

# Information Services Industry Trends

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Information Services Industry

# Competing in a Revolution

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# Opportunities and Conclusions

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- Introduction
- Environment
- IT Services Markets
- Software and Services Opportunities
- Strategies for Success
- Recommendations

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# Competing in a Revolution

What used to work  
doesn't work now!

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## Topics

- Industry In Revolution
  - Revolutions
  - Impacts
  - Outlook

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## Topics

- Competitive Reactions
  - Partnering
  - Alliances
  - Vendor Strategies
- Future Revolutions

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# U.S. Information Services Market Outlook

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## Information Services Market

- Major Trends
  - Sheer market size causes lower growth rates
  - International markets grow more rapidly

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## Information Services Market

- Major Trends
  - Growing acceptance of standards, open systems
  - Systems complexity fuels need for vendor expertise

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## Information Services Market

- Major Trends
  - Introduction of new technology drives market growth, but user “absorption” capability limits growth

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## Information Services Market

- Major trends
  - Shift to client/server gaining momentum
  - Outsourcing acceptance increasing

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## Information Services Market

- Major Trends
  - Globalization of information services creates market opportunities
  - Vendor consolidation continues
  - Profit opportunities shift from equipment to services, software

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## Key Trends for the 1990s

- Products and services markets blurring
- Changing market structure
- Internationalization
- Standards
- Industry market focus

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## Products and Services Markets Blurring

- Traditional competitors are changing:
  - Traditional *product* companies adding services
  - Traditional *service* companies adding products

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## Products and Services Markets Blurring

- Traditional competitors are changing:
  - Consulting companies adding development services

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## “Blurring” of Offerings Reflects *Changing Market Structure*

New technologies will create  
additional changes

- Image processing
- Integrated voice/data
- High-performance digital  
communications

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## “Blurring” of Offerings Reflects *Changing Market Structure*

New technologies will create  
additional changes

- Object-oriented programming
- Client/server-based application

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## “Blurring” of Offerings Reflects *Changing Market Structure*

- *Systems integration* continues to emerge
- Interorganization services becoming critical

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## **“Blurring” of Offerings Reflects *Changing Market Structure***

- **Computer companies  
emphasizing communications**
- **Communications companies  
adding computer units**

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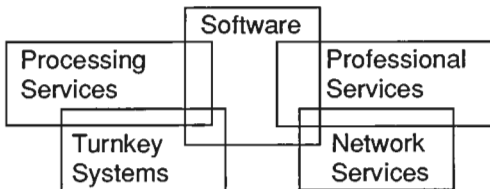
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# IS Market Structure—1980s

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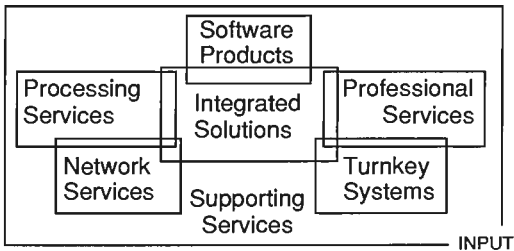
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Information Services Market Structure—1990s  
*Emphasis on Supporting Services*



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## Customer Support Needs

- Network creation/management
- Software customization (local/regional)
- Software maintenance, support
- Training of end users

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# Customer Support Needs

- Support of end users
- Installation
- Conversion
- Documentation

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## Internationalization *A Dominant Trend in the '90s*

- Collapsing market barriers
  - Europe (East and West)
  - North America

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## Internationalization *A Dominant Trend in the '90s*

- Growing market interest/participation
  - Pacific Rim
- Internationalization of buyer requirements

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## Internationalization

- U.S. computer manufacturers ahead
- U.S. information services companies falling behind
- Competition coming to U.S.:
  - CAP Gemini Sogeti
  - Sema Group
- Japanese vendor interest

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# Standards

- Evolving, Conflicting
- Problems

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## Standards

*Driven by:*

- Internationalization
- Buyer's integration requirements
- Large providers/coalitions

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## Standards

- *Focused on:*
  - Technical interface
  - Applications interface
  - Human interface, HUMATICS™

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## Standards

- OSF vs. UNIX int'l
- MCA vs. EISA
- Graphical interfaces
- OSI
- X/OPEN
- SAA
- SQL

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# Open Software Foundation

- IBM
- Hewlett-Packard
- Digital Equipment
- Siemens
- More

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# Two UNIX Standards Are Developing

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## Rival Group: UNIX Int'l

- AT&T
- Sun
- Unisys
- NCR
- More

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## Standards Are Evolving Long-Range Implications

- Diminishing importance of proprietary operating systems
- Systems integration a key to success
- Ease of program customization

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## Standards Are Evolving Long-Range Implications

