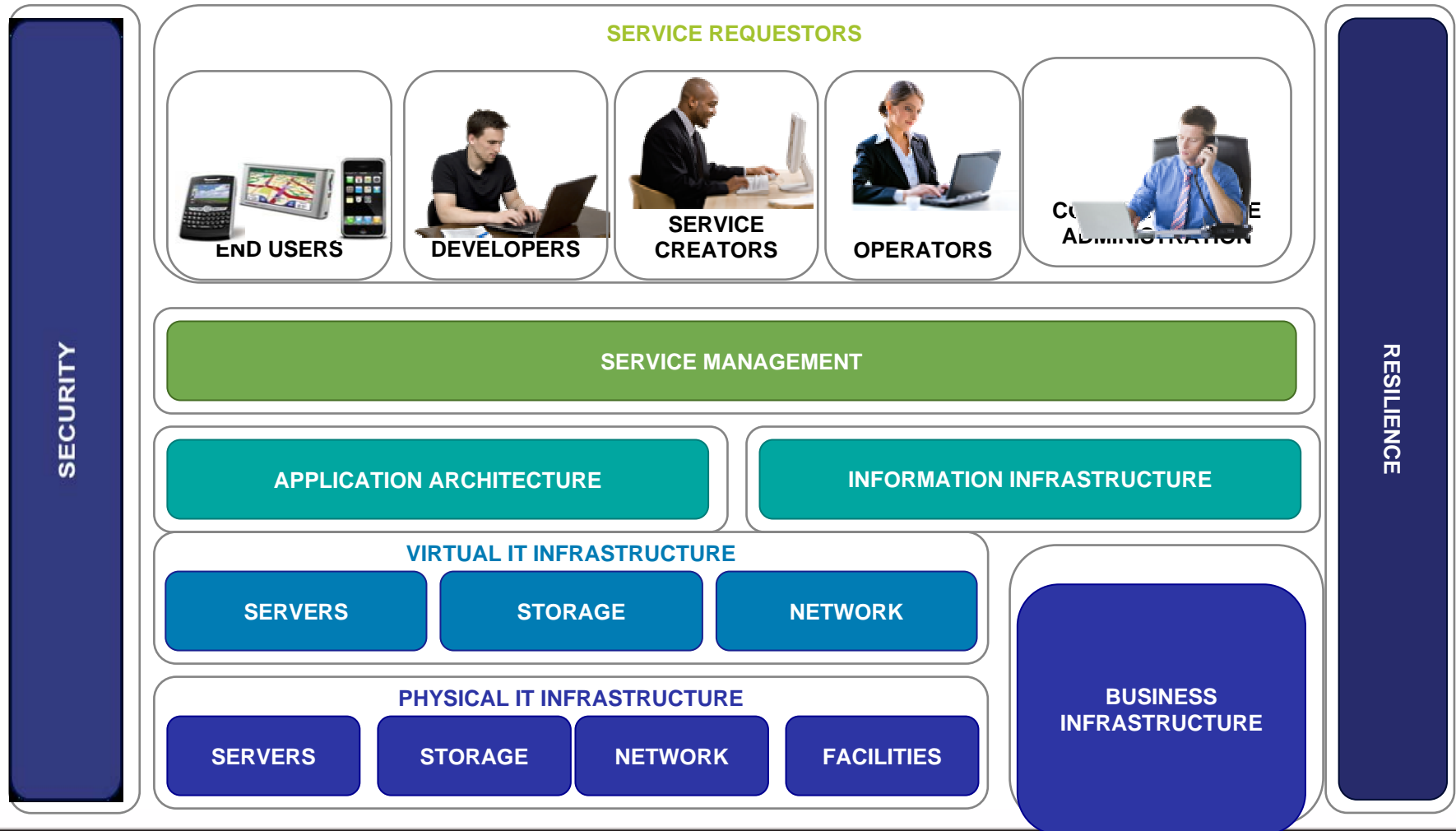
## SOA Characteristics

- Applications reused in new dynamic ways
- Services combined from multiple sources
- Rapid deployment
- Services route to any available resource
- Distributed access

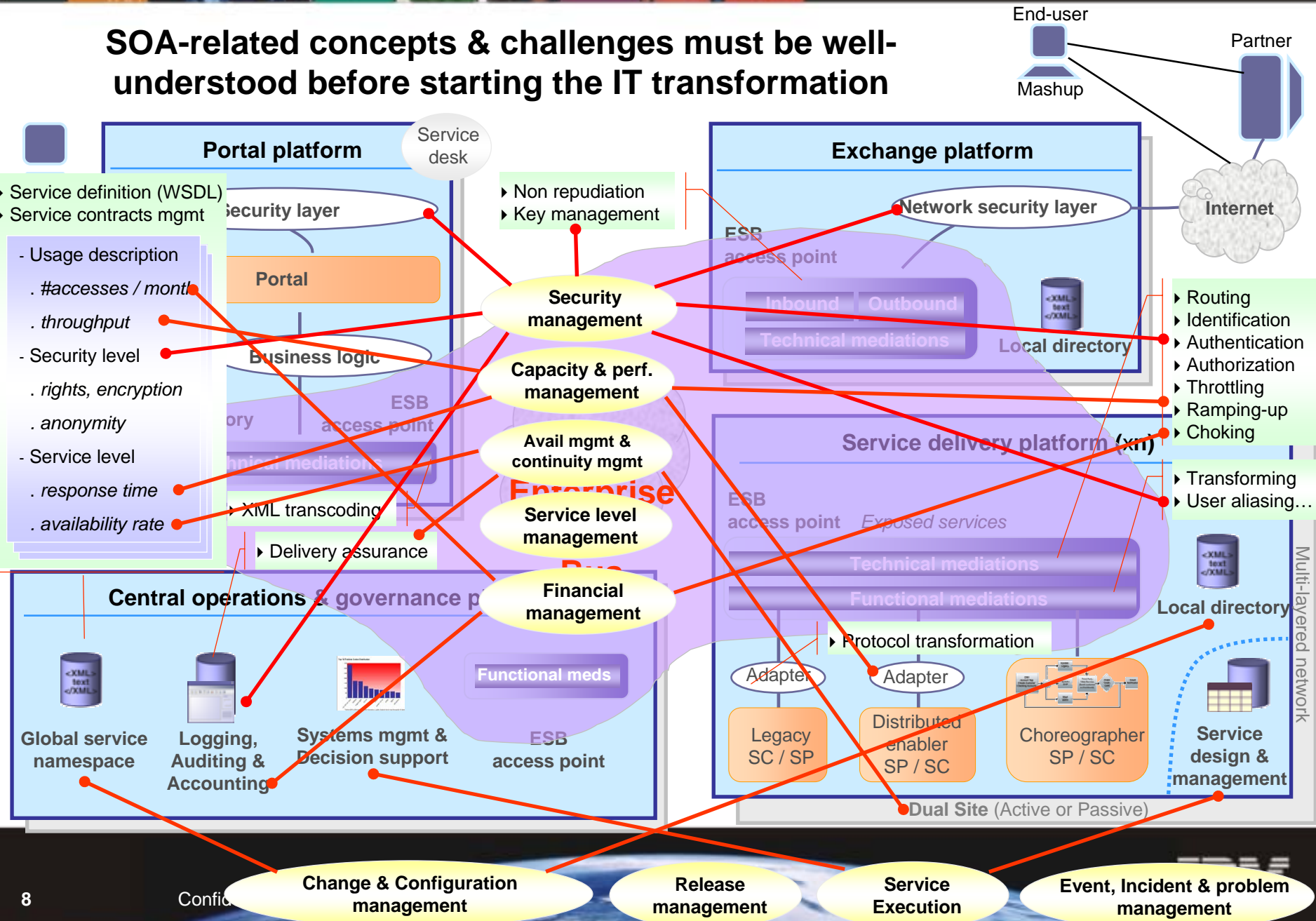
## Key Infrastructure and Management Considerations



