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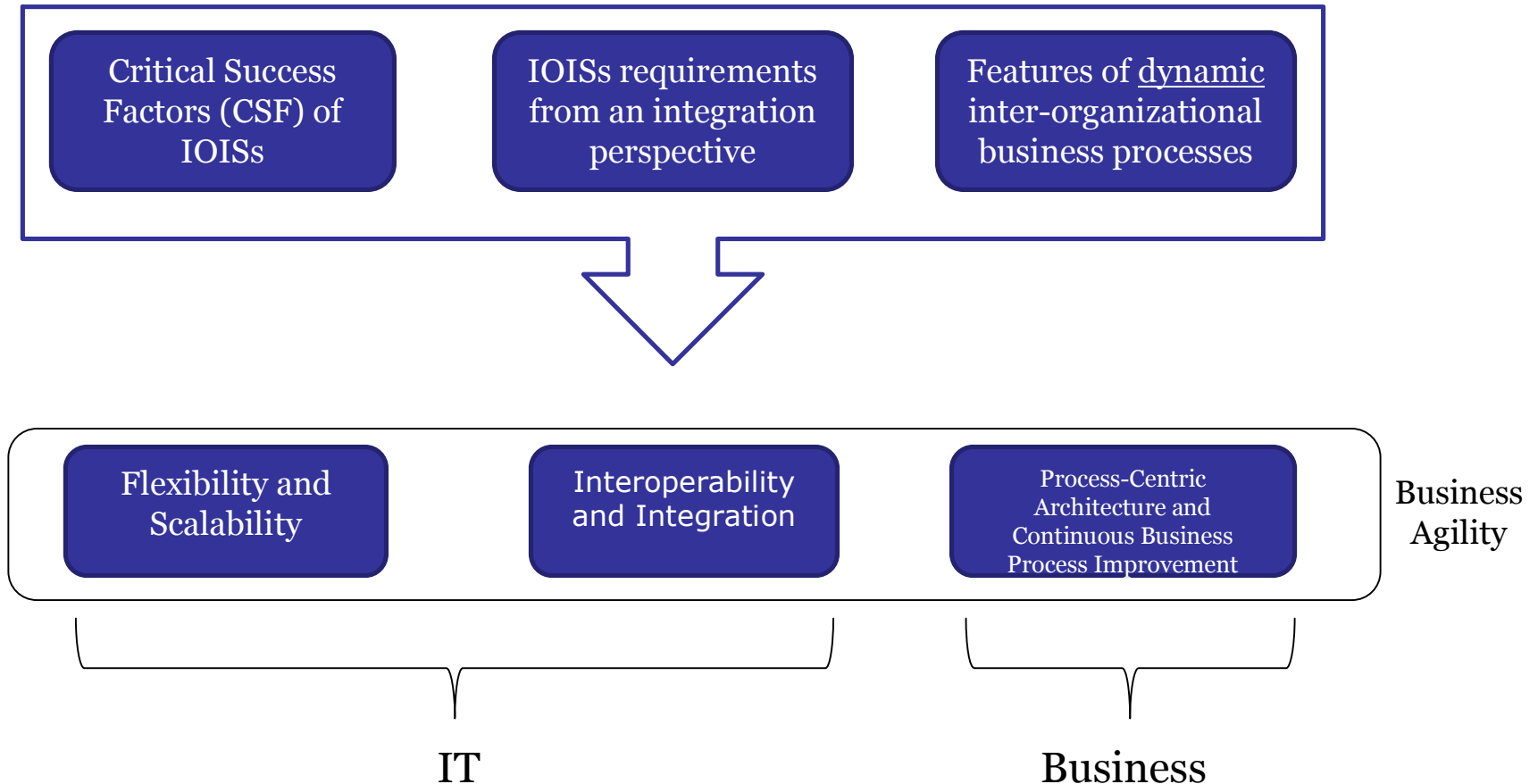
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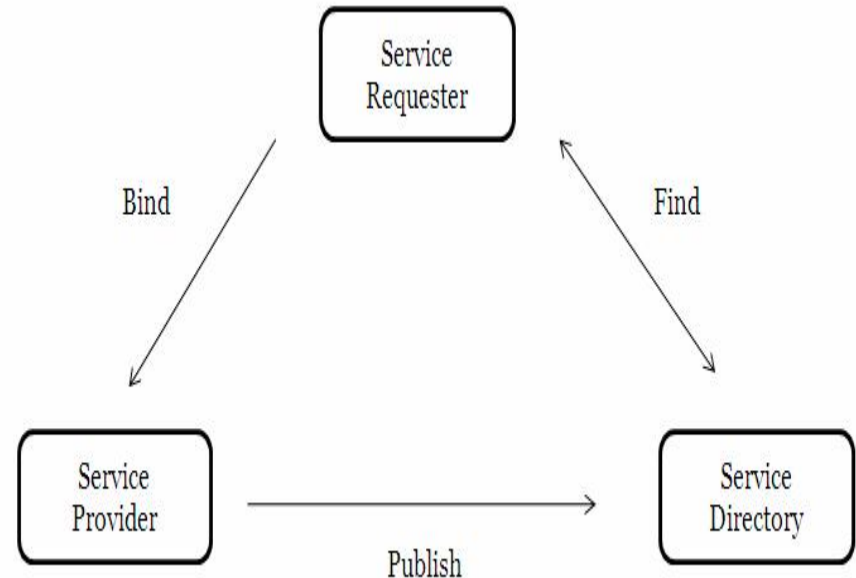
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SOA in a Nutshell

