## **Application Portfolio**

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Agenda

- 3.1. Determine application portfolio from CSF-Balanced scorecard, value chain, value shop
- 3.2. Examples of several organizations' strategy & their application portfolio
- 3.3. Understand McFarlan matrix
- 3.4. Understand IS/IT Architecture



## Strategy Development

- SWOT-TOWS method
- Competitive strategies & Cooperative strategies example
- Balanced Scorecard CSF example
- Functional Strategies example



## SWOT method

- Internal strategic factors:
  - Strength
  - Weaknesses
- External strategic factors:
  - Opportunities
  - Threats



#### **TOWS Matrix**

Internal Factors	Strengths (S)	Weaknesses (W)
External Factors	List of strengths	List of weaknesses
Opportunities (O)	SO Strategies	WO Strategies
List of opportunities	Use strengths to take advantage of opportunities	Take advantage of opportunities by overcoming weaknesses
Threats (T)	ST Strategies	WT Strategies
List of threats	Use strengths to avoid threats	Generate strategies that minimize weaknesses and avoid threats



#### Maytag – Hoover Example

Internal Factors External Factors	<ul> <li>Strengths (S)</li> <li>Maytag's quality culture</li> <li>Experienced top management</li> <li>Vertical integration</li> <li>Employee relations</li> <li>Hoover's international orientation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Weaknesses (W)</li> <li>Process oriented R&amp;D</li> <li>Distribution channels</li> <li>Financial position</li> <li>Global positioning</li> <li>Manufacturing facilities</li> </ul>
Opportunities (O) • Integration of EU • Demographics favor quality • Economic dev. in Asia • Opening of Eastern Europe • Trend toward superstores	<ul> <li>SO Strategies</li> <li>Use worldwide Hoover distribution channel to sell Hoover &amp; Maytag appliance</li> <li>Find joint venture partners in Eastern Europe and Asia</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>WO Strategies</li> <li>Further improve quality</li> <li>Reduce manufacturing cost and distribution cost</li> <li>Emphasis superstore channel</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Threats (T)</li> <li>Increasing gov. regulations</li> <li>Strong US competition</li> <li>Whirlpool and Electrolux positioned for global economy</li> <li>Japanese appliance company</li> <li>New product advances</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ST Strategies</li> <li>Acquire Raytheon's appliance in US to increase market share</li> <li>Merge with a major Japanese home appliance</li> <li>Sell off all non Maytag brands and strongly defend Maytag's US niche</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>WT Strategies</li> <li>Sell Dixie-Narco to reduce debt</li> <li>Emphasize cost reduction to reduce break-even point</li> </ul>

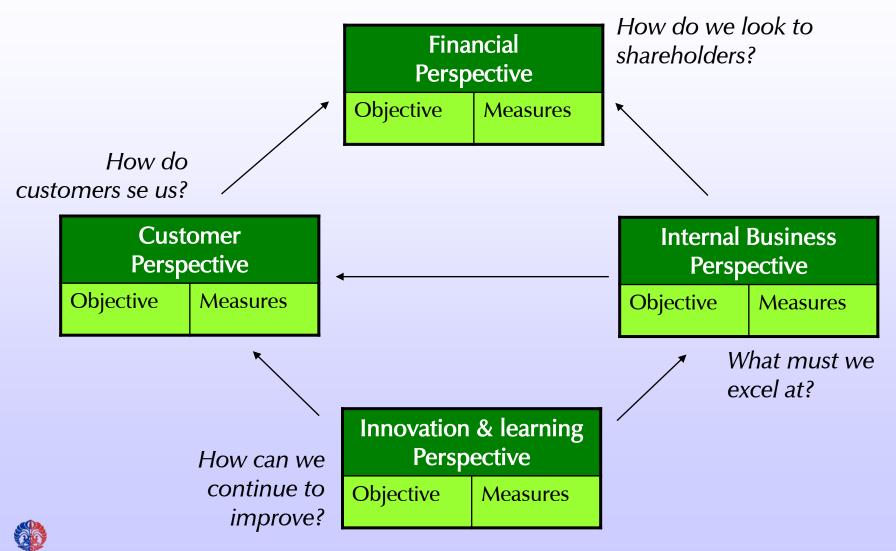


## **IS Strategies of Maytag-Hoover**

Strategy	IS Application
Use worldwide Hoover distribution channel to sell Hoover & Maytag appliance	An efficient global supply chain management (SCM) system – may cooperate with global carriers.
<i>Further improve quality</i>	Quality monitoring system, decision support system
Reduce manufacturing cost and distribution cost Emphasize cost reduction to reduce break- even point	Accurate cost accounting information system Efficient & effective SCM
Emphasis superstore channel	SCM with on-line EDI links to superstore's inventory system
Acquire Raytheon's appliance in US to increase market share Merge with a major Japanese home appliance	Common financial reporting system



