

Bab 4: IT Infrastructure

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Overview



- *** Defining IT Infrastructure**
- Levels of IT Infrastructure
- Evolution of IT Infrastructure: 1950–2008
- * Technology Drivers of Infrastructure Evolution

What is IT Infrastructure?



- Shared technology resources that provide the platform for the firm's specific information system applications.
- IT infrastructure includes investment in hardware, software, and services—such as consulting, education, and training—that are shared across the entire firm or across entire business units in the firm.
 - For instance, a firm's investment in thousands of new desktop computers networked together and linked to the Internet is an infrastructure investment because it serves many groups, goals, and business initiatives.

The connection between the firm, IT infrastructure, and business capabilities





INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENTS



- **Computer Hardware Platforms**
- ***Operating System Platforms**
- * Enterprise Software Applications
- *** Data Management and Storage**
- Networking/Telecommunications
 Platforms
- Internet Platforms
- *Consulting and System Integration Services

The IT infrastructure ecosystem





Defining IT Infrastructure



* as technology

a set of physical devices and software applications that are required to operate the entire enterprise.

* as services clusters

a set of firmwide services budgeted by management and comprising both human and technical capabilities (Weill et al., 2002)

As service Platform



- Computing platforms used to provide computing services that connect employees customers, and suppliers into a coherent digital environment, including large mainframes, desktop and laptop computers, and personal digital assistants (PDAs) and Internet appliances
- Telecommunications services that provide data, voice, and video connectivity to employees, customers, and suppliers.
- Data management services that store and manage corporate data and provide capabilities for analyzing the data.
- Application software services that provide enterprise-wide capabilities such as enterprise resource planning, customer relationship management, supply chain management, and knowledge management systems that are shared by all business units.

As service Platform



- Physical facilities management services that develop and manage the physical installations required for computing, telecommunications, and data management services.
- IT management services that plan and develop the infrastructure, coordinate with the business units for IT services, manage accounting for the IT expenditure, and provide project management services.
- IT standards services that provide the firm and its business units with policies that determine which information technology will be used, when, and how.
- IT education services that provide training in system use to employees and offer managers training in how to plan for and manage IT investments.
- IT research and development services that provide the firm with research on potential future IT projects and investments that could help the firm differentiate itself in the marketplace.

Level of IT Infrastructure



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Infrastructure as A part of IT Portfolio





Enterprise Portfolio Management



Basic Portfolio Template



Basic Information		Service and Quality			Risk and Uncertainty			Value/State					
(A Portfolio line item is an individual application, infrastructure component, service, or management activity)	Quantity	Costs or Resources Consumed (\$ or FTE)	Functionality	Accuracy	Availability	Responsiveness	Business	Technology	Organizational	Project	Technical Assessment	Strategic Alignment	ROI
Item 1													
Item 2													
Item 3													



Application Portfolio Example (individual case)

	Applications Portfolio							
Application	Unit of Work	Category	Cost (\$millions)	Metric	Alignment Value	Service Level	Quality	Intensity of Use
Sales Force Automation	# Transactions	S	3	Trans/Day	25	3	1	Low
Sales Decision Support	# Transactions	S	1	Invoice Days	42	5	4	Low
Sales/Marketing Database	# Payments	s	3	\$ In Process	12	1	2	High
Accounts Payable	# Invoices	в	5	Call Wait	39	1	2	Med
Financial Consolidations	# E-Inquiries	В	3	Billing Days	16	4	2	High
Five-Year Customer History	# Clients	S	1	Client Proc Qual	43	2	2	Med
Marketing Geographic Planning	# Sales	S	3	Inquiries	11	1	1	High
Human Resources Planning	# Retained	В	1	Retention Rate	15	1	2	Med
General Ledger	# Accounts	В	1	Customer Sat.	32	2	4	Low
Customer Information	#Account Inquiries	S	4	Percent Online Data	15	2	3	Med

Portfolio Management







Four Portfolio Categories (McFarlan)



Warren McFarlan, "IT Changes the Way You Compete," Harvard Business Review, May–June, 1984, pp. 98–103.

