

The Open Group

~ Introduction ~

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THE *Open* GROUP

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 - for hosting
- Serono International
 - for facilitating
- Attendees
 - for interest

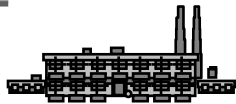
The Open Group

- International Consortium
 - 20+ Years Experience
 - Merger of OSF and X/Open
 - Vendor and Technology Neutral
 - >280+ members
 - Suppliers, Customers, and Academics
 - Requirements and standards
 - Offices in San Francisco, Boston, United Kingdom, Japan
 - Franchises

The Open Group Business Environment



Standards
Build standard specifications



Open Source
Provides components



The Innovator
Provides new solutions/approaches to known or unknown problems



Interest group
Want to take a standard to market
Means they want to test and certify
Promote it



The customers
Has known or unknown problems
Has purchasing power to buy solutions
Buy preference is for "open" solutions
Buy preference is for complete solutions



Manufacturers
Provides components that are perceived as "open"



Application Providers
Provides value add on top of "open" components
Desire single, or a managed set of, platforms



Operators
Provides infrastructure for whole solution
Align with anything that demands more use of infrastructure

How are all these constituencies brought together?
Who assures conformance?
Who has the infrastructure for certification and testing?



Test and Certify
Test and certify product compliance to specification



The Store
Sells components, applications, services

THE *Open* GROUP
Brings the constituencies together in an open process!
Has a test and certification program and infrastructure!

The Open Group Vision

- Boundaryless Information Flow achieved through *global interoperability* in a secure, reliable and timely manner

Mission Statement

- The mission of The Open Group is to drive the creation of Boundaryless Information Flow achieved by:
 - Working with **customers** to capture, understand and address current and emerging requirements, establish policies, and share best practices;
 - Working with **suppliers, consortia** and **standards bodies** to develop consensus and facilitate **interoperability**, to evolve and integrate specifications and open source technologies;
 - Offering a comprehensive set of services to enhance the operational efficiency of consortia; and
 - Developing and operating the industry's premier certification service and encouraging the procurement of certified products.

Consortia Services



Strategy Services

- Business Scenarios
- User Requirements
- Architecture Frameworks
- Specification Requirements
- Procurement



Innovation Services

- Collaborative projects
- Open source hosting or Homesteading
- Project Management
- Research



Testing Services

- Test Plan Development
- Automated Test Environment
- Test Suite Development
- Test Suite Maintenance
- Interoperability Events



Management Services

- Consortium formation
- Membership Operations
- Kavi® Groups - Collaboration
- Meeting Logistics
- Financial Management / Budgets



Standards Services

- Definition and Procedures
- Management - Building Consensus
- Support Services
- Best Practices for Specifications
- Publications Delivery



Certification Services

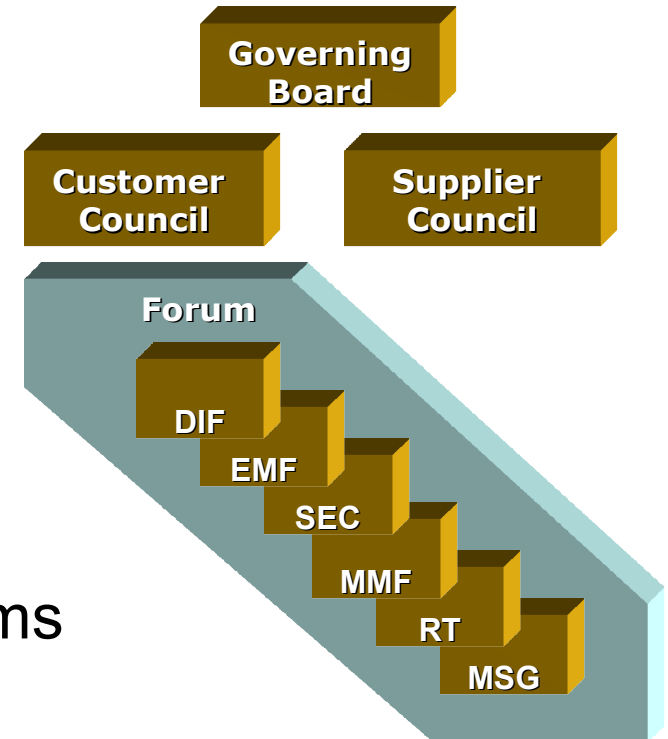
- Requirement Consultancy
- Policy definition
- Program development
- Legal Support
- Operations

Sponsors and Members (>280)



