Abstract

This paper summarizes results from an exploratory field study of application software acquisition decisions and outcomes. We argue that outsourcing for application software is easiest when the objective is to obtain knowledge codified in artifacts such as packaged programs and their documentation. It is more complex when the objective is to get access to tacit knowledge about information technology or business processes held by professionals, and most problematic when the firm will depend on the learning or inventing new knowledge specific to the business process.

Introduction.

The market for application software packages and services has matured dramatically in the last ten years. A wide variety of packaged software, including integrated "enterprise-wide" packages running on the latest client-server platforms, can be purchased. And the demand for reengineered processes, especially ones based on case-manager or other empowered-worker or "informed-worker" designs, are driving demand for uncommon, custom-built, strategic applications of information technology. Outsourcing of application software is expected to grow significantly over the next decade [15]. Nevertheless, most of the problems of acquiring software that concerned firms in the 1960s concern them today: application software takes too long and too much money to get to the point of delivering business value, delivered software is too often underutilized, or software turns out to be oversold [16][22].

Since the early winter of 1994, we have interviewed CIOs or other senior IS managers at more than thirty companies to determine how they were coping with the challenges of software acquisition and implementation. We collected detailed data through interviews and questionnaires on twenty-one software projects in eight companies. We also developed broad descriptions of seven other projects. These 28 projects spanned eleven firms. Managers at the remaining nineteen firms in our study provided background information on software sourcing problems and insights into current industry trends. Each of the thirty companies has revenues over one billion dollars. These firms come from a variety of industries including airlines, aircraft equipment, oil and gas, drug distribution, office equipment, food products, financial services and forest products.

In this paper we first summarize some general themes that emerged from these interviews. We then move on to illustrate, using four cases from our research how the knowledge management challenges raised by software acquisition and implementation bear on the outsourcing decision. Our perspective draws on both our understanding of the challenges identified by the firms we talked to, the observations of other researchers, and the suggestions offered by theory, especially on the economics of institutions.

Emergent Themes from the Interviews

The CIOs we interviewed expressed an almost universal preference to "buy rather than build." We gathered from our conversations that this policy had been set for the information systems unit as often as it was set by the information systems unit. Executives often believe that their software needs must be identical to those of other similar firms, and so they assume they should be able to reduce their software costs by purchasing software that was developed to be sold to a large number of customers. They believe that, as software markets mature, increasing competition among vendors will eventually drive the price for these packages far below the single-
site development cost. Some firms adopt a buy policy with this assumption in mind: feature-for-feature, widely adopted software packages will be cheaper. ¹

Our subjects talked about application software as a business process enabler [5]. Most of the software projects they are engaged in involved process improvements. Most often the firm’s objective is to move the business process to a "best practice" condition. They want the target process to be as good as the best in their industry, and often this means adopting software with particular enabling features. They expect market pressures to move the packages available in the market towards best practice, and to some extent they assume that a market package embodies best practice even without any particular corroborating evidence to support that claim. For some firms, standardization via package adoption appears to be an efficient solution to their recurring process design dilemmas. Some firms, for example, are adopting the PeopleSoft human resource package because it allows the firm to shift the maintenance of benefit options from the HR department to the employee. This practice, which is not possible without enabling software, is viewed as best practice among HR professionals today. Of course, implementing this practice takes more than the PeopleSoft package: it requires concomitant policy changes, training of all employees to access their records, and reorganization of the human resource department. But the path to new best practice begins with the adoption of new software enabling the new practices.

In some cases, the objective is to allow a business process to be innovative, or distinct within the industry. Some managers expect software to either enable or contribute to the uniqueness of a business process. For example, a manager who believes current best practice in his/her industry for transaction processing is relatively slow, bureaucratic, and highly structured may see the competitive potential of an IT enabled process that is empowered, flexible, and fast. Managers who anticipate business process changes made possible by increases in computing power, decreases in storage costs, or decreases in communication costs may also see opportunities to make processes distinctive with information technology.

