

There was once, a Bakery...

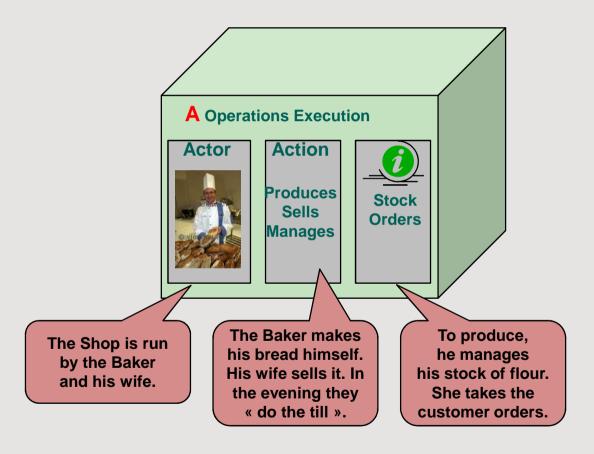


The Baker makes and sells his bread just like his father



The Baker learnt his trade from his father, who had learnt it from his grandfather.
He makes his bread to the family recipe.





Operations

But it's hard to get new apprentices to work well







To cope with increasing clientele, he has to hire apprentices to produce more good bread and to serve more customers.

Oh Genie, good Genie! I hired apprentices to help me Produce and Sell my bread.
But the bread isn't always of good quality, the orders are often wrongly filled out. I see my apprentices running between the shop and the ovens with no real efficiency.

Should I fire them all and hire new ones?

You must formalize your « know-how » if you want your employees to profit from it; take the time to •Define each person's role

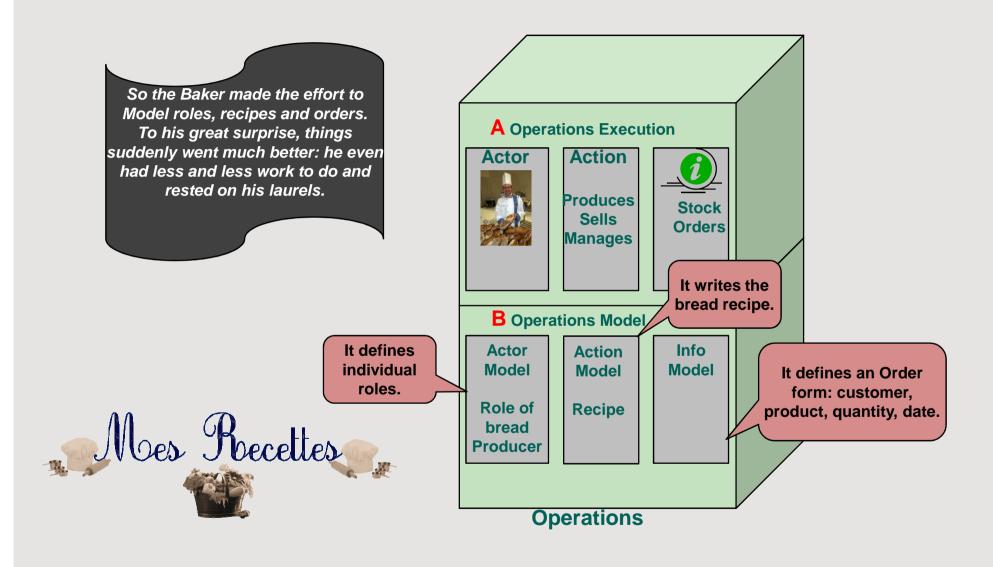
• Write out your recipe

•Prepare order forms, so they don't forget to note down the 4 key pieces of information: customer, date, product and quantity.



The Baker has to model to enable his apprentices to work





But a competitor takes away part of the clientele





One day, another baker sets up shop nearby: he offers organic bread with bacon and with walnuts. Part of the clientele changes bakeries...

Oh Genie, good Genie! A competitor has just set up nearby: I don't much like his bread, but my customers are leaving me.

Should I blow up his bakery?

