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Strategic information systems engineering and management: a framework for integrating organizational design and marketing to enhance enterprise economic potential

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Abstract

Modern enterprises face increasing complexity in aligning organizational structures, marketing initiatives, and operational capabilities to maximize economic potential. This article addresses the critical role of Information Systems (IS) Engineering and Management in achieving this strategic alignment. We move beyond viewing informatics merely as data analysis, proposing instead a conceptual framework engineered to integrate organizational design principles and data-driven marketing strategies through robust information systems. This framework emphasizes requirements engineering, agile IS architecture, business process integration, and effective IS governance as crucial enablers. By synthesizing literature from IS engineering, management science, applied technology, and marketing, we outline the components of this framework and its potential impact on enhancing decision-making agility, optimizing resource allocation, improving customer engagement, and ultimately boosting sales effectiveness and economic potential. The discussion explores implementation challenges from an IS management perspective, including technological adoption, change management, and skill requirements for leveraging applied technologies like AI and advanced analytics within the framework. This work provides a theoretically grounded model for managers and IS professionals aiming to architect and manage integrated systems for sustained competitive advantage.

Keywords: *Information Systems Engineering; Information Systems Management; Organizational Design; Marketing Strategy; Strategic Alignment, Enterprise Performance; Applied Technology; Business Process Integration; IT Governance.*

1. Introduction

The contemporary business landscape, characterized by rapid technological change and dynamic market demands (Vyshnevska et al., 2022), necessitates more than incremental improvements; it requires strategic integration across core business functions. While the potential of informatics and data analytics is widely recognized (Shtal et al., 2023; Mikalef et al., 2020), achieving sustained competitive advantage often hinges on the deliberate engineering and management of information systems that effectively bridge organizational structures and marketing strategies (Ismaeel et al., 2024). Simply adopting informatics tools is insufficient; enterprises must architect systems that facilitate seamless information flow, enable data-driven decision-making at all levels, and support agile organizational models (Pererva&Myronova, 2023).

Traditional functional silos often prevent organizations from realizing the full synergistic potential of their data, organizational capabilities, and market insights. Marketing strategies may operate detached from operational realities reflected in internal systems, while organizational design might not support the agility needed to act on real-time market intelligence provided by informatics (Fu et al., 2022). This paper argues that principles from Information Systems (IS) Engineering and Management, combined with the strategic deployment of Applied Science and Technology, offer a pathway to overcome these challenges. IS Engineering provides the methodologies to design and build

integrated, scalable, and adaptable systems, while IS Management ensures these systems align with strategic goals, are governed effectively, and evolve with the business needs.
The purpose of this article is to propose a conceptual framework grounded in IS Engineering and Management principles for integrating organizational design and marketing strategies. This framework aims to provide a structured approach for enterprises seeking to enhance their economic potential and sales effectiveness through strategic technological and organizational alignment. We will synthesize relevant literature from multiple fields, outline the methodology for framework development, present the framework's components, and discuss its implications, challenges, and future research directions.

2. Literature review

The challenge of integrating disparate business functions through technology has spurred research across management, marketing, and information systems (Pramanik et al., 2020; Hutsaliuk et al., 2024a,b,c; Kushwaha et al., 2021; Kalinin et al., 2024). While informatics focuses on processing data for insights (AMIA, 2019), and analytics capabilities are linked to performance (Dremel et al., 2020; Stepanenko et al., 2023; Kryukova et al., 2023), the systemic integration requires a deeper approach.

2.1. Organizational design and agility

Effective organizational design aims to align structure with strategy (Fu et al., 2022), facilitating communication and adaptability (Mintzberg, 1979). Agile organizational structures are increasingly seen as necessary for responding to market dynamics (Balog, 2020; Stachowiak&Pawłyszyn, 2021). However, agility is often constrained by rigid information systems and fragmented data flows. Modern Enterprise Architecture (EA) frameworks provide methodologies for aligning business processes, data, applications, and technology infrastructure, potentially enabling more agile organizational designs (Kaddoumi&Watfa, 2022).

2.2. Data-driven marketing strategy

Marketing has shifted towards data-driven approaches, leveraging analytics for segmentation, personalization, and ROI measurement (Olson et al., 2021; Zaitsev et al., 2020; Chernoivanova et al., 2023). The effectiveness of these strategies depends heavily on the quality, accessibility, and integration of data from various touchpoints (e.g., CRM, sales data, web analytics). Applied technologies like Marketing Automation Platforms, AI-driven personalization engines, and advanced analytics tools are crucial enablers (Hindarto, 2023). However, their successful implementation requires careful systems engineering to ensure data integration and workflow automation (Figueired et al., 2021).

