

#### Stuart Rance

Consultant, trainer, author Information security and IT service management @StuartRance

# Agenda



### **Questions from Eli Goldratt's Theory of Constraints**

- What to change?
- What to change to?
- How to make the change happen?

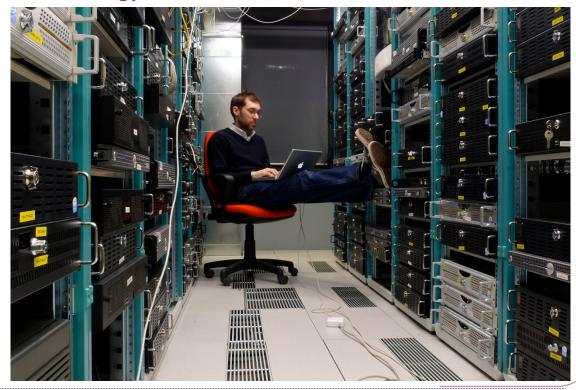


# What to change?



### Most IT departments focus on the technology

- Somebody has to manage the technology
- That's what IT people are good at



# What to change?



#### **BUT**

- IT has largely become commoditised
- We still don't really "align with the business"
- Customers want more than just meeting an SLA
- Customers have many more choices





# What to change?







@StuartRance

### What to change to?



### Find your competitive advantage

- Focus on value
- Design for experience
- Collaborate
- Be transparent
- Start where you are
- Work holistically
- Progress iteratively
- Observe directly
- Keep it simple





# What to change to?









# What to change to?



Infrastructure team

Application team

Business unit

External customer



#### Lots of different approaches could help:

- Lean
- ITIL service portfolio management
- ITIL CSI approach
- Run a customer workshop
- ToC ambitious target tree
- Take personal responsibility

Whatever approach you take you MUST involve customers in the planning and decision making

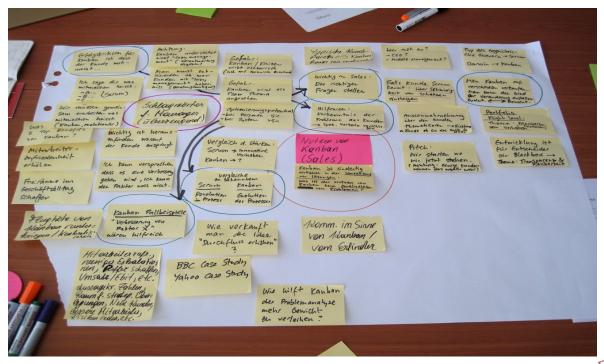






#### Lean

- Focus on customer value creation
- Map the end-to-end value chain
- Eliminate non-value-add activities





### ITIL service portfolio management

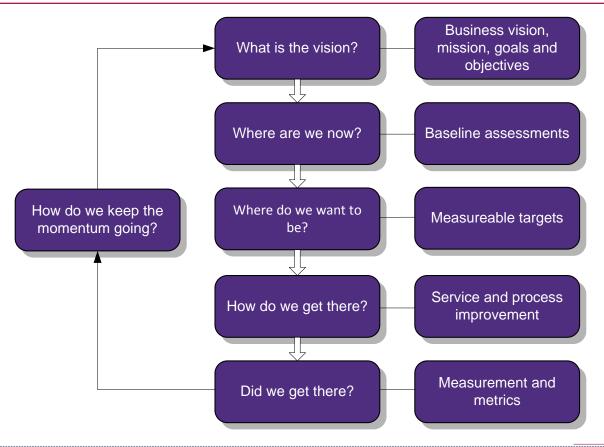
- Understand services in terms of their cost & value
- Mange the lifecycle of every service
- Plan the future of every service
  - **Retain**: includes maintenance and upgrades into the future
  - **Replace**: Service is not fit for purpose, but the functionality it should provide is really needed
  - Rationalize: Multiple services offering duplicate and overlapping functionality
  - **Refactor**: Move common functionality into reusable components, e.g. user authentication
  - **Renew**: Service meets functional needs but is not fit for use, needs technical refresh
  - **Retire**: Service no longer meets a business need e.g. Zombie services















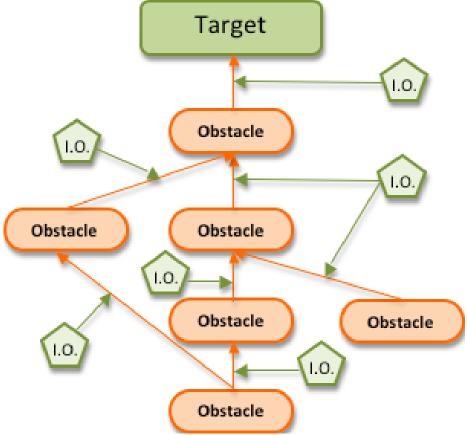
### Run a workshop with your customers















## Take personal responsibility



# **Summary**



- Customers have real choices
  - And they want much more than just meeting an SLA
- Talk to your customers about what THEY do
  - Align your services with customer value, NOT applications
- Use the ITIL Practitioner guiding principles
  - Focus on value
  - Design for experience
  - Collaborate
  - Be transparent
  - Start where you are
  - Work holistically
  - Progress iteratively
  - Observe directly
  - Keep it simple
- Use an approach that works for your culture





Thank you

@StuartRance StuartR@OptimalServiceManagement.com optimal
Service Management Ltd

www.optimalservicemanagement.com