- More comprehensive global networks of diverse computers
- Graphics-based user interface
- Fewer hardware manufacturers

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## Standards Inhibitors

- Application interface confusion
  - RDBMS vendors
  - Computer vendors

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## Standards Inhibitors

- Enterprise architecture competition
  - SAA (IBM)
  - NAS (DEC)
  - New Wave (HP)
  - Other independents

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## Acquisition Trends

- Pace of acquisitions slowed recently
- 'Wait and see' attitude
- Highest level of activity:
  - Software products
  - Professional services
  - Systems integration

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## Acquisition Trends

- Strong interest in processing services companies—outsourcing factor
- Interest in larger companies

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## Issues Addressed by Acquisitions in the Information Services Industry

- Declining information services IPOs
- Declining interest of venture capitalists
- Maturing market growth rates

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## Issues Addressed by Acquisitions in the Information Services Industry

- Increasing competition from large companies
- Globalization of competition
- Shortening product life cycles/higher product development costs

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## Issues Addressed by Acquisitions in the Information Services Industry

- Product and services redundancies
- Lack of “breakthrough” (high growth) technologies

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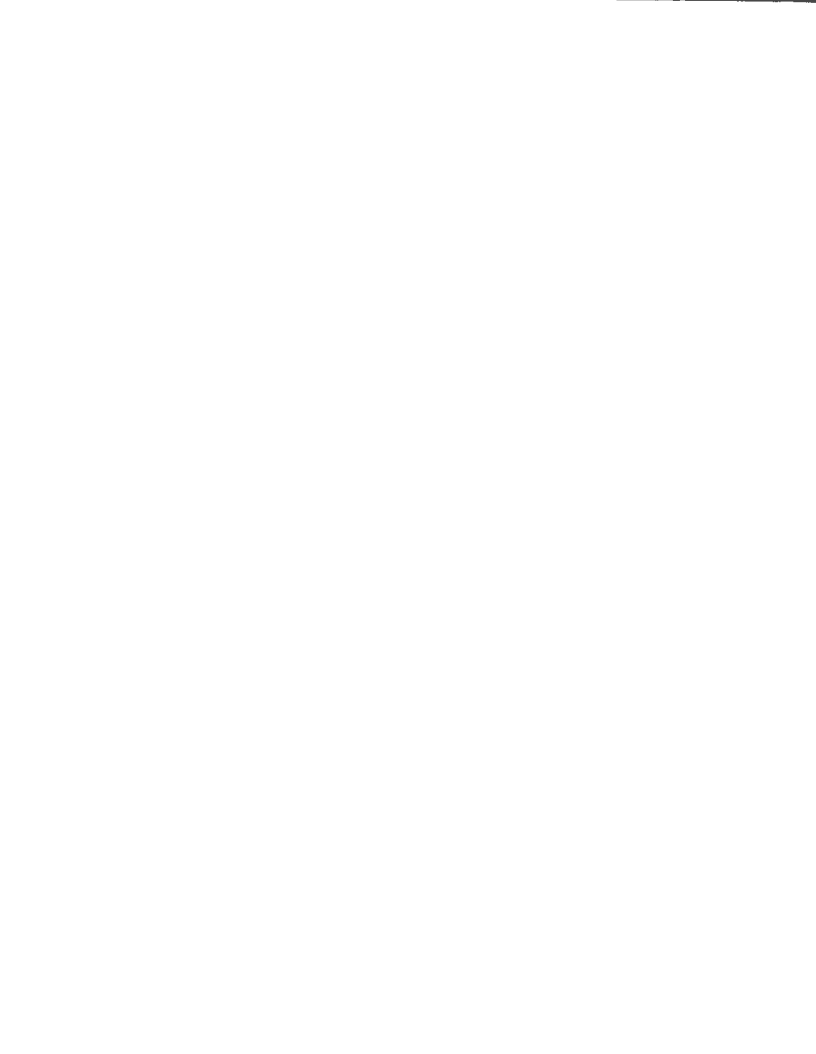
## Issues Addressed by Acquisitions in the Information Services Industry

- “Critical Mass” issues in both product development and marketing
- Capital constraints

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## Acquisition Process

- Provides capital from 'outside' sources
  - Growth still seen in information services
  - Significant resources available
  - Minority positions lower risk

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## Summing It Up

- Broadening product strategies
- Emphasis on “total solution”
- Focus on quality and service

*Accomplished through:*

- Self-funded expansion
- Consolidation—partnering/  
acquisitions

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## Systems Management

- Market of the 1990s
- Evolution and revolution
- Offerings to become mix of
  - Information technology
  - Professional expertise
  - Business execution

