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Technology Advantages of RF-SMART

Globally-adopted and supported development tools/languages - no special skills needed
Technology framework that optimizes IT adaptability and minimizes cost of ownership
Service-oriented architecture that protects IT investments

Universal, Low-to-No Risk Technology

RF-SMART was developed using the .NET Framework, a globally-embraced application development, execution, and Web service communications platform featuring pre-integrated languages, tools, database, operating system and communication capabilities.

The global level of .NET adoption is a testament to it's reliability, adaptability, performance and ease of use. .NET has consistently shown to deliver measurable productivity gains in building and supporting applications because of the amount of "behind the scenes code" inherent in the framework.

In contrast, software written with proprietary code, code that has failed to gain any level of acceptance beyond its developer, dramatically increases technology risk and severely limits support and resource availability. And sooner or later – but certainly – the cost of owning "dead" technology outweighs the application benefits and the cost of moving forward. **The technology risk with RF-SMART is virtually zero.**

Because our technology is already supported by most every organization – and more than 35,000 Microsoft partners around the world – owning RF-SMART typically requires no additional resources.



Universally-supported technology framework

vs.



Custom code

SOA: The Ultimate Interoperability Enabler

A service-oriented architecture (SOA) is effectively a real-time *dynamic data bridge* that allows companies to quickly and easily configure business processes by sequencing the interaction of different application components ("services") across networks. The result is a powerful, flexible programming and application-communications model that reduces development costs, ownership costs, and implementation risk.

SOA is the direction of every forward-thinking software company – from Oracle to specialty-application vendors like ICS – because SOAs protect existing IT investments, hide the complexity of today's heterogeneous IT environments, and enable levels of IT adaptability and scalability that have never before been possible.

What The Experts Say

Embracing a service-oriented architecture is crucial to any company hoping to build a competitive edge. That's because SOAs directly address the many hurdles that IT departments must overcome in order to deliver on the dynamic and rapidly evolving requirements of the business.

– Oracle Corp. *Strategies for SOA Success*. December 2005

SOA represents the next big breakthrough in software design and deployment, leading to cheaper and faster integration and more flexible business processes.

– Aberdeen Group. *SOA in the Supply Chain*. September 2005

By encapsulating a business application behind capability-based interfaces, SOA allows controlled access to mission-critical applications and creates the opportunity for continuous improvement.

– Microsoft. *SOA & Its Role in Your it Strategy*. July 2004



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