- The business and technical processes are implemented as services
- Each service represents a certain functionality that maps explicitly to a step in a business process
- A service is a software component that can be reused by another software component or accessed via a standard-based interface over the network



Compatibility of SOA Features with IOISs Requirements

Flexibility and Scalability

- Enhanced reuse of existing assets and applications
- Reusability and composability between services
- Parallel and independent development
- Better scalability and graceful evolutionary changes

Interoperability and Integration

- Application connectivity and interoperability
- Flexible and cost-effective solutions through interoperability
- Application integration issues by opening up the functionality with standardized, interoperable interfaces

Process-centric Architecture and Continuous Business Process Improvement

- Clear representation of the process flows identified by the order of the components used in a particular business service
- The process is decomposed into a series of steps, each representing a business service
- Each service or component functions as a sub-application
- These sub-applications are chained together to create a process flow capable of satisfying the business need

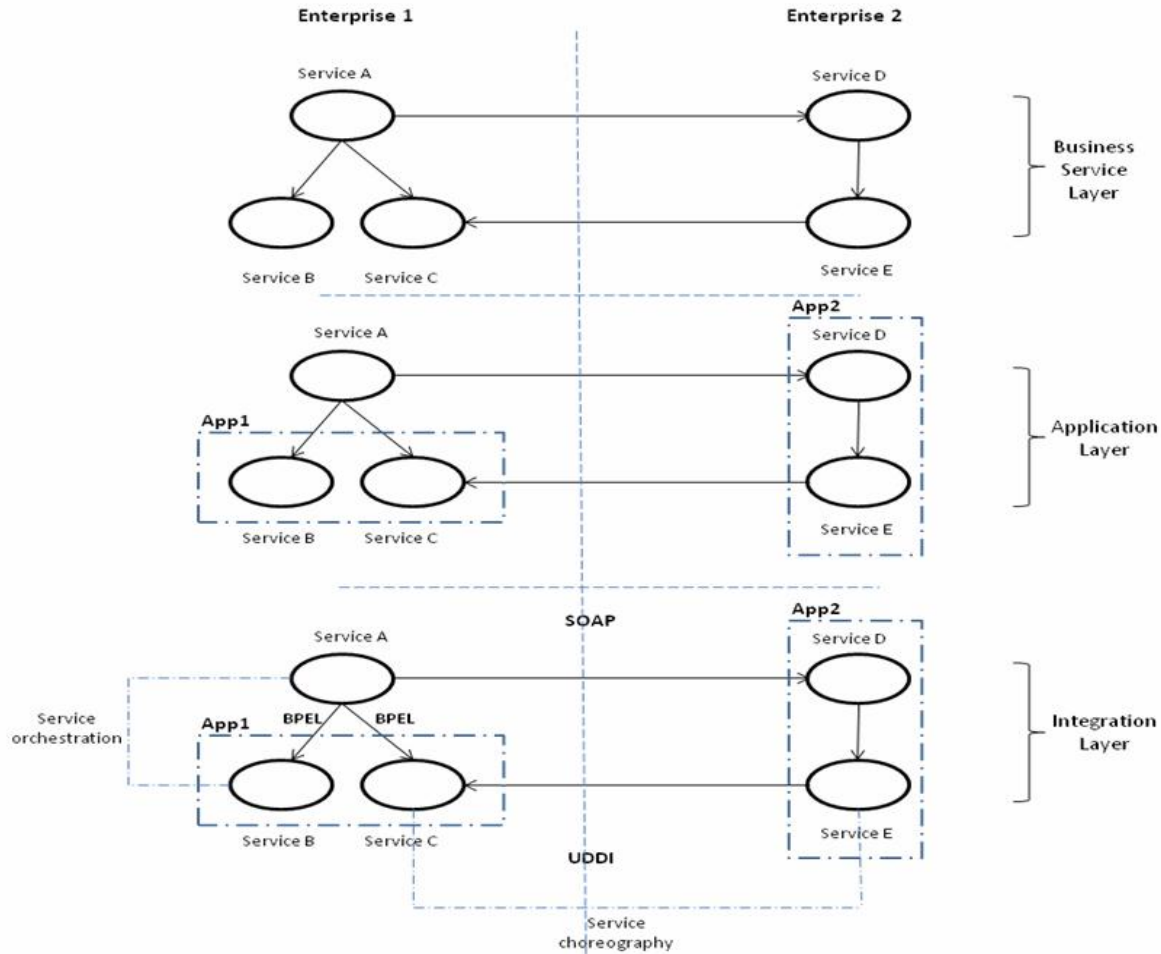
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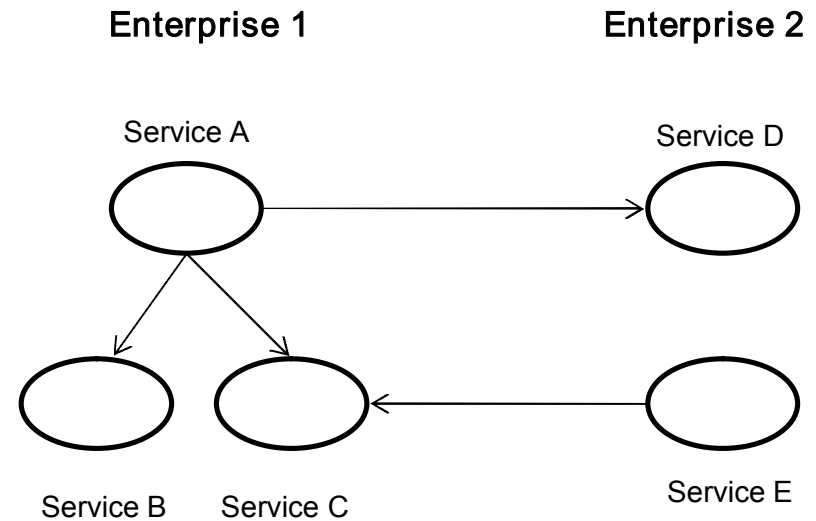
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Proposed Architecture at a glance



