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# Software architecture and enterprises



SOFTWARE  
ARCHITECTURE

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# Role of software architect



## Architectural drivers

Understanding the goals  
Capturing, refining and  
challenging  
requirements and constraints

## Designing Software

Creating the technical  
strategy, vision and  
roadmap

## Technical Risks

Identifying, mitigating and  
owning the technical risks to  
ensure that the architecture  
"works"

## Architecture evolution

Continuous technical  
leadership and ownership of  
the architecture throughout  
The software delivery

## Coding

Involvement in the  
hands-on elements of  
the software delivery

## Quality Assurance

Introduction and adherence  
to standards, guidelines,  
principles, etc.

# Role of software architect (review)



## Expectations of an architect

Make architectural decisions

Continually analyse the architecture

Keep current with existing trends

Ensure compliance with existing decisions

Diverse exposure and experience

Have business domain knowledge

Possess interpersonal skills

Understand and navigate politics

Software architect is a role, not a rank



# Understand and navigate politics

Understand the political climate of the organization and be able to navigate the politics

Architectural decisions affect stakeholders

Product owners, project managers, business stakeholders, developers...

Almost every decision an architect makes will be challenged

Negotiation skills are required

Present and defend the architecture

The software architect's elevator

Communication with the different layers



# Some types of companies

## Product-based companies in software

- Develop some software product

- The software can itself consist of a service like Google

- The whole company is software driven

## Product-based companies in other domains

- Domains like steel, textile design, logistics...

- IT department inside those companies

- Trade-off: internal IT, in-house, outsourced, offshore

## Consulting or service-based companies

- Provide IT services to other companies

- From Small/local companies to International companies

## Startups and entrepreneurs

- Small companies developing some product or idea

- Usually funded by angel investors or venture capitalists

- Risk in an uncertain and volatile environment



# Other architects...

## Enterprise architect

Support organization's business strategy with IT solutions and information

## Solutions architect

Focuses on the ongoing projects and works in designing IT solutions based on requirements from the organization business

## Business architect

Focuses on the organizational business needs and understands in details how the organization works

## Software architect

Focuses on the ongoing project similarly to solution architects. They have a deeper knowledge in technology

Others: Data architect, application architect, technology architect,...

# Enterprise architecture

## Enterprise architecture

Structure and behaviors of a business

Business roles and processes

It comprises IT and organization design

## 2 main approaches

Zachman framework: Model driven





































TOGAF: Initiative driven



# Zachman framework

Model driven approach (created by J. Zachman, 1987)

## Classification scheme for enterprise descriptions

	WHAT	HOW	WHERE	WHO	WHEN	WHY	
SCOPE CONTEXTS	Inventory Identification  Inventory Types	Process Identification  Process Types	Network Identification  Network Types	Organization Identification  Organization Types	Timing Identification  Timing Types	Motivation Identification  Motivation Types	STRATEGISTS AS THEORISTS
BUSINESS CONCEPTS	Inventory Definition  Business Entity Business Relationship	Process Definition  Business Transform Business Input	Network Definition  Business Location Business Connection	Organization Definition  Business Role Business Work	Timing Definition  Business Cycle Business Moment	Motivation Definition  Business End Business Means	EXECUTIVE LEADERS AS OWNERS
SYSTEM LOGIC	Inventory Representation  System Entity System Relationship	Process Representation  System Transform System Input	Network Representation  System Location System Connection	Organization Representation  System Role System Work	Timing Representation  System Cycle System Moment	Motivation Representation  System End System Means	ARCHITECTS AS DESIGNERS
TECHNOLOGY PHYSICS	Inventory Specification  Technology Entity Technology Relationship	Process Specification  Technology Transform Technology Input	Network Specification  Technology Location Technology Connection	Organization Specification  Technology Role Technology Work	Timing Specification  Technology Cycle Technology Moment	Motivation Specification  Technology End Technology Means	ENGINEERS AS BUILDERS
COMPONENT ASSEMBLIES	Inventory Configuration  Component Entity Component Relationship	Process Configuration  Component Transform Component Input	Network Configuration  Component Location Component Connection	Organization Configuration  Component Role Component Work	Timing Configuration  Component Cycle Component Moment	Motivation Configuration  Component End Component Means	TECHNICIANS AS IMPLEMENTERS
OPERATIONS CLASSES	Inventory Instantiation  Operations Entity Operations Relationship	Process Instantiation  Operations Transform Operations Input	Network Instantiation  Operations Location Operations Connection	Organization Instantiation  Operations Role Operations Work	Timing Instantiation  Operations Cycle Operations Moment	Motivation Instantiation  Operations End Operations Means	WORKERS AS PARTICIPANTS
	INVENTORY SETS	PROCESS TRANSFORMATIONS	NETWORK NODES	ORGANIZATION GROUPS	TIMING PERIODS	MOTIVATION REASONS	