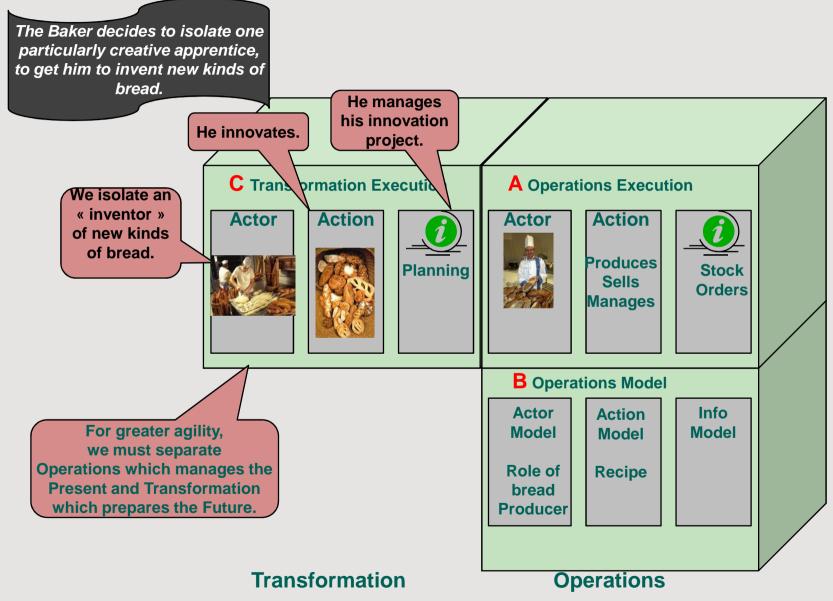


What matters is not the bread you like,
but the bread your customers like.
You can't just blow up your competitor's shop
because he managed to make a better bread than
yours, you must invent a new bread
that pleases customers even more.



The Baker has to innovate to rival the competition





But he doesn't know how to reproduce the newly invented bread!





After a series of disastrous attempts, the bread inventor manages to bake an extraordinary bread, but is unable to reproduce it. The inventor is an « artist » who succeeded in creating a one-off bread, like an original work of art.

Oh Genie, good Genie! I did exactly what you said, but it didn't work.

Should I drown my bread inventor in his own dough?

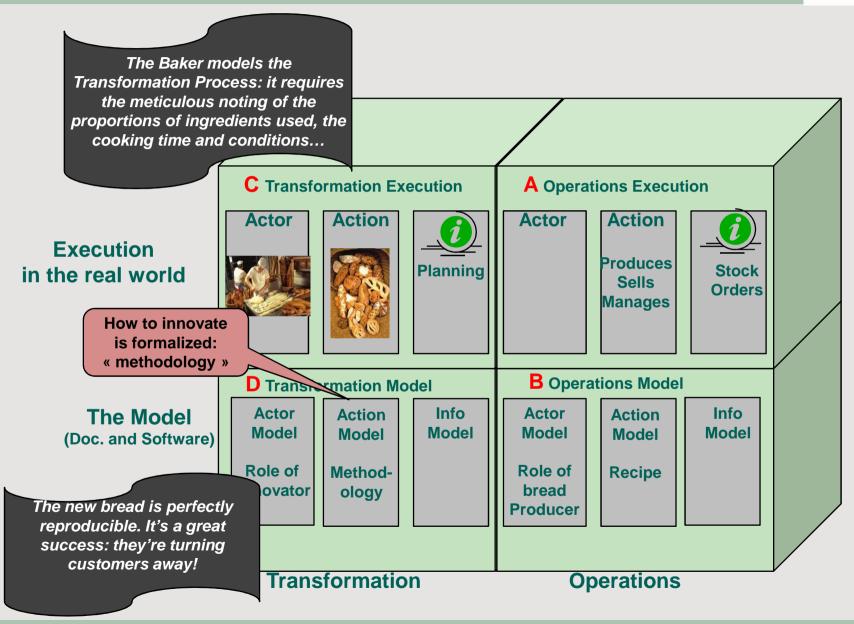


Your inventor did the essential of his task: he managed to invent an original and pleasing bread. You must model not just the Actions executed by your apprentice bakers or trainee salespeople, but also the Transformation Actions.