Evolution of IT Infrastructure: 1950–2008





Cloud Computing





Cloud Computing



A	Definition	l Examples
	Applications that are enabled for the cloud	Google Docs
	Supports an architecture that can run multiple instances of itself regardless of location	• MobileMe • Zoho
	Stateless application architecture	
maturing	Monthly subscription-based pricing model	
Software		
nascent Platform	A platform that enables developers to write applications that run on the cloud A platform would usually have several application services available for quick deployment	 Microsoft Azure Google App Engine Force.com
evolving Infrastructure Iservers, storage, data	A highly scaled redundant and shared computing infrastructure accessible using internet technologies Consists of servers, storage, security, databases, and other peripherals	 Amazon EC2, S3, etc. Rackspace Mosso offering Sun's cloud services Terremark cloud offering

While cloud-based software services are maturing, cloud platform and infrastructure offerings are still in their early stages

Cloud Computing



Recent notable cloud launches





- ELECTRONIC ACCOUNTING MACHINE ERA: 1930– 1950
- GENERAL-PURPOSE MAINFRAME AND MINICOMPUTER ERA: 1959 TO PRESENT
- *** PERSONAL COMPUTER ERA: (1981 TO PRESENT)**
- **CLIENT/SERVER ERA (1983 TO PRESENT)**
- ENTERPRISE INTERNET COMPUTING ERA (1992 TO PRESENT)

A multitiered client/server network (N-tier)





Electronic Accounting client/Server Mainframe Era Machine Era PC Era Eta (1983 Enterprise Era Infrastructure Dimension (1930 - 1950)(1959 to Present) (1981 to Present) to Present) (1992 to Present) Signature Firm(s) IBM. Microsoft/Intel Novell SAP IBM. Burroughs Dell Microsoft Oracle HP PeopleSoft. NCR IBM. Hardware Platform Programmable Centralized Wintel Multiple: Wintel computers catd sorters mainframe Mainframe computers. Server Client **Operating System** Human IBM 360 DOS/Windows Windows 3.1 Multiple: IBM 370 Linux Windows Unix/Linux operators Unix IBM 390 · OS 390 Server Linux Windows Server Application and Few enterprise-wide No enterprise Enterprise-wide None: Few. Enterprise Software application applications; connectivity; enterprise-wide apolications linked software to desktop and departmental boxed software applications; applications created boxed software departmental created by applications: technicians. by in-house applications for programmers workgroups and · mySAP Oracle E-Business departments. Suite PeopleSoft Enterprise One Networking/ None Vendor-provided: None or limited Novell NetWate LAN Telecommunications Systems Network Windows 2003 Enterprise-wide Architecture (IBM) atea network (WAN) LINUX DECNET (Digital) AT&T voice TCP/IP Internet standards-enabled · AT&T voice System Integration Vendor-Vendor-provided None Accounting and Software consulting manufacturer provided Accounting and firms Service firms consulting firms System integration firms Service firms

TABLE 6-1 Stages in the IT Infrastructure Evolution



					Service firms
Data Storage and Database Management	Physical card management	Magnetic storage Flat files Relational databases	DBase II and III Access	Multiple database servers v optical a magneti storage	Enterprise databas servers vith nd c
internet Platforms	None	Poor to none	None at first Later browser- enabled clients	None at first Later: • Apache server • Microsoft IIS	None in the early years Later: • Intranet- and Internet-delivered

Technology Drivers of Infrastructure Evolution



Moore's Law and microprocessor performance



Moore's Law and microprocessor performance





Technology Drivers of Infrastructure Evolution



THE LAW OF MASS DIGITAL STORAGE



The capacity of hard disk drives grows exponentially, 1980–2004

THE LAW OF MASS DIGITAL STORAGE

The cost of storing data declines exponentially, 1950–2004







METCALFE'S LAW AND NETWORK ECONOMICS

The value or power of a network grows exponentially as a function of the number of network members. Metcalfe and others point to the increasing returns to scale that network members receive as more and more people join the network.

As the number of members in a network grows linearly, the value of the entire system grows exponentially and theoretically continues to grow forever as members increase.

METCALFE'S LAW AND NETWORK ECONOMICS



DECLINING COMMUNICATIONS COSTS AND THE INTERNET



Exponential declines in Internet communications costs

METCALFE'S LAW AND NETWORK ECONOMICS



STANDARDS AND NETWORK EFFECTS

Significance					
Made it possible for computer machines from different manufacturers to exchange data; later used as the universal language linking input and output devices such as keyboards and mice to computers. Adopted by the American National Standards Institute in 1963.					
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CONTEMPORARY HARDWARE PLATFORM TRENDS



- The Integration of Computing and Telecommunications Platforms
- Grid Computing
- On-Demand Computing (Utility Computing)
- Autonomic Computing
- Window on Management
- & Edge Computing