

Enterprise IT Architectures

Enterprise IT Architectures Enterprise Architecture (EA)

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I. Positioning Enterprise Architecture (EA)



Why "Enterprise Architecture"

• EA is helping enterprises do the right things right

- EA is a holistic approach to the control and co-ordination of IT based business projects
- Two viewpoints:
 - Solution Architects are focused on creating an IT based solution to a business problem
 - Enterprise Architects with a sense of what the enterprise needs to be and do, and how IT should be used in a wider sense



Winchester House Syndrome

Yesterday's management approaches are not working in today's complex and fast-paced environment.



'If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there.' Lewis Carroll



It can be a challenge to ensure IT based business solutions implement the business strategy...





Enterprise Architecture provides the vital linkages between "strategy" and "implementation"





Enterprise Architecture embraces both Business and IT Architectures, providing the "city plan" for "building projects"





Enterprise Architecture (EA) Definition – Architecture Models and Governance

"<u>The EA discipline</u> defines and maintains the architecture models, governance and transition initiatives needed to effectively co-ordinate semiautonomous groups towards common business and/or IT goals."

EA Academy Study Team, Orlando Workshop, 12th-13th March 2004

- Intended to capture the need for an EA to link an enterprise's business strategy to its change programs, through the definition of:
 - Architecture models to capture the business's intended structure (through a Business Architecture) and to provide a clear specification of how multiple projects and programs must exploit information technology (through common (explicit) IS and IT Architectures),
 - Mechanisms such as Architecture Governance and Transition Planning to help plan, co-ordinate and control all parts of the business – ensuring they all "pull in the same direction".



A definition:

- "The Enterprise Architecture is the organising logic for business processes and <u>IT</u> infrastructure, reflecting the integration and standardisation requirements of the company's operating model
- The Enterprise Architecture provides <u>a long term view</u> of a company's processes, systems and technologies so that <u>individual projects can build</u> <u>capabilities</u> not just fulfil immediate needs"

• Ross et al, "Enterprise Architecture as Strategy", 2006 (Harvard business press)





A second Definition: IBM's





Bridging the Gap Between Strategy and Delivery



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EA provides a context and guidance, keeping everyone "on the same road"



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Benefits (1): Analyze the Linkage Between Technology and Business, Communicate Actionable Information

"How have we aligned technology investment with our business objectives?"

"If we change our technology stack, what applications and organizations will be effected?"





Benefits (2): Analyze Change to Processes...





II. Enterprise Architecture Purpose



Main aspects of an Enterprise Architecture

- Enterprise Architecture is between the Business and IT Strategy and the programs and projects to be carried out
- Enterprise Architecture includes Business Architecture as well as IT Architecture (which is IS Architecture – Information System – and Technology Architecture)
- Enterprise Architecture guides the programs and projects

EA helps us "upstream" (to do the right things) and "downstream" (doing things right)



Upstream: Doing the right things

- Identifying, funding & resourcing the most important programmes, in line with the business strategy and within the investment budget, in the right sequence, and with effective programme management and control.
- Downstream: Doing things right
 - Ensuring the solutions delivered by these programmes meet the needs of the business, work within the existing IT environment and contribute towards the realisation of the enterprise's IT strategy.





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EA is More than Architecture



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There are three parts to EA – part 1: Architecture





There are three parts to EA – part 2: Governance





There are three parts to EA – part 3: Transition



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Therefore there are three aspects to implementing an Enterprise Architecture



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There is a relatively simple mapping from EA to solution ...





III. Enterprise Architecture Methods



Enterprise Architecture Methods

- Enterprise Architecture methods provide guidelines and templates for the definition of an Enterprise Architecture
- Templates are available for Work Products / Artifacts most of them as described in Architecture Methods
- Most popular Enterprise Architecture Methods
 - IBM
 - Zachman (www.zifa.com)
 - TOGAF (www.opengroup.org)



All EAs have a "framework" – a means of organizing, managing and communicating the architecture (1)



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The EA environment consists of:

	Enterprise Architecture Elements
	Strategic Alignment - Explicit linkages to IT and Business Strategies in order to support and implement those strategies
tegy	Principles – Fundamental rules upon which the Enterprise Architecture is based
Strat	Architecture Vision – Represents the governing ideas and directions for a target Enterprise Architecture
	Measurements - Measuring the EA benefits and return on investment to prove its value
ts	Framework – Structure of the EA, set of conventions for ensuring consistent notation, terminology and semantics to describe EA
rtifac	Models / Patterns - Overall EA context, diagrams and views; Assemblies of Components for communications and guidance
A	Components / Standards – Basic Architecture building blocks, defining reusable functionality or services
nce	Management Processes - Processes required to manage, use and update the Enterprise Architecture
erna	Roles – Key roles and responsibilities necessary to effectively manage and use the Enterprise Architecture
Gov	Organization – Position and reporting structure of the EA Roles
de	Current Environment - An understanding of the organization's current operating environment
adma	Gap Analysis - An assessment of the gaps between the Current installed IT environment, and the Target IT environment
Ro	Transition Plan - Transition initiatives required to effect transformation from the Current state to the Target state

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Key terms and phrases used in EA Methods

Architecture framework	A structured approach to the management and use of an enterprise architecture's various architectural assets, commonly called architecture building blocks (ABBs)
Architecture layer	A slice of the EA architecture framework, generally drawn horizontally, that separates out the business, IS and technology assets.
Architecture aspect	A slice of the EA architecture framework, generally drawn vertically, that separates out common themes or topics across the layers.
Architecture Building Block	An elemental part of an EA's architecture. ABBs are used as standard parts across an enterprise in the design and construction of its many and varied business and IT systems, as well as being a useful categorisation of stuff in transition planning. An ABB category may be associated with a specific aspect of a specific layer of an Architecture framework
Framework cell (or "cell")	The intersection between a layer and an aspect. Typically occupied by one or more of the EA Method's architecture related work products
Solution Architecture	The IS and IT architectures created for a specific business solution. Sometimes called IT Architecture (particularly by IT Architects), or Solution Design (often by our clients)



A popular way of structuring an EA's architecture framework: is to adopt a simple layered approach





All EAs have a "framework" – a means of organizing, managing and communicating the architecture



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EA Method Overview





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EA Work Products guide and govern how solution Work Products are constructed



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Enterprise Capabilities: Linking Strategy to Architecture (Example Amazon)




Business Architecture: Organization and co-operation





IS Architecture: Shape and Structure for ALL IT projects





Governance: Keeping it all together – day in, day out





Gap Analysis and Transition: From AS-IS to TO-BE





IV. Enterprise Capabilities & Principles



Enterprise Capabilities & Principles

- Enterprise Capability Model
 - This linkage between strategy and architecture can be represented using three key concepts. The network of these 3 concepts is referred to as the Strategic Capability Network (SCN).
- Enterprise Architecture Principles, Policies & Guidelines
- Enterprise Architecture Overview Diagram



Enterprise Capabilities & Principles Strategic Capability Network (SCN) – Overview



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Example: Business Capabilities for Telco 3G





The SCN is created and developed in Strategy engagements and Enterprise Architecture engagements



Strategy Engagement: During strategy activities the focus is on understanding the client's existing capabilities, evaluating their strengths and weaknesses and identifying new capabilities required.

EA Engagement: During enterprise architecture activities, we focus on refining the needed capabilities and identifying the resources (capability enablers) the client needs to meet its strategic objectives.



Enterprise Architecture Principles





Architecture Principles, Policies & Guidelines are key governance mechanisms





Example: Guiding principles

- IT Systems will be designed to allow rapid implementation of changes to business rules
 to reflect changes in business requirements.
- Motivation:
 - Increased flexibility to rapidly implement changed business requirements
 - Reduced costs associated with making and implementing system changes
 - Allows the parameterization of business rules to minimize IT development

Implication:

- Systems need to be designed such that business rules are held externally from processing logic
- Increased cost of initial application development to make use of parameterised business rules
- Need to define the business rules which will be parameterised and how they will be accessed
- Imposes an additional non-functional requirement on the selection of ready-built solutions
- Need to review and revise testing standards to ensure changes to external parameters do not impact system characteristics, e.g. performance

