# From Custom COTS to Cloud: A Case Study in Solution Architecture

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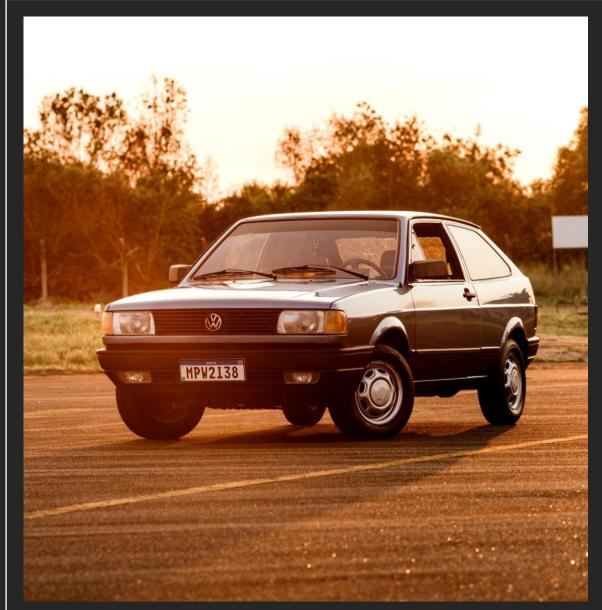


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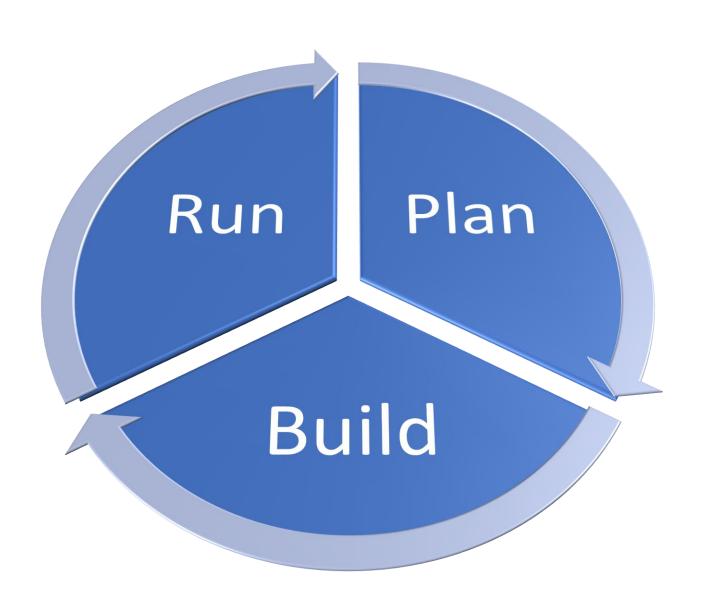












# COTS

# Commercial Off The Shelf

In the 1990s, many regarded COTS as extremely effective in reducing the time and cost of <u>software development</u>. COTS software came with many not-so-obvious tradeoffs— a reduction in initial <u>cost and development time</u> over an increase in software component-integration work, <u>dependency on the vendor</u>, security issues and incompatibilities from future changes.

Wikipedia (October 2, 2022), https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commercial\_off-the-shelf







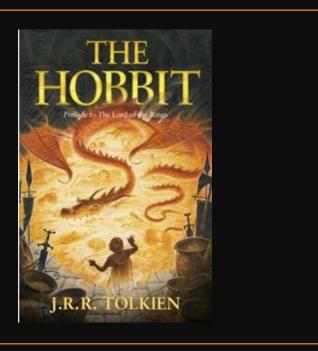


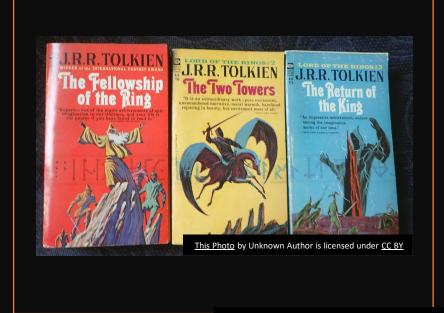
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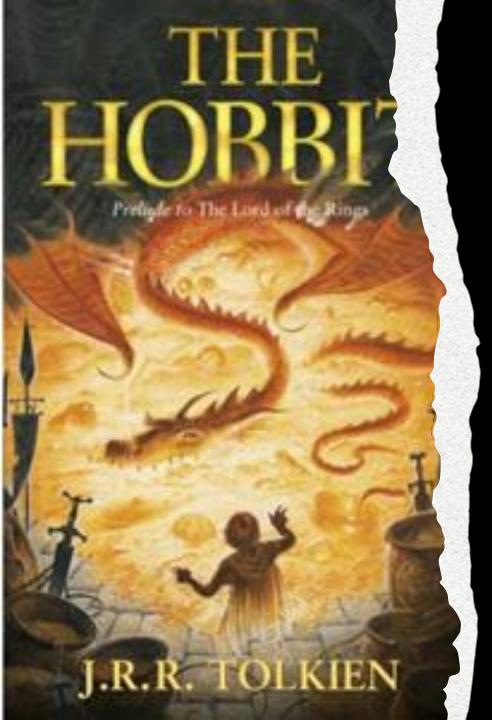
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# Where it started...