Source: Visual-paradigm web page



# TOGAF (The Open Group Architecture Framework)

## Initiative driven approach

Framework and methodology

First published in 1995, Dpt. Defense USA

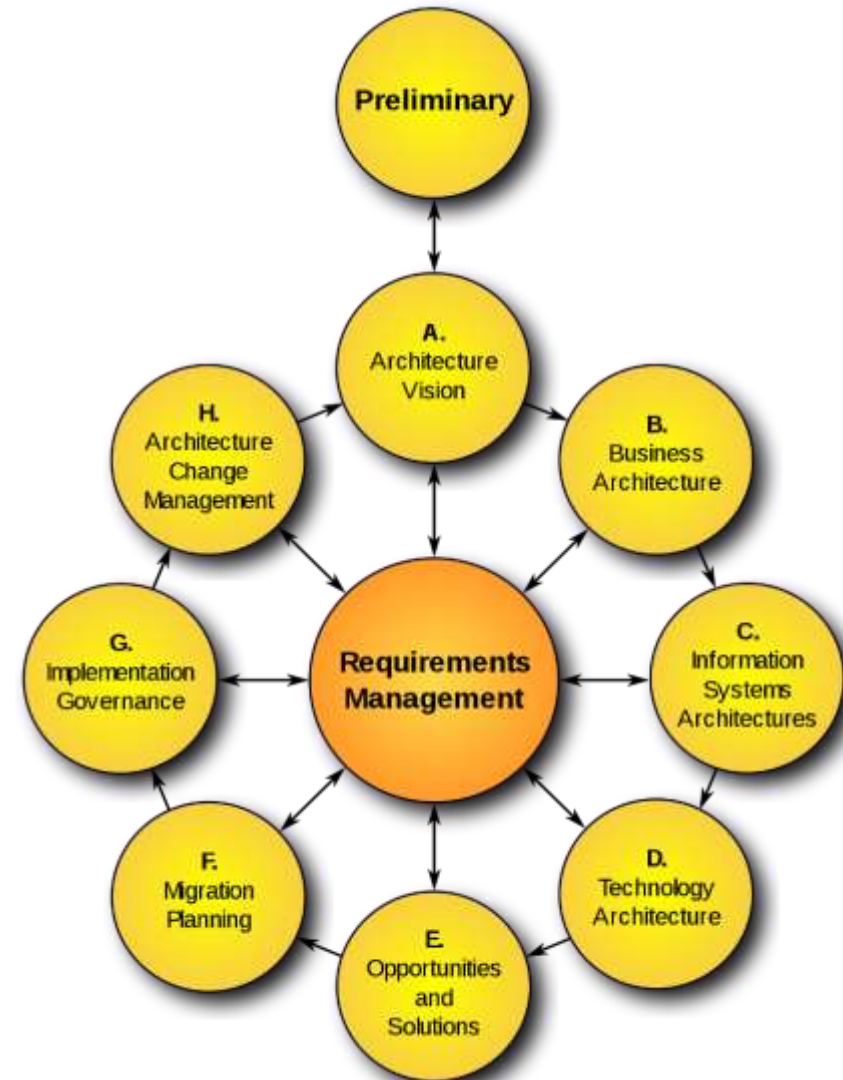
4 architecture domains

Business architecture

Data architecture

Applications architecture

Technical architecture



Source: Wikimedia commons

# Soft skills

## Leadership and negotiation

### Some negotiation tips

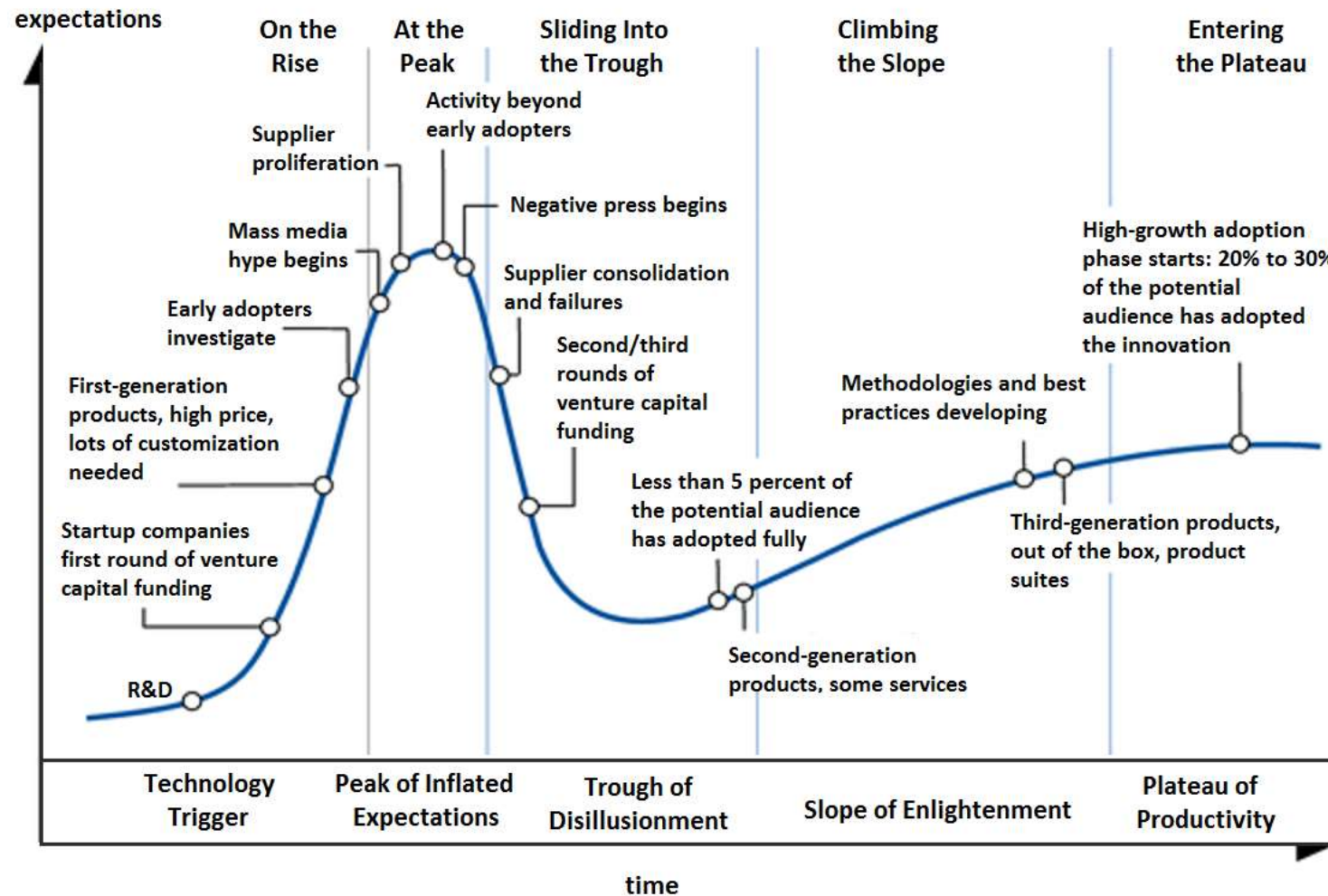
- Know when to fight for something and know when to 'let it go'
- Demonstration defeats discussion
- Leverage the divide and conquer rule to avoid absolutes or '*all-or-nothing*' situations
- Focus the conversation on business value
- Involve developers in your architecture decisions
- Turn the negotiation into terms of qualified cost and value



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNwTNRb9HQQ&t=201s>

# Software architecture and trends

Hype cycle\_ Proposed by Gartner, first published in 1995



# Software architecture and trends

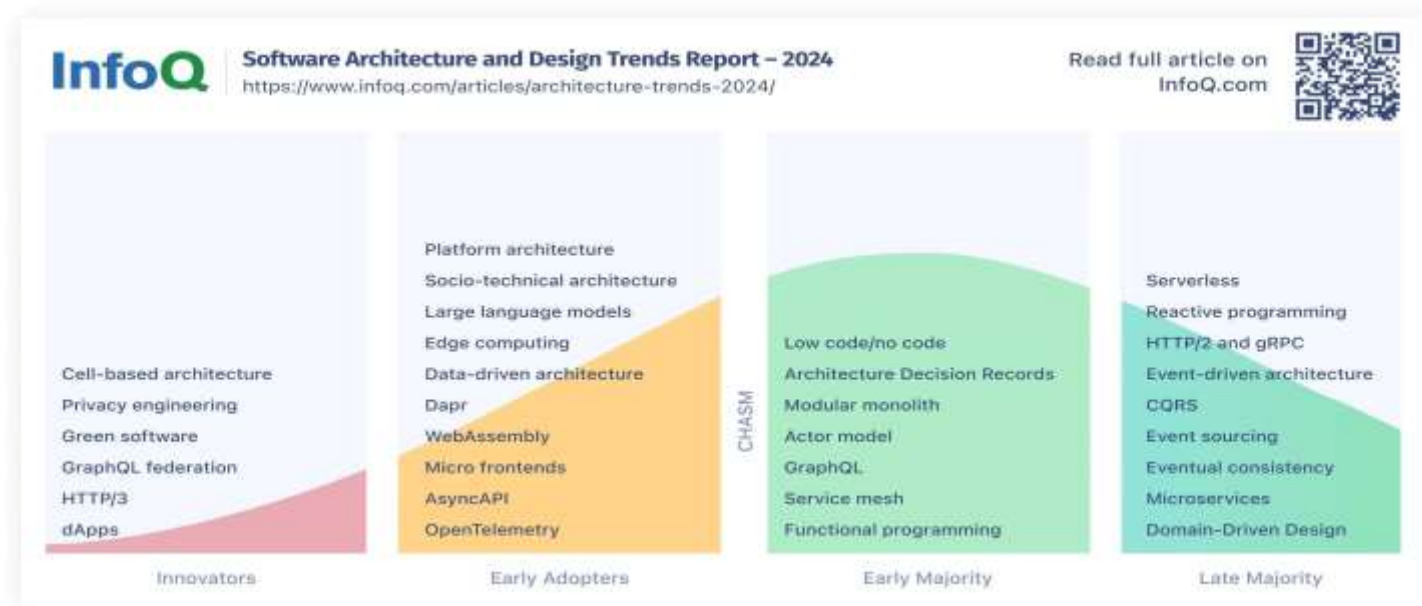
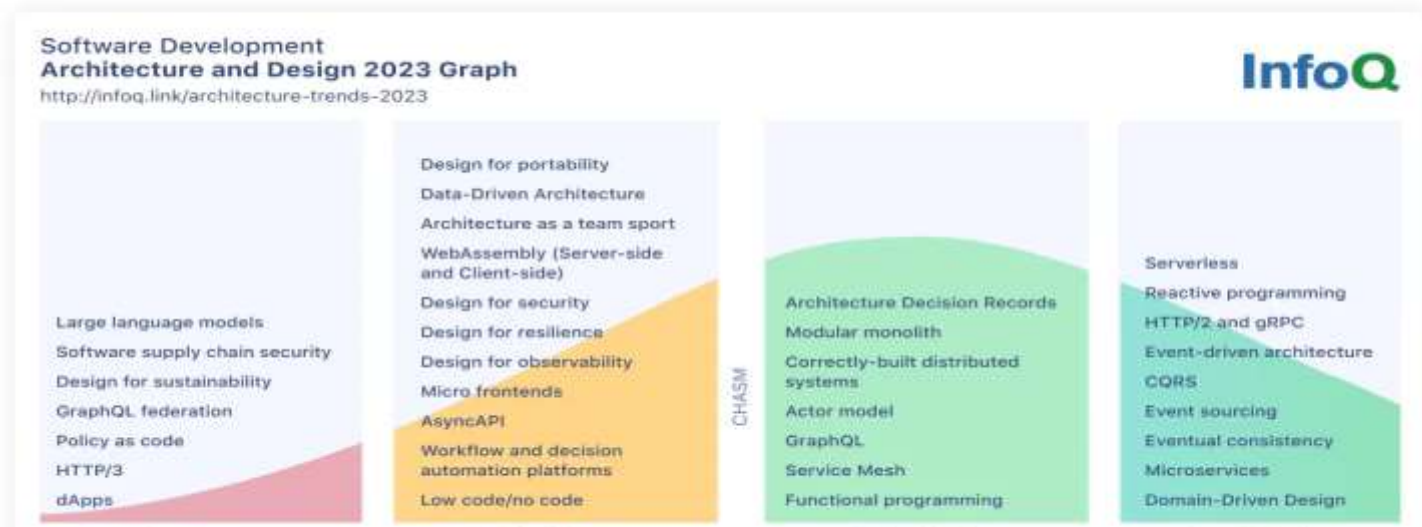
Tip: devote time to keep up to date

Recommendation 20 minutes every day to learn something new

Review some places:

- InfoQ: <https://www.infoq.com/articles/architecture-trends-2023/>
- ThoughtWorks: technology radar: <https://www.thoughtworks.com/radar>
- Dzone refcardz: <https://dzone.com/refcardz>
- Software engineering radio: <https://www.se-radio.net/>
- ...

