IT Department

e-business tools Opportunities at CERN

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e-business vs e-commerce

- e-commerce
 - outward-facing





- sales, marketing, customer service...
- revenue generating focus
- e-business
 - internal processes (more complex)
 - procurement, finance, hr, safety
 - cost savings, improvements in efficiency & productivity





CERN

World's leading particle physics research laboratory

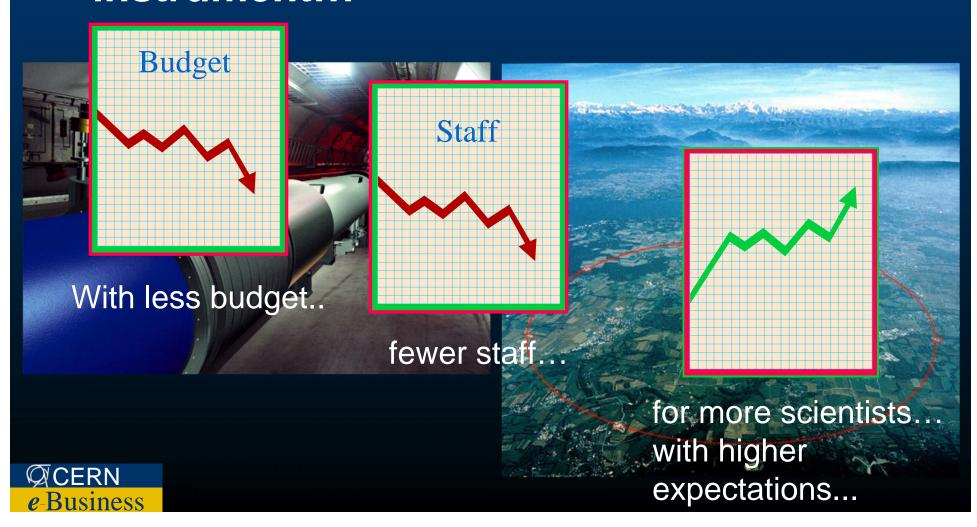
- Annual budget of €600 million
- 2600 Staff
- 6500 visiting scientists
- Inventors of the World Wide Web
- Half the world's particle physicists researching matter and forces



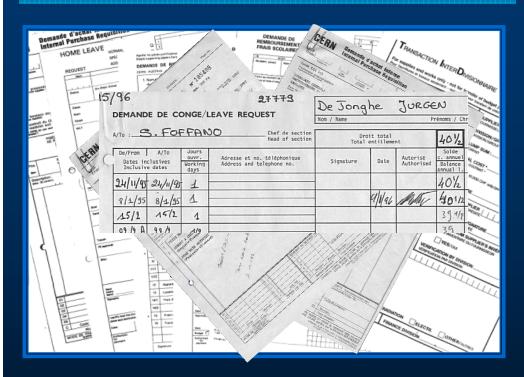


Challenge facing CERN today

Build the worlds largest scientific instrument...



Internal processes



Goal:

Enable employees to reduce overhead activities, increase efficiency and focus on core activities

- Over 100 official procedures
- Used by all CERN personnel
- Over 250,000 documents per year
- Examples:
 - purchase orders
 - training request
 - holiday request
 - travel claim



