



EMC helps companies leverage their IT infrastructure for strategic advantage. We combine vertical industry expertise with a focus on strategic operating models, software development lifecycles, and application rationalization to accelerate strategic IT initiatives.

Challenge

In today's knowledge economy, the competitive advantage belongs to the company that is most agile, first to implement new business processes and information flows, and fastest at executing new business strategies. The company's IT architecture, in turn, must become more adaptable to support this business agility. That is where service-oriented architecture (SOA) enters the picture.

Because it breaks down business processes into reusable software services, SOA changes the development paradigm to support greater flexibility. However, moving to an SOA approach has implications not only for the software development lifecycle, but also for organizational structure and governance. Therefore, IT organizations are proceeding cautiously and ensuring that they engage the right partners as they migrate to SOA.

One large financial asset management firm was optimistic that SOA would solve many of their IT problems and improve time to market. However, they realized the need for caution because SOA would mean changes in roles and responsibilities as well as in technology and business processes. To improve their chances of success, the firm engaged EMC[®] Consulting to conduct a readiness assessment and provide guidance in moving forward.

Solution

Because the EMC team was able to build upon experience in developing SOA applications at other firms, they were able to apply tested methodologies to accelerate the process.

- Assessed governance, technology, and business areas to determine firm's readiness to adopt SOA
- Developed incremental improvement matrix to chart path to SOA readiness
- Provided governance model, reference manual, and training materials for architects who would be implementing SOA
- Conducted series of workshops to train personnel based on their roles in the SOA implementation

Result

EMC enabled the firm to understand which areas of the organization needed improvement before proceeding with SOA and identified several quick win projects which would move forward the SOA implementation. The engagement with EMC provided the targeted guidance needed to enable the firm to jumpstart the SOA initiative.

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