

# The Explosion in the Global Trade of Technology-Enabled Business Services

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# Three Objectives Today

- #1 Replace the old business model of:  
*Outsourcing as Facilities Management*  
with the new business model of:  
*Sourcing of Technology-Enabled Business Services*
- #2 Replace the transitory business concept of:  
*Offshoring*  
with the longer term reality of:  
*Globalisation*
- #3 And consider the consequences!

# Evolving Away from the Facilities Management Model

Consider these *Business to Business* (B2B) Services

*Broadband services*

*Architectural services*

*Server farms*

*Accounting services*

*Data processing*

*Research & Development*

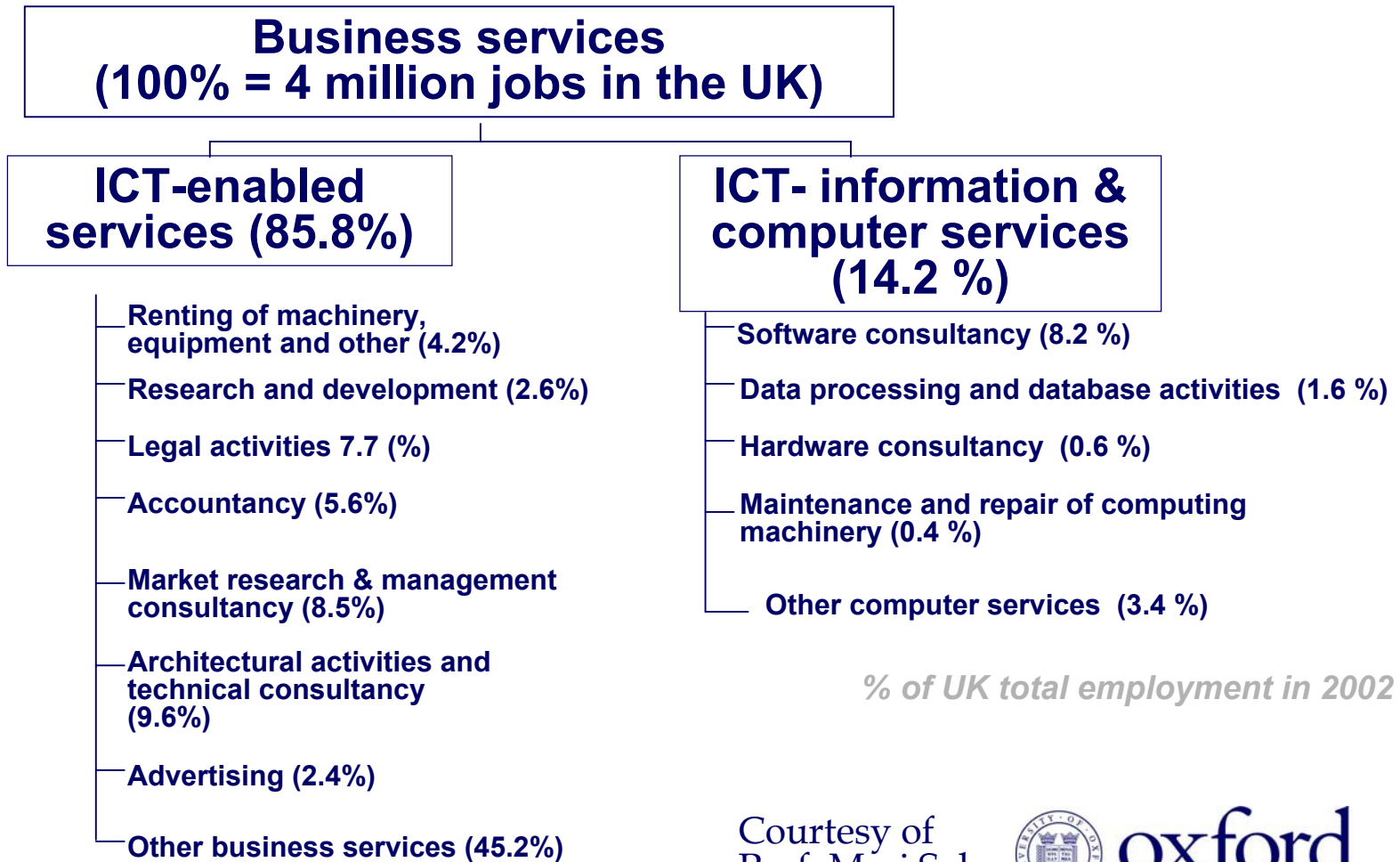
*Systems integration*

*Legal services*

All significantly *technology-enabled*

*Client value-add in the service - not the technology!*

# The UK Picture: Business Services (excluding Financial Services)



*% of UK total employment in 2002*

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# Technology-Enabled Business Services

