



## Autonomous Workflow and Infrastructure Intelligence

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**Abstract**— Adaptive Enterprise Service Intelligence (AESI) improves how enterprises respond to internal and external change by making Service Intelligence (SI) procedures themselves more adaptive. It targets two capabilities essential to enterprise survival: coordinating workflows without centralized control, and provisioning infrastructure in a context-aware manner.

AESI advances SI research on enterprise process coordination by enabling tasks to self-organize at runtime. This supports the task orchestration and task choreography patterns from workflow management theory, integrating information from a distributed control loop. We demonstrate this by identifying enterprise automation tasks that involve equipment the enterprise cannot directly control, and by proposing a method for decomposing such tasks into smaller units that can be allocated ad hoc to sub-operational agents during execution. This decomposition supports dynamic process reallocation and real-time fault tolerance.

A second contribution of AESI is context-aware infrastructure provisioning for automation tasks that depend on service infrastructure from other enterprises without full contractual arrangements. Enterprise architecture theory holds that no enterprise can operate without adequate service infrastructure, yet prior SI control loops have addressed only the processes an enterprise directly operates. To address this gap, we introduce a provision-control loop—analogue to the supply-control loop in the Theory of Constraints—that accounts for the adaptive behavior of computing resources among an enterprise's cloud-service competitors. This produces a data-fabric view of both the enterprise's own context and the context of any enterprise it supports through cloud computing, implemented via an enterprise data fabric combined with cross-enterprise AWS PrivateLink connections. This data-fabric view enables the sensing of contextual information that improves Enterprise Service Intelligence decisions across connected enterprises, and directly supports the provisioning of services for SI tasks that lack full contractual arrangements.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Intelligent Adaptive Enterprise Service Intelligence (AESI) enables organizations to trigger large-scale transformations in business processes, service restructuring, and infrastructure optimization more efficiently and effectively. The underlying premise is not about turning enterprises into intelligent, self-optimizing, self-organizing, and self-healing systems but instead enabling specific adjustments to be supported by intelligent autonomous technologies, thus facilitating a more flexible adaptation and optimization of resources, processes, and services.

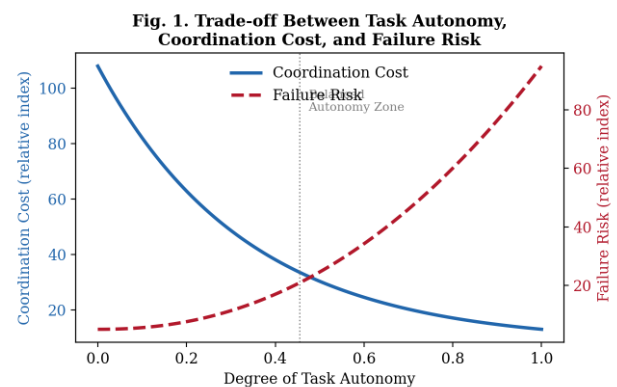


**Fig 1: Autonomy vs. Coordination Cost/Failure Risk trade-off** — visualizes the Section 2.A argument that optimal autonomy sits at a balance point, not a maximum.

The decision is mainly how much autonomy of decision-making rights a company can afford in which area. The area with the highest degree of autonomy has the greatest



influence on resources, processes, and service delivery. However, if left uncoordinated, such self-organization can also lead to suboptimal solutions driven by the self-interest of individual agents. It may also increase the risk of failures and the associated costs of failure if every agent has no bigger picture in mind than the completion of its own tasks. The analysis of the beneficial extent of autonomy versus control in the coordination of processes, services, and resource deployment supports the argument that achieving the right balance can enhance the effectiveness of company-wide workflow support.

## 1. Task Allocation Function

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if task } T_i \text{ is assigned to agent } A_j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### A. Coordination Mechanisms and Self-Organization

Many enterprises have a well-defined organizational structure backed by suitable management and governance practices. Every business activity or process is performed using several coordinated tasks, and the precise definition of the coordination mechanism employed is crucial. Most often, these mechanisms follow a hierarchical top-down pattern where the higher management assigns tasks to the middle level, which allocates those to the lower-level employees. Though such a pattern tends to be usually favourable in terms of efficiency, it comes with costs that can sometimes undermine the effectiveness of the business processes. As management theorist Henry Mintzberg put it, "the middle-level manager is an expensive and dangerous bear that must be fed and tamed and who should ideally be eliminated." Hence, reducing the cost of middle level management without incurring faults that stem from excessive or inappropriate delegation is desirable.

