

Return on Investment & Cost Benefit Analysis of a Strategic IT Architecture for the Utility Industry

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- Why ROI?
- Business Case: IT Challenges & Solution
- Industry Comparison
- Cost Model
 - Utility's Cost Model for Point to Point integration
 - Calibrated Cost Model for SOA integration
- Return on Investment (ROI)
- Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)



Why do ROI for a Strategic IT?

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	Fact	Risk				
• F	-uture = OT + IT	 No Smart Grid without IT 				
	Foday IT Integration: Static, Tactical & P2P	 Cannot Scale & cannot deploy new Services 				
•	Need Alternatives	 P2P: Tactical, Not Scalable SOA: Strategic, Scalable 				
Why ROI & CBA: Provides the Business Case						

Grid-Interop Business Case: Current State of IT

CURRENT STATE

- → The Accidental Architecture
- → P2P Interfaces



NEW NEED

→ NEW DATA

- AMI Interval Data
- Sensor Data

→ NEW INTEGRATION

- New AMI System
- OMS, DMS
- Legacy Upgrades CIS, GIS, Financials

→ NEW CAPABILITY

- Cust Empowerment
- Transaction Volume
- Real Time Data
- Partner Integration

→ NEW OPPORTUNITY

- Dist. Generation
- PHEVs

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Settlement & Billing

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Grid-Interop Business Case: Why strategic IT?

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Grid-Interop Limitations of Point to Point approach



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How SOA Solves the Problem

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Strategic IT – What is it?

- Plan:
 - Strategic use of IT versus Tactical after the fact
- Develop:
 - Strategic IT Architecture (SOA)
 - IT Governance
 - IT / Organizational Transformation
- Execute:
 - Tactically without compromising strategy
 - Catalyst Project
 - Service Oriented Architecture (not P2P)
 - Integration Center of Excellence



ROI - Development Cost Comparison

Development Cost of each Interface



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ROI - Maintenance Cost Comparison





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ROI - Total Cost of Ownership

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P2P vs SOA Total Cost of Ownership Comparison





ROI Cost Components – Units of work

# Cost	Area	Point to Point		SOA				
1 Design		Source App Unit of Work	Destination App Unit of Work	Total Cost Units of Work	Source App Unit of Work	Destination App Unit of Work	Middleware Unit of Work	Total Cost Units of Work
Fund	tional Design	1	1	Λ	1	1		2
Non	Functional Design	1	1	4			1	3
2 Development								
Fund	tional Design	1	1	Λ	1	1		2
Non	Functional Design	1	1	4			1	3
3 Maintenance								
Fund	tionality Maint.	1	1	Λ	1	1		2
Non	Functional Maint.	1	1	4			1	3
Prop	rietary Interf Maint.	1	1	2			1	1
4 Tools & Training								
Vario	ous tools	1	1	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
One	middleware	N/A	N/A	Z			3	3
Total	Jnits of Work	With P2P In Src & 16 Dest. Apps. 16		With SOA in Src, Dest & Middleware			13	
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Traditional P2P, Tactical Approach									
1 Interna	al Labor		\$33,333						
2 Externa	al Consultancy		\$66,667						
3 Change	es to Code		\$13,333						
4 Mainte	enance (one interface)			\$17,000					
			\$113,333						
			Design &	Mainte					
			Development	nance					
Non Fur Scalabili	nctional Changes (Error, Failure, ity)	33%	\$37,400						
6 Mainter	nance (errors, failures)	15%		\$22,610					
Tota	al of Design, Development &								
	Maintenance Cost		\$150,733	\$37,610					
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ROI - Estimated Dev. Cost (calibrated)







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Number of Interfaces





Total Cost Comparison: P2P vs. SOA



Return on Investment – 2.5 years



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- **Reduction in Integration Cost over time**
 - Over 15 interfaces \rightarrow Development Cost for SOA less than P2P
 - Over 14 interfaces \rightarrow Maintenance Cost for SOA less than P2P
 - Over 16 interfaces \rightarrow Total Cost of Ownership for SOA less than P2P
- 2 to 2.5 year ROI → Utility will save hard-dollars if they do a Strategic IT investment
- Increased Business Agility



CBA – Qualitative Benefits

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Business Benefit

- Lower Business Risk
- Increased Asset Use
- Business Enabler

Customer Benefits

- More Satisfied Customers Due to Business Agility & Integrated data provides instant customer resolution
- Self Service billing usage, outage status

Technical Benefits

- Simplified and Unified Integration
- Low technical risk



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Q&A

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