2.3. Information systems engineering principles

Information Systems Engineering (IS Engineering) provides systematic methodologies crucial for developing the complex information systems needed for effective integration. Key principles relevant to integrating organizational design and marketing include Requirements Engineering, which involves clearly defining the specific information and process needs for strategic alignment, such as detailing marketing campaign data requirements or specifying support for cross-functional team collaboration (Ahmad et al., 2023). Furthermore, Systems Analysis and Design methodologies enable the modeling of business processes, data flows, and system interactions (e.g., using UML or BPMN) necessary to architect truly integrated solutions (Sanyoto et al., 2024). Architectural approaches like Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) or Microservices are also vital, as they promote modularity and interoperability, significantly facilitating the integration between disparate functional systems, such as connecting marketing automation platforms with core ERP systems (Verma&Rane, 2024). Service-Oriented Computi). Finally, robust Data Engineering and Integration practices are fundamental, encompassing the design of data pipelines, warehouses, and master data management strategies to ensure consistent, reliable data is accessible for both operational support and cross-functional analytics (Pansara, 2024).

2.4. Information systems management and governance

Successfully engineered systems, however, require equally effective Information Systems Management and Governance to deliver sustained value and align with business objectives. This begins with ensuring IS Strategy Alignment, where IS investments and the chosen architecture directly support overarching business goals, including specific marketing objectives and the need for organizational agility (Li et al., 2021). Implementing established IT Governance Frameworks, such as COBIT or ITIL, provides the necessary structure to manage IS-related risks, ensure regulatory compliance (Quach et al., 2022; Voloshyn et al., 2023), optimize resource allocation, and demonstrably deliver value (Torres Moreno, 2022).
Crucially, effective Change Management strategies are needed to navigate the significant organizational adjustments required when adopting new integrated systems and data-driven processes (Arefiev et al., 2023; Hutsaliuk et al., 2025), particularly for overcoming resistance. Addressing Skills Management is also paramount, tackling potential skill gaps related to new applied technologies and advanced analytics through targeted training programs and strategic talent acquisition (Shet et al., 2021).

2.5. Existing frameworks and gaps

Frameworks like TOE (Amini&JahanbakhshJavid, 2023) and RBV (Dahiya et al., 2022) provide valuable context but often lack specific guidance on howto engineer and manage the underlying information systems for seamless integration of marketing and organizational design. While studies show positive correlations between data use, agility, and performance (Johnson et al., 2021; Balog, 2020; Chuma, 2020; Shahba et al., 2021; Wang et al., 2022), a practical, actionable framework grounded in IS engineering and management principles is needed to guide implementation.

3. Methodology: framework development through literature synthesis

This study employs a conceptual research methodology focused on developing an integrative framework. The approach involves a systematic synthesis of existing literature drawn from multiple relevant domains: Information Systems Engineering, Information Systems Management, Applied Technology, Organizational Design, Marketing Strategy, and Informatics.
The process followed these steps:

1) Domain Review: Comprehensive review of seminal and current literature in each domain to identify core principles, models, challenges, and best practices relevant to the integration objective. Existing citations from the original study were re-evaluated for relevance in this new context.
2) Identification of Synergies and Conflicts:Analyzing the reviewed literature to identify areas of synergy (where concepts from different fields align or complement each other) and potential conflicts or challenges in integration (e.g., agility needs vs. legacy system constraints, marketing data needs vs. privacy regulations).
3) Concept Extraction and Abstraction: Extracting key constructs, principles, and processes relevant to enabling the integration (e.g., data governance, process modelling, agile architecture, cross-functional data access, analytics capabilities).
4) Framework Structuring: Organizing the extracted concepts into a coherent, multi-layered conceptual framework. This involved defining distinct components or layers of the framework and specifying the relationships and information flows between them. Iterative refinement was used to ensure logical consistency and practical relevance.
5) Principle Formulation: Articulating guiding principles for each component of the framework based on the synthesized literature.

This methodology was chosen because the research problem involves integrating knowledge across diverse fields to propose a novel theoretical structure. A literature synthesis approach allows for leveraging established knowledge while creating a new conceptual model, providing a foundation for future empirical testing. This approach replaces the original empirical methodology (survey, case studies) and associated appendices.

