# IT Management: A convergence of people, process and technology

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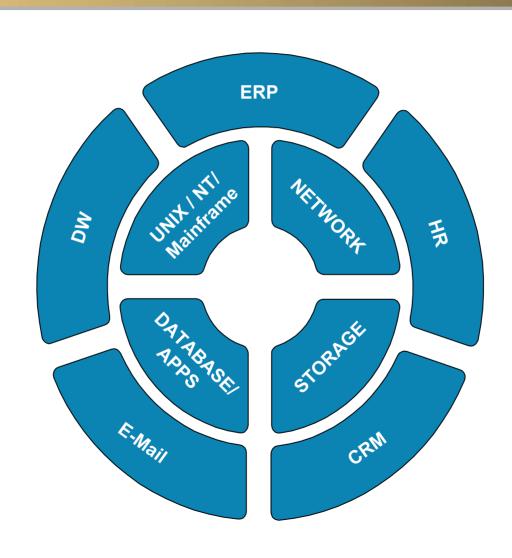
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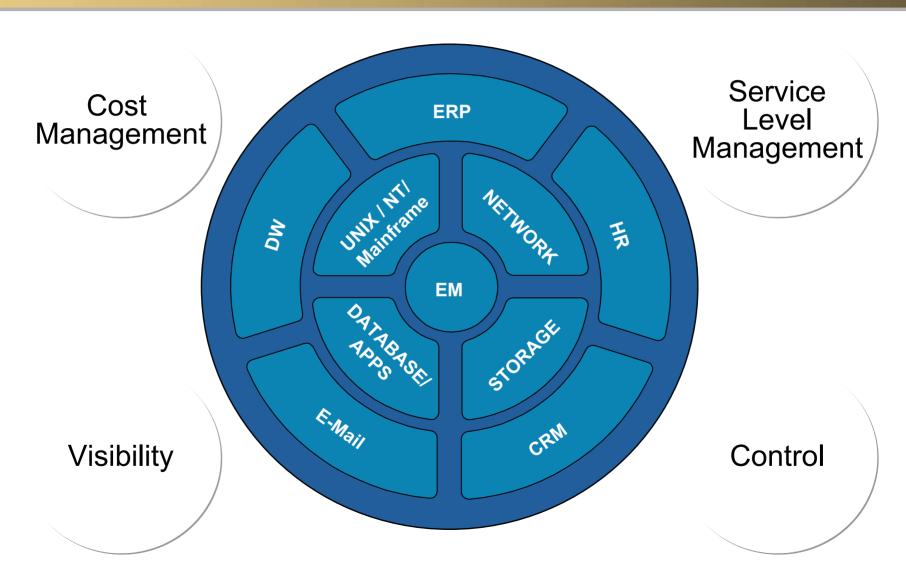
# What is Enterprise Management?





# Enterprise Management (EM) is...





# Gartner IT Management Process Maturity



Level	<b>Maturity</b>	Processes
4	Value	IT/Business Metric Linkage
3	Service	Portal, Capacity Planning, Service-Level Management
2	Proactive	Perform, Change, Problem, Config., Availability Management, Automation
1	Reactive	Event Up/Down, Console, Trouble Ticket, Backup, Topology, Inventory
0	Chaotic	Minimal IT Operations Process, Reactive Notification

#### Our definitions to assist the **Gartner Model.**



Chaotic: No proactive management.

<u>Examples</u> include multiple help desks, minimal process, minimal monitoring tools, minimal standardization and process.

Reactive: Improve efficiency, speed trouble-shooting, reduce downtime, improve bottom line.

<u>Examples</u> include Up/Down monitoring, Consoles, Trouble Tickets, Backups, Inventory

**Proactive**: Increase availability, prevent problems, identify and recover from brown-outs. <u>Examples</u> include Performance, Change, Problem, Configuration, Availability Management, Automation

**Service**: Meet SLA?s ,reduce time to deployment, prioritize quality of services (QOS). Examples include Portals, Capacity Planning, Service-Level Management

**Value**: Deliver business value, augment competitiveness. <u>Example</u> include IT/Business Metric Linkage and Service Assurance



### Where does your company rank?

Component	Chaotic	Reactive	Proactive	Service	Value
Network Management	0	0	0	0	0
Systems Management	0	0	0	0	0
Database & Application Management	0	0	0	0	0
Performance and Reporting	0	0	0	0	0
Incident Management	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
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### **Forsythe Survey Results.**

