

SOA, Web Services, and RtWebParts Integration

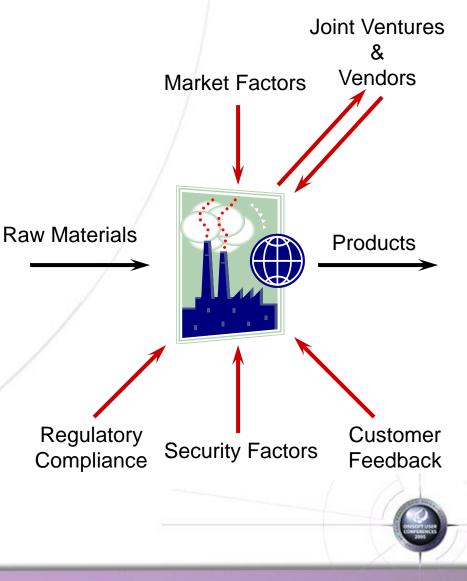
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Outline

- Your environment
- Point-to-Point vs. SOA
 - Why SOA + Web Services will be different
- Starting down the SOA road
 - Guidelines
 - Examples
- OSIsoft's role in your SOA
- Your SOA roadmap

Protecting Yourself

- Your environment is in constant transition
 - Acquisitions
 - Mergers
 - Infrastructure changes
 - Cross-site variability
- You start with standards, you end up with a heterogeneous mix of systems



SOA Challenges

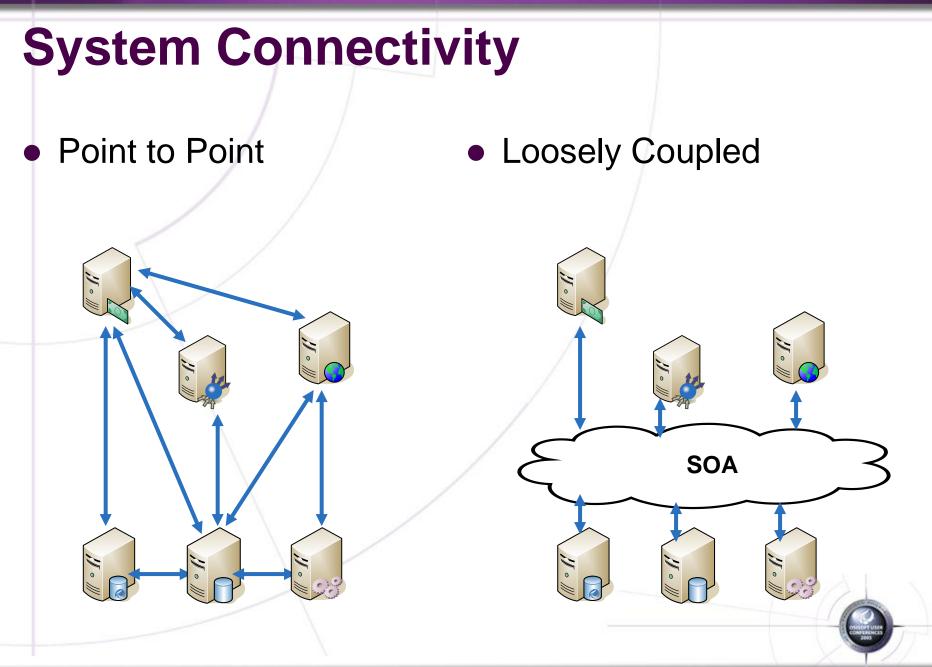
- Build an application in one site that gets data from soon-to-be-replaced heterogeneous systems
- Build and application at multiple sites with homogenous systems but different standards
 - a common naming system must exist due to implementation variability
- Build an application at the Enterprise-level spanning sites with heterogeneous systems

Service Oriented Architecture

- Service Orientation is nothing new
 - It is, however, unique to your business
 - Provides high value to customers
 - Services are "business level" by nature and necessity
- The Architecture protects your service investment
 - Supports reuse both with the aggregate steps and the electronic document
 - Encapsulates changes in platform, process, and growth

