## Changing the simulator

Why Business Relationship Management really matters



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### Our journey

- A brief history of IT
- My data
- Now what?
- What is...?
- Compare & Contrast
- What does Strategic Partnering really mean
- Avoid these traps
- Reprogram



# A brief history of IT according to me





#### Data

- Business Relationship Management Professional® training
- 142 students
- Banks, Hydro Québec, 3 levels of government, RCMP, Harley Davidson, private, public
- Same story, over and over...and over again



#### Now what?



Too slow
Costs too much
Doesn't do what I need





Make up your damn mind

We break into the simulator\* and we change the rules



#### What is...

#### **Business Analysis**

practice of enabling **change** in an enterprise by defining **needs** and recommending **solutions** that deliver **value** to stakeholders





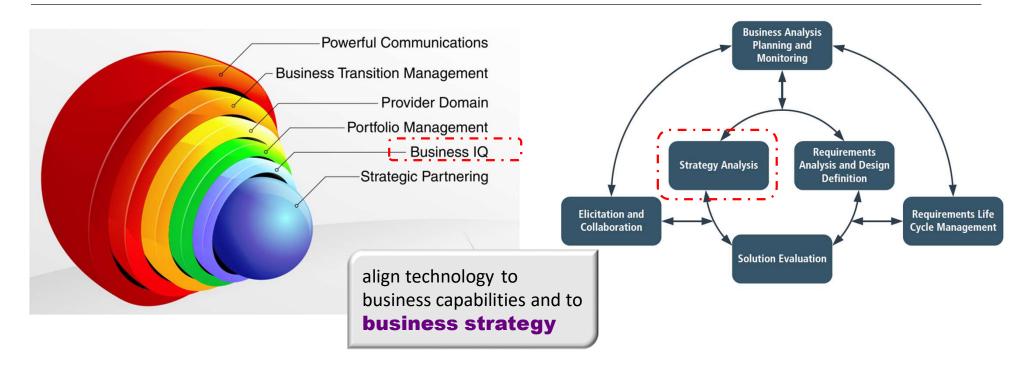
# **Business Relationship Management**

stimulate, surface and **shape** business **demand** for a provider's products and services

ensures that the potential **value** from those products and services is captured, communicated and optimized



### Compare & contrast



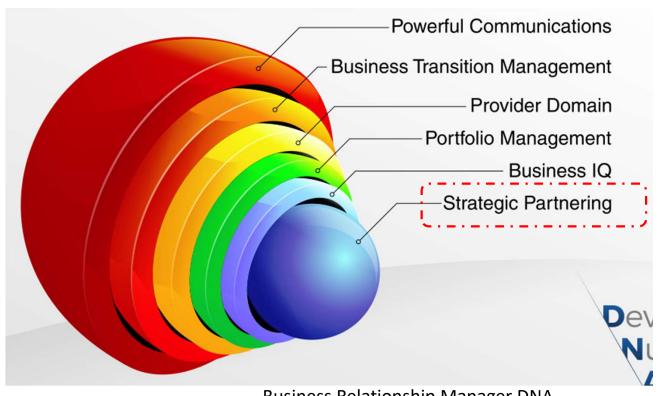
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## Breaking into the simulator...



This is how we reprogram the simulator

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### What is Strategic Partnering?

#### Mobilize a **team**

Plan and execute a relationship strategy to build trust



it's hard work!

Get invited to sit at the **strategy** table

Kumbaya

hands and singing

it's not about holding



### **BRM** and Strategic BAs

#### **BRM**

#### **Business Architect**

#### **Enterprise Architect**



- Manage Relationship
- Ensures clear line of sight from strategy to Provider Portfolio

What business capabilities do we need to create/improve to realize business strategy?

How can we leverage technology to create/improve business capabilities?



Value is realized for each investment

Value of current investments versus future strategic intents

Value for cost



value

## What is Strategic Partnering?

the Business
Relationship Manager
gets the Business
Analysts in the room so
we can have the
conversation that
matters: creating



What does it look like when we succeed?

Shared **goals** for maximizing value

Shared **risks** and **rewards** 



### Avoid these traps

- "I'm strategic" all by myself. (No. You're not.)
- Once the team is in the room, you still act like the BA. (Get out of the way!)
- Clearly define the role (a RACI works) and what the BRM does and doesn't do. Everyone else? Step up.
- Don't forget: the BRM owns the relationship. It's the hardest part.



### Reprogram

to fix the dysfunction

talk about value

manage the relationship

own the relationship

No one else does!



# Let's keep talking



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