

# SOA, Web Services, and RtWebParts Integration

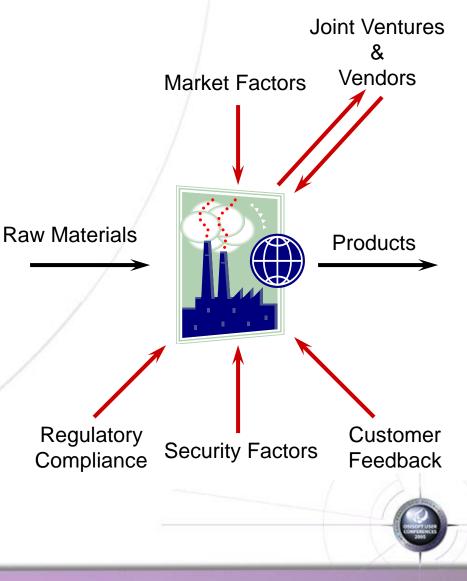
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#### Outline

- 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**

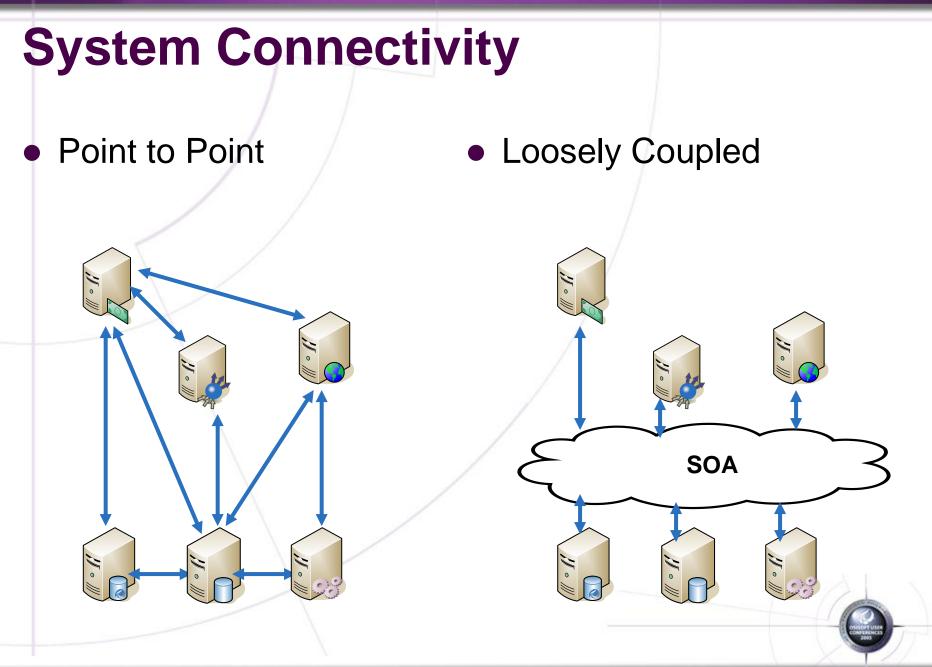
- Build an application in one site that gets data from soon-to-be-replaced heterogeneous systems
- Build and application at multiple sites with homogenous systems but different standards
  - a common naming system must exist due to implementation variability
- Build an application at the Enterprise-level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

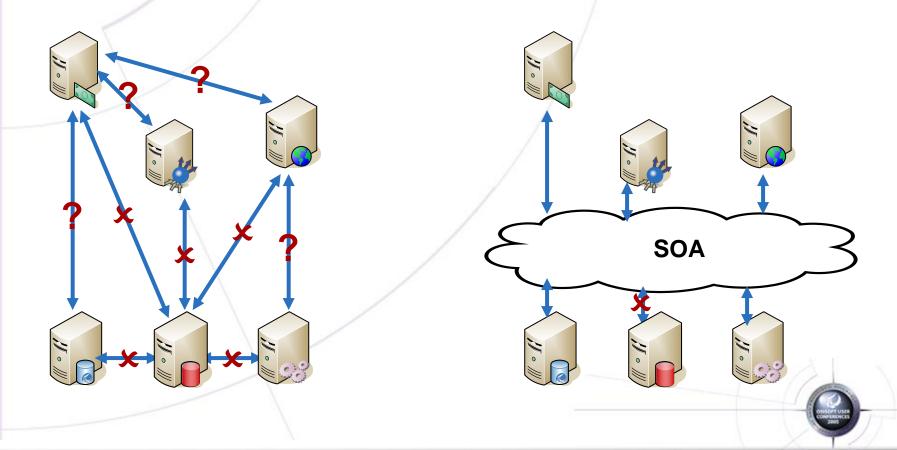
- Platform Independent
- Standards Based
  - Common communication protocols like HTTP and SMTP
  - Message Schemas
  - Separation of Operational Policies from Message Body
  - Schema and Contract will not change