Web Services Support the Architecture

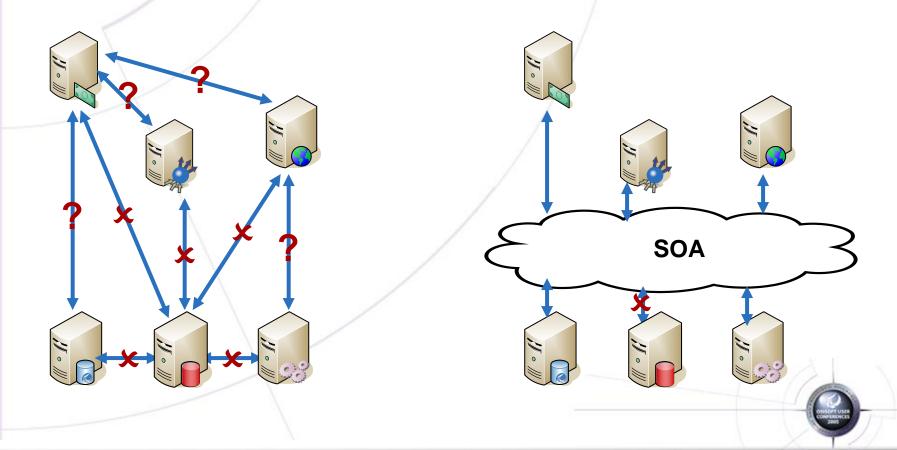
- Platform Independent
- Standards Based
 - Common communication protocols like HTTP and SMTP
 - Message Schemas
 - Separation of Operational Policies from Message Body
 - Schema and Contract will not change



Change Out a System

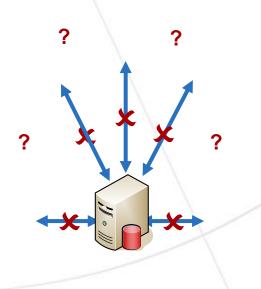
Point to Point

• Loosely Coupled

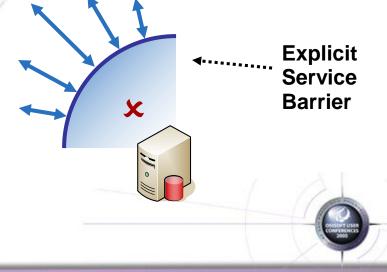


Work Required to Adapt

- Must re-implement each connection to the system
- Must evaluate ancillary connections



- Must re-implement service-layer abstraction
 - Not necessarily a 1:1
 mapping to services
 due to service reuse

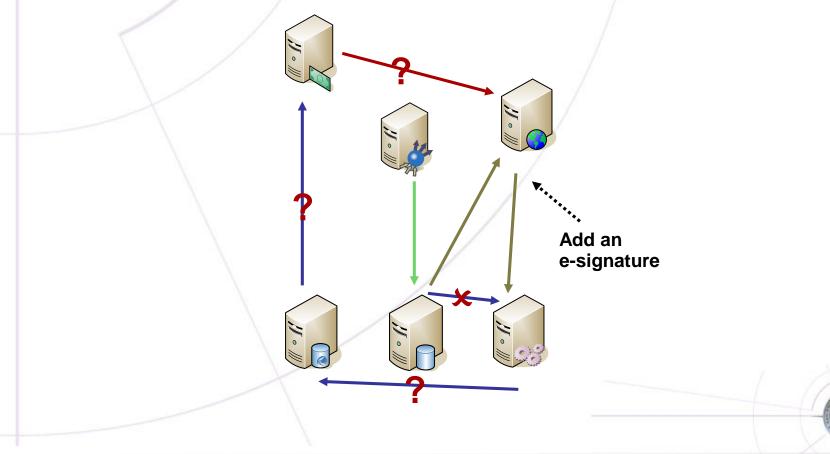


Workflow and Business Logic

Monolithic design

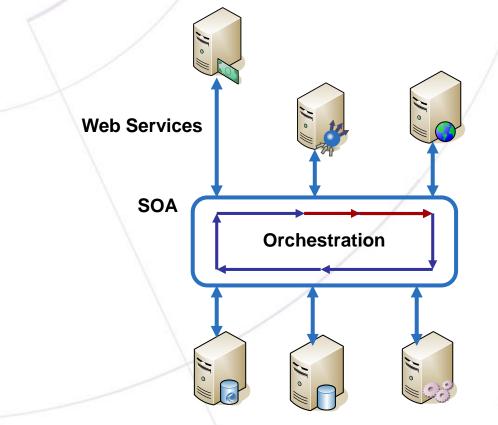
Workflow and Business Logic

Business Logic and Workflow Tightly Coupled



Workflow and Business Logic

Extend the Workflow and Message Schema to Incorporate the Electronic Signature



SOA + Web Services = Agility

Features

- Autonomous services
- Discoverability
- Platform neutral
- Orchestration

• Flexibility

- Rerouting workflow
 happens in
 orchestration
- Adding data to a service is a schema extension
- Insulates from architecture changes



What About Performance?