The Baker defines the innovation methodology





But he can't manage growth





Oh Genie, good Genie! Business is booming, but I can't satisfy all the customers queuing up in front of my shop.

Should I chase them away with a flame thrower?

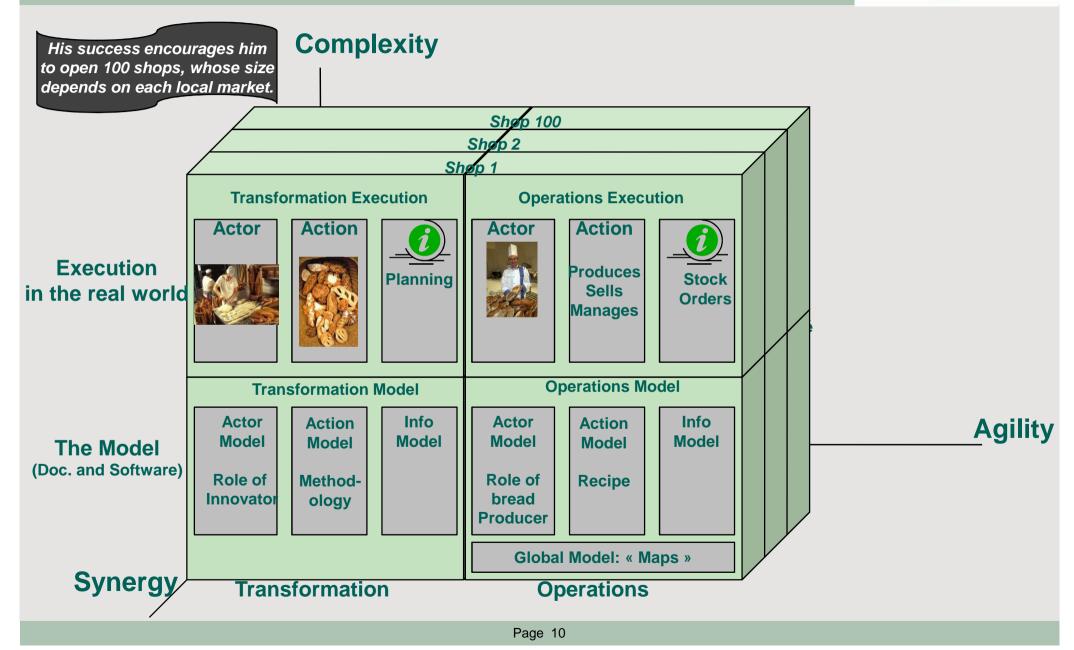
You can't complain about too much custom!
As you succeeded in modelling the functioning
of your bakery, why not open other shops?
Your customers will relocate
of their own accord.





The Baker opens 100 shops





But the customers can't find the same bread in every shop





Each outlet reinvents its own special bread: customers are more loyal to their shop than to the bakery chain.

Oh Genie, good Genie!
I get letters from my customers who complain that I don't supply them similar products from one shop to the next.

Should I centralize my bread Production?