## **Change Out a System**

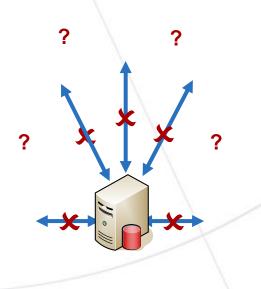
#### Point to Point

• Loosely Coupled

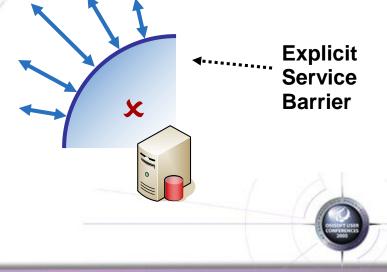


## **Work Required to Adapt**

- 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

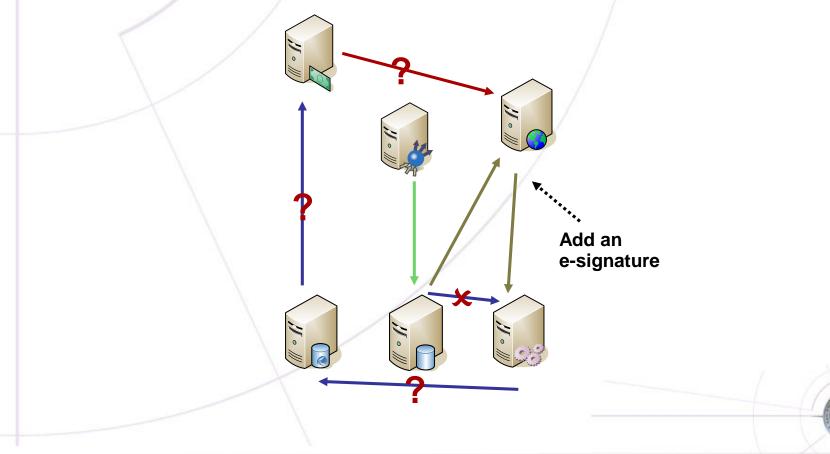


## **Workflow and Business Logic**

#### Monolithic design

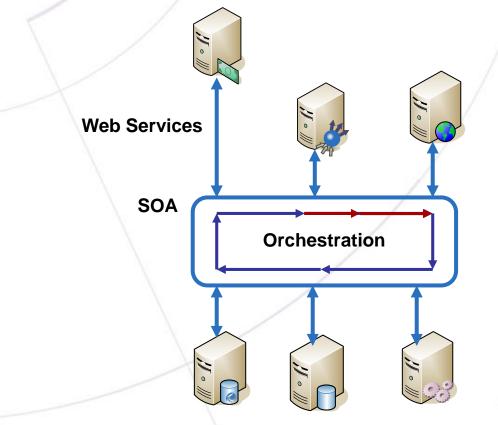
## **Workflow and Business Logic**

#### **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



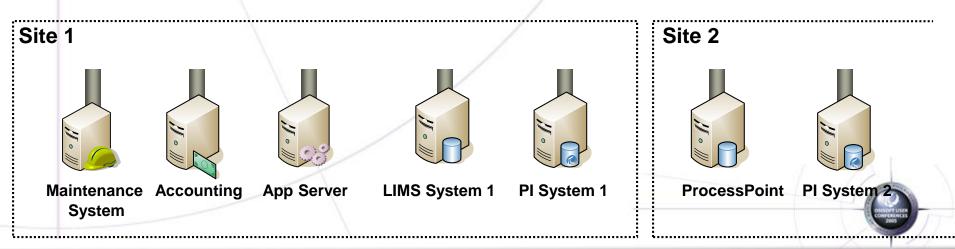
