

Grip on the Mainframe Program

Revive or retire
Reseize control of your mainframe applications

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A decision whether to invest or divest in your mainframe platform can no longer postponed

Mainframe applications feel like a burden from the past

- In many organizations the mainframe investment is a significant part of your IT budget, needing to board-level decision making
- It is unclear if the value of your mainframe investment is in line with its value
- Mainframe applications are often core applications, deeply rooted in organisational processes
- Business innovation capacity is limited by legacy applications and technology
- Too much is spent on maintenance and continuity, too little on innovation

While the gap is growing

- The organisation moves to a cloud model for their IT, and can not determine the mainframe position in that respect
- The mismatch between Enterprise Architecture and mainframe landscape is increasing
- Organisational and technical debt is building up in the mainframe environment, maintenance and modernization is postponed and staff is ageing

Grip on the Mainframe Program: whether invest or retire, get a grip on your mainframe platform

Invest or Retire?
And then, How?



Analysis



Execution

Cost of value

Alignment of business goals, enterprise architecture and mainframe landscape

Position of the mainframe landscape in your application portfolio

Mainframe application portfolio lifecycle status and functional fit

Technical vitality of your mainframe environment

Operational effectiveness of DevOps and infra teams

Cloud strategy and mainframe alignment

Improvement plan

Guided program

How do we approach this?



Application portfolio
Architecture
Organisational
Agility, integration,
development speed
Market assessment
Technical debt

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Experience
Assets
Technical expertise



