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# Fitting KM into Enterprise Architectures

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# Agenda

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1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Enterprise Architecture: What is one and why you should use it
3. KM Theory
4. Building an Organization for Success
5. Technology: Tools and functions
6. Putting KM into EA
7. Wrap-up and Questions
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# Welcome and Introduction

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## Section 1

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# Tutorial Learning Objectives

- Using enterprise architecture to ensure successful operations
- Core KM concepts
- Modern tools and techniques
- System designs for KM intersection of people-process-technology
- Critical success factors in KM technology

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# Tutorial Procedures

- **Interactive:** Ask questions and discuss issues throughout the morning
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Give and take between experiences and knowledge of presenters and participants
- **Informal:** Free movement into and out of room as needed

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# Enterprise Architecture

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## Section 2

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# Architecture

- The art & science of designing and erecting buildings.
- A style and method of design and construction
- Orderly arrangement of parts; structure: the architecture of the federal bureaucracy; the architecture of a novel.
- Computer Science: The overall design or structure of a computer system, including the hardware and the software required to run it, especially the internal structure of the microprocessor.

# When We Think of Architecture..





# Architecture Includes ...

- Form
- Materials
- Structure
- Aesthetics
- Use patterns
- Maintenance
- Construction
- Safety

An architecture is “the structure of components, their relationships, and the principles and guidelines governing their design and evolution over time.” (IEEE Std 610.12)

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# Architecture for IT

- Network diagrams
- Software models
- Communication protocols
- Hardware connections

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# Yes, But Also...

- How, who, when, why, where, what of design, funding, decision-making, development, operation and maintenance
- Why all of these “soft” issues
  - Lessons Learned from many years of large scale IT programs
  - Organizational issues can dominate systems engineering
  - Real success depends on single system blending people, process, technology








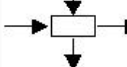
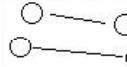
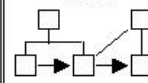

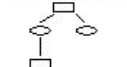
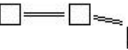
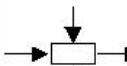
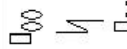
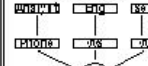
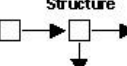
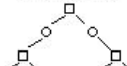



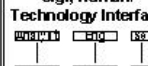
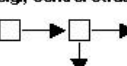
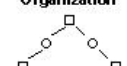






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# Architecture Frameworks

- Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework (FEAF)
- Zachman framework
- The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF)
- Object Management Group (OMG) Model Driven Architecture (MDA)
- Department of Defense Architecture Framework (DODAF)

# Zachman Framework

Zachman's Framework for Information Systems Architecture

	What	How	Where	Who	When	Why	
REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Data</b> List of Things Important to Business 	<b>Function</b> List of Processes the Business Performs 	<b>Network</b> List of Locations Important to Business 	<b>People</b> List of Organizations Important to Business 	<b>Time</b> List of Events Significant to Business 	<b>Motivation</b> List of Business Goals/Strategies 
	<b>Investor</b>	Entity=Class of Business Thing	Function=Class of Business Process	Node=Major Business Location	Agent=Class of Agent	Time=Major Business Event	End/Mean=Major Business Goal
	<b>Enterprise Model</b>	e.g., Entity Relationship Diagram 	e.g., Function Flow Diagram 	e.g., Logistics Network 	e.g., Organization Chart 	e.g., Master Schedule 	e.g., Business Plan 
DESIGN	<b>Owner</b>	Ent=Business Entity Rel=Business Rule	Function=Business Process	Node=Business Location Link=Business Linkage	Agent=Org Unit Work=Work Product	Time=Business Event Cycle=Business Cycle	End=Business Objectives Means=Business Strategy
	<b>Information System Model</b>	e.g., Data Model 	e.g., Data Flow Diagram 	e.g., Distributed System Architecture 	e.g., Human Interface Structure 	e.g., Processing Structure 	e.g., Knowledge Architecture 
	<b>Designer</b>	Entity=Data Entity Relationship=Data Relationship	Func=Appl Function Arg=User Views	Node=Info Sys Funct Link=Line Char	Agent=Role Work=Job	Time=Trigger Cycle=Component Cycle	End=Criterion Means=Option
DEVELOPMENT	<b>Technology Model</b>	e.g., Data Design 	e.g., Structure Chart 	e.g., System Architecture 	e.g., Human/Technology Interface 	e.g., Control Structure 	e.g., Knowledge Organization 
	<b>Builder</b>	Entity=Segment/Row Relationship=Pointer/Key	Func=Computer Funct Arg=Screen/Device Formats	Node=Hardware/System Software Link=Line Specification	Agent=User Work=Job	Time=Execute Cycle=Component Cycle	End=Condition Means=Action
	<b>Components</b>	e.g., Data Definition Description 	e.g., Program 	e.g., Network Architecture 	e.g., Security Architecture 	e.g., Timing Definition 	e.g., Knowledge Definition 
<b>Subcontractor</b>	Ent=Fields Rel=Addresses	Func=Language Strmts Arg=Control Blocks	Node=Addresses Link=Protocols	Agent=Identity Work=Transaction	Time=Interrupt Cycle=Machine Cycle	End=Means	
<b>Functioning System</b>	e.g., Data	e.g., Function	e.g., Network	e.g., Organization	e.g., Schedule	e.g., Strategy	

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# DODAF

- Defines 3 primary views
  - There is no single view of an architecture (business process, network, hardware, data management, etc.) that describes all critical components, data, and users
  - Use standardized products, terms, and definitions
- Operational View: tasks and activities of concern and the information exchanges required
- Technical View: profile of a minimal set of time-phased standards and rules governing the implementation, arrangement, interaction, and interdependence of system elements.
- System View: systems of concern and the connections among those systems in context with the operational architecture view.

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# DODAF: Example Key Products

- ALL Views

- AV-1: Overview and Summary Information
- AV-2: Integrated Dictionary

- Operation Views

- OV-1: High-level Operational Concept Graphic
- OV-2: Operational Node Connectivity Description
- OV-3: Operational Information Exchange Matrix

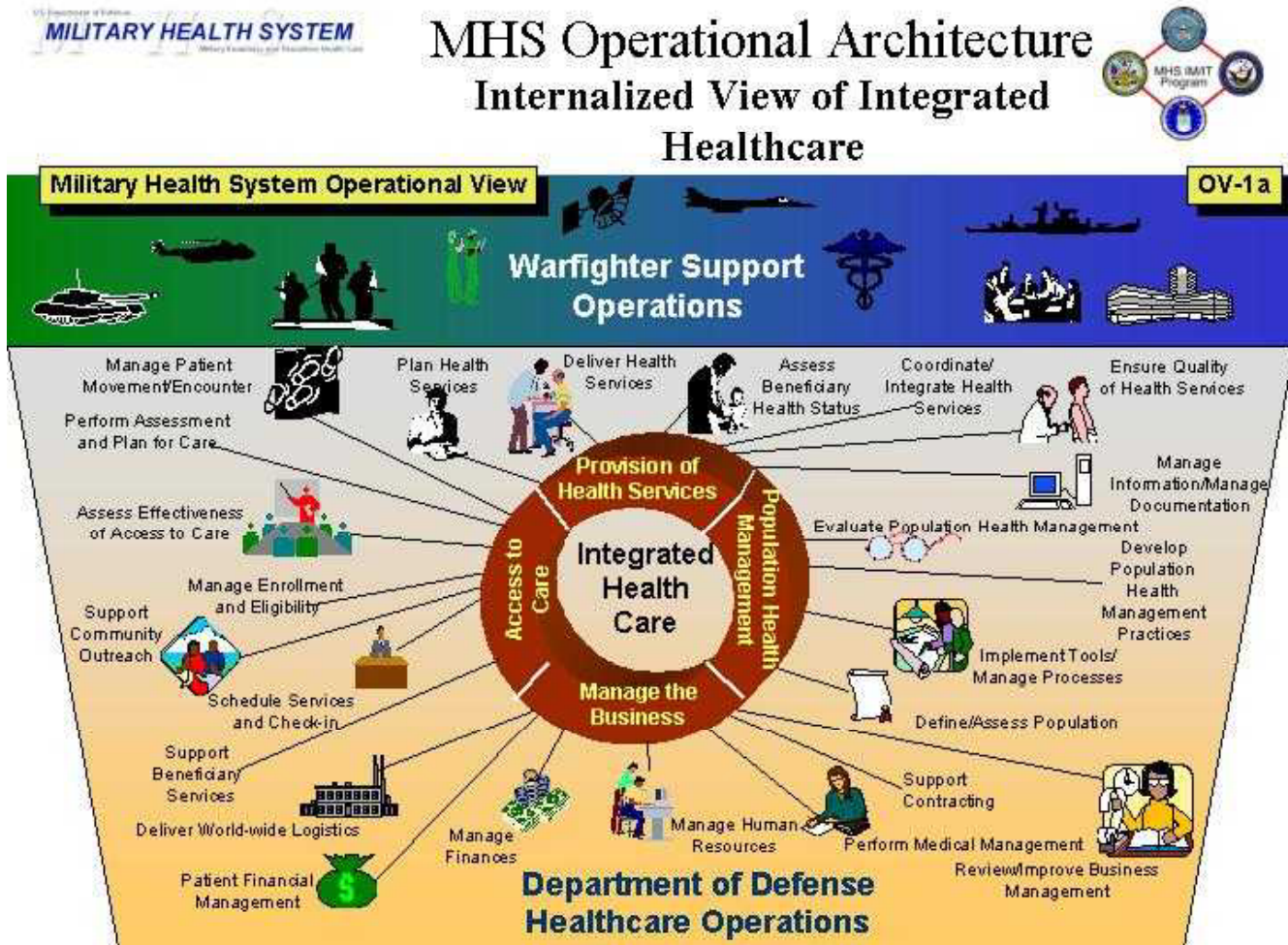
- System View

- SV-1: System Interface Description

- Technical View

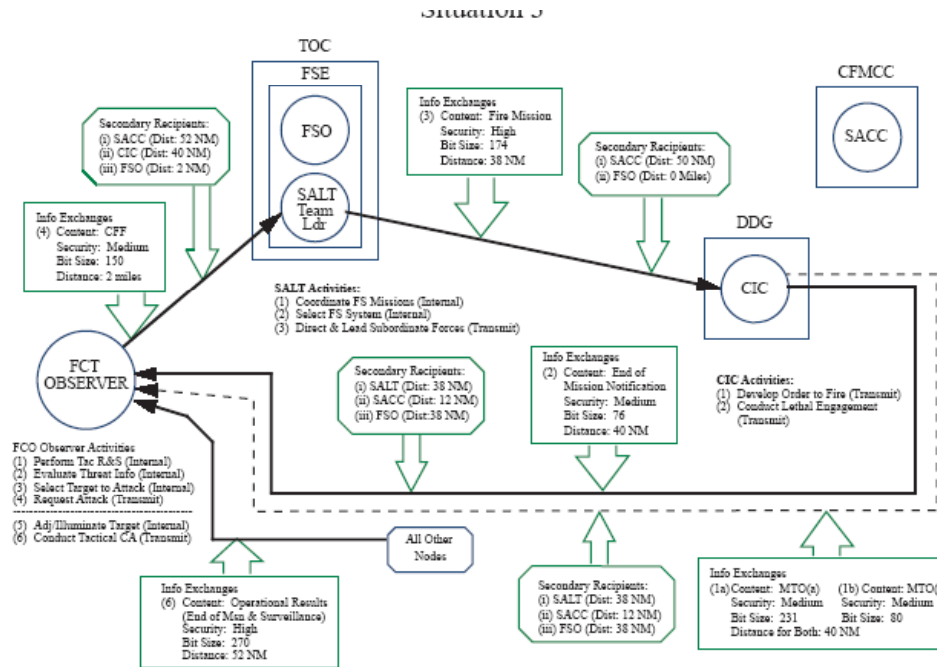
- TV-1: Technical Architecture Profile

# Example OV-1

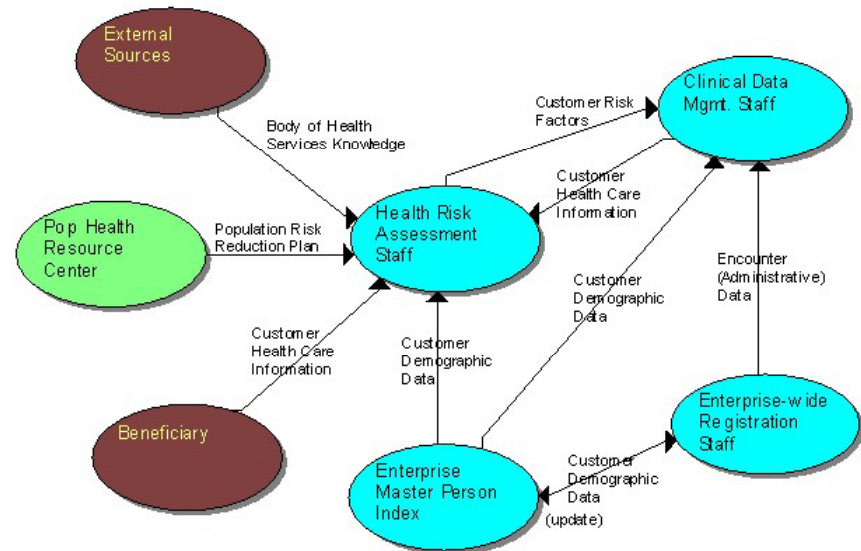




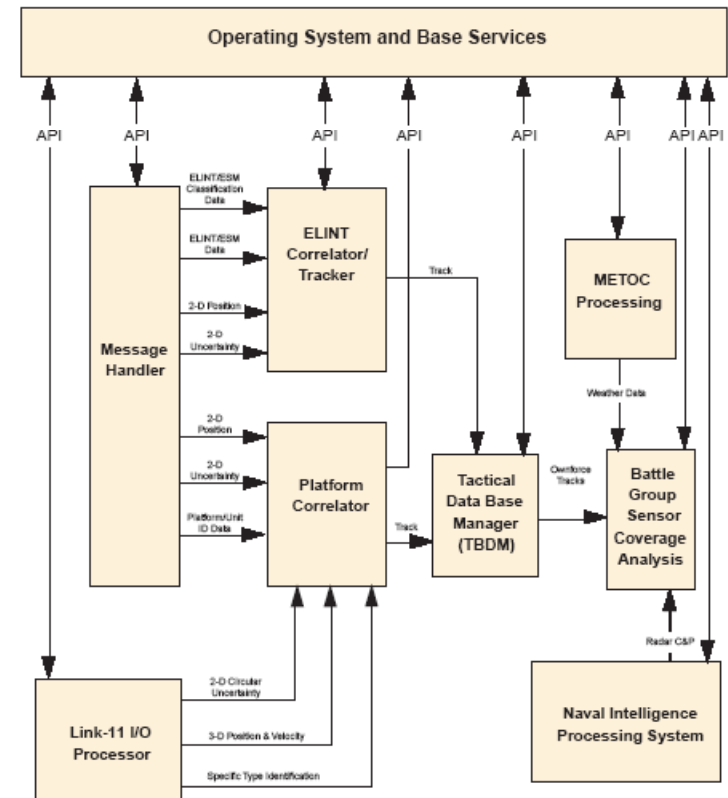
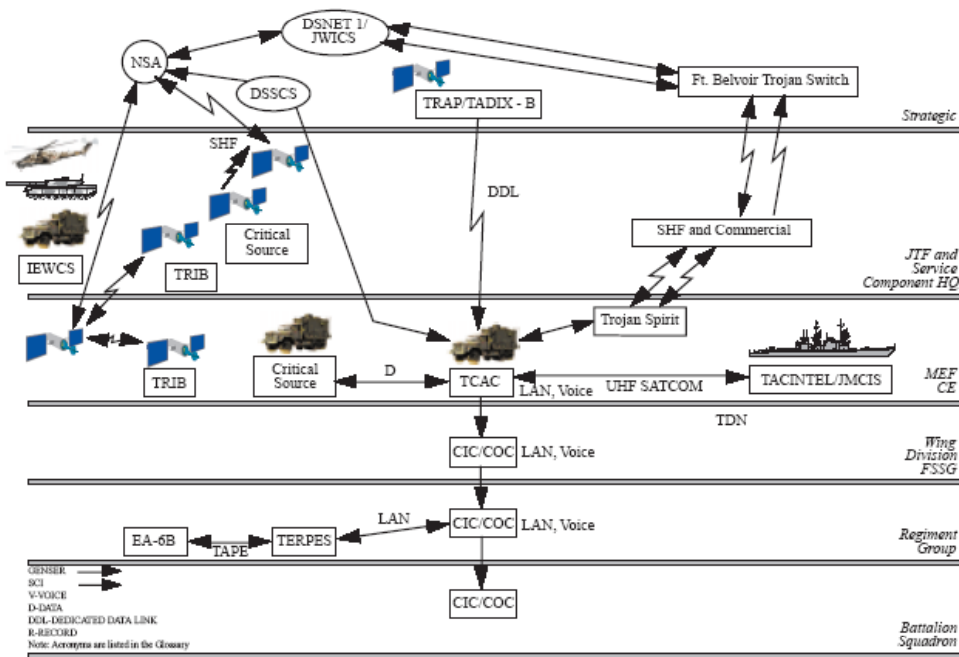
# Example OV-2: Operational Nodes