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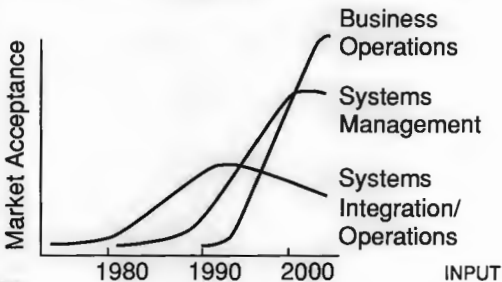
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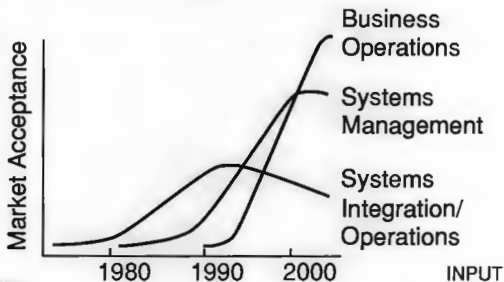
## Outsourcing Market Waves



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## Business Operations Market

- Potential market 2 to 5 times information systems expenditures
- Contractors will show reduction in overall costs of 25% or more

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## Business Operations Examples

- Insurance claims processing
- Telephone company yellow pages operation
- Credit card operations
- Coupon processing for retailers
- Fulfillment for direct marketing

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## U.S. IS Industry Conclusions

- Slower growth in near term
- Shift to broad-based services zones
- Large services vendors grow fastest
- Software products—turmoil continues

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## Information Services Industry, 1980 vs. 1990

Difference	Implication
Five times as big	Slowing growth
Many large vendors	Consolidation and dominance
Stronger vendors	Greater reliance by user

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## Information Services Industry, 1980 vs. 1990

Difference	Implication
Willingness to outsource operations	Processing services shifts to systems operations
More technological alternatives	More services required to integrate

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## Information Services Industry, 1980 vs. 1990

Difference	Implication
Greater variety of services	Changing distribution channels
Worldwide orientation	Breadth and complexity of service offerings
Many small vendors	Alliances to succeed

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# Information Services Industry—What It Does

Provides services and products to develop, implement and operate information technology-based systems.

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## Processing Services/ Systems Operations

- 24% of industry
- Alternatives to internal investment
- Specialized services—payroll
- Services to specific industries—  
banking
- Worldwide capabilities desirable

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## Network Services

- 8% of market
- Network applications services link organizations
  - Electronic data interchange
  - Electronic mail
  - Foundation for electronic commerce

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## Network Services

- Electronic information services—  
On-line access to text and data  
information
  - News services
  - Securities, credit
  - Industry information

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## Professional Services/ Systems Integration

- 23% of industry
- Alternative to internal employment
- Access to skills and technology
- Solutions oriented services
- Developer of IT professionals

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## Applications Software Products

- 18% of industry
- Products to manage a business
- Products to improve personal productivity
- International markets

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## Turnkey Systems

- 10% of market
- Software plus hardware purchase
- Channel for applications software products
- Vendors add professional services

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## Systems Software Products

- 16% of industry
- Tools that support computer operation and networks
- Products to create application systems
- U.S. vendors are leaders

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## U.S. Information Services Industry—Importance

- International leadership
- Outgrows the economy—2 to 3 times
- Developer of people skills
- Source of competitive strength

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## U.S. Information Services Industry

Sector	No. of Companies
Software products	2,900
Turnkey systems	2,500
Professional services/ Systems integration	1,800

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## U.S. Information Services Industry

Sector	No. of Companies
Processing services/ Systems operations	3,500
Network services	500
Total	11,200

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## U.S. Information Services Industry, 1970 - 1990

- The industry grew 50 times
- U.S. economy grew 5.7 times
- Consists of 11,000 vendors
- Created a U.S. competitive strength

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## Primary Forces Slowing Growth

- Outsourcing—users making larger decisions
- Shifting technology foundation
- The changing buyer
- The standards process

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## Increasing Influence of Large Vendors

- Consolidation continues
- Market share creeping up
- Outsourcing favors larger vendors
- Slows technological change and adoption

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## New Technology Foundations

- International standards
- Graphical user interface
- Client-server
- Networking and integration

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## New Technology Foundations

- Distributed data
- Imaging
- Engineered/re-engineered software

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## The Changing Buyer

- General manager becomes primary buyer
- IS becomes internal consultant
- Solutions versus technology

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## The Changing Buyer

- Decisions become larger—take longer
- The budget is decentralized—multiple buyers

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## The Standards Process

- Buyers wait to gain benefits
- Decrease technological differentiation
- Decrease inclination to change technologies
- Can add life to existing applications
- Foundation for integration

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## Where Is the New Beginning?

- Real user is the buyer
- Solutions not products or services
- Client-server could lead to a revolution

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## Where Is the New Beginning?