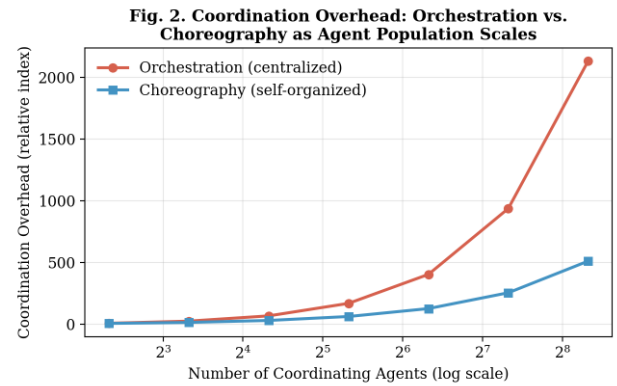


Fig 2: **Orchestration vs. Choreography overhead at scale** — supports Section 4's case for choreography-based coordination as agent populations grow.

Approaches that trigger a self-organizing pattern can be more effective than traditional coordination mechanisms in certain situations. In self-organization, the agents interact locally according to simple rules, without centralized control, and global patterns emerge from these interactions. Task execution in a self-organizing fashion and with a larger degree of autonomy can result in more effective business processes. In this subsection, the interaction pattern among the agents during task execution is studied. More precisely, mechanisms for coordinating the execution without direct centralized control over the agents are discussed, and it is shown that such approaches can be modelled in supervisorless control theory. Orchestration and choreography are also distinguished.

## 2. Workflow Completion Time

$$T_{total} = \sum_{i=1}^n T_i$$

### 2. Theoretical Foundations of Adaptive Service Intelligence

The most relevant theories, models, and prior work are reviewed and analyzed, providing a solid theoretical foundation for Adaptive Enterprise Service Intelligence. Capabilities are defined more clearly and terms are assigned specific meanings to reduce misinterpretation. Self-Motivated Autonomy and Enterprise Workflows



**Fig. 3. Average Task Response Time vs. System Load Across Dynamic Scheduling Policies**

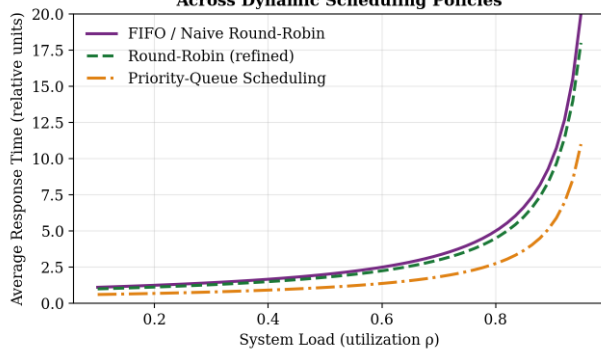


**Fig 3: Scheduling policy response time under load** — illustrates Section 4.A's priority-queue vs. round-robin discussion.

Workflows may be governed by the underlying enterprise architecture, allowing different degrees of autonomy depending on the level of self-organization. The exercise of decision rights is mediated by the risk associated with the decision and must take into account the potential consequences of these decisions at both the immediate level and the enterprise level. It should thus be possible to define the optimal level of autonomy for each enterprise service, expressing it as a function of some or all of the previous aspects. The effectiveness of autonomy in achieving adaptability, flexibility, resilience, and other properties may also be studied. An important aspect of governance is risk. Accordingly, it is imperative that the award-surrogate mapping reflects the risk orientation of the organization. Thus, the decision rights within the task for e.g. choosing a task deadline should reflect the relative safety of letting an agent choose its own deadline.

### 3. Parallel Task Execution Time

$$T_{\text{workflow}} = \max(T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n)$$

#### A. Autonomy in Enterprise Workflows

Hence, an agent can be thought of as a computational entity with autonomous capacity for self-governance and self-determination that can initiate actions and/or relay requests (or bids) to peers either in a negotiated manner (i.e. by formulating an offer that can potentially be accepted or rejected) or in a solicited manner (asking for help in execution

of desired actions). Enterprise workflows can equally be viewed as being playful activities of agents, however, care must be exercised while deploying the analogy. Being playful is a natural disposition and an indication of autonomy. Tasks that exhibit absolute playful characteristics (where there are no laws or constraints governing the flow of task execution) tend to generate observer envy due to the randomness of executions. Levels of autonomy are best understood by viewing the concept through its multiple dimensions. For a specific task within the workflow, autonomy could be viewed through the dimensions of information, responsibility, learning, success, delay, risk and relief. These dimensions collectively capture the entire task-specific decision rights of an organization. The evaluation of the correct levels of autonomy is a non-trivial task, as too much autonomy often leads to excessive risk associated with large failure.