# Architectural Model for Dynamic Infrastructure®



# SOA-related concepts & challenges must be well-understood before starting the IT transformation





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# SOA Introduces Performance Challenges

- Measuring performance across organizational boundaries can be more difficult than in siloed applications
- Response time estimation is more challenging in a more distributed environment
  - Performance costs can be difficult to predict
  - Performance testing an SOA application requires the use of new techniques
- Increased requirement for XML processing may impact performance
- Don't forget about security overhead
  - Authentication, Authorization, Encryption

# Performance Should Not be an Afterthought *It Should be Engineered into the Solution*



- Performance in SOA systems should be a combination of performance engineering and performance management
- SOA-based applications can change the way an infrastructure performs
  - XML message transformation, location, message size, frequency
  - More complex applications and transactions
- Each of the components should be used to build a performance budget, transaction models and use cases
- Middleware and server sizing need to be done with the application teams
  - How many, how available, virtualized, system platform
- Don't forget about security overhead
  - Authentication, Authorization, Encryption



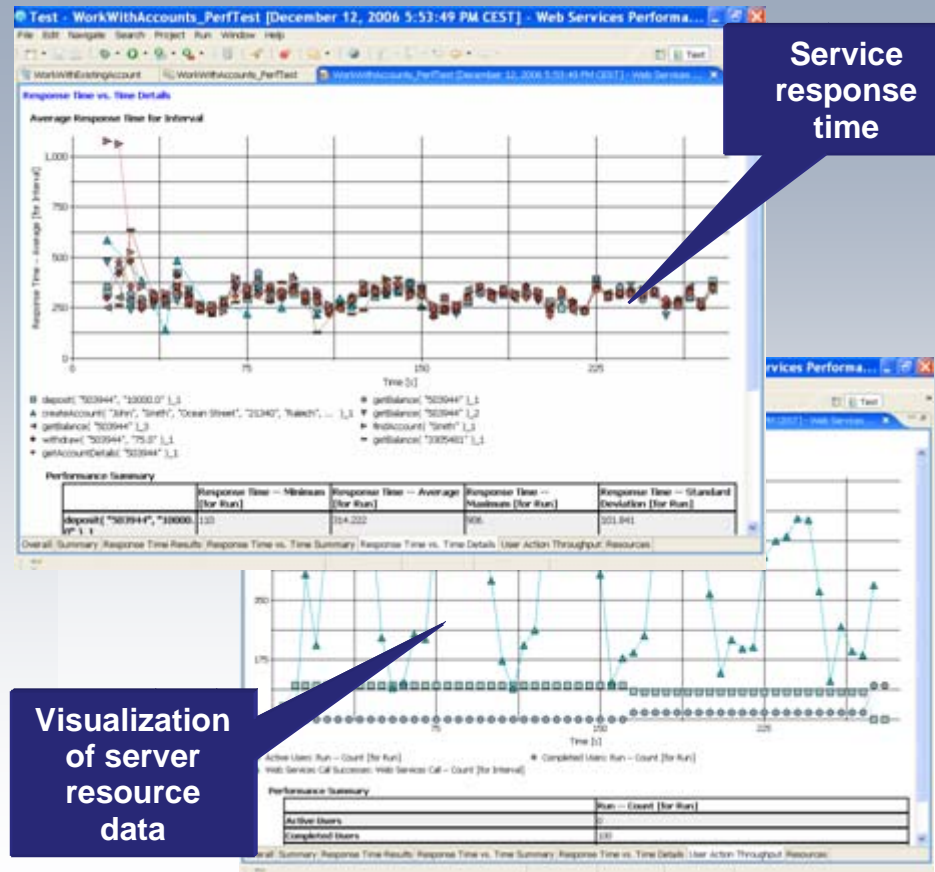
# SOA Performance Testing Concepts

- Test SOA applications throughout the development lifecycle
- Test tools must be separate and external to the SOA environment
- Use multiple diverse datasets that are representative of an SOA workload
- Stress test the solution to detect trouble areas
- Run tests in a comparable environment to the deployment environment
- Use multiple test tools – similar results from multiple test tools using identical data sets validates the tests



# SOA Performance Testing and Problem Analysis Tools

- Validate system scalability
  - Workload modeling for automated generation of test clients
  - Automated generation of performance tests
  - Real-time reporting of server response time and throughput
- Isolate performance bottlenecks and resolve problems
  - Monitoring support for services across multiple platforms
  - Collection and visualization of server resource data – root cause analysis

