Answerthink

2001 Annual Report

Dear Shareholder,

Tomorrow's historians will remember 2001 as a watershed year. A world already rapidly changing was suddenly transformed one Tuesday morning in September. A global recession threatened to overwhelm established companies, mature industries and even entire nations. Thousands of start-ups and new economy firms born during the Internet boom closed their virtual (and non-virtual) doors. Unforgiving market conditions meant only those firms with clear missions and viable business plans survived.

I am proud to report that during this "make or break" year, Answerthink not only survived, but took strategic steps to maintain our position in the marketplace. Our ability to act decisively and stay focused on our objectives throughout a difficult year served as a clear testament to the strength of our business model, the discipline in our operating philosophy and the outstanding commitment of our people. We carried a positive cash flow during the year and ended 2001 with an all-time high cash balance of \$60 million. By limiting our exposure to dot com projects and focusing on IT-enabled initiatives that provide lasting value for our clients, we were able to move ahead, while many competitors failed.

In 2001 our strategic gains were particularly significant. We strengthened our business model by expanding our service offerings. For example, we grew our business applications practice by purchasing the SAP applications group of Condor Technology Solutions, Inc. Our recently formed joint venture with HCL Technologies, Inc. represents a significant new revenue opportunity

and allows us to provide cost-effective off-shore application development, maintenance and support to Fortune 1000 clients. The offerings of this new venture are an excellent complement to our business model and allow us to quickly enter this expanding market. The launch of Hackett Collaborative Learning, based on our acquisition of the Exult Process Intelligence Center (EPIC), furthers our leadership in best practices. By giving us best practice expertise focused on business process, this acquisition enhances our ability to meet the growing demand for business process outsourcing.

How were we able to move ahead in 2001? Just as our clients focused on fundamentals, so did our people. Our ability to deliver projects on time and on budget and to focus on client service enabled us to strengthen our relationships. To further promote our client-focused culture, we initiated a project performance bonus for our people tied to client satisfaction and quality of project delivery. The results from our client satisfaction surveys continue to be extremely positive and are a reflection of the value we are providing in the marketplace. Our work also won widespread recognition from industry experts and analysts, including seven Web Marketing Association Awards and an Electronic Multimedia Award.

In the coming year, we will build on the success of 2001 by further differentiating the Answerthink brand based on our unique approach, called Business Process Intelligence (BPI). BPI is not new—it's based on the founding principles of Answerthink and is how we do business every day. To a marketplace with no appetite for "cookie-cutter" consulting solutions that fail to satisfy client needs for true return on investment, this approach is compelling—as you will see in our Annual Report. BPI will be a big part of our efforts in 2002 as we demonstrate to clients how simultaneously optimizing people, process, technology and information leads to breakthrough performance gains.

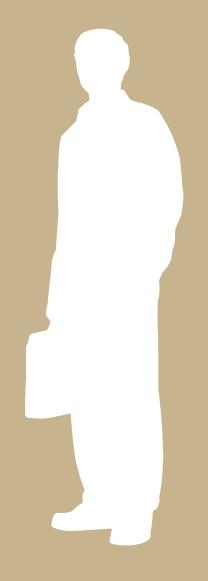
Moving into 2002, the recovering economy is only one reason to be enthusiastic about our prospects. Client satisfaction remains high, and we are committed to deepening our relationships with our most significant and productive accounts. Our development of new service and revenue channels holds great potential for growth. The initiatives and acquisitions described above have given us a clear edge in important market sectors. We've never been better positioned, and as you'll see on the following pages the time is right for Answerthink to be recognized as a clear industry leader.



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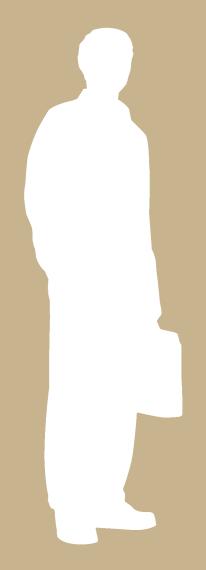


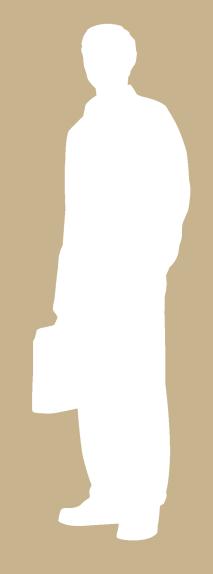
They filled departments.