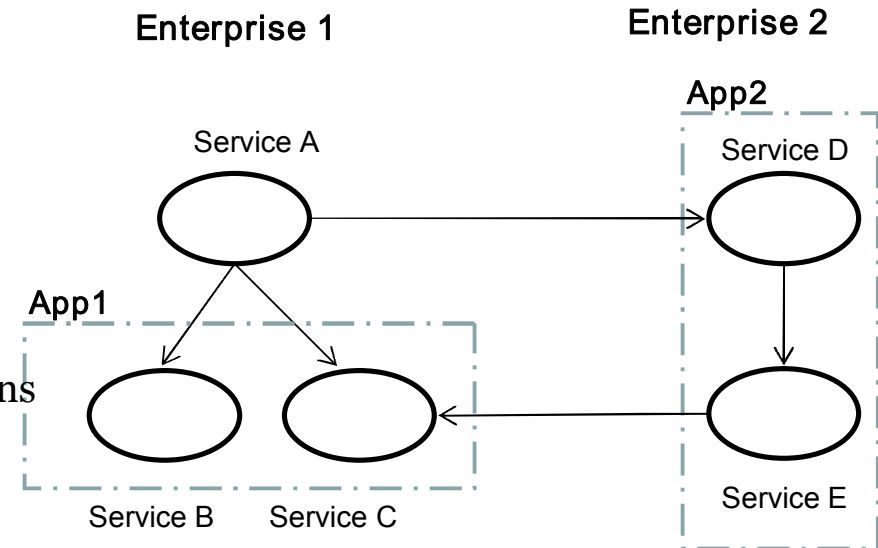
Business Service Layer

- The business architecture is the vital part and the first architectural layer of an IOIS
- Decompose business processes in order to determine business services: functionality is encapsulated as a service
- Business process: a series of continuous actions or operations that are performed upon a commodity