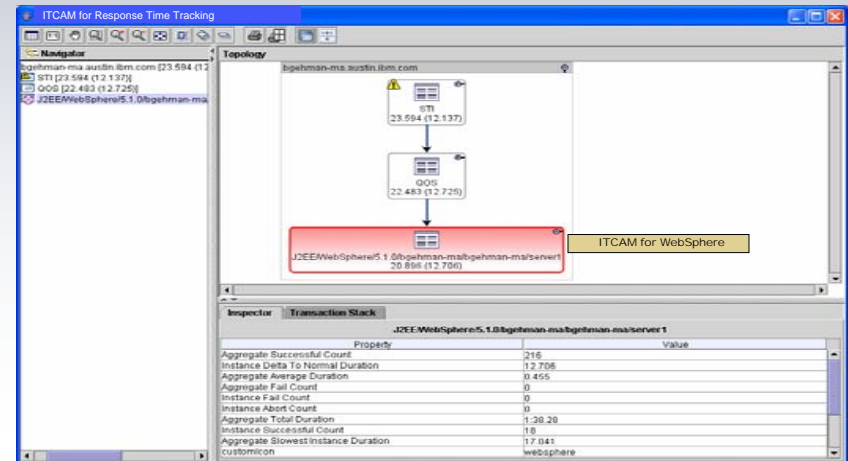
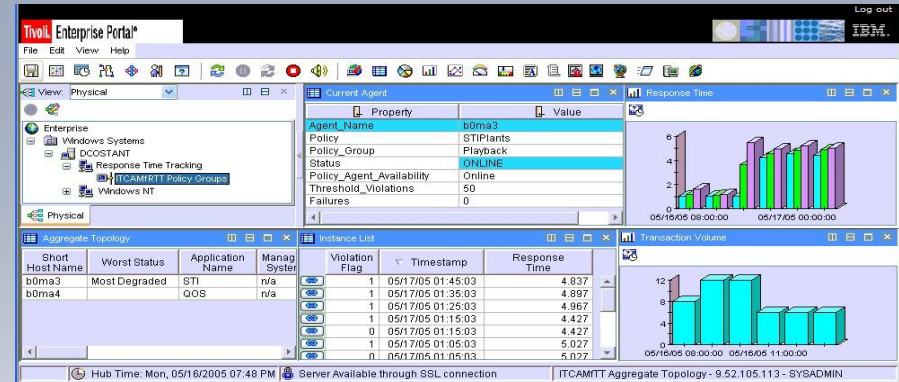




# Monitoring Transaction Performance in SOA

## *Response Time Metrics in a Distributed Environment*

- Composite applications span technology and platform boundaries
- Can be difficult to identify and isolate performance bottlenecks
- Use lightweight instrumentation that can be dynamically configured to proactively identify performance problems
- Use industry-standard ARM-based instrumentation to isolate the problem



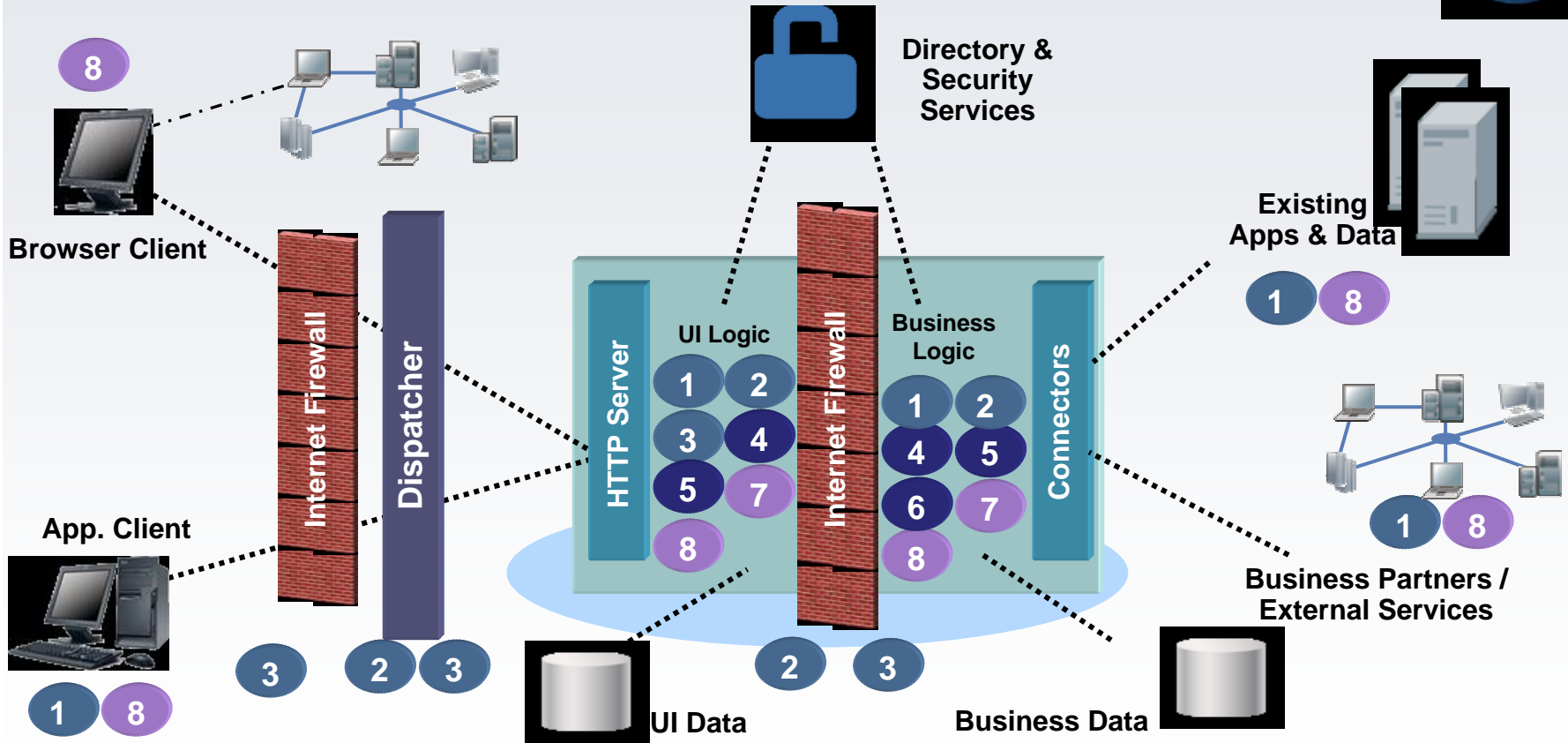
# Guidance for SOA Performance



- The SOA performance model should be created and maintained throughout the lifecycle as the application is built
- Performance testing needs to obtain sufficient metrics to validate that services meet performance expectations
- Use established techniques to meet SOA performance requirements
- Design, test, and retest to confirm that non-functional requirements are met
- Implement an integrated solution that will automatically monitor, analyze and resolve response time problems
- Consider dedicated network appliances to optimize and accelerate XML parsing and security processing



