From scepticism to advocacy: Proving the value of the BA role

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Context: A brief history of our BA team







2007:



Creation of centralised BA team (within IT)

2008
Principal BA
Role
Established

Development ISEB (BCS)
Diploma

IIBA Involvement Encouraged



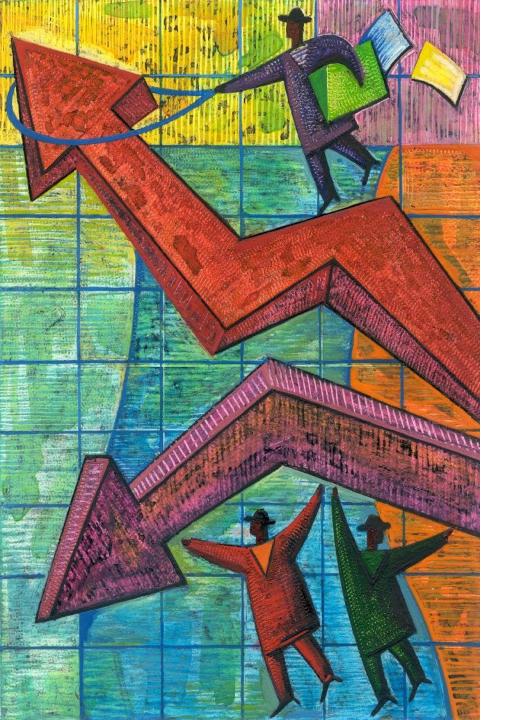
2007 - 2010:

A transition period...

2010

Strategy & Change Team

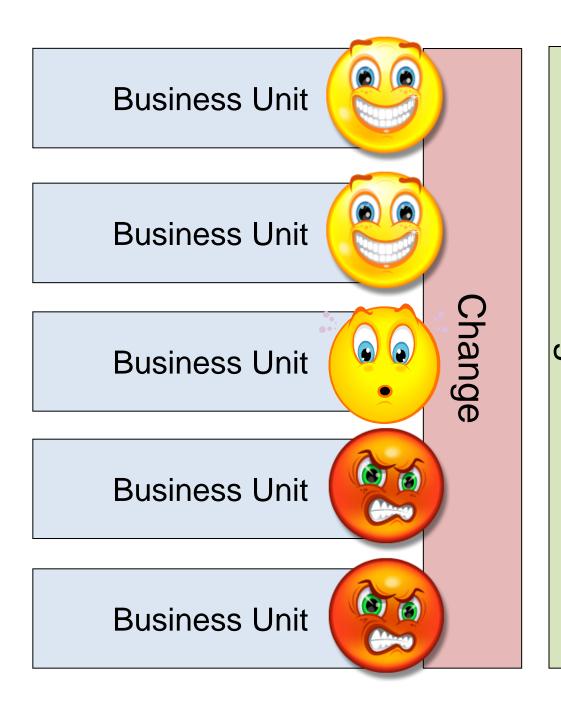




<u>2011:</u>

Change Team





Outsourced Partners

Relationship & P Management

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Because people don't know what we do:

You're a BA, can you take the minutes of this meeting please?





Because people don't know what we do:

We don't need lots of analysis. We just need to get going.





Because people don't know what we do:

What I already know can a BA what I want tell me?



Building Awareness

- Of what we do
- Not what people think we do!
- ... And getting clear in our own minds what we do and don't do!





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- Business value
- Customer value
- Benefits Realisation
- Change that "sticks"