#### **Implementation Guidelines**

- 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**

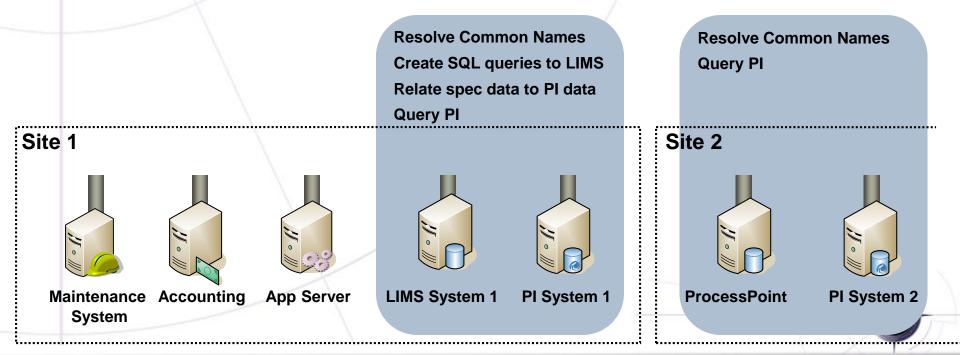
#### Problem:

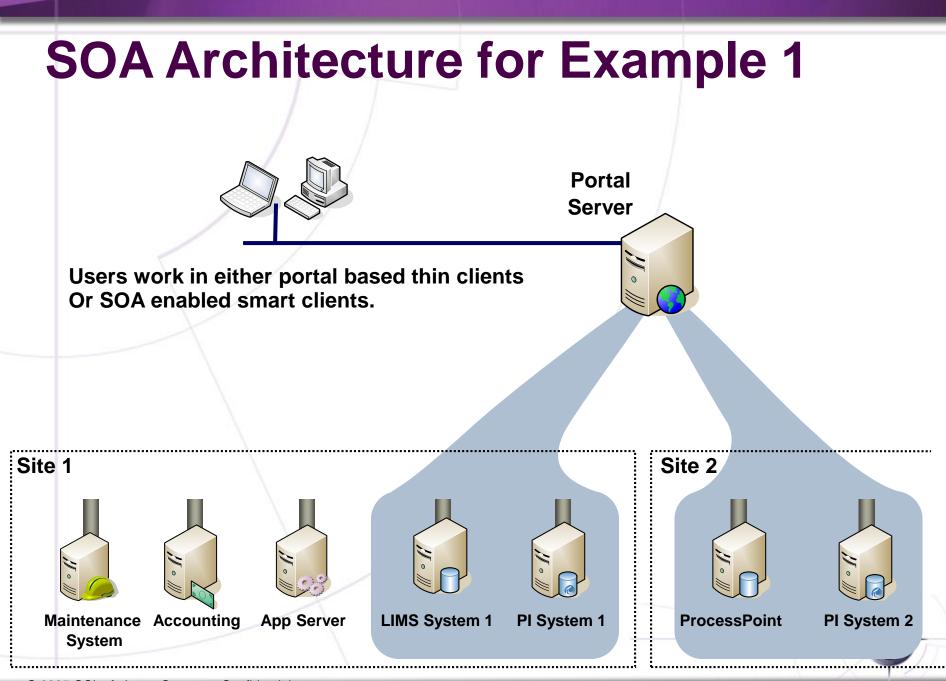
- Users need to get quality information from different sites.
  - Requires site, production line, time frame, and friendly name of the quality metrics to return.
  - Each site runs a different quality system with unique naming conventions.
- Service:
  - Exposes a friendly naming conventions, connects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