## OV-2 1.2.1 Perform Health Risk Screening



# Example SV-1: System Interface

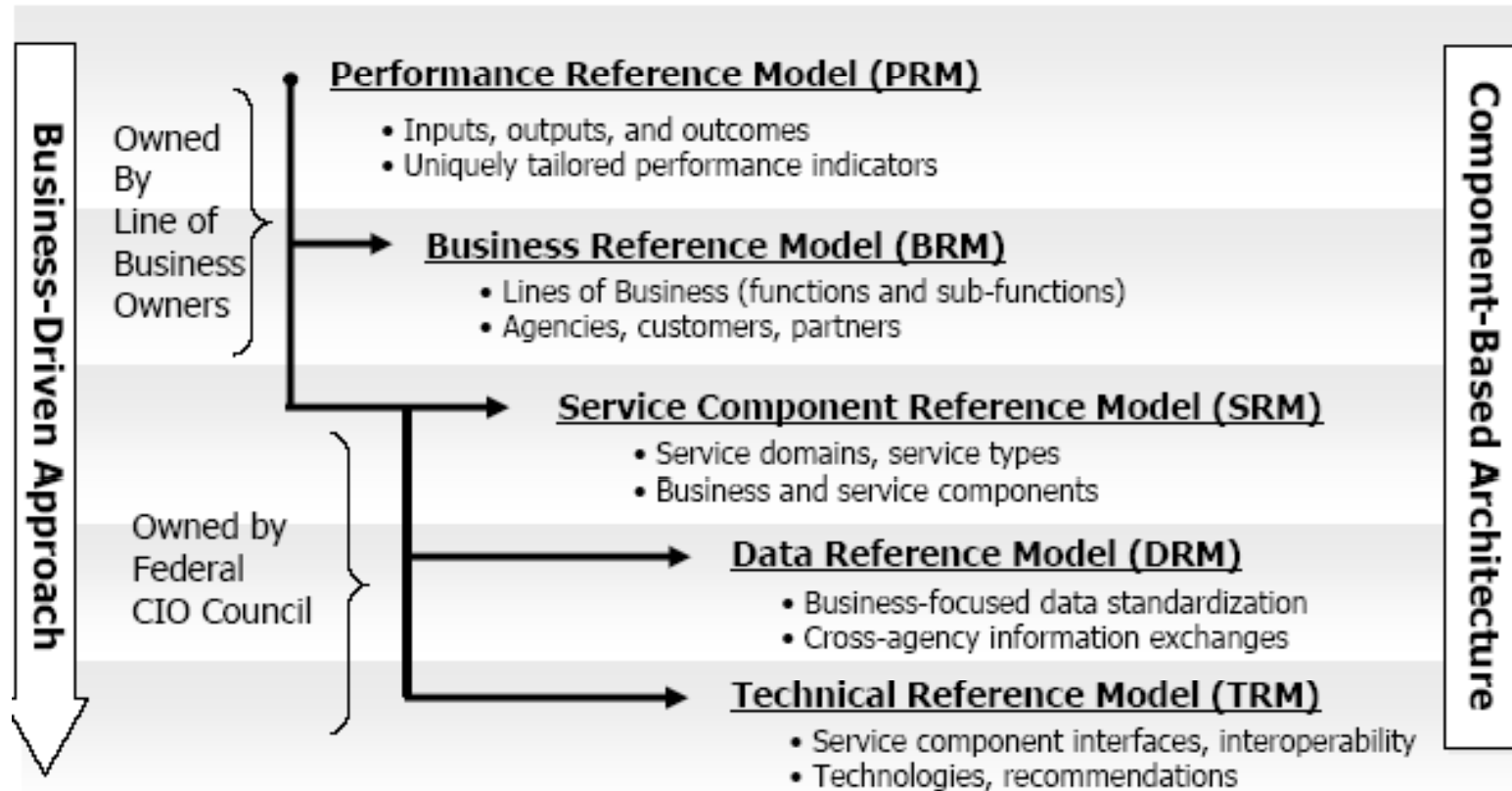


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# Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework (FEAF): Goals

- Define and align Federal business functions and supporting IT via a set of common models
- Identify opportunities to re-use and re-deploy IT assets across the Federal government
- Improve effectiveness of IT spending to help yield substantial cost savings and improve service delivery for citizens

# FEAF: Business Driven



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# FEAF Components

- **Business Reference Model (BRM)**
  - Function-driven framework for describing business operations of the Federal government independent of the agencies that perform them
- **Service Component Reference Model (SRM)**
  - Business and performance-driven functional framework that classifies service components with respect to how they support business and/or performance objectives
- **Performance Reference Model (PRM)**
  - Standardized framework to measure the performance of major IT investments and their contribution to program performance
- **Data Reference Model (DRM)**
  - Model describing, at an aggregate level, the data and information that support program and business line operations
- **Technical Reference Model (TRM)**
  - Component-driven, technical framework used to identify the standards, specifications, and technologies that support and enable the delivery of service components and capabilities

# FEAF Business Reference Model



# FEAF Services Reference Model



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# System Design & Development: Known Hurdles

- Acquisition is structured to purchase tools based on lists of functions
- Users need support of business processes
- No single organizational group makes all necessary decisions and controls all types of funds
- Success or failure of the system and program hinges on the intangibles of usefulness, usability, relevance



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# Errors to Avoid

- “Wrong” group doing:
  - ❑ Requirements
  - ❑ Technical specifications
  - ❑ Program management
  - ❑ Systems engineering
- Debating the above issues across organizational roles and responsibilities
- Relying on vendor or analyst literature for technical design
- Focusing most effort on networks, hardware, software instead of business process, operational capabilities

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# Success Factors to Promote

- Clear roles and responsibilities
- Maximize use of industry and government standards
- Business focused Measures of Effectiveness
- Constantly restate role of technology as supporting not driving design of capabilities

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# How does EA Help?

- Keeps people aware of need for synergy among people-process-technology
- Highlights operational capabilities as source of design and development not by-products
- Forces explicit definition of information needs, by whom, when, ....
- Requires explicit statement of organizational roles and responsibilities

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## Example: Who Defines Requirements

- Operational Views show the goals and major information requirements
- System Views show the layout and connections of network, hardware, software
- Which view states requirements?
- Who defines the requirements?
- Answer: Different roles for different requirements

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# KM Theory

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## Section 3

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# The Need

- Share and reuse knowledge
- Reduce information overload
- Minimize operation and maintenance costs
- Streamline business processes
- Enterprise system interoperability

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# The Challenge

- Enormous quantity of written, spoken, and visual information
- Confusion about what “knowledge” is
- Language complexity and dynamism
- Limited tool accuracy
- Multiple systems and legacy applications

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# What is Knowledge Management?

- Knowledge has several crucial differences from information and data, namely:
  - contains the context in which the information was created and will be used;
  - maintains the relationships among component data; is trustworthy;
  - is actionable
- KM seeks to collect, organize, store, and disseminate knowledge from members of a group across physical, organizational, topical, and temporal boundaries
- KM uses technology but is mostly concerned with enhancing operational capabilities through business processes and organizational structure.



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# KM is Not

- KM is not a technology system, such as a portal, digital library, search engine, or decision support system
- KM is not a new human endeavor
- KM is not an esoteric set of processes
- KM is not inherently expensive to implement and maintain
- KM is not simply giving people access to more documents and databases
- KM is not metadata
- KM is not a web site
- KM is not simple to explain
- KM is not difficult to use if targeted to realistic opportunities

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# What is Knowledge?

- Context: what is it about?
- Confidence: is it right?
- Relationships: what does it have to do with that?
- Priorities: what is most important?
- Types
  - Explicit knowledge is codified and can be manipulated
  - Tacit knowledge is unspoken “know-how”

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# Bloom Taxonomy of Knowledge

- Knowledge: remembering previously learned material, recall facts or theories; bring to mind.
- Comprehension: grasping the meaning of material; interpreting; predicting outcome and effects (estimating future trends).
- Application: ability to use learned material in a new situation; apply rules, laws, methods, and theories.
- Analysis: breaking down into parts; understanding, organization, clarifying, concluding.
- Synthesis: ability to put parts together to form a new whole; unique communication; set of abstract relations.
- Evaluation: ability to judge values far purpose; base on criteria; support judgment with reason (no guessing).

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# Data, Information, Knowledge

- Data is transactional information which, when presented independently, provides little contribution to the decision and action process.
- Information is content that is necessary for people to have in order to perform their jobs. Information is typically data that has been assembled in some meaningful way.
- Knowledge is a step more value-added than information in that knowledge is content which contains user experiences around it. Knowledge provides insights that move the user of that knowledge to make decisions and take action.

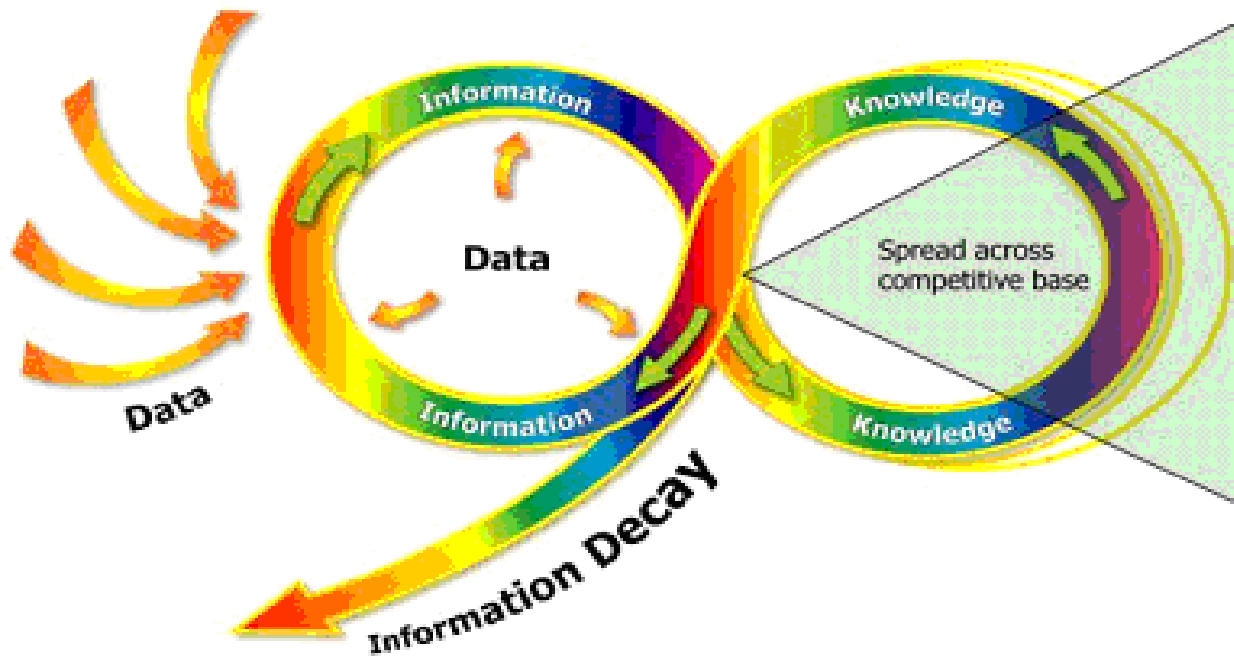
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# Knowledge is Personal

- Depends on prior knowledge, and task focus
- “Set the soldering iron to 200 degrees”
  - *information* from manual for general use
  - *knowledge* from expert for specific manufacturing process
- “10000 units shipped yesterday”
  - *data* for logistics
  - *information* for shipping manager
  - *knowledge* for competitor monitoring market share

# Knowledge has a lifecycle

## The Knowledge Life Cycle



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# Building an Organization for Success

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## Section 4

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# Organizational Issues

- KM is not a core function
  - No direct funding
  - No direct high level management authority
- KM is a cross-group process
  - Challenges typical group control
  - Requires open dialogue that may lead to competitive disadvantage, even internally
- KM tasks are usually overhead and collateral duties



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# Organizational Factors: What We Have Learned

- KM's business value is not apparent enough to overcome barriers built & maintained by funding and control
- KM has most value (ROI) at the grass-roots level
  - Small wins but lots of them
  - People only need & want simple intuitive aids

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# Organizational Success Factors

- Channel top-level support into incorporating KM processes into standard operations
  - Develop and distribute concrete operating procedures for specific grass-roots level tasks
- Make tools and processes simple and low-cost to convince line managers to include
  - Show productivity and efficiently improvements to funded and required operations
- Avoid over promising results to management
- Appoint a temporary KM steward to catalyze processes

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# Technology: Tools and Functions

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## Section 5

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# Technology (noun)

- Science:
  - The application of science, especially to industrial or commercial objectives.
  - The scientific method and material used to achieve a commercial or industrial objective.
- Electronic or digital products and systems considered as a group: a store specializing in office technology.
- Anthropology The body of knowledge available to a society that is of use in fashioning implements, practicing manual arts and skills, and extracting or collecting materials.

From Houghton-Mifflin dictionary

# What is Technology?



- What makes the Segway “a technology”?
- What does it do for people?

## THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE TECHNOLOGY.

When Dean Kamen unveiled the Segway® Human Transporter (HT) on ABC's Good Morning America, he described the machine as "the world's first self-balancing human transporter." When you look at the machine in motion, you get an idea of what he's talking about. Unlike a car, the Segway only has two wheels—it looks something like an ordinary hand truck—yet it manages to stay upright by itself.

To move forward or backward on the Segway HT, the rider just leans slightly forward or backward. To turn left or right, the rider simply turns the steering grip left or right.



### HOW DYNAMIC STABILIZATION WORKS

The ability to balance on its own is the most amazing thing about the Segway HT, and it is the key to its operation. To understand how this system works, it helps to consider Kamen's model for the device—the human body.



If you stand up and lean forward, so that you are out of balance, you probably won't fall on your face. Your brain knows you are out of balance, because fluid in your inner ear shifts, so it triggers you to put your leg forward and stop the fall. If you keep leaning forward, your brain will keep putting your legs forward to keep you upright. Instead of falling, you walk forward, one step at a time.

The Segway HT does pretty much the same thing, except it has wheels instead of legs, a motor instead of muscles, a collection of microprocessors instead of a brain and a set of sophisticated tilt sensors instead of an inner-ear balancing system. Like your brain, the Segway knows when you are leaning forward. To maintain balance, it turns the wheels at just the right speed, so you move forward. Segway calls this behavior **dynamic stabilization** and has patented the unique process that allows the Segway HT to balance on just two wheels.

### THE BRAINS AND THE BRAWN

At its most basic, the Segway HT is a combination of a series of sensors, a control system and a motor system. In this section, we'll look at each of these elements.



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# What is a New Technology?

- A new way of using machines
- New machine mechanisms and methods
- New human capabilities enabled by machines

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# Capabilities and Functions

- People want capabilities

- I am able to filter all my documents to find what I need quickly

- Machines provide functions

- Search engine compares words in query to words in documents and retrieves those with a “good” match



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# Capabilities

- Finding the document I want from all the documents in my organization quickly and precisely
- Getting to work on time from my home
- Contacting an expert when I need one
- Learning from my colleagues' experiences

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# Functions

- Web-based information access
- Document search
- Threaded discussion
- Personnel directory
- Transportation
- Spreadsheet calculations
- Word processing

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# Developing New Technology

## ■ Technology driven

- ❑ Wide development portfolio
- ❑ Many redundant efforts with latitude for individual creativity and interpretation

## ■ Capabilities driven

- ❑ End-users (non-technologists) define operational capabilities needed
- ❑ Translated into technology portfolio of basic through prototype development

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# What Makes IT Work for KM?