"Sometimes the business objective is primarily process integration and secondarily process improvement. A few vendors, notably SAP, Baan and Oracle, are selling integrated suites of applications. Based on a single data model that integrates all business processes and tables of parameters or switches that define the applications features, integrated suites promise more meaningful data, shorter closing cycles, better business analysis, lower maintenance costs and a simplified path to future upgrades and enhancements. Moreover, the packages implicitly embody "best practice," especially where they are widely adopted within an industry, as SAP is, for example, in the chemicals industry. Because the applications in the suites are customized through the manipulation of tables, clients perceive that the relatively unique requirements of their business processes can be accommodated. In this way, a firm can have the best of both worlds -- best industry practice for those business processes where they envision no competitive advantage in being distinctive, but the ability to make a process distinctive if they so desire.

The firms we studied are taking advantage of competencies and knowledge accumulated by other firms in many different ways. A common way is to purchase some base code which is then parameterized, extended or customized to fit the needs of the business process. This base code may comprise a tiny percentage of the final installed application, perhaps just a few file definitions, or it may constitute virtually the entire application, as in the case of a general ledger package. The acquired base code may be left intact (especially if the intention is to purchase maintenance from the original supplier) or it may be radically altered. The level of customization of the code is usually driven by process considerations, although sometimes made necessary by attributes of the local technical infrastructure. Firms also access competencies by hiring contract workers -- essentially talented individuals who are managed almost as if they were employees -- or by engaging a consulting or integration firm for specific deliverables.

Many of the firms we talked to are obtaining package or base code adaptation services from "integrators," firms who do not write the packages, but who are experienced in molding purchased software to a firm's processes. Where custom software is being developed, some of our firms have engaged three or four firms (in addition to their own staff) for parts of a project. For example, one firm purchased some objects or base code from a software firm, hired an integrator to manage the overall software adaptation, had a few highly specialized modules custom

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¹ This assumption may prove incorrect under two conditions: (a) insufficient competition exists to push the price of the software much below the custom-development alternative and (b) a large number of useless feature must be paid for because they are bundled in the package.
developed by another firm, and subcontracted testing and training program to another company. Whether or not a package is involved, the more radical the business process change, the more likely it is that an expert in "change management" will be engaged to oversee the other organizational changes required to effect the entire process change.

Finally, despite their preference for buying, all of the CIOs with whom we talked could identify some applications that were being developed in-house. Even with the myriad of outsourcing options they had considered, some projects are still executed with internal staff. However, many of these managers expected that the proportion of their budgets devoted to custom development would shrink in the future [14].

Deciding Whether to Outsource

The literature would suggest that firms who decide to modify or update their business processes start by asking, "do we want this process to be "best practice" in our industry or do we want it to be strategic"? If the answer is "best practice," then the assumption seems to be that the answer should be "find a package" [1][10][13][14][18]. But the firms we talked to showed us that things are not that simple. For one thing, a suitable package is not always available. And, even if a package was available, that does not answer the question of who should tailor the software and who should manage any concomitant organizational changes that may be required. Should this work be done internally or externally?

Firms that want to make their business processes distinctive face similar difficulties. Should enabling software be developed internally or externally? A key tradeoff here is building internal capability through greater control over and involvement in the project vs. exploiting the capabilities of an outside partner with broad experience of the business process or the underlying technologies. Most firms do not have all the technical skills they would like to have, much less all the process knowledge. Others lack the confidence of line managers.

One way of thinking about this problem is to recast it as a knowledge management problem, as we will do in this paper. According to Davenport and Prusak (1997), "knowledge is a fluid mix of experience, values, contextual information and expert insight that provides a framework for evaluating and incorporating new experiences and information... In organizations, it often becomes embedded not only in documents or repositories, but also in organizational routines, processes, practices, and norms." Knowledge management involves the identifying and organizing such knowledge in an organization as well as diffusing best practice to those activities that might benefit from it. We will suggest that there are circumstances under which outsourcing is an appropriate way of obtaining distinctive processes, and in-sourcing may be a reasonable way to move to best practice processes.

The core of our argument is that outsourcing is most effective when the supplier's existing knowledge is adequate to the tasks implied by the project [23]. In the ideal case the suppliers existing knowledge is already codified in the code and documentation for a package that will fully enable the firm's process vision. When new knowledge must be generated by suppliers in order to complete the process change, however, we believe that outsourcing can become problematic, especially if there appears to be limited opportunity for the suppliers to exploit their investments in the new knowledge in subsequent engagements. When future exploitation is unlikely (where the investments in new knowledge are transaction specific) outsourcing is likely to be very expensive relative to internal management [20].