- ANYbank will be proactive and innovative in its use of technology while minimizing the risk from being at the leading edge.
- Motivation:
 - Increases competitive advantage by implementing systems that provide better customer service and enable new products to be brought to market more effectively
 - Reduces costs by exploiting effective, proven technologies
 - Contains risk by not being at the leading edge of technological advance

Implication:

- Some competitive advantage may be lost through not exploiting new technology when it first becomes available
- Resources are required to monitor, evaluate, trial and assess business opportunities arising from new technologies

ITA Principles -

revised



Enterprise Capabilities & Principles Architecture Overview Diagram





V. EA Architecture - Architectures



Enterprise Architecture Decomposition





EA architecture framework – Layers



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EA's architecture framework – Use of work products and the notion of work product dependencies





Business Architecture – Purpose

- A Business Architecture (BA) provides a framework which reflects both current and future business environments and guides future IT investment and implementation decisions.
- It ensures that any tactical decision making is aligned with the overall business goals and objectives.
- It provides a transformation vehicle that allows a business strategy to be effectively translated into an implementation plan which uses process, information/knowledge, organization and technology resources.

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Business Architecture – Definitions

Business Activity	An activity may be a manual or automated operation that completes a unit of work. A "leaf level" activity is the lowest level of activity that cannot be decomposed further without considering how to implement them.
Business Process	Activities are combined to create a business process — a structured, measured set of activities, that takes input and creates output of value to a customer. A "leaf level" activity can occur in many different business processes.
Business Event	A stimulus or trigger which initiates one or more processes. A set of conditions which cause a process to be performed.
Information Entity	A person, place, thing, concept, or event that the business needs to manage and about which it may need to keep data.
Business Role	Business roles are logical, categories of job that perform the business activities of the enterprise — e.g. Underwriter, Claims Assessor, Regulator, Loan Recipient, Sales Person. As such, they combine business activities into a recognisable relationship.
Business Location	Business locations identify both the physical and logical places, or sites, where the activities of the business are carried out. The physical locations are simply the geographical places where the business has a presence; the logical locations are classifications, or categories, of these physical sites, based on the types of business activities that are performed at them.



Business Architecture – Reducing Variation

- Client orientation and role recognition
- Available, consistent, accurate client information
- Reduced duplication
- Flexible, reusable components
- Lower maintenance costs
- Accurate marketing information
- Cross-marketing, target-marketing
- Faster time-to-market
- Ability to add or assimilate channels



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A good Business Architecture incorporates a model of how the company wants to do business in future

A Business Model is a **structured abstraction** of important features of "the real world" for solving business problems. It is built within the Business Architecture to represent what the business cares about.

Business models are built for the purpose of:

- Common understanding
- Communication
- Requirements definition
- Optimal process definition
- Problem resolution
- Reduced variation and greater reuse
- Alignment of projects to business strategy and priorities



A Business Model does not include implementation considerations.





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Enterprise Architecture

The IS Architecture is centered on an enterprise wide specification of the business drivers





VI. EA Governance, Transition





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EA Architects are primarily involved in strategy and solution design stages



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Enterprise Architecture and Gap Analysis & Transition





Committees for ensuring Enterprise Architecture





EA Governance – Overview of the boards/committees





Example Architecture Organizational Model



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Transition initiatives need to be prioritised and approved as part of the overall IT Operating Plan for the enterprise

- EA inspired initiatives should be considered alongside all requests for IT resource (development and implementation):
 - Business driven
 - Technology driven
 - Architecture driven





So as well as guiding development, the EA framework must also provide transition "roadmaps"



Preferred Product Analysis: Selection Criteria





VII. Example - JKE



Example – JKE: a retail company

In the business since a long time

- Has grown by acquisition
- Has ambitious goals
- But not yet the appropriate infrastructure
- Case Study
 - Work out early drafts of Enterprise Architecture Work Products
 - Mainly
 - Define Enterprise Architecture Principles
 - Develop an Enterprise Architecture Overview Diagram



1) Define Enterprise Architecture Principles

- Points to consider:
 - Cost-sensitive
 - Review Context Document
 - Business (and IT) Pain Points
- Template
 - Principle:
 - Motivation:
 - Implication:



2) Rework Architecture Overview Diagram (from AS-IS to TO-BE)

- Points to consider:
 - Needs new functionality
 - Business
 - IT
 - SOA Support
- Use results from
 - Pilot project "Account Opening"
 - CBM
 - SOMA



Key Performance Indicators

 For each of the hot components identified create a list of potential improvement/innovation opportunities

Account Administration

- Automate the manual tasks for creating and administering accounts
 - Decrease cost of account activation by 50%

Credit Administration

- Design and build optimized services to support converged organization
- Negotiate better prices with our vendors taking advantage of our combined size
 - Decrease negotiated cost (Vendor volume discounts) of credit report retrieval by 20%
 - Automate 75% of all credit report retrievals
- Implement consistent business rules to manage risk
 - Decrease number of credit report retrievals by 10%

Document Management

- Decrease number of paper documents processed by task automation
 - Increase electronic applications by 25%

Sales

- Converged on optimized cross channel account application process
 - Reduce number of call center calls by sales force and offices (stores) by 30% (account inquiry)


Domain Decomposition: CBM for JKE





Service Specification: Service Component Model -- JKE

JKE Service Component Diagram



•Shows service specification as Service Interface

•Can add to this diagram, the service realization as those decisions are made

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Case Study Input – As-Is Architectural Overview Diagram





Case Study Input – Begin of TO-BE SOA Solution Layer Perspective



- Among the missing artifacts from this diagram, the Service Components (service realization)
- Also missing are To-Be supporting operational systems



Case Study Input – As-Is Component Model





Case Study Input – AS-IS JKE Operational Model



JKE - Operational Model - Starting Point



Appendix TOGAF Details



Preliminary Phase: Frameworks & Principles



- This phase prepares the organization for undertaking Enterprise Architecture successfully
 - Understand business environment
 - High level management commitment
 - Agreement on scope
 - Establish principles
 - Establish governance structure
 - Agree method to be adopted



Phase A: Architecture Vision



- Initiates one iteration of the architecture process
 - Sets scope, constraints, expectations
 - Required at the start of every architecture cycle
- Validates business context
- Creates Statement of Architecture work



Phase B: Business Architecture



- The fundamental organization of a business, embodied in
 - its business processes and people,
 - their relationships
 - to each other and the environment,
 - and the principles governing its design and evolution
- Shows how the organization meets it's business goals



Phase B: Business Architecture - Contents



- Organization structure
- Business goals and objectives
- Business functions
- Business Services
- Business processes
- Business roles
- Correlation of organization and functions.



Phase B: Business Architecture - Steps



- Confirm context
- Define baseline
- Define target
 - Views are important
- Validate
 - Requirements
 - Concerns
- Perform Gap analysis
- Produce report



Phase C: Information Systems Architectures



- The fundamental organization of an IT system, embodied in
 - relationships to each other and the environment, and the principles governing its design and evolution
- Shows how the IT systems meets the business goals of the enterprise

Continued



Phase C: Data or Applications first ?



- It is usually necessary to address both
 - Not always the case, depending on project scope and constraints
- May be developed in either order, or in parallel
 - Theory suggests Data Architecture comes first
 - Practical considerations may mean that starting with Application Systems may be more efficient
- There will need to be some iteration to ensure consistency



Phase D: Technology Architecture



- The fundamental organization of an IT system, embodied in
 - its hardware, software and communications technology
 - their relationships to each other and the environment,
 - and the principles governing its design and evolution



Phase E: Opportunities and Solutions



- Identify the major implementation projects
- Decide on approach
 - Make v Buy v Re-Use
 - Outsource
 - COTS
 - Open Source
- Assess priorities Identify dependencies



Phase F: Migration Planning



- For projects identified in Phase E perform
 - Cost/benefit analysis
 - Risk assessment
- Produce an implementation roadmap



Phase G: Implementation Governance



- Defines architecture constraints on implementation projects
- Architecture contract
- Monitors implementation work for conformance



Phase H: Architecture Change Management



- Ensures that changes to the architecture are managed in a cohesive and architected way
- Establishes and supports the Enterprise Architecture to provide flexibility to evolve rapidly in response to changes in the technology or business environment