# InfoQ Software architecture trends 2023-24



# Enterprise software

IT Software taxonomy

# Enterprise Software

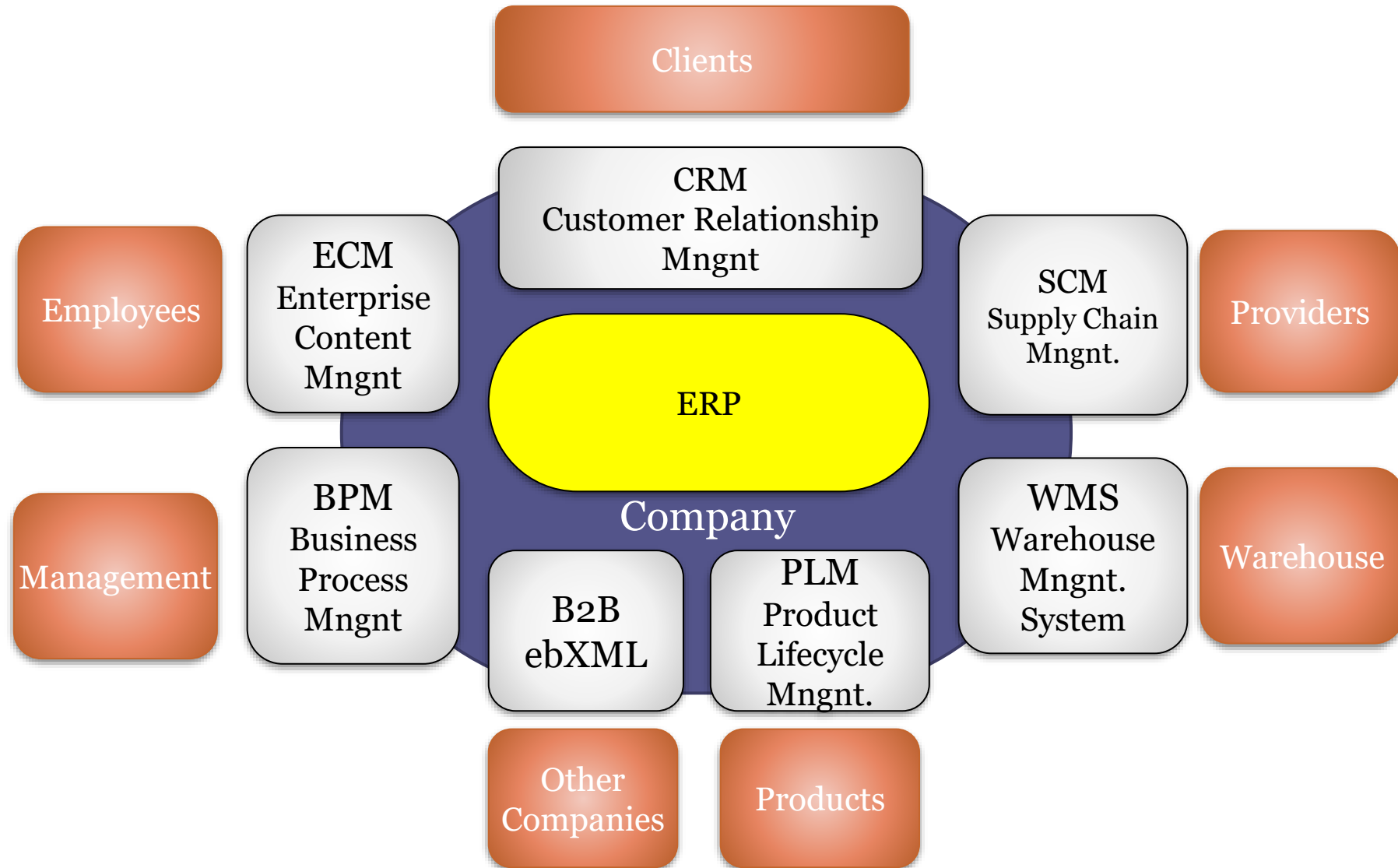
IT software taxonomy

System Classification:

CRM, ERP, SCM, ECM, PLM, EAI...



# Enterprise information systems





# ERP

## ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning)

Appeared at the end 90s

2000 year increased its adoption

### Enterprise Technological Structure

Central data base

Real time access

Centralized management of production, logistics, inventory, accounting, billing...

# ERP

## Advantages

Performance and quality

Reuse established business best practices

Process continuity

Information uniformity

Concept of unique and single data

Continuous technological update

Decision-making support

## Challenges

Complexity: Customization, Deployment, Training, ...etc.

Involve people

Adapt existing processes

Overestimate software benefits

Too much dependency on some specific software

High costs to change to other software

Adapting existing processes to provided processes

# ERP

## Applications

### SAP R/3

3 layers client/server architecture

Based on a domain-specific language: ABAP

ABAP: Advanced Business Application Programming

SAP = biggest european software company

### Other systems:

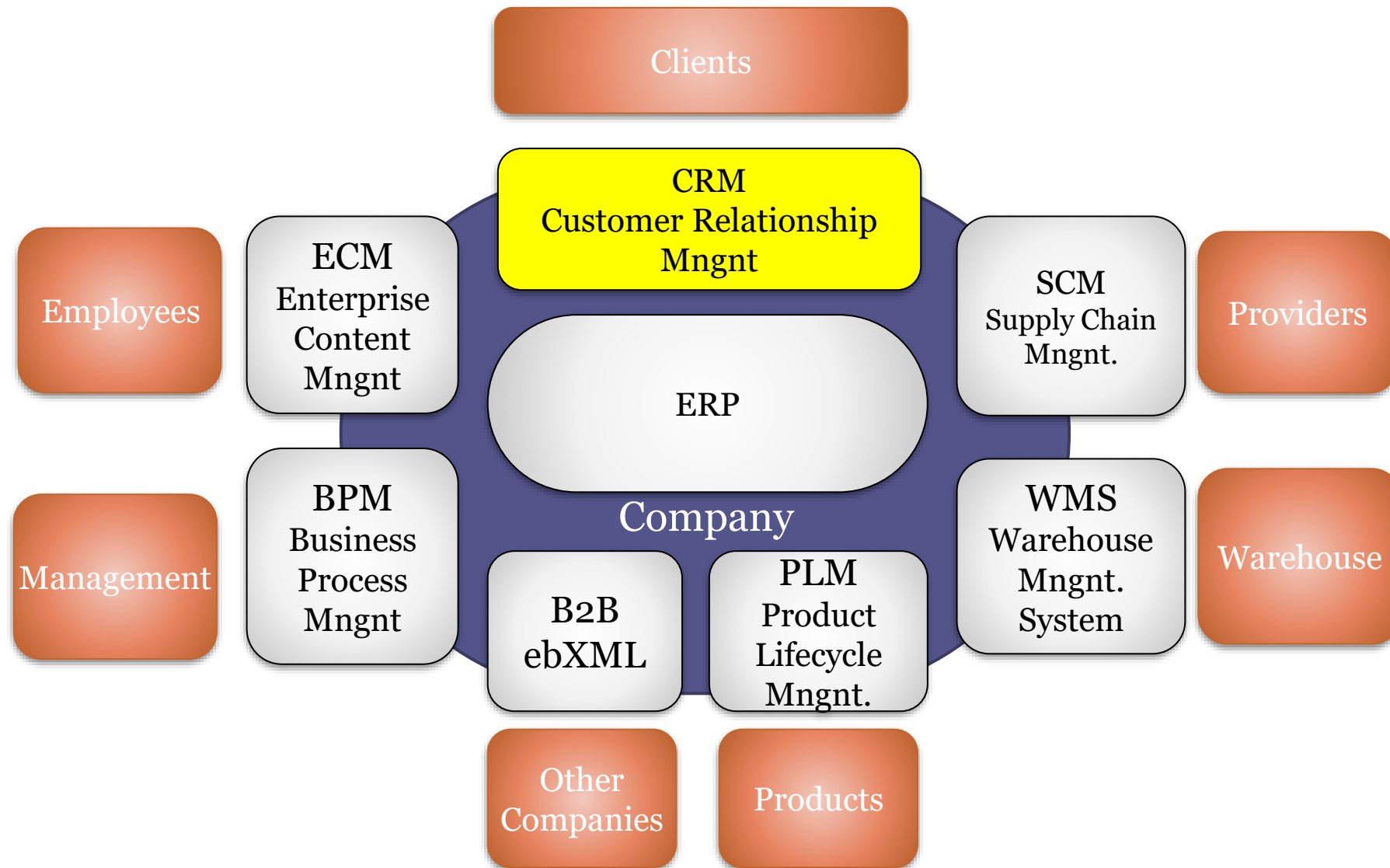
Comercial:

Oracle Fusion, Microsoft Dynamics NAV, SAGE, ...

Open source:

OpenERP, webERP, ...

# Enterprise information systems



# CRM - Customer Relationship Management

## CRM - Customer Relationship Management

Manage relationships between Company and clients

Client lifecycle

Acquisition - Improve - Retain

Manages interactions with current and future clients

Involves:

Sales

*Marketing*

Client service

*Call-centers*

Technical support



# CRM - Customer Relationship Management

## Advantages

Helps identify best clients

Adapt products to client needs

Anticipate needs

Keeps track of client's contacts

## Challenges

Client satisfaction

Labor cost reduction

Geographical and temporal diversity

Profile management and privacy

Social client and user communities

Combination with social networks (twitter, facebook,...)

Product reviews (Amazon, Booking,...)



# CRM - Customer Relationship Management

## Applications

Lots of CRM are integrated with ERP systems

SAP, Oracle, Microsoft CRM

Others:

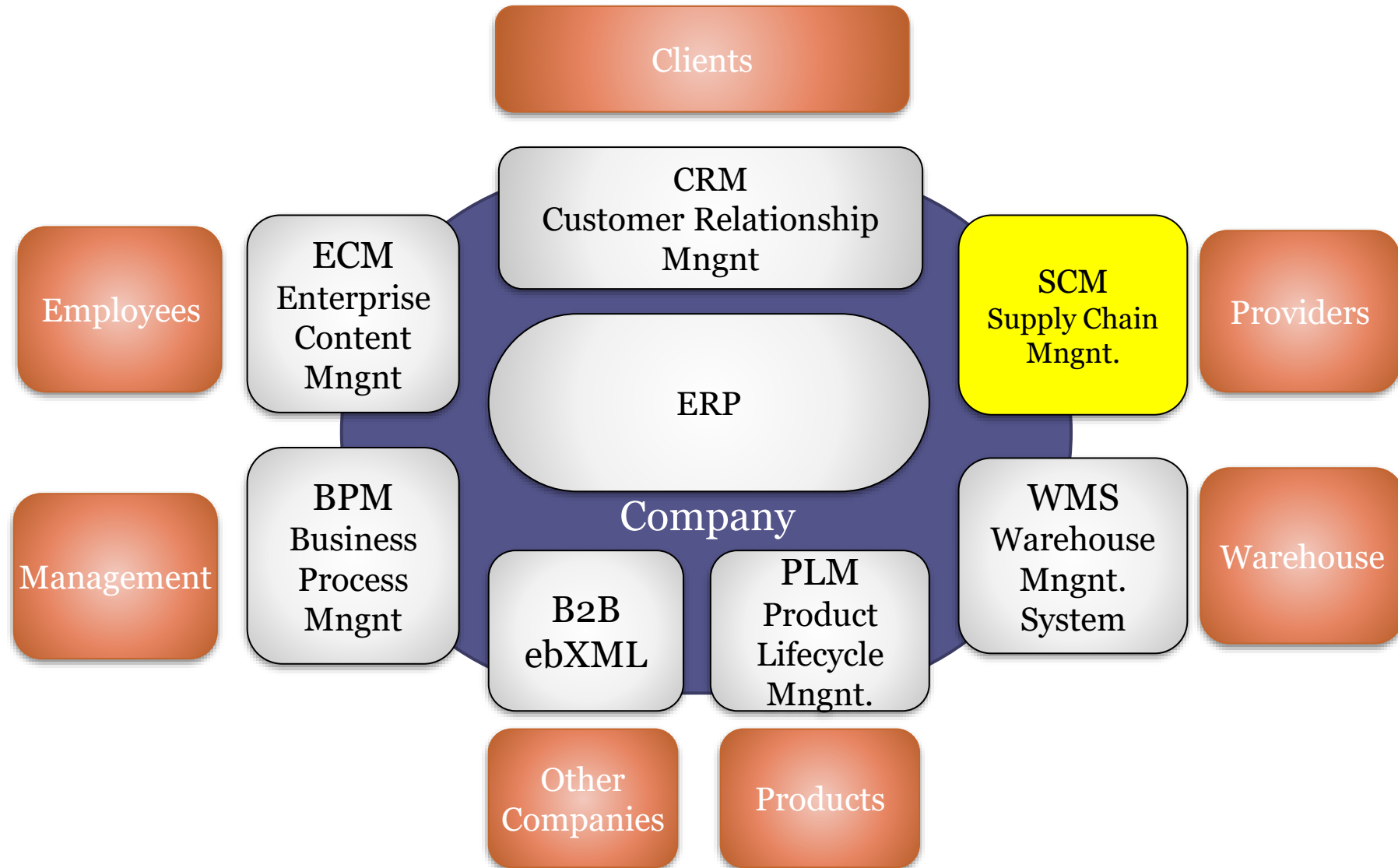
Salesforce.com

webCRM

...



