



**Spiritual Principles in  
Business Relationships**  
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**Alliances ... simply about Value**  
*simplicity on the other side of complexity*

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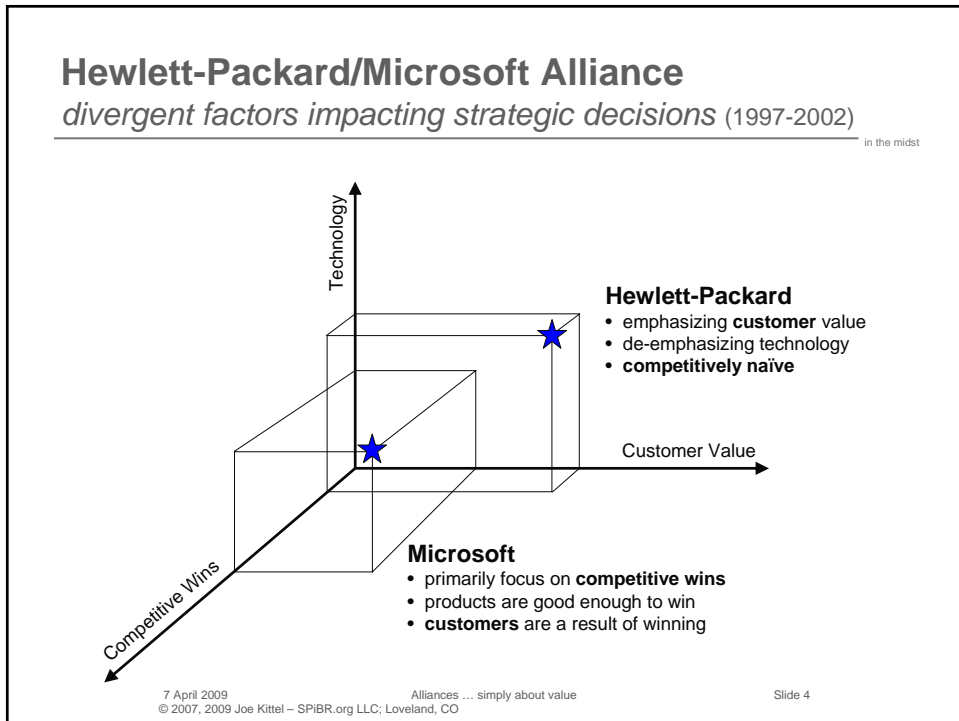
- **Value-Impediments**
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<h3>HP/MS Cultural Differences (1997-2002, ref: Nov 2007 HBR article)</h3> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">in the midst</p>	
Cultural Differences	
<p><b>HP's View of Microsoft</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Excessively competitive and confrontational</li> <li>▪ Controlling, paranoid and greedy (unstated values)</li> <li>▪ "Win / don't care" partnering mindset</li> <li>▪ Focused only on winning the deal</li> <li>▪ Packaged s/w mentality – commoditizes everything, including partners</li> </ul>	<p><b>Microsoft's View of HP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A non-player in professional services</li> <li>▪ Falling behind its competitors</li> <li>▪ Slow, bureaucratic – a laggard</li> <li>▪ Unable to execute consistently and predictably</li> <li>▪ Conflicted sales strategies (UNIX vs. NT in late '90s)</li> </ul>
<p><b>HP's View of HP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collaborative mind-set – looks for common good</li> <li>▪ Reinventing itself – trying to get more focused under new CEO's leadership (Carly Fiorina)</li> <li>▪ Disciplined – takes a long-term, mature approach to evaluating new opportunities</li> <li>▪ Win/win – actively seeks the other company's wins</li> <li>▪ Flexible – looks for creative deals</li> </ul>	<p><b>Microsoft's View of Microsoft</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Competitive, fast-moving and entrepreneurial</li> <li>▪ "Our products are changing the world"</li> <li>▪ Center of the new economy</li> <li>▪ Focuses on MS' wins, assumes others do the same</li> <li>▪ Unappreciated for positive things MS does for the world</li> <li>▪ Brings partners into deals, they should be grateful</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focus on <b>complementary strengths</b> – HP's: complex sol'n selling, long-term relations &amp; perspective, risk-mitigating, collaborative; MS's: product expertise, short-term wins, rapid decision-making, risk-taking, competitive orientation.</li> <li>▪ Align to <b>different perspectives</b> – MS is focused on competitive wins, HP is focused on value to customers.</li> <li>▪ For HP: align into MS's perspective, assertively sell HP's strengths, under set &amp; over-deliver on expectations.</li> </ul>	
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**SAP/HP – alliance effectiveness: dealing with our cultural differences – July 2005**