Based on our research, we believe one key to the outsourcing decision is having, first, a clear grasp of whether the prospective or future business process will be unique or standard and, second, whether the existing or current business process is unique or standard (see Figure 1). These two dimensions shape the knowledge management problem presented by the software application project.

A standard process is roughly what is meant by the popular phrase "best practice." (A colleague suggests it should be called "vanilla practice," to remind us that it is a relative concept -- what is "best" today may not be "best" tomorrow.) We consider a process to be standard if it is like processes that other firms use, within or across industries. Processes may become standard because they are deeply shaped by accounting principles, business principles, industry rules, customer expectations, supplier habits, or regulatory pressures. Standard processes are easy for outsiders to grasp; for example, we would expect an experienced consultant to be able to sketch out the data model of a standard process.

On the other hand, a unique process is one that is distinctive in some important way, as compared to other firms in the industry. A firm's processes may be distinct relative to its competitors because the firm offers different products or services, because the firm's structure is more centralized or decentralized than others, because its customers are larger or smaller or more regulated, or because its suppliers have different competencies. Processes may be distinct by
design, for some strategic purpose, or by accident. They may be distinct because the firm is a leader in product or process innovation, or because it is a laggard. Processes are often distinct simply because they are an amalgam of several conflicting views on how the process should be executed.

Taken together, the two dimensions (present and future) present four different situations, each of which has different knowledge management challenges, as shown in Figure 1. To illustrate these four situations, we will describe four cases from our research.2

• Cell 1. The most common situation we have encountered is found in this cell: a firm with a process that is relatively unique wants to make the process standard, or "best practice." A distribution firm in our sample, DistCo, had grown from a regional to a national firm in the previous decade, primarily by acquisition. As a consequence, its core process, order fulfillment, varied from warehouse to warehouse, where the processes were typically enabled by home-grown software. This variation presented a number of business problems for DistCo and its customers, and so DistCo decided standardize their order fulfillment processes throughout the firm, probably with some widely adopted package. They did not consider this particular process to be the source of their competitive advantage -- they wanted to achieve competitive parity.

• Cell 2. In contrast to DistCo, some firms value being unique. SpeedCo, a regional service firm specializing in customer responsiveness and customer service, also had order fulfillment processes that were unlike those of their competitors. But at SpeedCo, those uniquenesses, which were also enabled by home-grown software, were by design, not by accident. SpeedCo's entire company culture was unique in its industry -- everything about the employees, from their attire from their actions, said "speed" to their customers. Their order fulfillment process vision was to make their services even easier for customers to control. They believed this process improvement would enhance their competitive position. The new process vision required new client-server technology, and hence new enabling software, which they assumed would have to be significantly, if not completely, customized to their process.

• Cell 3. While it is rare for a firm to go from a standard process to a unique one, it is not unheard of. The most compelling reason for this unusual shift is that a firm has a new idea of how to execute a process that is otherwise standard for the industry. In the short run, the new process will be unique. The reengineering literature provides several examples of firms who went from a process that was standard for their industry to a new, innovative process that, while unique at the time, was replicated across their industries [5]. Among our firms was one, NetCo, that wanted a cross-functional, empowered process for managing their extensive telecommunications network. The new process would combine asset management -- formerly an accounting process -- with network management -- formerly an operations process. Both the existing asset management and network management processes were "standard," with the asset management process shaped mainly by accounting principles and the network management process by professional norms and conventions. In the new process, network operators would have complete responsibility for managing the network as well as maintaining the firm's complex asset management records. While the process that they envision is currently unique in their industry, they believe that other firms will want to adopt a similar approach. While the new approach may offer some operating economies, it will not distinguish NetCo's service offerings to its customers.

• Cell 4. Finally, some firms have processes that have always been standard, and which they would like to continue to be standard. Process standards, fortunately or not, change as products, customer, and underlying technology changes. Our example here is the human resources department of a utility, WaterCo. Their existing processes for maintaining employee records were common in their industry. Their enabling software, custom developed for them nearly two decades prior by a consulting firm, included most features recommended by experts in their industry at that time. But times have changed, and current "best practice" in human resources is to shift record maintenance processes to employees. WaterCo wanted to maintain competitive parity by achieving the efficiencies this new process promises.