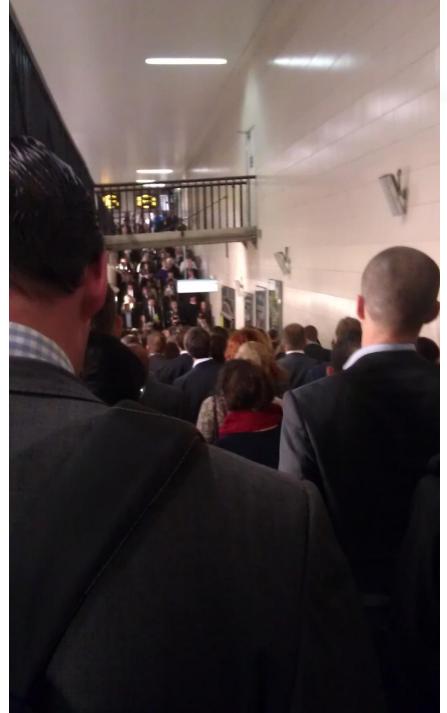


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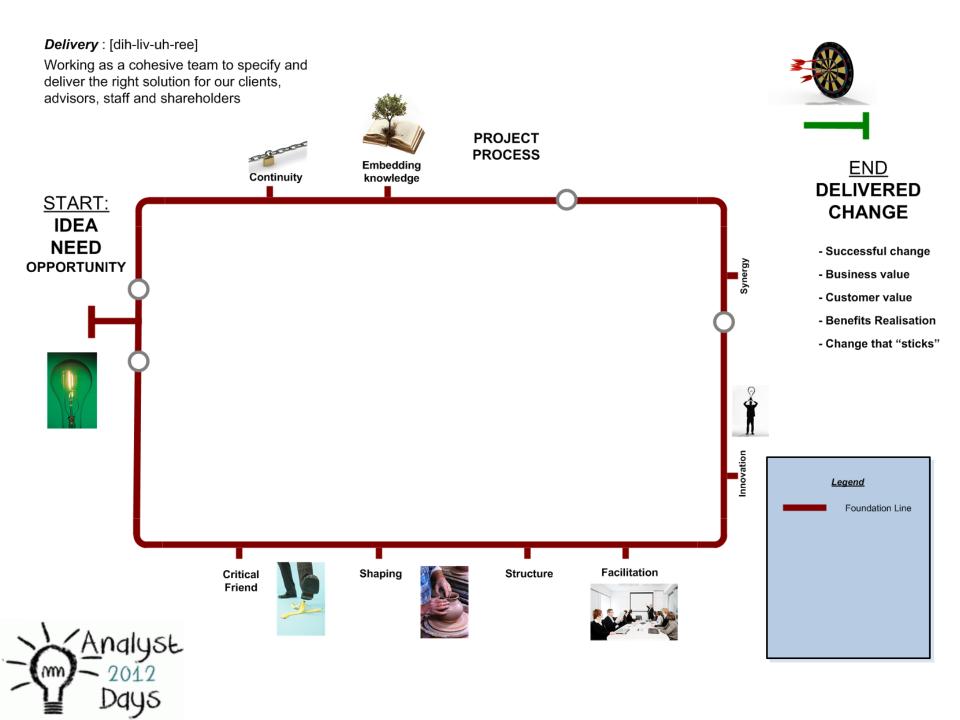