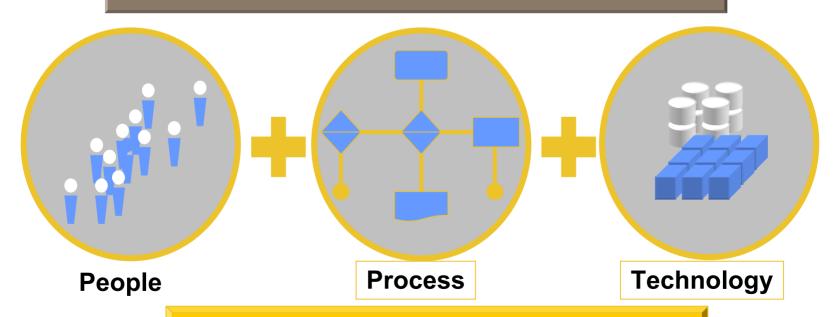
Network Management		
Chaotic	1	- 2
Reactive	7	2
Proactive	10	4
Service	5	2
Value	1	
Systems Management		
Chaotic	1	
Reactive	9	3
Proactive	6	2
Service	7	2
Value	1	
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Service	4	_ 1
Value	2	
Performance & Reporting		
Chaotic	3	1
Reactive	7	2
Proactive	9	3
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Incident Management		
Chaotic	2	:
Reactive	11	4
Proactive	6	2
Service	4	1
Value	1	
Other - Capacity Management	1	



#### **EM Solution Implementation**

The key to successfully implementing an Enterprise Management solution is ....?

Focus on creating an integrated management solution applicable to the diversity of your company



Maximum Leverage Drives IT Efficiency



### **Our IT Management Model**

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#### **Service Levels**

Aligned
Objectives
Across IT & BU

Integrated IT
Objectives w/
BU Input

Integrated IT objectives

Fragmented IT objectives

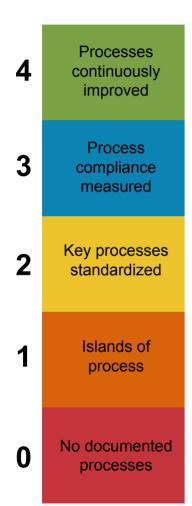
No defined objectives

To maintain and gradually improve business aligned IT service quality through a constant cycle of agreeing, monitoring, reporting and reviewing IT service achievements.

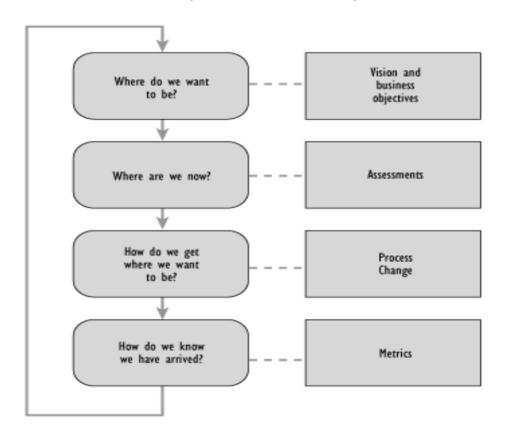
All targets contained within a service level agreement should be capable of being monitored and managed (itSMF, 2001)



#### **Operational Process**



Process improvement is an iterative activity. (itSMF, 2001)





#### **Management Tools**

4 EM Framework implemented for proactive management

EM Framework implemented for reactive management

2 EM Framework partially implemented

Fragmented homegrown tools

No management tools

Management tools are technology enablers that assist in the management of IT elements.

#### Examples are:

- Home-Grown via scripts or build in alarms
- <u>HW vendors</u> such as Compaq Insight Manger or CiscoWorks
- Application vendors such as Oracle
   Enterprise Manger
- SW vendors like OpenView, Tivolie, Micromuse, CA, NetIQ, etc.



#### People & Skills

Required skills
to support
continuous
improvement

Required skills to manage to target SLAs

Adequate Skills for most situations

Peripheral Skill Gaps

Core Skill Gaps

0

People and their skills are central to the achievement of benefits from IT investments. (Tony Murphy: Achieving Business value from technology)

- <u>Technical</u> design and implement IT solutions
- Communication of IT solutions and their linkage into business vision
- Operational use and support of IT implementations
- <u>Teaming</u> work within existing organization, virtual and cross-functional teams.



