Governance, Registries and Monitoring

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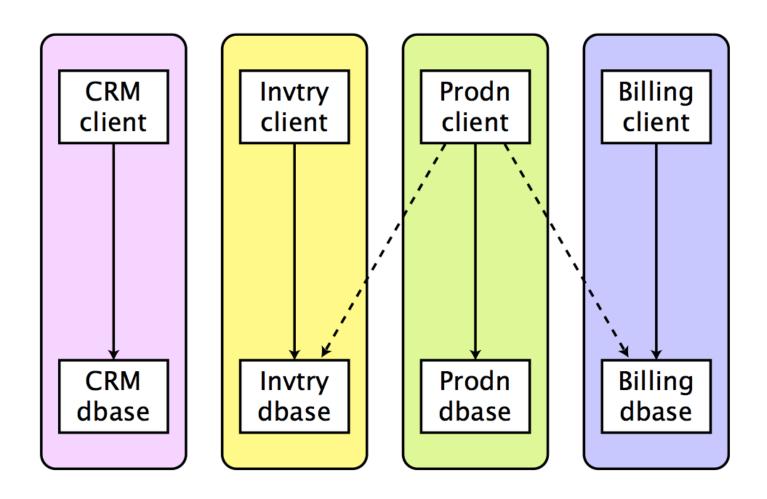


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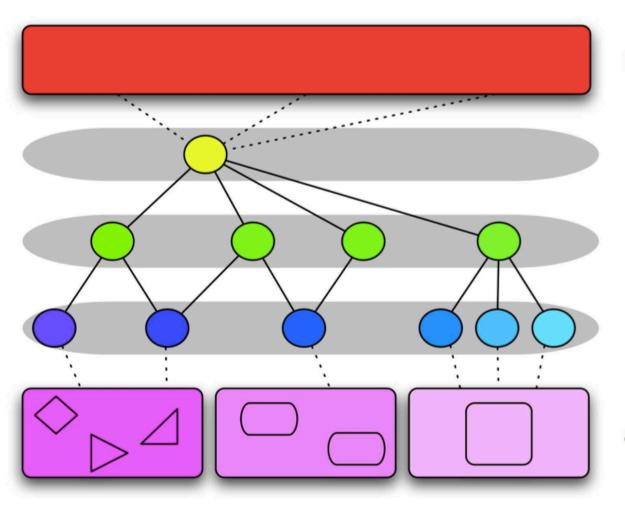


Before SOA





With SOA



business processes

orchestration service layer

business service layer

application service layer

application layer



SOA has an impact on organization

- Refactoring of fiefdoms:
 - backend departments
 - cross-domain departments frontend departments
 - "solutions managers"
- Requires collaboration and trust
- May change the funding model
 - That will pull in resistance



Conway's Law

 Any organization that designs a system will inevitably produce a design whose structure is a copy of the organization's communication structure.

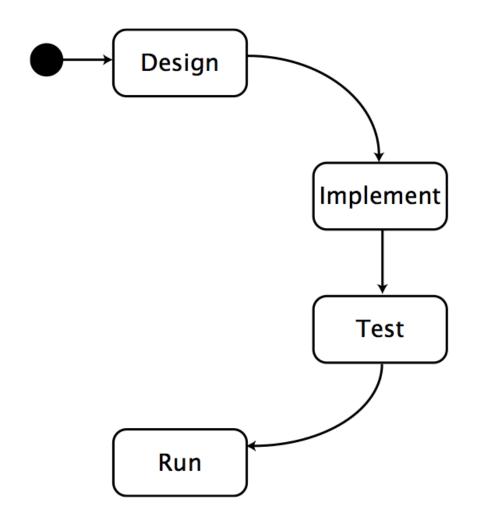
Melvin Conway, *How Do Committees Invent?*, Datamation Apr 1968,

http://www.melconway.com/law/

 Popularized and named by Fred Brooks in The Mythical Man-Month: "If you have four groups working on a compiler, you'll get a 4pass compiler."

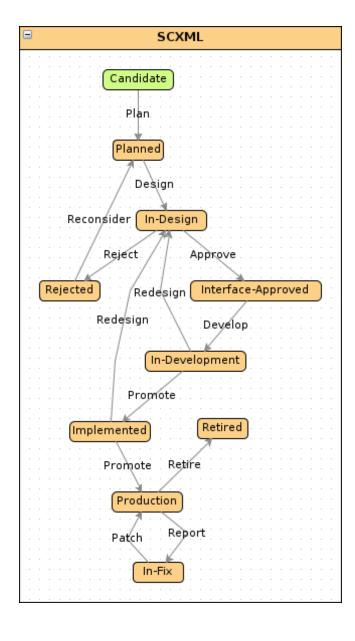


Software Development Lifecycle





Not that simple!