4. Proposed framework: engineering strategic alignment via information systems

We propose a multi-layered conceptual framework designed to guide the engineering and management of information systems for integrating organizational design and marketing strategy to enhance economic potential. The framework comprises five interconnected layers illustrated in Figure 1 and Table 1.

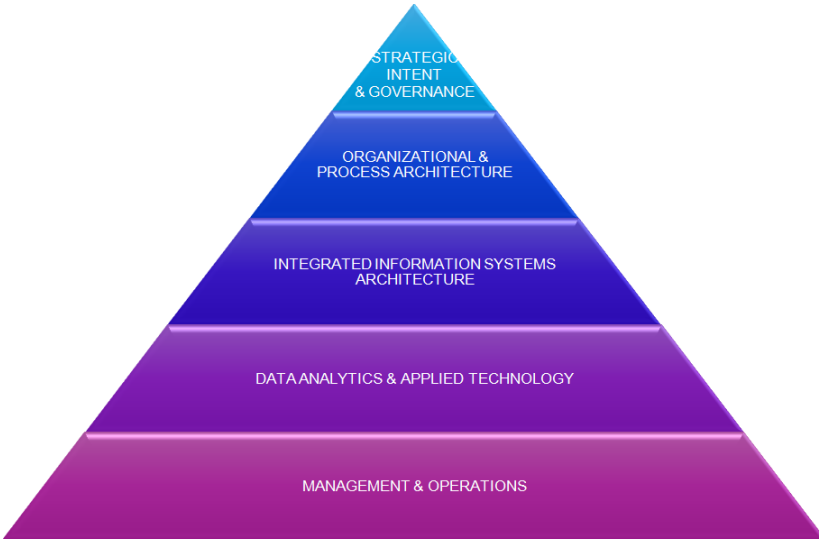

Fig. 1: Five-Layered Conceptual Framework Designed to Guide the Engineering and Management of Information Systems for Integrating Organizational Design and Marketing Strategy to Enhance Economic Potential

Layer 1: Strategic Intent & Governance: Defines the overarching business strategy, key performance indicators (KPIs), IT governance policies, data governance rules, and ethical guidelines. This layer ensures IS development and deployment align with business goals and comply with regulations (Gonchar et al., 2022; Quach et al., 2022).
Layer 2: Organizational & Process Architecture: Maps core business processes involving marketing, sales, operations, and support functions. Defines organizational roles, responsibilities, and workflows, emphasizing agility and cross-functional collaboration (Mintzberg, 1979; Stachowiak&Pawłyszyn, 2021). Business Process Management (BPM) techniques are crucial here (Pranata et al., 2023).
Layer 3: Integrated Information Systems Architecture: Specifies the required application portfolio (e.g., CRM, ERP, Marketing Automation, BI tools), data architecture (data models, databases, warehouses), and integration mechanisms (APIs, middleware, ESB) needed to support the defined processes and enable data flow across functions (Yada, 2024). Principles like modularity (SOA/Microservices) are key for adaptability.
Layer 4: Data Analytics & Applied Technology: Encompasses the tools and techniques for data collection, storage, processing, analysis (including predictive analytics), and visualization (Dremelet al., 2020). Includes the application of specific technologies like AI/ML for personalization or forecasting, IoT for operational data, etc. (Joel &Oguanobi, 2024).
Layer 5: Management & Operations: Covers the ongoing management of the IS environment, including system maintenance, security operations (Li et al., 2021), user training, performance monitoring, change management, and continuous improvement cycles (Kolodiziev et al., 2016; Markina et al., 2022).

Table 1: Core Components of the Integrated IS Framework

Framework Layer	Key Function / Purpose	Relevant Disciplines / Concepts
Strategic Intent & Governance	Align IS with business goals, define policies, ensure compliance, manage risk.	Strategic Management, IT Governance (COBIT), Data Governance, Ethics
Organizational & Process Arch.	Model business workflows, define roles, enable agility and cross-functional collaboration.	Org. Design, Business Process Management (BPM), Agile Methodologies
Integrated IS Architecture	Define application portfolio, data structures, and integration mechanisms for seamless data/process flow.	IS Engineering, Enterprise Architecture, SOA/Microservices, Data Arch.
Data Analytics & Applied Tech.	Collect, process, analyze data for insights; leverage advanced technologies (AI, Big Data).	Data Science, Business Intelligence, Applied Technology, AI/ML
Management & Operations	Maintain systems, ensure security, manage change, provide user support, drive continuous improvement.	IS Management, IT Operations (ITIL), Change Management, HRM (Skills)

The successful operationalization of the proposed integrative framework depends significantly on proactively addressing common organizational and technological integration challenges often cited in the literature (e.g., Kharazishvili et al., 2023; Shet et al., 2021). The disciplines of Information Systems Engineering and Information Systems Management offer a robust toolkit of principles and practices specifically designed to overcome such hurdles.