- Seamless integration
- Intuitive navigation
- Rapid and precise information retrieval and discovery
- Ease-of-use
- Contextual connections and relevance

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# Types of Technology for KM

## ■ Supporting

- Automates existing processes
- Transfers work to machines from humans

## ■ Enabling

- Creates new capabilities
- Expands human abilities

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# Supporting Technologies

- Portals: Combines multiple information and data sources into one electronics access point
- Digital Library: Contains large number of documents and multimedia items in electronic form in a centrally accessible, and possibly managed, system

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# Enabling Technology

- Email: allowed widespread inexpensive exchange of messages instantly
- Internet: globally accessible low-cost exchange of information with open standards
- Datamining: sophisticated algorithms based on rules and probability theory to find “needle in a haystack”
- Intelligent agents: Constantly roaming network collecting, assessing, information

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# KM Technology Examples

- Search engines
- Metadata categorizers
- Portals
- Collaboration
  - Instant Messaging
  - Threaded discussion
  - Web conferencing
- Expertise location
- Visualization

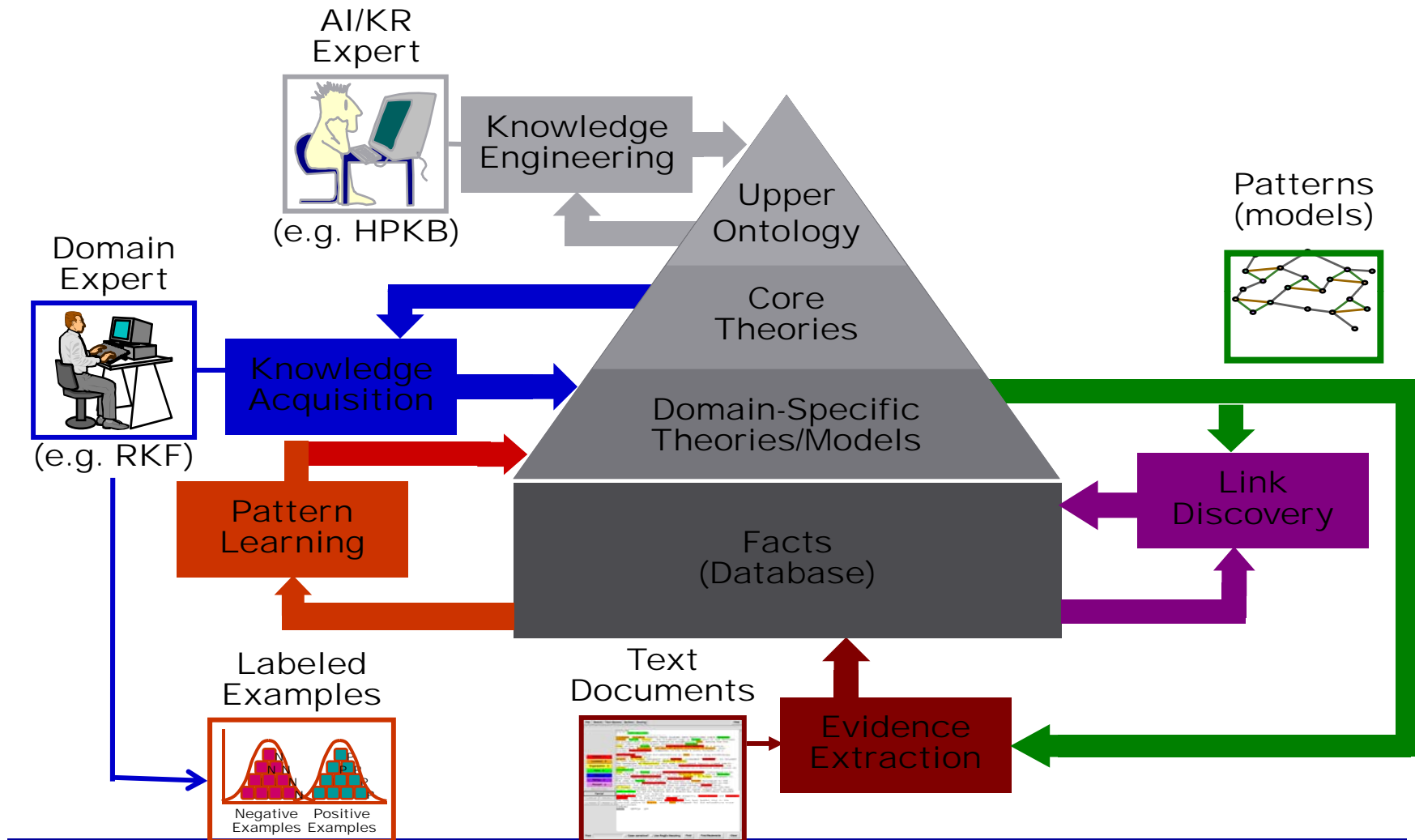




# Interactive Maps



# Knowledge Creation Technologies

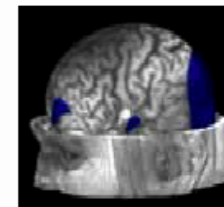
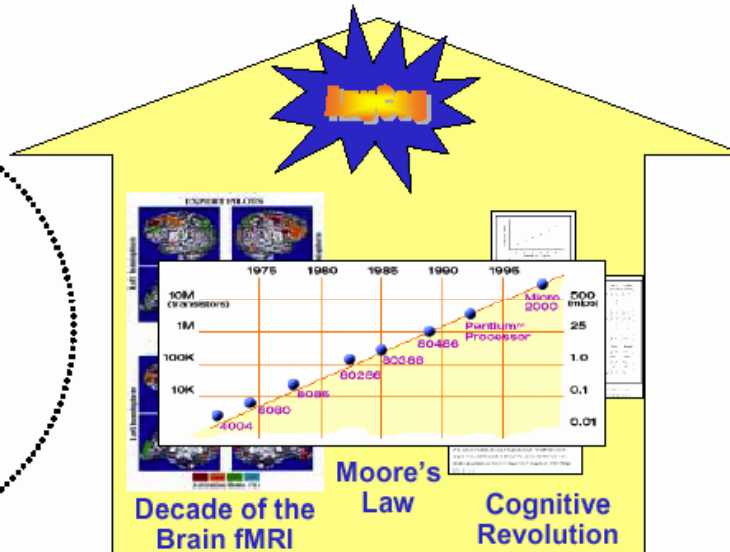
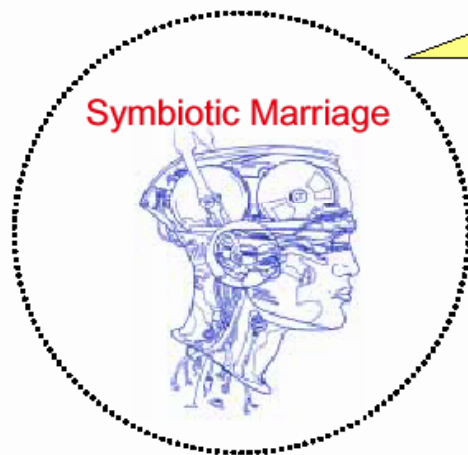


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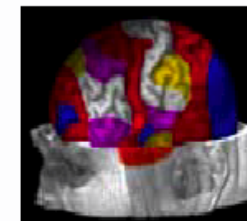


## Objective:

1, 2, or 3 Order of Magnitude Improvement in Net Human-Machine Information Capacity, Symbiotic Marriage

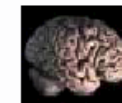


A Brain on Today's HCI



A Brain on Augmented Cognition

This Will Improve and Enhance the Quality of Military Decision Making



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# Portals

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# Definition of a Portal

- Network accessible web-based IT systems that provide a single point of access to multiple systems and information resources.
- Combine targeted links with dynamic and personalized information analysis and retrieval.
- Commonly include functions for posting news, calendars, personnel directories, storing documents, accessing other systems, collaboration, and full-text search.
- Differ from websites by their level of dynamic information aggregation and presentation, and integration to other web-enabled systems.

# Portal: Public website

Address <http://www.firstgov.gov/> Go Links

**FIRSTGOV.gov**  
The U.S. Government's Official Web Portal

FirstGov Home About Us Help Site Map For Kids April 5, 2003

Search Federal/State  
 Federal  State  Both  
Search a State  
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Advanced Search

**Agencies**  
A-Z Index  
Federal Branches  
State, Local & Tribal  
International

**Contact Government**  
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News Releases  
Federal Forms  
Laws & Regulations  
Questions About Government?  
More

Select a Topic Go

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**Free E-mail Newsletters**

**Military Campaign Underway**  
**Help Our Troops and the U.S.A.**

**Severe Acute Respiratory Alert**

**Citizens**  
interacting with Government  
Government helping citizens connect to services and more.  
**Online Services for Citizens**  
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▶ For Sale  
▶ DisasterHelp  
▶ Find Government Benefits  
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▶ Drivers Licenses  
▶ Hold Mail  
▶ Lottery Results  
▶ Today's Weather  
▶ and much more

**Business**  
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Helping businesses from start to finish with tools and more.  
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▶ Comment on Federal Regulations  
▶ Business Opportunities  
▶ Business Laws & Regs  
▶ Central Contractor Registration  
▶ Government Auctions & Sales  
▶ E-File Your Taxes  
▶ Employer ID Number  
▶ Wage Reporting  
▶ Small Business Procurement Registry  
▶ Subcontracting Opportunities  
▶ File Patents & Trademarks  
▶ Export Portal  
▶ and much more

**Government Employees**  
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▶ Background Investigation Application  
▶ e-Training Initiative for Federal Workers  
▶ For Sale to Government Buyers  
▶ FirstGov Search for Federal Agencies  
▶ Per Diem Rates  
▶ Employee Directory  
▶ Federal Personnel-Payroll Changes  
▶ and much more

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# Portal: Enterprise Intranet

## Navy Knowledge Online

**N@VY**  
KNOWLEDGE ONLINE

LEARN | GROW | LEAD

Home Leadership Pers Dev My Center Collaborate

Sunday December 15, 2002 - eric.levy-myers is logged on Site Search: [ ] [Customize] [User Guide] [Logout]

**NKO SERVICES**

- Instant Messenger
- Collaboration Center
- NKO Message Boards
- NKO Chat
- NKO Search
- NKO Feedback
- NKO White Pages

**CENTERS**

**TRAINING SUPPORT**

**NAVAL MISSIONS**

**COMMUNITIES**

**MY PORTAL**

- My Links
- My NKO Profile
- Change My Password
- My Personal Page
- My Finance
- My Education
- My Career

**My Announcements**

**My Center News**

Personal Development Center News Will Appear Here

**Electronic Training Jacket Login**

SSN: [ ] Password: [ ]

**E-Learning Catalog Search**

NAVY learning [ ] When searching courses, use: [Title Only] [All Text]

**Navy News**

**Navy NewsStand - Current Navy Headlines:**

- Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Recalls Contributions to Fleet During WWII
- New Housing Allowance Rates Set
- Hawk/S Team Returns to Yokosuka
- Two Tools Designed to Help Reservists
- Under Secretary of the Navy Visits America's Big Stick

**Naval Leadership Group Message**

**My Career**

Professional Development

Personal Development

Leadership

Certifications & Qualifications

Performance

Recruit Apprentice Journeyman Master

**EXCEL**

**THE TASK FORCE EXCEL 5-VECTOR MODEL**

**Coming soon:** Use the Five Vector Model to track your career progress. Click here to learn more.

How will this portal help your career? Find out how the portal was developed and where Task Force EXCEL is headed. Click here to learn about the NKO portal and Knowledge Management

Sample graphic and datapoints

**What's New at NKO**

**NEW Your Electronic Training Jacket**  
Active Duty: View your individual training, education, advancement, qualifications, and certification data through your Electronic Training Jacket by clicking the link on the channel to the left.

**NEW Message Boards Available**  
Message boards are available for asking questions or seeking advice within your community. Click NKO Message Boards in the left-side navigation menu.

**NEW Instant Messaging (IM) and Chat**  
Secure, encrypted Instant Messaging (IM) is available through NKO. An option in your NKO profile is configured to automatically launch IM upon login.  
My NKO Profile

**NEW Enterprise Collaboration Center (ECC)**  
Upload, download, and search documents. Create and collaborate with teams from around the globe. Click on the "Collaborate" tab above.

**Naval Personnel Development Command News**

What center do you belong to? Click the link to see which rates belong to [Learning Centers] each center.

The latest NIDOC SITREP: [NIDOC SITREP]



# Portal: Military Operations

**WatchBoard**  
File Edit View Help

**Operations**

- Tempo Brave 99
- Panama 00
- Valiant Blitz 00
- Kernel Usher 00

**Views**

- Situation
- Operations
- Logistics
- Force Readiness
- Execution Timeline

**Cells**

**Weather (31:JAN:00-1600)**

**Execution Task List**

H-8	Insert SEAL Team Red Beach	ST1/ACU-5
H-4	Air Strike on SAM Site #1	HMM-265
H-1	Insert SEAL Team Green Beach	ST1/ACU-5
H-Hour	Main Assault White Beach	ACU-5
H+1	Launch NEO Force	HMM-265
H+4	Extract Non Combatants	HMM265

**Force Status**

USS Kitty Hawk	●
USS Belleau Wood	●
USS Fort McHenry	●
USS Germantown	●
USS Blue Ridge	●
SEAL Team 1 D Plt	●
ACU-5 Det C	●
HMM-265	●

**Execution Plan**

**Equipment Readiness**

CH-46	●
UH-1	●
CH-53	●
LCAC	●
CRRC	●
RIB	●
FA-18	●
EA-6B	●

**Force Readiness**

Force Element	Readiness Level
Force 1	High
Force 2	High
Force 3	High
Force 4	High
Force 5	High

**Area of Detectability at Objective ALPHA**

Mon Jan 31 16:05:11 PST 2000 | ET 88d 8h 4m | 442.0 k/sec | User:

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# Portal Business Value

- Information aggregation
- Application integration
- Standardization
- Interoperability
- Consistency
- Usability
- Information quality
- Lower total cost of ownership
- Extensibility

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# Portal: Information Aggregation

- One place to go to for all “relevant” information
  - News
  - Policy
  - Reports
  - Program management
  - Discussion threads
  - External (which ones?)

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# Portal: Application Integration

- Combine “relevant” applications with information
  - ❑ Business intelligence
  - ❑ Human Resources
  - ❑ Content Management
  - ❑ Project management
  - ❑ Task
  - ❑ Collaboration
  - ❑ Document management
  - ❑ Search

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# Portal uses within a KM environment

- Information Relationships
- Document Profiling
- Categorization
- Index creation
- Taxonomy/Ontology Development
- Meta-data
- Search
- Expertise Location (tracking SMEs)

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# KM Portals: Key Issues

- KM portals **MUST** present pre-analyzed, validated, contextually integrated information packages to users
- Shifts the level of effort to finding the “right information” to the system and administrators away from the end-users

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# Portal Core Functions

- Database access
- File repository
- Controlled information presentation
- Independent user interface regions
- Collaboration
- Links
- Data & information retrieval: search, discovery, navigation
- Application access (single sign-on)
- Web administration (users, content)

# Portal Components

Tool	Function	KM value
Portal engine	Web browser display of information & applications	Collated access of related & relevant information
File storage	Store documents in secure central folders	Collated validated and easy to find <u>key</u> documents
Instant messaging	Rapid short communication among pre-defined group	Quick-response distributed terse comments between trusted group members
Threaded discussion	Organized topic discussions available over time	Focused commentary from members distributed in space and time on key issues
Search & discovery	Ad hoc queries of web, database, and file content	Find relevant information from total stored resources <b>quickly</b> and <b>precisely</b>
Application integration	Connect multiple applications & databases	Collated secure & seamless access to key applications

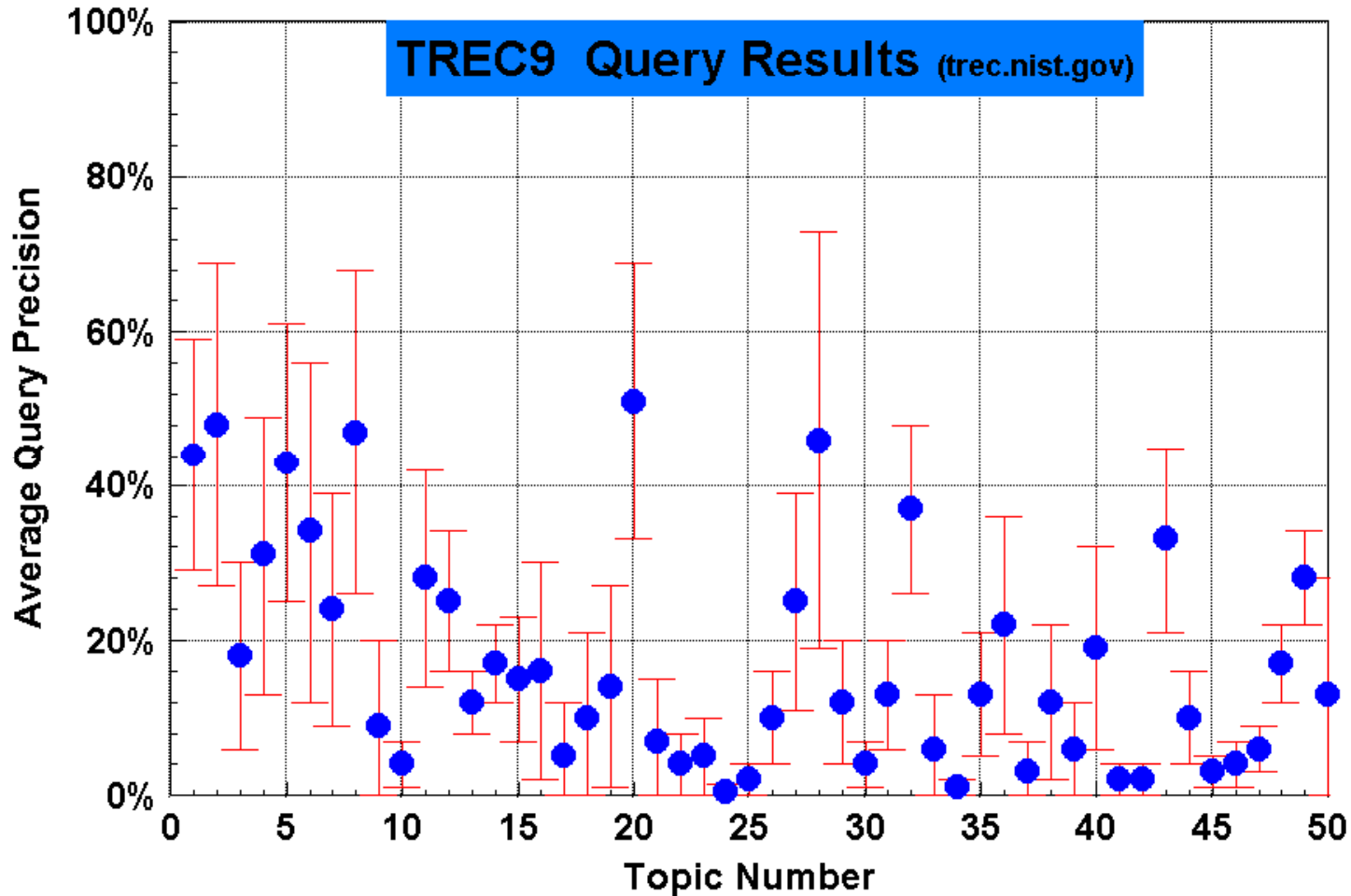


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# What Makes IT Work for KM?