## TEBS

Business to Business (*B2B*) Services

Significantly *technology-enabled*

Accountancy

Architecture

Construction

Consultancy

Engineering

Education

Logistics

Law

Marketing

Medicine

Retailing

Research

But also significantly *rich in (applied) professionalism*

*Value-add in the 'professionalism' - not the technology*

# What Kind of Professionalism? (The Widening of the Spectrum)

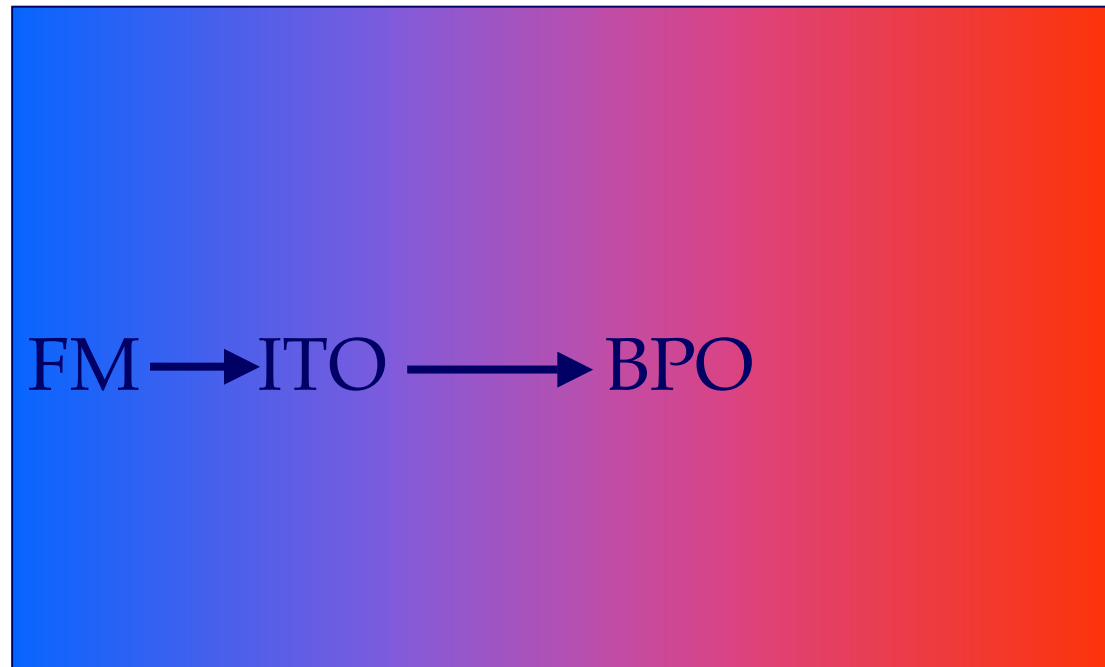


*Technical  
Professionalism*

