

# ASAP

Annual  
Conference

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Amelia Island, GA

## SaaS Is (Finally) Here

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**AGENDA** MCG

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1. SaaS? By example; perspective; technology evolution
2. Pros and cons for using SaaS
3. Strategic application stages for SaaS (1.0 to 3.0)
4. Radically reduced retail business model case
5. Summary

SaaS = Software-as-a-Service 2

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**SaaS BY EXAMPLE** MCG

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1. WebEx; Mysites.com (?)
2. Functional support for “BPO”
  - Payroll; HR, Expense Mgt.
  - Design & Estimating
  - Industry/Channel: Mck. “ASP”; ship/debit
3. Entire ERP? NetSuite now, others to follow (?)

BPO – Business Process Outsourcing 3

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## SaaS BY PERSPECTIVE



### Adoption Profile X Occupation X Strategic View

2.5% Innovators		a. Attack core
13.5 Change Agents	Software V'dr	
34 Pragmatists		b. <u>Alt. offering</u>
24 Skeptics	Not SV	1. Efficiency
16 Traditionalists		2. Effective's
		3. Transform'l

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## MIGRATE FROM NW TO SE



	Ind.	Dept.	Co.	Inter Co.	Supply Chain
Efficient	(NW)				
Effect					
Transf.					(SW)

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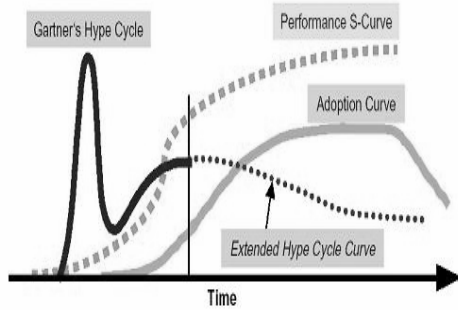
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## SaaS's PROGRESS ALONG HYPE CURVE



Source: Gartner Research (May 2003)

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**“EVOLVING TECHNOLOGY/VOCAB”** *IMCG*

**“ASP”**

- I. Run custom app. remotely to browser
- II. Run your web native app. remotely

**“On-Demand” to SaaS:**

- III. Share same config. software + :  
multi-tenancy; security; metadata;  
pricing options; etc.”
- IV. Scalability, reliability (increase); store-  
width costs (decrease)

“Cloud Computing Visions” (and/both) 7

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**SaaS PRO's** *IMCG*

- 1. Internet marketing availability
- 2. Fast deployment (cheap, trial-run testing)
- 3. Reduce dependence upon internal IT  
people
- 4. Flexible consumption
- 5. Simplified pricing models
- 6. ROI predictability (total costs of ownership  
(TCO))

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**SaaS CON's** *IMCG*

- 1. Standard product for all; limited customization
- 2. True scalability: a few SMBs to many (?)
- 3. Quick product maturity for apps. in NW corner  
(Workday aims to equal SAP in 18 months)
- 4. Security (a misperception that is fading)
- 5. 24/7/365 reliability (a concern that is fading)
- 6. Not tangible (empty boxes @ Staples)
- 7. ISV's are not racing to be VARs  
(disintermediation fears fades)
- 8. Ellison's Oracle view with NetSuite hedge

ISVs - Independent software vendors

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**STRATEGIC THINKING STAGES** *IMCG*

SaaS 1.0: Get quick efficiencies (NW corner) for low TCO

SaaS 2.0: New business models for effectiveness

- Adam Smith's "division of labor" extended to
- Radical outsourcing to #1's in the world, so we can be #1 at what we choose to focus on
- Low-end, "innovative disruptor", no legacy, greenfield start up formats?

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**ROBA\* RETAIL FORMAT CASE** *IMCG*

- Local, technical entrepreneur
- (NetSuite platform) ERP solutions with built in:
  - a. VMI\*, paperless replenishment (stock)
  - b. My Web Catalog ordering from 2 facilities for next day pick up with master DC goods cross docked
  - c. End-user, web-native design/functionality vs. legacy fur ball
- 10% of normal footprint: 5% of stock; 1000%+ virtual SKUs.
- \$1500/month TCO for IT platform
- Etc.

ROBA – Radical Outsourcing of Business Activities;  
VMI – Vendor Managed Inventory

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**ROBA RETAILER QUESTIONS** *IMCG*

1. New model(s) breakeven; ease of manning; scalability for:
  - a. Sales per square foot
  - b. Gross margin per full time employee equivalents
2. New location, distribution points & partnership possibilities:
  - a. What type of smaller towns & urban niches
  - b. In-store kiosks with Walgreens and Wal-Mart(s)

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**ROBA RETAILER QUESTIONS**



- 3. Cherry pick local elephant or two as cost+ agent?
- 4. Could a “channel utility platform” emerge? Or, will bigs succeed with their own hi-switching cost, proprietary systems?
- 5. Outsource core ERP platform to (NetSuite) supply chain VAR/integrator?

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**SaaS 3.0 VISION(S) ELEMENTS**



- 1. How far will cloud computing scale?
- 2. Costs of store/width are heading to “free”
- 3. What are other intersecting IT trends?
- 4. SaaS platform effects?
- 5. Won't all costs of start-ups failing forward drop?
- 6. Long-tail of new customer opps. for ISVs to pursue.

