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Axel Jacobs is a vice president and executive partner with Gartner Executive Programs. He has 25 years of experience in many industries, covering a wide range of IT subjects, as well as management and organisational consulting. His main areas of coverage include IT governance and value management, IT strategies and architectures, IT portfolio management, and enterprise applications. He has been involved in several industries, including chemicals and pharmaceuticals, oil and gas, banking, retail, telecommunications, and manufacturing.

Prior to joining Gartner, Jacobs was a vice president with META Group in its Executive Directions practice, where he was an executive coach and trusted advisor to CIOs of large organisations. In addition, he was responsible for strategy and architecture consulting in EMEA.

Before that, Jacobs worked as Manager Strategic Planning for GMO Europe Holding in charge of the development of the company's consulting activities and the implementation of strategic IT consulting projects. In addition, he was Managing Director of GMI Consulting, with responsibility for SAP consulting, and a Supervising Consultant at Pricewaterhouse Coopers, where he was in charge of acquiring and implementing international SAP projects. He started his career at Siemens as a UNIX systems analyst, before joining ICI to take over the responsibility for IT application systems and SAP implementations in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Jacobs is a member of the Association of Business Engineers in Germany and the SOA/BPM Expert Council of Computerwoche magazine.

Years of Experience:

10 years with Gartner, 26 years in IT industry

Education:

Jacobs holds a master's degree in economics (business engineering) and computer science with a minor in chemical engineering from the Technical University of Karlsruhe.