Part 0





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### **University of Manitoba holds** funeral for mainframe

Contributor 8:45 AM CST • December 19, 2007



[youtube http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEFPPeUJPEA&rel=1&border=1]

The University of Manitoba recently held a funeral for its 47-year old IBM 650 mainframe — four people had to carry the almost 2,000-pound computer as Amazing Grace played in the background. This video is pretty funny and it's my opinion that all your favorite technology items should receive similar ceremonies.

How to really bury a mainframe [NetworkWorld] via Slashdot

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Layer 8 is written by Michael editor with Network World.

## How to really bury a mainframe











Open up opportunities.

Some users have gone to great lengths to dispose of their <u>mainframe</u> but <u>few</u> have gone this far. On November 21, 2007, the <u>University of Manitoba</u> said goodbye to its beloved 47-year-old IBM 650 mainframe Betelgeuse by holding a New Orleans style



But now we must lay you under the flora, because we have to go deal with this bloody Aurora. So, we commit your parts to be recycled. Earth to Earth Ashes to Ashes Dust to Dust To the god of computers, please bless it and keep it And give it grace and peaceBut please do not resurrect it.

It leaves behind some 25 servers that are now needed to run these systems and will be lovingly remembered by users from across campus.

The IBM 650 was installed in the year 1960 and went through many upgrades and changes to the final hardware of an Amdahl Millennium 1015. In its many forms the mainframe has supported the Student Records systems, Payroll, Human Resources, Finance, Research, student labs, etc.

The users you were always able to please, with a little training they could enter with ease, all the data they needed in 2 or 3 screens instead of the 57 in VIP.

In Loving Memory of the Mainframe (aka IMS) (archive.org)
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## Aurora

Personal Information

Enrolment & Academic Records

Student Awai



### Main Menu

Welcome, David E. Wesst, to Aurora! Last web access on Dec 09, 2016 at 01:06 pm

#### Important Student Email information:

Please note, your UM Student Email account is used for all university email communications. Make sure to check it regularly to avoid missing messages.

Don't have an account yet? Learn more about the student emails and how to activate your UM email account on our Student Email Policy page.

#### Personal Information

Change your PIN. Update address and contact information (students only).

#### **Enrolment & Academic Records**

Register, View Fee Account, View Transcript, View Financial Aid, Obtain Tax Information, and more...

#### Ask UManitoba

Answers to the most frequently asked questions

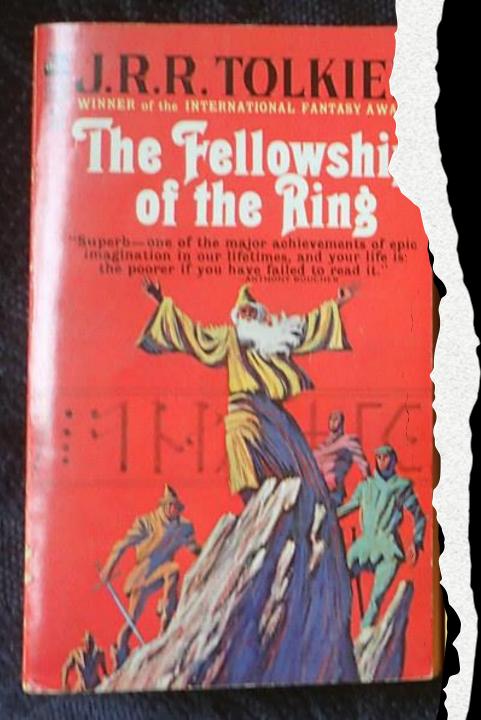
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# Where it changed...