In business, long ago,

people were points on a flow chart.

They fit into the structure.





Everything was

command and control,

task-oriented,

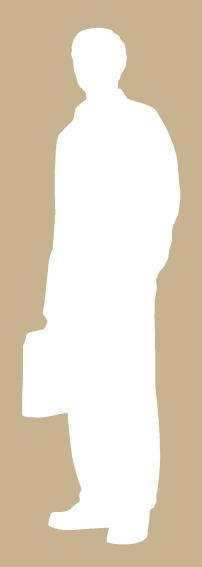
structured around linear processes.

Everyone had a function.

And work flowed from left to right across the company.



Only those who owned information had the authority to use it.



So linking every person's siloed efforts became important in serving the customer.

There was little collaboration.

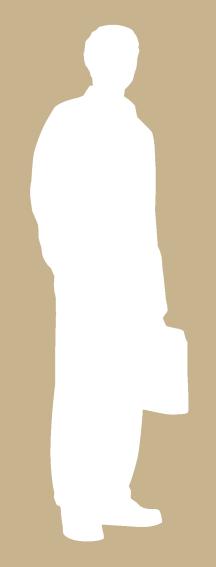


And that's when

Business Process Reengineering

emerged.

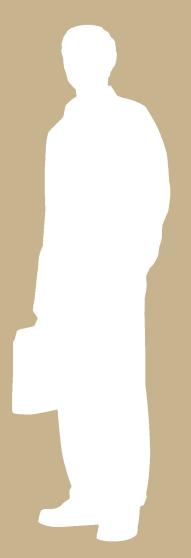




Suddenly,

what people did was

studied and scrutinized.

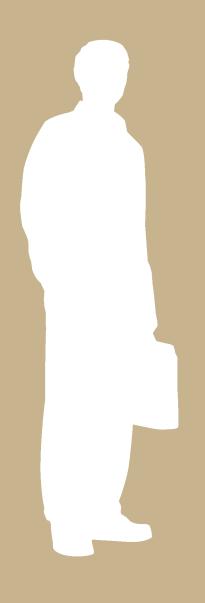


Processes were streamlined.

Redundancies were eliminated.

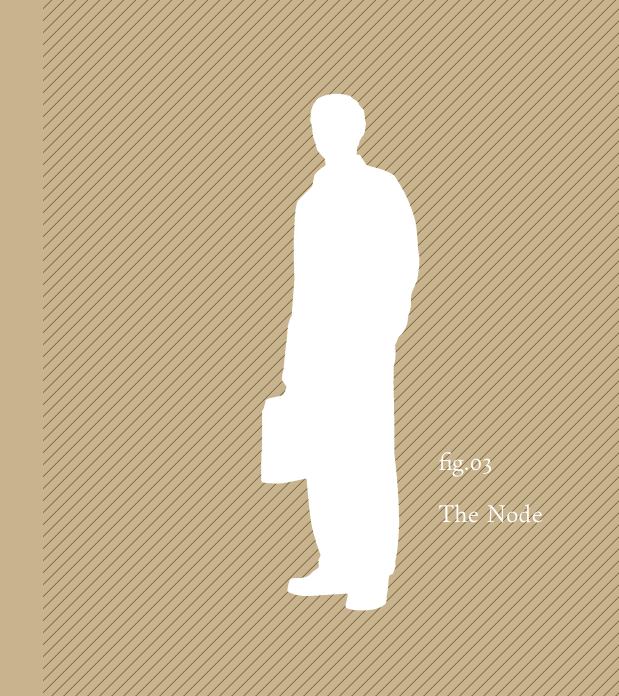
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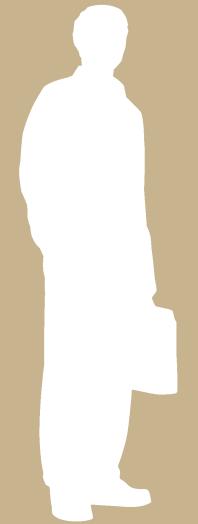
people were eliminated.