*Application  
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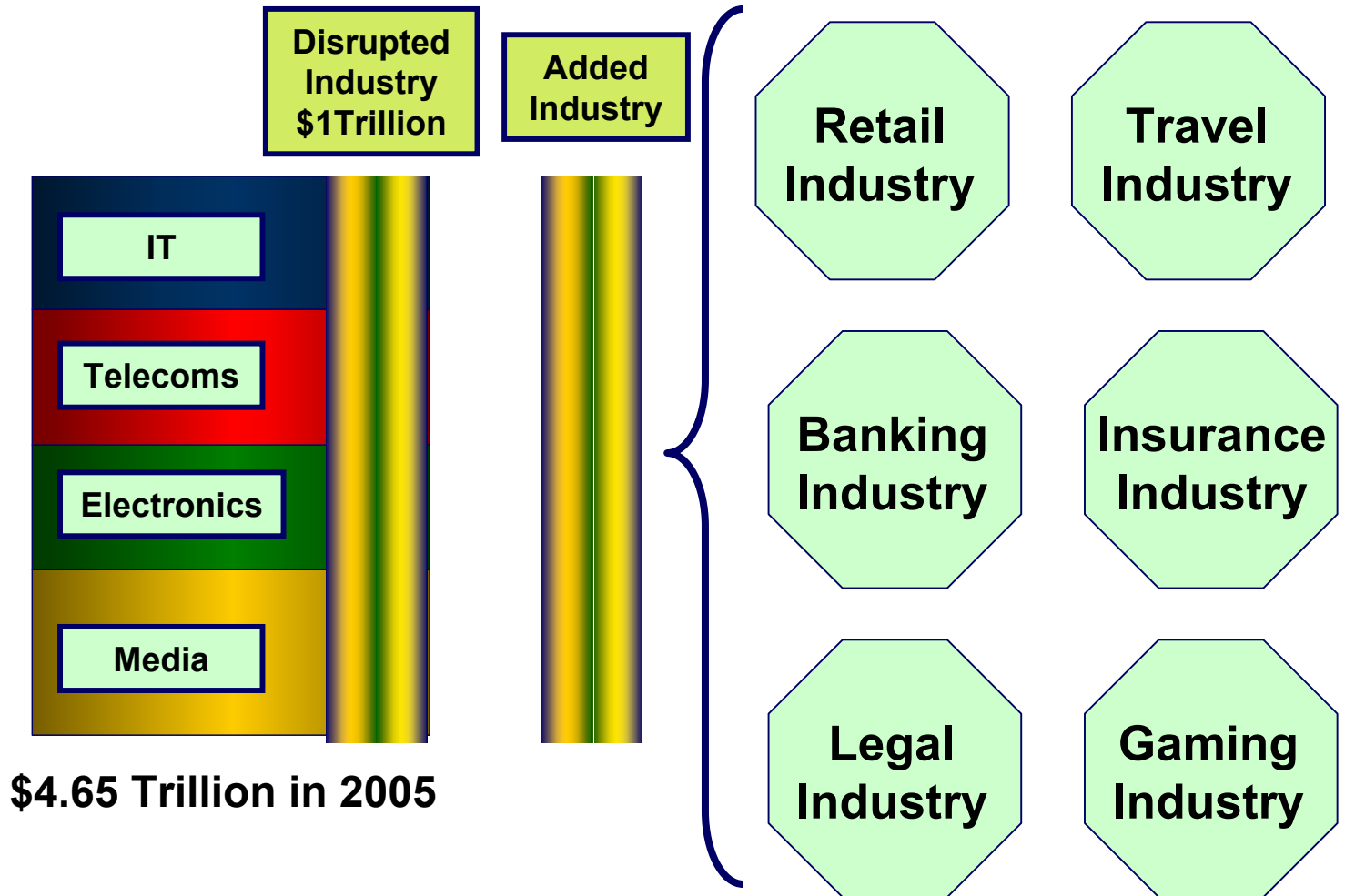
# The ICT Industry Vision & Ambition



*Technical  
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*Application  
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# Peter Rowell's Vision: 2006 Regent Conference



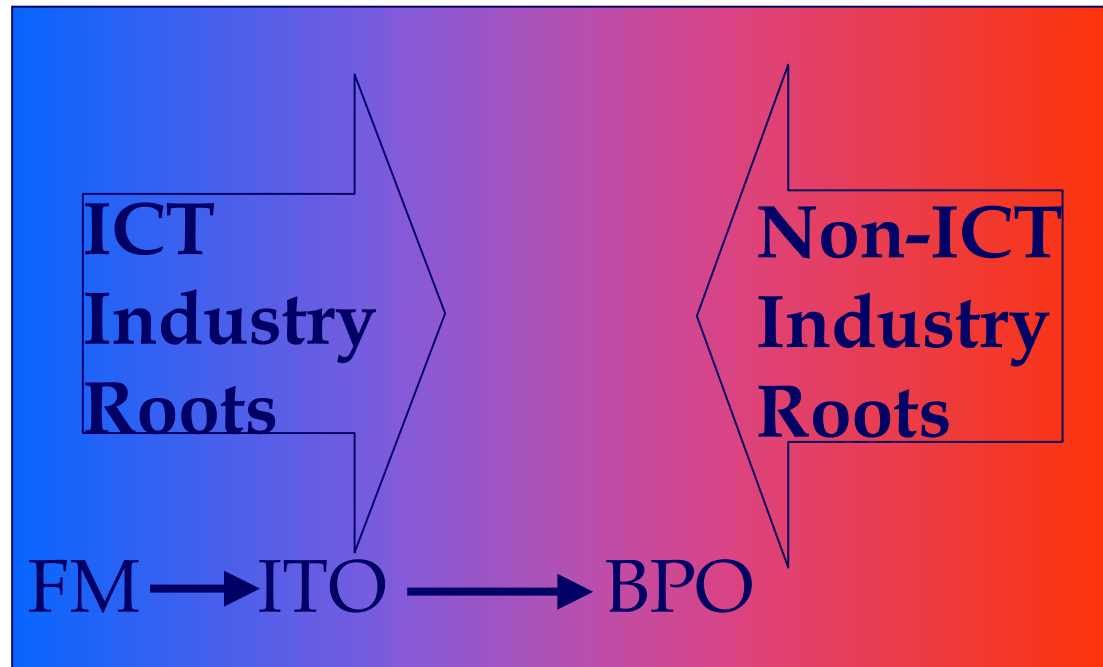
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# TEBS Model Suggests a Different Journey