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Cultural Differences	
<p><b>SAP's view of HP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1992 (R/3 dev &amp; launch) HP helped "re-make" SAP; strong IBM history, too (esp. at CxO level)</li> <li>in field, viewed as a hardware vendor – a "boxen schieber" (just selling boxes, after the s/w, no sol'ns)</li> <li>HP's incremental bus value to SAP is unclear</li> <li>skeptical of IPG's enterprise strategy – staying power, consistency, patience; IPG has sometimes over-set &amp; under-delivered on expectations</li> </ul>	<p><b>HP's view of SAP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>weak formal co-R&amp;D value-creation processes, ad hoc</li> <li>top-down decision-making – process-oriented</li> <li>1:1 interpersonal "working" relations are critical</li> <li>lack of perceived urgency – needs to think, discuss</li> <li>strategic partner – \$3.4B/year in leveraged bus</li> </ul>
<p><b>SAP's view of SAP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#1 enterprise application company</li> <li>engineering-driven / becoming more market-driven</li> <li>a cautious &amp; conservative company</li> <li>German ... and proud of it ... yet, "the most globally-oriented company I've ever seen", Shai Agassi</li> </ul>	<p><b>HP's view of HP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strong in SAP ecosystem - &gt;50% h/w share</li> <li>somewhat on par or better than IBM (not IGS)</li> <li>unique breadth of products &amp; services</li> </ul>
Recommendations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAP culture is very similar to the "old HP" (pre-merger) – comfortable interpersonal relations</li> <li>start small – think big – under-set &amp; over-deliver on expectations – earn trust &amp; confidence</li> <li>stay focused – achieve strong success, build confidence – then expand</li> <li>continue building cross-IPG coordinated strategy &amp; linkages</li> <li>strive for consistency – strategy, programs, commitment, management linkages</li> </ul>	

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**Spanning Cultural Chasms – from HP/IPG to the rest of HP and SAP**




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- complex enterprise solutions
- mostly direct sales
- very long product lifecycles