To provide concrete guidance on leveraging these disciplines within our conceptual model, Table 2 below maps several well-documented integration challenges to specific, relevant principles from both IS engineering (focusing on effective system design, architecture, and data structure) and IS management (focusing on governance, strategic alignment, processes, and human factors). The table further illustrates how solutions derived from these principles align with the corresponding components or layers within the multi-layered conceptual framework, thereby highlighting the framework's practical utility in guiding implementation efforts toward achieving strategic alignment between organizational design, marketing, and enabling information systems.

Table 2: Mapping IS Engineering/Management Principles to Integration Challenges

Common Integration Challenge	Relevant IS Engineering Principle	Relevant IS Management Principle	Example Solution Component within Framework
Data Silos / Lack of Integrated View	Data Integration Architecture, Master Data Management	Data Governance, Cross-functional Data Sharing Policies	Layer 3 (Integrated Data Arch.), Layer 1 (Governance)
Inability to Utilize Data for Marketing	Requirements Eng. (Marketing Data Needs), Analytics Platform Design	BI Strategy, User Training, Data Quality Management	Layer 4 (Analytics Tools), Layer 5 (Training)
Rigid Systems Hindering Org. Agility	Modular Architecture (SOA/Microservices), API Design	Agile Project Management, Change Management	Layer 3 (Modular Arch.), Layer 5 (Change Mgmt)
Lack of Alignment between IT and Business	IS Strategy Formulation, Enterprise Architecture	IT Governance, Strategic Alignment Processes	Layer 1 (Strategic Intent), EA defined in Layer 2/3
Data Privacy / Security Concerns	Security by Design, Privacy Enhancing Tech. Implementation	Security Policies & Procedures, Compliance Management	Layer 3 (Secure Arch.), Layer 1 (Governance)
Resistance to New Systems/Processes	User-Centred Design, Prototyping	Change Management, Stakeholder Communication	Layer 5 (Change Mgmt), User involvement in Layer 3
Skill Gaps (Analytics, New Technologies)	N/A (Focus is on system design)	Skills Assessment, Training Programs, Strategic Hiring	Layer 5 (HRM/Skills Management)

This mapping underscores that the proposed framework is not merely theoretical but also offers concrete pathways for solving real-world integration challenges through the lens of established principles of IS engineering and management.

5. Discussion

The proposed framework offers a structured, systems-engineering approach to integrating organizational design and marketing strategy, moving beyond ad-hoc adoption of informatics tools. By explicitly defining layers from strategic intent down to operational management, it emphasizes the need for holistic alignment facilitated by carefully architected information systems.

This framework directly addresses many challenges identified in the literature (Kharazishvili et al., 2023; Gonchar et al., 2022; Quach et al., 2022; Shet et al., 2021). Data silos, a common barrier, are tackled through engineered data integration architectures and governance policies (Layers 1 & 3). The challenge of translating data into actionable marketing insights (Johnson et al., 2021) is addressed by linking marketing requirements (Layer 2) to specific analytics capabilities and applied technologies (Layer 4), managed within a clear governance structure (Layer 1). Organizational rigidity hindering responsiveness (Balog, 2020) can be mitigated by designing modular IS architectures (Layer 3) that support agile processes defined in Layer 2, coupled with effective change management (Layer 5).

The management dimension (Layer 5) is critical. Implementing such a framework requires significant organizational change, strong leadership commitment, investment in technology and skills, and robust project management. Overcoming resistance requires clear communication of benefits and involving stakeholders throughout the engineering process (Arefiev et al., 2023). Developing the necessary 'human capabilities' alongside technological ones is essential, requiring strategic human resource management focused on data literacy and adaptation to new applied technologies(Sharma et al., 2022).

Furthermore, the framework explicitly incorporates governance and ethics (Layer 1). As enterprises leverage sophisticated analytics and AI for marketing (Joel &Oguanobi, 2024), ensuring data privacy, algorithmic fairness, and regulatory compliance is paramount for building and maintaining customer trust (Vovk et al., 2024; Quach et al., 2022). Robust governance provides the guardrails for responsible innovation (Li et al., 2023).

