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- > Enterprise IT architecture groomed for flexibility and easy alignment with evolving business requirements.

Anexinet SOA Blueprint Reduces Premiums on Insurer's Enterprise Applications Development

The Challenge

The IT department of an international insurance company had undertaken several development efforts. While successful, the company's enterprise architects continued to investigate options for developing applications more quickly and at lower cost. The IT organization was geographically dispersed. Conventional practices of building monolithic applications created dependencies that often idled workgroups. Developers for one task had to wait for work to be finished elsewhere before they could continue. The insurer sought to eliminate bottlenecks in development processes and institute greater system flexibility to meet evolving business requirements while reducing costs.

The Solution

The insurance company and Anexinet explored how the advantages of Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) could be applied to the objectives. Through a consultative approach and collaboration with the customer, Anexinet produced a forward-looking Proof of Concept solution with two primary components—an SOA “blueprint” document and a “working reference” implementation. The blueprint provides a vision for all future applications development by the insurer's IT organization. It defines application architecture, integration strategies and development of best practices across all layers of the SOA stack. The working reference implementation built by Anexinet on the BEA WebLogic Platform™ 8.1 served to clarify and validate principles set forth in the blueprint document. The reference implementation demonstrated best practices using SOA tailored to the insurer's specific needs.

The Benefits

Leveraging Anexinet's technical expertise with BEA WebLogic 8.1 Platform, the insurance company defined parameters for enterprise architecture that will deliver targeted IT organizational synergies and applications development agility. The SOA blueprint and reference implementation delivered by Anexinet provided the roadmap for building all future enterprise applications within the criteria of stated cost and efficiency objectives. The architecture supports integration of home-grown programming with licensed applications and the flexibility to rapidly implement, refine and maintain solutions enterprise-wide-enabling the insurer to keep IT resources aligned with evolving business requirements.

Anexinet automates business processes to improve operational performance, competitive advantages, and IT value with qualitative and quantitative return on investment. Solutions leverage the domain expertise of experienced consultants and business professionals, based on a proven Program Management Office (PMO) delivery model that harnesses more than 20 years of industry best practices. Anexinet's PMO provides consolidated real-time management for all aspects of solutions planning and delivery. Automated, client-focused enterprise project management keeps solutions on track, within time and budget, and aligned with client objectives.