Part 1

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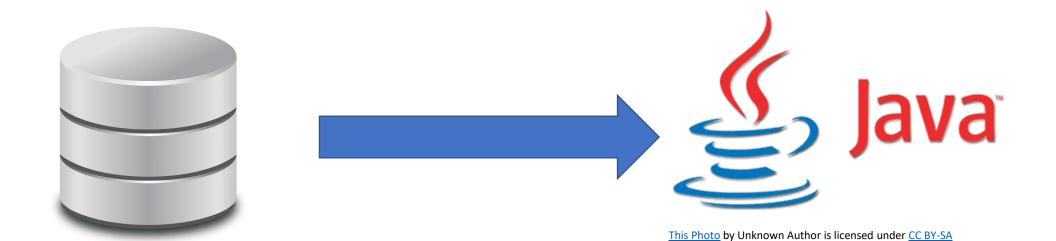
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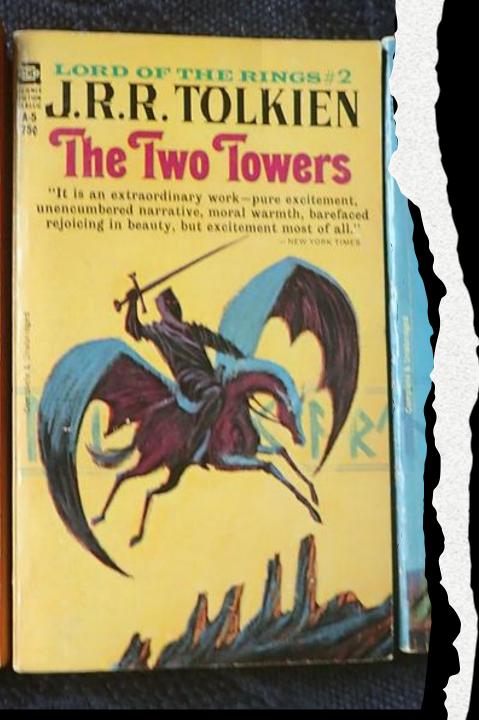








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# Where it went...

Part 2

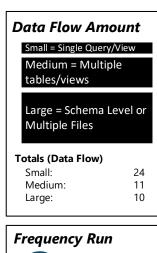


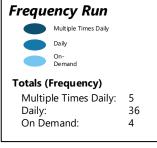


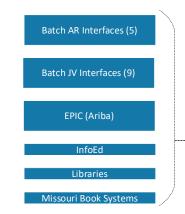


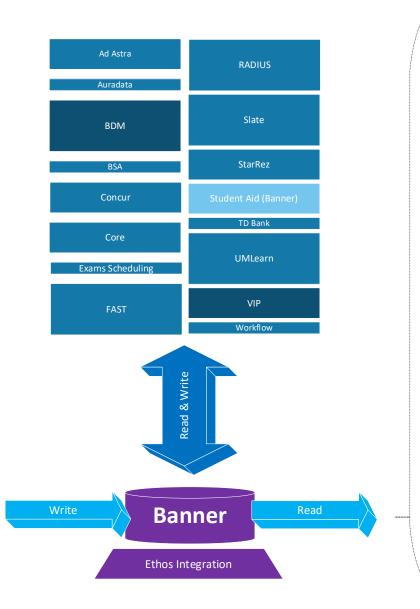
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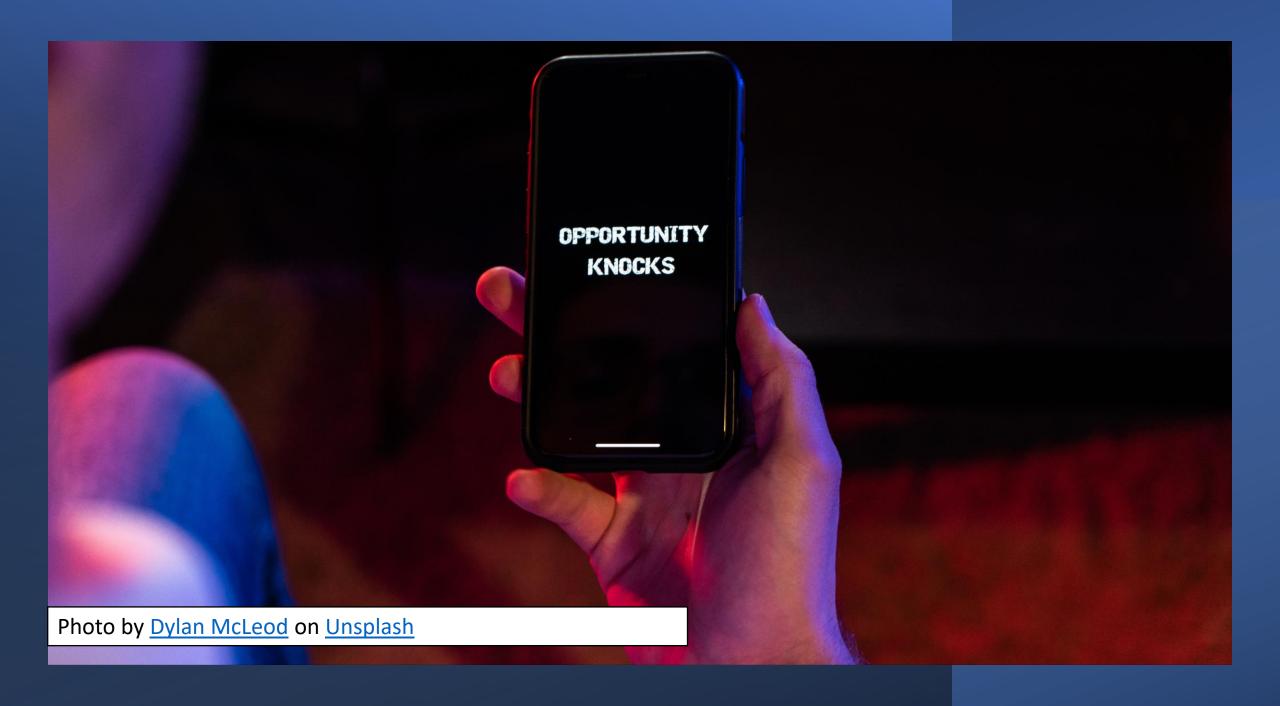