- Performance may be a key requirement
- Scalability may be a key requirement
- Web Services add an XML layer, both the message and the reply
- Appropriate granularity is an important factor
- Use tightly coupled calls when performance is needed

And Security?

- Use of common standard protocols offers many options; Anonymous through Certificate
- If tracking usage is important
 - Audit trails may be turned on without affects to the web service contract or schema.
 - Simple text logs in IIS
 - HTTP filters may be produced for detailed logs
 - Might be built into the contract and schema



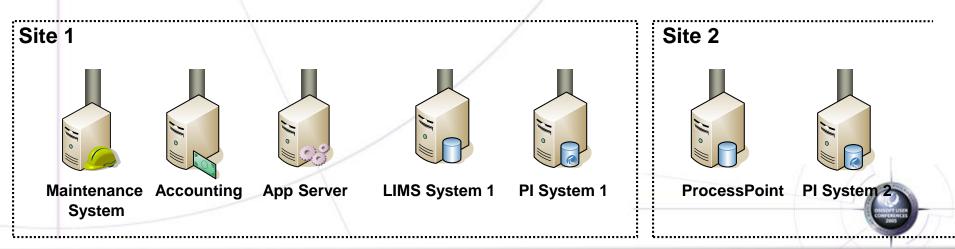
Implementation Guidelines

- Decide what problem you are going to fix
- Involve both business and IT
 - Business defines requirements
 - IT implements the services
- Involve strategic vendors like OSIsoft
- Create services that deliver tangible value
 - Start small, but solve a real business need

SOA Service Example 1

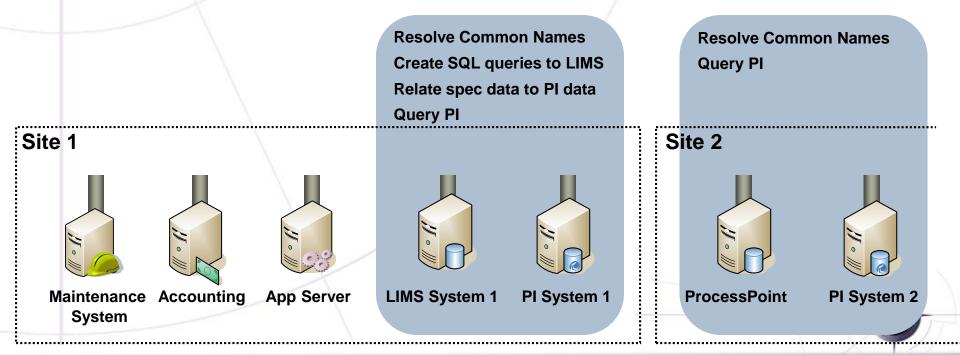
Problem:

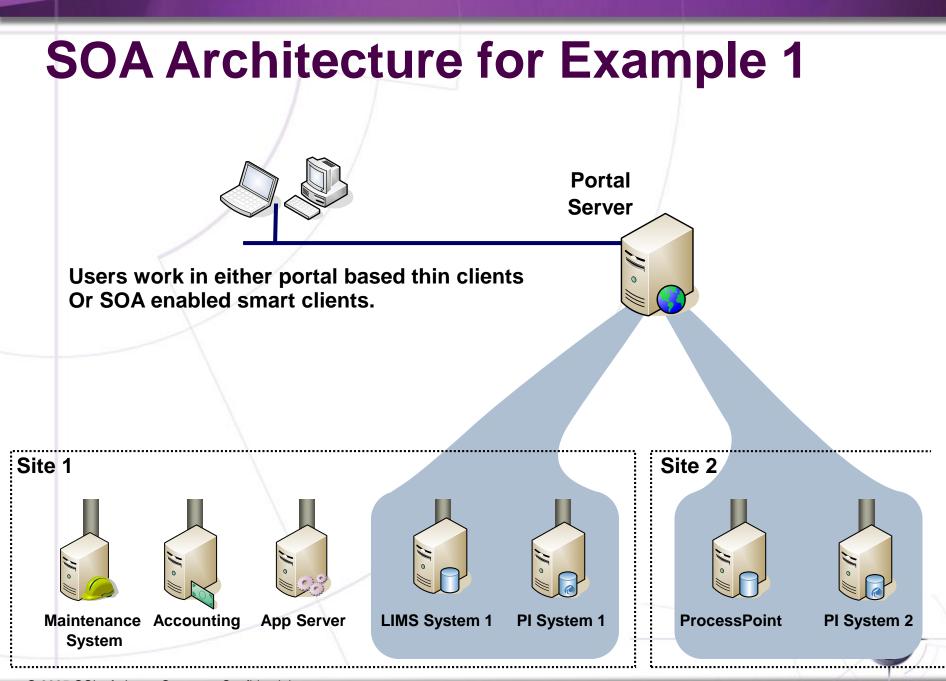
- Users need to get quality information from different sites.
 - Requires site, production line, time frame, and friendly name of the quality metrics to return.
 - Each site runs a different quality system with unique naming conventions.
- Service:
 - Exposes a friendly naming conventions, connects to the appropriate site systems, and returns the requested quality metrics.



SOA Services for Example 1

- Define a good service interface
 - Normalize the namespace between all the sites
 - Ensure proper linkage with lower level systems

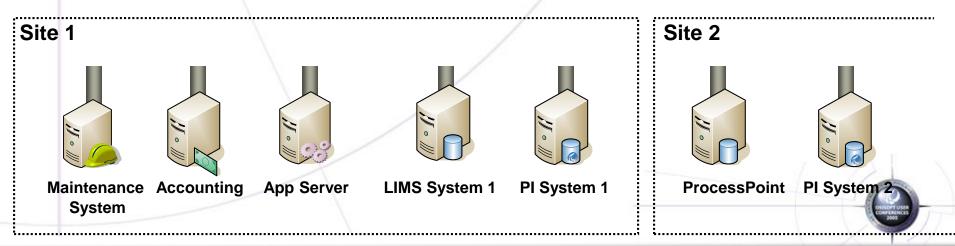




SOA Service Example 2

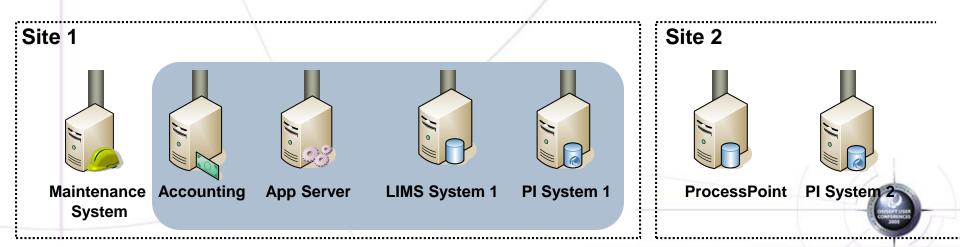
Problem:

- Customer calls with quality issue, supplies invoice number and description of quality problem.
- Services:
 - Pass in invoice information and return site, order, and scheduled production information.
 - Pass in scheduled data and compare specs to quality analysis data.
 - Pass in order information and return accounting information, and available inventory to help CSE resolve issue.



SOA Services for Example 2

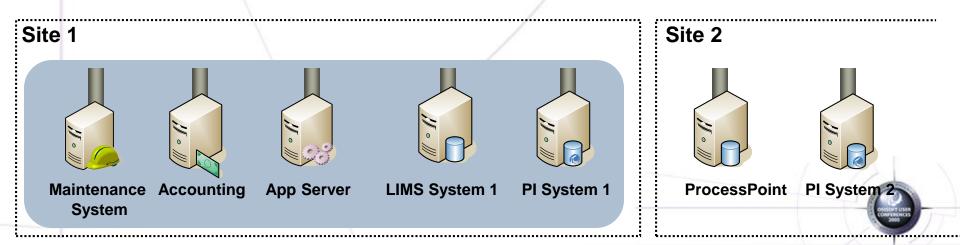
- A set of services is created
 - Reference accounting system for customer information
 - Reuse services from Example 1
 - Return the cost of different possible resolution scenarios
- Services are used together to answer the posed questions