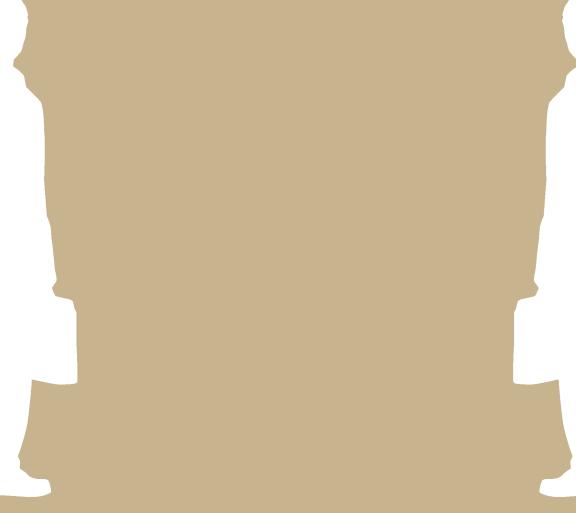


The game was

cost reduction and head cutting.







Then emerged a new, overarching view, enabled by IT.

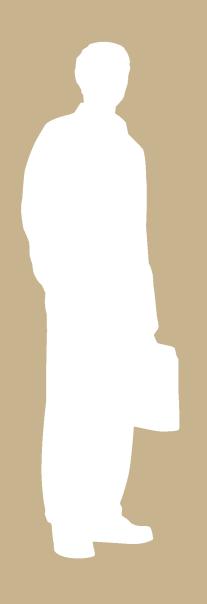
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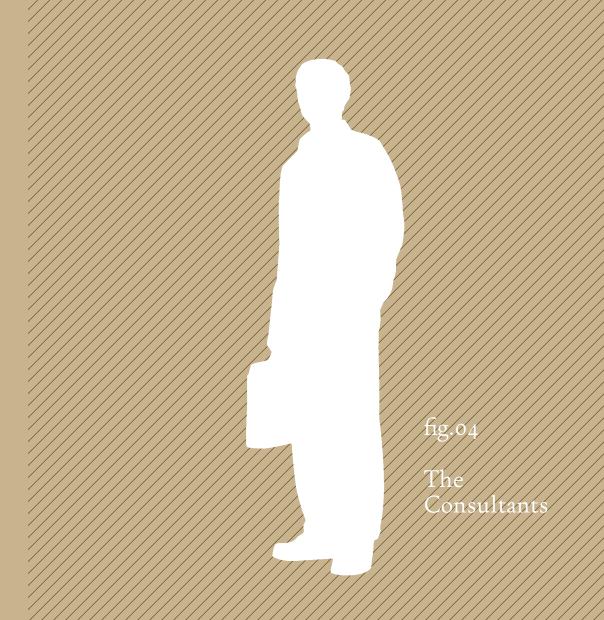
nodes on a network.



Inter-departmental communication and collaboration became possible.







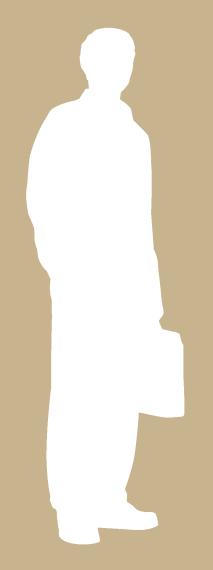


Today,

consulting and systems integration firms stand level.

Each touts its core competencies:

Expertise and Experience Smart People Quality Service Delivery Technological Know-How



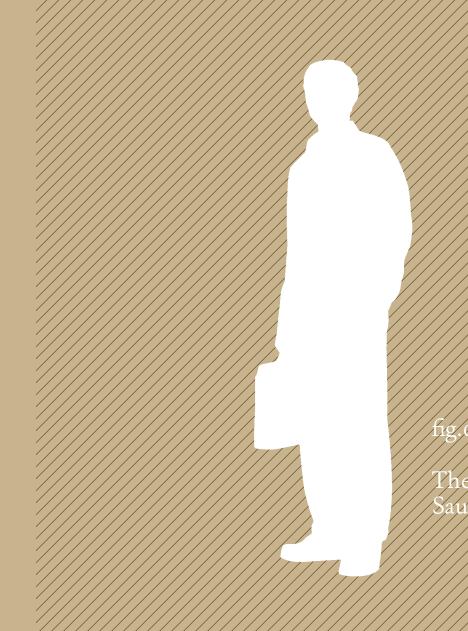


They're the same competencies.

And the wares are the same, too:

IT Strategy Enterprise Business Applications Supply Chain Management Process Reengineering Technology Integration CRM





It's become a commodity market.