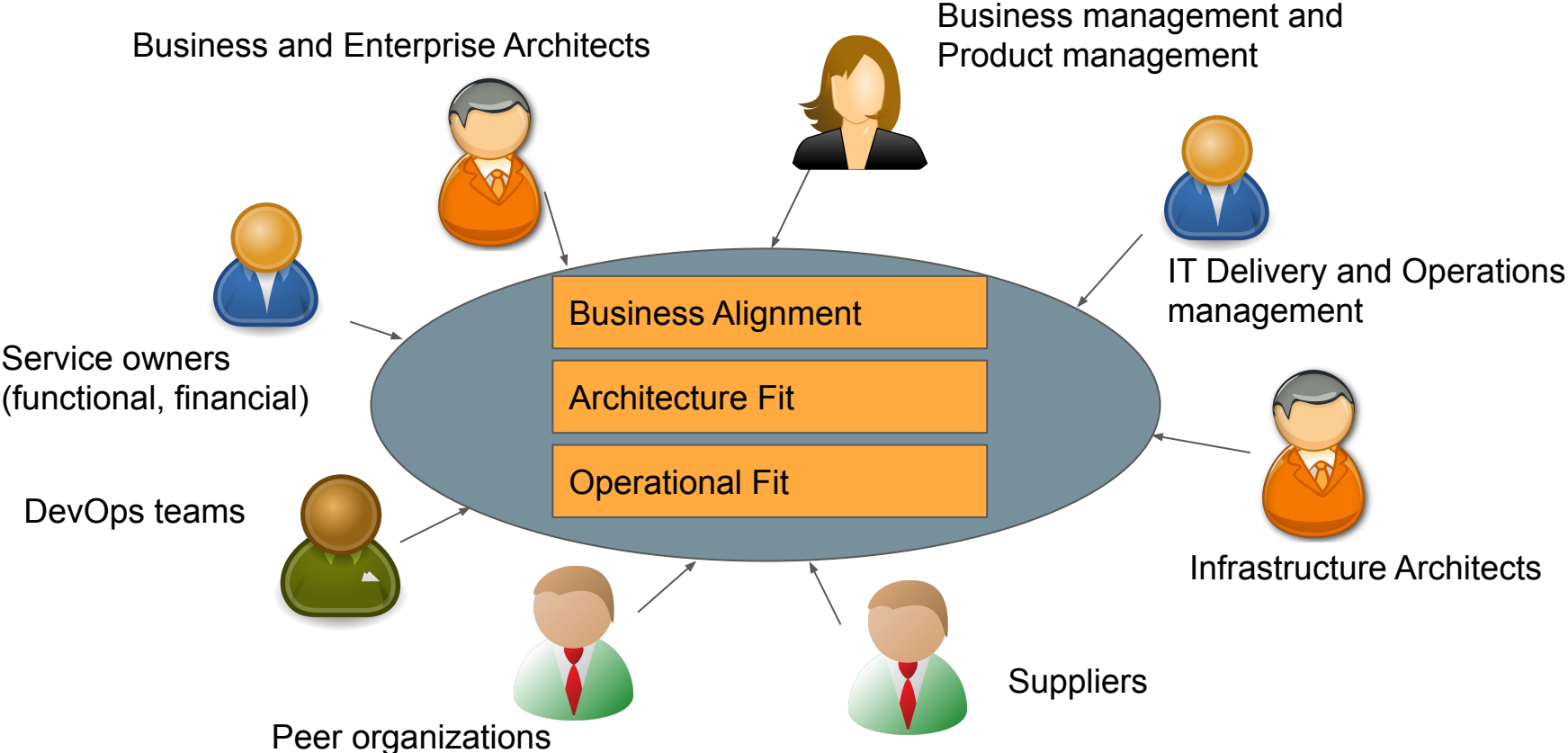
Interviews

Documentation

Pathfinder workshops

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Extensive interviews and in-depth analysis guide the strategic direction



A phased approach

Information phase

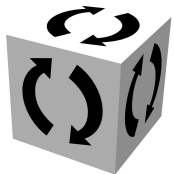
Stakeholder landscape

Interviews

Documentation inventory

Analysis

Recommendations for next steps approach



Exploration phase

Deep dive interviews

Deep dive documentation

Identify pathfinder areas

Pathfinder workshops

Vision for the future

Recommendation and execution plan



Vision

Scenarios including risks and dependencies
and business case

Recommendations

High Level Architecture adjustments

Roadmap for realization

Execution phase

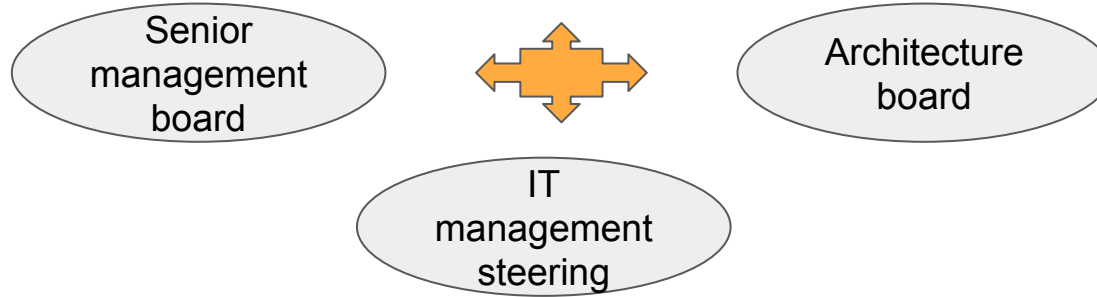
Agree steps, teams and targets

Execution workshops

Steering setup



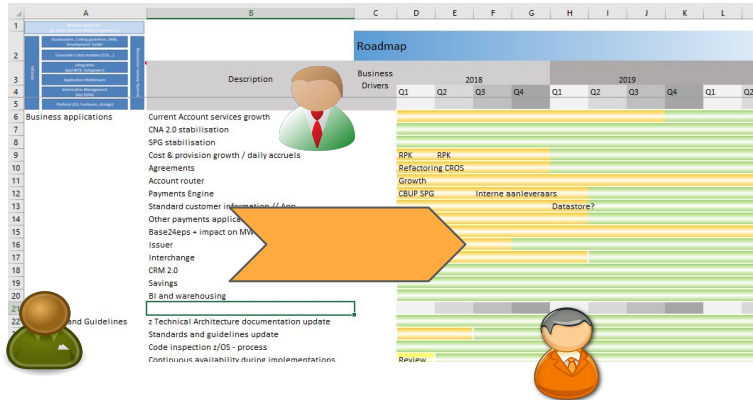
An improvement program is developed and executes the adjusted strategy



Functional alignment

Technical revitalisation / retirement

Organisational adjustment



Why Zizero.

We know what we are talking about

We can make a plan and execute it

We can make an architecture and build it

No void words

Experience with retiring as well as modernizing mainframe environments

Many years experience as (lead) architect and deep background in mainframe technology

Many years in major mainframe supplier (IBM) and user organizations in technical consultancy and architecture roles

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