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**INTERSECTING (GARTNER) SOFTWARE TRENDS\***



- 1. Increased use of BPO (5 yr. growth: \$144B to \$235B)
- 2. Increased use of SaaS (25% of all software sales by '11)
- 3. Growing open source software (OSS) movement
- 4. CH-India + SOA components
- 5. Pricing resistance in greenfield countries
- 6. Rise of CH-India software firms to serve there & here

BPO – business process outsourcing; SOA – service oriented architecture; for more google: Gartner + “seven key trends” + software

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**TIME OUT FOR SOME QUESTIONS** MCG

1. For all firms in attendance:
  - a. What could/should you ROBA?
  - b. What new business models could you create (SE corner; Ex. A)?
  - c. What new, "long-tail" customer & supplier integrations emerge?
2. For ISVs: what transformational changes should you make?

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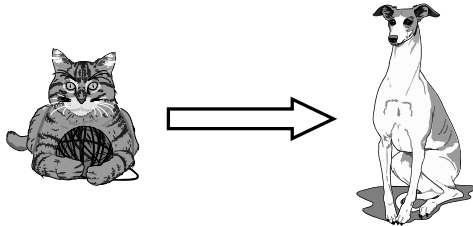
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**HOW TO RECONSTRUCT A NEW ANIMAL** MCG



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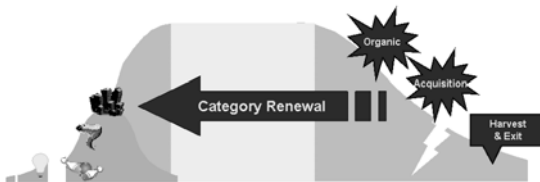
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**Innovation Types for Declining Markets**  
Leveraging Category Renewal



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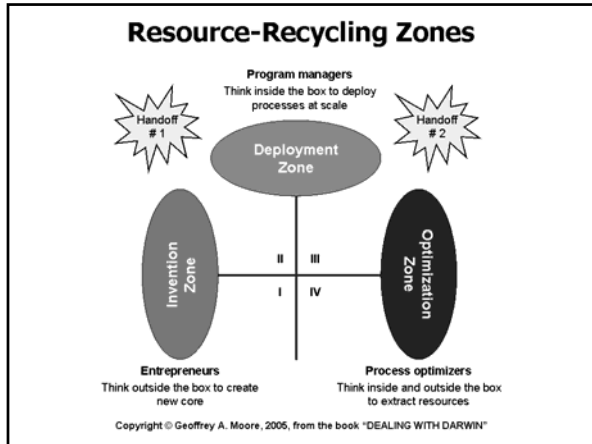
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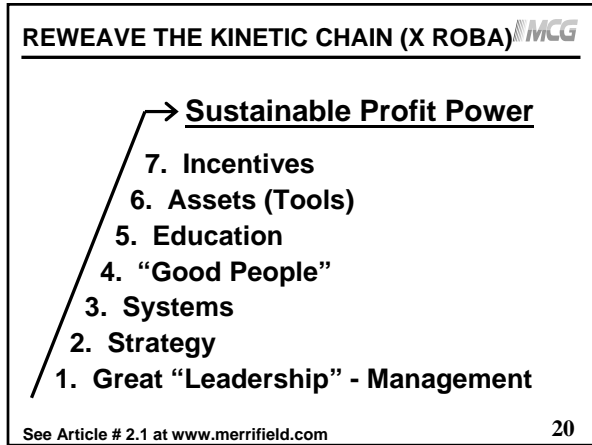
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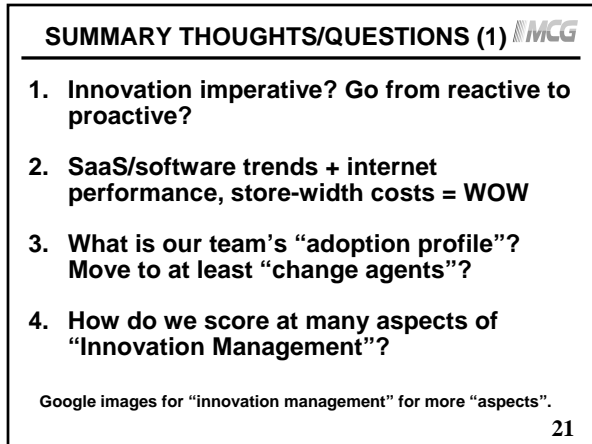
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**SUMMARY THOUGHTS/QUESTIONS (2) *IMCG***

- 5. Pick the best life-cycle categories for our firm?
- 6. See the future of SaaS/software trends convergence first?
- 7. Experimenting with (new) business model tools?
  - a. Doblin's 10 strategy levers (see Exhibit A)
  - b. Ideo's 10 Faces of Innovation

Google images for "innovation management" for more "aspects".

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**SUMMARY THOUGHTS/QUESTIONS (3) *IMCG***

- 8. What IM processes have we tried? How well?
- 9. Overhaul corporate change "memes" (culture) & people?
- 10. Recycle resources (weed dying to feed living)?

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**WHO IS BRUCE MERRIFIELD *IMCG***

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SaaS – Software as a Service

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**10 X 10 INNOVATION**