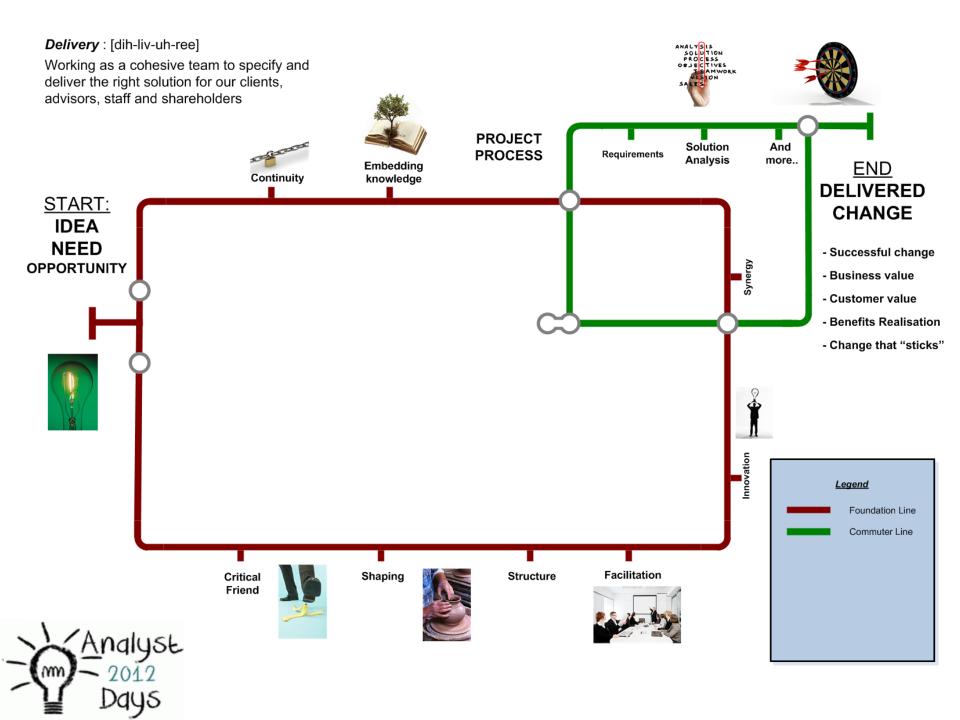


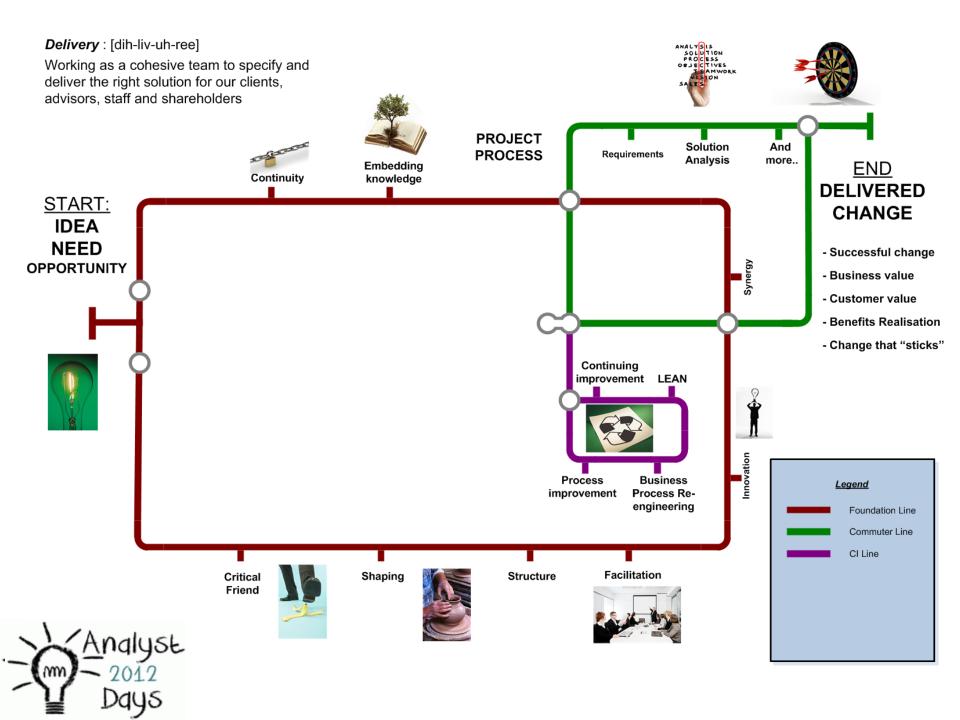
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