#### **Measurement & Reporting**

Real time data available

Integrated data available for reporting

Ad hoc reporting on some systems

Islands of raw data available

No measurement or reporting

Ensure that IT processing and capacity provisioned match the evolving demands of the business in a cost effective and timely manner. (itSMF, 2001)

- Business Capacity Management to ensure that the future business requirements for IT services are considered, planned and implemented in a timely fashion.
- Resource Capacity Management the management of the IT infrastructure components and ensuring all finite resources are monitored and managed.
- Service Capacity Management to focus on managing the performance of the IT services provided to the customer.



### **Monitoring & Management**

Value: IT & BU metric linkage

Service: SLM,
Capacity
Planning

Proactive:
Automation,
holistic view

Reactive:
Islands of
monitoring and
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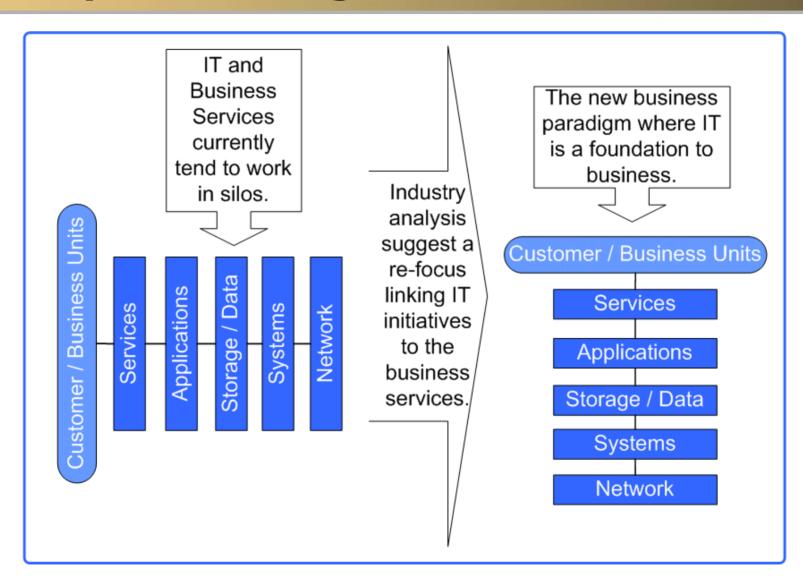
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Ensures that IT services are available when the customer needs them. (itSMF, 2001)

- Optimize availability by monitoring and reporting on all key elements of availability.
- Define availability requirements in business terms.
- Collect, analyze and maintain availability data and reporting on that data ensuring services levels are met.
- Predicting and designing for expected levels of availability and security.

### Link Business to IT with Enterprise Management

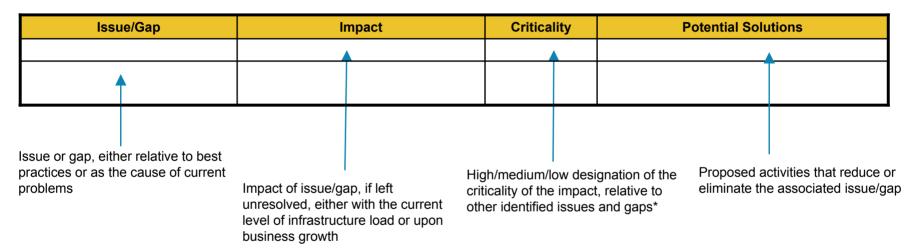






### **Issue/Gap Analysis**

In order to depict our score-card evaluation, each case study uses the issue/gap analysis template to highlight existing environment, the associated impacts, a reprehensive criticality and proposed activities



\*NOTE: Gaps/Issues were ranked based on the following definitions:

<u>High</u> – Directly impacts companies ability to continuously provide highly available systems to the business.

<u>Medium</u> – Increases companies IT management and operating costs if not completed and has the potential to affect the availability of systems for the business.

<u>Low</u> – Has been identified as a gap within companies existing environment, but provides no direct impact to system availability and does not significantly impact companies operating costs.