- Seamless integration
- Intuitive navigation
- Rapid and precise information retrieval and discovery
- Ease-of-use
- Contextual connections and relevance

# Modern Search is Good but Not Quite Enough



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# Portal Usability

- Portal usability types

- Functional: can it do something
- User experience: is it easy to use; do I get what I need

- Intangible measures control user satisfaction

- Easy (to do what, when, for whom?)
- Fast (when, network vs application, external ?)
- Precise (who defines, information fusion – what are rules?)

- Technology is not the answer

- Business process metrics needed
- Technology supports process
- Integrating technology-process-organization is the answer

# Portal Usability Precepts

Intranet Usability: The Trillion-Dollar Question Summary, Jakob Nielsen, 11Nov02, <http://www.useit.com/alertbox/>

- Need executive support and budget
- “Poor search was the greatest single cause ....”
- “...lack of consistent navigation was a big issue.”
- Content Usability:
  - “Search and navigation exist for one reason: to help users find content.
  - Many intranets were good at providing updated news about the company...
  - {but} substantially less successful at dealing with old news, archiving it, and integrating it with the main intranet areas.

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# Case Study: Functionality Problems

- Group chat sessions need to be organized, scheduled, and actively managed
- Instant messaging user access is too restrictive (accessibility)
- Polls are not always relevant and targeted to a specific intent
- Need expertise locator (yellow pages)
- Inadequate personalization of information delivery

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# Case Study: Content Quality

- Uneven across groups
- Content management is too laborious
- Too many general and untargeted links
- Message boards are effective tools but need to be actively managed
- Need more Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about all subjects including performing jobs, training, known problems

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# Case Study: Findings

## ■ Content Organization and Layout

- The organization of content needs to be homogenous

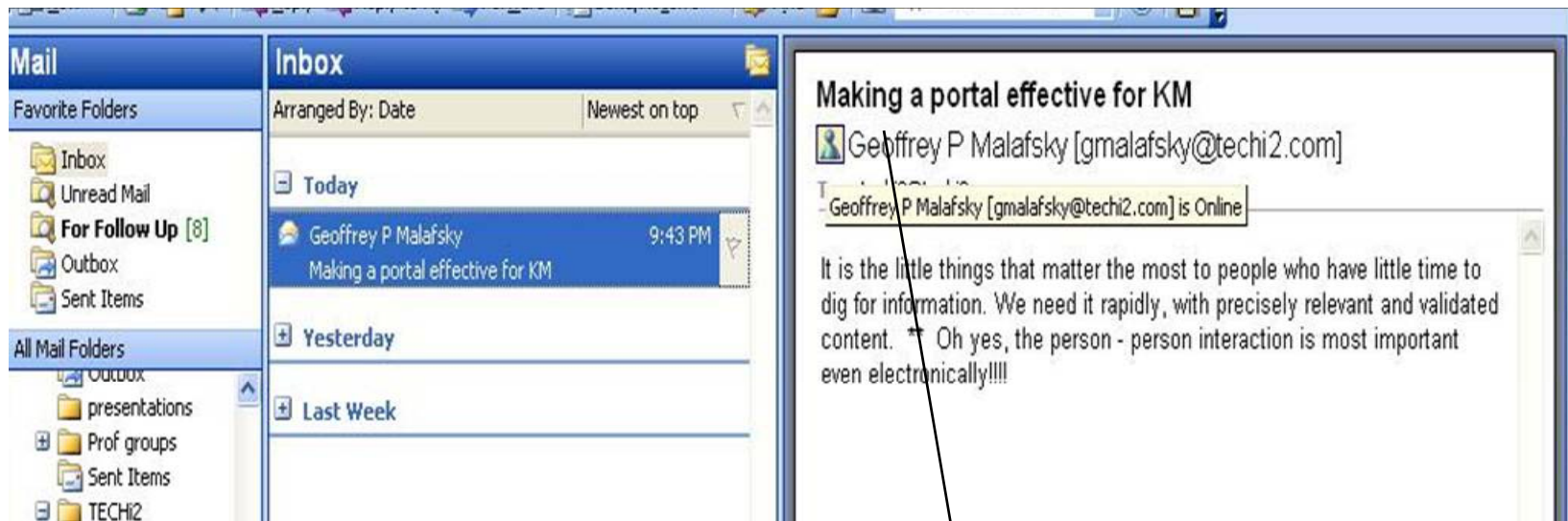
- Inconsistent file repository and web site navigation
- Inconsistent web page design quality

## ■ Performance and speed

- Bandwidth is still a concern

- Performance has degraded with additional users

# Examples: Usability aids



Live Instant  
Messenger status is  
part of email  
address



# Examples: Linkages



Direct connection to alternate form of communication

# Content is King: Quality, Relevance

The screenshot shows a SharePoint-TECHi2 Home page. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like Documents, Lists, Discussions, and Surveys. The main content area is titled 'Home' and features several sections: 'Announcements', 'XML Namespace Design and Development', and 'CMCP-Discussion'. A blue callout box with white text asks 'Why this information? Why at this part of page?' and has a line pointing to the 'Announcements' section. The 'Announcements' section contains two entries: 'Spinning straw into gold' and 'Graduating Systems Analyst with Business Perspective Available'. The 'XML Namespace Design and Development' section has a table with columns for Subject, Replies, Created By, and Modified. The 'CMCP-Discussion' section also has a table with columns for Subject, Replies, Posted By, and Modified. On the right side of the page, there are sections for 'Documents' (with a table of Type, Name, and Modified By), 'Events', and 'Contacts'.

Subject	Replies	Created By	Modified
Aligning with HR-XML (A Consolidated Thread)	0	brennan.TECHi2	3/31/2004 11:08 PM
BUPERS HR-XML Open Questions	4	brennan.TECHi2	4/2/2004 3:29 PM

Type	Name	Modified By
Lessons Learned		gmalafsky.TECHi2
Govt rules and guidance		gmalafsky.TECHi2
Policies and Standards		gmalafsky.TECHi2

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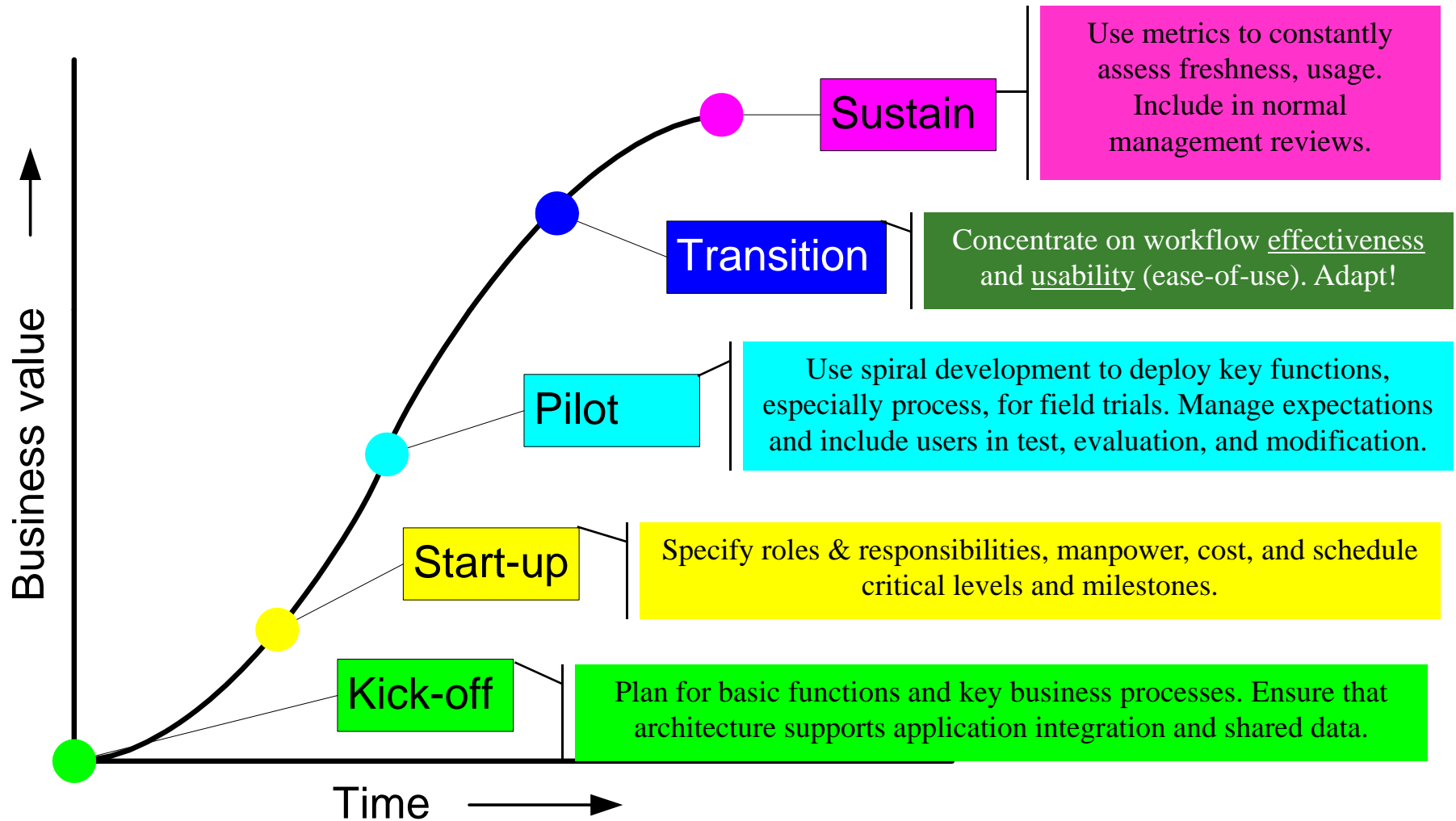
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# Using EA for KM Success – or- Putting KM into EA

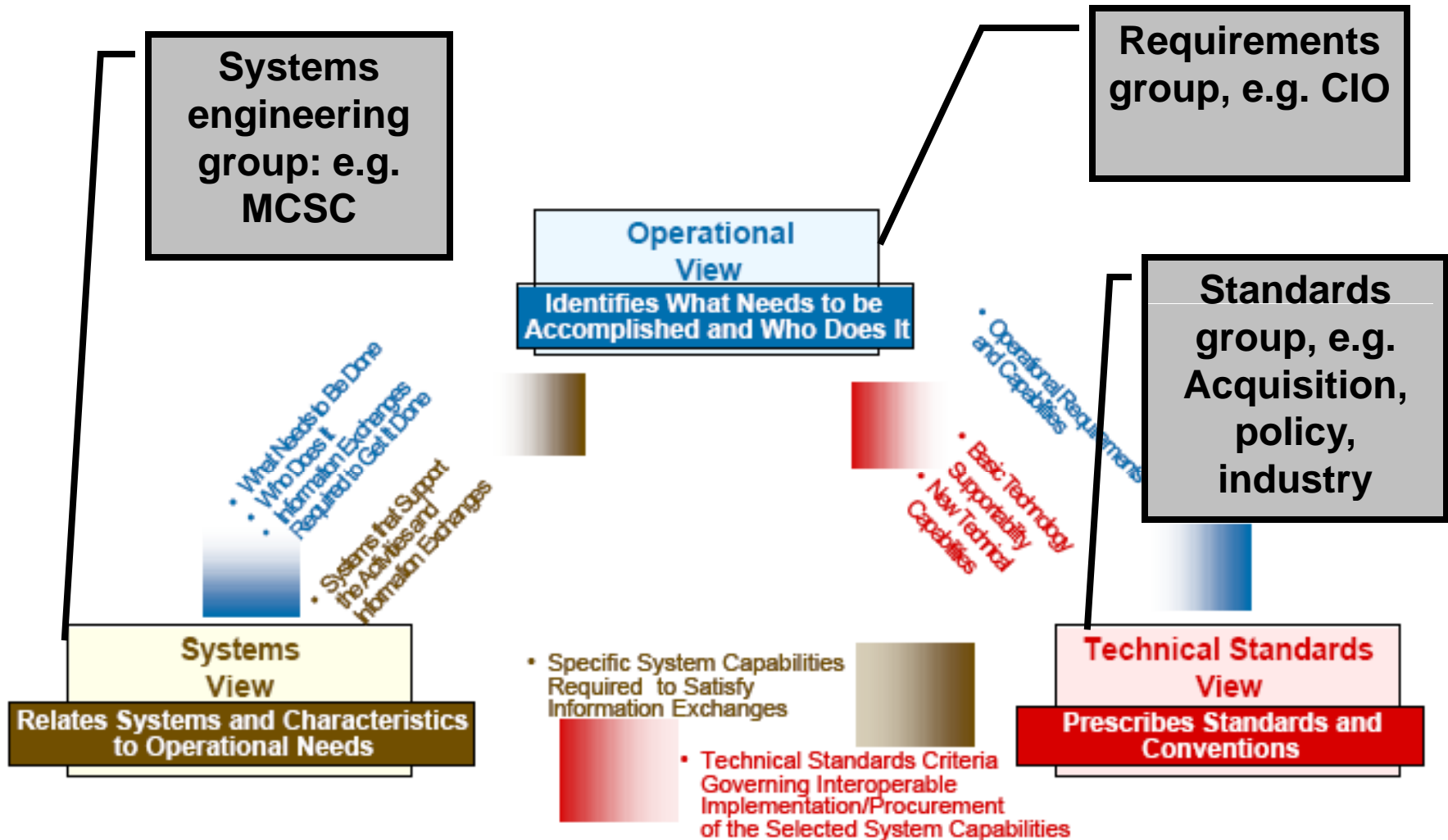
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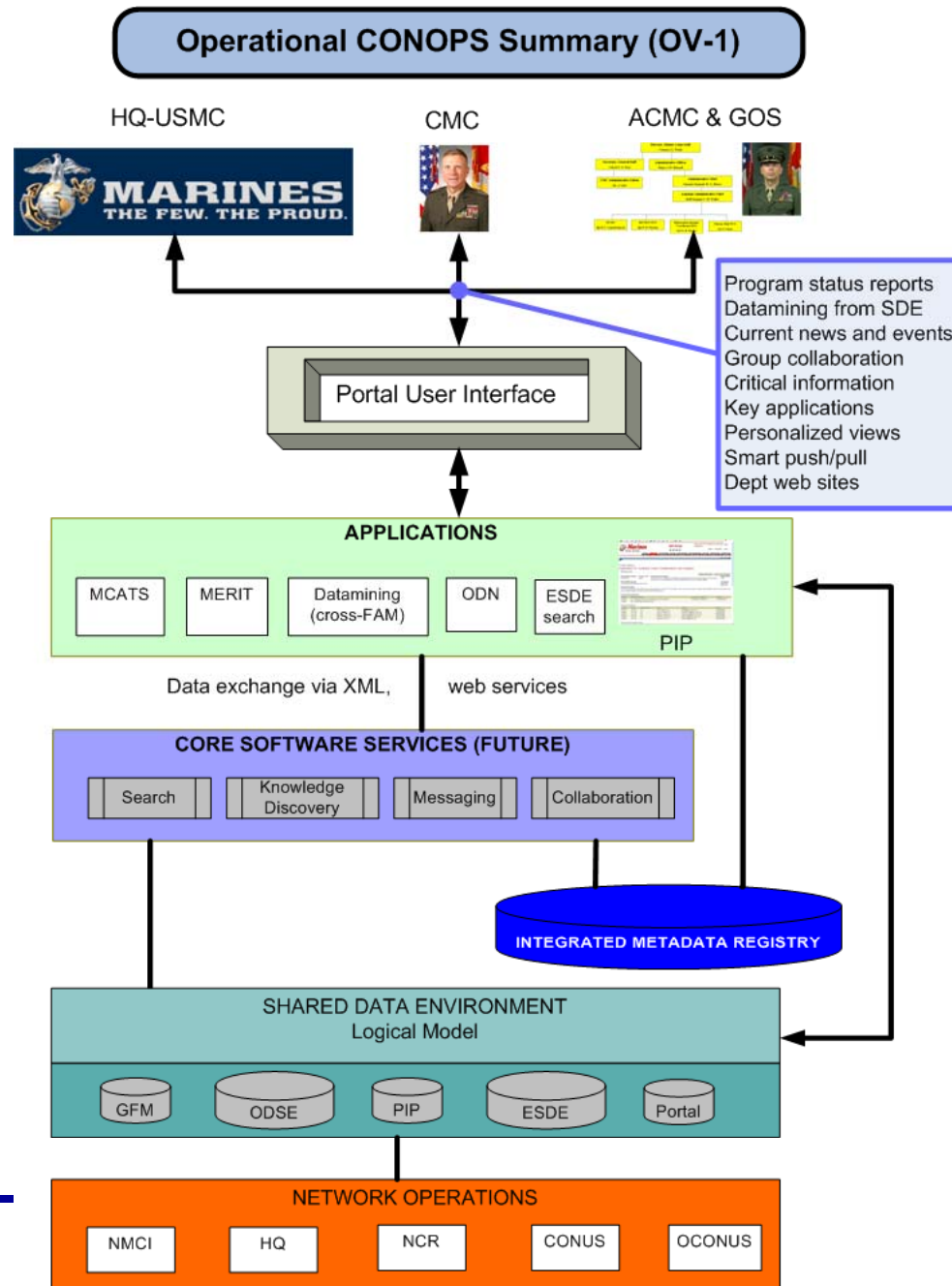
# KM Lifecycle: Development