# Enterprise information systems





# SCM - Supply Chain Management

## SCM - Supply Chain Management

Processing client requirements

Purchase orders management

Inventory management

Goods reception and storage

Supplies and stocks management



# SCM - Supply Chain Management

## Advantages

Forecast future demands

Inventory control

Improve business relationships

Feedback and state of each element in supply chain

## Challenges

Planning

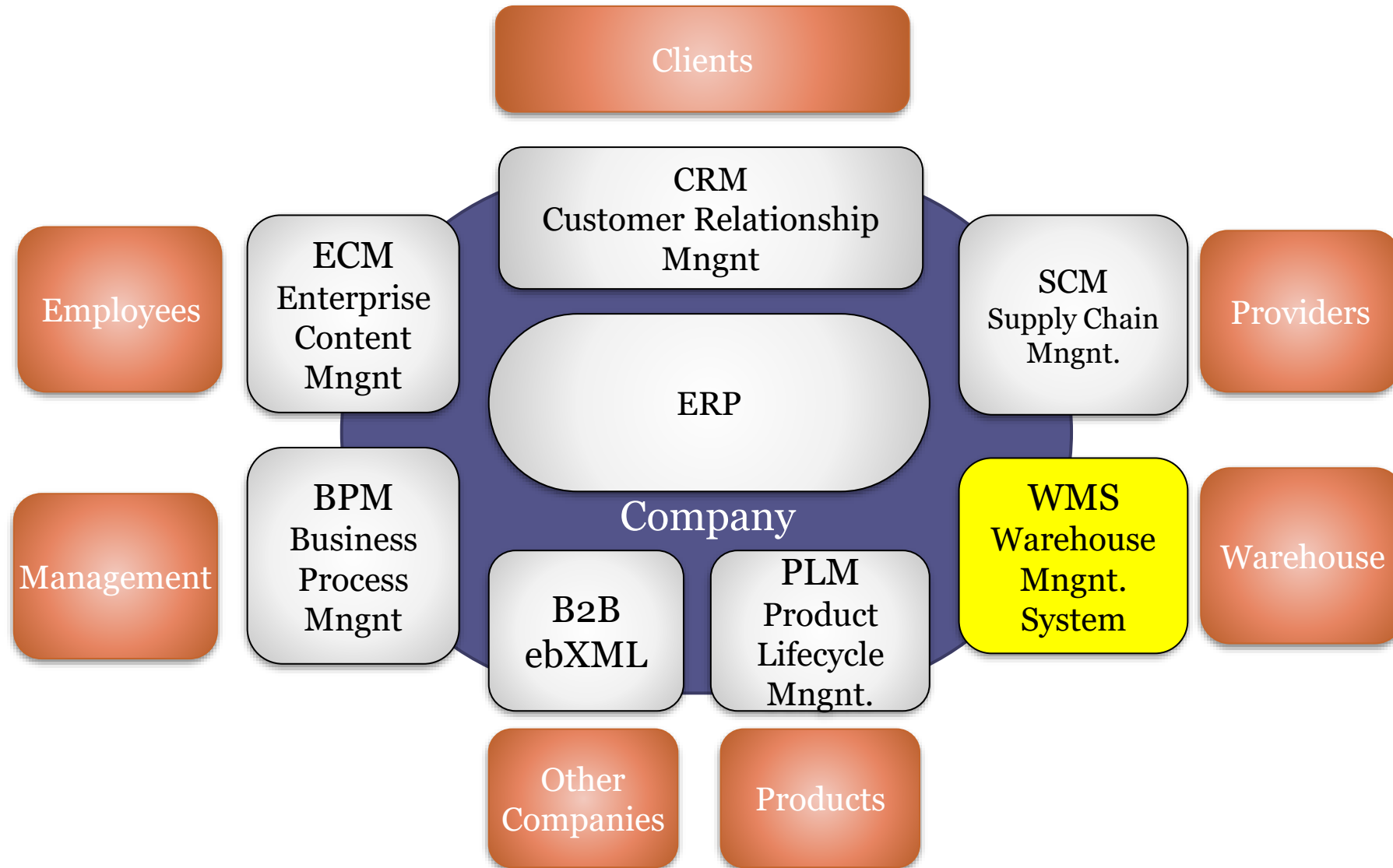
Lack of knowledge

Inaccurate forecasting demands

Lack of collaboration



# Enterprise information systems



# WMS - Warehouse Management Software

## Warehouse Management Software

Product control in warehouses

Technology for identifying products

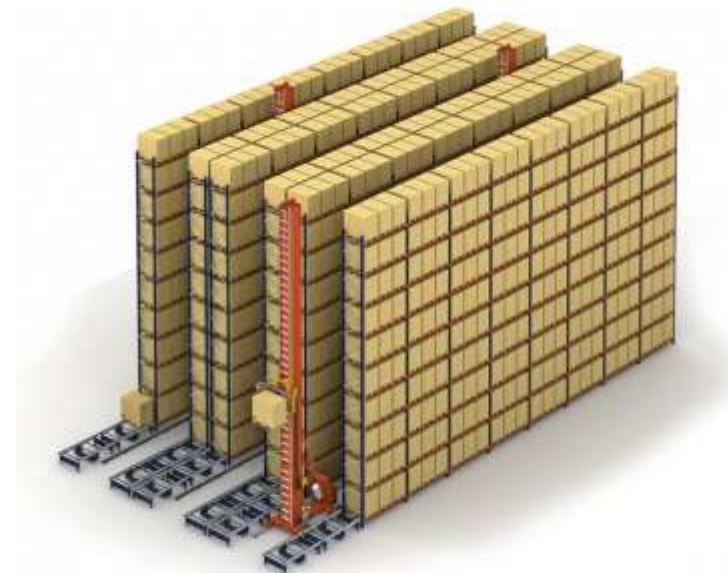
Picking, barcode scanners, RFID, etc.

Automated warehouses

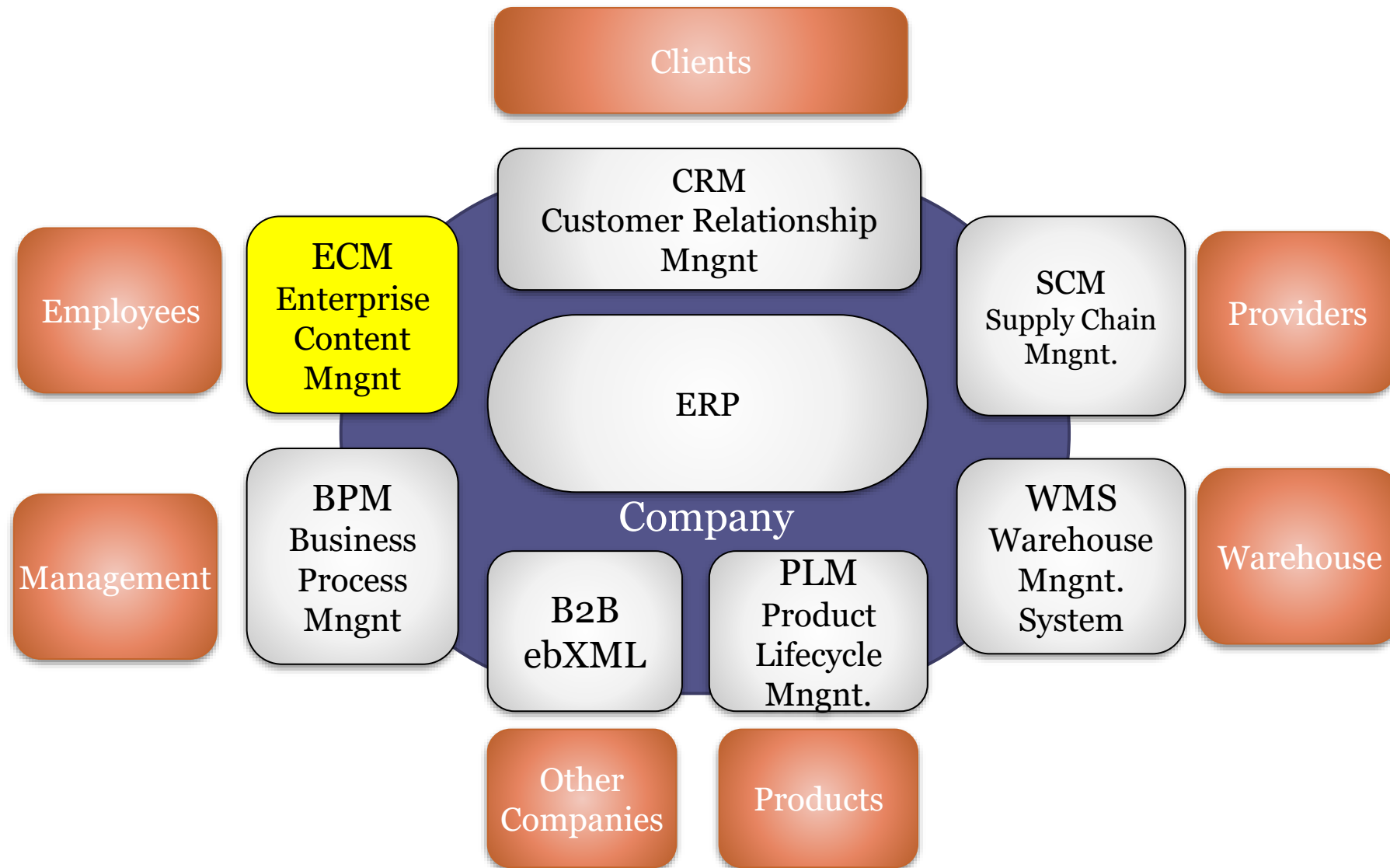
Stacker cranes, *miniloads*

Examples:

Mecalux EasyWMS



# Enterprise information systems



# ECM - Enterprise Content Management

Goal: Paperless office

Became popular in 2006

# ECM - Enterprise Content Management

## Components

### Capture and recognition

- Scan and obtain documents

- Character recognition: OCR, HCR, etc.

