

It is evident that new companies and those departments of established businesses that start with a clean slate may be able to develop an enormous advantage over traditional organizations since they basically do not carry the burden of dealing with any legacy of the past while venturing into new fields.

This advantage, however, can be exploited only if the lessons of the past are applied, i.e., IT projects have to be based on (a) long-term oriented, comprehensible, and complete documentation of business processes (b) an uncompromised, object oriented approach to resource (application, databases, network entities, etc.) development and deployment such as OMG's CORBA(2)

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(2) "CORBA (Common Object Request Broker Architecture) is a standard for distributed objects being developed by the Object Management Group (OMG). The OMG is a consortium of software vendors and end users. Many OMG member companies are developing commercial products that support these standards and/or are developing software that use this standard." (see <http://www.acl.lanl.gov/CORBA/>)