In today’s fast-paced, competitive business environment, agility is critical for survival. And IT is the critical enabler of business agility for any enterprise. How does your organization stand in terms of these three key agility metrics?

- **Time**—the length of time it takes to make a needed change
- **Range**—the extent and complexity of change you can handle
- **Ease**—the cost, simplicity, risk, and manageability of change

The HP Adaptive Network Architecture—designed and patented by HP—focuses on business agility requirements as they relate to information flow and information access in your enterprise network. Tested and proven over three years of successful worldwide deployment on HP internal networks, the Adaptive Network Architecture leverages existing infrastructure and integrates it with next-generation networking technologies. The Adaptive Network Architecture essentially redesigns the network into business goal-oriented compartments that can span multiple physical locations and expose services and applications to users anytime, anywhere.

**Starting the Adaptive Network Architecture process**

Through an intensive Adaptive Network Architecture workshop, HP provides the opportunity to reflect on how your enterprise network supports your business goals and to identify and prioritize potential projects. At the end of the workshop, you will have a clearer understanding of how an Adaptive Network Architecture can empower your enterprise network to

- Improve business performance
- Enhance your ability to support new business models and processes
- Decrease your operating costs
Activities and deliverables

Experienced HP consultants deliver the Adaptive Network Architecture workshop over a two-day period. The workshop leverages the results of a structured questionnaire that is self-administered in advance by key IT organization members. During the first day of the workshop, we actively engage business and IT executives to discuss goals, needs, and processes, as well as the information flows related to business requirements. During the second day of the workshop, we work primarily with IT personnel who deal with the infrastructure architecture and are responsible for it on a daily basis.

The workshop focuses on developing a concrete action plan leading to a non-disruptive migration to a more agile enterprise network built on Adaptive Network Architecture principles. Moreover, if you choose to move forward with deploying an Adaptive Network Architecture, following the plan produces results that are clear, specific, and in accord with business agility principles and metrics.

Workshop agenda

• Day 1—During the first day of the workshop, HP consultants will work collaboratively with you to create an overview of your current situation and the overall business requirements of your enterprise related to information access and information flow. You will identify the challenges IT may be encountering in delivering on these business requirements. You will also discuss different business scenarios and their potential impact in terms of additional requirements IT must meet. The picture is completed with a presentation of current and anticipated challenges in daily operations.

HP consultants will present the underlying principles of the Adaptive Network Architecture and the technologies on which an adaptive network rests. Our experts will discuss Adaptive Network Architecture benefits through case studies of concrete implementations within HP and in other enterprises. Included in this discussion is a survey of Adaptive Network Architecture deployment scenarios and best practices in implementation and operations of an Adaptive Network Architecture–enabled infrastructure.

• Day 2—After a brief review of the accomplishments of Day 1, your group and HP will brainstorm with the goal of identifying and prioritizing potential infrastructure projects that could leverage the Adaptive Network Architecture approach to contribute to solving some of the challenges identified on Day 1 and bring significant business benefits for your enterprise.

At the end of the second day of the workshop, you will have selected the most promising projects. You will understand the benefits of the Adaptive Network Architecture to IT and to the enterprise as a whole—and you will have a plan that is based on business requirements; supports a progressive, painless migration; and ensures that every step can be measured for success and maximum return on investment.

Moving ahead

The Adaptive Network Architecture workshop is an important first step in understanding, validating, and planning for an Adaptive Network Architecture deployment. To ensure optimum results, HP asks your organization to:

• Guarantee the availability of a senior sponsor
• Ensure the availability of key stakeholders and information providers
• Provide thorough, timely input to the questionnaire and collaborative sessions

For more information about the Adaptive Network Architecture, the Adaptive Network Architecture workshop, and other HP Adaptive Enterprise services, visit www.hp.com/go/adaptive.

“The value propositions for the Adaptive Network Architecture are easy to understand,” said David Passmore, Research Director, Burton Group. “Complex changes to network security policies can be made in far less time, large groups of users and devices can be added or deleted from a network in a matter of hours instead of weeks, and no new networking gear is needed. The Adaptive Network Architecture is a major advancement in managing network security as a system, rather than configuring individual devices.”

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