### Management:

- Document indexing

### Storage

- Document management

### Maintenance

- Security copies, archive, etc.

### Sending

- Transformation and publishing

# ECM - Enterprise Content Management

## Systems

Microsoft Sharepoint

Oracle Content Management

EMC Documentum

## Open source

Alfresco

LogicaDOC

Plone

...



# ECM - Enterprise Content Management

## Knowledge Management

Combines unstructured information sources

## Groupware

Software for collaborative working groups

Example: Lotus Notes

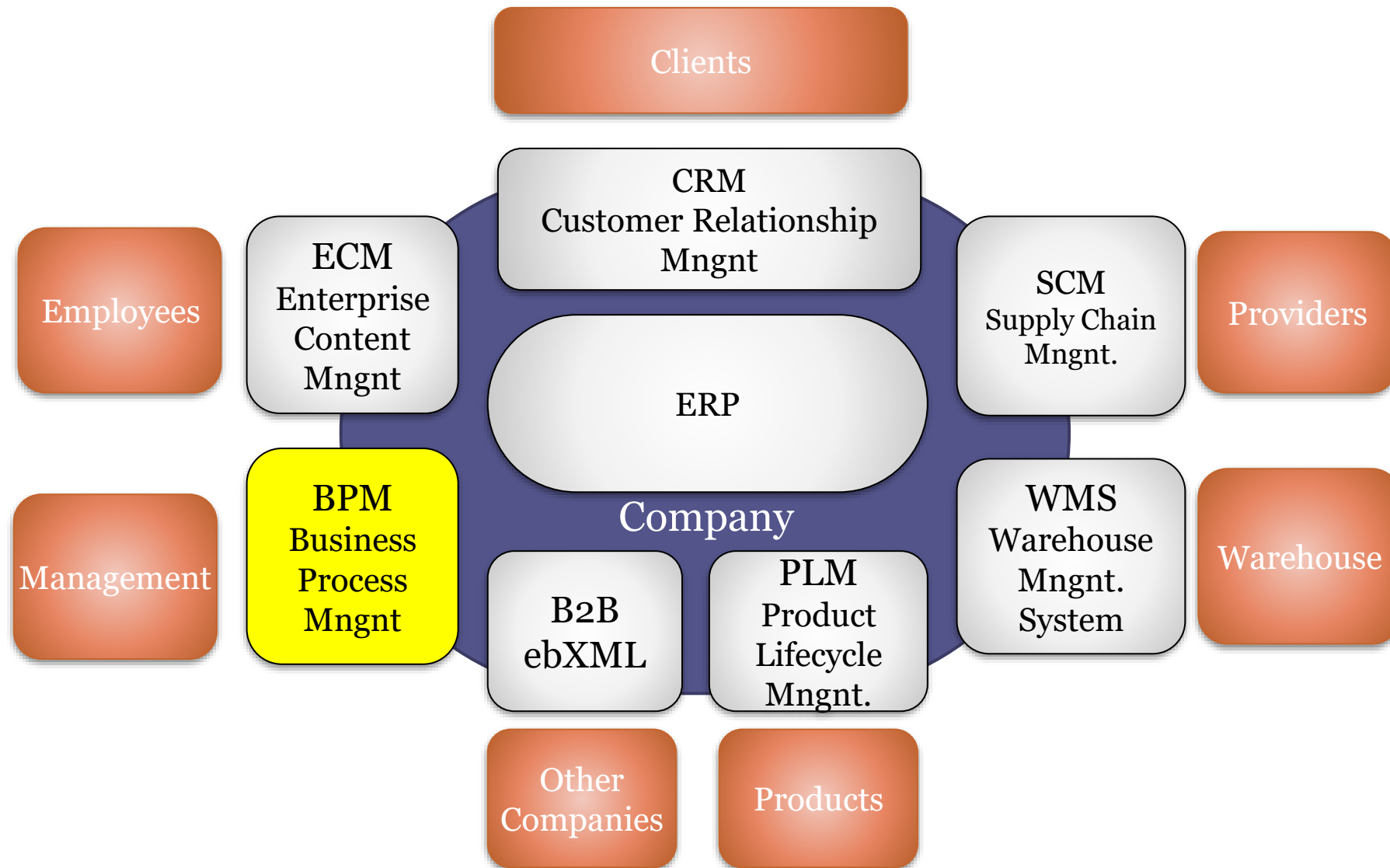
Enterprise Wikis

Example: Confluence

## Document manager

Examples: LogicalDOC, Ricoh

# Enterprise information systems



# BPM - Business Process Management

**Business process:**

Set of procedures or activities with a business goal

*Workflow:*

Business workflow automation

**BPM:**

Business process lifecycle management through workflows

# BPM - Business Process Management

Decision support systems

BI: Business Intelligence

Report creation

Data mining

Predictions and decision support

# BPM - Business Process Management

OLAP (Online Analytical Processing) tools

Multidimensional analysis (OLAP Cube)

Enables to do operations

Sums, averages, etc. over groups of data

Solutions:

Microsoft, Oracle Business Objects,...

# BPM - Business Process Management

## Operational intelligence

Real-time monitoring

Balanced scorecard

Graphical visualizations of different metrics

Complex event processing

# BPM - Business Process Management

## Notations

### BPEL (*Business Process Execution Language*)

Defined by OASIS

Defines relationships between web services (orchestration)

Integration with WS-\* standards

More oriented to developers

### BPMN (*Business Process Model and Notation*)

Visual notation defined by OMG

Represents business processes

More oriented to business people

# BPMN example

## BPMN elements

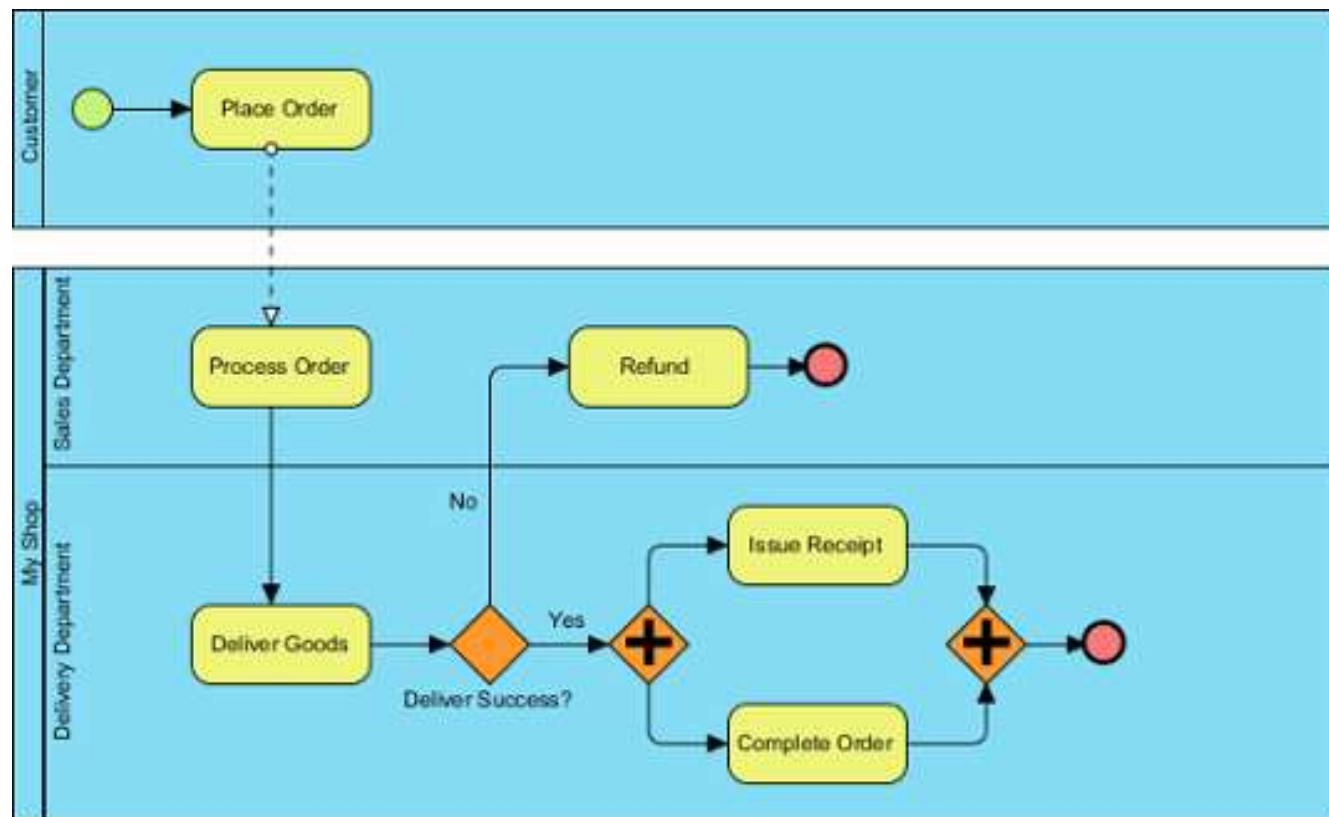
Events (start/intermediate/end)