## **Balanced Scorecard**



## Notes on BSC

- Was developed to 'balance' the common but might be misleading indicator: financial reports
- The important thing is the measurement!
- Less focused on external factors
- Suggested to be used after business strategy defined
- BSC can be used to define activities/programs (not explained today)



#### Rockmart's Critical Success Factors (CSF)

- Small number of easily identifiable operational goals
- Shape by industry, manager & environment
- Believed to assure firm's success
- Used to determine organization's information requirements



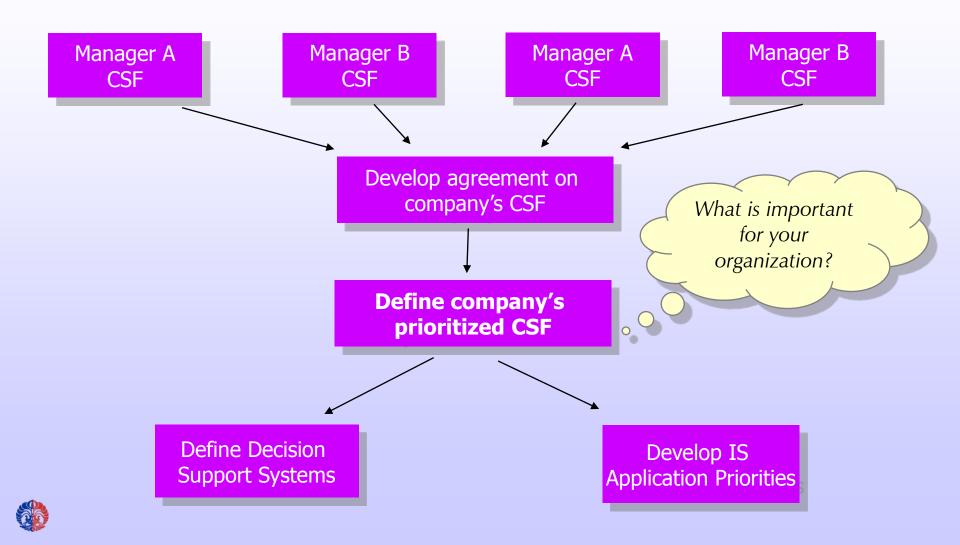
#### **Critical Success Factors & Goals**

EXAMPLE	GOALS	CSF
PROFIT	EARNINGS/SHARE	AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY:
CONCERNS	RETURN ON INVESTMENT	STYLING
	MARKET SHARE	QUALITY DEALER SYSTEM
	NEW PRODUCT	COST CONTROL
		ENERGY STANDARDS
NONPROFIT	EXCELLENT HEALTH CARE	REGIONAL INTEGRATION WITH
		OTHER HOSPITALS
	MEETING GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS	EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES
	FUTURE HEALTH NEEDS	IMPROVED MONITORING OF
		REGULATIONS

CSF should also include quantifiable objectives!



## CSF Methodology







#### **BSC-CSF Example:**

Manufacturing Company of Electrical Product

- Imported components
- Orders tend to be unique for specific customer, now using stock strategy
- Problems:
  - Cost for components acquisition
  - Cost of finished goods
  - Long delivery time

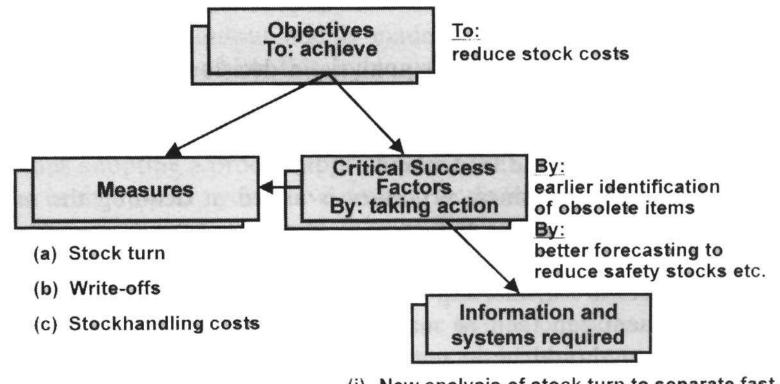


Objectives Fir	nancial Measures
- To reduce stock costs	<ul><li>(a) Stock turn</li><li>(b) write-offs</li><li>(c) Stockhandling costs</li></ul>
- To increase product profitability	(a) Product margins (b) Gross profit

