

CBD/SOA Process and Strategy Consultancy

Irish Life Investment Managers (ILIM) is the investment management subsidiary of Irish Life & Permanent plc.

ILIM provides a full range of investment products to clients. Assets under management are in excess of 20bn, with pension funds representing over 50% of this figure. In excess of 9bn is managed on an indexed basis. ILIM has approximately 120 people of which 20% make up a dedicated IT team split between project management, analysis, development and support.

Assignments

Strata Software has been engaged on an ongoing basis to provide consultancy and services in component-based development (CBD) processes and service-oriented architecture (SOA):

- ▼ **Strategy** – advice, analysis and review with respect to CBD, SOA and industry direction
- ▼ **Development Practice evolution** – customisation of standardised component-based development processes to ILIM development practices, technologies and tools
- ▼ **Business Type Modelling and Service Definition** – project-specific business analysis and interface definition services for fund management systems
- ▼ **CBD / SOA Training** – customised on-site training on CBD and SOA concepts and processes
- ▼ **Blueprint customisation** – establishment of development artifact standards, tool profiles and modelling standards

Benefits for ILIM

Validated SOA Vision

Strata Software was instrumental in assisting ILIM in defining its long term SOA strategy in terms of concepts, development process and automation tool selection.

SOA Adoption Roadmap

SOA is best adopted in an evolutionary and incremental manner. ILIM now has in place an SOA Adoption approach, starting with core services, gaining experience and establishing metrics, and then incrementally introducing additional services and broadening service reuse.

Technology insulation

The use of component-based development allows the user interface development teams to use different technology platforms to the service provisioning teams, and further, alternative technologies to be used within those services.

Conclusion

“Over a number of years we have successfully applied the specification process and UML profile described in “UML Components” with IBM Rational Rose to define an enterprise information model and associated component architecture for our business systems. As these systems evolve, adapt and become increasingly integrated, this approach and the resulting architecture have stood the test of time and provided an important and stable architectural base for the ongoing roll-out of our development and integration strategy.”

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Strata Software provides customised business-IT alignment solutions to end-customers through consulting, mentoring, training, and standardised best practice.

We also build partnerships with systems integrators, solution providers, and technology, tools and package companies to strengthen our ability to meet customer business needs.



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