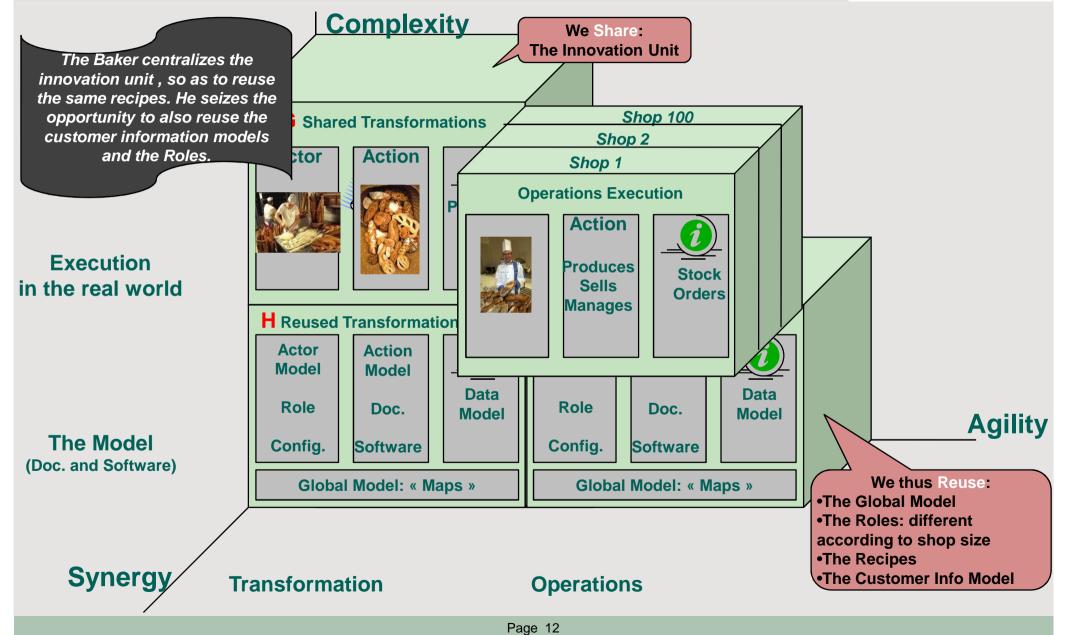


Customers want to find the product they like as they move around. Don't centralize bread Production, just centralize innovation, so as to have but a single recipe.



The Baker centralizes the Innovation Unit: All shops reuse the same recipes





But the products are still different because the ingredients are different





However, the quality of the flour ordered by each is not homogenous: the recipes are the same but the ingredients are not.

Oh Genie, good Genie! I'm still getting letters of complaint from my customers.

Should I refuse those that are unhappy access to my shops?

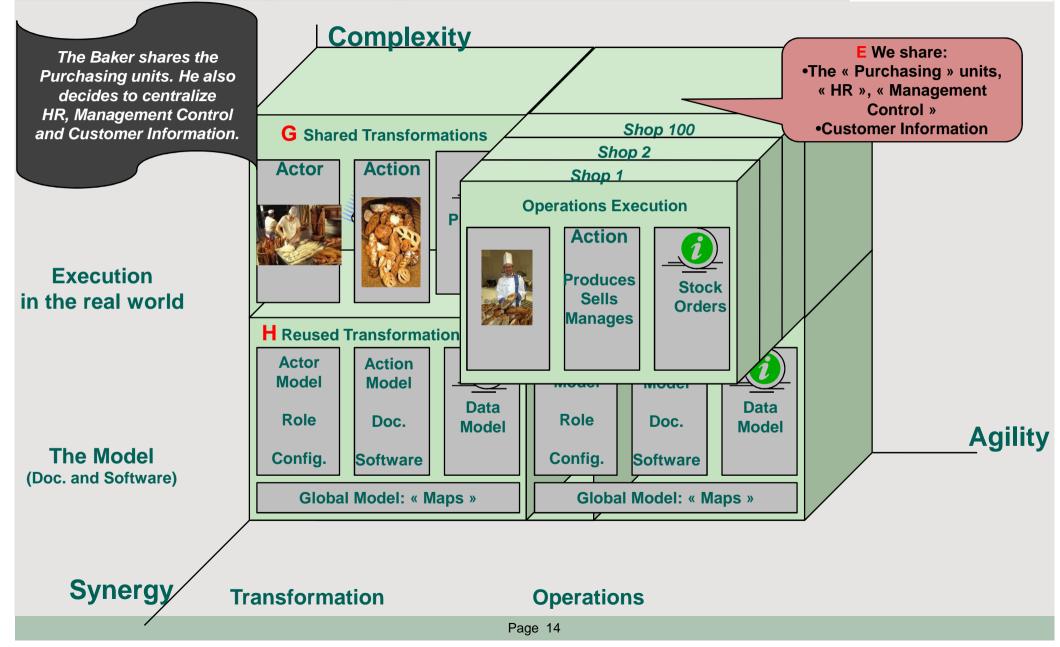


It's not enough to simply use the right recipe, the ingredients also have to be identical. Why not centralize the « Purchasing » unit?



The Baker centralizes the support activities: HR, purchasing, management control...





But managing the whole becomes complex





However, the administrative workload grows: how to automate?