Objectives C	ustomer Measures	Objectives In	ternal Measures
- To increase responsiveness	(a) Order to delivery lead time (b) Enguiry response time	- To provide fast-track service to best customers	<ul> <li>(a) Reduced lead time to specific customers</li> <li>(b) Customer satisfaction</li> </ul>
- To be more price competitive	<ul> <li>(a) Benchmarks versus competitor prices</li> <li>(b) Customer value/price perception</li> </ul>	- To remove interface costs/delays with agent	(a) Cost of rework s (b) Number of referrals

Objectives Inno	ovation Measures
- To reduce new product lead times by 30%	<ul> <li>(a) Design to sale time</li> <li>(b No slack in elapsed time</li> </ul>
- To find new channel to reach SME customers	(a) New channel exists (b) Number of options reviewed/tested





- (i) New analysis of stock turn to separate fastmoving/slow-moving items (A, B, C based)
- (ii) Improved stock forecasting based on more accurate sales forecasts/actuals
- (iii) New stock replenishment algorithms for different types of stock



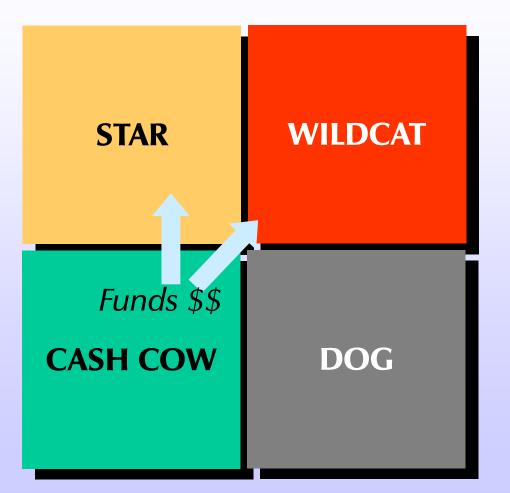
Financial perspective			
Objectives	Measure(s)	Action (CSF)	IS Needs
To reduce stock costs	<ul> <li>a) Stock turn</li> <li>b) Write offs</li> <li>c) Stockhandling costs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>By earlier identification of obsolete items</li> <li>By better fore- casting to reduce safety stocks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>i) New stock turn analysis (ABC)</li> <li>ii) Improved sales and stock forecasting</li> <li>iii) New stock replenishment algorithms</li> </ul>

#### Required IS Applications <

Customer perspective			
Objectives	Measure(s)	Action (CSF)	IS Needs
- <u>To</u> increase responsiveness	<ul> <li>a) Order to delivery lead time</li> <li>b) Enquiry response time</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>By</u> identifying causes of all late deliveries</li> <li><u>By</u> informing customers in advance of problems</li> <li><u>By</u> tracking all enquiries/ progress daily</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>i) New accurate measure of all order/delivery times</li> <li>ii) Analysis of all types of delivery failure</li> <li>iii) New/dynamic customer/ order monitoring system to instigate action</li> <li>iv) New enquiry recording/ tracking process and system</li> </ul>