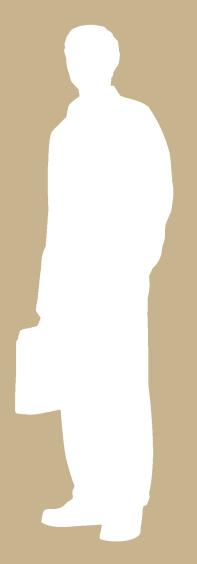
And in its consulting wisdom, each firm understands it must differentiate itself to get ahead of the others.



And thus was born

Acronyms and Proprietary Methodologies[™]

that now permeate the industry.



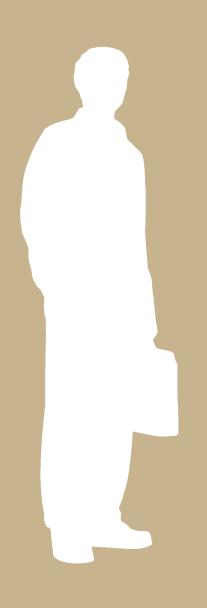
But basically consulting firms still do the same thing.

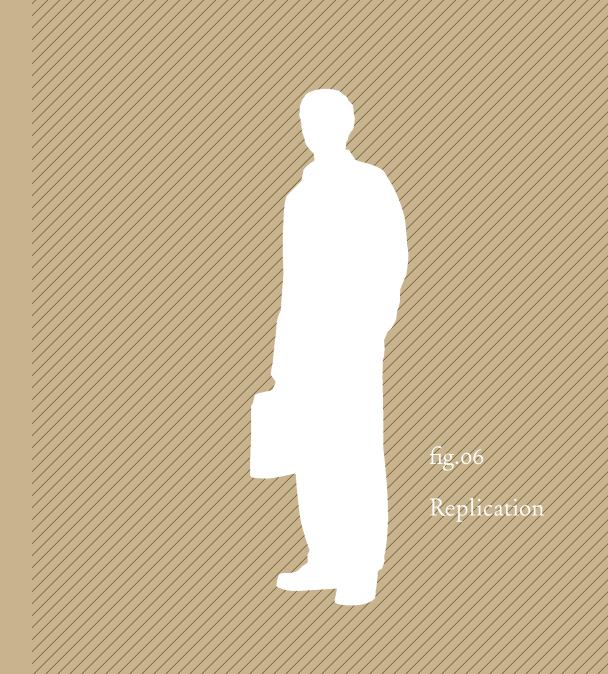
They're selling the same services and approaches, dressed up in new buzzwords.

They propose

cookie-cutter

solutions to unique client problems.





And because clients aren't dumb, they've become suspicious.





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voluminous credenzaware.



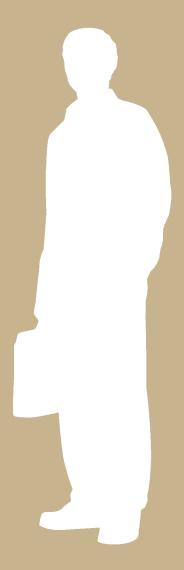
And they're not impressed.



They find, in the end, that

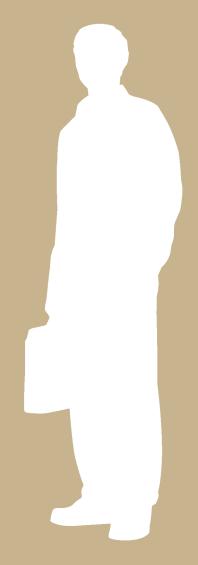
these big expensive engagements

are rather hollow.



The results don't optimize their businesses.