Activities

Gateways

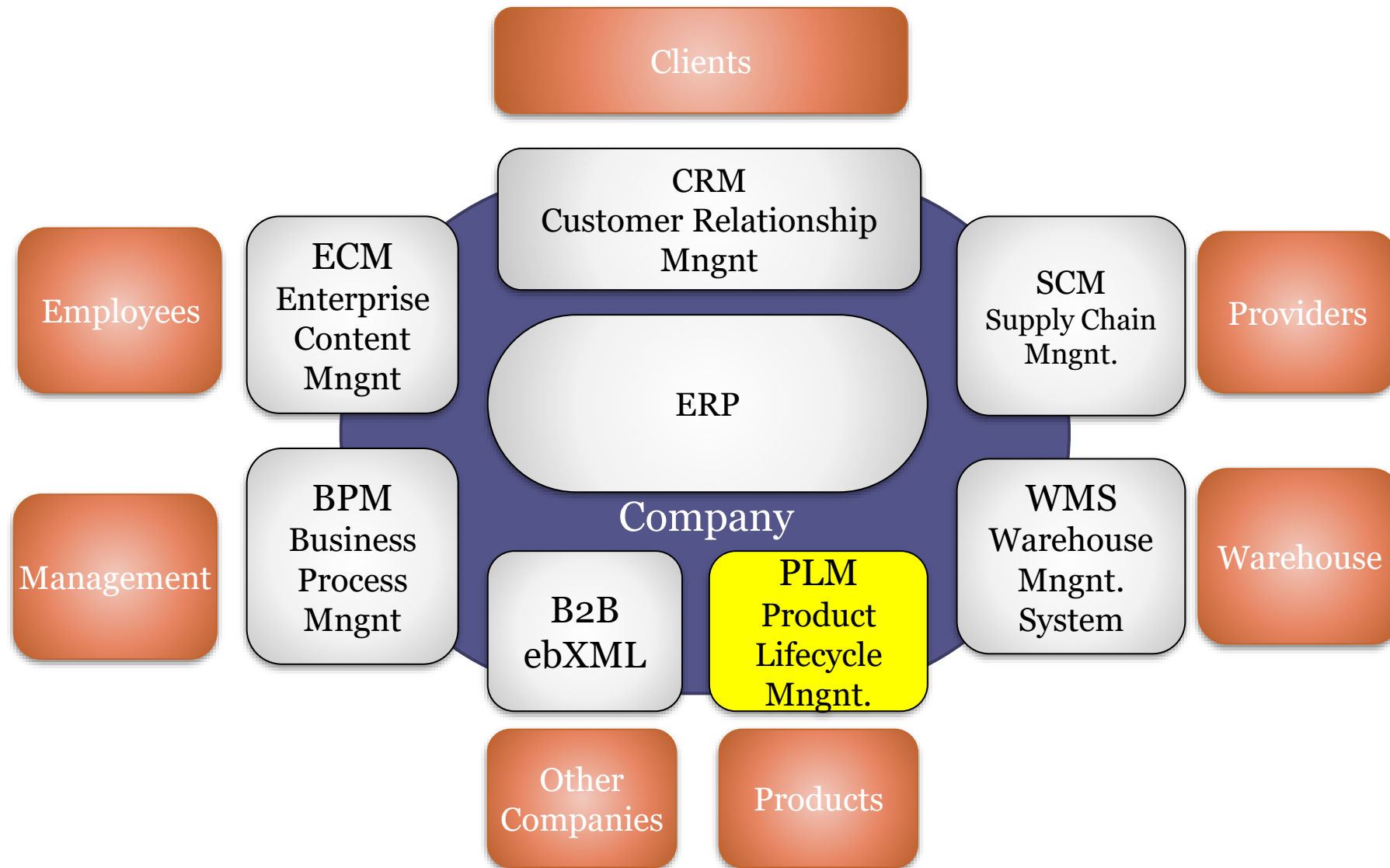
Connections

Swim lanes





# Enterprise information systems



# PLM - Product Lifecycle Management

Integral product lifecycle management  
Phases

Conceive

Design

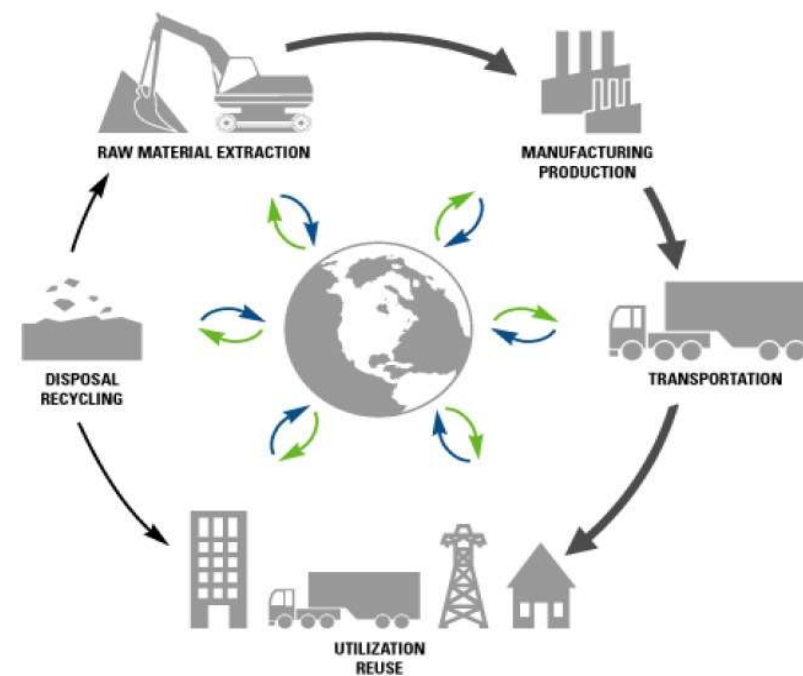
CAD tools (Computer Aided Design)

Realize

CAE (Computer Aided Engineering)

Service

Repair and maintenance



# PLM - Product Lifecycle Management

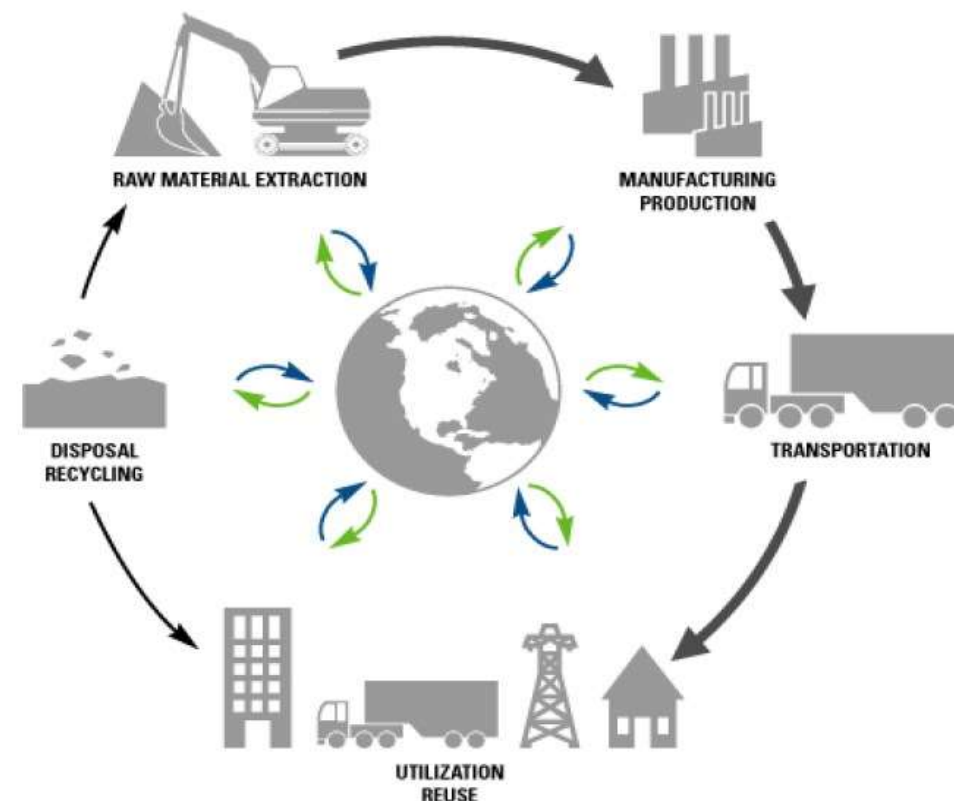
Solutions :