Waldorf PartnerPort  
Co-Dev/Co-Mktg  
IPG Projects



HP GmbH  
SAP PartnerPort

Waldorf PartnerPort  
pan-HP initiatives  
TSG quota & commission



**HP/IPG**



- high-volume commodities
- in-direct channel
- very short product lifecycles



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 <b>HP/IPG – alliance effectiveness: dealing with HP-internal cultural differences (SAP-focused; "HP" in this case means the rest of HP, excluding IPG) – July 2005</b> 	
Cultural Differences	
<b>HP's view of IPG</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>unknown – a separate company from HP – support mechanism/path differences</li> <li>strong in the consumer market</li> <li>HP's profit engine via ink (a tiresome message)</li> <li>high-volume box mfg with indirect channels</li> <li>no enterprise strategy/offerings, except printers</li> <li>strong CSG interests – to build pan-HP story</li> </ul>	<b>IPG's view of HP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>struggling to be profitable</li> <li>#2 or #3 in their businesses – no clear leadership</li> <li>overly complex &amp; slow – how can IPG tap in?</li> <li>not aggressive enough</li> </ul>
<b>HP's view of HP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>main competitor = IBM – we can beat them (IGS is a major threat – apps &amp; bus process)</li> <li>#1 hardware platform for SAP · &gt;50% share</li> <li>recovering from the merger – possibly stronger</li> <li>struggling with consistent &amp; focused strategy &amp; messaging – need differentiators</li> </ul>	<b>IPG's view of IPG</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>we bring in 120% of HP's profit</li> <li>market leader – dominant – very successful</li> <li>the "old HP" – with leadership &amp; profit – the "HP Way" is alive &amp; well, here</li> </ul>
Recommendations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>leverage off of our strengths &amp; success – "better together" – we have much to teach each other</li> <li>help the rest of HP understand IPG's enterprise value-proposition and why/how they can carry our message to SAP &amp; their customers – absolutely unique &amp; differentiate pan-HP story (e.g., DP&amp;P)</li> </ul>	
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	<h2>American-German Intercultural Gap</h2> <p>ref: <i>Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands: how to do business in sixty countries</i> by Terri Morrison, et al.</p>	
Apparent Similarities – the 'veneer'		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Problems are worked "one thing at a time" – monochronal problem-solving.</li> <li>Punctuality, directness &amp; honesty are highly valued.</li> <li>Both are future-oriented, competitive &amp; practical.</li> </ul>		
Cultural Differences		
<b>Americans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In business, being liked &amp; accepted is important; acquaintances are referred to as 'friends'; being outgoing is the way to make friends.</li> <li>Not shy about expressing pleasure or revealing personal details.</li> <li>Compliments are given freely &amp; expected – impatient with criticism, insatiable for praise.</li> <li>Perpetually optimistic – let's "make a bad situation positive".</li> <li>More individualistic rather than collective.</li> <li>Uncertainty &amp; risk-taking are valued, viewed as courageous.</li> <li>Ambiguity, flexibility, on-going brainstorming is status quo.</li> <li>American leaders &amp; managers define goals, makes decisions, distributes tasks &amp; makes sure things get done – motivates &amp; coaches.</li> <li>American culture considered masculine, proactive, optimistic, ambitious, hardworking, innovative &amp; energetic.</li> <li>Tend to see Germans as opinionated, argumentative know-it-alls, who tend to over-analyze, excessive information needs &amp; lots of group discussion.</li> </ul>	<b>Germans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In business, emphasis is on content, fact-oriented – the unconscious objective is to appear credible &amp; make objective decisions.</li> <li>Willing to explore all sides of an issue – even it means being unpleasant &amp; confrontational.</li> <li>Compliments are redundant – job well done is simply expected.</li> <li>Making a "bad situation positive" is mathematically impossible.</li> <li>More collective rather than individualistic.</li> <li>Strives for uncertainty avoidance, minimize risks.</li> <li>German leaders &amp; managers are both experts &amp; mediators – convinces, doesn't order.</li> <li>German culture considered masculine with feminine undertones, prefer to work collectively with a well-established plan, quality of life &amp; office atmosphere can be more important than salary.</li> <li>Tend to see Americans as naive &amp; superficial.</li> </ul>	
Recommendations		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a sense humor – laugh at discovered differences.</li> <li>Be a bit less task-driven – don't over-drive individuals or the relationship.</li> <li>Be tolerant of failures – setbacks are part of the adaptation process, don't get frustrated.</li> </ul>		

 <b>SAP/HP – strategic business context</b> <b>SAP/NetWeaver / HPDS – 12 Nov 2003; Walldorf, DE</b> (R. Wedel, C. Wachter, A. Cooke and J. Kittel)		 <small>invent</small>
<b>Fundamental Business Objectives</b>		
<b>SAP's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring '04 public <b>endorsement of SAP Web AS</b></li> <li>• significantly reduce <b>TCO</b> &amp; increase customer satisfaction – new SAP strategic imperative</li> <li>• remove “(printing &amp;) output” <b>pain</b> for SAP &amp; SAP's customers</li> <li>• influence license <b>sales</b> – up-/cross-selling to installed base &amp; sales to new customers</li> <li>• help SAP reduce investments – <b>focus on core</b> business objectives vs. spooling</li> </ul>	<b>HP's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>broad deployment</b> of HP OMS solutions</li> <li>• deliver on “<b>printing in the enterprise</b>” Corp Obj</li> <li>• increase license &amp; services <b>sales</b> for HP's OMS solutions (HPOS &amp; HPDS)</li> <li>• leverage off all of <b>HP's enterprise strengths</b> – output management, systems management, enterprise systems &amp; services</li> <li>• raise “output” considerations <b>earlier</b> w/customers</li> </ul>	
<b>Key Underlying Interests</b>		
<b>SAP's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• accelerate adoption of <b>Adobe forms</b>, return on SAP investments</li> <li>• reduce SAP customer <b>support</b>, re: output</li> </ul>	<b>HP's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>differentiate</b> HP on-/off-ramp devices</li> <li>• accelerate growth in “printing in the enterprise” <b>services</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Possible Teaming Scenarios</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• engineering-level relationship to port <b>HPDS to Web AS 6.30/6.40</b></li> <li>• TCO-driven, <b>tightly-integrated HPDS/WAS packaged solutions</b> (e.g., CRM, Fin, Sales &amp; Dist'n – maybe w/ DP&amp;P or DPS for more strategic solution) – e.g., unified install, mgmt, etc.</li> <li>• <b>OEM core output management module</b> in NetWeaver (tee-up in exec-level briefing – vision)</li> <li>• <b>SAP/Adobe/HP forms+output triad solutions</b></li> <li>• explore <b>mid-market/SMB</b> plays</li> </ul>		