Lessons Learned Adapting an Existing Architecture in a Changing Business Landscape

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Credit Suisse

Credit Suisse locations
Regional headquarters
Centers of Excellence

The Program

Streetside Program

Broker & Client Connectivity
- Inbound Financial Institutions
- Inbound Corporate & Institutional Clients
- Outbound Brokers
- Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID)

Streetside International
- European Operating Model (EUROM)
- Split Production
- Full Singapore Functionality

Compliance & Maintenance
- Maintenance Releases
- Securities Journal
- Order Book Reconciliation
- COTS Upgrades
- Adaptive Maintenance
- Optimized Financial Instruments Processing (OFIP)

Product Enhancements
- eTicket
- Advanced Execution Services (AES)
- Business Continuity Planning (BCP)
Functional Context

Communication
Starting Point

- Legacy Replacement

  - Leveraged existing CS application, AGORA
    - Disaster Recovery (·)
    - Compliance Checking (·)
    - Intraday Reporting (·)

- The original team decided to replace AGORA
  - In memory database with a relational database
  - New software component, the OrderHub.

- High personnel turnover
  - Collaboration, people and technical challenges

- Architectural Changes
  - Missed or partially implemented requirements e.g. throughput, service times, and availability
  - New, changed interfaces in support of pressing functional requirements

- Investment between USD 10-15 M a year

Business and IT Driven Change

Past

- Fixed income
- Derivatives
- New brokers and clients.
- Disaster Recovery (DR/BCP)

- Legacy dependencies
- Rewritten Pooler
- Decommissioned JCopy, TNS
- Reduction of comm. protocols
- Virtualization
- Benchmarking + COTS Logging
- Improved Scalability
- COTS Persistence layer
- Continuous Integration
- CMMI (Level 2 and 3)

Upcoming

- E-Ticket – Better support for telephone based trading activities.
- International location rollouts.
- Integration with Advanced Execution Services (AES)
- Securities Journal + Reporting
- Reconciliation

- Product Line Architecture
- Database & Hardware migration
- Source Configuration Management (SCM) system migration
- Integration: next generation client trading system and settlement system
People build systems

Interpersonal relations +
Organizational relations

Affect Architecture

Time spent evaluating options …

…is time well spent

- COTS Eval. Methods
- ADD™
- ATAM™
- Tools for
  - Analysis
  - Decision Making
- PLanguage
When producing design documentation …

…focus on important stakeholders.

- Template Documents
- Stakeholder oriented Views
- UML Template Model
- CMMI

Have an architectural road map

- Vision
- Align tactics and strategy
- Reverse failure
- Accommodate change
What's in my roadmap?

Considers stakeholder priorities e.g.:
- Time to market on new features.
- Stability and throughput, then performance.
- Expect maintainability always

Each step consists of:
- Components and connectors view
- Component responsibilities/partitioning
- Important quality attributes - stakeholders.
- Estimates
- Technical dependencies

Example:

I. Single protocol for asynchronous, synchronous communication - for maintainability.
II. Multi instance capable/clusterable components – failover and throughput
III. Commercial rule engine – maintainability, flexibility
IV. Enterprise service bus for features like adaptors, routing – maintainability, scalability.
V. Data access layer – performance through caching, scalability, maintainability.
VI. Domain oriented components – maintainability, performance

Conclusion

Thank you.

- Organizers
- Audience
Q & A

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