Siemens TeamCenter

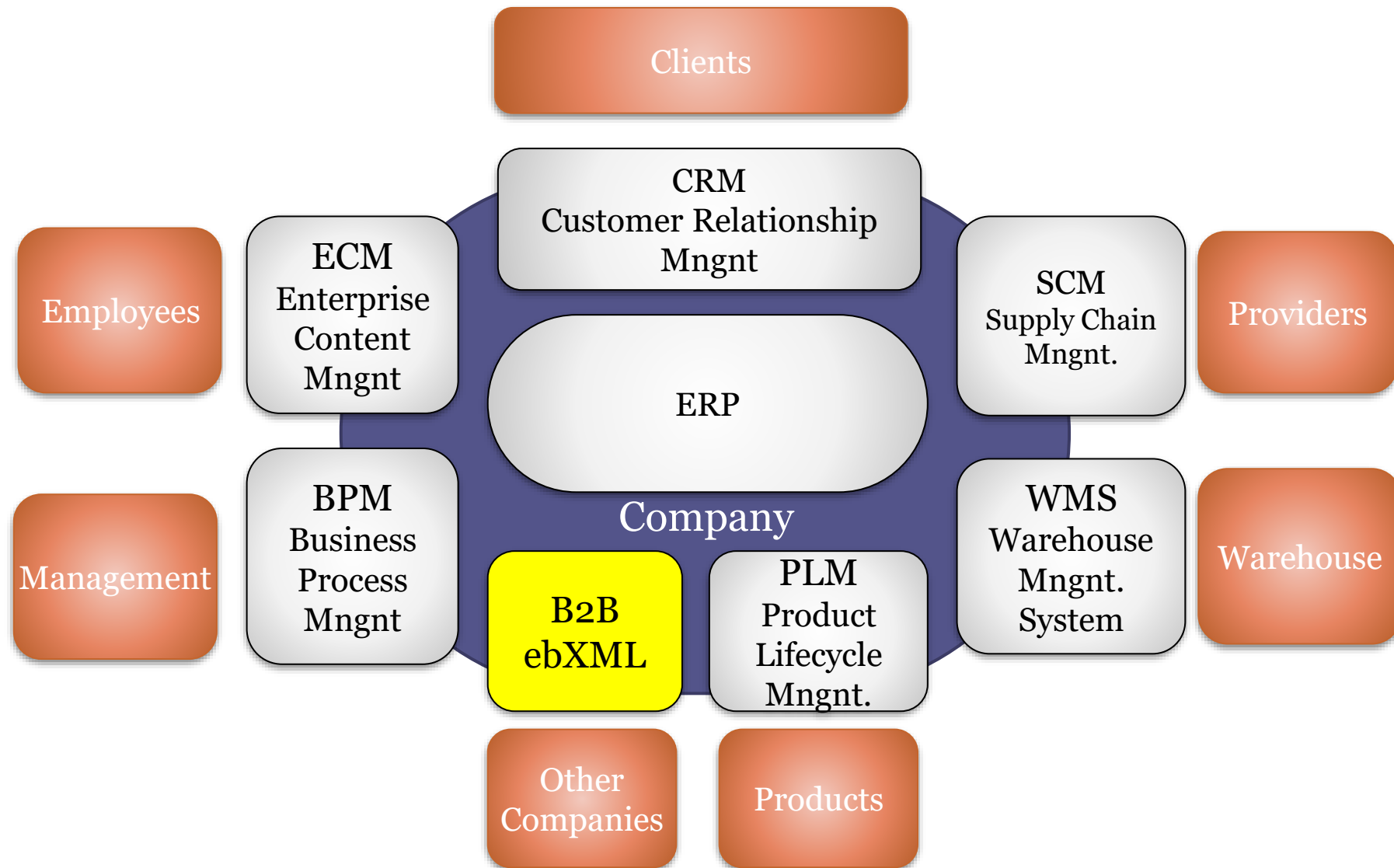
SAP PLM

Sopheon

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# Enterprise Information Systems



# Relationship with external agents

## Some common terms

B2B: Business-to-business

B2C: Business-to-consumer

C2C: Consumer-to-consumer

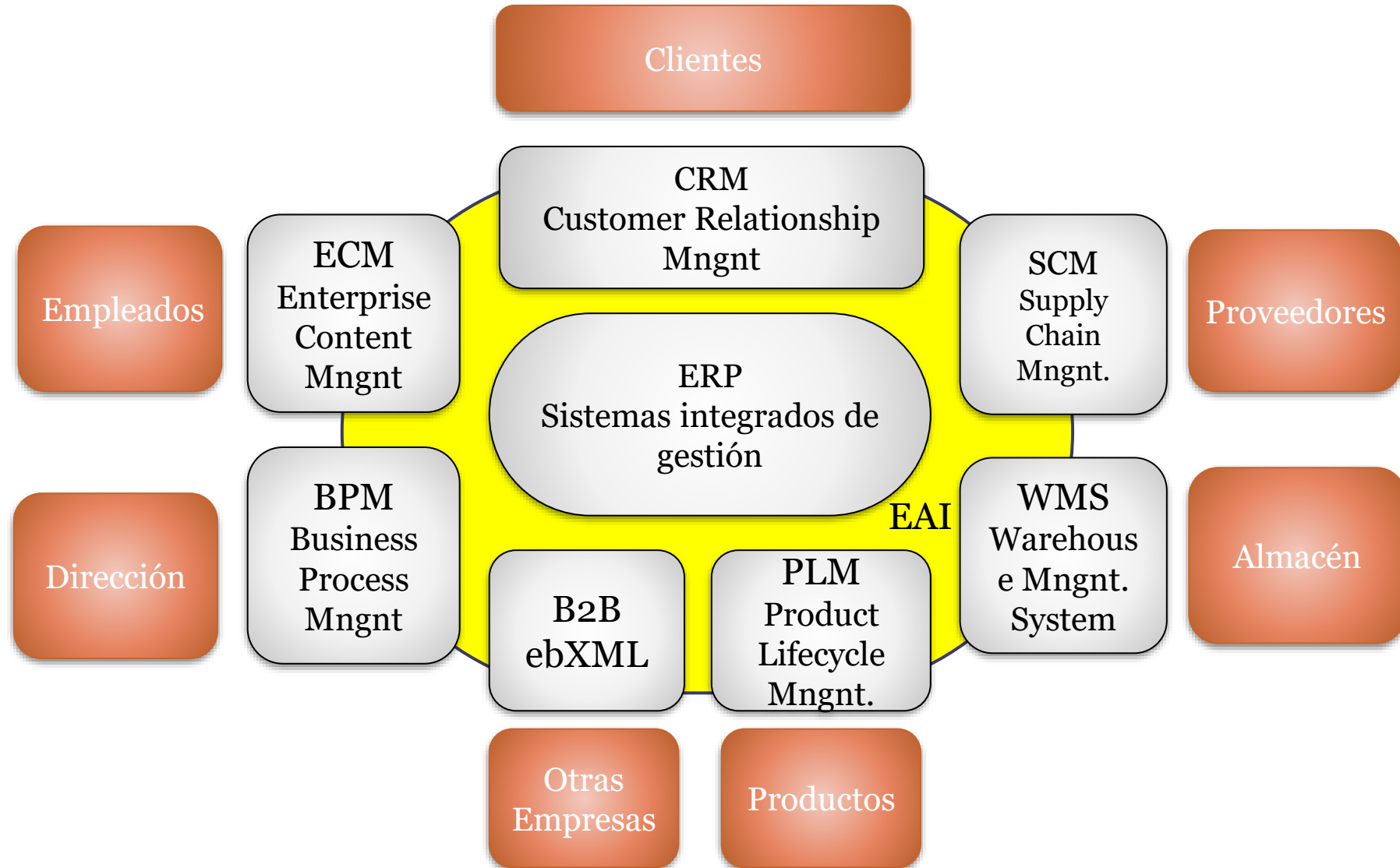
Most of e-commerce is B2B

Information exchange standards:

EDI (Electronic Data Interchange)

ebXML: XML based technologies for e-commerce

# Enterprise Application Integration



# EAI

EAI: Enterprise Application Integration

Glue between different systems

See:

[Integration patterns \(previous lesson\)](#)

# Software product lines



# Software product lines

Product line: products that share a set of functionalities to satisfy some given market segment

## Goal:

Reduce development effort

Improve productivity

Evolve from a single product to a product line

Strategic reuse



# Software product lines

## Requirements

Identify generic solutions to common problems

Component based development

Generic Platforms

Software reuse

Generic architecture from which individual product architectures can be derived

Automatic system generation



# Software and enterprise services

# Towards services

Trend towards services

As a service family

Software as a service (SaaS)

Platform as a service (PaaS)

Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

Microservices

Service ecosystems

# Service level terminology

## Service Level Indicators (SLI)

Quantitative measure of some aspect of the level of service that is provided

Examples: error rate, system throughput, availability

## Service Level Objective (SLO)

A target value or range of values for a service level that is measured by an SLI

Example: average search request latency should be less than 100 milliseconds

## Service Level Agreement (SLA)

An explicit or implicit contract with your users that includes consequences of meeting (or missing) the SLOs they contain.

# Service governance

## Release management and deployment

Reliability and security

API management

Dependencies

Monitoring

## Production support

Incidence response

On-call rotations

## Cost model

## Client onboarding

Documentation

Disaster recovery

Recommended books (free)  
Site Reliability Engineering  
<https://landing.google.com/sre/>

# Software evolution

## Software evolution

Timely updating the software

## Reasons

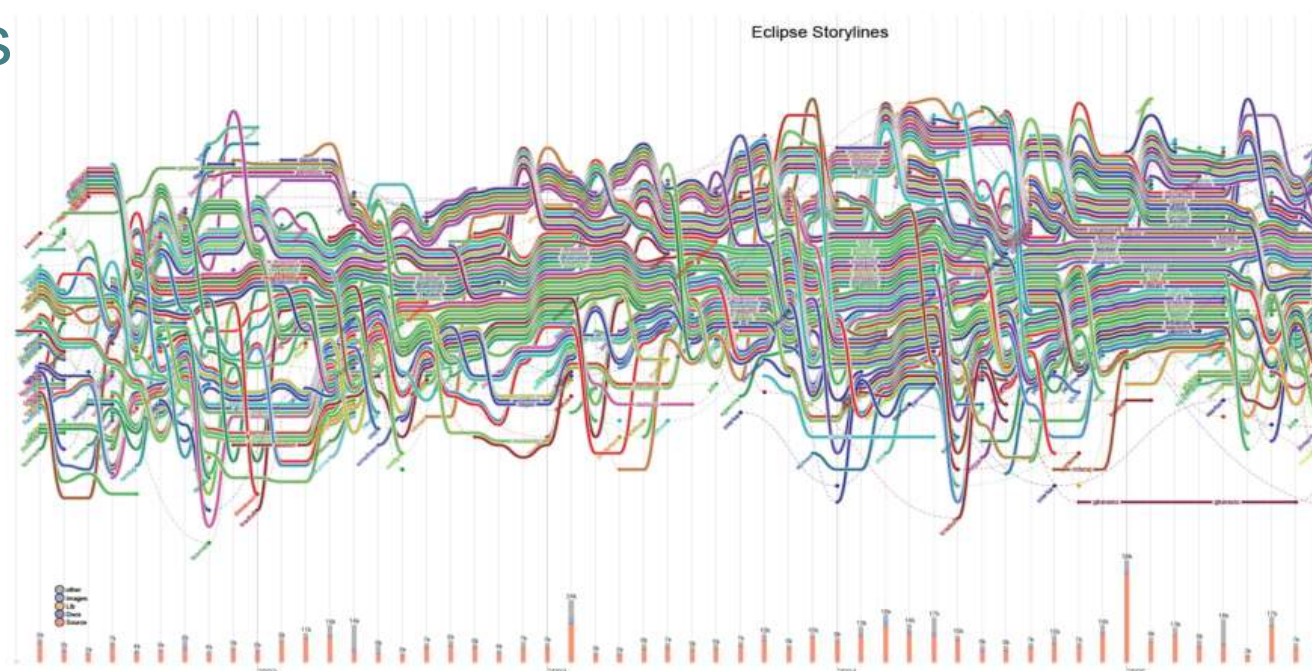
Changes in requisites with time

New functionalities or features

Changes in environment

Errors and bugs

Security risks



# Lehman's laws of software evolution

Proposed in 1974 by Manny Lehman

## *Continuing Change*

A system must be continually adapted or it becomes progressively less satisfactory

## *Increasing Complexity*

As a system evolves, its complexity increases unless work is done to maintain or reduce it

Other laws from Lehman's:

Continuous growth

Conservation of familiarity

...