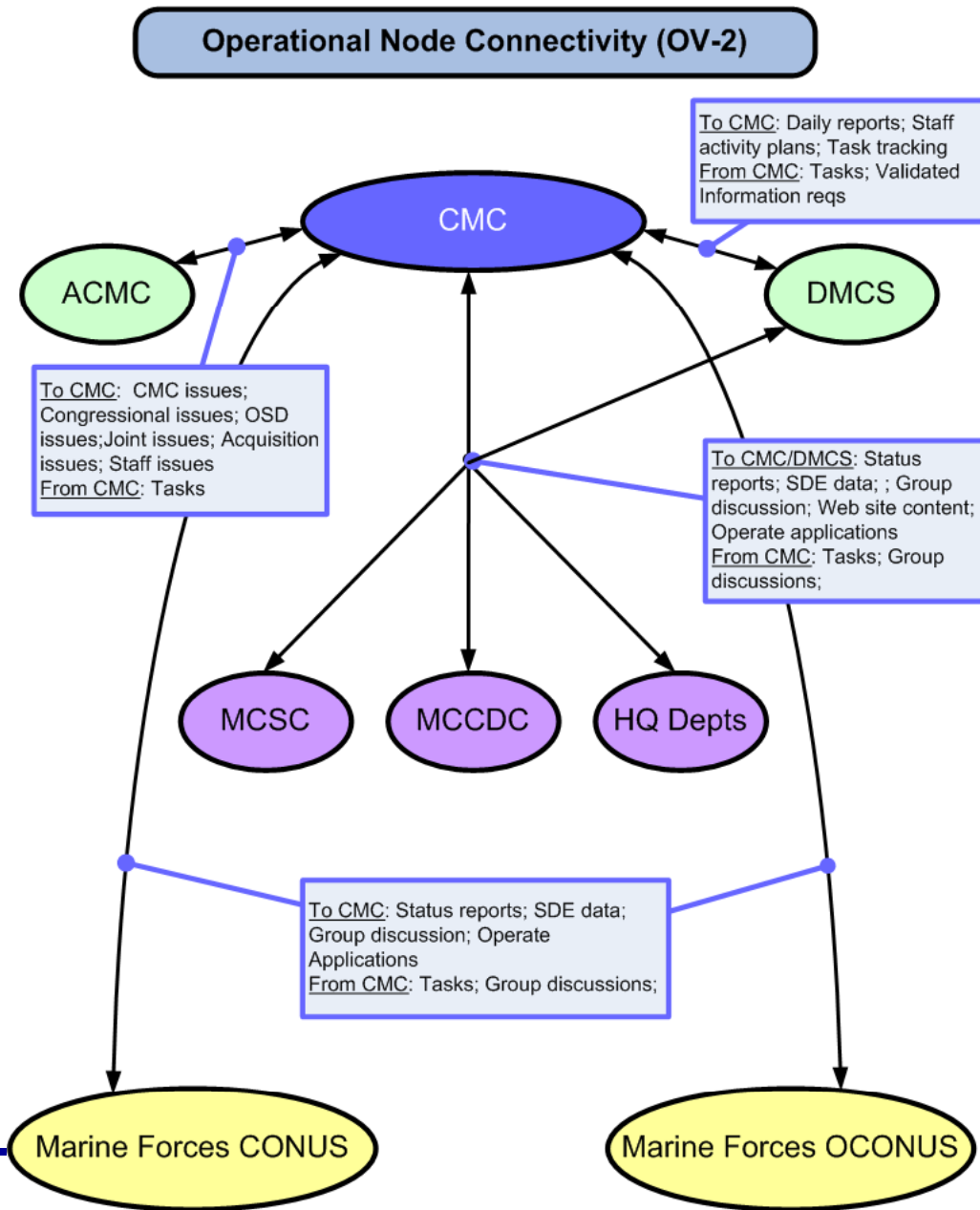
# DODAF Views



As an example, a portal was designed for the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC). As this OV-1 shows, the intent of the portal is not to deploy just a portal but to provide the Marine Corps senior leadership with one secure tool bringing together applications, databases, and metadata to provide key information and data.



The OV-2 for the Commandant's portal shows the major stakeholders and how they are connected in terms of **information needs**. A separate product (i.e. SV) will show how the system components are connected for each stakeholder.



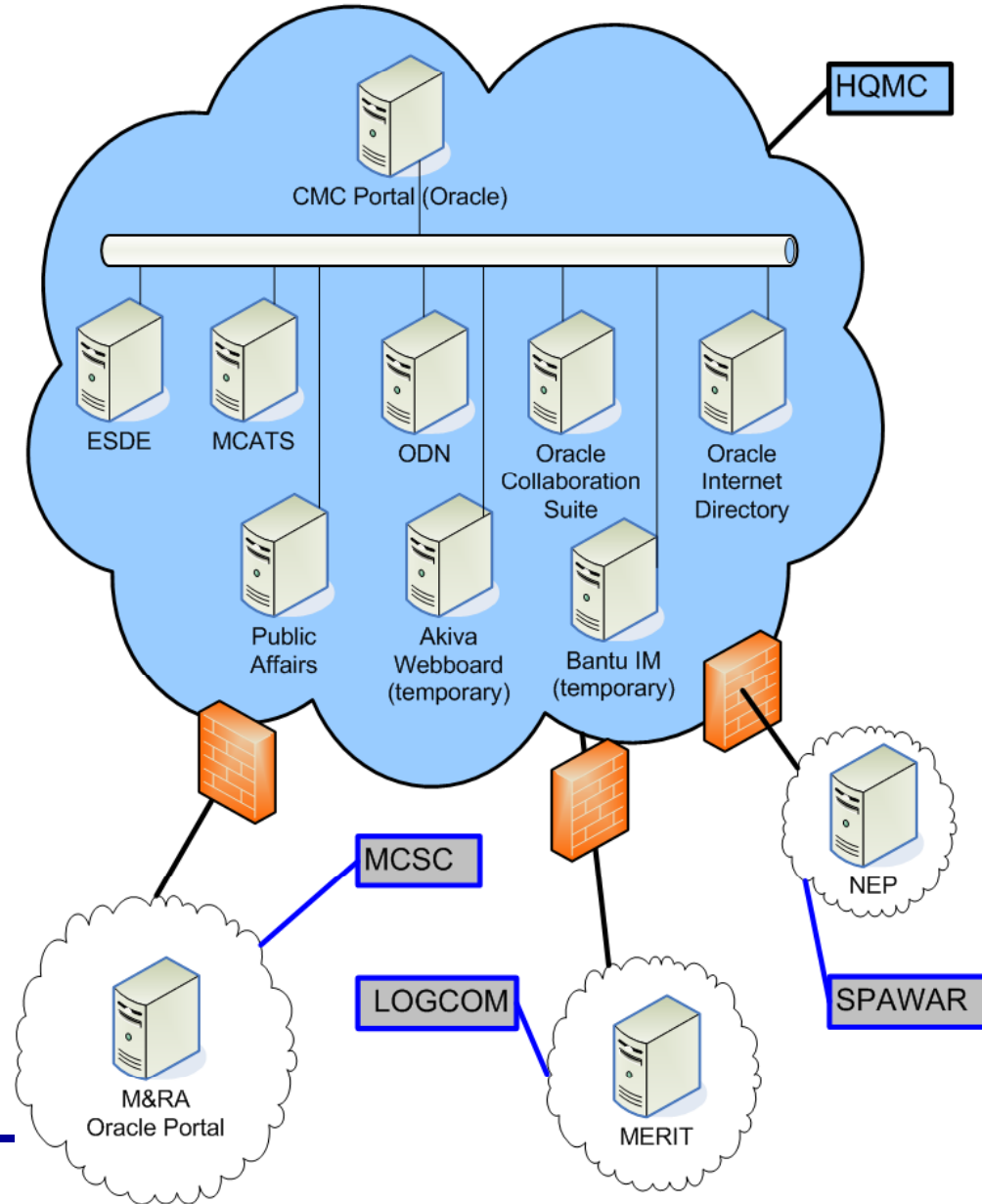
# CMC Portal OV-3: Information Exchange Requirement

Need Line ID	Info Exch ID	Content	Scope	Media Type	Acc	Producer	Cons	Security Class	Time	Crit	Freq	IA
A (ACMC- CMC)												
	A-1	CMC Issues	Maintains Organizational awareness at same level as CMC in role as Assistant	Data, Text, Graphics, Audio, Video	High	ACMC	CMC	U, SBU	minutes-weeks	High	Event Driven	High
	A-2	Congressional Issues	Keeps CMC informed of Congressional activities that affect USMC	Data, Text, Graphics, Audio, Video	High	ACMC	CMC	U, SBU	hours-days	High	Event Driven	High
	A-3	OSD Issues	Keeps CMC informed of OSD issues that affect USMC	Data, Text, Graphics, Audio, Video	High	ACMC	CMC	U, SBU	hours-days	High	Event Driven	High



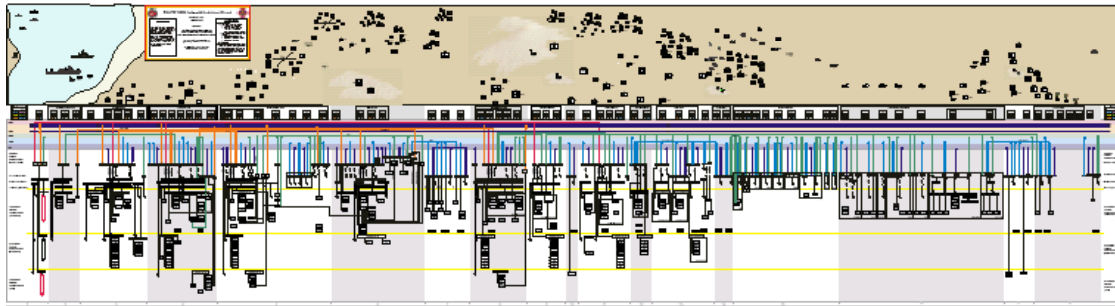
## Systems Interface Description (SV-1)

The SV-1 for the Commandant's portal shows the major system components and how they are connected in terms of hardware needs.

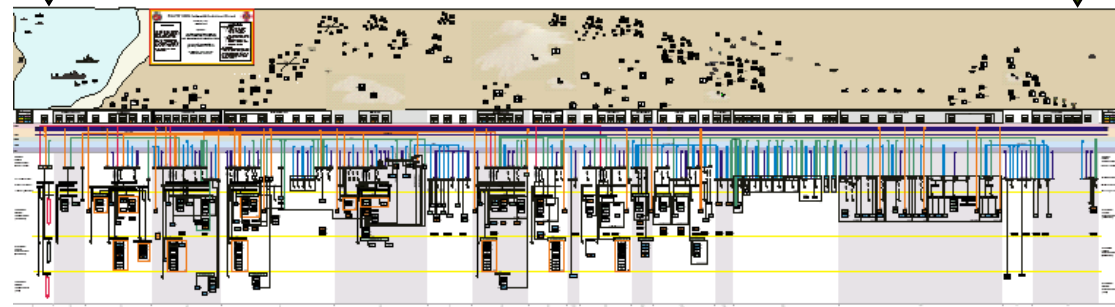


# Example: Marine Corps System Command

***Takes the...Baseline Architecture***



***Utilizes... an Integration Plan***



***To develop...a Target Architecture***

**Enterprise Architecture –**

- Is a discipline for assessing and recommending candidate Information Technology solutions in an integrated context with business and mission operations

**Translates to –**

- Significant increase in the Warfighting Capability



# EA Guides Operational Requirements

Provides the basis from which we define operational capabilities

➤ Describes the linkages among systems, which turn separate systems into Warfighting Capabilities.



*EA is the disciplined approach to achieve a Network Centric Warfare Capability*

# EA Guides Systems Engineering

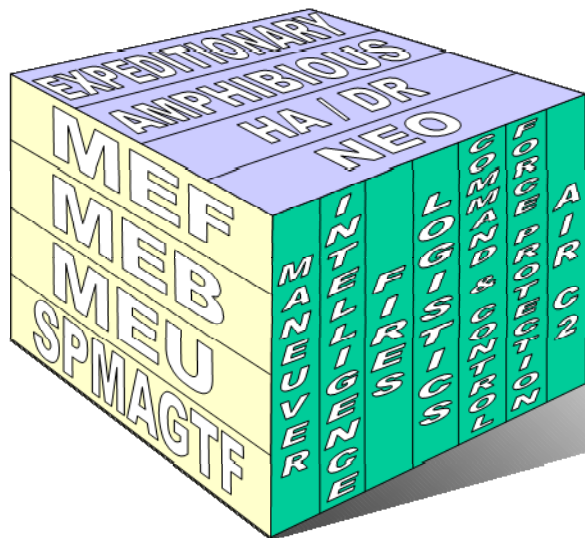
- It provides a tool for systems engineers to communicate so that the separate system designs become integrated to produce required Operational Capabilities.



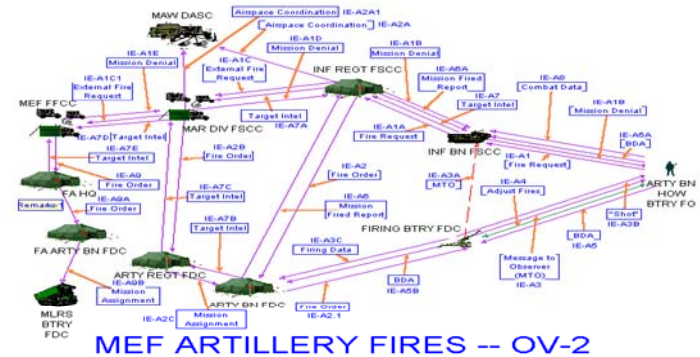
# EA Guides Modeling and Testing

➤ It provides a tool for test engineers to develop scripts which are operationally relevant and doctrinally sound that goes beyond architecture modeling.