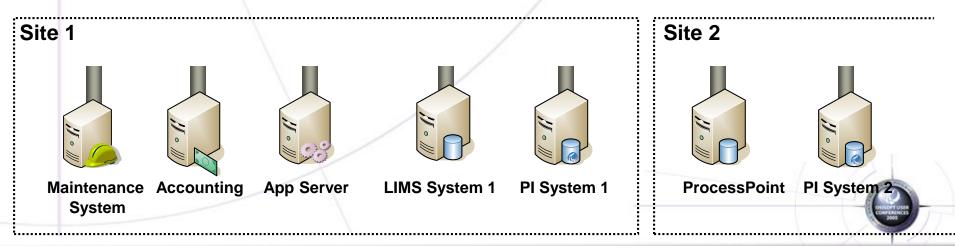




## **SOA Service Example 2**

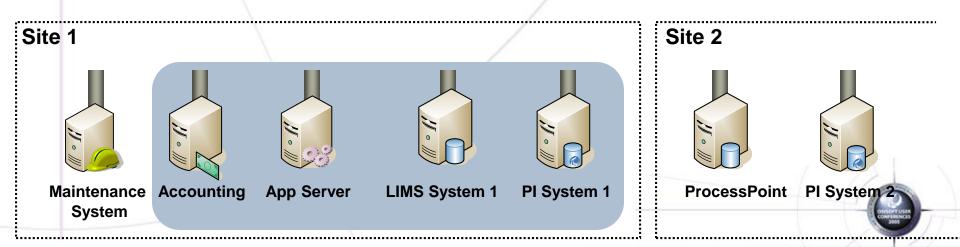
Problem:

- 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**

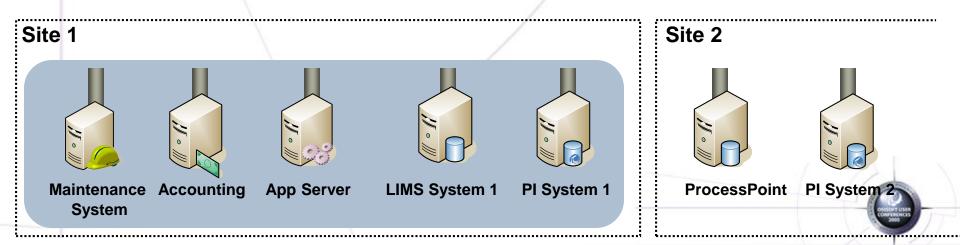
- A set of services is created
  - Reference accounting system for customer information
  - Reuse services from Example 1
  - Return the cost of different possible resolution scenarios
- Services are used together to answer the posed questions



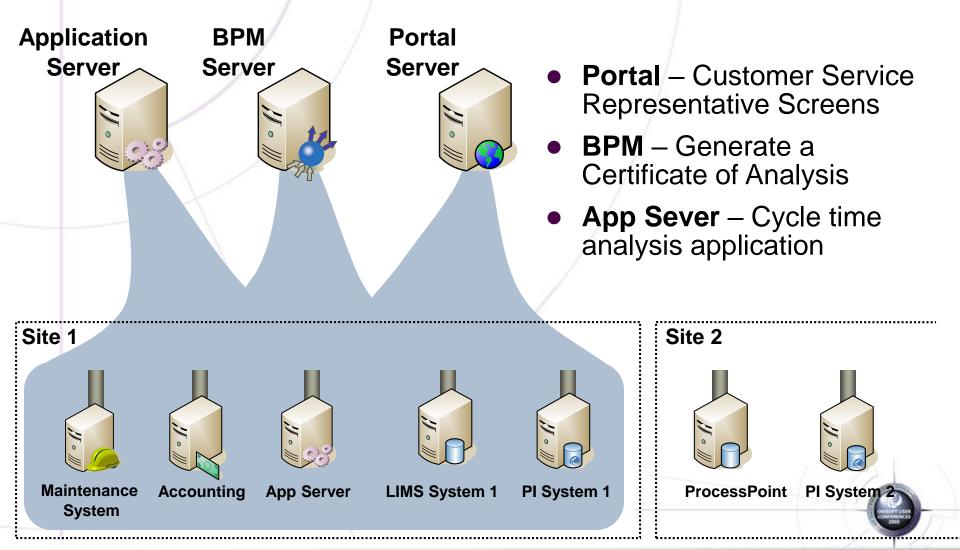
## **SOA Service Reuse Example**

#### • 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: <a href="http://www.zapthink.com/report.html?id=ZAPFLASH-20050127">http://www.zapthink.com/report.html?id=ZAPFLASH-20050127</a>

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