# Techniques for High Availability and Scalability



- |                        |                      |                         |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Faster Machines      | 4 Segmented Workload | 7 Connection Management |
| 2 Replicated Machines  | 5 Request Batching   | 8 Caching               |
| 3 Specialized Machines | 6 Data Aggregation   |                         |





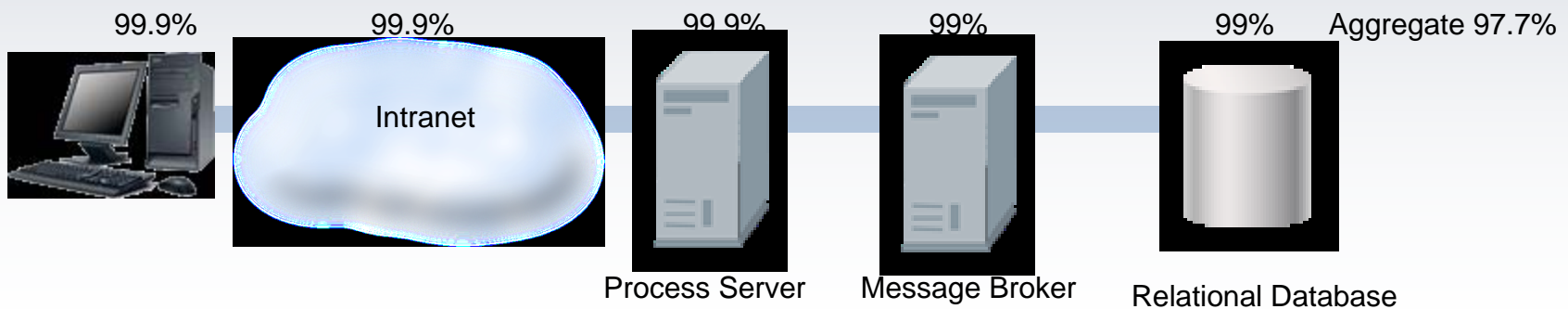
# High Availability in the SOA World

- An application may exist on multiple servers in different locations
  - Applications need to be “availability” aware in case a service within the workflow is unavailable
- SOA applications impact service availability levels
  - SOA introduce new application dependencies, including externally provided services
  - Need to understand the end-to-end view
- Monitoring, management and reporting is required to achieve predictable availability in an SOA environment
- Plan for the unexpected
  - What are the non-functional requirements? What systems are you using? Distributed? Mainframe? Where are they located? How will they be accessed?
  - The more components in the transaction, the greater the risks for failure or human error



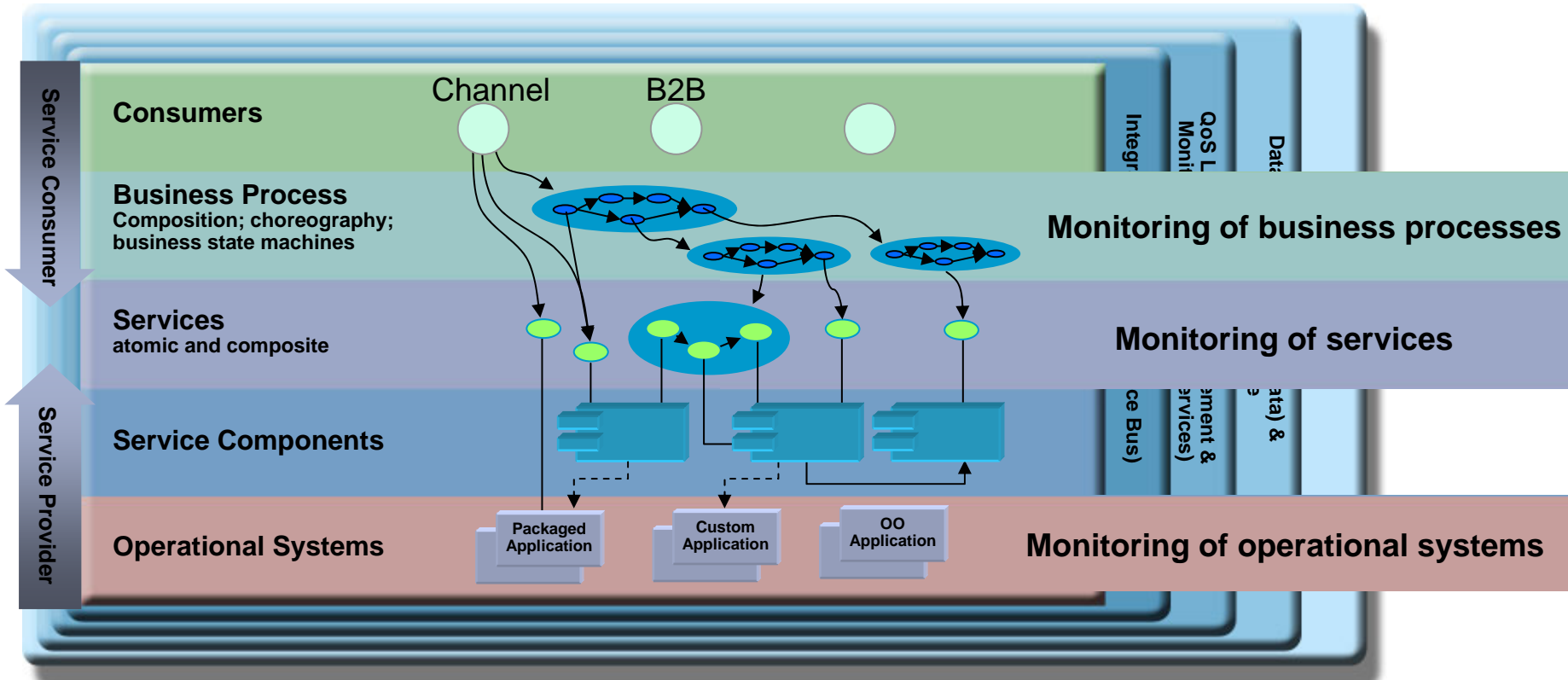
# Guidance for SOA Availability

- There are an increased number of components in an SOA infrastructure, so test rigorously for availability
- Create failover plans based on criticality of applications and services
- Take advantage of established availability techniques
  - Each component requires its own availability architecture
  - Leverage capabilities like Workload Management, High-Availability Manager, Deployment Manager, etc.
- Some components may require both hardware and software clustering
  - Databases, enterprise messaging infrastructure, SOA appliances