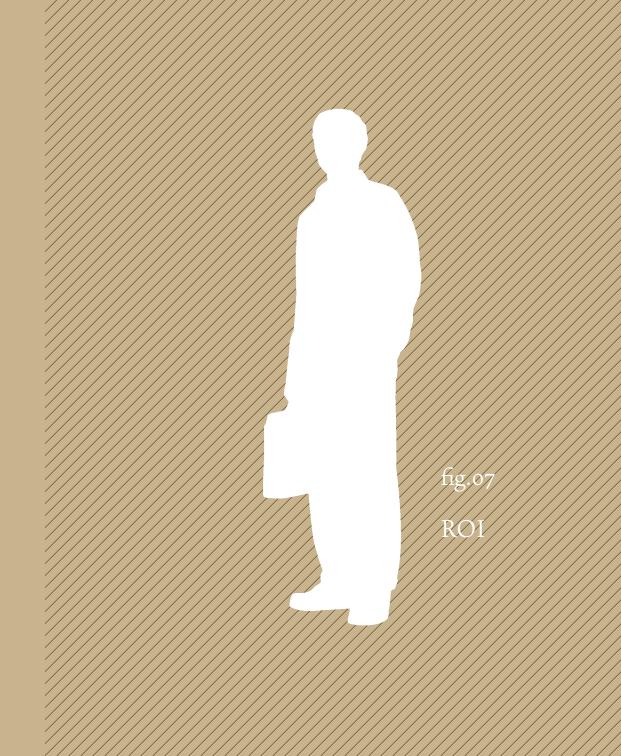




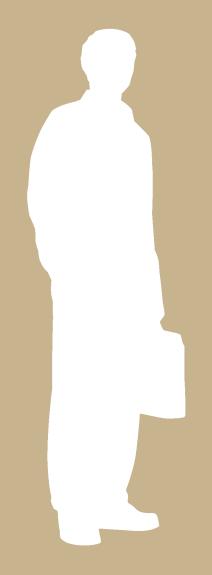
There aren't many benefits.

Or much value.





That's the point at which we start.





The answer for clients is:

Everyone's talking about ROI today,

Return on Investment.

but what is it, really?



ROI is about the relationship between

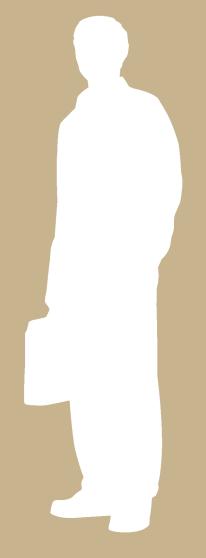
value and cost.



It is gaining the most benefit from the least resources.

ROI is not just cost reduction.





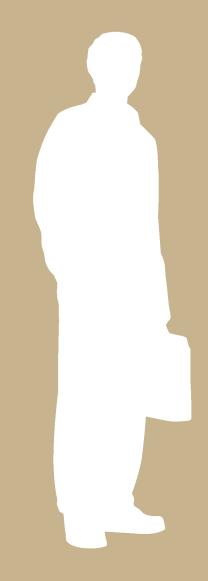
It's about generating

real business value

and

real performance breakthroughs.

It's about viewing your business in a holistic manner.



Our approach for achieving this kind of ROI

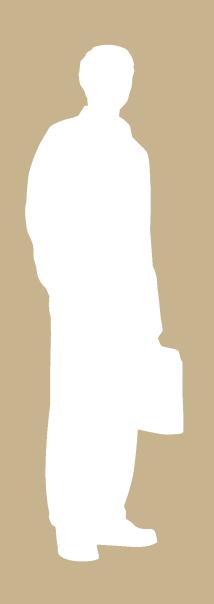
is called

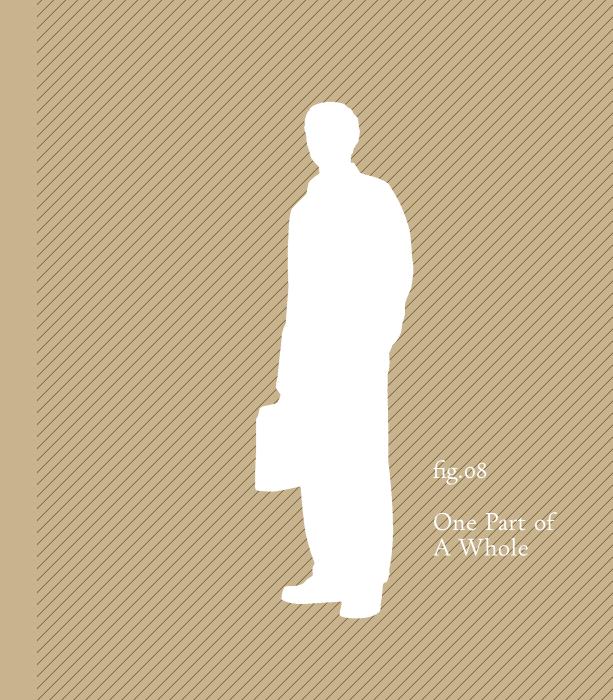
Business Process Intelligence, or BPI.



It's not the latest label for an old approach.