Progress

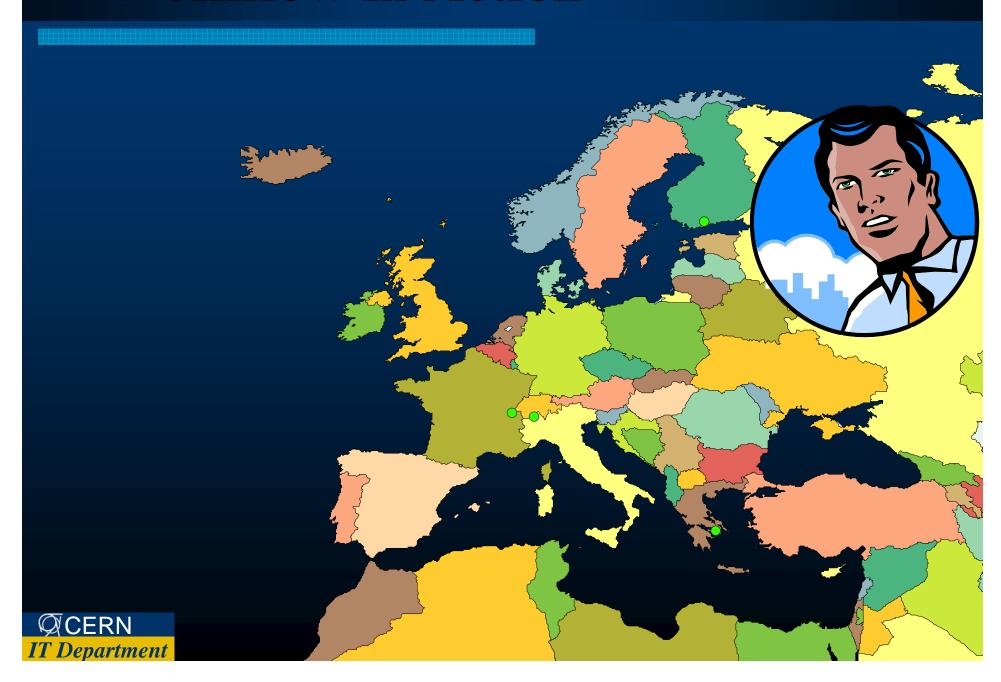


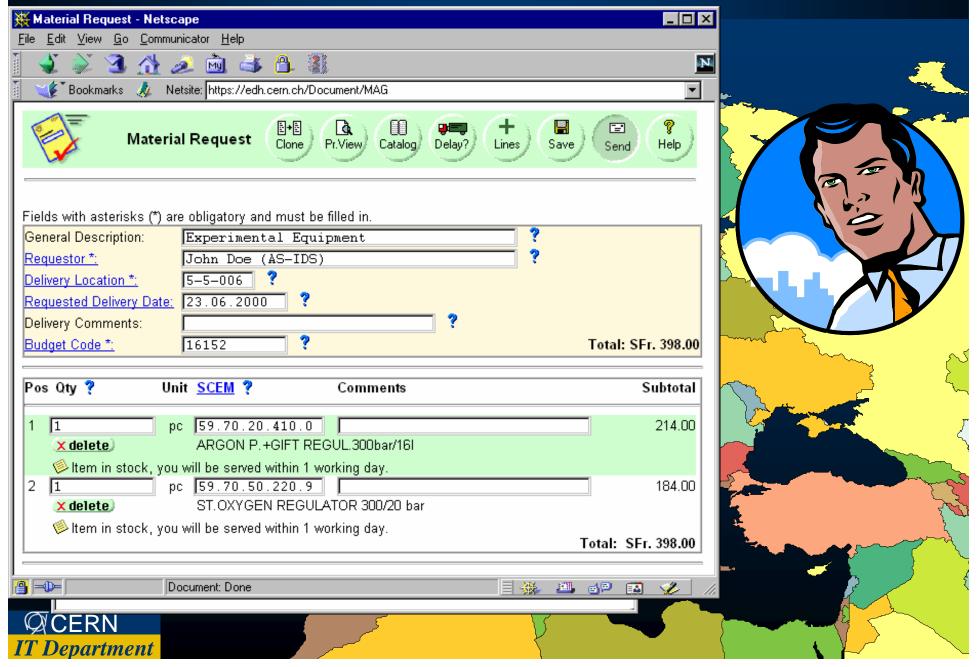


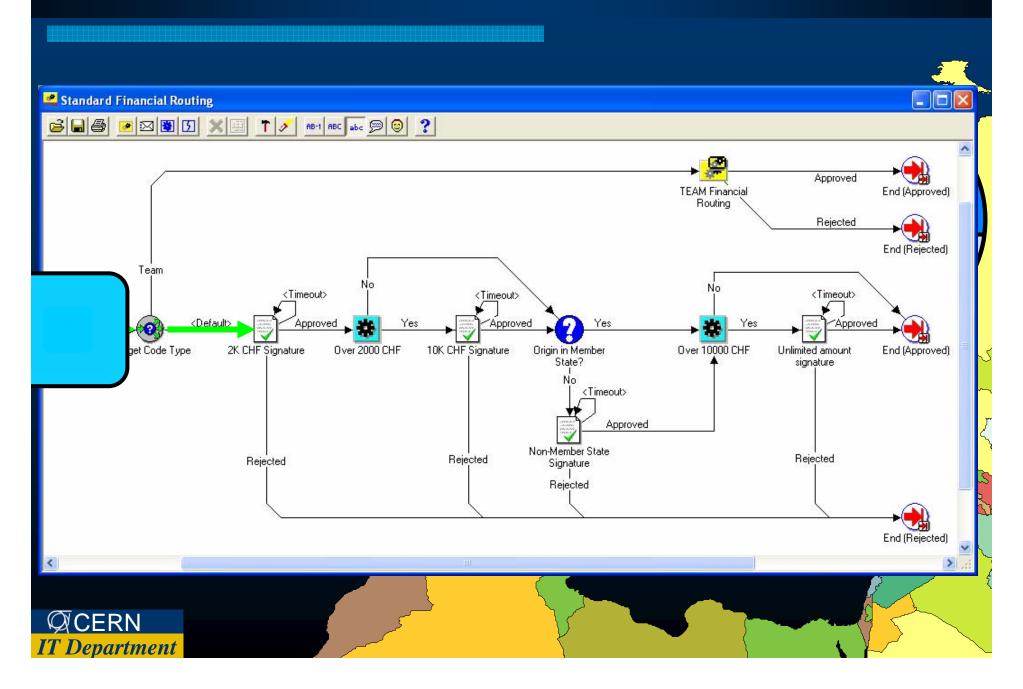
CERN - fifty years of progress

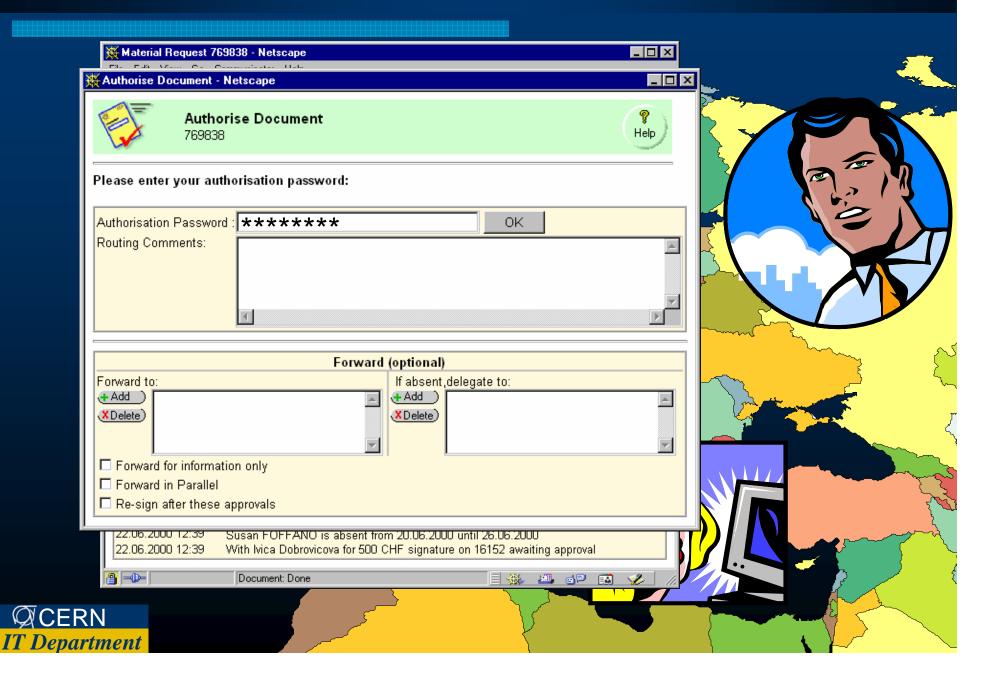


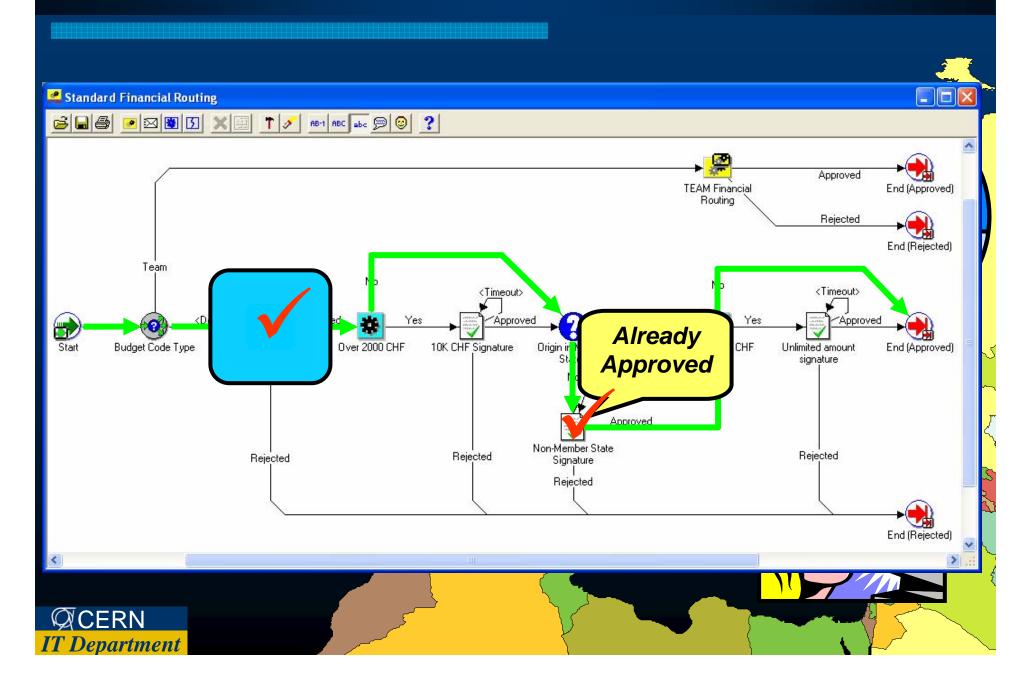