Oh Genie, good Genie!
I spend my time filling out papers
and holding meetings.
How can I lighten my wo<u>rkload?</u>

Should I shred all these documents?



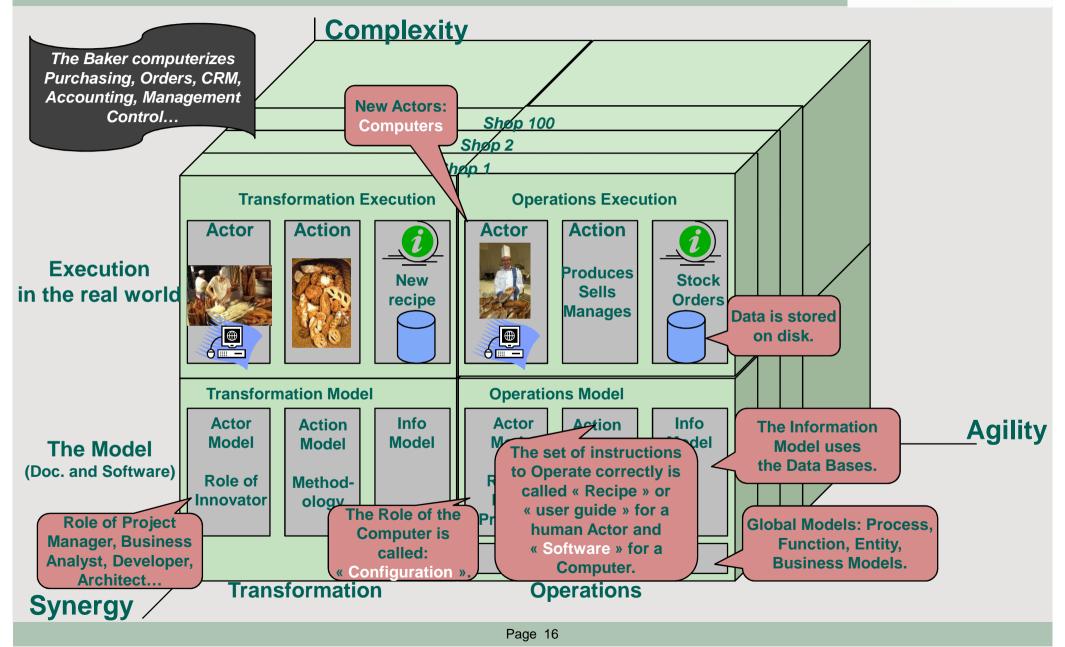
The IT tool won't invent new bread for you, but it can make the functioning of your Enterprise less onerous and more reliable.

Why not avail of it?



Computerization: same representation!





But the Solutions are heterogeneous





However, he has great difficulty in using all these heterogeneous Solutions.

Oh Genie, good Genie!
I have to re-enter the same information, go from one ergonomics to another, remember 12 different passwords and the whole is weakened every time I ask for the slightest modification!

Should I have my entire IT staff shot?