**Fig. 4. Diminishing-Returns Curve: Contextual-Awareness Investment vs. Decision Quality (Data-Fabric Layer)**

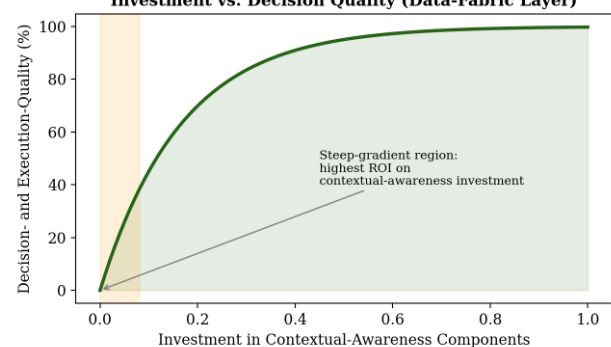


**Fig 4: Contextual-awareness investment vs. decision quality** — shows the "steep gradient" ROI point referenced in Section 3.A.

Higher levels of autonomy often imply lower degree of control through the enterprise structure achieved either by a flat rather than a hierarchical structure or through selecting agents of a specific governance style. As enterprises adapt towards greater autonomy it becomes difficult to establish effective awards-surrogate mappings. It also requires radical changes to the operation and control of the enterprise with respect to procedures, contracts and tools to level operators decision rights and responsibility with awards. For example, a marketing authorisation may be delegated downwards to sales staff and yet sales revenue may not constitute an effective surrogate for sales staff. The effectiveness of higher autonomy levels can also be examined in terms of exploitation of the dependence structure of the enterprise. Each task agent, while executing a task, is potentially



undertaking a decision of searching for knowledge. If an agent is granted a decision right to dynamically determine to what extent it will maximise its acquisition of knowledge for the task and to the extent to which it communicates its knowledge acquisition needs to other agents it is well positioned to exploit the dependencies in the enterprise. Such an award-surrogate mapping is often referred to as a learning contract and the main focus of the learning contract is data-rich dependency and not management.

#### 4. Agent Utilization

$$U_j = \frac{T_{busy,j}}{T_{total}}$$

### 3. Architectural Paradigms

Enterprise architecture influences across levels, spanning overall structure, component choice, and realization method. Three principal styles emerge: service-oriented (data nodes as distributed services), microservice-oriented (smaller relative service scale), and event-driven (timeliness supersedes service provision). Common elements are data service use, event-processing support, and relatively fine-grained service context. A partially adopted standard comprises these elements and three layers: application, integration, and resources. Trade-offs center on adaptability against larger scale and complexity-resilience. A major tension comprises operational depth against business-continuity risk.

Table 1. Key Components of the AESI Framework

| Component               | Primary Function                         |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Autonomous Agents       | Execute and coordinate distributed tasks |
| Workflow Coordination   | Manages task allocation and execution    |
| Data Fabric             | Integrates contextual enterprise data    |
| Predictive Optimization | Anticipates infrastructure requirements  |

#### Component Primary Function

Fault Recovery Reallocates or re-executes failed tasks

Adaptability in architectural paradigms creates challenges and opportunities. An event-driven approach supports self-coordination among processing and resource-provision tasks, enabling automated data supply, process initiation, reallocation, and failure accommodation. Coordination mechanisms realize service-choreography without centralized control, through conversation-based specification of peer agent interactions. The agent-interaction pattern facilitates both orchestration and choreography, supporting relaxed patterns for redundant event producers. Hazard depends on symptoms of disturbance in producer context. Dramatic task and resource-efficiency improvement, resulting from relaxed patterns and uncoordinated task fulfillment beyond a threshold, supports operational-focused adaptability.

#### 5. Average Response Time

$$R_{avg} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N R_i$$

#### A. Data Fabric and Contextual Awareness

Data fabric concepts provide the underpinning to address adaptation in terms of data integration that not only connects heterogeneous data silos but also maintains and enriches the contextual metadata of the data sets. Challenges inevitably arise because the high-level data model aims to support ease of usage of the data rather than the integration of the data silos. To make the foundation suitable for supporting enterprise service intelligence, contextual awareness that derives directly from contextual data and phenomenological theory must be built specially on top of the data fabric. The ability to infer context not only enhances quality of the user experience by recommending additional relevant information but also elevates the quality of contextual decision-making. The advantages exceed the cost of building contextual-awareness components, especially for important decisions and for less intelligent agents, since the decision- and execution-quality level is close to where the trade-off curve has a steep gradient. However, the latent demand for contextual awareness might not be sufficiently strong when



assessed solely at the data-fabric level. As a result, systems supporting contextual-awareness services strongly enrich enterprise service intelligence and can be considered where such small additional investments make sense intuitively.