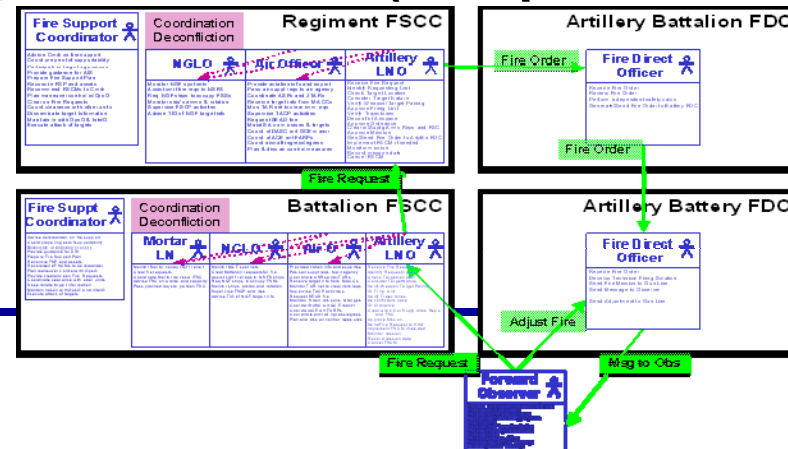
## Architecture Cube



## Agency-Level View (OV-2)



## Roles & Chores (Composite View)



# EA is Analysis and Process

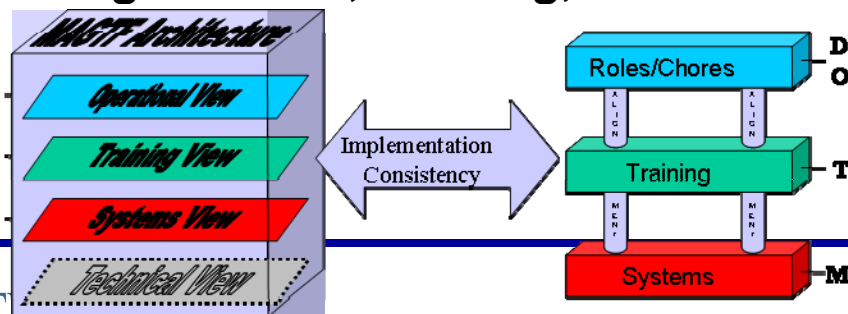
- It provides a common framework to evaluate, analyze and report linkages and sensitivities among the DOTMLPF factors.

## Map Roles & Chores to Systems



## Map Chores to System-Operator Steps

## Assess Consistency of Doctrine, Organization, Training, and Materiel



# Roles and Responsibilities MOA

## **HQMC, C4 CIO**

- Define and issue IT standards and policies
- Participate in the collaborative environment
- Develop the Roadmap for enhancing the EITA
- Address architectures in AIS/IT requirements

## **MCCDC**

- Develop and maintain the operational architectures and concepts
- Participate in the collaborative environment
- Address architectures in AIS/IT requirements

## **MCSC**

- Develop and maintain systems and technical architectures
- Create a collaborative environment to develop and maintain the EITA
- Ensure all IT programs are compliant with the EITA
- Lead the resolution of conflicts between operational, systems, and technical views

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# Enterprise Architecture: The So What

- Forcing function for creating system interoperability, integration and training
  - System identification and interfaces
  - NCES/NII/OSD requirements
  - Organizational processes
  - Program alignment and interoperability



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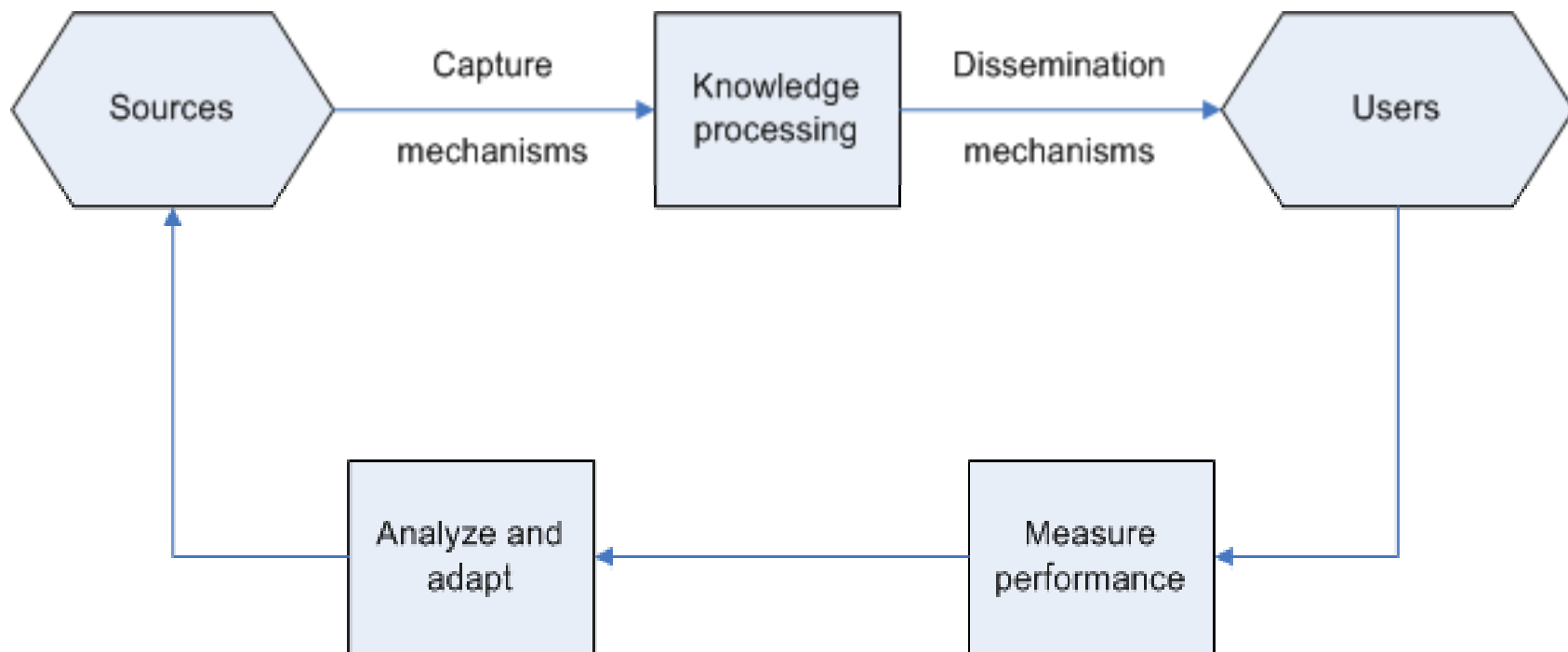
# KM Procedures

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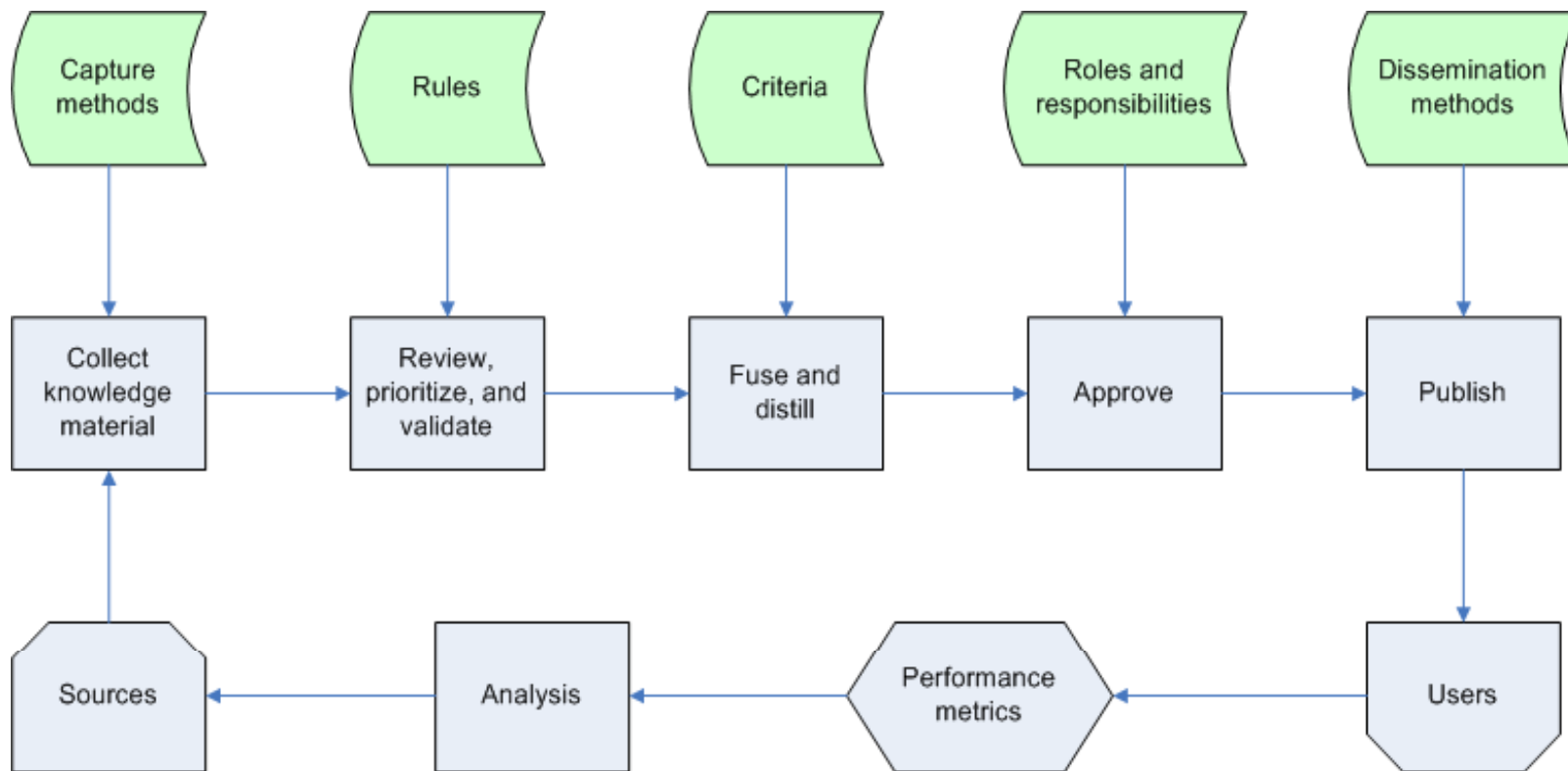
# KM Procedures: Purpose

- Provide a guide for business units' personnel to capture, transform, disseminate and use key knowledge assets.
- Focus on concrete procedures to process knowledge where the highest concentration of information and data are used in daily operations.
- Capitalize on the many grass-roots opportunities to increase efficiency, effectiveness, and quality in these situations and to multiply these successes across the enterprise.

# Knowledge Process Design



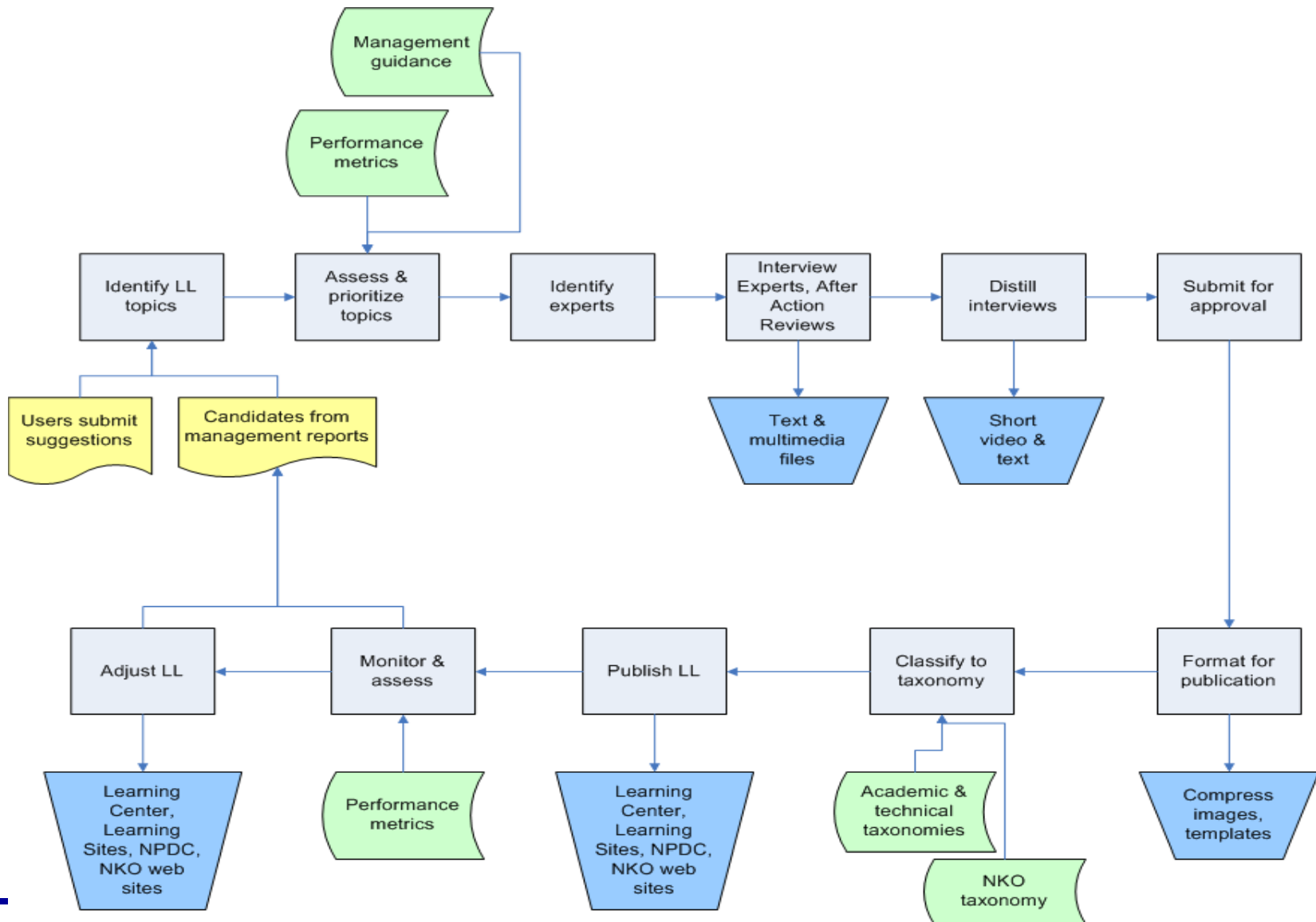
# Knowledge Procedures



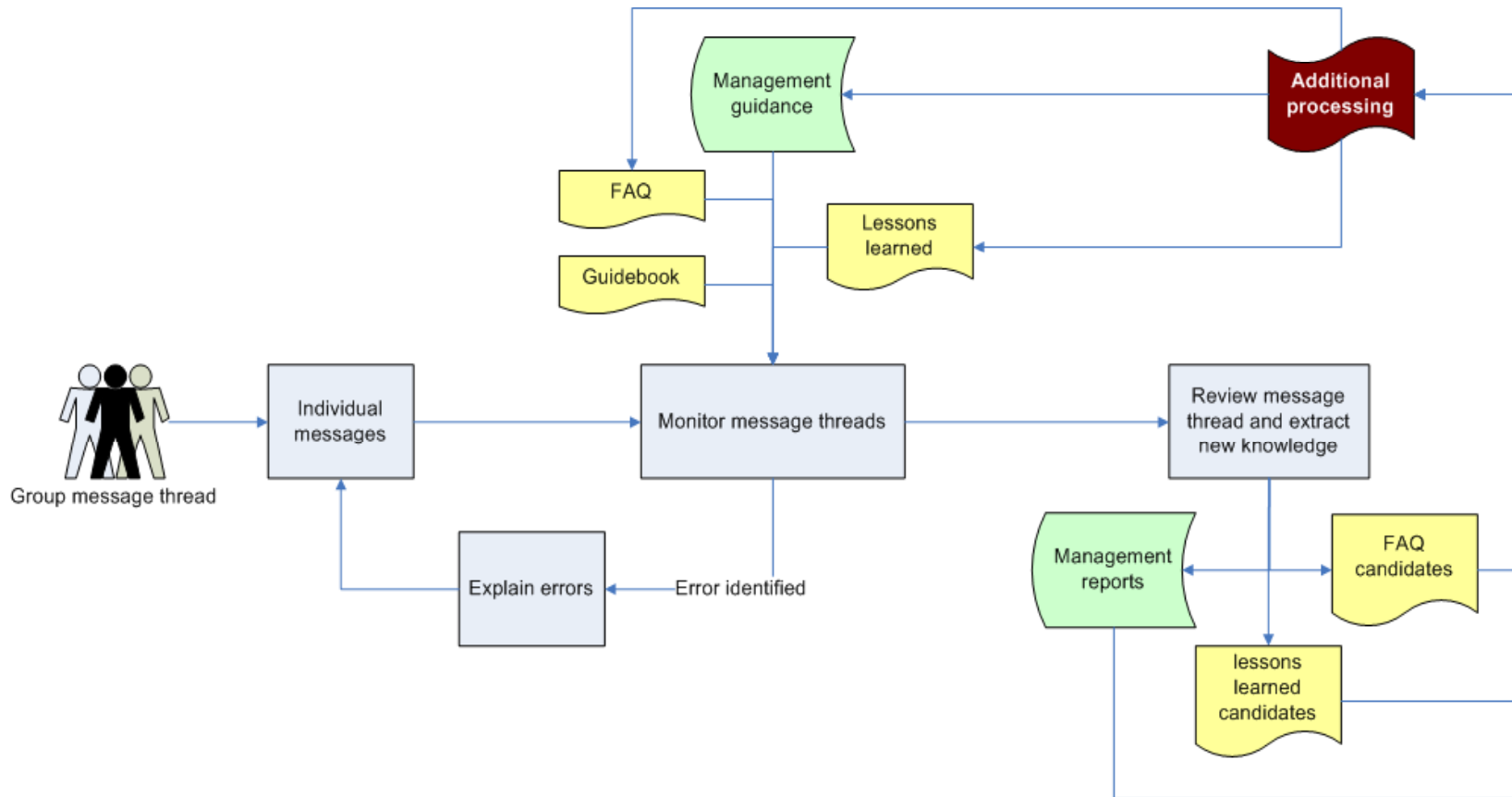
# Procedures

#	Title	Knowledge
1	Lessons learned	Succinct and targeted commentary from trusted experts on select topics with established benefits to daily operations
2	FAQ	Questions and answers on common issues and problems encountered during key operation activities and on important topics
3	Guidebooks	Guidebooks produced by SMEs and experienced personnel explaining key topics and fine points that are important to activities and topics
4	Storytelling	Personal knowledge and ideas transferred to other people in a narrative conveying context and trust
5	Real-time group chat	Online text, image, and audio conversations among a small group of people sharing stories, information, targeted knowledge similar to an in-person meeting
6	Discussion boards	Online threaded messages focused on a single topic with personal knowledge and opinions
7	Conferences	Formal and informal exchange of individual and group knowledge in a large gathering of people centered on a related set of topics
8	Course web sites	Central web site for a course with current and validated awareness and knowledge on plans, issues, people, events, and general purpose best practices, and lessons learned
9	File sharing	Common access to stored files that have been filtered, named, and classified to maximize relevance, timeliness, and accuracy to known information needs of colleagues
10	Metrics analysis	Analysis of performance measures that are strongly linked to key objectives of knowledge processes with conclusions and resulting plans of action

