

Competa IT BV - a leader in Dutch IT services

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CONSULTING

Independent, objective and
unbiased advice

'Connecting business and technology since 1997'

Problem solving with help from some of the leading technologists in the Netherlands

Competa can help you solve the toughest business problems. Benefit from our experience of technology deployment in diverse industries.

Service information

Systems architecture & design, advice on vendor, technology and product selection

Technologies

Experts in Enterprise Computing - skills covering the latest technology landscape

Featured Case Study

Virtualizing banking servers for reduced cost and increased reliability

We're different

More than just man-hours. How you benefit from our backup network and additional services



Service information

Independent, objective and unbiased advice

Competa consultants bring outstanding technical knowledge and expertise into your organisation, for you to use as you wish. We can help you solve complex business problems, design multi-vendor systems architecture, or select vendors, products and technologies. We work on projects of all durations, long or short, part-time or full-time.

Problem Solving

A new pair of eyes

We are experts in finding technological solutions to business problems. We get involved in diverse businesses and can think laterally, using ideas from different industries to bring inspiration to your problem solving process.

Competa can help you with environmental issues and Green computing

Our consultants can also design new systems, integrate technology components, simplify IT management, reduce system deployment and integration costs, or help you with environmental issues and Green computing.

Bringing our knowledge and expertise into your business helps to solve your problems, whatever they may be. Leading companies choose Competa because access to the right skills at the right time delivers successful projects.

Selection and Design

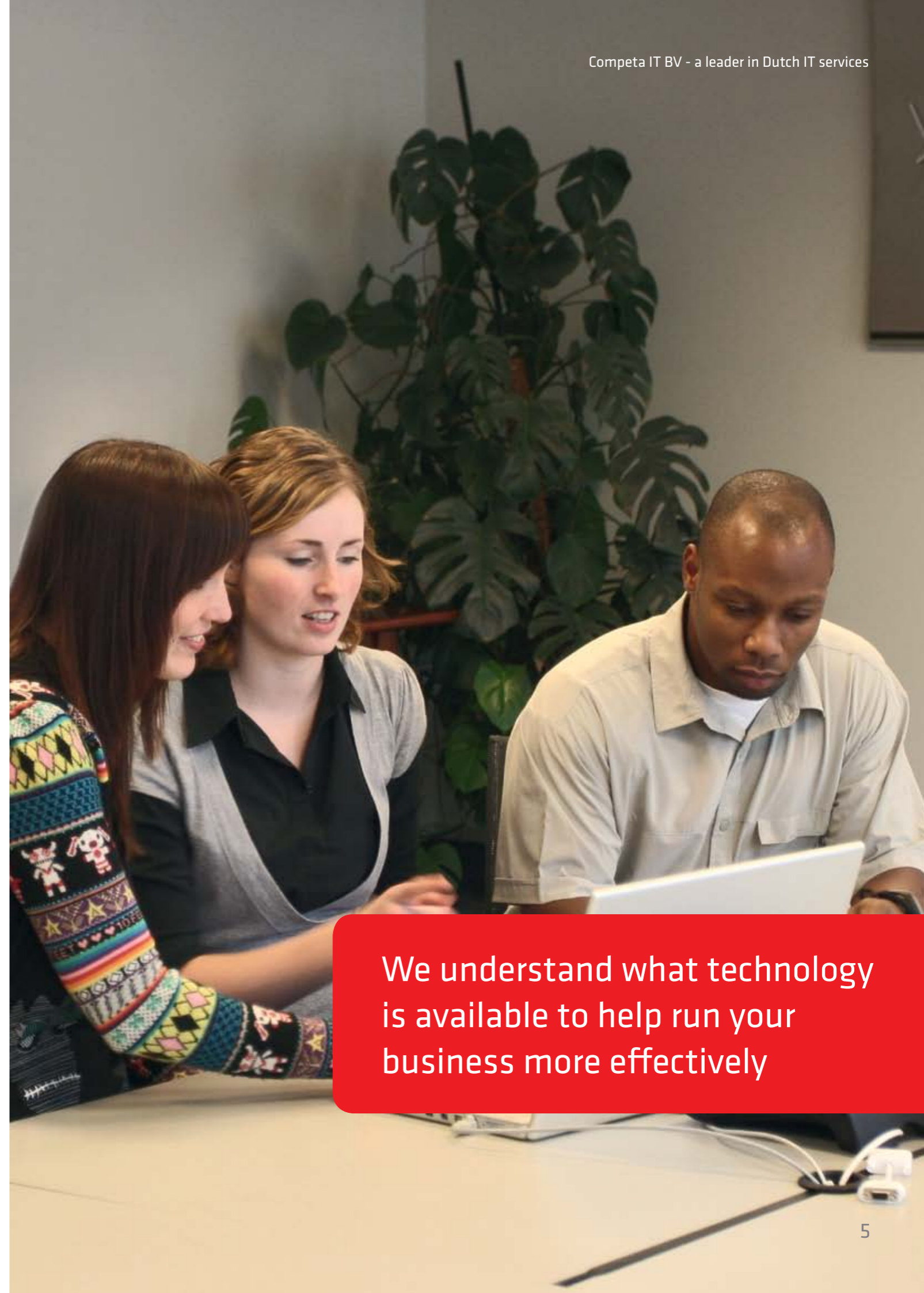
Benefit from experience

Expensive mistakes can be made when designing systems architecture or selecting technology products. Interoperability is not always as good as vendors claim, and some combinations of products or technologies will simply never perform in the way you intend.