#### Understanding the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) Matrix



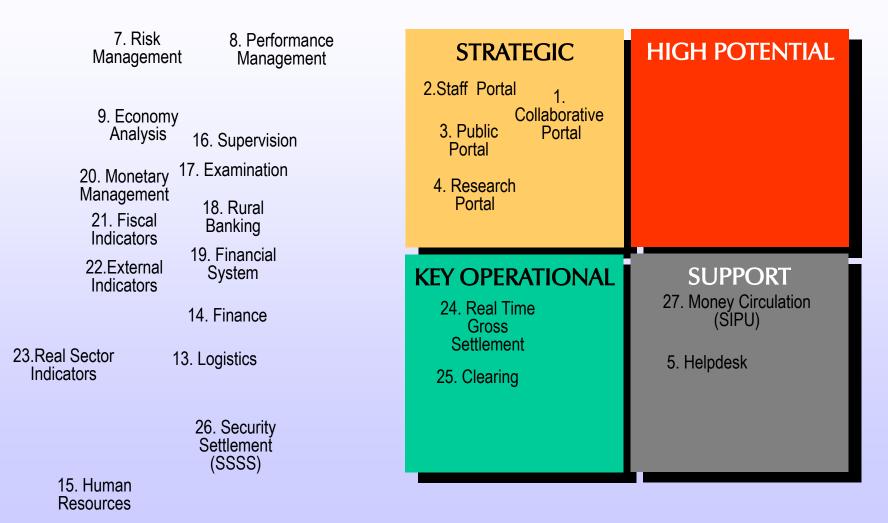


## The IS Application Portfolio

Future	STRATEGIC Applications that critical to sus- taining future business strategy	HIGH POTENTIAL Applications that may be important in achieving future success	Closely related and derived from "McFarlan Matrix"
Present	KEY OPERATIONAL Applications on which the orga- nization currently depends for success	SUPPORT Applications that are valuable but not critical to success	
	Important	Less critical	