The emphasis on Business Process Management (Layer 2) connected to IS Architecture (Layer 3) ensures that technology serves clearly defined business workflows, optimizing efficiency and enabling effective cross-functional collaboration (as promoted by Boiko, 2023; Markina et al., 2022). This process-centric view, enabled by IS, helps break down the silos that often impede integrated strategy execution.

Limitations and Future Research

1) This framework is conceptual and derived from literature synthesis. Its practical applicability and effectiveness require empirical validation through case studies or action research across diverse organizational contexts. Future research should focus on:
2) Developing specific metrics to assess the maturity of integration based on this framework.
3) Investigating the specific applied technologies (AI, IoT, Blockchain) that best support different components of the framework.

4) Exploring the adaptation of the framework for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with different resource constraints.
5) Conducting longitudinal studies to measure the long-term impact of adopting such an integrated approach on economic potential and sales, addressing the need identified by Silva et al. (2020).

5.1. Further implications and dynamics of the integrated framework

The proposed five-layered framework provides a static representation, but its true value lies in understanding the dynamic interplay between the layers, enabled by robust Information Systems Engineering and Management. Changes initiated at one layer invariably ripple through others, necessitating a continuous cycle of adaptation and optimization managed through Layer 5 (Management & Operations). For instance, a shift in business strategy or a new regulatory requirement identified at Layer 1 (Strategic Intent & Governance) triggers a re-evaluation of relevant business processes and potentially organizational structures at Layer 2 (Organizational & Process Architecture). This, in turn, demands careful IS engineering to modify the underlying applications, data models, and integration points within Layer 3 (Integrated IS Architecture). Subsequently, the methods for data collection, analysis, and the specific applied technologies used in Layer 4 (Data Analytics & Applied Technology) may need refinement to provide the right insights for the new strategy. Effective Layer 5 practices ensure these changes are managed smoothly, systems remain operational and secure, and users are adequately trained. Conversely, insights generated from Layer 4 analytics (e.g., identifying a new market trend or a decline in customer satisfaction) should feed back upwards, potentially prompting strategic reviews at Layer 1 or process adjustments at Layer 2 (Gudas et al., 2022). The IS architecture (Layer 3) acts as the crucial technical backbone, whose flexibility and scalability, often achieved through principles like modularity (SOA/Microservices) or cloud-native design, determine the organization's capacity for such dynamic adaptation.

5.2. The enabling role of applied technologies (layer 4)

While the framework is technology-agnostic at a high level, the effective functioning of Layer 4, and indeed the entire system, relies heavily on the thoughtful application of specific applied technologies. Beyond basic data analytics and BI tools (Aroraa et al., 2022), advanced technologies are key enablers of sophisticated integration and performance enhancement:
Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML): AI/ML algorithms (as mentioned by Joel &Oguanobi, 2024) can dramatically enhance marketing effectiveness through predictive customer behaviormodeling, hyper-personalization engines that tailor content and offers in real-time, dynamic pricing optimization, highly accurate sales forecasting, and proactive customer churn prediction. From an organizational perspective, AI can optimize resource allocation or automate certain decision-making processes. However, IS engineering is critical to build the data pipelines needed to feed these models, integrate their outputs into operational systems (like CRM or marketing automation platforms in Layer 3), and monitor their performance. Furthermore, the ethical implications (Layer 1) of using AI, particularly regarding bias in algorithms and data privacy, require stringent governance (Abbasi et al., 2024).
Big Data Platforms and Cloud Computing: The sheer volume, velocity, and variety of data generated by modern enterprises (from marketing campaigns, sales transactions, customer interactions, supply chains, IoT devices) necessitate robust platforms for storage and processing. Cloud platforms (AWS, Azure, GCP) offer the scalable infrastructure (IaaS, PaaS) required for Layer 3 and Layer 4, supporting distributed data processing frameworks (like Apache Spark) and cloud data warehouses/lakes. Effective IS management involves selecting the right cloud strategy (public, private, hybrid), managing costs, ensuring security in the cloud, and developing the specialized skills needed to operate these environments (Romero& Abad, 2022).
Internet of Things (IoT): In industries like manufacturing, retail, or logistics, IoT devices provide a stream of real-time operational data. Integrating this data (Layer 3 engineering challenge) allows for unprecedented insights in Layer 4. For example, sensor data from manufacturing equipment can enable predictive maintenance, reducing downtime and impacting economic potential. Data from smart products can inform marketing about usage patterns, enabling personalized offers or new service models. Retail IoT (e.g., beacons, smart shelves) can provide insights into in-store customer behavior, bridging online and offline marketing strategies (Mu&Antwi-Afari, 2024).