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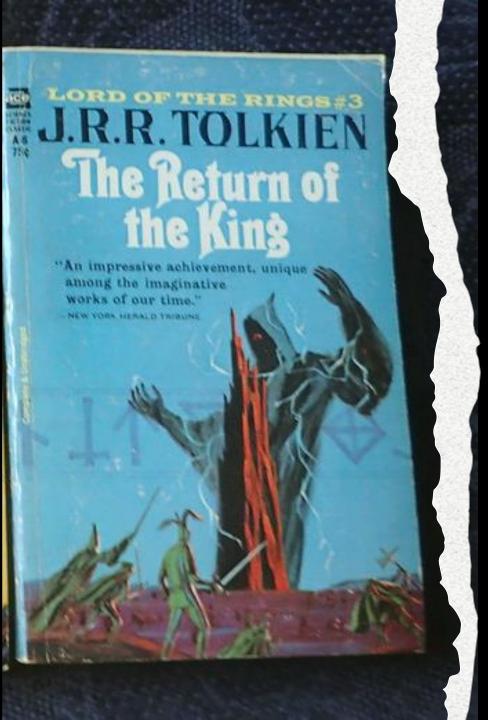
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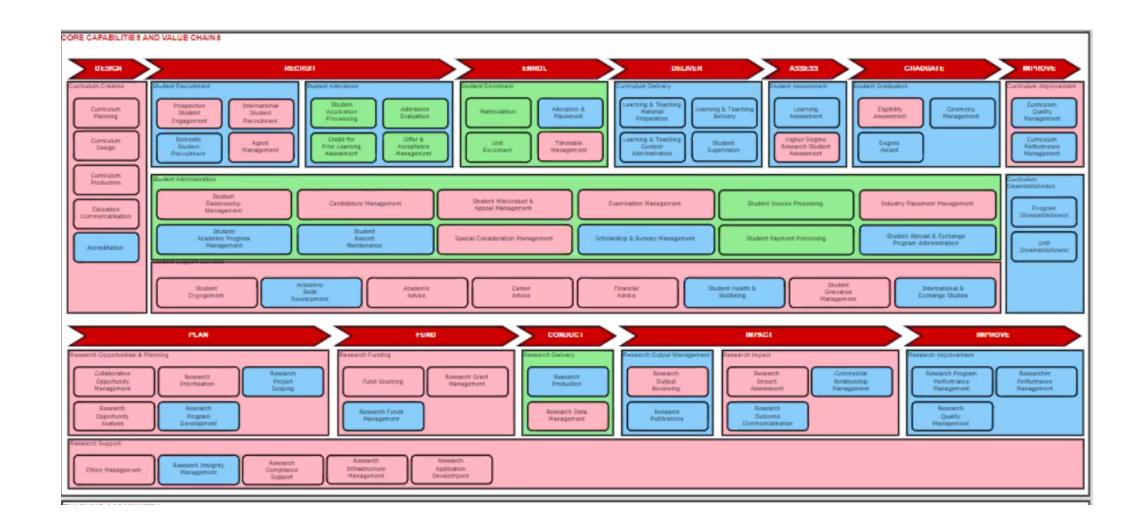
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# Where we are going...