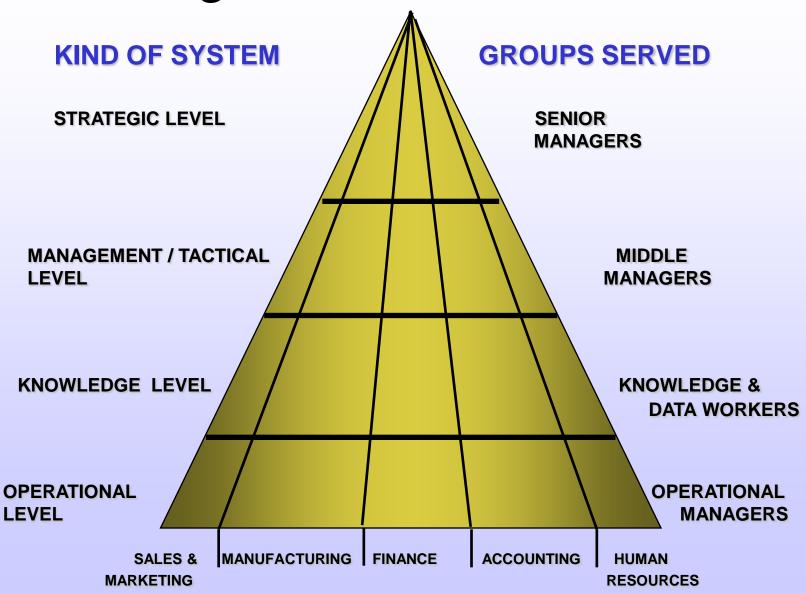


# Fill the Application Portfolio Matrix For BI...!

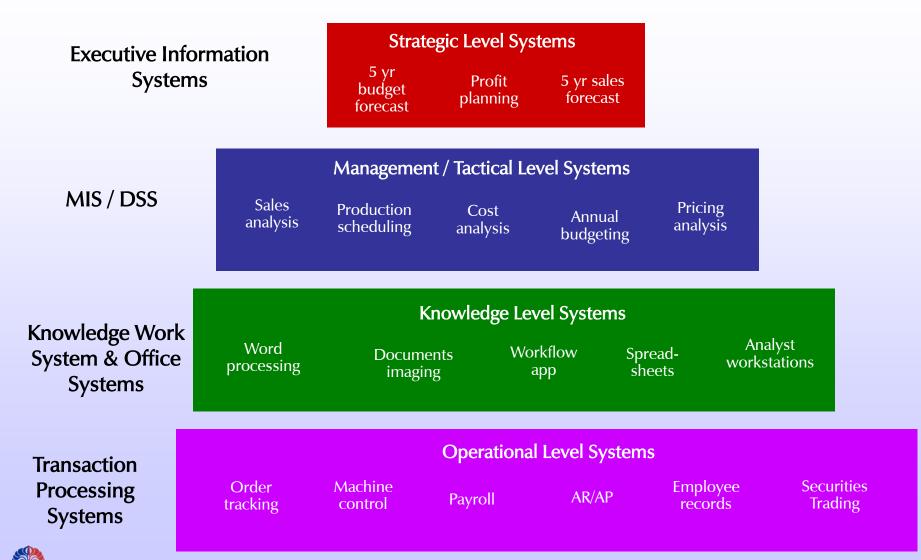


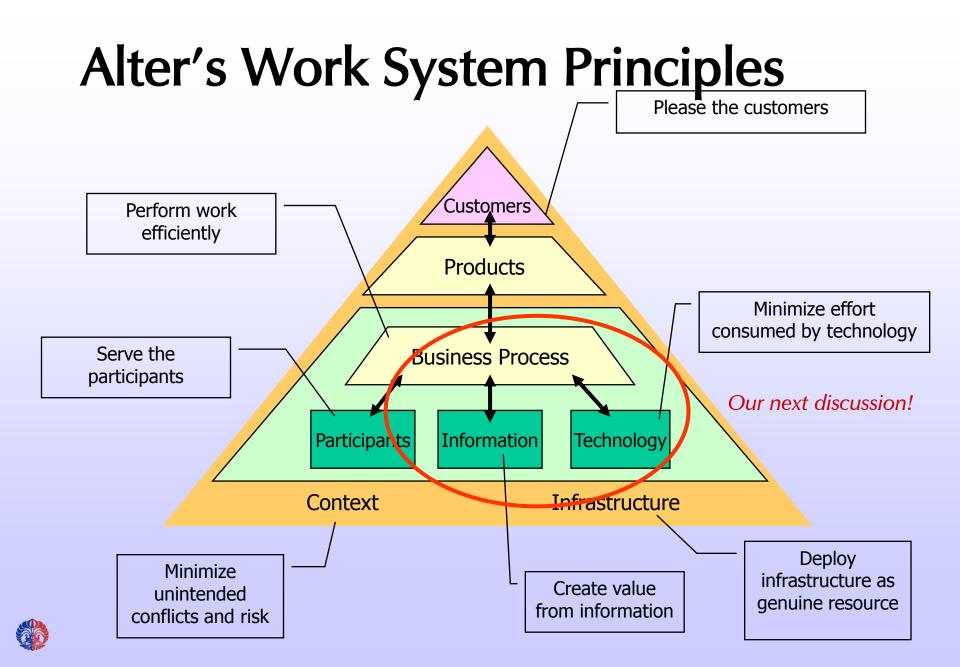


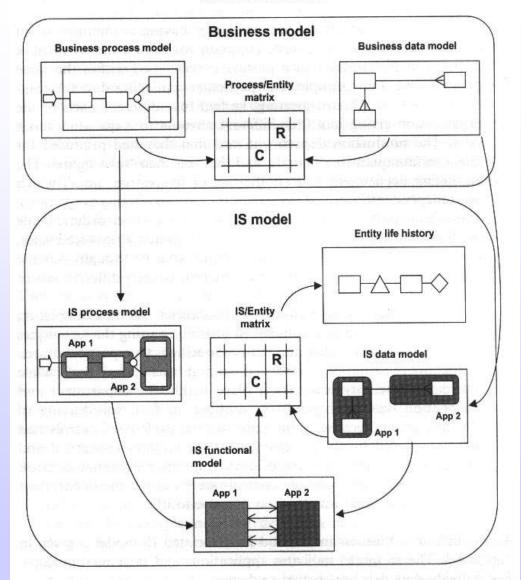
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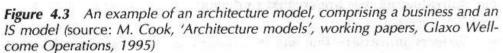
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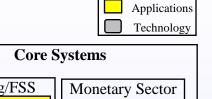
Architecture model

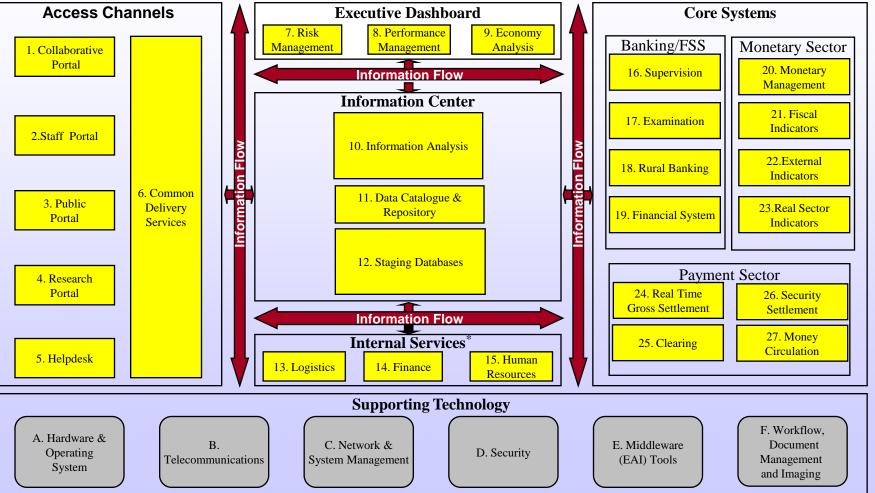




#### **IS/IT Architecture of A Central Bank Business Application and Supporting Technology**









As this is a high-level architecture, not all Directorates are represented (eg. Legal, Internal Audit, Archiving, Planning etc.)