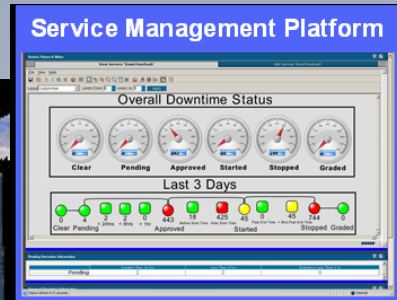
# The Challenges of Managing SOA





# Service Management

## *Requires a Closed-Loop Approach*



How does this relate to the business service?



What's happening with the infrastructure?

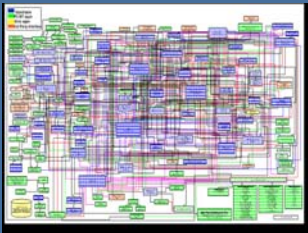


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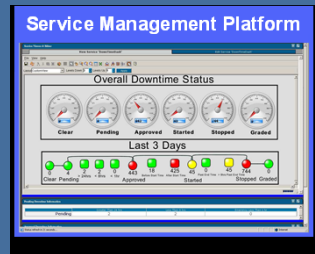
# IBM Service Management

## What's happening with the infrastructure?



- Infrastructure and application discovery
- Server monitoring
- Storage monitoring
- Network monitoring
- Data monitoring
- Application monitoring
- Service monitoring

## How does this relate to the business service?



- Dashboard
- Application dependency mapping
- Business service management
- Service level management

## What actions do we take?



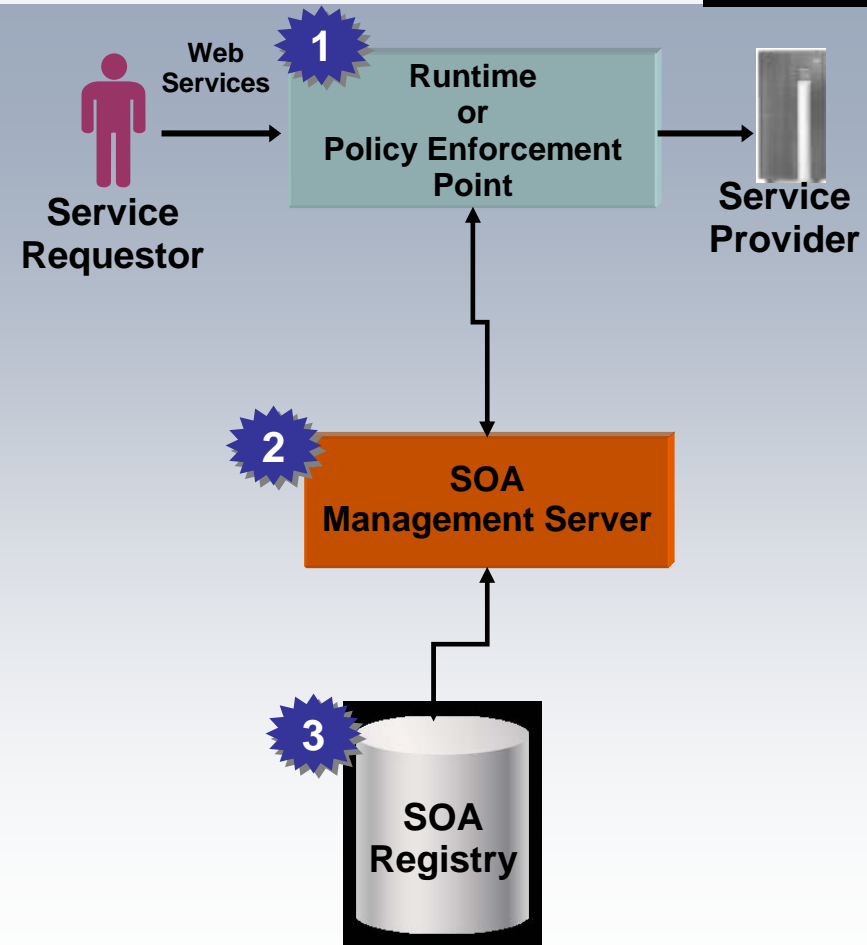
- System reconfiguration
- Data restore
- User identity provisioning
- System and application restart
- Infrastructure deployment
- Service mediation



# Key Elements for Managing Services

There are 3 key components in services management:

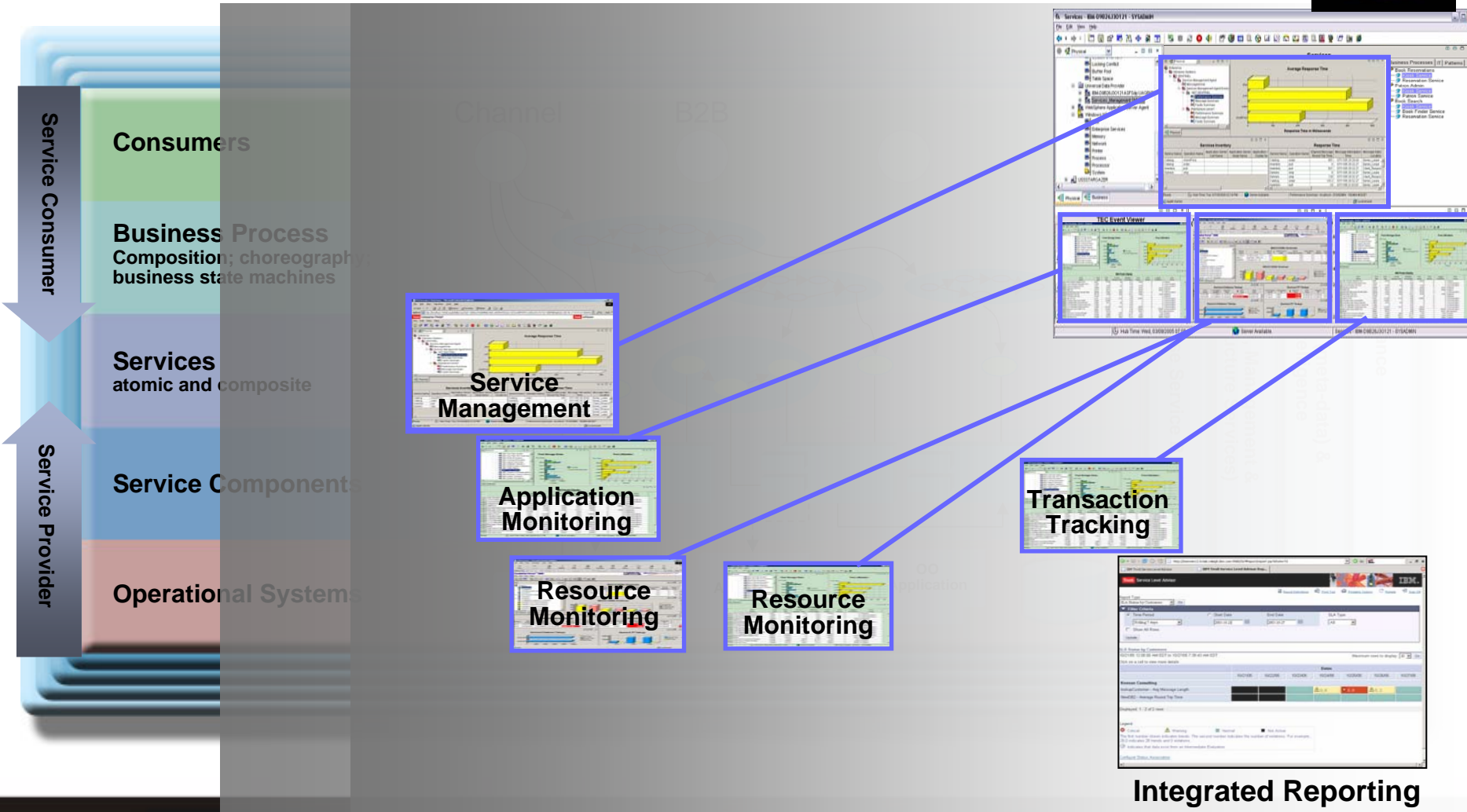
1. The runtime environment – this is where messages are routed, secured, transformed, filtered and logged
2. The management server – aggregates the data from all of the endpoints and runtimes and sends configuration changes based on policy
3. The registry – stores meta data about services and policies





# Integrated Visibility of SOA Resources

Integrated Console





# Guidance for Service Management

- Establish operational and business-focused management and monitoring perspectives
- Monitor the end-to-end solution to isolate and fix problems
- Automate provisioning and control of services to meet SLAs
- Make use of tools to improve application availability
- Track/predict change to reduce costs and downtime



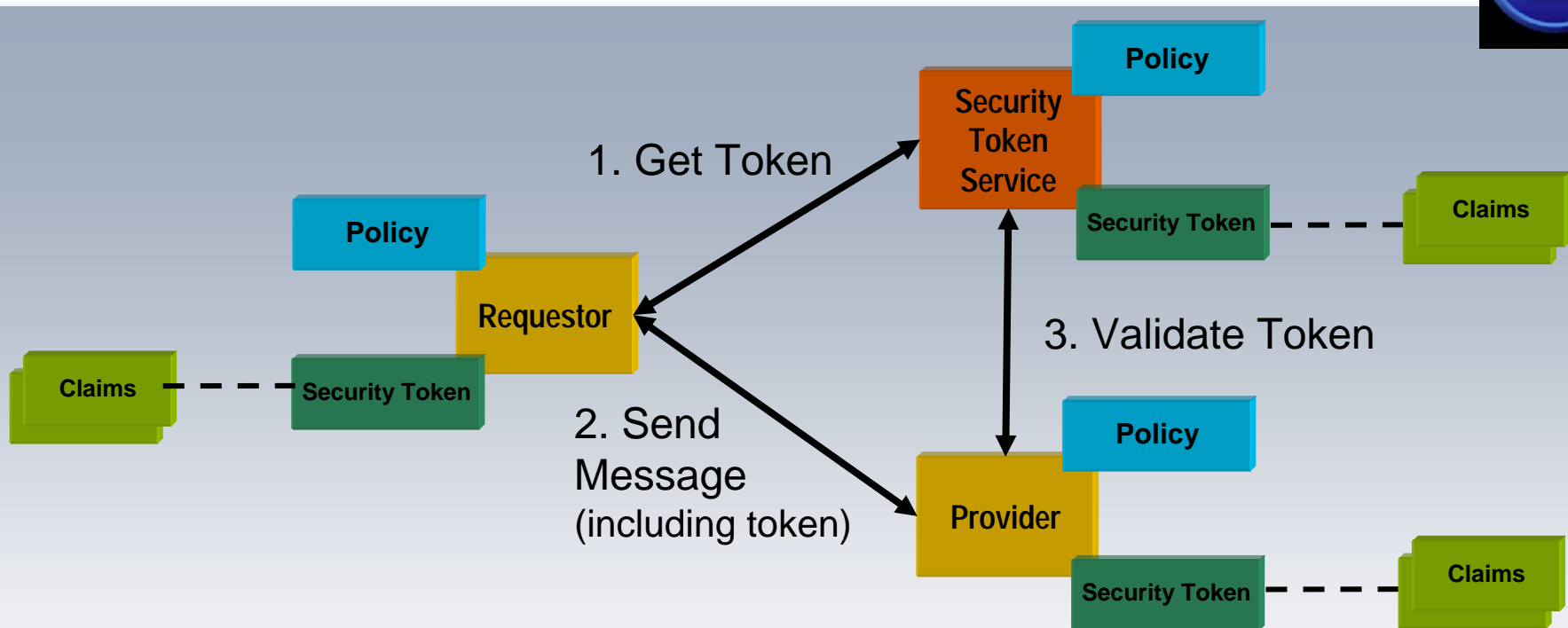


# SOA Security Considerations

- SOA introduces raise additional security issues
  - How do we identify and authenticate the service requester?
  - How to we identify and authenticate the source of the message?
  - Is the client authorized to send this message?
  - Can we ensure message integrity & confidentiality?
  - How do we audit the access to services?
  - How do we leverage Web services security standards?
  - How do we propagate identities with trusted service providers?
- XML Web services may expose backend systems in unintended ways
- SOA security may require multiple layers of enforcement – perimeter, gateway, app server, application
- Traditional security devices do not secure XML/SOAP