High level governance

- Visions, objectives, business case, funding model
 - Why are we doing this? How will we pay for it?
 - Reference architecture
 Fundamental decisions: preferred technology, message exchange patterns, metamodel, etc
- Rules and responsibilities
 - who drives and cares about issues
- Policies, standards, formats, processes, lifecycles
 - decide and document, in standard notations



Technical Governance

- Documentation
 - important for transparency; promotes nontechnical issues
- Service management
 - repositories and registries for services and contracts
- Monitoring
 - conformance to policies, meeting SLAs, preparing for withdrawal
- Change and configuration management
 - Code lifecycle, DevOps, SOA, the intersection



Establishing SOA

- Developer-driven, grass-roots
 - leads to technological experience; likely to be uncoordinated
- Business-driven
 - proof of concept helps adoption; limited benefit from early projects
- IT-driven
 - effective for infrastructure; focus on technical aspects
- Management-driven
 - top-down coordinated, driven by business priorities; expensive, disruptive, risky



Design Time Governance



UDDI problems

- tModel concept too complex and unwieldy
 - Lack of any standard tModels
- No simple link into WSDL
- Doesn't address the major issues of Service Registry and Governance
 - Lifecycle management
 - Notification
 - Dependency Management



SOA Repository Artefact Model and Protocol (S-RAMP)

- In progress at OASIS
- Based on Atom/AtomPub concepts
- Aimed at solving the real world problems left unanswered by UDDI
 - Which WSDLs and schemas import a particular schema
 - Which of my services are in production?
 - Which services are governed by a specific SLA?
 - What is the latest version of service X?



Aspects of "real" registries

- Meta-Modelling
- Taxonomies
- Versioning
- Associations and Properties
- Lifecycle Management
- Dependency Management
- Repository
- Search
- Machine and Human interfaces



Meta-Modelling

- Creating / modifying the model to support new artefacts
 - e.g. Teams, Projects, Organizations, etc
- Also used for extending more technical attributes
 - e.g. adding WADL or Swagger support



Versioning

- Micro-versioning/revision management
 - Keeping track of every minor update to a WSDL
 - Permanent URLs for given versions
- "Business" Versioning
 - Service A is available as
 - 1.2.3 deprecated
 - 2.5.1 current



Associations and Properties

- Properties
 - General name / value pairs attached to resources
- Associations
 - Named Links between resources
 - e.g.
 - A isUsedBy B
 - B isManagedBy C



Lifecycle Management

- Each service in the corporate datacentre MUST:
 - Start as "In Design"
 - Be approved by the Design Review Team
 - Iterate through Development
 - Pass validation tests before entering Staging
 - Be approved by the Security and Performance Teams before entering Production
 - Be deprecated when no longer supported



Dependency Management

- Each Service Sn depends on Schemas {Y1..n}
- Schema Y depends on Schemas {Z1..n}
- Schemas are shared between services
- Owners and users of services need to be made aware of new versions of schemas they depend on (even if they didn't know it!)



Interfaces

- Registries are used by humans, but shouldn't always be!
- e.g. Maven build rather than forcing developers to use a website
 - One company I know hires a "Registry Monkey" who ONLY enters services into a registry
 - Each service takes 83 steps
 - He hasn't yet committed suicide



Registry, DevOps, SCM

- Ideally need to connect:
 - The Source Code Management (CVS, SVN, Git)
 - The build and test environment
 - Hudson, Jenkins, Bamboo
 - Selenium, JUnit, etc
 - The production management process
 - DevOps, Puppet, Chef
 - The design time registry
 - The runtime registry



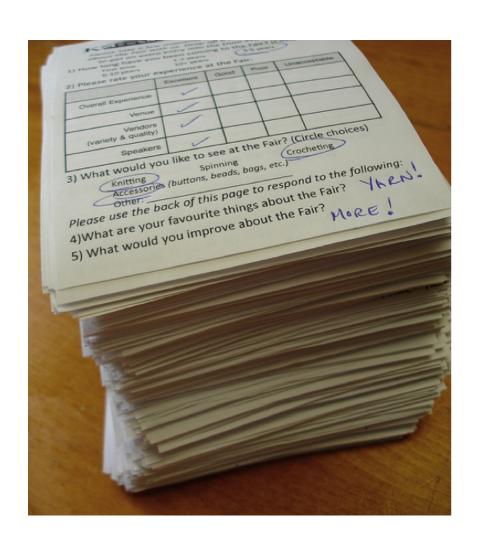
Runtime Governance

- Finding services at runtime
- Monitoring services at runtime
- Managing SLAs
- Correlation
- Acting on situations