At Competa we have the benefit of seeing the latest technologies being deployed by multiple customers in many different ways. We can therefore ensure that whether we are designing systems architecture or selecting technology products, Competa knows what works - and what doesn't.

Environmental concerns and corporate social responsibility are increasingly important

Access our knowledge and ensure that the systems your business runs on will work as intended, on-time and on-budget.



We understand what technology is available to help run your business more effectively

Technologies

An impressive corporate CV

Competa engineers collectively possess a vast knowledge of Enterprise Computing technologies, both commercial and Open Source. A key strength is our ability to adapt - staff are eager to learn, and quickly get acquainted with new technologies such as “Smart” computing.

Technology landscape

A broad horizon

The following are examples of just some of our areas of expertise :

- Unified communications services
- Green Computing
- Storage and Server Virtualization
- Cloud computing
- Web technologies
- Database technologies, including ORACLE
- Middleware products and platforms e.g. backup and restore, HA, clustering, Identity Management
- Operating Systems, especially Unix and Linux platforms
- Storage Systems, including SAN and NAS
- Network technologies, including WAN, LAN and Wireless architecture

We sort out the technology and figure out how it can help your business



Featured Case study

Design and build server virtualisation infrastructure



The problem

Rabobank network management applications were running on a large number of machines under Solaris 8 for which support was ending. Both the hardware and the operating system were outdated, and therefore expensive to maintain and support.

Tools were put in place to reduce the time needed for maintenance and to minimise the risk of user error

There was a strong business case to reduce operational costs by upgrading and modernising the Solaris environment, including the network management applications. Additionally, this was an opportunity to improve stability and reduce risk through revision of server maintenance procedures.

How Competa helped

With our extensive knowledge of Solaris, Competa redesigned the whole environment based on latest technology. Keeping a keen eye on manageability, security and fitness for the future resulted in a new environment based on Solaris 10 with the extensive use of new Solaris 10 features and SAN storage.

Solaris 10 features such as RBAC, BSM, SMF, ZFS and Projects have been put to full use to improve security, manageability and availability. Additionally, several platform services, such as LDAP and secure authentication, were upgraded and enhanced to further improve security and manageability.

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All installations were standardized and automated with a complete new Jumpstart environment, which can also deploy Solaris Containers. Commissioning of the new systems included phasing out legacy systems and applications following successful migration.

Naturally, we fully documented and validated the environment - all administration procedures have been revised and augmented, and the System and Application Administrators have been trained on the new systems.

The result

Our customer now has a complete new and up to date environment in which the number of production servers to maintain has dropped from more than 40 to only 6 - including a functional development, test and acceptance environment.

Creation or recovery of a security hardened and fully configured Solaris environment now takes less than 20 minutes!

Changes can now be made quickly and in a controlled manner. Creation or recovery of a security-hardened and fully configured Solaris environment now takes less than 20 minutes!



We find technological solutions to the most complex business problems

We're different

Why clients choose Competa

For more than a decade Competa has provided consultancy services to an impressive list of clients in a wide range of industries and markets. Customers value our services because we offer more than other consultancies. Our ultimate goal is to help you to move your business in the direction you want, not just sell you man-hours

Here's why we're different:

Independent advisors

No hidden agenda to sell you something

Competa is not tied to any vendors, products or technologies. We are totally independent and impartial. Our approach to helping you is not sales or product driven, we are only focused on how to meet your business needs with technology.

We work closely with many different vendor partners and have direct access to their technical resources and development teams to solve your problems quickly; but we don't re-sell their products, we have no hidden agenda to recommend or sell you anything.

Ensuring quality

Never the middle-man

We differ from our competitors as we never subcontract work to consultants from other companies. We only supply our own specialists who have been properly screened for technical knowledge and professional competence before being employed by Competa.

Yet we don't just look for the best technical skills. When recruiting we work hard to find people who communicate well and who will work to support customer business objectives.

Competa provides senior engineers with the communication and business skills needed to work in your team. If you hire a consultant from Competa, you are guaranteed quality.

Flexible

Choose how you want to work

We understand that every customer has different needs, so we are happy to work in any way you want. This can be by helping you on a part-time basis, or for very short projects, or by providing an "on-call" service as required. We can also supply expertise from mixed-skills teams, providing you with a skills resource pool rather than just individual staff.

Tell us what works for you and we will fit in with it. We don't force you to hire consultants for 40 hours a week or for any minimum period of time.

Partner network

One plus one makes three

Competa is actively involved in leading professional organisations, and our long-term relationship with both academic and commercial organisations brings synergy, allowing us to deliver much more than just man-hours from an individual consultant.

We're clear in what we can, and what we cannot do, and where required we seek advice from other specialists. So whilst we don't subcontract to individual consultants, we do believe in collaboration and work with partners to ensure that we deliver the best possible results.

Competa is here to help you, with our own expertise and also our extended network of partners.

Our Services

Technology expertise delivered through multiple service lines

Competa delivers enterprise information technology solutions to support customer business via a number of complimentary channels. Please see the separate service brochures for each of the following services

Vision

“A future where technology is fully utilised and businesses are able to benefit from all of the advantages that technology can bring”

Mission

“To enable business with information technology, translating business challenges and ideas into working technical solutions”



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Development

Software and systems that do exactly what you want

Flexible development services delivering working solutions with on-going support and training



Support

Concentrate on business, forget about operations

Fill the gaps in your team with exactly the right level of support, available on-demand



Training

Growing your assets and improving your performance

Focused training, tailored to your specific learning requirements and infrastructure



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