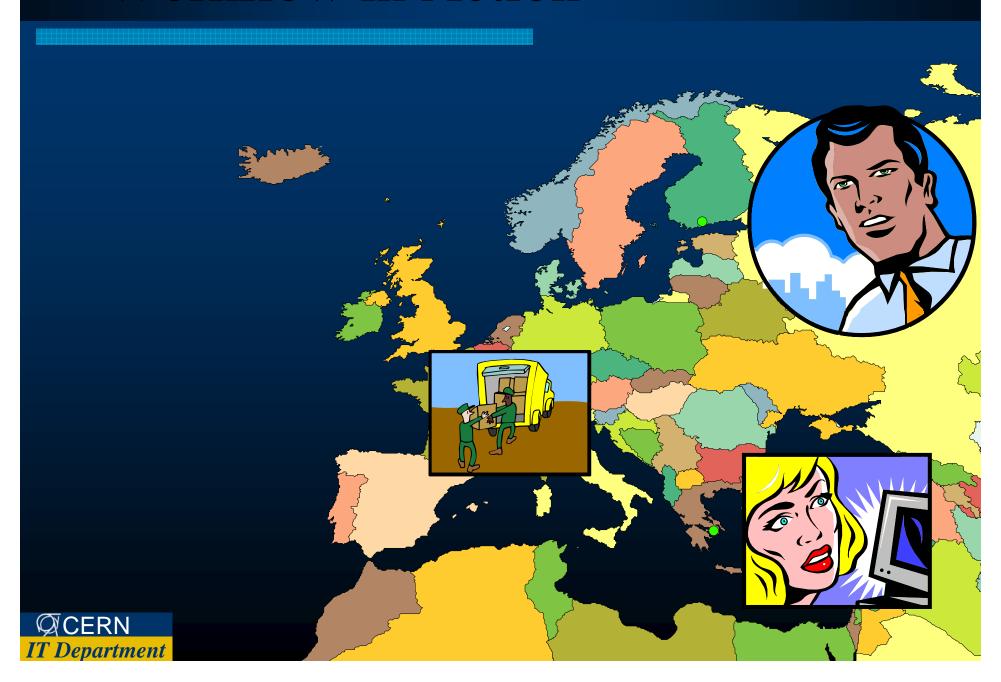




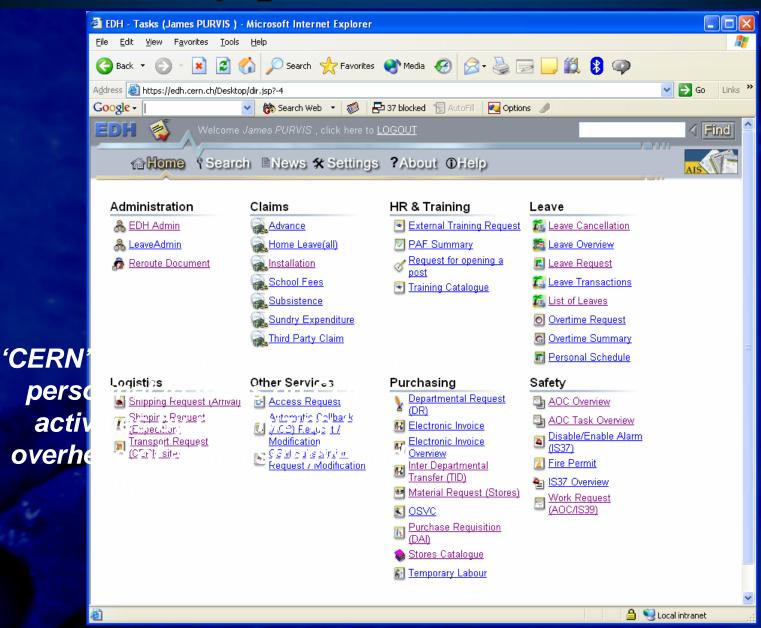








Almost any procedure...

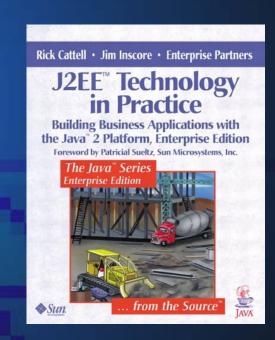


Benefits

- Do more with less (productivity, efficiency, morale...)
- Focus on core activities (physics)
- Horizontal vs vertical approach
 - any business area
 - purchasing, HR, safety, IT services, recruitment
 - training, procurement, access control, logistics
- Empower & control
 - obligatory rules enforced (safety, financial etc)
 - optional departmental controls
 - ad-hoc on the fly modifications by user
 - intervention at any time possible by power users
- Powerful
 - 71% internal purchase orders processed in less than 30 minutes
 - 93% processed in less than 24 hours