 - *Organizational level*
 - *Interaction*
 - *Value chain*
- Identify the functionality of each business process, so-called aspect: functional, control, organizational, operational
- BPEL4WS: supports “business process decomposition”

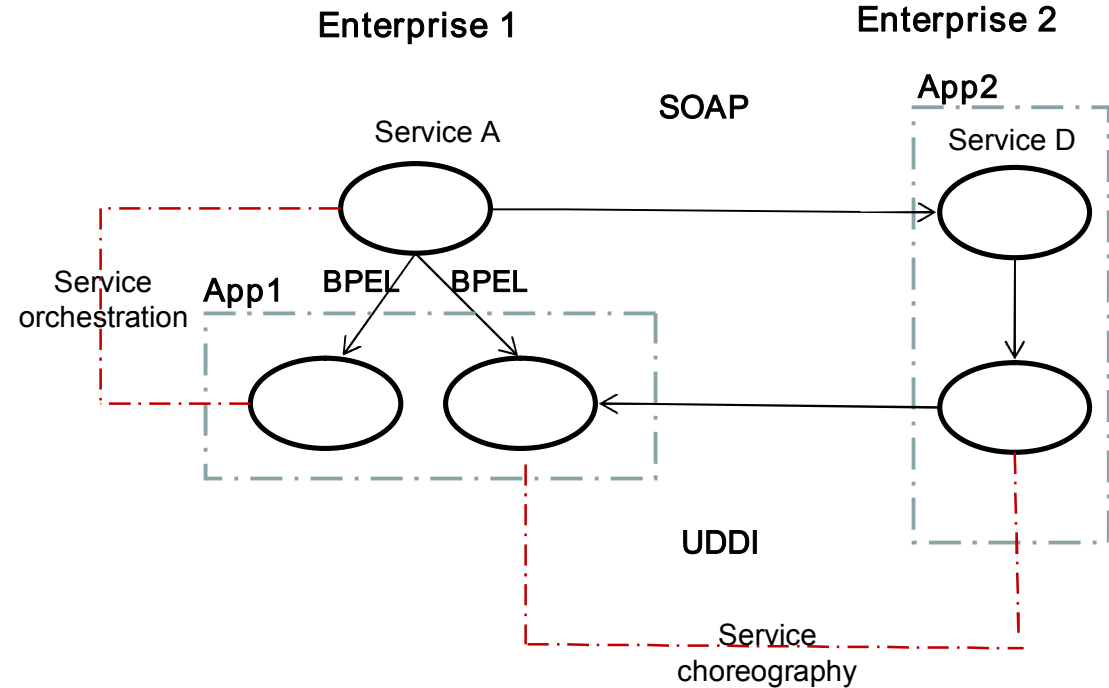
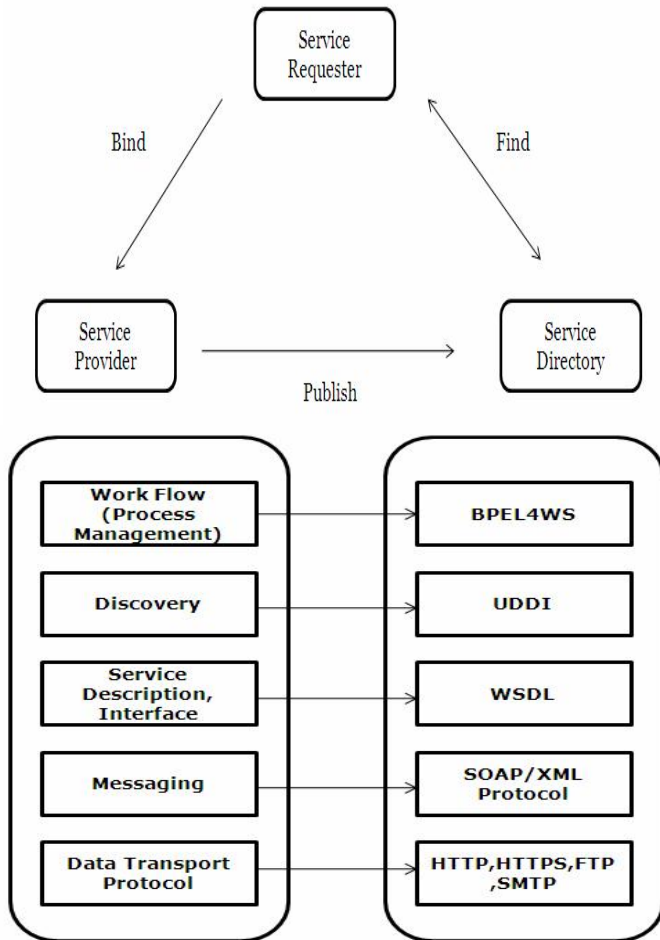