# SOA Security – Trust Model

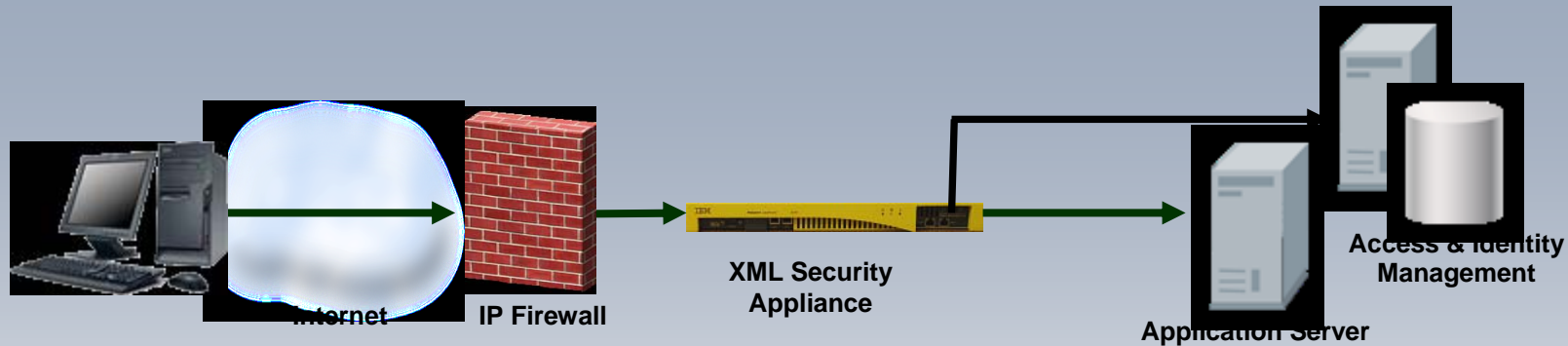


- Identity Federation and Web Services requires trust
  - This trust is based on agreements between partners & expressed as policies
- Trust can be enabled by technology
  - Trust requirements expressed as infrastructure policies and requirements
  - Security tokens include identity information; Cryptographic keys used to sign Security Tokens
- Technology needs to be standards based
  - Standard ways to express and exchange policies that reflect trust relationships
  - Agreed token format, information content, signing and encryption methods



# XML Security Appliances

## *Can Simplify and Accelerate SOA Security*



- XML/SOAP firewall enables filtering on any content, metadata or network variables
- Incoming and outgoing XML and SOAP is validated at wire speed
- Security can be performed at the field level
  - WS-Security
  - Encrypt & sign individual fields
  - Non-repudiation
- Provides XML/Web services access control

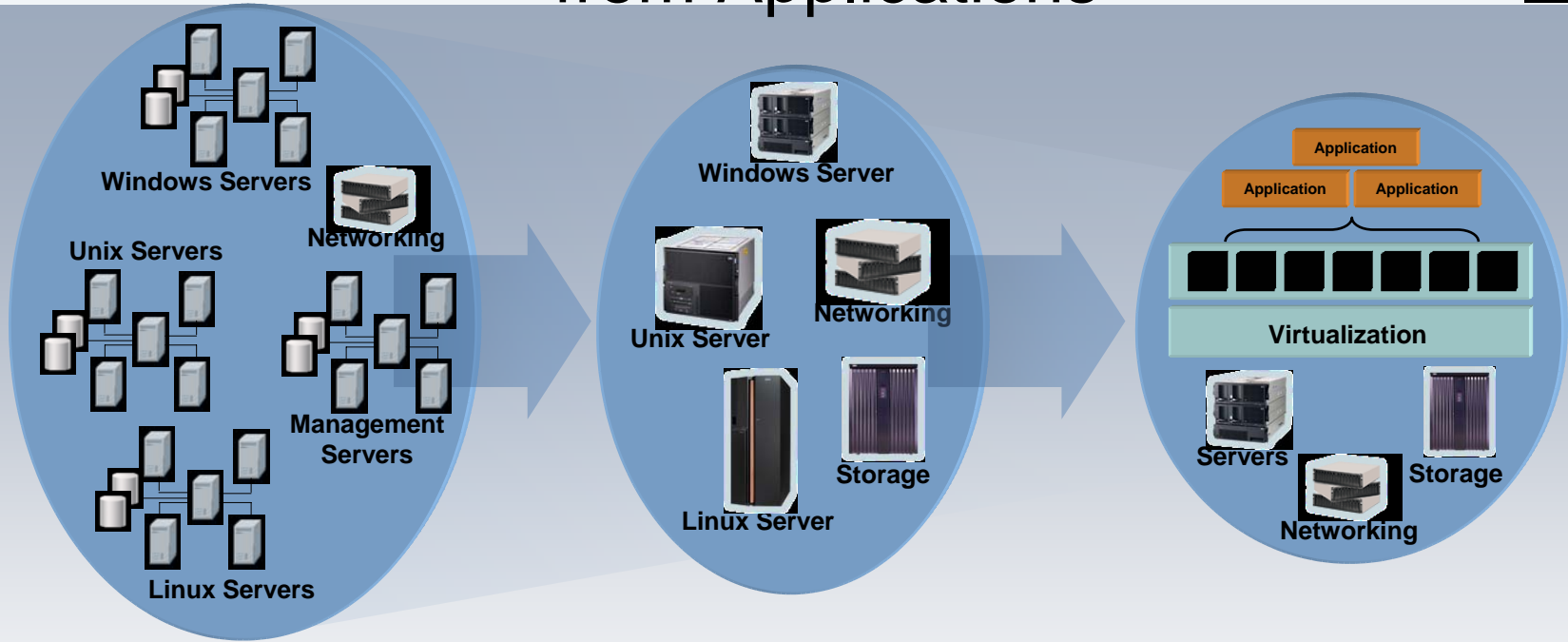


# Guidance for SOA Security

- Security authorization needs to be granular at the service level
- Understand existing corporate security policies (especially approval and audit process) and apply them in the SOA environment
- Work with the SOA application teams to understand the requirements
- Understand the trade-offs of security, performance and cost
- Choose policy-based over programmatic approaches to allow security decisions to be implemented at service invocation
- Evaluate performance implications of security implementations
- Consider XML appliances to accelerate security processing



