# "Leap Frog" Technologies for Supply Chain and Information Management

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# Agenda

- Background Context
  - About SRI International
- Information Management Applications
  - Applications to Consumers, Executives, Enterprises, Countries
  - Supply & Value Chain Management
- Information Management Technologies
  - Emerging Trends
  - Coming Revolutions
    - Demonstrations
- Summary



#### Who we are

#### SRI is a world-leading independent R&D organization



SRI Headquarters, Menlo Park, CA

- Founded by Stanford University in 1946
  - A nonprofit corporation
  - Independent in 1970; changed name from Stanford Research Institute to SRI International in 1977
- Sarnoff Corporation acquired in 1987 (formerly RCA Laboratories)
- Combined power of 2,000 staff members
  - More than 1000 with advanced degrees
  - More than 15 offices worldwide
- Consolidated annual revenues of \$300 million



Sarnoff Corporation, Princeton, NJ



SRI – State College, PA



SRI – Tokyo, Japan



SRI - Washington, D.C.



#### **Our Charter**

"To promote and foster the application of science in the development of commerce, trade, and industry ... the improvement of the general standard of living ... and the peace and prosperity of mankind."



1946 Charter



#### **Our Technology Areas** *Multidisciplinary teams leverage SRI's core R&D*





#### **A Deep History of Success in Ventures and Licensing**

Growth opportunities that bring innovations to market





# SRI: Laying the foundation for collaboration, communication, and information management





#### **The Information Era**

- We are entering a new era, based on intelligent, efficient information management
- Disruptive changes (and opportunities) for the ways we
  - Produce information
  - Find information
  - Interpret information
  - Combine information
  - Monitor information
- Who will this affect?
  - Consumers
    - Media, games, entertainment, news
  - Executives & Information Workers
    - Project & company management
  - Businesses
    - Value Chain Management
    - Logistics
  - Countries
- Claim: The entities who understand how information "wants to be" will succeed in the "Information Era"



#### **The Supply Chain Landscape**

There are two fundamental issues in supply chain. One is in relation to our customers, in terms of being responsive and efficient in that relationship and the other side of it is really optimizing all the costs and asset values that are embedded in the supply chain...





#### "Intelligence" for Supply Chain Management

#### Optimization Integration Interface

Planning, Scheduling, Configuration, Event Management, Knowledge representation, Data transformation, Natural Language Rules, Learning, Data mining, Information Retrieval, Classification Simulation, Business Intelligence ERP SCM **CRM** MRP MRP MRP MRP MRP MRP **Suppliers** Customers



# **Technology Driving Change in SCM**

As each wave matured, the applications became stressed as businesses tried to add additional capabilities beyond what the technologies could enable.





#### **Understanding What's Coming**

- How to predict technology future of SCM?
  - Look at trends in consumer technology, project to the business market which lags several years
- Emerging Trends
  - Media → Digital
  - Structured Information: Disconnected  $\rightarrow$  Semantically Organized
  - Unstructured Information: Editor  $\rightarrow$  Collaborative Participation
  - Unstructured and Structured Merge
  - Personalization Becomes Ubiquitous
  - Social Networks Takes Off
  - Applications are similarly transformed (Composable/Plugable, Semantic, Collaborative, Personalized, Social)
- Coming revolutions
  - User Interface Breakthroughs
  - Automated Intelligence















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Topic Maps: collaborative classification



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Service-oriented Architectures, Distributed Agents



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#### Books

#### EVIDENCE

- News
- Voice
- TV
- Music

- Amazon's "Search Inside the Book" – More than 120,000 books ('03)
- Google Print
  - <u>http://print.google.com</u>
  - Digitizing entire Harvard Library (15M vols). Also Oxford, Stanford, Michigan, NY Public Library.

Source: http://hul.harvard.edu/publications/041213faq.

- Million book project
  - Goal: by 2005
  - CMU, NSF, Gov India & China
- Factors:
  - Cost: \$10/title to digitize, and falling
  - There are 30 million books that have been published in history. Of that, half are out of copyright. A million books can fit in a terabyte box the size of a bookshelf.



- Zoom out

INTRODUCTION

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Books

News

- Voice
- TV
- Music

EVIDENCE

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- Google News

  Editing fully

  automated by machine!
- Online Presence
  - Every major newspaper now has online presence
- Classified ads now dominated by online







•	Books	EVIDENCE			
•	News	IPTV Investments	In 2004, SBC agreed to pay Microsoft \$400 million dollars for software to be used to deliver IPTV services to up to 18 million		
•	Voice		customers. Separately, SBC is investing over \$4 billion USD in it's network infrastructure		
•	TV		to prepare for the rollout. Source: Wikipedia		
•	Music	DVR usage growing	IDC forecasts that worldwide unit shipments		
			will climb to more than 28 million in 2008, a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 46.9% between 2003 and 2008		
			Source: http://www.in-sourced.com/article/articleprint/1548/-1/1/		
		TV over cellphones: coming			
			Disney to launch ESPN-branded cellphone company to deliver live audio and ty		
		Source:http://abcnews.go.com/Bu	siness/wireStory?id=349291&CMP=OTC-RSSFeeds0312		

