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Surviving the Trough of Disillusionment

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“SOA is dead”

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Top SOA Misconceptions

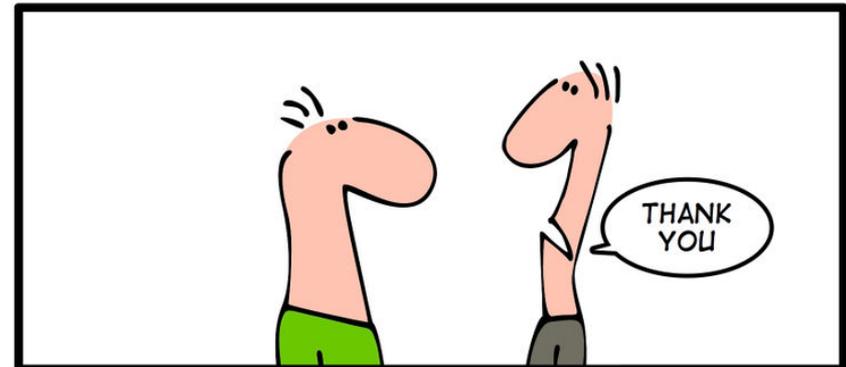
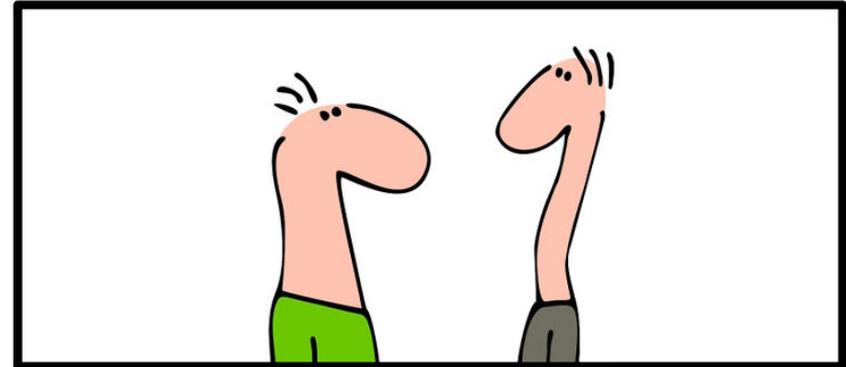
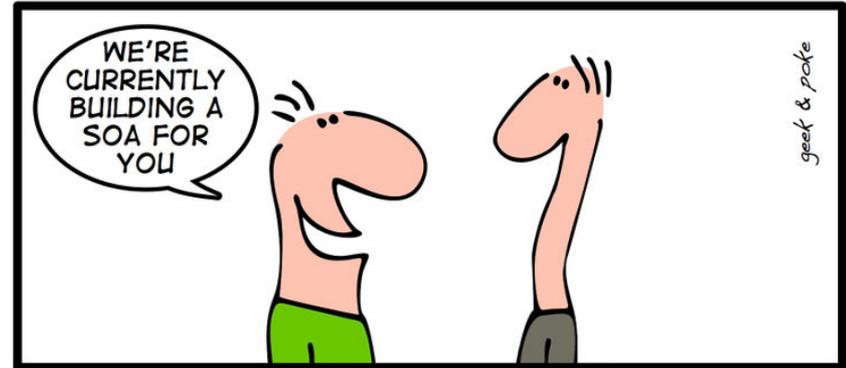
SOA = ESB

SOA = Web Services

SOA is about technology

SOA is easy

SOA is dead





Hard lessons we've learned:

- **SOA can't be bought**
- **There are no simple solutions**
 - **Private industry facing the same challenges**
- **Current acquisition process does not incentivize SOA adoption**
- **Technology standards not yet mature**
- **Good solutions flow naturally from well understood business relationships**



SOA Principles Still Valuable

- **Service-orientation**
 - Provide your functions to benefit others
 - Consume from others rather than build for yourself
- **Loose coupling**
 - Interfaces decoupled from underlying implementation
 - Common standards, protocols and vocabularies
- **Separation of concerns**
 - Provider focus on providing value, performance and dependability
 - Consumers consume those services that best meet their needs
 - Service-level agreements to remove ambiguity

NCES SOA Foundation

Fielding Decision (August 2009)



Fielding Decision (March 2010)