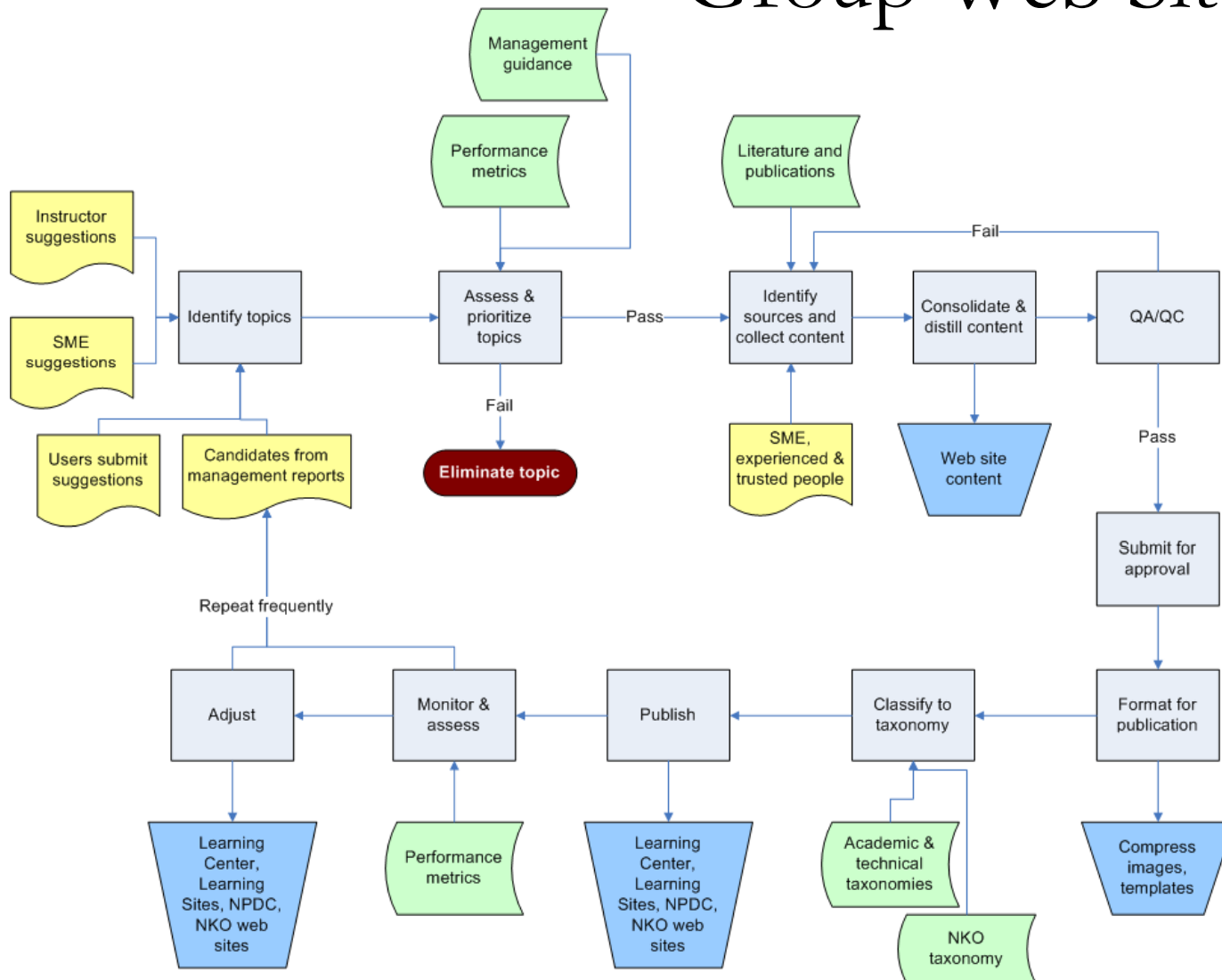
# Lessons Learned



# Discussion Boards

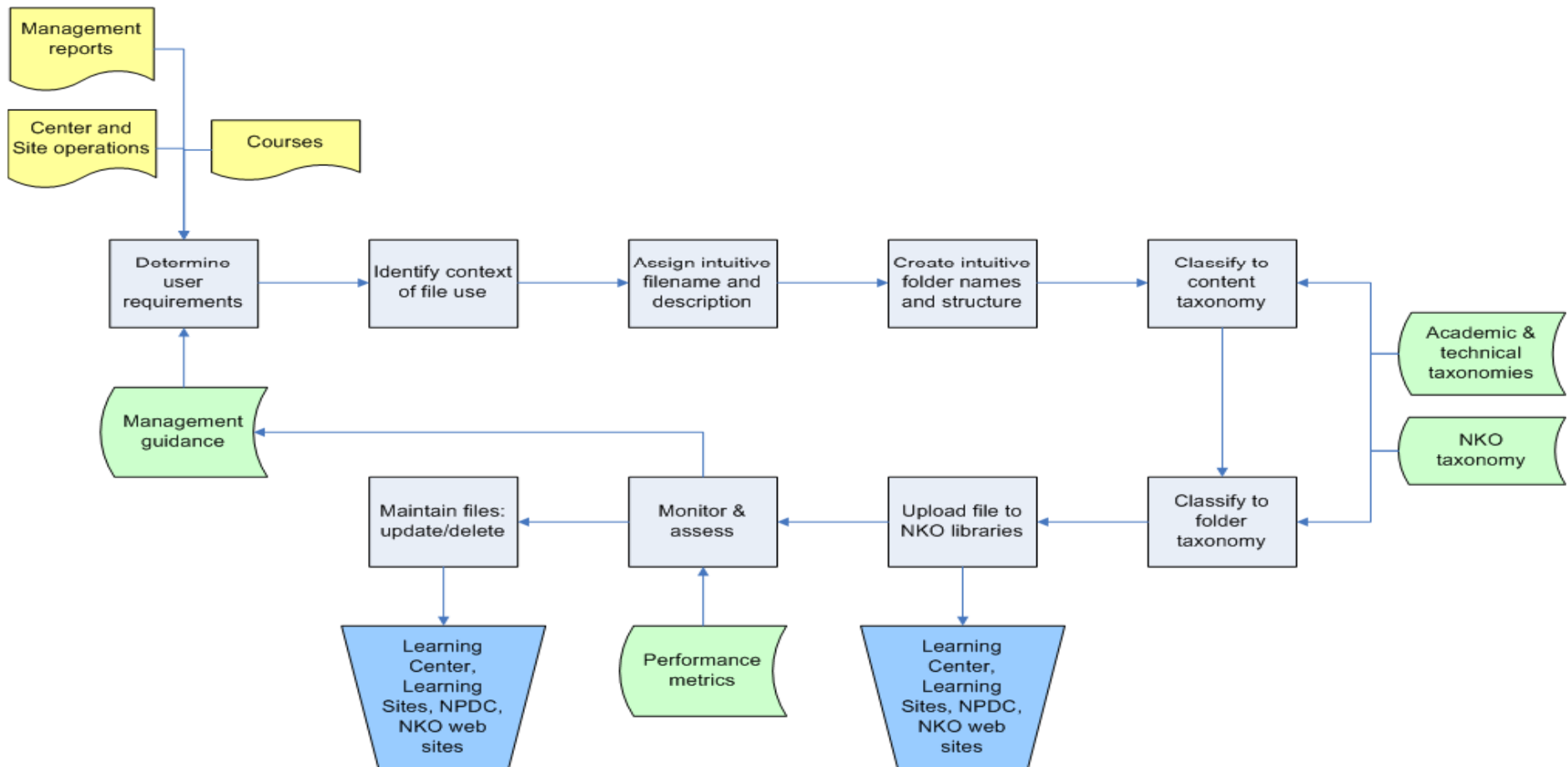


# Group Web Sites





# File Sharing



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# Designing Systems for Success: The Information Architecture

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# Organizing Information

- Ontologies and taxonomies
  - concepts and descriptions
- Develop enterprise architecture for organizational taxonomies
  - Every workgroup naturally develops its own most efficient schema
- People mentally organize in multiple ways based on task and interest

# Taxonomy Definition: APQC

- ✓ **A classification scheme for the knowledge accessible through a given system or interface (ultimately multi-dimensional)**
- ✓ **Facilitates effective retrieval, capturing, and recognition of content that is important to target users**
- ✓ **A taxonomy typically includes:**
  - ✓ **A navigable hierarchy of concepts and terms**
  - ✓ **Information “tags” that further identify and categorize content elements**
- ✓ **Links from the taxonomy lead to resources (e.g., people, documents, and events)**
  - ✓ **May or may not also include a thesaurus**

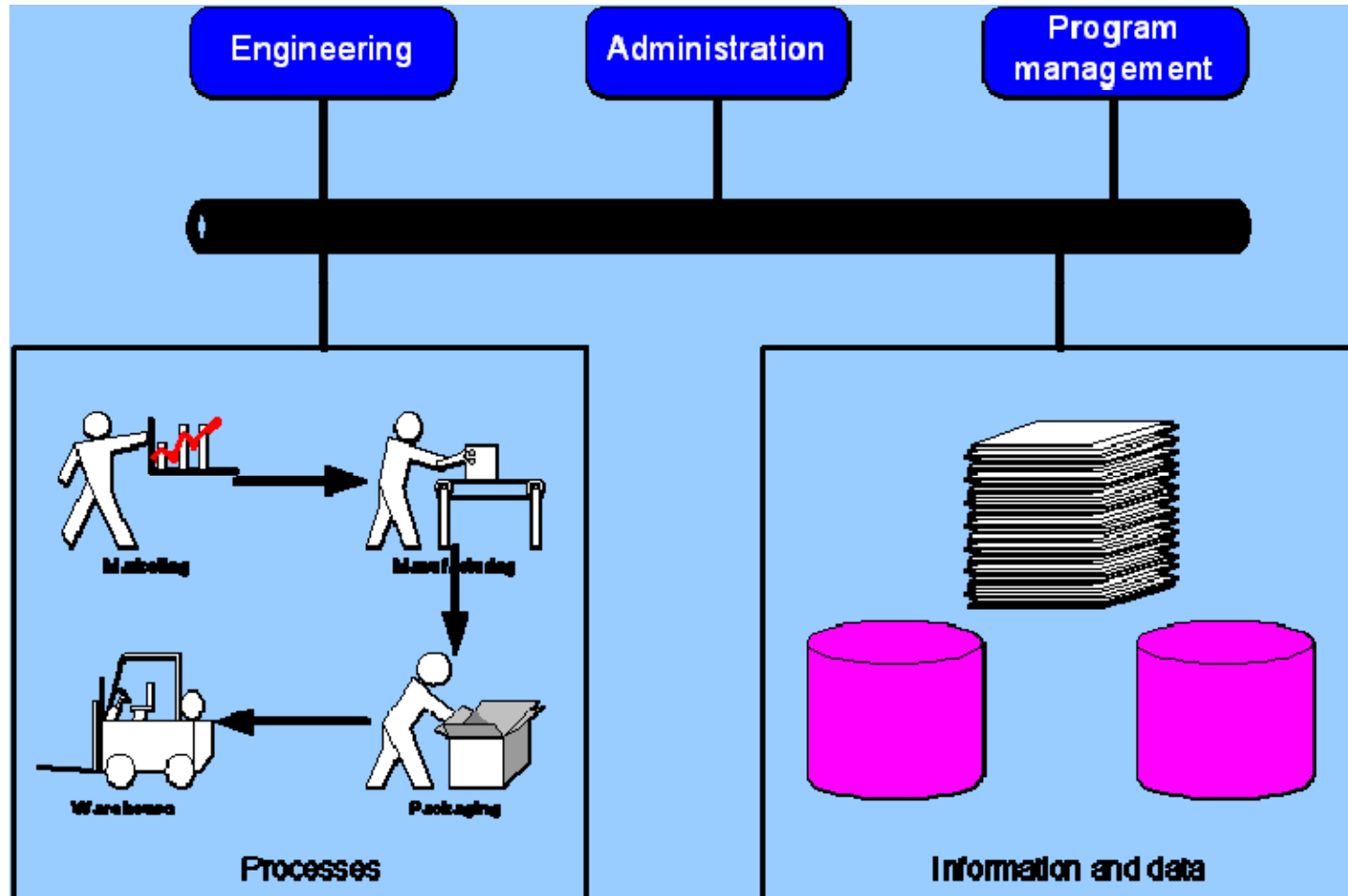
# Taxonomy Complexity

## 80. INTERDISCIPLINARY PHYSICS AND RELATED AREAS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 81. Materials science

- 81.05.✍ Specific materials: fabrication, treatment, testing and analysis
  - ∇∇∇∇ *Superconducting materials, see 74.70 and 74.72*
  - ∇∇∇∇ *Magnetic materials, see 75.50*
  - ∇∇∇∇ *Optical materials, see 42.70*
  - ∇∇∇∇ *Dielectric, piezoelectric, and ferroelectric materials, see 77.80*
  - ∇∇∇∇ *Colloids, gels, and emulsions, see 82.70.D, G, K respectively*
  - ∇∇∇∇ *Biological materials, see 87.14*
- 81.05.Bx Metals, semimetals, and alloys
- 81.05.Cy Elemental semiconductors
- 81.05.Dz II–VI semiconductors
- 81.05.Ea III–V semiconductors
- 81.05.Gc Amorphous semiconductors
- 81.05.Hd Other semiconductors
- 81.05.Je Ceramics and refractories (including borides, carbides, hydrides, nitrides, oxides, and silicides)
- 81.05.Kf Glasses (including metallic glasses)
- 81.05.Lg Polymers and plastics; rubber; synthetic and natural fibers; organometallic and organic materials
- 81.05.Mh Cermets, ceramic and refractory composites
- 81.05.Ni Dispersion-, fiber-, and platelet-reinforced metal-based composites

# Organization Requires Context



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# WordNet: “Search” as a Noun

1. search, searching, hunt, hunting -- (the activity of looking thoroughly in order to find something or someone)
2. search -- (an investigation seeking answers; "a thorough search of the ledgers revealed nothing" or "the outcome justified the search")
3. search, lookup -- (an operation that determines whether one or more of a set of items has a specified property; "they wrote a program to do a table lookup")
4. ....