5.3. Implementation success factors: beyond technology

The literature and the challenges identified earlier (data privacy, skill gaps, resistance to change) highlight that successful implementation of an integrated IS framework is not merely a technical exercise. IS Management principles (Layer 5) are crucial for navigating the human and organizational dimensions:

- Cultivating a Data-Driven Culture: As recommended in the initial findings, fostering a culture where data is valued and used for decision-making across all levels is paramount. This involves more than just training; it requires leadership buy-in (Layer 1), demonstrating the value of analytics, promoting data literacy, and breaking down inter-departmental mistrust or "ownership" of data (Hashim et al., 2025). IS management must ensure that systems are designed (Layer 3) to be user-friendly and provide relevant insights accessible to non-technical users.
- Structured Change Management: Overcoming resistance to change (Arefiev et al., 2023) requires a structured approach. This includes clear communication about the 'why' behind the integration, active engagement of stakeholders from marketing, IT, operations, and other relevant departments in the design process (linking to Requirements Engineering in Layer 3), providing comprehensive training tailored to different user groups, implementing changes incrementally or via pilots where possible, and visibly supporting champions of the new system/process (Dempsey et al., 2021).
- Effective IT/Data Governance: Robust governance (Layer 1) is not bureaucratic overhead but an enabler of trust and efficiency. Clear policies on data ownership, quality standards, access control, security protocols (Li et al., 2021), and privacy compliance (Quach et al., 2022; Vovk et al., 2024) are essential for ensuring data is reliable, secure, and used ethically. This builds trust both internally (encouraging data sharing) and externally (maintaining customer confidence).

5.4. Measuring success holistically

While traditional metrics like sales growth and ROI (Silva et al., 2020) are important outcomes related to economic potential, the benefits of this integrated framework extend further. A holistic measurement approach should be adopted, leveraging the data capabilities of Layer 4 to track a balanced set of KPIs defined in Layer 1. This might include: (a) Customer Metrics: Customer Lifetime Value (CLV), Customer Satisfaction (CSAT), Net Promoter Score (NPS), churn rate reduction, customer engagement across channels; (b) Operational Efficiency

Metrics: Reduced marketing campaign cycle times, improved sales forecast accuracy, optimized inventory levels (if applicable), cross-functional process efficiency gains, data quality scores; (c) Organizational Metrics: Employee adoption rates of new systems/processes, employee satisfaction with tools and cross-functional collaboration, improved data literacy scores across departments; (d) Innovation Metrics: Faster time-to-market for new products/services informed by integrated data, number of data-driven strategic initiatives launched. Tracking these diverse metrics provides a richer picture of the framework's impact and allows for more nuanced continuous improvement efforts managed through Layer 5 (Fabac, 2022).

5.5. Sector-specific adaptations

While the proposed five-layer framework is intended to be broadly applicable, its specific implementation and the emphasis on certain components will naturally vary across industries. For instance, a B2C e-commerce retailer (like Organization B in the original study context) might heavily emphasize Layer 4 technologies for hyper-personalization and Layer 3 integration of customer-facing platforms. A manufacturing company (like Organization E) might focus more on integrating IoT data from the factory floor (Layer 4) with ERP and SCM systems (Layer 3) to optimize production based on sales forecasts derived from marketing analytics. A financial services firm (like Organization D) or healthcare provider (Organization C) would place an exceptionally strong emphasis on Layer 1 governance concerning data security, privacy regulations (like GDPR or HIPAA), and risk management, heavily influencing the design choices in Layer 3 and Layer 4. IS Engineering must therefore tailor the architectural solutions (Layer 3) to the specific process requirements (Layer 2) and strategic/regulatory context (Layer 1) of the particular industry.

6. Conclusion

Achieving synergistic benefits from informatics, organizational design, and marketing requires more than adopting individual technologies or strategies; it demands systematic integration underpinned by sound Information Systems Engineering and Management. The conceptual framework proposed in this paper offers a structured approach to architecting this integration, spanning strategic governance, process definition, IS architecture, data analytics, and operational management. By deliberately engineering systems to facilitate alignment and data flow between organizational structure and marketing activities, enterprises can enhance decision-making, foster agility, improve customer engagement through effective use of applied technology, and ultimately realize greater economic potential and sales effectiveness. While implementation requires significant commitment to change management, skills development, and ethical governance, adopting such an engineered, integrated approach is increasingly crucial for enterprises aiming to thrive in the complex, data-driven modern economy.

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