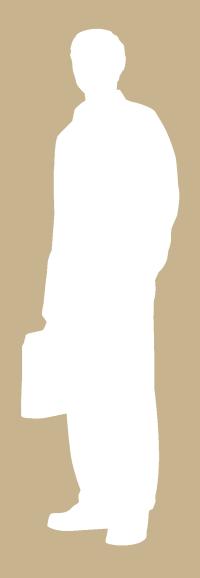
Answerthink was founded on this approach.





It's the way
we solve client
problems every day.





We believe every business has four dimensions:

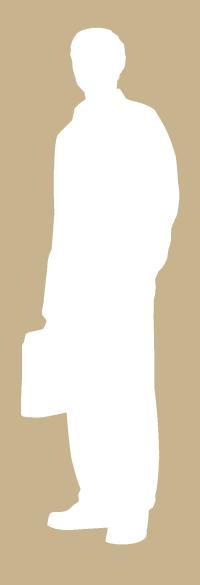
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People Process Technology Information





For performance to improve,

all four dimensions must be addressed.

Not just IT. Not just process.

People work differently today.



Everybody has more information now,

but not everybody uses it

efficiently and effectively.



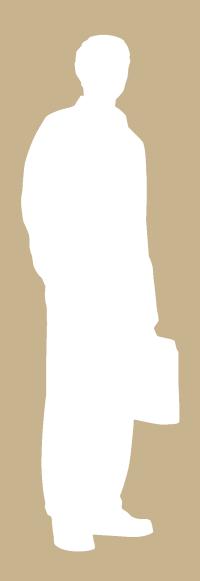
Experience tells us
that the best
companies deal
with all parts of
the enterprise
and
how it works
holistically,

touching all four dimensions.



That's what BPI is all about.





We implement based on the most valuable best practices database there is.



Many consultancies will say they have best practices, but ours are backed by empirical performance data and metrics from nearly 2,000 global organizations, including 80 percent of the Dow Jones Industrials, two-thirds of the Fortune 100 and over 60 percent of the Dow Jones Global Titans

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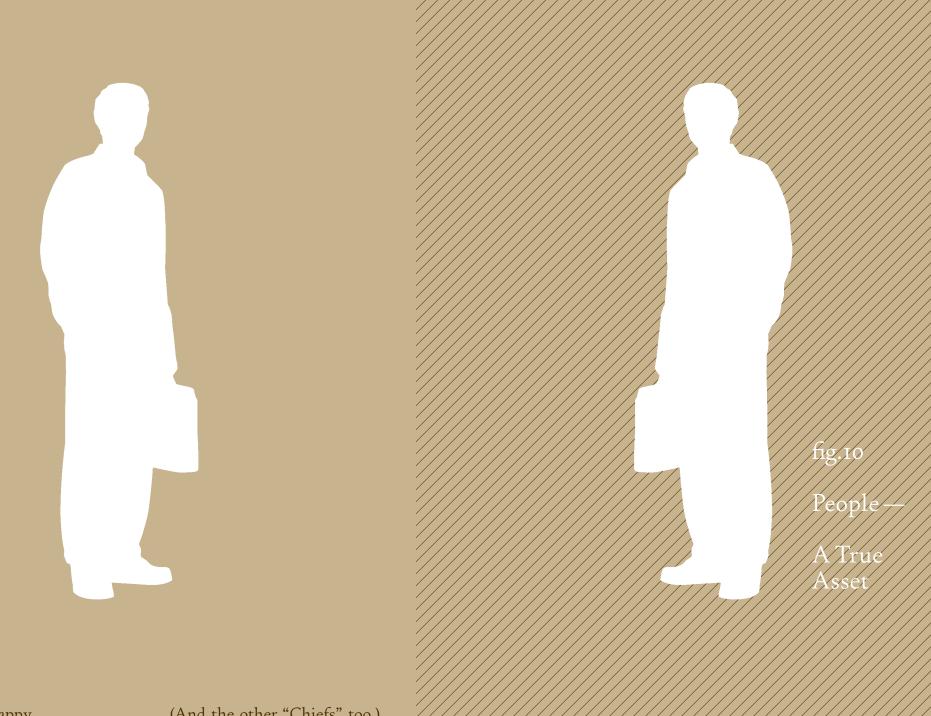


We use our Hackett Best Practices to set the path to high performance, across all areas of an enterprise: Finance IT HR Procurement Shared Services By baking Hackett Best Practices into information technology solutions, we can maximize ROI for clients and help them achieve the nirvana of greater performance

with fewer

resources.