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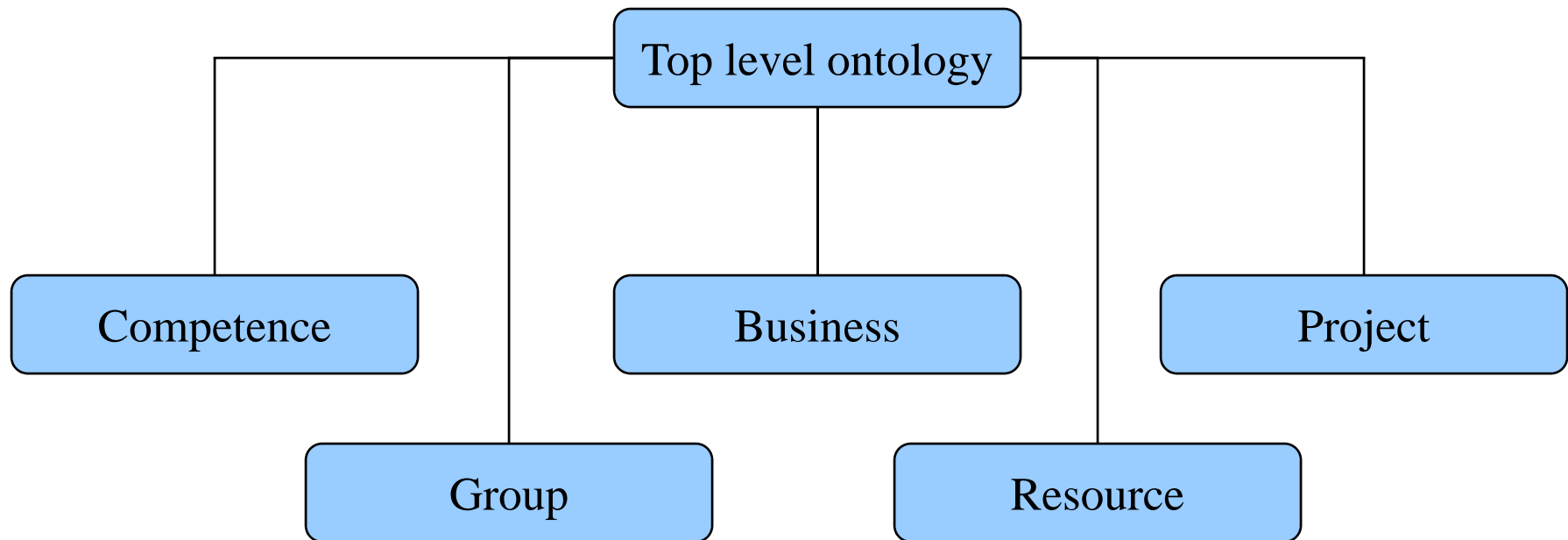
# CyC Merged Ontology

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;;; #$$satisfiesDescription
(#$$isa #$$satisfiesDescription #$$TernaryPredicate)
(#$$arg1Isa #$$satisfiesDescription #$$CycSystemList)
(#$$arg2Isa #$$satisfiesDescription #$$CycSystemList)
(#$$arg3Isa #$$satisfiesDescription #$$Microtheory)
(#$$comment #$$satisfiesDescription "ARG1 is a list of
things (item1, item2, ...) which, taken together, satisfy the
descriptions in the MT ARG3 of the roles listed in ARG2
(role1, role2, ...). For example, we might see
(#$$satisfiesDescription (Joe Jane) (TheHusband TheWife)
#$$HumanSocialLifeMt).")
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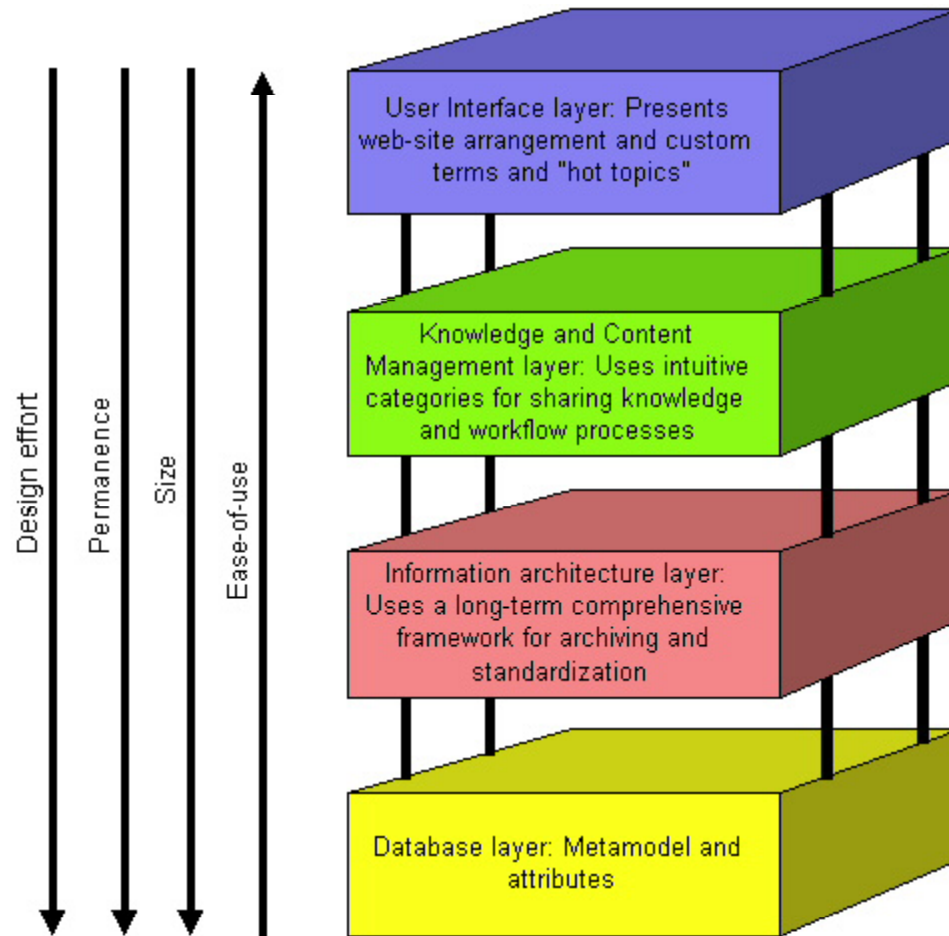


# Different Perspectives

A Group Memory System for Corporate Knowledge Management: An Ontological Approach, José Vasconcelos, et al, September 2000,



# Types of Taxonomies



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# What is Metadata?

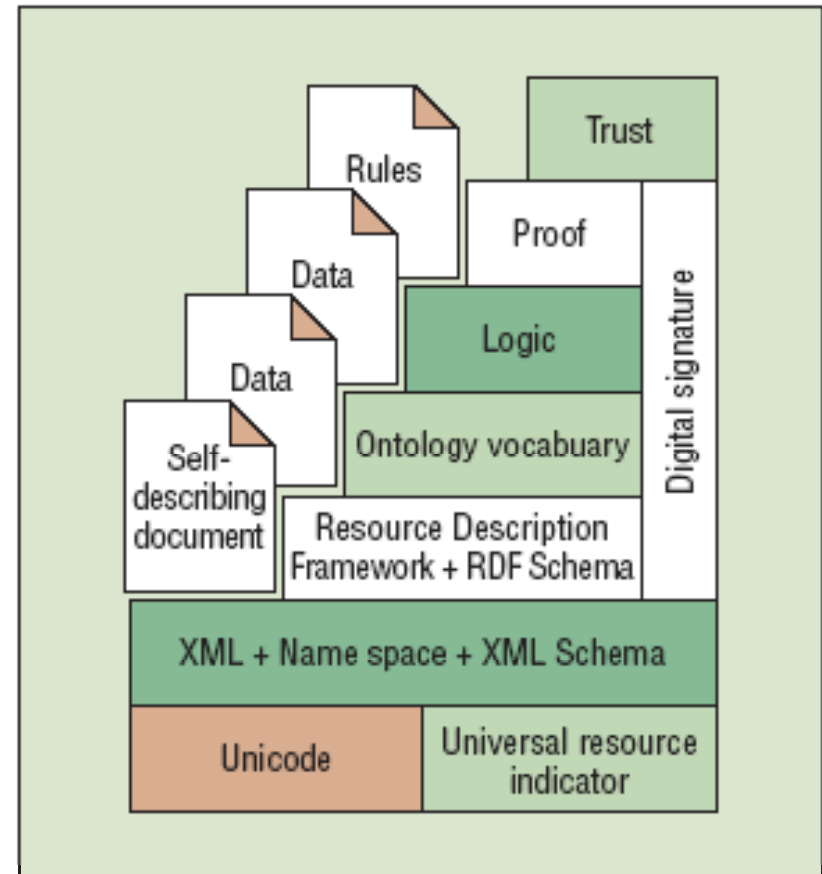
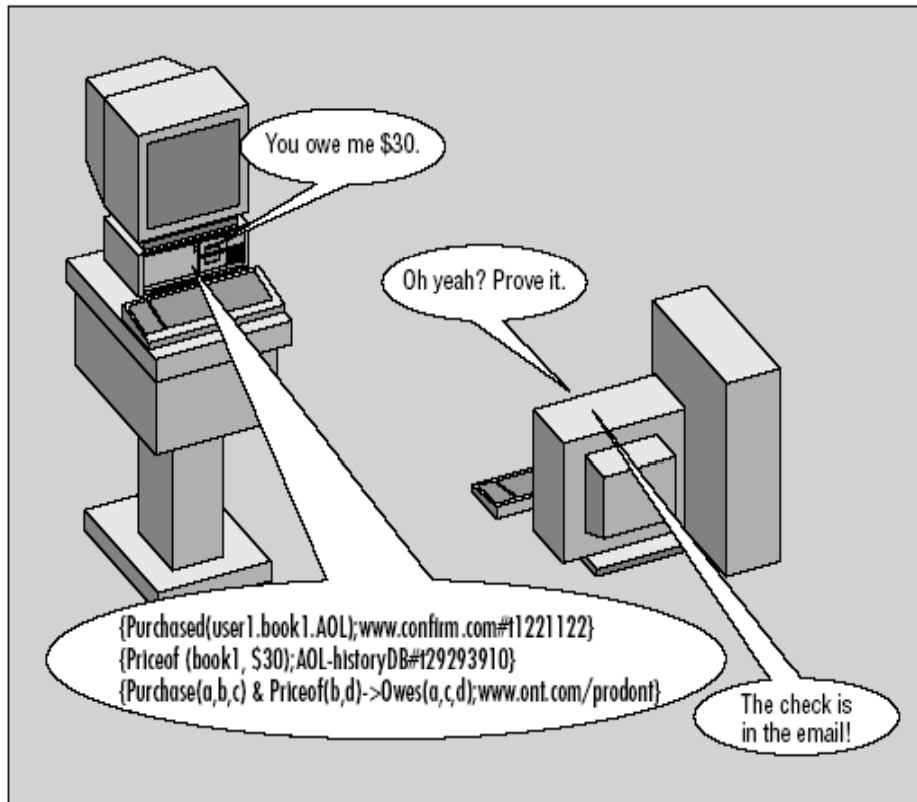
- Metadata provides additional information on context and characteristics of data and information items
- Types of metadata (what is it describing)?
  - Administrative: author, title, date, security, ..
  - Subject: METOC forecasting, Sonar LOFARGRAM analysis
  - Process: in edit, approved for publication, student taking course, on page 4,.....

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# Metadata Value

- Metadata enables high quality search and information retrieval
  - Semantic Web: when is a tank for fish and when is it for desert warfare?
- Metadata enables knowledge discovery
  - “I need to find information from N1 about Costs from last month”
- Metadata enables intelligent applications
  - “Business rules” and models of our organization, e.g. 5VM
  - Automated machine-machine reasoning
- Metadata promotes interoperability
  - Describes disparate data format, content, usage, constraints

# Getting the Right Information Automatically



From James Hendler, Agents and the Semantic Web, IEEE Intel Sys, Mar/Apr 2001

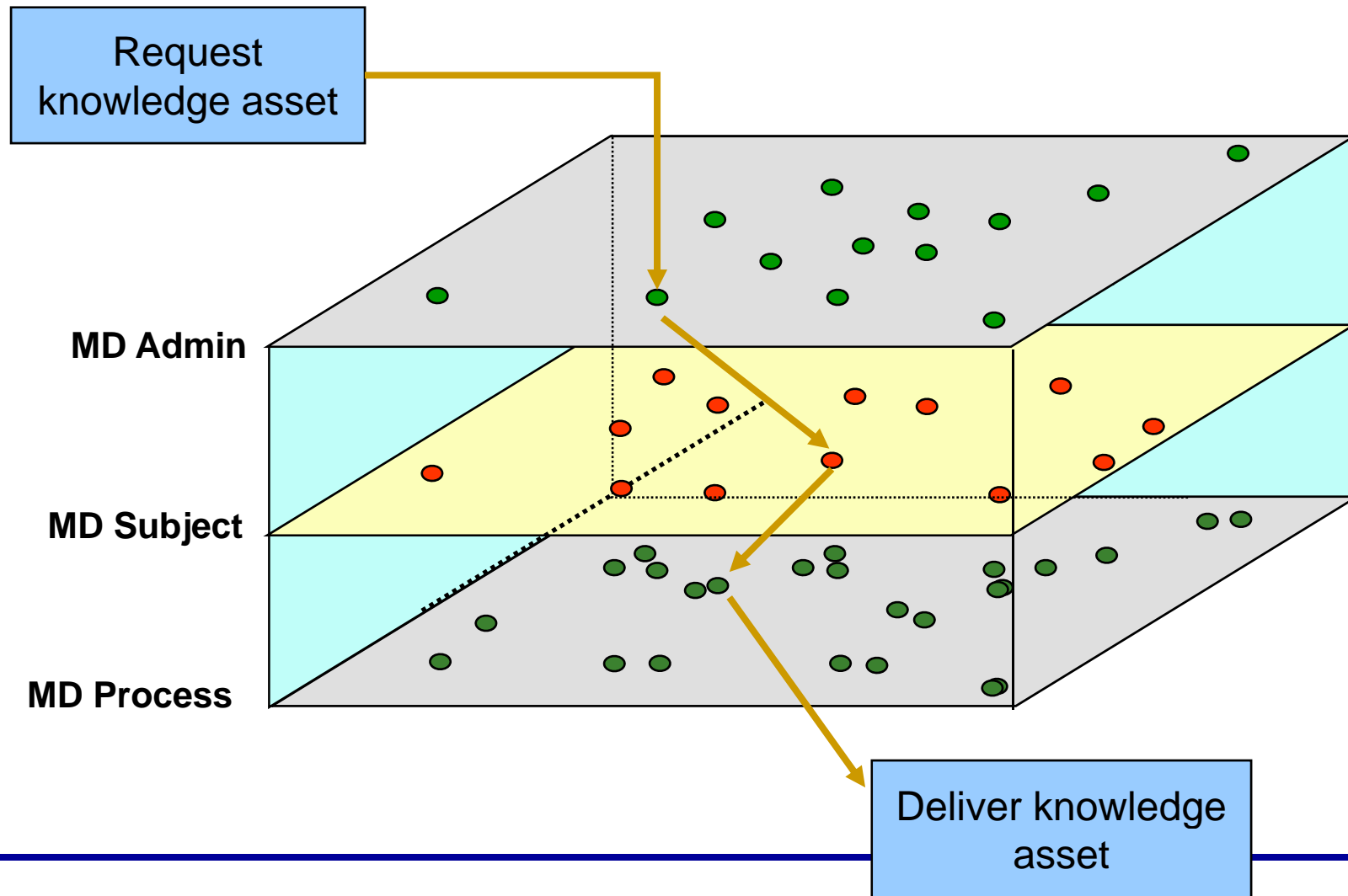


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# Making the Problem Simpler

- Independent Metadata Modules
  - Chunk Lessons Learned
  - Tag Lessons, abstract, body, etc separately
- Use standards
  - Taxonomies: SSIC, IEEE, industry
  - Specifications: SCORM, DoN/DoD XML, DoD web services
- Define administrative, subject matter, process taxonomies for each module
- Business rules not for every person-activity-content combination but for reduced set of module use cases
  - Orders of magnitude reduction in number and complexity of “rules”

# Metadata Layers





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# Wrap Up and Questions?

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Section 8

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# Take-aways

- KM is much more than electronic access to information. KM is proactive and constantly filtering, consolidating and validating information
- Portals are expensive and time consuming to build. Most vendor tools supply all the basic functions. Value comes from integrating the portal effectively into daily workflow which is an iterative development process.
- Strong program management is crucial to keep the focus on business effectiveness and to limit the seductive nature of up-scoping IT projects

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# Tutorial Abstract

- KM seeks to empower people with shared and reusable knowledge. Despite advances in sophisticated IT like search, classification engines, technology is unable to completely automate key KM processes. Thus, designing a KM system entails finding the sweet spot in the triad of people-process-technology. KM systems are being built in many government organizations as a way to provide an integrated view of relevant information for support and mission-critical tasks, contain functions for real-time collaboration, knowledge storage, and information fusion. A system's primary KM metric is the value of the content to the user, including its relevance and usability. Yet, most systems provide a wealth of information but in a manner poorly organized and presented to effectively support real business processes and operational needs. Converting it into a true knowledge sharing environment requires adapting the system architecture, workflow, and navigation to human centered priorities. This talk describes current technology tools and techniques and the lessons learned from many KM systems on how and when to use these tools for effective KM, and what to avoid. This include portals, taxonomies, metadata, web services, datawarehouses, search, collaboration, and intelligent agents. In add KM links technology and business processes tightly commonly leading to programs becoming mired in complexity. Enterprise Architecture approaches are important to use, such as FEAF and DODAF, to explicitly design infrastructure system, and business processes as components and with their interdependencies.

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