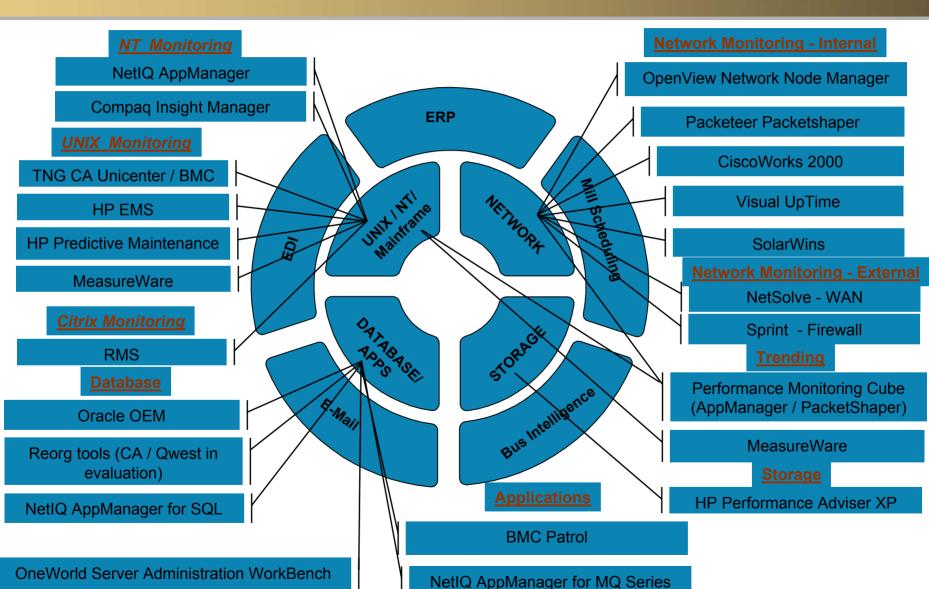
### **Case 1: Manufacturing Client**

- Abundant management tools
- Great individual team process and documentation (One of the best we've ever seen – but all manual)
- Technical and geographical silos



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Issue/Gap	Impact	Criticality	Potential Solutions
4.1 Large variation of vendor technologies purchased and deployed to manage IT environment.	Expensive to maintain both from a software maintenance cost and resource time needed to learn, configure and maintain the tool sets.	Medium People & Skills	Select and maintain only a sub-set of current tools and implement to full capacity.  Determine tool gaps and implement based on complete enterprise management strategy, not team specific.
4.2  Data management is currently a manual process and no storage management tools are in place for the NT and Unix environments.	<ul> <li>Current data management of user/home directory occurs at the costly Ties-3 support time and resources.</li> <li>SAN architecture does not have the appropriate visibility and control into the data.</li> </ul>	Medium Operational Process	Select and configure a storage management tool to assist in Tier-3 and Tier-2 data management support.
4.3  Management tools used by Tier-3 and Tier-2 are not currently utilized by the Tier-1 or Tier-0.  Tier-2 & Tier-3 do not utilize HQ Tier-3 mgmt console.	<ul> <li>Reallocation of trouble resolution to Tier-2 will be prolonged and limited.</li> <li>Trouble-shooting limited due to inconsistent approach.</li> </ul>	Medium  Operational Process	Complete tool design and implementation of tools with ability to share management tools across all HQ and remote support teams, Tier-0, Tier-1, Tier-2, Tier3.
4.4 Regional and HQ enterprise management roles are not coordinated and integrated.	<ul> <li>As business grows more outages will occur due to a non-cohesive management solution.</li> <li>Too much time spent correlating fault data during the IT trouble-shooting process.</li> </ul>	High Monitoring & Management	Direct all events into a single enterprise management portal where all support teams have access to use the data simultaneously to proactively monitor and trouble-shoot.



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4.5 No correlation of fault events. Although many tools have been implemented, there is no way to correlate which pieces of IT are affecting a services.	Event management is disparate and non-uniform between HQ and regions. No common way to view how IT is affecting overall business applications.	High Management Tools	Design an enterprise management solution that allows for event correlation to proactively diagnose root-cause. Used by all Tier-0, Tier-1, Tier-2 & Tier-3 personnel to share fault and performance data simultaneously.
4.6 Trend, capacity, outage reports are not capable of supporting the current service level agreements in place.	<ul> <li>Lack of a cohesive solution across all IT functions is causes the inability to accurately manage SLAs, forecast capacity and budget future needs.</li> <li>Manual process today is very time consuming.</li> </ul>	Medium  Management Tools	Develop solution that will automate and maintain reports over time and allow for ease of viewing from all IT support teams.
4.7 Time and prioritization of skills, technology training on tools and the technology transfer between Tier-3, Tier-2 and Tier-1 support.	<ul> <li>Lack of success for individual teams' goals.</li> <li>Minimal use of current enterprise management tools.</li> </ul>	Medium People & Skills	Need to create project to "catch-up" on all current deployments. Add larger support/management transfer into all future projects to ensure people, process and technology are in place to support and manage every solutions.