Pink is The New Black



*SIMPLY EXPLAINED - PART 37:
AGILITY*



DISA RACE and Forge: Cloud Computing Components

- Platform-As-A-Service (PaaS)
 - Delivers a computing platform and/or solution stack as a service
 - Facilitates deployment of applications without the cost and complexity of buying and managing the underlying hardware and software layers
- Infrastructure-As-A-Service (IaaS)
 - The delivery of computer IaaS, typically platform virtualization
 - For example:
 - Virtual desktops
 - Grid computing



- Applications-As-A-Service (AaaS) /Software-As-A-Service (SaaS)
 - Leverages the Cloud in software architecture
 - Eliminates the need to install and run the application on the customer's own computer
 - Type:
 - Commercial: Potential Issue: How to identify and “on ramp” offerings?
 - Government:



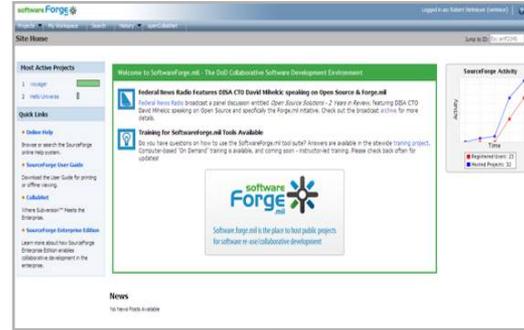
- Develops the SaaS Ecosphere
- Accelerates applications development

- Data-As-A-Service (DaaS)
 - Leverages the Cloud for delivering database services

Users Want To Use The “Cloud” Services



SoftwareForge – Limited Operational Availability



Find Software

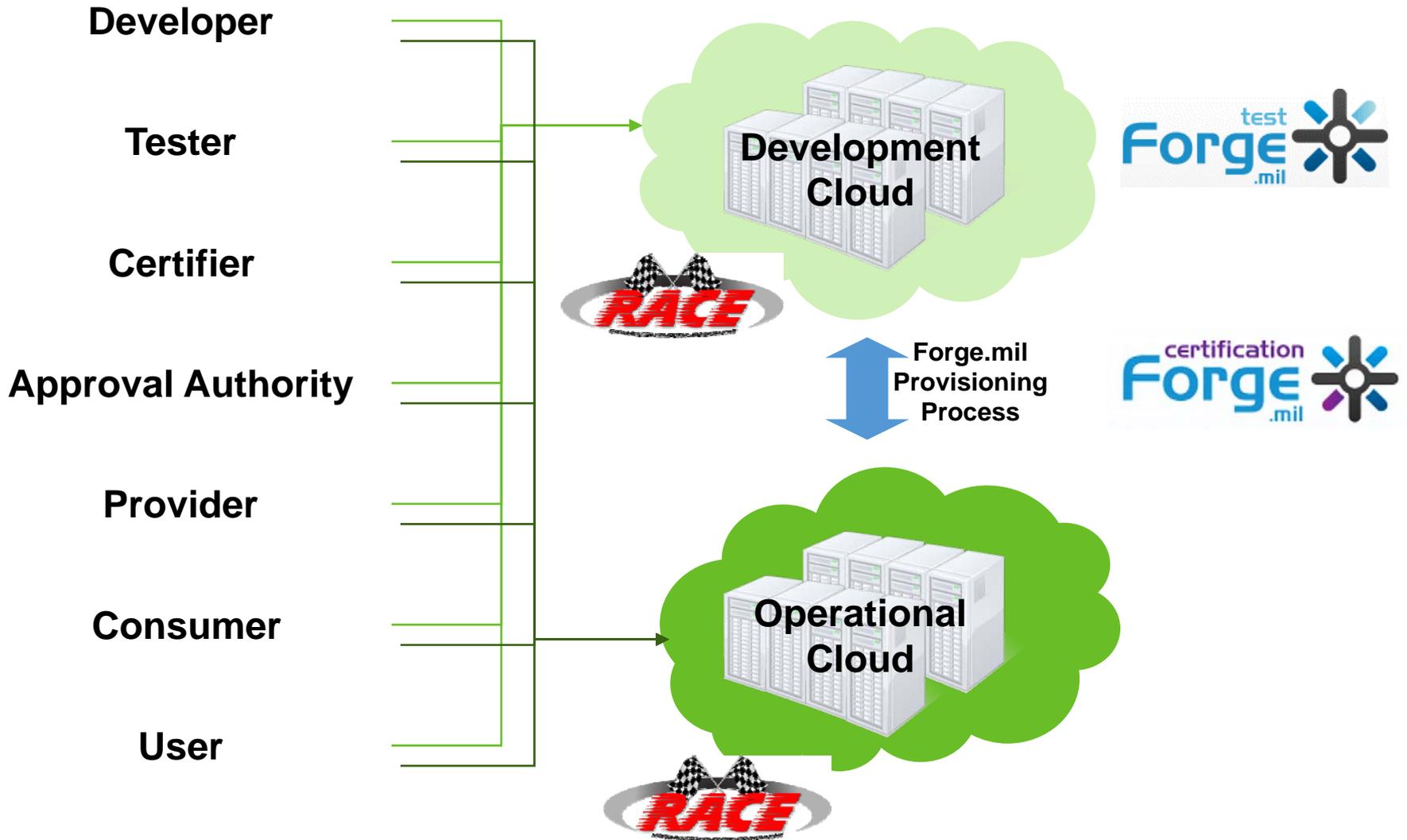
- DoD Open Source
- DoD Community Source