Table 2. Orchestration vs. Choreography

| Parameter      | Orchestration     | Choreography           |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Control        | Centralized       | Decentralized          |
| Coordination   | Controller-driven | Peer-to-peer           |
| Flexibility    | Moderate          | High                   |
| Fault Handling | Central recovery  | Collaborative recovery |

#### 4. Autonomous Workflow Coordination

Enterprise workflows may require task coordination, yet such coordination is often expensive and can increase the overall task execution time. In certain situations, controlling the coordination tasks centrally may be infeasible, such as for resource-constrained remote sensors. Autonomous coordination mechanisms, which coordinate task execution without direct control from a single supervisor, can therefore be beneficial.

Table 3. Enterprise Workflow Autonomy Dimensions

| Dimension      | Description                            |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| Information    | Access to task-related knowledge       |
| Responsibility | Degree of decision ownership           |
| Learning       | Ability to improve from experience     |
| Delay          | Tolerance to execution latency         |
| Risk           | Potential impact of autonomous actions |
| Success        | Probability of task completion         |

Contrast orchestration and choreography: orchestration uses a centralized control node, whereas choreography does not. In an agent-based system with such choreography, communication protocols capture coordination logic. Agents need not wait for instructions; instead, they proactively engage other agents based on previously agreed logic. A strong assumption of many agent-based applications is that they are fault-free. Exploring cases wherein this assumption does not hold, agents can jointly overcome obstacles such as resource unavailability, slowed responses, or error-prone actions. Such joint detection and recovery may also integrate outside agents.

#### 6. Priority-Based Scheduling Score

$$P_i = w_1 C_i + w_2 D_i + w_3 R_i$$

where  $C_i$  is task criticality,  $D_i$  is delay sensitivity, and  $R_i$  is risk.

#### A. Task Decomposition and Dynamic Scheduling

Task decomposition entails partitioning a task into multiple subtasks to be solved jointly, facilitating dependencies that would compromise resource utilization if handled independently. Successful decomposition requires either the ability to solve components in parallel or to closely mirror the overall decision space and its parameters. In the context of workflow coordination without global control, three complementary mechanisms exist to address such decomposition.

Table 4. Architectural Paradigms for AESI

| Architecture          | Key Characteristic                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Service-Oriented      | Distributed service-based data nodes |
| Microservice-Oriented | Fine-grained modular services        |
| Event-Driven          | Real-time event-based processing     |
| Data Fabric           | Context-aware data integration       |



Dynamic scheduling empowers task allocations for classes of multiple similar jobs within a queue, as exemplified by a server farm managing client requests; here, the primary service request is similar but the duration of service time varies by request. When the next job enters the system, the task scheduler assigns it to an available server, akin to a dispatcher. Undesirable costs arise in the presence of delay-sensitive jobs with differing priorities; thus, priority queues further refine scheduling decisions to minimize average response time. Nevertheless, even naive round-robin scheduling with inherent overhead approaches optimal performance bounds under Newton's Law of Cooling, even when data load is not ideal.

## 7. Optimal Autonomy Level

$$A^* = \arg \max_A (E(A) - R(A))$$

where  $E(A)$  represents efficiency and  $R(A)$  represents operational risk.

## 5. Conclusion

In summary, the Adaptive Enterprise Service Intelligence framework provides a novel perspective on the adaptive coordination of service-based enterprise workflows. It offers mechanisms to coordinate the execution of enterprise service tasks, which normally depend on centralized control, without such explicit control. The main issue is how, during the execution of such workflows, the constituent service tasks can be dynamically and automatically allocated to service participants, real-time, in a way that effectively maintains the workflow schedule. A formal underpinning—termed Enterprise Service Scheduling—is proposed for distributing, as a task scheduling problem, the assignment of constituent enterprise service tasks to service participants. The underlying framework strives to enable a self-organizing behavior for the purpose of delivering task-specific and timely service responses for fulfilling the business requests of an enterprise and its clients.

While the current step opens the way for AutoSched to adopt an adaptive dimension in its operations, the Adaptive Enterprise Service Intelligence framework should also enable more explicit self-healing capabilities of enterprise service workflows. The Enterprise Service Scheduling perspective implies that fault tolerance for such workflows is achievable

through dynamically re-executing failed constituent service tasks—either by real-time redistributing them to service participants that were unable to respond initially or by delegating them for self-fulfillment by the workflow owner. There are also sources of inefficiencies that remain unaddressed: some constituting service tasks may remain unallocated even in the presence of service participants that fit them well and are available at their execution time. Such detection and resolution require a finer-grained analysis of the responsibility dependencies among the service tasks. Future research aims to establish such additional redundancy detection and resolution functionality within the Adaptive Enterprise Service Intelligence framework.

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