Knowledge Management Issues Raised by Each Situation

Each of the situations depicted in Figure 1 raises distinct problems of knowledge management. Basically there are two challenges: The first is getting access to or making use of knowledge that has already been accumulated, and the other is motivating the development of new, additional knowledge that is needed to complete the project. We can summarize these as problems of access and learning [3].

2 Our cases are disguised, in accordance with our confidentiality agreements with the firms.
With respect to *access*, the objective is to access either codified knowledge (roughly, knowledge embedded in things) or tacit knowledge (roughly, knowledge that people have in their heads). Accessing knowledge that is codified or embedded in items such as software, documentation, parameterization templates or training materials is usually done by purchasing these items. Accessing tacit knowledge outside the firm, which may be needed for software customization or process implementation, is done by contracting for services from individuals with the relevant competencies -- business process knowledge, for example, or client/server skills, or process analysis and design capability, or change management competence. If there are enough competitors offering these services, the firm should be able to obtain services at fair rates [21].

The problem of *learning* arises where new knowledge must be developed, for example if new processes must be designed, or old processes need to be understood. Learning may also be necessary if the new processes require that we discover a way to deliver particular functionality with information technology. In hierarchical organizations, firms induce learning by motivating staff who can learn using a variety of incentive and governance mechanisms. When outsourcing is used, there are two different situations: If the learning is specific to the project, that is, the learning cannot be leveraged in future engagements, it can be challenging (or expensive) to develop an effective inducement or governance mechanism. If the learning is not specific to the project, that is, the learning can be leveraged in future engagements, inducement is less problematic [17].

Figure 2 summarizes the key knowledge management problems that arise in our four cases:

- **Cell 1 -- DistCo:** Much of the knowledge that DistCo needs to enable its order fulfillment process is codified in an application package. Consultants familiar with the package can recommend a suitable order fulfillment process for DistCo. The consultants have tacit knowledge about how to parameterize the package and how to train users to achieve this particular process. They have already developed templates for many of the structural and organizational elements of the new process. But some new knowledge needs to be developed to make this process successful: the implementation team needs to understand enough about all the old order fulfillment processes at DistCo to help the involved sales and service workers make the transition to the new process. Project managers at DistCo will come under severe pressure from the various warehouses to tailor the software to enable their old, too-diverse processes. Many decisions will have to be made about these tailoring proposals -- which are truly necessary for the business and which are "backsliding" to the old processes? If the implementation team does not learn enough about the old processes to make these decisions wisely, problems could arise. Implementers also need to learn enough about the old processes to do an effective job of training the users, who currently use different processes, speak different languages (figuratively speaking), and serve different customers. A single change management approach will not be as successful in bringing the varied warehouses to the standard process as a series of change approaches tailored to the individual warehouses.

- **Cell 2 -- SpeedCo:** Packages are not an option for SpeedCo access to programmers with client/server skills, but the business process knowledge these programmers have accumulated is unfortunately off the mark -- their experience has been mostly with SpeedCo's more bureaucratic, slower moving competitors. If SpeedCo engages one of these firms, the programmers will have to be acculturated to SpeedCo's business strategy. Moreover, the new process is going to require a great deal of invention; the guts of the process and its organization structure must be fully designed, and the new service offerings that the new process will enable must be designed and priced. These invention challenges raise two problems for SpeedCo. First, inducing a supplier to invest in all this learning will be difficult; software suppliers who believe that this learning is project specific and cannot be exploited in subsequent engagements will want to be fully compensated for their efforts. And from SpeedCo's perspective, there may be a conflict of interest with software suppliers who calculate that the learning can be used with other clients. SpeedCo will find it difficult to motivate non-transferable learning while also keeping it from leaking to their present or future competitors.