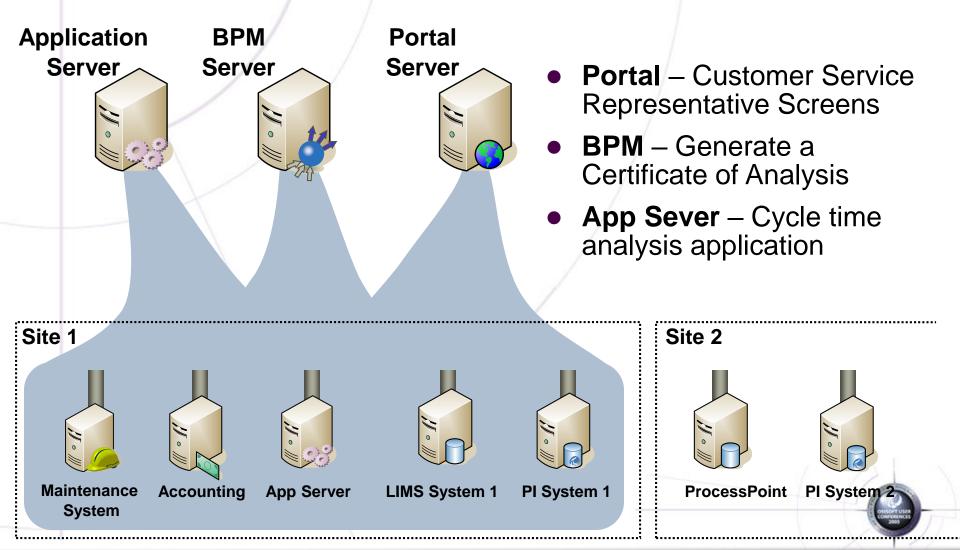
SOA Service Reuse Example

• Research Problem:

- In between maintenance intervals, product quality drops and customer satisfaction drops due to receipt of lower quality product.
- Combine Services:
 - Determine the longest acceptable maintenance interval and illustrate that the potential revenue gain exceeds the additional maintenance costs.



Potential Service Consumers





What is SOA to OSIsoft?

- Business level services vs. CRUD
- Some business systems can characterize high level services

OSIsoft's Commitment to Customer SOA's

"Our contribution to an SOA is two-fold. We make the general purpose routines that can be called many ways. We also provide ways to create the Web Services that would be the business-level interfaces in an SOA."

- Mark Hughes, President OSIsoft

OSIsoft's Roadmap to SOA Participation

Today

- SDK sample code
 - Web services and documentation
 - Lower-level functions (get data, perform simple searches)
 - Examples are properly architected and designed for extension by customers
- The Advanced Computing Engine (ACE)
 - Calculations in ACE can be exposed as Web services

Targeted SOA Participation Methods

- Portal support
 - Build new services for portal users
- Application development
 - Enable services for business level applications
- Business process integration
 - Support for EAI platforms

Long Term SOA Participation Plans

- RtBaseline Services "v2.0"
 - Part of "Foundation" initiative (stay tuned)
 - Will connect to and reference data inside and outside of the RtPM Platform family of products



Start the Journey

- Have a good idea of your requirements up front
- Context is key to SOA
 - Establish a cross-site naming convention
 - Develop context around business uses
- Envision applications that
 - Span sites
 - Span systems
 - Span lines of business
 - Span organizational boundaries

What You'll Find on the Road

- Frequently Debated Topics
 - What is or is not SOA?
 - What is the right service contract?
- Who has the keys?
 - Business or IT?
 - Funding infrastructure vs. applications

As you Draw your Roadmap...

- You can't buy an SOA from a vendor
 - An SOA reflects your business needs, vendors can't know these in advance
 - But don't ignore vendors that can augment your SOA effort and reduce implementation costs
- Both your IT department and business stakeholders need to be on the team
- Involve OSIsoft early on in your planning process to realize the value of the RtPM Platform



Further Information

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A list of Microsoft SOA white papers:

http://msdn.microsoft.com/architecture/soa/default.aspx

Avoiding Bad SOA: http://www.zapthink.com/report.html?id=ZAPFLASH-200531

ROI of SOA: http://www.zapthink.com/report.html?id=ZAPFLASH-20050127

There is no SOA Wizard: http://www.zapthink.com/report.html?id=ZAPFLASH-2005110