

*'Would you build a house without a blueprint?'*

### **Architected Application Development**

- Architectures
- Component Based Development (CBD)
- Organisational Development
- Project/Programme Management

The move towards Open Systems and Distributed Applications imposes an ever greater need for a well-documented design overview of the architecture layers and component elements which underpin your systems portfolio. Aqute consultants help you develop the architectures at the business process, component, systems, technical and data level, providing the integrated perspective needed for strategic decision-making.

Deploying techniques and structured tools for Object Oriented Analysis & Design (OOAD) and Component Based Development we identify components for optimum reuse and interoperability across business areas. We advise on how to adapt your IT organisation to one focussed on a component software factory approach for component build, assembly and reuse.

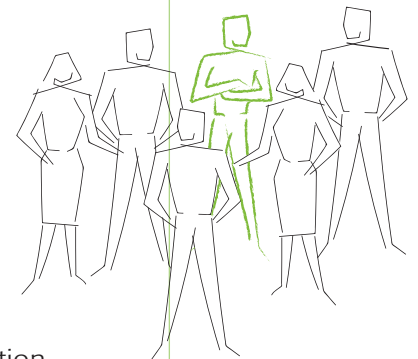
Project Managers trained in project management (eg PRINCE) and techniques for rapid delivery would ensure appropriately scoped and feasible projects, which are then delivered on time.

*'Would you build a bridge without knowing where it led to?'*

### **IT Strategy Planning**

- Business and IT integration
- IT strategy
- Systems planning
- Transition planning

Our consultants can advise on how best to achieve business and IT integration. Working from the business strategy and core business processes, an IT strategy plan is shaped to support your business direction and objectives. Drawing on the architectures developed at the different levels and driven by business priorities, we scope and plan your systems for the medium to long term. Transition plans map out a phased transition from the 'As-Is' to the 'To-Be' architectures.





*'Would you repair your car without the right tools?'*

### **Project Life Cycle and Methods**

Even the best laid plans go astray. Equipping yourself with the right processes and tools can help improve your chances of success.

- Project Life Cycle
- Methods & Tools implementation
- Rapid Application Development (RAD/ DSDM)
- Systems Excellence
- Training

The establishment of a Project Life Cycle development process ensures a mapped path from business requirement initiation to delivery. Appropriate methods and tools are evaluated and selected to form part of the development life cycle. Approaches such as DSDM and RAD can be deployed for rapid delivery against tight timescales.

Your IT organisation can be assessed against industry standards and a quality system put in place to strive towards systems excellence. Training via workshop or individual coaching is available and would be tailored to your organisation's particular needs following an assessment of your requirements.

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### **eCommerce**

The explosion of the web and ease of self-service has instigated a rush towards eCommerce and eBusiness channels to market. If you find that in the process you have abandoned your development best practices, let us help you get it back on track.

- Designing customer-oriented business process flows
- Developing the architectures needed to support the new eBusiness processes
- Identifying the appropriate web service technologies to employ
- Sourcing components and business objects from new or existing trusted sources

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