Part 3





## U of M Capability Map Concept

# Estimated number of features for Phase 1 – Student Experience

### **Personal information management**

- 14 user features
- e.g. change emergency contact information

#### **Enrollment and Academic Records**

- 61 user features
- e.g. search for classes available in Fall 22/23

### **Student support/Advisor management**

• 30 user features

Estimated Total – 105 user features

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### **Program Overview - DRAFT**

# Phase 1 – Student Experience

Focused on moving and modernizing the current Student Experience from SSB 8 to SSB 9 + Experience + Advisor experience enhancements

# Phase 2 – Faculty and Staff Experience

Focused on moving and modernizing the current Staff & Faculty experiences from SSB 8 to SSB 9 + Experience + Workflow + Reporting

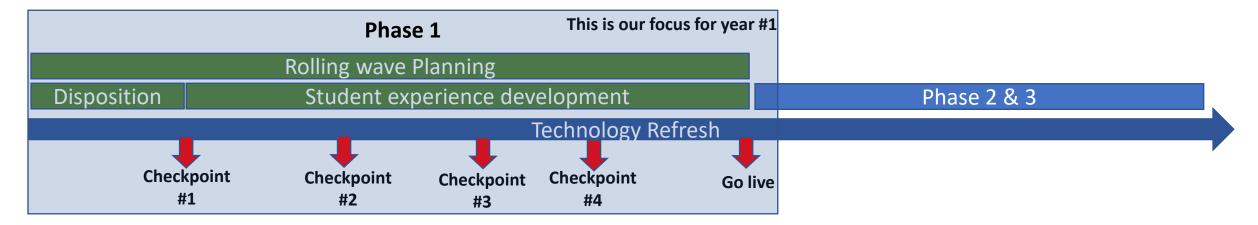
# Phase 3 – Integrations

Modernize and streamline over 100 integration points into Banner

### **Technology refresh:**

BDM, Ethos, Infrastructure upgrade, Workflow, Email authentication

### Planning Approach 1/2 – DRAFT



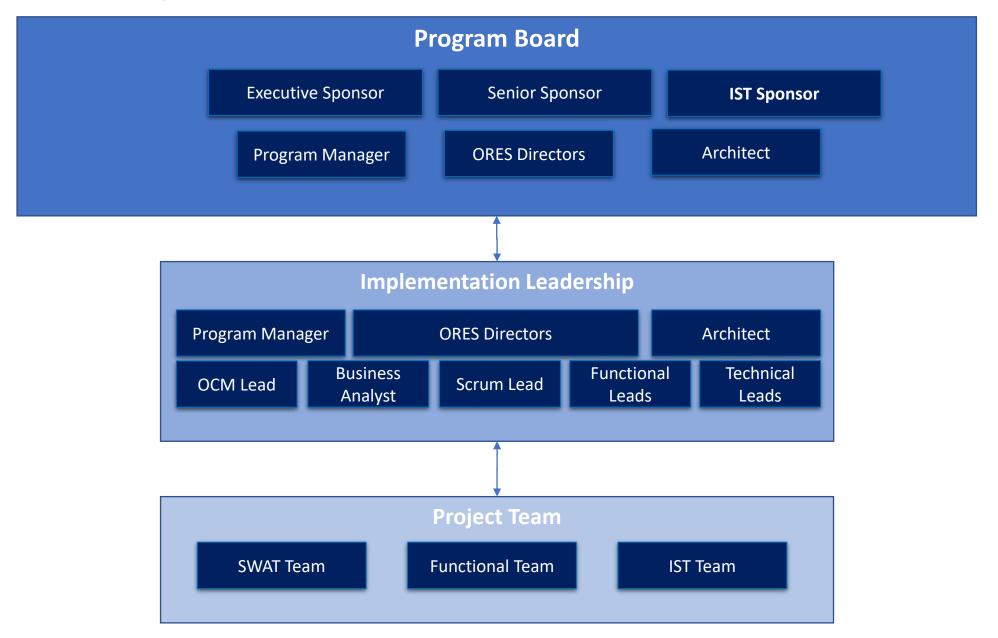
### Rolling Wave planning

- There are too many gaps to create a detailed plan upfront
- As the project team work to identify details, plans will be updated helping solidify the development of each of the program phases.

### Roadmap

- Develop a high-level roadmap with target delivery dates for Phase 1 & Technology Refresh.
- Roadmap will be refreshed for every checkpoint

### **Proposed Program Governance**





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