That makes CIOs happy.

(And the other "Chiefs" too.)



We design solutions that enable collaboration within companies.

People are

thinkers, managers

and doers

in today's companies.



Our BPI approach treats people as a vital part of a system.

Not just parts of the structure.

Because people add value.



Because

to ignore

the intellectual capital of your people

is to be

intellectually bankrupt.



Hollow.



People's individual skills, knowledge and abilities

must be

connected, shared and leveraged.



To make people smarter,

internal knowledge

must be

integrated just as much as operating and financial data are integrated.

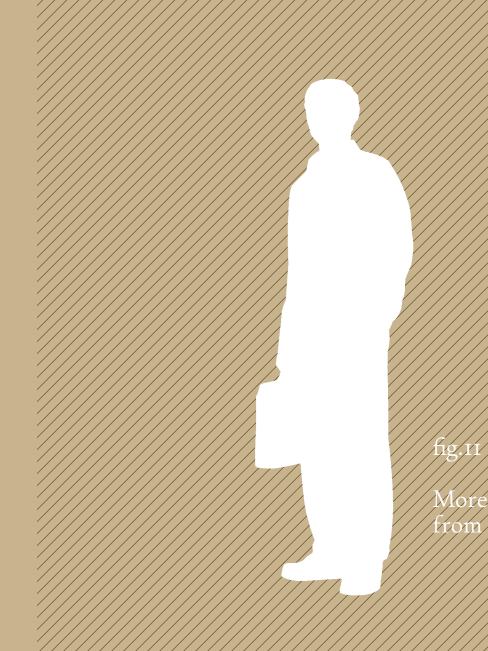


And business processes

must be

more intelligent too, to allow for the ways in which people work,

both inside and outside a company's walls.



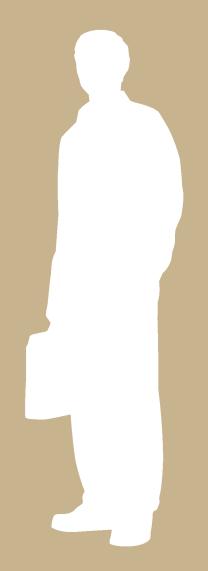


BPI is the way to create the most value from the least resources.

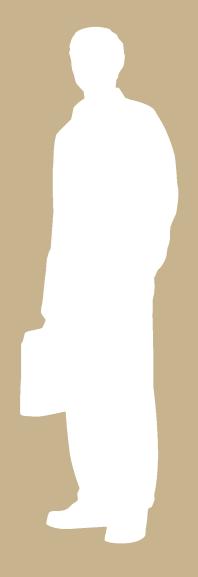


The correct balance will yield superior ROI.







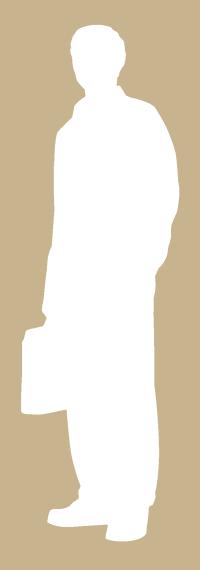


Not

cookiecutter.

That's different.







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Financial Highlights

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands, except per share data)	Dec	Year Ended tember 28, 2001	Year Ended December 29, 2000	
Net revenues	\$	247,461	\$	311,136
Costs and expenses:				
Project personnel and expenses		155,150		181,338
Selling, general and administrative expenses		88,704		111,033
Restructuring costs		8,489		3,700
Stock compensation expense		4,855		853
Total costs and operating expenses		257,198		296,924
Income (loss) from operations		(9,737)		14,212
Other income (expense):				
Litigation settlement		_		1,850
Non-cash investment losses		_		(2,350)
Interest income		1,222		1,383
Interest expense		(165)		(255)
Income (loss) before income taxes		(8,680)		14,840
Income tax expense (benefit)		(161)		6,939
Net income (loss)	\$	(8,519)	\$	7,901
Basic net income (loss) per common share	\$	(0.19)	\$	0.20
Weighted average common shares outstanding		43,999		40,262
Diluted net income (loss) per common share Weighted average common and	\$	(0.19)	\$	0.18
common equivalent shares outstanding		43,999		45,137

December 28, 2001		December 29, 2000	
\$	59,888	\$	51,662
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Answerthink shareholders are invited to attend our annual meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at 11am at:

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