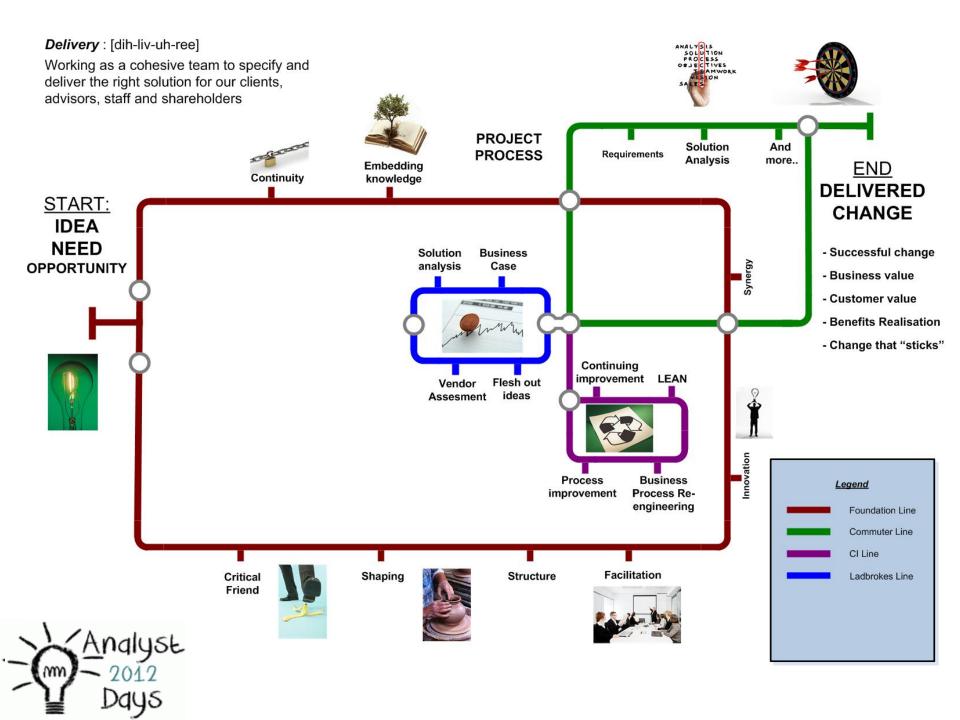
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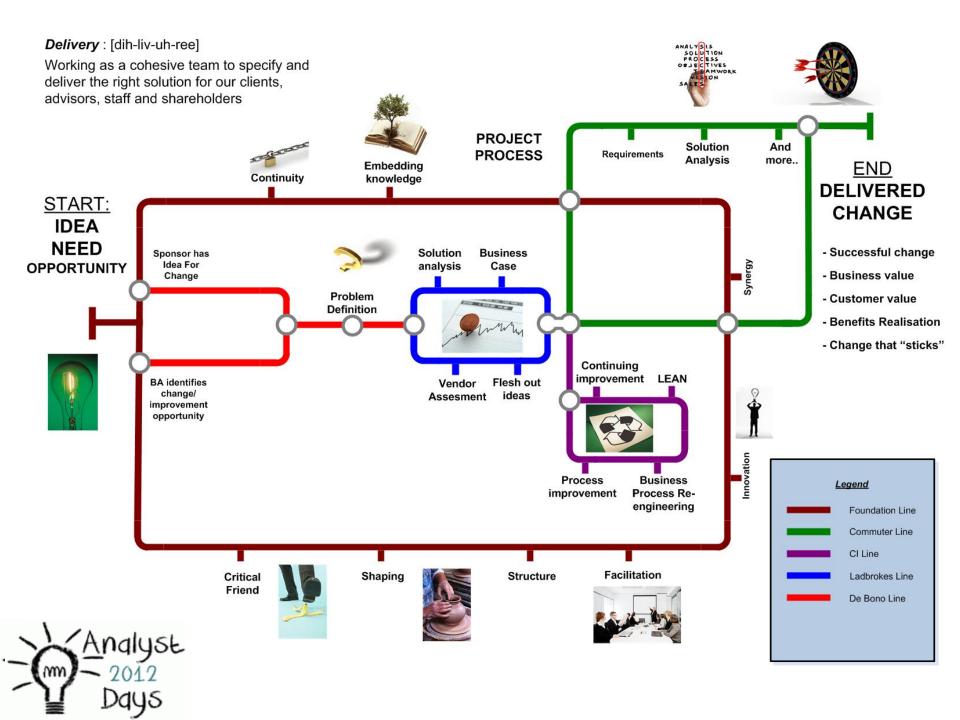