- Outsourcing = basis for shared success
- Standards eventually open new opportunities
- Regionalization of market

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# Single Message

Solutions focus on:

what it does

NOT

how it does it

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## Outsourcing What's Different

- The vendor makes it all work
- Once out it stays out
- Developing outside drives
  - Operating outside
  - Supporting outside

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## Why Form an Alliance?

- Short term reasons (speed)
  - Specific opportunity
  - New service sooner
  - Competitive pressure
  - Can walk away

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## Why Form an Alliance?

- Long term reasons
  - Market entry
  - Financial leverage
  - Avoid internal conflict

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## Why Alliances Don't Work

- Unbalanced benefits
- Over extended benefits
- Unclear authority
- Biased incentive systems
- Unclear measurements

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# Why Alliances Don't Work

Alliances require synergy—

*Millar:*

“Synergy is an unnatural act”

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## Partnerships vs. Alliances

Partnerships	Alliances
Marriage	Cohabitation
Joint ownership	License to Distribute
Shared financing	Own financing
Formal	Convenient

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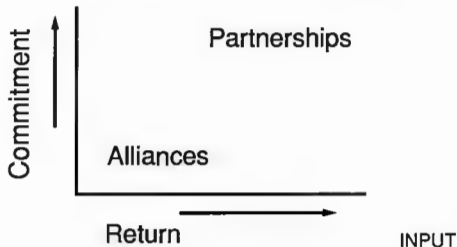
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## Partnerships vs. Alliances



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## Vendor Strategies

Company	Partnerships	Alliances
EDS	Few	Few
Andersen	Few	Many
IBM	Increasing	Many

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## Vendor Strategies—EDS

- Partnerships
  - Outsourcing customers
  - Hitachi Data Systems
  - Ask Computer Systems

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## Vendor Strategies Andersen

- Alliances
  - Access to needed technology
  - Flexibility
  - No fixed commitments

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# Future Revolutions

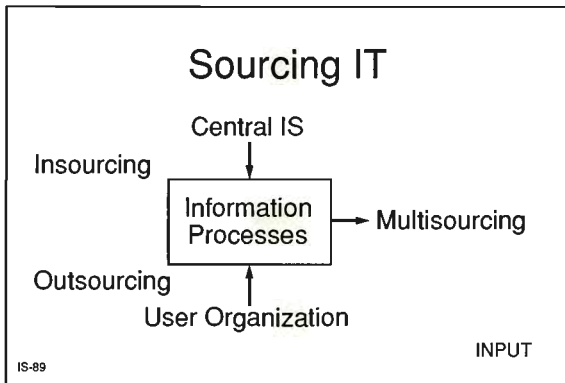
- Rightsizing
- Multisourcing
- Business operations

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# Revolutions

- Downsizing
- Outsourcing
- Re-engineering
- Networking
- Open Systems

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## Revolutions or Evolutions?

- Re-engineering
  - Organization: All or parts
  - IS Organization

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## Re-engineering IS

- Used to be a separate function
- Now being integrated into organization
- Will it disappear?

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# The Computer Industry in the 1990s

Technology Revolutions  
+  
Organizational Evolutions  
=  
All the rules have changed

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# The Computer Industry in 2001—Vendor Role

Services  
Replace  
Proprietary Technology

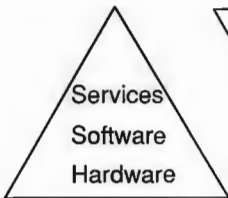
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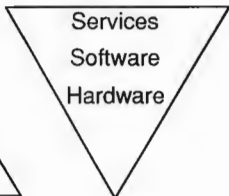
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## Industry Turned Upside Down



Before 1990



After 1990

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## The Computer Industry in 2001

- IS is a process, not an organization
- Solutions and services are bought
- Services vendor role greatly enhanced
- Hardware role greatly diminished

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## User's Needs

- Results
- Solutions and tools
- Vendor responsibility
- Global/local support
- Understanding of business
- Simplified decisions

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## Supply Side

- Fragmented
- Uncoordinated
- Under-financed/resourced
- Poorly positioned

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## Why Partner?

- Make money
- Protect against competition
  - Defensive
- New opportunities
  - Offensive

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## Why Partner?

- Complete offering
- Upstream/downstream capabilities
- Technology “futures”
- ‘Peer-to-peer’ positioning

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## Why Partner?

- Combines complementary strengths
- Minimizes risk
- Accelerates time-to-market
- Substitutes funding method
- Expands market opportunities

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## Partnering Success Criteria

- Strong partners
- Clear objectives
- Minimal infrastructure
- Peer relationships

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## What to Look For

- Resources—money, people, technology
- Distribution—global/local
- Support
- Customer base
- Product/service capabilities

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