Manny Lehman  
Fuente Wikidata





# Software refactoring

Restructuring existing software without changing its external behaviour

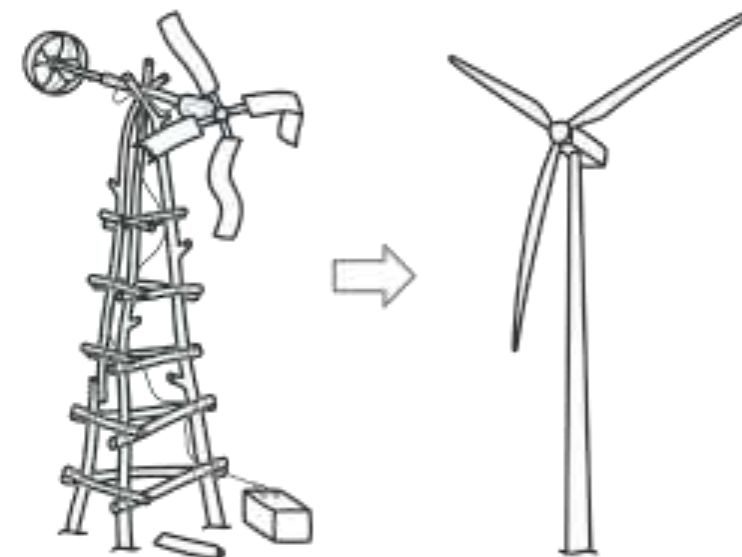
Keep functionality

Improve quality attributes

## Goals

Avoid code smells

Pay technical debt



# Legacy projects

Projects that are difficult to maintain or extend  
Valuable software that you are afraid to change

Some reasons

Unfamiliarity

Developed by someone else/some time ago

No tests

No documentation/outdated documentation

Reliance on external resources

Short deadlines

More info:

<https://understandlegacycode.com/>

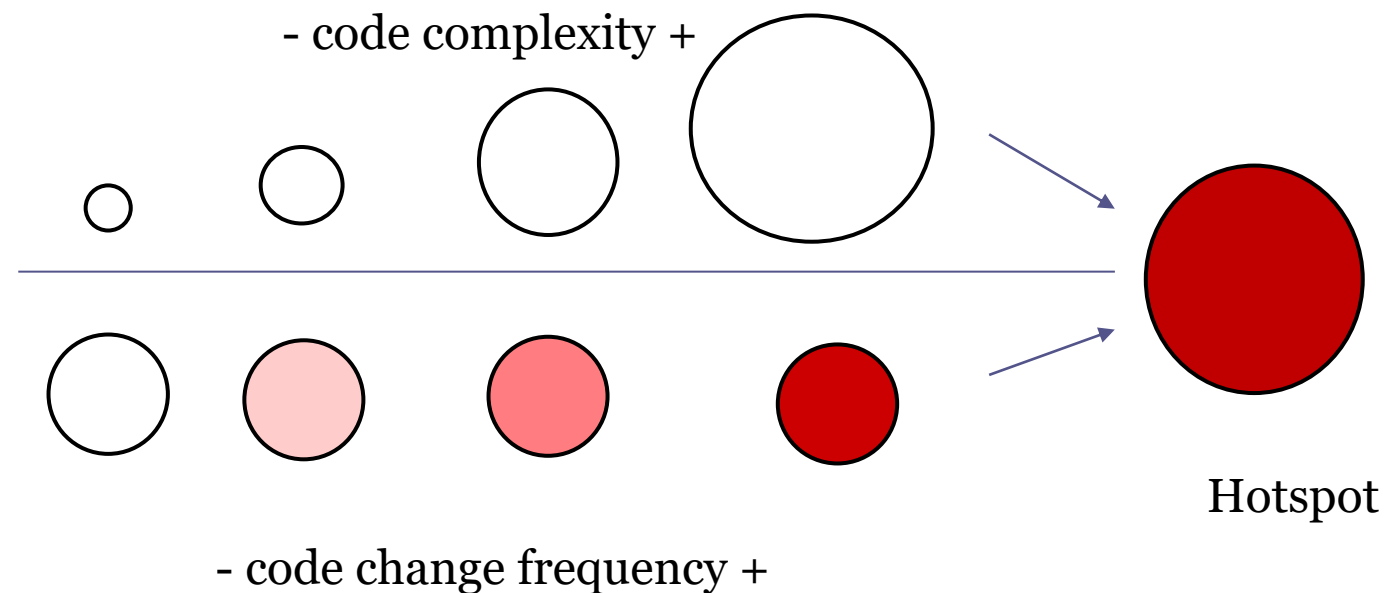


# Behavioral code analysis

## Identify system hotspots

Complex components that change frequently

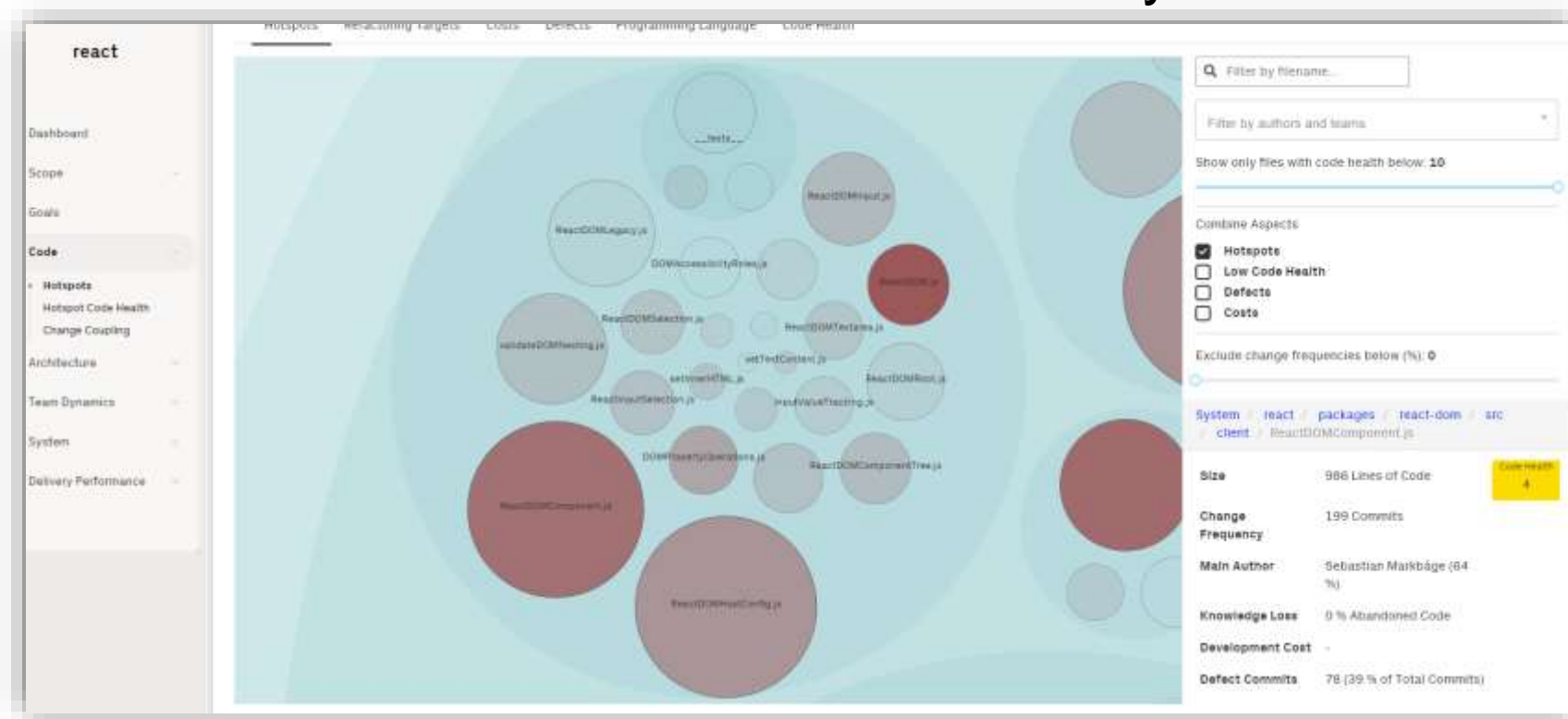
Good candidates for refactoring



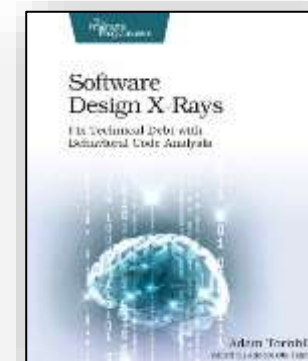
# Behavioral code analysis

CodeScene tool: <https://codescene.io/>

Includes several tools for behavioral code analysis



More information: Book (Software design X-Rays, Adam Tornhill)



# Evolutionary architectures

Main quality attribute: evolvability

Incremental, guided change as a first principle

Adoption of fitness function



# End of presentation