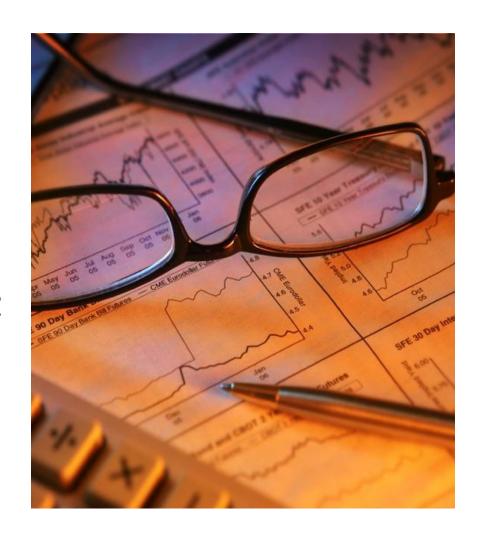
Aggregation

- Gathering data
- How to collect data efficiently
- How to store data effectively
- What data to capture



Analysis

- Data operations
- Defining KPIs and analytics
- Operating on large amounts of historical or current data
- Creating intelligence





Presentation

- Visualization
- Dashboards
- Reports













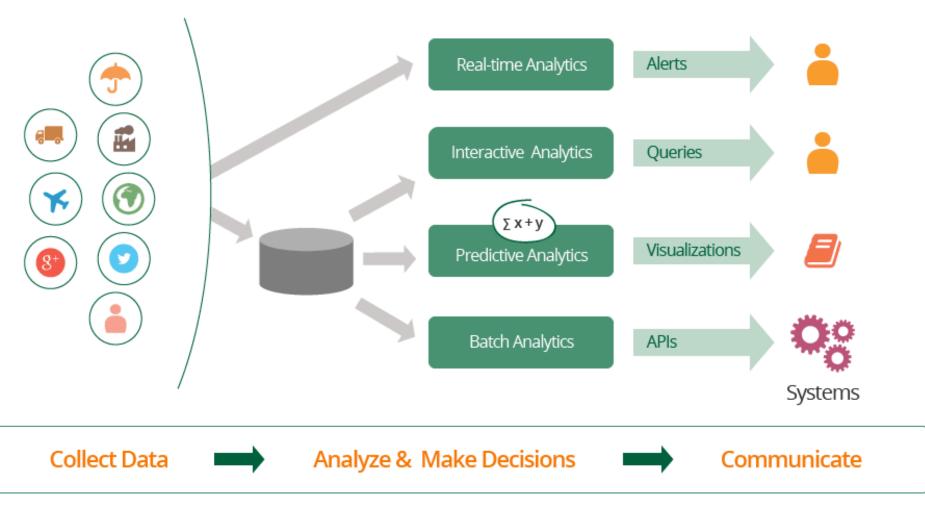






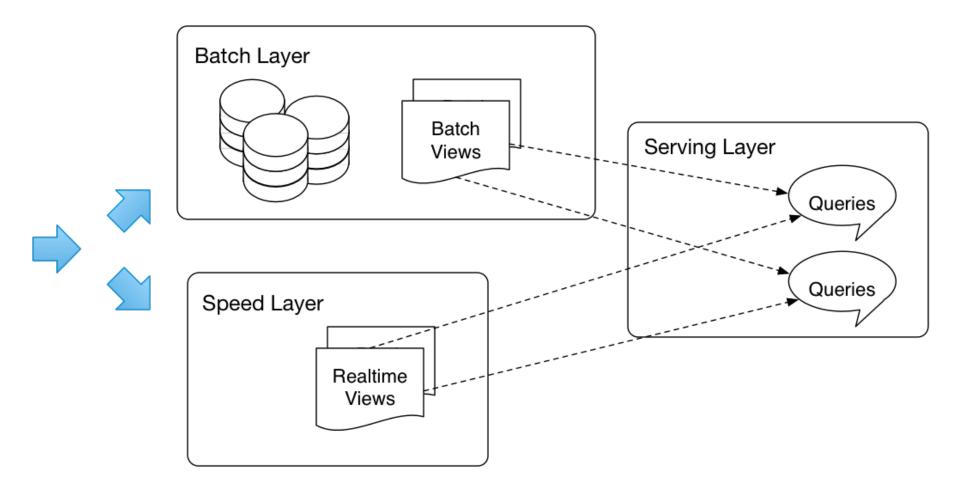


WSO2 Data Analytics Server





Lambda Architecture





Closing the loop

- SLAs are time based rules about performance data
 - Is service X responding in under 50ms for more than 99% of calls within the last 5 mins?
 - Does the sales team respond to leads within 4 hours?
 - Has the average CPU utilization over the last day gone more than 50% higher than the weekly average



Governance today

- Many organizations have moved away from Governance registries to API Management
- Even internally
- Why?
 - Better encapsulation
 - Handles many of the governance requirements
 - Design time versioning, documentation, understanding your users
 - Runtime monitoring, analytics



API Management

Coming up next!



Questions?