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NCE		
Digital Music: Revenues, Trends	s, Growth	
1) Revenue		
2008 Revenue Forecast		
Downloadable Tracks	\$3.19 Billion	
Subscriptions	\$1.37 Billion	
Forrester Research		
2) Demographics		
Demographics		
Total Number of US downloaders		44 million *
Percent youth (<23) who have downloaded		50%
Percent adults (> 23) who have downloaded		10%
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#### 2 – Structured: Disconnected → Semantically Organized

#### Today's structured information is disconnected



Same for most structured web content



#### **History of the Semantic Web**

- Semantic Web: a universal medium for information exchange, in a manner understandable by machines
- Tim Berner-Lee: original vision of the Web was much more ambitious than today's existing (syntactic) Web:



"... a goal of the Web was that, if the interaction between person and hypertext could be so intuitive that the **machine-readable** information space gave an accurate representation of the state of people's thoughts, interactions, and work patterns, then **machine analysis** could become a very powerful management tool, seeing patterns in our work and facilitating our working together through the typical problems which beset the management of large organizations."



#### **Elements of the Semantic Web**

- XML: surface syntax for structured documents, no semantics
- RDF: a dataodel for objects and relations, providing simple semantics
- RDF Schema: vocabulary for describing properties and classes, with hierarchies
- OWL: richer vocabulary for properties and classes, including relations between classes (e.g. disjointness), cardinality (e.g. exactly one), equality, characteristics of properties (e.g. symmetry), enumerated classes



#### **Challenge of Semantic Web**



#### **Example of Structured Information Management: IRIS**

#### IRIS: "The Clarity Machine"

- Integrated applications (Mail, Files, Web, Data, Calendar, Chat, ...)
- Add "personal map" across all office objects
- Knowledge base facilitates meaningful search, navigation, visualization
- Learning capabilities prioritize, summarize and relate
- Share structured content with teammates



IRIS Integrate. Related. Infer. Share.

www.openiris.org





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- Blogs
- WebFeeds
- Collab. Apps
- Content

Create an "Architecture of Participation", and let your customers build your business (c.f. Ebay)

#### WIKIS – Editable Web Pages

#### **EVIDENCE**

- High-quality information can be constructed by unorganized masses (c.f. Wikipedia)
  - 1.2M articles (30% En, 14% De)
  - 13.3M page views/day (6M En, 2M De)
  - 31,134 contributors (41% En, 22% De)



#### Contributors, 2001-2004

Source: www.wikipedia.org



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#### "Blogs" – Web Logs are individual journals (of ideas)

#### **EVIDENCE**

• Blogs becoming a worldwide phenomenon

"The number of blog postings worldwide has skyrocketed this year -now it's 4 entries per second."





A Blog: http://universimmedia.blogspot.com

Source: eMarketer, citing data from Perseus Development Corp, Oct 2003



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Details: Things that make Blogs work

- Push and Pull
  - Create new content
  - Read and comment on the content of other Blogs
  - Comment on other events
- Rich linking
  - HREF links to other content
  - FOAF personal identity and links to friends
  - Trackback links to other blogs (push)
  - Link comments to the specific content commented on
  - Categorical/topical organization
  - Historical archives



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#### Details:

- Syndication RSS & ATOM Standards
  - Publishing an XML site summary
  - Updated as new content added
  - Many sites syndicate, not just blogs
- Aggregation
  - Collecting and organizing syndications
  - Present in various searchable forms
  - Available to desktop and web-based feed readers
- Federation
  - Bind all content pointed to by syndications into a Topic Map

Feedster indexes over 1 million syndicated sources and adds approximately 5,000 new feeds daily. This includes over 50,000 professionally published sources such as the New York Times, BBC, CNET, IDG, and Wired.



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#### Specialized Collaborative Applications

#### **EVIDENCE**

Numerous collaborative apps emerging

Example: WorldWide Media Exchange (http://wwmx.org/) Geolocated Photo Repository



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### People Want To Contribute

#### EVIDENCE

U.S. Adult Internet Users Who Have Contributed Content to the Internet, 2003



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**Topic Maps** 



### 4 – Structured & Unstructured → Merge

- Collaborative
- Automated

Unstructured and Structured Information will merge, through Automated and Collaborative means

#### EVIDENCE

- Open Directory the Definitive Catalog of the Web over 4 million sites, 65,623 editors, 590,000+ categories
- Flikr A Collaborative Photo Sharing Site Members can categorize photos by adding keywords

#### **Topic Maps**

- A Topic Map is a relational structure which resides above other information resources.
- A Topic is a binding point for everything that is knowable about a Subject.
- XTM the TopicMap Standard





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Automated Information Extraction Technologies Are Maturing

#### Examples:

Eliyon – 22 million professionals and 1,538,217 companies, with 450,000 new records added monthly

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### 5 – Social Networking Takes Off



"You would be willing to put your reputation on the line for them, and that is what gives these links real meaning." Social Networking – a person's "personal network"

#### **EVIDENCE**

Allows friends to connect with people inside their accepted social circle, allowing for perceived greater sense of security, compared to anonymous

Over 200 social networking sites now available 2003: Friendster, Tribe.net, LinkedIn 2004: Google launches Orkut

Social network Applications: LinkedIn: Career Development Friendster: Matchmaking (13M Participants) Weblogs: StumbleUpon, FriendBlogs WorldDJ: Electronic music & clubbing social networks Yelp: search for local services through your friends AudioScrobbler: social networking for music



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### 6 – Personalization becomes Ubiquitous

Over 70% of movies rented from Netflix are based upon recommendations generated from Cinematch.