Membership – Forums & WGs

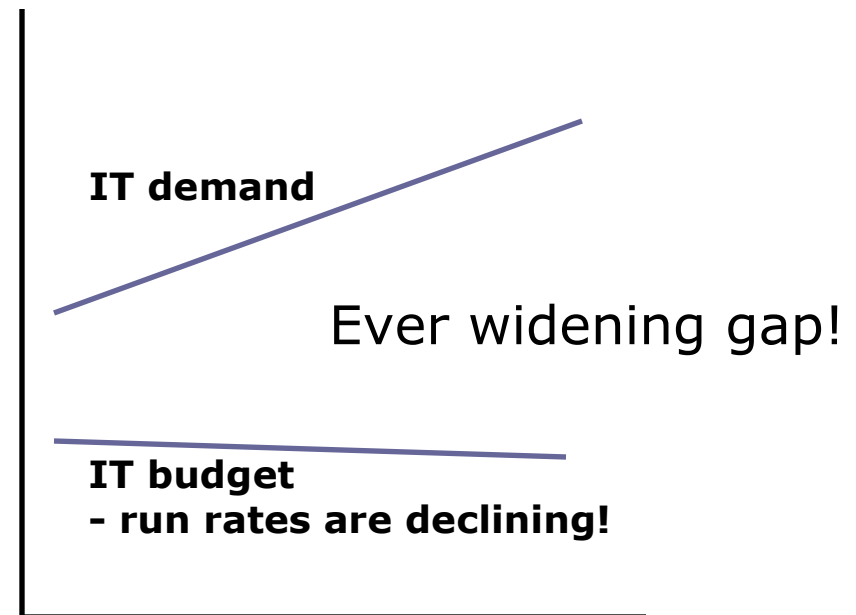
- ❑ Architecture
- ❑ Enterprise Management
- ❑ Grid Enterprise Services
- ❑ Homeland Defense WG
- ❑ Jericho Forum
- ❑ Messaging
- ❑ Platform
- ❑ Real-time and Embedded Systems
- ❑ Security
- ❑ Service Oriented Architectures WG
- ❑ UDEF / Semantic Interoperability
- ❑ Identity Management



CIOs Have Issues in Common

- In general there is a trend
 - The demands on IT are growing
 - IT budgets are decreasing

- CIOs are being asked to *do more for less*, so
 - Look for leverage opportunities
 - Outsourcing
 - Off shore development
 - Open source
 - Collaborative development



Business Has Problems in Common

- ❑ Access to integrated information
 - Across the organization
 - With business partners
 - Ubiquitous requirement
- ❑ More for less
 - Where is leverage?
 - Who has fixed this before?
 - Who has the skills?

The Open Group Value

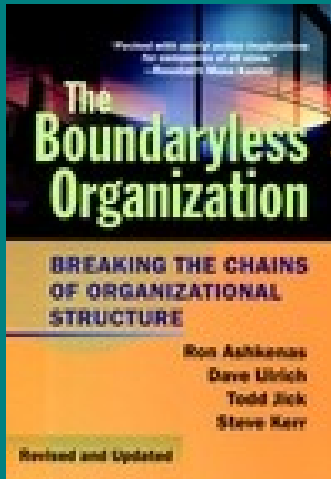
- ❑ Address “more for less” issue
 - Membership model is based on leverage
 - Work with others that have similar problems and get more done cheaper, better, and faster
- ❑ Access to tools to solve problems
- ❑ Access to people that have similar problems
 - At CIO level and the technical levels



The Business Imperative

Boundaryless Information Flow

- ❑ achieved through **global interoperability**
- ❑ in a secure, reliable and timely manner



Boundaryless does not mean there are no boundaries – it means that boundaries are permeable to enable business.

Vision

What Is Meant by Interoperability

- Working definition of interoperability
 - The ability of two or more entities or components to *exchange information* and to use the information that has been exchanged “*to meet a defined mission or objective*”

Why Join The Open Group?

- ❑ Its members
 - Trusted partnership
 - Leading experts in critical areas
- ❑ Its broad industry scope
 - Unconstrained by a particular sub-set
 - Technology neutral
- ❑ Its openness to other groups
 - Enables integration across consortia
 - Enables verticals to build

Summary

- ❑ Boundaryless Information Flow is a relevant and real problem
- ❑ We are making progress in all areas
- ❑ Progress will be accelerated by an architected approach
 - Generating reusable assets for members
- ❑ Progress will be accelerated by more involvement
 - Generating reusable assets for members

The role of architecture

- ❑ “Architecture is fast becoming one of the main instruments for improving Business IT Alignment.”
- ❑ “It is time to broaden our view and build systems that last and that keep delivering value to the business. Business and IT Architecture play a pivotal role in achieving this goal..“

... Raymond Slot M.Sc, MBA, Principal Consultant and Enterprise Architect for Capgemini

Thank you for your attention

- Any questions?