- **Cell 3 -- NetCo:** While NetCo has a general vision of their new, cross-functional empowered process worked out, there are many unanswered questions. They are not yet sure which, if any, of their current employees should staff the new process. Like SpeedCo, NetCo needs a supplier who can engage in a great deal of learning or process invention. Unlike SpeedCo, NetCo will find it easy to engage suppliers in this learning because some of them will see that this learning can be exploited in other client situations. An eager supplier may even hope to codify this learning in a package that can be sold to other clients with similar process needs. Moreover, NetCo's suppliers will find...
it relatively easy to learn about the existing processes (learning that they will need to design and implement the new process), because NetCo’s old processes are relatively standard. A supplier who is already familiar with the NetCo’s asset management package will be especially well placed to implement its new process.

• Cell 4 -- WaterCo: Almost all the new process knowledge that WaterCo needs for its new human resource process is already codified in available software or is widely available from knowledgeable consultants. The tacit knowledge that WaterCo needs to manage a change to a new empowered-employee environment is also available; several consulting firms have already assisted other firms in moving from a situation much like WaterCo’s to the new "best practice" that it envisions. This situation presents very few knowledge access or learning problems.

The Sourcing and Governance Decisions

The firms in our examples have several decisions to make. First, they have to decide whether or not to purchase some of the knowledge they need in existing software or packages. Second, they have to decide whether to engage an external supplier such as a consultant or integrator to do part or most of the package customization or tailoring, or the programming and development if there is no package, or the implementation/rollout in either case. Third, they have to decide how to structure the relationship with the supplier to minimize the knowledge management hazards their particular situation presents.

The first decision is fairly straightforward: if appropriate codified knowledge is available and competitively priced, it is likely that it will be purchased. The second decision depends in part on the comparative skills available internally and externally, as well as the particular knowledge management challenges of the situation. It often seems that leading edge technology skills and standard process knowledge are stronger externally than internally. Knowledge about unique processes, of course, is usually stronger internally. Change management and project management skills vary in both contexts.

The relationship decision can be very complicated by legal and financial considerations that are beyond the scope of this paper. For the sake of discussion, we will characterize two sharply contrasting alternatives between which the firm must choose, relational governance and market governance [2]. Relational governance looks and feels like the familiar hierarchical governance, and it relies on close supervision and rules for control. Market governance is arms-length, relying on formal specification and performance incentives for control. We specifically say "governance" rather than "contract" because our emphasis is on day to day management of the relationship, not the legal terms of the contract. Very few firms have lawyers with expertise in the construction of relational contracts [12], so from a practical matter we expect that many firms who outsource are likely to write an ordinary contract and then manage the relationship on a day to day basis using influence, persuasion, negotiation or other means of social control [11]. Figure 3 summarizes the characteristics of the two approaches.

In market governance, suppliers are guided by an agreement (perhaps a contract) that specifies outcomes in terms of cost, schedule, software features, and other deliverables. Clients may not be heavily involved until the acceptance test that marks the end of the project. Clients do not have discretion over who is assigned to the project, nor do they have discretion over the methods used by assigned staff. Since daily involvement is not important, workers may work at a considerable distance from the client site. It should be noted that firms often use market governance to manage internal projects -- viz., the use of transfer pricing or "charge back," as it is called in the IS domain [4][7].

In relational governance, suppliers are guided by an agreement that outlines decision processes, not outcomes. Cost and schedule may be estimated, but they essentially emerge as a consequence of the decisions made during the project. Features decisions are made as the project progresses. Phase reviews and regular progress reports are the norm, and they trigger decisions that affect outcomes. The client has control over who is assigned to the project and the methods they use. Since close supervision is required, the workers are located near users. In general, if learning is important, supplier governance that is relational, looks and feels more like internal project management than like an arm's length contract, even though different firms are involved [8][21].

Figure 4 summarizes the sourcing and governance decisions made by the four cases:

• Cell 1 -- DistCo selected a well-known package, SAP, to enable their rationalized order fulfillment process. SAP embodied most of the technical and process knowledge that they needed. DistCo hired a consulting firm to provide parameterization and integration services, expecting to leverage their accumulated experience with SAP, particularly with respect to the parameterization of the software. The governance approach that they chose was more like market governance than relational governance. By
discouraging learning on the part of the consultants, they also managed to minimize the degree to which the software or processes would be tailored. In their view, tailoring would just reintroduce undesirable diversity into their processes. The price they paid for this choice was a difficult and painful implementation -- the consultants did not know all of DistCo's old processes well enough to train the various users well or to persuade them that the new standard process was better. Considerable disruption and turnover ensued. We believe that firms that adopt SAP to standardize non-standard processes encounter many of these difficulties.