Develop Software

Project Workspaces



Forge.mil and Cloud Computing



Conclusion

- **SOA has entered the “trough of disillusionment”**
- **SOA principles still valuable**
- **“Cloud computing” has become the term de jour**
- **DISA is implementing the environment to enable the effective adoption and delivery of cloud services**



Backups

RACE and Forge.mil



RACE Phase I

- Acquire development server
- Develop application
- Developer Testing



- Find pre-existing source code
- Manage project lifecycle for public projects
- Share new code with others
- Collaborate with other DoD projects



RACE Phase II

- Certify and accredit application
- User Testing
- Store and share image
- Pre-production test and QA



- Manage team efforts
- Manage project lifecycle for private projects
- Collaborate with team members

Independent But Complementary Activities

DISA Proposed RACE User Interface

The screenshot displays the DISA RACE (Rapid Access Computing Environment) user interface. At the top, the DISA logo is followed by the text 'RACE RAPID ACCESS COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT'. Navigation links include 'Home', 'About Us', 'Products', 'Services', and 'Contact Us'. A search bar is located on the left side. The main content area features four product categories: Servers (listing Red Hat Linux and Windows 2003 Svr), Web Hosting (listing Apache and IIS), Databases (listing ORACLE, MySQL, and MS SQL Server), and Business Solutions (listing SharePoint 2007). A 'project Forge .mil' logo is overlaid on the Business Solutions category. Below the main content, there is a 'Welcome to the Rapid Access Computing Environment' section with a paragraph of text and a 'More...' link. A 'Services' sidebar lists 'Servers', 'Web Hosting', 'Databases Solutions', and 'Business Solutions'. An 'Information' sidebar lists 'Server Configurations', 'Web Hosting Packages', 'Databases Solutions', and 'Business Solutions'.

Or Any Other Software-As-A-Service

- Software.Forge becomes a NCES-like offering
- Project.Forge becomes a SaaS offering
- Both user communities can be RACE customers
- RACE is a User Self-Service Portal for CSD services

RACE Is The User Entry Point For Service Offerings

Net-Centric Development & Deployment Services



New Dev. & Testing Process

Open Source & Community Source Software

Collaborative Development

Cross-program Synchronization

Integrated Testing



Recommendations:

- **Focus on the service provider business relationship & responsibilities**
- **Turn centralized enterprise infrastructure challenges over to data center and network providers.**
- **Emerging cloud computing service providers may offer significant benefits**



Focus on the service provider business relationships and incentives

Service Provider focus:

- **Profile best-in-class web service providers in DoD/IC**
- **Highlight SLAs and other practices of the top providers**

Incentives:

- **Establish what are the basic web services that each org should provide as part of their core mission**
- **Increase the number of DWCF/cost reimbursable orgs offering services on the net**
- **Bake key services into network e.g. DNS within DISN**
- **Create challenge grant pools to competitively select and support new services**



Leverage existing infrastructure providers for app enterprise services

Turn centralized enterprise infrastructure challenges over to data center and network providers.

- **Data center providers should provide storage, mediation, queuing services - those services that require scale and high availability.**
- **Characterize wide area app message transport as a network problem not an application systems problem.**
- **Network orgs have decades long experience in moving information packets between organizations across the planet.**

