



What is SOA and Why is it Important?

Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) Suite is a way of integrating disparate software systems and applications so they communicate seamlessly. Organizations implementing SOA are quickly realizing the benefits, which include greater organizational and business process efficiency, lower operational costs, and greater flexibility.

The Workshop

Sierra-Cedar has developed a complimentary, half-day “Getting Started with SOA” workshop. Material covered is geared toward CIOs, business leaders, process and data owners, and IT staff interested in bringing SOA into the organization.

During the workshop, Sierra-Cedar will introduce the concept of SOA and its business benefits, deepening your understanding of the basic concepts and principles underpinning the SOA methodologies. Real-world examples, exercises, live demonstrations, and case studies will be used to show what SOA is and how it can best be applied. Time will be given to evaluating your organization’s current architecture, priorities, and projects to determine “SOA readiness,” applicability, and next steps. Our objective is to help you select the initial SOA project that will earn the greatest success.

The consultants at Sierra-Cedar have a proven track record in successful implementations using SOA technology. Their insights and professionalism were critical to the success at ASU with our SOA implementation. In particular, the Getting Started workshop provided great value for both technical architects and IT management to learn what value SOA could bring to our institution and help us get started.

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Upon completion of the workshop, your organization should possess the following:

- A general understanding of basic SOA principles, methodology, and concepts including a SOA Maturity Model methodology, Service Design considerations, SOA Design Patterns, and SOA Governance
- An understanding of how SOA solutions map to the SOA concepts described above
- Knowledge of how ERP Applications (both on-premise and cloud offerings) as well as custom and third-party applications integrate with these solutions
- An understanding of how current ERP applications leverage SOA
- An understanding through case studies of how other organizations are utilizing SOA to realize their vision
- A clear picture of your organization’s SOA “readiness” and a deployment plan for your first SOA project

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