Technology

- Well-written
 - Blueprint by Sun (inventors of Java) & Oracle as "industry best practice"
 - Rigourous quality assurance procedures (business critical).
 - ⇒ Consequences = low support, low IT maintenance cost
- Portable / proven technology transfer
 - Multilingual
- Reusable
 - components, procedures & technology
- Scalable
 - 150,000 procedures per year
 - 29 currencies
 - 6,500 active users, 2000/day
 - new doc every 30 seconds
 - 360,000 signatures per year
 - used in 49 countries
 - over 2 billion CHF of money committed
- Mature
 - evolved : mainframe (1990) -> client/server(1992) -> Web (1998)
 - 15 years electronic process experience
 - 6 years e-business experience



Opportunities

Frequently Asked Questions on WWW

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON W3

An FAQ list is really a cop-out from managed information. You should be able to find everything you want to know by browsing from the WWW project page, as everything should be arranged in a logical way. Here though are things which maybe didn't fit into the structure, with pointers to the answers which maybe did. Its an experiment, started May 92. The questioners are anonymous.

I am just starting: how do I find out more [1]

How does www keep track of the available servers [2]

How does W3 compare with WAIS and Gopher [3] ?

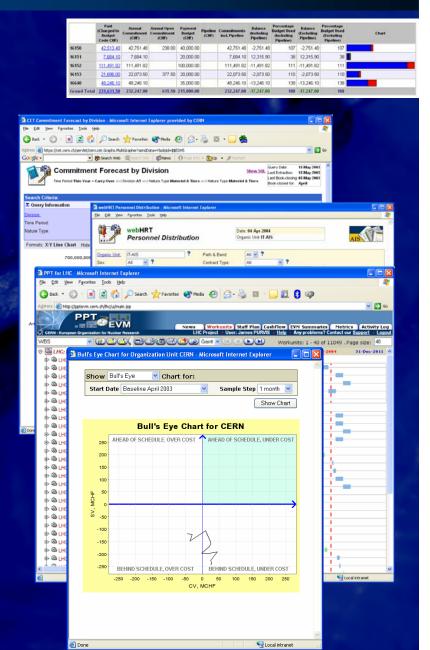
How do I create my own server [4] ?

1-10, Up, <RETURN> for more, Quit, or Help:



Further opportunities

- Management reporting
 - Financial
 - -HR
- Staffing simulation
- Project & earned value management (EVM)



Thank You

For More Information

Browse to:

http://ais.cern.ch

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Question: Build vs Buy?

Best of Breed

- Buy best solution for each business unit
- We manage the integration & customisation
- We provide transparent layer for end-users
- E.g. Financials, HR, Payroll, e-recruitment

Be-spoke development

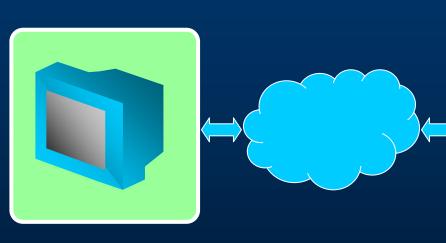
- Where market availability doesn't meet CERN needs
- E.g. Workflow, Reporting, Earned Value Management, Contract Management

Question: ROI?

- Investment Cost:
 - 8-10 person years initial development
 - 4 wks per business process
 - 1 FTE support & operations
- Return
 - FTE savings (see http://ais.cern.ch/)
 - "Traditional ROI metrics not always applicable with e-business solutions"

Question: Architecture

'Classical' 3-tier



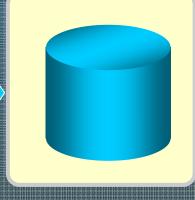
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Web Client

Network Intra / Internet



9*i* Application Server

App Server 9.0.2
Sun Enterprise 450
4 CPU
2Gb Ram
250Gb RAID Disk



Oracle Database

Oracle 8.1.7.4
Sun Enterprise 420R
4 CPU
4Gb Ram
300Gb RAID Disk