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# The Techie Market Place

World trade in *computer & information services* in 2003: ~\$75bn (WTO)

#1 Ireland:	trade surplus \$ 14.0 bn
#2 India:	trade surplus \$ 10.9 bn
#3 UK:	trade surplus \$ 4.1 bn
#4 USA:	trade surplus \$ 2.4 bn

# TEBS – The Business Market Place

World exports of *other professional services* in 2003:  
~\$420 bn (WTO):

includes business process services such as  
accounting, auditing, call centres, R&D

~70% between 13 developed economies

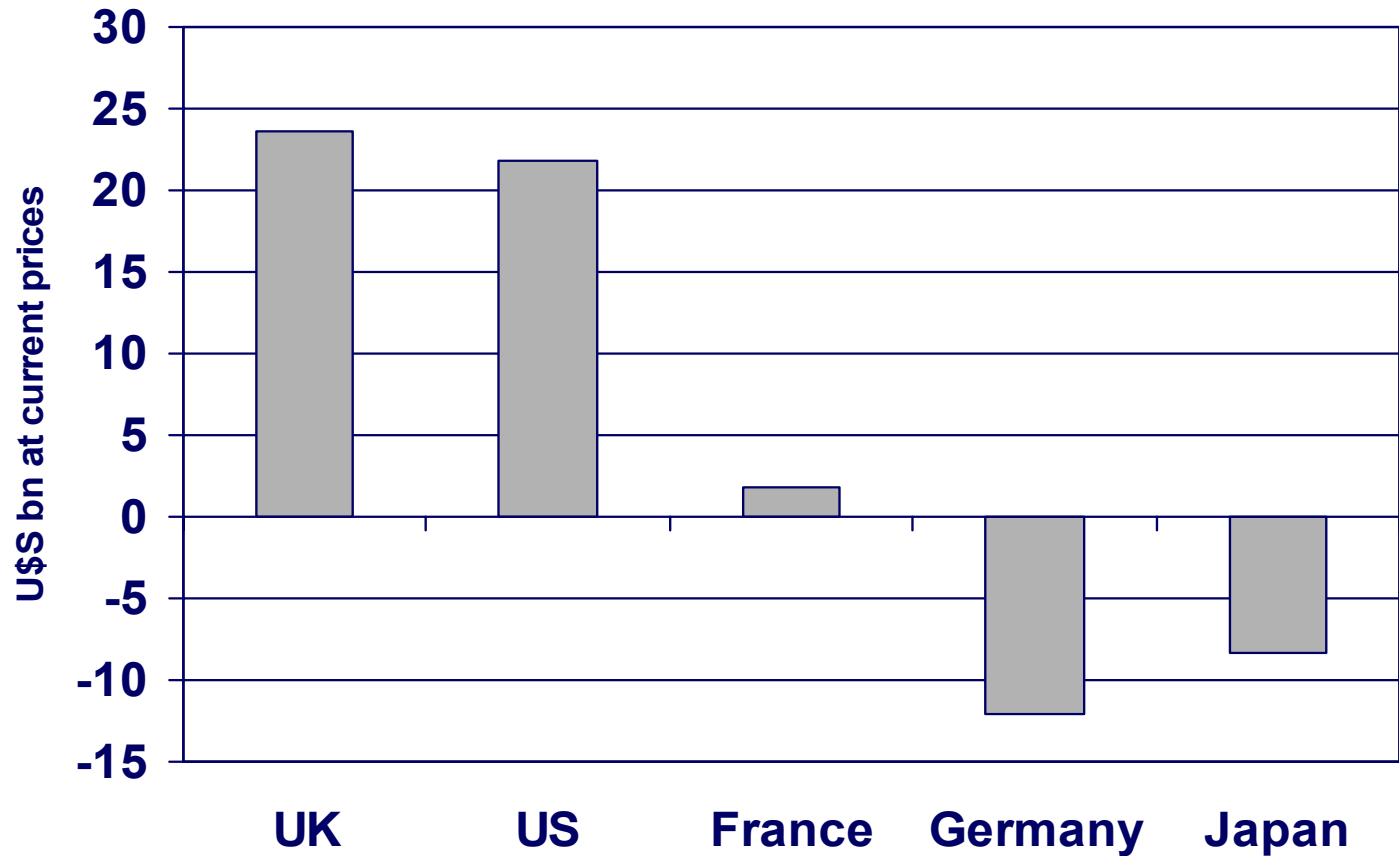
Combining *computer & information services* with  
*other professional services*:

#1 UK      trade surplus \$28.8 bn (~1.8% GDP)

#2 USA    trade surplus \$19.0 bn (~0.2% GDP)

[#6 Ireland: #8 India]

# TEBS Trade: UK & US Strong Players



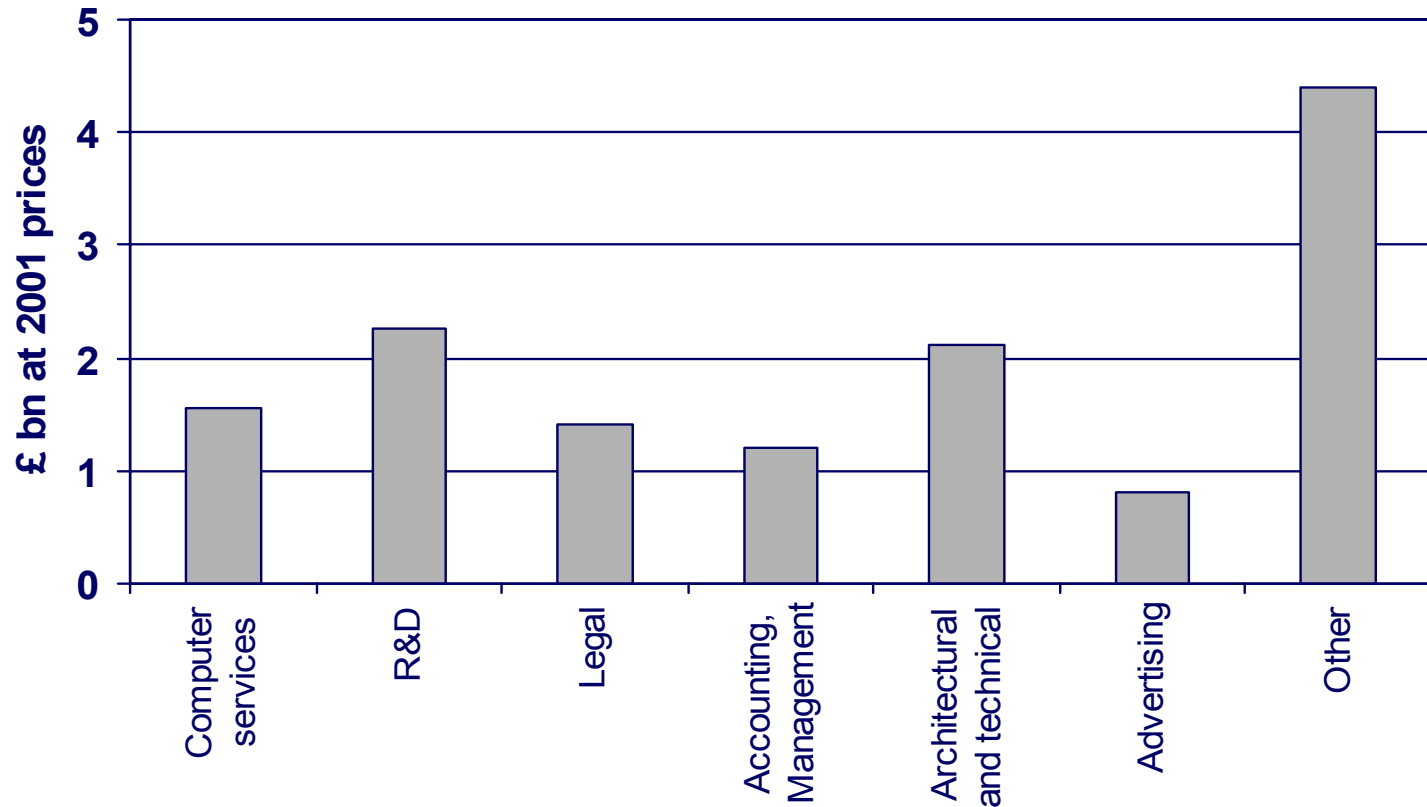
(Excludes Financial Services)

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# And the UK is a Strong Player Across All Sectors



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**Business-to-Business (B2B)**  
**Technology-Enabled**  
**Professionally Rich**  
**Services**  
**TEBS**

How does this fresh market analysis  
inform our view of the future?