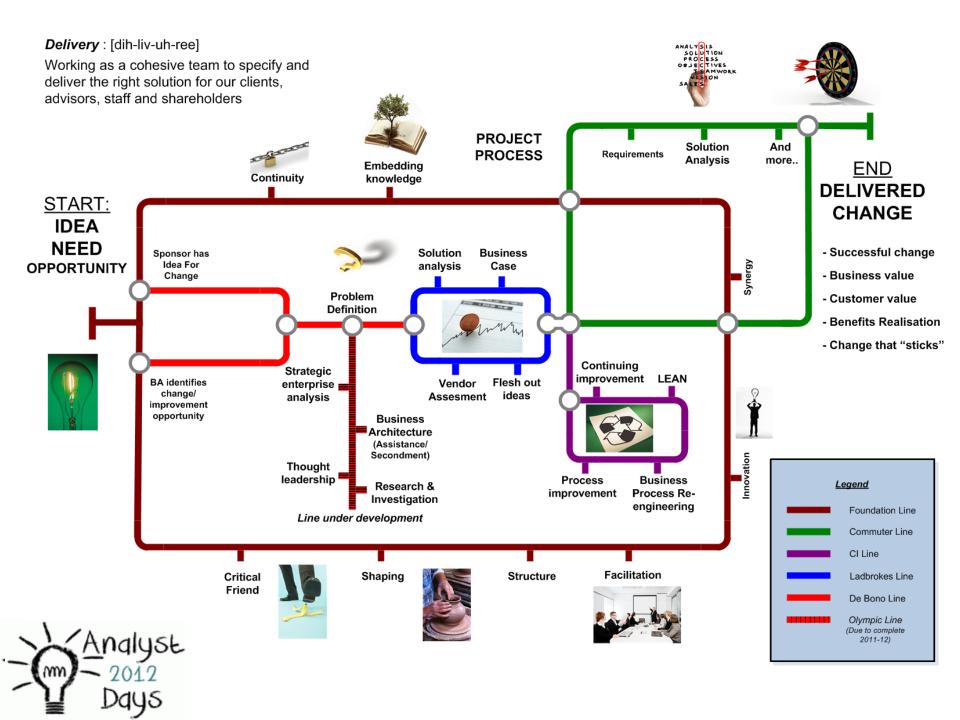




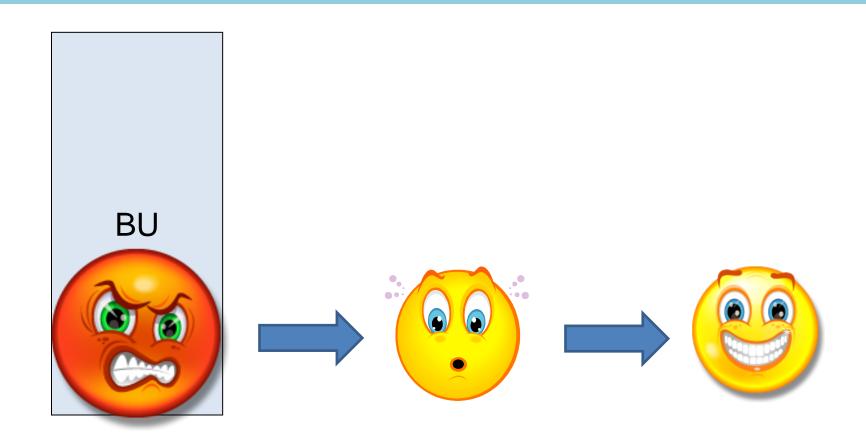








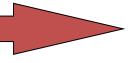
The challenge....





Working in partnership with you.....

From idea



To delivery

Concept

Facilitating idea generation.

Helping you to identify solution options & prioritise.



Goals & Objectives Problem/Opportunity statement Critical Success Factors High level options

Feasibility

Helping you firm up your ideas

Analysing your high level requirements

Understanding the financial benefits

Explore possible options



Feasibility report High level requirements Solution analysis

<u>Detailed definition</u>

Helping you to define exactly what you need.

Eliciting, analysing and validating your requirements



Detailed requirements

DELIVERY

Supporting your project until it is delivered.

Helping you ensure your benefits are realised.



From scepticism to advocacy

- Understanding the stakeholder landscape
- Deliver something of value, quickly! Build compelling stories and shout about it.
- Work on projects up front
- Show them it's easier with a BA than without
- Nibble away





Where are we now?

- Still on the journey....
- But they ask for BAs
- Some see BA = IT
- We have access to senior stakeholders



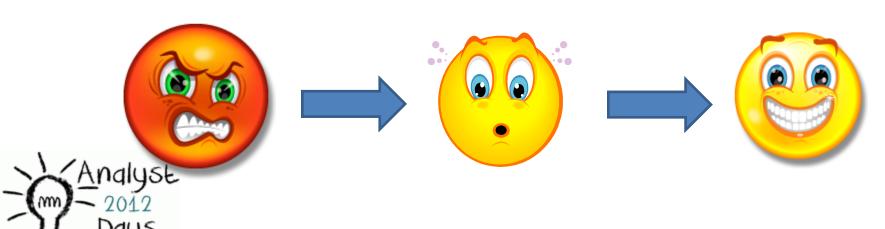
"I see you as valued part of the business now"



Summary

- Awareness
- Top down & bottom up
- Show the value establish credibility quickly
- Stakeholder management

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