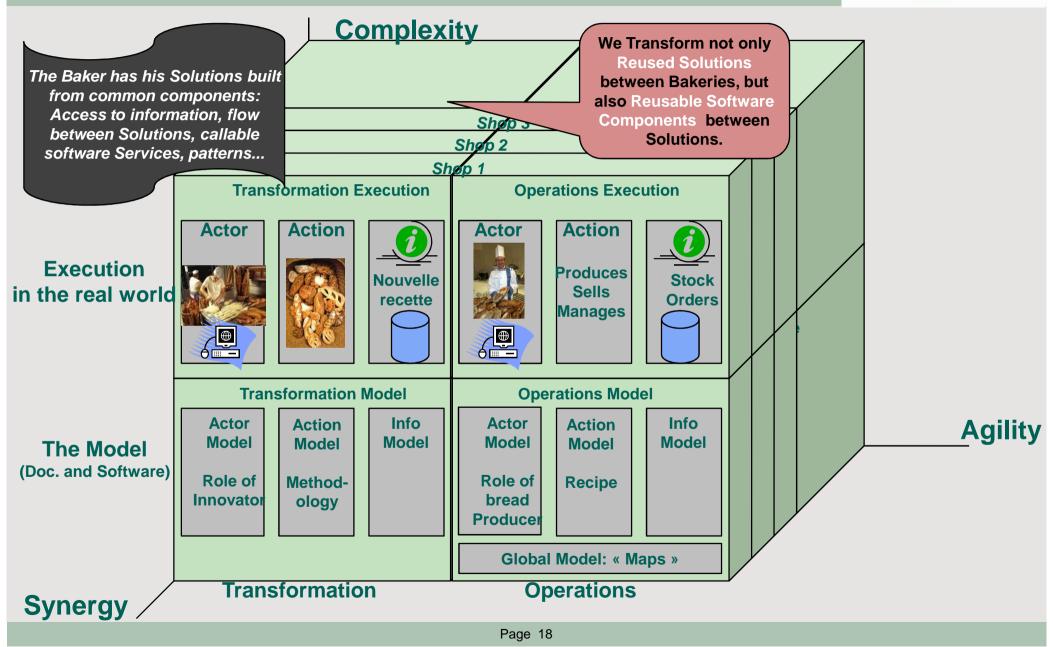


You'd also have to shoot their replacements... for as long as you don't « Reuse »: just like you reuse the same pastry and the same cream to make your cream puffs and chocolate éclairs, you must use the same software components for your different Solutions.



Reuse





But Transformations are still too slow





or



Everything is simpler, all is more coherent, but Transformation is still too slow!

Oh Genie, good Genie!
I'd like much more agility from these
incompetents in Project Management
and IT:
Should I bomb the IT centre?



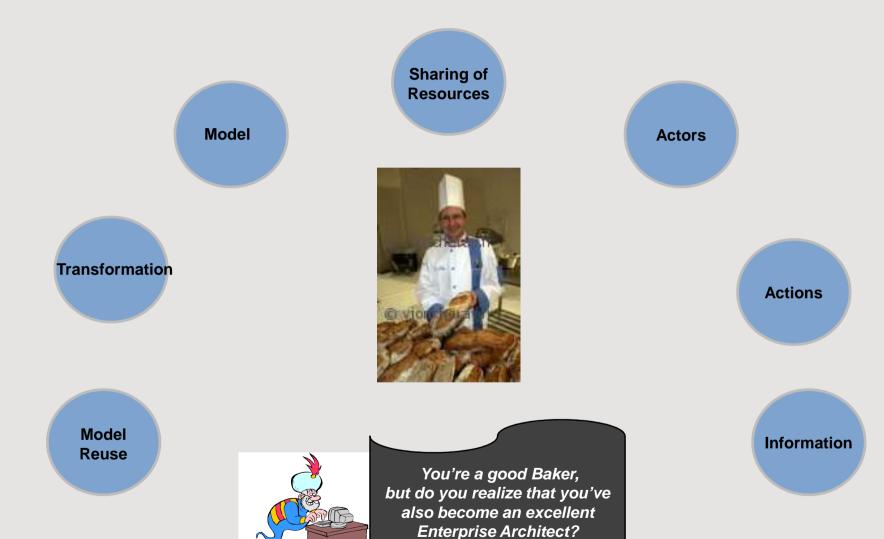
You can carry out some Transformations by parametering, or the use of rule engines, or workflow engines...

Have you already asked your IT teams for this?



Unknowingly, the Baker has become an Entreprise Architect...





The Baker's 7 messages



- 1. A simple Definition of Enterprise Architecture: the art of bringing together Actors, Actions and Information to make an Enterprise work.
- 2. It is not enough to Operate: we must also Transform!
- 3. A discipline that is accessible to all.
- 4. In particular, it must help resolve the 3 key challenges for Enterprises how to:
 - Master Complexity through Modelling
 - Favour Agility by separating Operations and Transformation
 - Guide Synergy by sharing Resources and by reusing Models
- 5. Business and IT should not be antagonistic, but associated to build appropriate Solutions.
- 6. Agility is achieved if there is strong Reuse of Components and if parametering and rule engines are employed.
- 7. The approach is the same whether IT is used or not.