Infosys study reveals the changing role of Enterprise Architecture

Enterprise Architecture is becoming an enabler for implementing business strategy

BANGALORE, India, August 30, 2007 – Infosys Technologies Limited (NASDAQ: INFY), a world leader in consulting and information technology services, today revealed findings from new research, which shows that the role of Enterprise Architecture (EA) is set to undergo a major change. The research suggests that companies are starting to use EA to implement business strategy and govern the interaction of business units and assets to collaboratively create value for all stakeholders – elevating the role of IT to become an integral part of corporate strategy.

"The role of enterprise architecture is changing. When it started off it was simply an IT-centric function whereas today it aims to align IT with business," said Sohel Aziz, AVP and Head – Strategic Technology & Architecture Consulting, EMEA at Infosys. "We believe that the next stage in EA's evolution will make the discipline of enterprise architecture a central tool not for managing IT, but for implementing business strategy."

For this survey, Infosys asked over 260 CIOs, Chief Architects, and business and IT managers why and how they are practicing enterprise architecture. The research reveals that enterprise architecture has achieved the objectives of previous evolutionary stages; that it is helping IT to support the corporation; and that architecture is increasingly accepted as a tool for implementing business strategy across the enterprise. The consensus among those surveyed is that enterprise architecture is now ready for the next step – to become a tool for transforming organizations by enabling flexibility and agility. It will focus not only on IT, but on defining a platform for implementing business strategy, and joint value creation with business partners and customers.

Key findings of the report include:

- 36% of EA teams surveyed actively participate in their company's strategic business planning
- 19% of all EA teams spend most of their time on Business Architecture, a 36% increase vis-à-vis last year’s survey
- 20% of the companies have the architecture function reporting at the corporate level, a reflection of the increasing relevance of EA
- Integration and information integrity are key concerns of EA, with Customer Data Integration moving from eighth to third place, vis-à-vis the previous research

To download Infosys’ Enterprise Architecture Survey 2007 or to view the related webinar, please visit: http://www.infosys.com/ea-survey

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