# Outsourcing: The *Refining Furnace* that Feeds the Business Services Model

*Outsourcing is how the young & still 'techie' ICT industry learns how to become a practiced service provider*

Still on a very tough *learning* curve!

Two decades of that *learning*, underwritten by the 'e' / internet revolution, and accelerated by the 'new globalisation', has brought the *business services proposition* to the fore.

# The Changing Nature of the *'Outsourcing/Offshoring'* Market Space

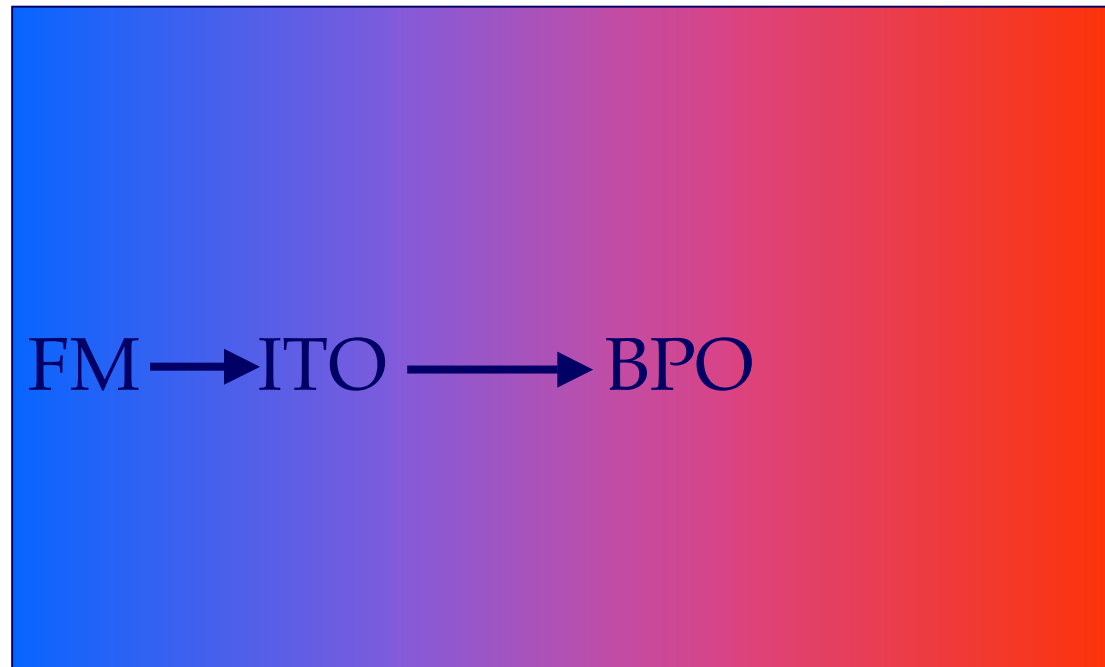
#1: Into the *Application Space*

#2: Drivers for *Commoditisation*

#3: *A Levelling Global Infrastructure*

These three realities are speeding the growth of the global commerce of TEBS

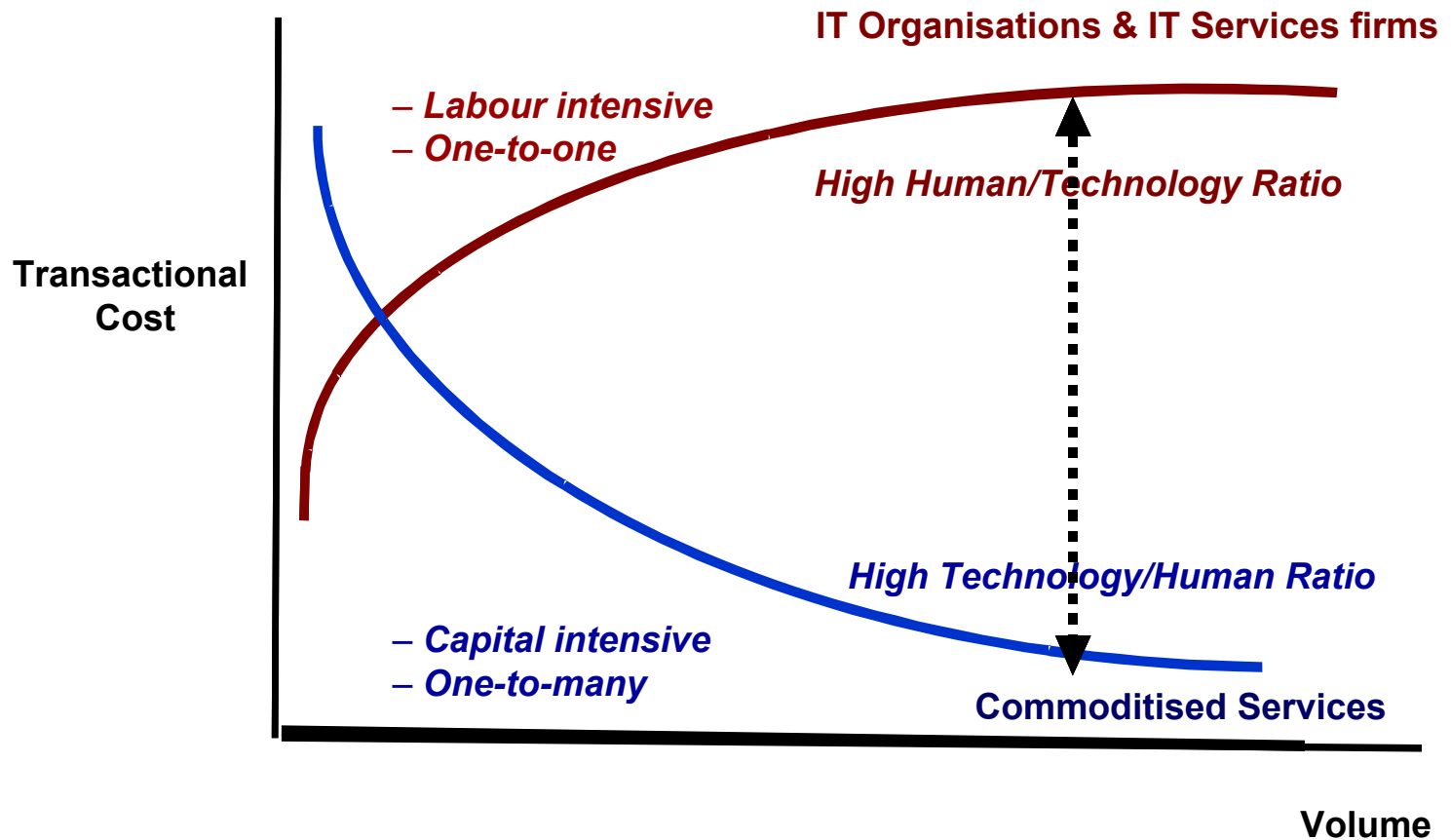
# #1: Into the Application Space



*Technical  
Professionalism*

*Application  
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# #2: Drivers for Commoditisation



# #3: *A Levelling Global Infrastructure*

'Web2.0' / 'Over IP' *plus* Broadband access is creating an open & public infrastructure

*A 21<sup>st</sup> C global highway for the trade in technology-enabled services*

*plus*

Development of quality models and standards that can assure service excellence along global service supply chains

*e-SCM & ISO/IEC 20000 (Quality Standards for Service Management)*

# *Outsourcing* ↔ *Business Services*

At core, outsourcing reflects an opportunity for businesses to specialise & focus on core competencies. It raises productivity across the economy.

Competition is driving restructuring within the ICT vendor community: businesses are moving to focus on their core competencies, and 'hand-off', partner with other suppliers for the non-core.

The rapidly developing commerce of TEBS *enables* this process – it mediates & lubricates the restructuring processes.

# *Outsourcing* ↔ *Business Services*

As this decade moves to the next, we will see the restructuring of the industry between:

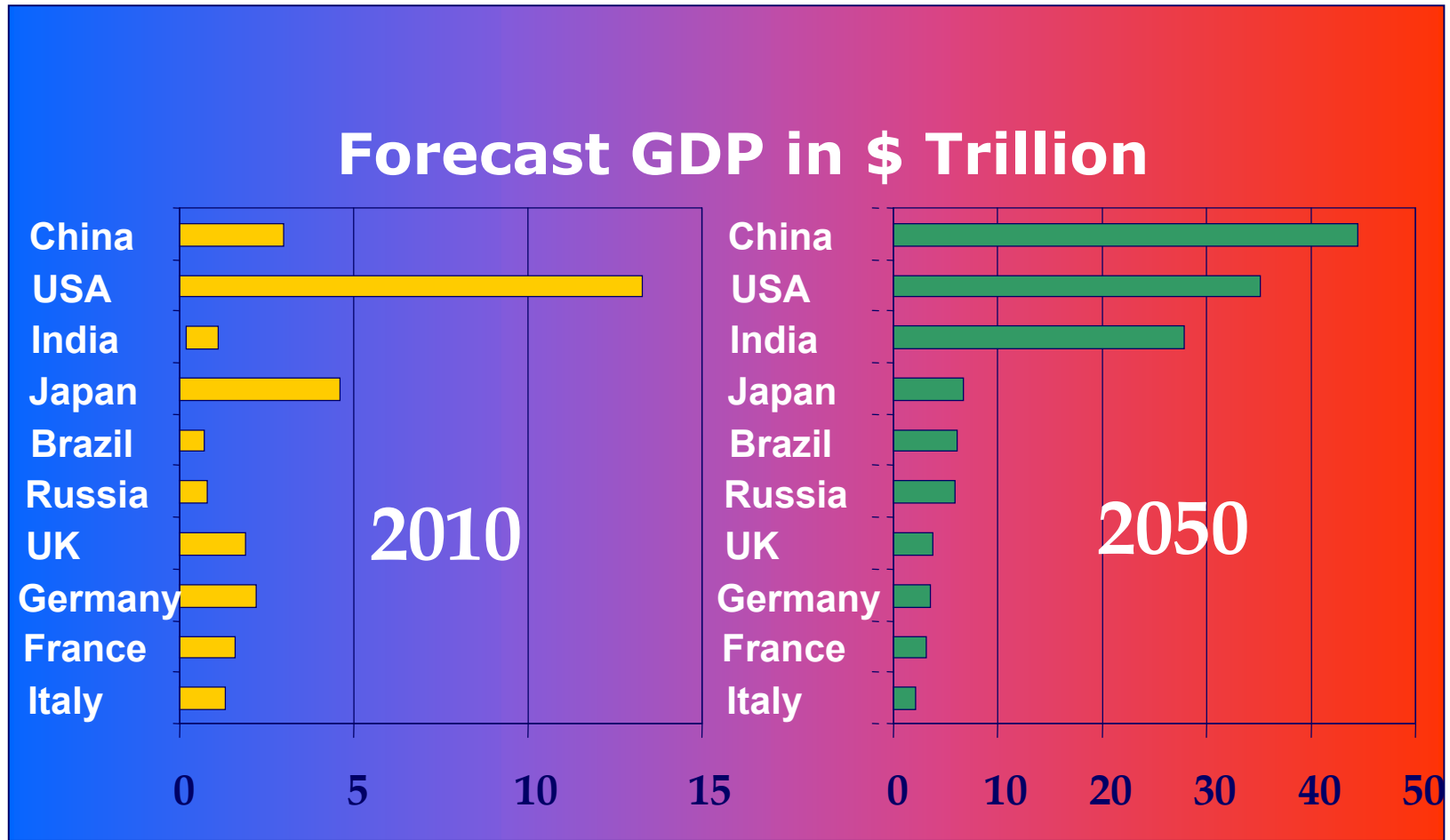
Volume players delivering commoditised infrastructural & transactional services  
(Commodity TEBS) and

Specialised players delivering sector-specific services with high application professionalism  
(Specialised sector-specific TEBS)

This will be enabled by/feed the rapid growth of the commerce in TEBS

[And, where *application professionalism* is the prime value creator, this restructuring will be lead by players from outside the ICT industry 'pool'.]

# Market Shift - Geographic GDP



*Technical  
Professionalism*

McKinsey  
Estimates/ 

*Application  
Professionalism*

# *Business Services* ↔ Globalisation

The economic development of major economies such as India, China, Russia, Brazil will broaden *their* skills towards the *application professionalism* end of the spectrum

They will take significant market share in the fast growing global commerce of TEBS

So let us move from the language of '*offshoring*' – to the language of '*globalisation*'!

Indian, Chinese, Brazilian, Russian players will all play leading roles in the restructuring of the ICT vendor community

# The Big, the Small & the Specialised

Classically, small & medium enterprises have created the new, 'broken the mould' in our industry

In future, they will need to *have one foot in the global* if they are to survive, compete and flourish

*To keep their cost base competitive*

*To access key skills, key customers*

*To know their competition*

The commerce of TEBS opens the market place to the small & medium company 'offer' – *providing they have 'edge', there is a level global playing field on which to play!*

An open market place *plus* a delivery infrastructure global in its reach *equals* the new level playing field for a vigorous world commerce in TEBS:

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