Application Layer

- Composite approach for defining applications
- Combine different services for determining application services
- A composite application is created by a set of interconnected and specialized services
- Layers of a composite application:
 - User interface layer: the different forms and functions are presented to the user
 - Choreography layer: defines the correct order of calling services in the composite application
 - Service layer: represents service to composite application
- BPEL4WS: supports compositional approach

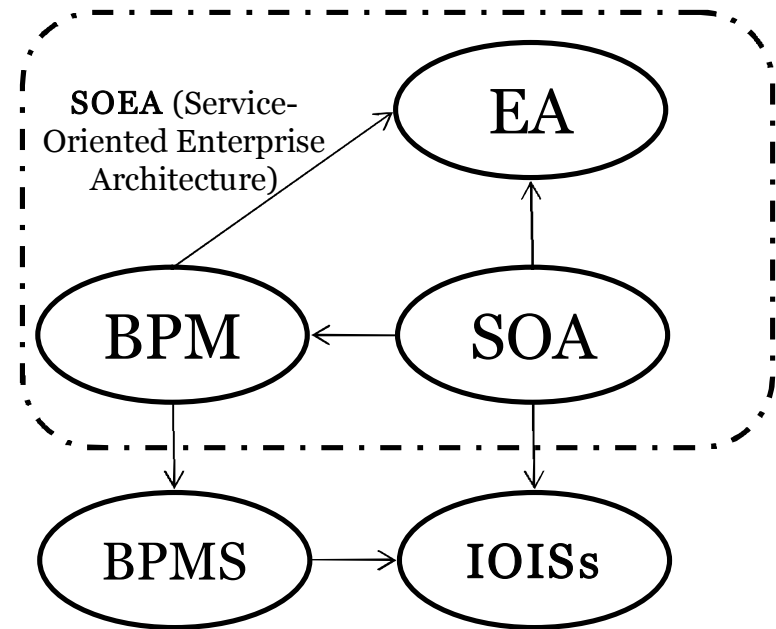


Integration Layer



Service-Oriented Enterprise Architecture (SOEA)

- Step-by-step framework to design a service-oriented enterprise:
 - Phases, steps and deliverables
 - Artifacts and notations
 - Project management with PMBOK
- SO-BPM
- Enterprise Service Bus (ESB)





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