#### 1.) CORE TOOL SET SELECTION - Fault Management

NT Monitoring – Net IQ

**UNIX Monitoring – BMC** 

**Citrix Monitoring - RMS** 

Applications - BMC / Net IQ

Database - BMC / Net IQ

Storage - TBD

Network Monitoring - Internal Packeteer, Visual Uptime, HP Node Mgr.

**Network Monitoring - External** 

#### 2.) CORE TOOL SET CONFIGURATION & PORTAL

Tools Deployed & Configured for – Tier-3 (Remote & HQ)

Tools Deployed & Configured for - Tier-2 (Remote) -

Tools Deployed & Configured for - Tier-1 (Remote & HQ)

Portal Views Build - Tier-3, Tier-2, Tier1

#### 3.) SLA Management

NT

UNIX

Citrix

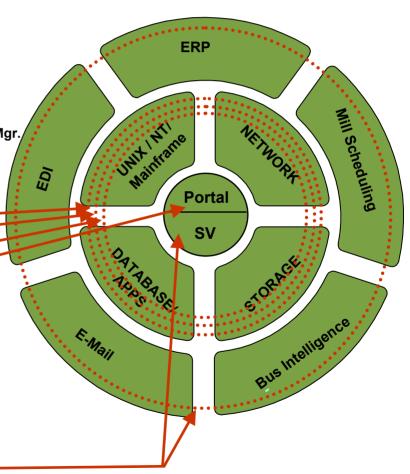
**Applications** 

**Database** 

Storage

**Network Monitoring** 

4.) Service Views - Link IT with Business





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### **Case 2: Application Service Provider**

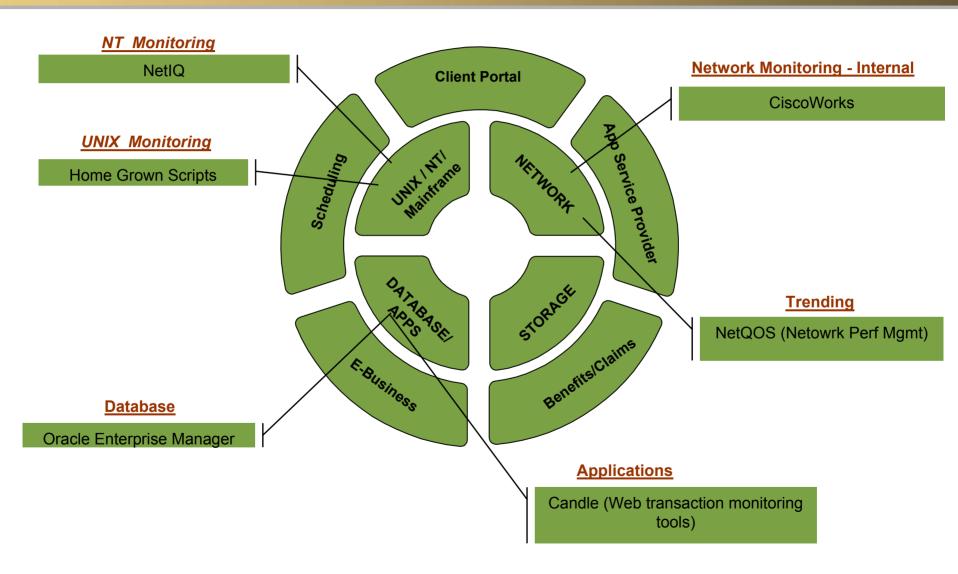


- Minimal management tools
- New business, new teams, minimal process
- Business 100% reliant on IT