Jupiter Communications reports that personalization at 25 consumer E-commerce sites increased the number of new customers by 47% in the first year, and revenues by 52%.

Source: http://www.ics.uci.edu/~kobsa/papers/2000 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_UMUAI-kobsa.pdf

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Service-oriented Architectures, Distributed Agents



#### **Distributed Application Integration Approaches**





#### **Delegated Computing: Service Brokering**





#### **8 – Applications Are Transformed**

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#### **Elements of Future User Experience**

- Ubiquitous
   Access
- Contextual
- Multimodal
- Collaborative



### **Coming Revolution: Breakthrough in Speech Recognition**







### Demonstration: Contextual Access to Dynamic Community of Web Services





#### **Defining and Registering New Services**

Step 1: Add new "knowledge class" (e.g movies) and link it into semantic structure defining the directory **Step 2:** Define vocabulary for new knowledge class (e.g. "flick") **Step 3: Content/service providers** register web service API with directory **Step 4: Users subscribe to services** 







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## 10 – Intelligent learning software leverages and organizes information



#### **CALO:** Cognitive Agent that Learns and Organizes

- DARPA Funding \$160M over 5 years (beginning Yr 3 in Oct) •
- SRI Leads 25 Universities and Commercial Labs
- **Objective: Build a Personal Assistant that Learns ("in the Wild")**

#### New software architecture

Adapt to changing situations without constant reprogramming

#### New techniques

Innovations in machine learning, reasoning, perception, and multimodal interaction

CALOTUNCIONS							
Organize and Manage Information – Manage email, documents, web info – Organize information by tasks and user activities	Prepare Information Products – Prepare meeting, event info packages – Organize and assemble reports, summaries	Observe and Mediate Interactions – Monitor meetings, email threads, chat – Record meeting discussion, events, actions	Monitor and Manage Tasks – Organize and monitor task execution – Monitor due dates, perform time management	Schedule and Organize in Time – Schedule meetings, events, tasks – Organize task dependencies, preconditions	Acquire, Allocate Resources – Locate, acquire, allocate resources (equipment, facilities, people) in response to needs		





#### Summary

- Disruptive changes coming in the world of information management
  - Extrapolating forward gives some vision of what supply chain technology will be like
- A vision of the future presents opportunity
  - How to leverage strengths?
  - What role(s) to play?



#### Thank You.



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#### Backup



#### **Artificial Intelligence Landscape**



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### **The Agent Landscape**





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#### Interesting Companies: Al/Agents for SCM

- Optimization: ILog powers SC planning, forecasting, routing, scheduling and optimization for companies like SAP, Oracle, I2, etc.
- Configuration: Trilogy manages configuration and translation of products throughout the order lifecycle
- Natural Language: Sybase, iPhrase, and Nuance are creating NL and speech interfaces to enterprise data for CRM and other apps
- Rules: BiosGroup and BlackPearl both offer enterprise products combining modeling, rules, and multi-goal optimization
- Agent & Web Service based enterprise integration
  - Enhanced Workflow: Agentis Software, Action Technologies, iSpheres
  - Facilitated models: HP's Talking Blocks
  - Mobile agents: Electron Economy
  - Ontology-based Integration: Verticalnet, Frictionless Commerce, Unicorn



## **YICIS**: Integrate. Relate. Infer. Share.

- Need
  - Unified, personalized subscriber experience
  - An information integration platform
  - An enterprise application for organizing a user's work life
- Approach

- An ontology-based knowledge base provides unified, expressive representation of disparate content
- Machine learning automates much of the work of creating a personalized view for the user

#### Benefits

- User: Better organized, more efficient decision making
- Apps: A coherent view of disparate data
- Vodafone:
  - Ease of use, stickiness to subscribers, increased adoption rates
  - Potential for personalized, individualized portals
  - Targeted advertising and recommended sale
  - Overlays existing infrastructure, legacy systems



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### Pain – Too many clicks to transaction

#### Today's services are

- System (menu) driven
- Stove-piped
- Redundant, requiring similar or overlapping functions
- Time-consuming, even with broadband access

#### "Schedule dinner and a show with friends"




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## **Demonstration Equipment**



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## **Defining and Registering New Services**

Step 1: Add new "knowledge class" (e.g movies) and link it into semantic structure defining the directory **Step 2:** Define vocabulary for new knowledge class (e.g. "flick") **Step 3: Content/service providers** register web service API with directory **Step 4: Users subscribe to services** 