# Virtualization Decouples IT Infrastructure from Applications



## Complex

- 👎 Islands of computing and data
- 👎 Physical resources are bound to applications
- 👎 Disparate management tools
- 👎 Manual provisioning

## Consolidated

- 👍 Fewer devices and licenses
- 👍 Increased utilization
- 👎 Physical resources still bound to applications
- 👎 disparate management tools
- 👎 Labor intensive provisioning

## Virtualized

- 👍 Pools of resources
- 👍 Logic and physical resources decoupled
- 👍 Standardized, automated infrastructure management
- 👍 Automated provisioning

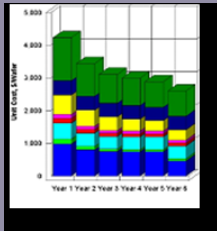


# Infrastructure Optimization & Virtualization

Optimize infrastructure investment and prioritize applications and users in a mission-critical manner

- Provide high availability and redundancy for business-critical applications
- Increase server utilization to optimize capital & administration costs
- Ensure that the most important applications and users are given priority according to business and IT policies
- Flexibly respond to unforeseen application demand

## Resource Optimization



*Utilization*

## Application Prioritization



*Importance*

## High Availability



*Assurance*



# Guidance for Virtualization

- Consolidate servers, storage & network assets for greater efficiency & reduced complexity
- IT resources should be used across applications without regard to where they physically reside
- Replace error-prone manual tasks & repetitive IT resource/capacity management tasks with automated capabilities
- Dynamically allocate IT capacity to meet business goals for increased infrastructure agility and readiness for growth

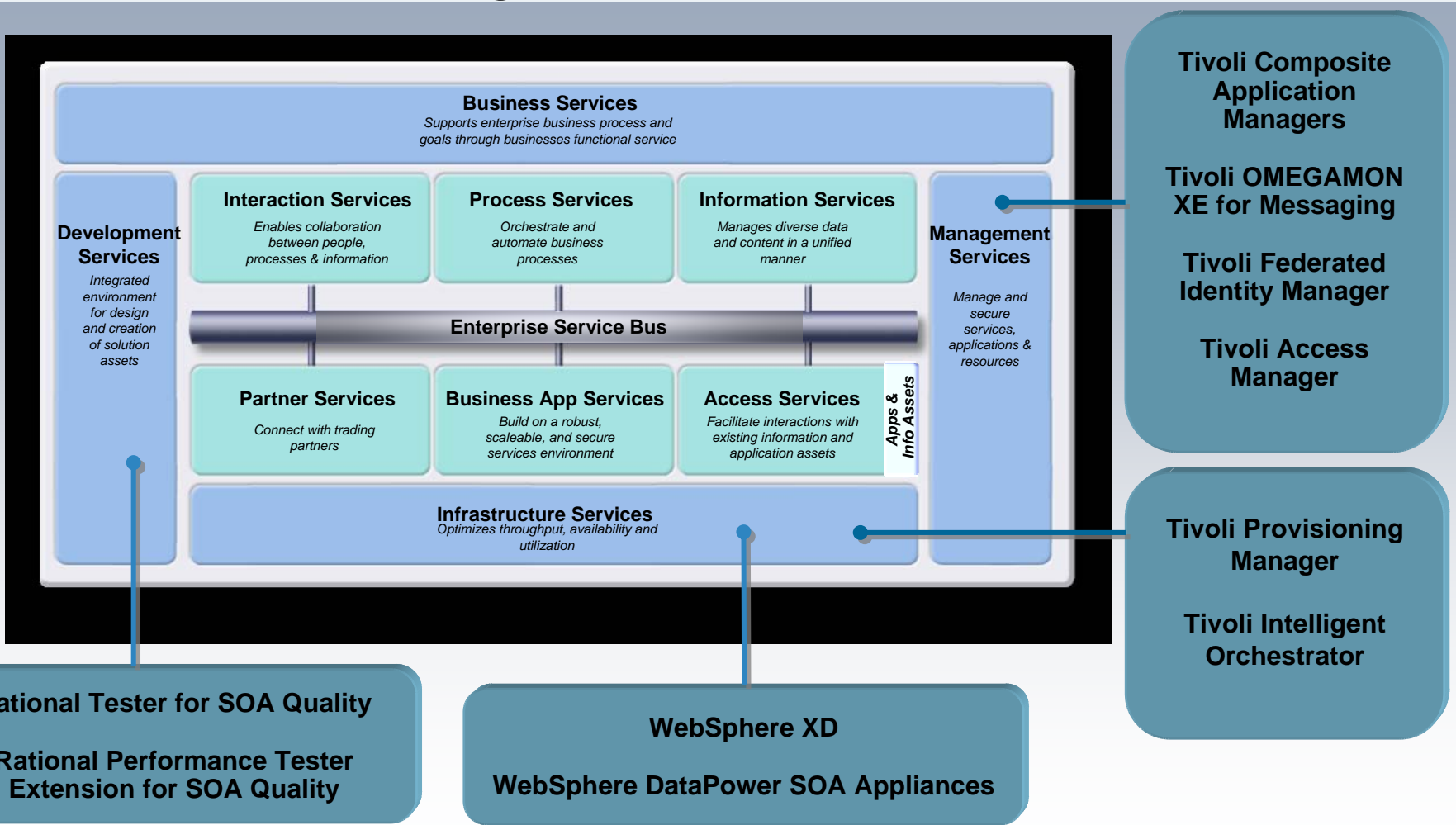
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# Mapping to the IBM Products



# The Keys to Architecting an SOA Infrastructure

- In the real-world, SOA-based applications put a lot of stress on a typical infrastructure
- From a business view, the application layer is geared towards simplification but the infrastructure can become complex
- The IT Infrastructure/Middleware Architect cannot let the SOA application become a “*black box*” within the infrastructure
- Visibility of quality of service metrics within the SOA application is crucial to achieving performance and availability goals
- As an IT Infrastructure Architect, one needs to know what is in the toolbox and how to build the best infrastructure for the SOA application

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# Thank You