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Issue/Gap	Impact	Criticality	Potential Solutions
2.1 Missing pro-active management of critical applications, systems and network that support client-interfacing business.	Business dependence on IT is critical yet current environment has large gaps in the monitoring and management of the IT infrastructure. Availably is not predictable.	High Management Tools	Define a complete enterprise management strategy, not team specific.  Determine tool gaps and select tool set that fills management and monitoring requirements.  Provide one central console with capability to integrate current monitoring solutions.
2.2 IT support teams work in silos with limited communication.	IT teams not fully aware of business impacts due to IT.	Medium Operational Process	Re-organization or creation of virtual teams that provide guidance and decisions while merging IT process around the business instead of technology
2.3 Minimal service level management and reporting	<ul> <li>Existing management tools are incapable of providing views into IT and service impact.</li> <li>Lack of reporting to Customer Service Level Agreement compliance.</li> <li>IT's impact to the business impact not being measured or monitored</li> </ul>	High  Monitoring & Management	Build service views that link to client service level agreement. Provide support personnel the information and ability to prioritize support based on service level compliance.
2.4 Tool integration into a centralize management console with both change and asset management	<ul> <li>Inability to link IT events to assist.</li> <li>Business is impacted due to informal change management policy.</li> </ul>	Medium Operational Process	Follow IT Infrastructure Library (ITIL) best practices and begin implementing change and asset management into the enterprise management solution.

## Network Monitoring – HPOV & CiscoWorks



#### 1.) CORE TOOL SET INTEGRATION - Performance & Fault Management

**Change Management – HPOV Service Desk Integration** 

NT & App Monitoring - Net IQ **UNIX & App Monitoring – HPOV Client Portal UNIX Database - HPOV** UNIX Scheduling – HPOV **Network Monitoring – HPOV & CiscoWorks CRM - Onvx link into HPOV** Service Views - HPOV Schedulin **UNIX Reporting – HPOV Notification - TelAlert Portal** 2.) CORE TOOL SET ENHANCED MANAGEMENT - Service Views, Performance & Fault Cont. SV Advanced Job Scheduling Management using HPOV **Network Management link to Service Views Advanced Application Management linked to Service Views** Benefits/Claims 3.) Configuration Management ITIL Foundations Training w/ Discovery Assessment **Configuration Management – HPOV Service Desk Integration** 4.) Change Management

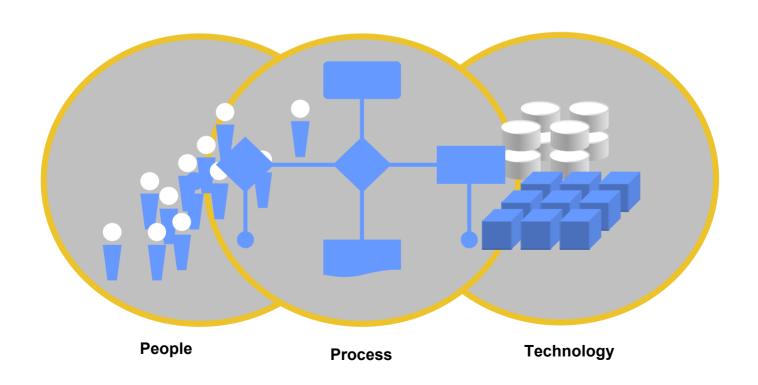


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### **Findings & Conclusions:**

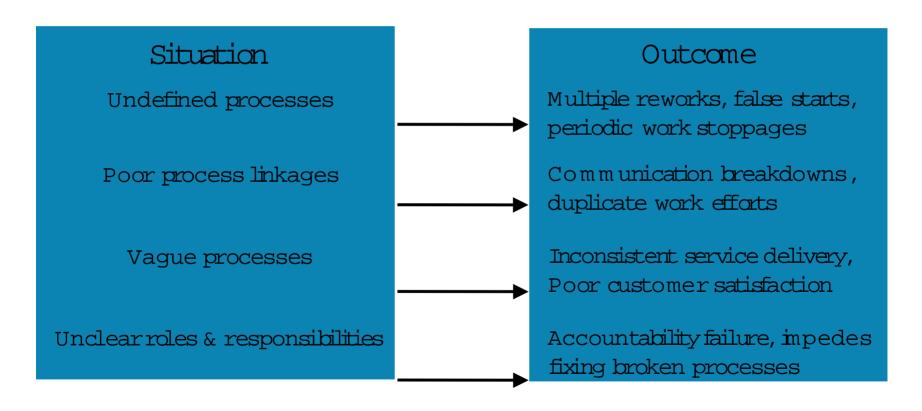
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#### The Importance of "Process"

Why technology alone is not the solution ...



if you can't measure it, you can't improve it! *OpenView*)

# **Build Your Enterprise Management Solution to be...**



- An enabler of value creation bridging the gap between technology and business.
- A guardian of the value chain communicating results to the end users
- A solution supporting change bring people, process and technology together in planned ways with measurable results.

#### Not a ...

- Shelf-ware Software Investment with no ROI
- Chaotic II Department