• Cell 2 -- SpeedCo never seriously considered any packages. They carefully evaluated bids from several large consulting firms. They believed that they lacked some technical know-how that they needed, and they thought at first that the consulting firms might be better at designing their new process than they would. But in the end SpeedCo decided to design the new process and develop the new software internally, for several reasons. First, they believed that the consultants would push them towards a more standard, less distinctive process; that is, they worried that the consultants would not be willing to acquire much new specific knowledge about their firm and their processes. Second, they were concerned that they might eventually have a conflict of interest with the consultants that could not be controlled by non-compete clauses in a contract. They did not want knowledge about their competitive distinctiveness to leak out, if they could avoid it. Third, they concluded that the consultants did not have better project management and change management skills than they did. To get access to the particular technical and management skills they felt they needed, they hired contract workers and then phased them out as their skills were transferred to internal staff.

• Cell 3 -- NetCo purchased a package as a starting point for their application and hired a consultant to build the rest of their application around the package. The consultant, who was very eager for the job, worked in close cooperation with internal staff. NetCo wrote a fairly specific contract with the software firm, but the governance of the project was essentially relational. The project team worked closely together, on a daily basis, with many design decisions being made as the project progressed. NetCo exercised considerable influence over staffing assignments and methods. NetCo managers told us that they believed the supplier had invested far more effort in the project than they had contracted for, perhaps several times over their estimates. NetCo had not yet made any effort to extract a royalty agreement with the supplier, but they agreed that the software being developed for them would certainly be attractive to other firms.

• Cell 4 -- WaterCo selected the PeopleSoft application for their human resource process. While they used a consulting firm's accumulated tacit knowledge to complete the design of their new process, they elected to manage the rest of the project internally, managing the project with fairly specific specifications and performance outcomes. We would have expected that WaterCo would receive very competitive bids from suppliers eager to leverage their accumulated expertise in implementing PeopleSoft. But WaterCo was an early implementer of this package, and thus faced a situation where there were too few consulting firms trying to serve too many PeopleSoft purchasers, essentially not a very competitive situation. Their internally managed project has many of the characteristics of market governance -- firm specifications and performance criteria, firm deadlines, etc. Overall WaterCo's implementation has been going smoothly.

Discussion

We have argued here that the knowledge management problems presented by a particular case can be analyzed by looking first at the nature of the current and desired processes. If current processes are unique, they can present learning challenges to integrators and change management consultants. If current processes are standard, consultants will find them easy to understand, based on their existing tacit knowledge. If desired processes are unique, they will require much learning and invention of new processes. If desired processes are standard, it should be possible to purchase process knowledge already embedded in software.

Firms trying to move from a unique process (or a set of unique ones, as in DistCo's case) to a process enabled by SAP or some other package will find roll-out eased if, by virtue of some earlier engagement with the firm, their suppliers are familiar with their old processes. Those firms whose current processes are standard, or at least easy for the consulting firms to understand, will also find implementing SAP less painful. One firm that we are familiar with plans to manage their SAP implementation themselves, based on knowledge about the package that they have accumulated by working with their parent company, where SAP has been used for several years. Because they know their own processes so well, implementation decisions and challenges should be easier to make.
Firms moving from standard processes to unique ones, we believe, will more often be looking for temporary uniqueness than long term uniqueness. For that reason, their situation is a good one for a collaboration with a software vendor in a shared risk/shared reward arrangement leading to commercial exploitation [9]. Such an agreement might provide royalties from future sales or future engagements to the innovating firm.

Firms that want long term uniqueness in their processes will usually need to control vendor use of knowledge acquired. This is probably more easily accomplished by segmenting and restricting the breadth and depth of vendor knowledge than it is by contractual agreement. Controlling the flow of tacit knowledge is difficult, but controlling the flow of codified knowledge, like that in a program, can be nearly impossible [3].

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Leverage existing roll-out competence.

Figure 1: Business Process Change

Figure 2: Knowledge Management Issues

Figure 3: Governance Approaches

Figure 4: The Sourcing Decisions