



# An Introduction to Architecture(s)

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# Topics

## Part 1: Some Fundamentals

- What is it?
- Why do it?
- The language

## Part 2: Doing The Work

- Synergies
- Standards

## Part 3: Ecosystem

- Role & skills
- Professional organizations
- Credentials

## Part 4: Next Steps

- Learning more...





# Part 1: Some Fundamentals

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Architecture is about...

**Structure**

**Behavior**

**Blueprints**

**Partitioning**

**-ilities**

**Interfaces**

**Rules**

**Relationships**



# And what are –ilities?

*(aka, ‘architecturally significant requirements’)*

## (PARTIAL) LIST OF SYSTEM QUALITY ATTRIBUTES

accessibility	composability	deployability	flexibility	modifiability	recoverability	seamlessness	timeliness
accountability	confidentiality	discoverability	inspectability	modularity	relevance	self-sustainability	traceability
accuracy	configurability	distributability	installability	observability	reliability	securability	transparency
adaptability	correctness	durability	integrity	operability	repeatability	simplicity	ubiquity
administrability	credibility	effectiveness	interchangeability	orthogonality	reproducibility	stability	understandability
affordability	customizability	efficiency	interoperability	portability	resiliency	standards compliance	upgradability
agility	debuggability	evolvability	learnability	precision	responsiveness	supportability	usability
auditability	degradability	extensibility	localizability	predictability	reusability	survivability	vulnerability
autonomy	determinability	failure transparency	maintainability	process capabilities	robustness	sustainability	
availability	demonstrability	fault-tolerance	manageability	producibility	safety	tailorability	
compatibility	dependability	fidelity	mobility	provability	scalability	testability	



## Some flavors of architecture

**Software  
System/SoS  
Enterprise  
Business  
Mission**

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**Data  
Application  
Network  
Security  
Technical**

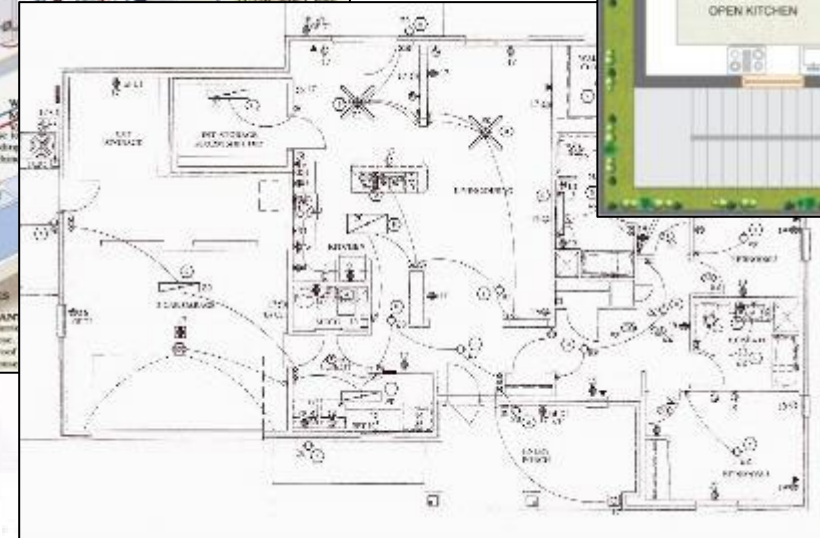
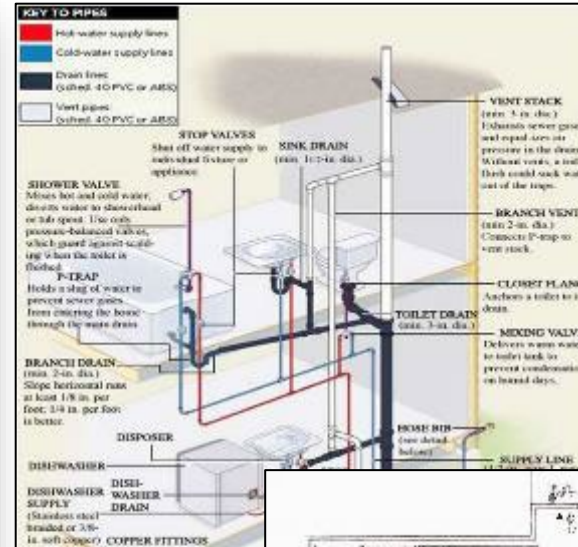
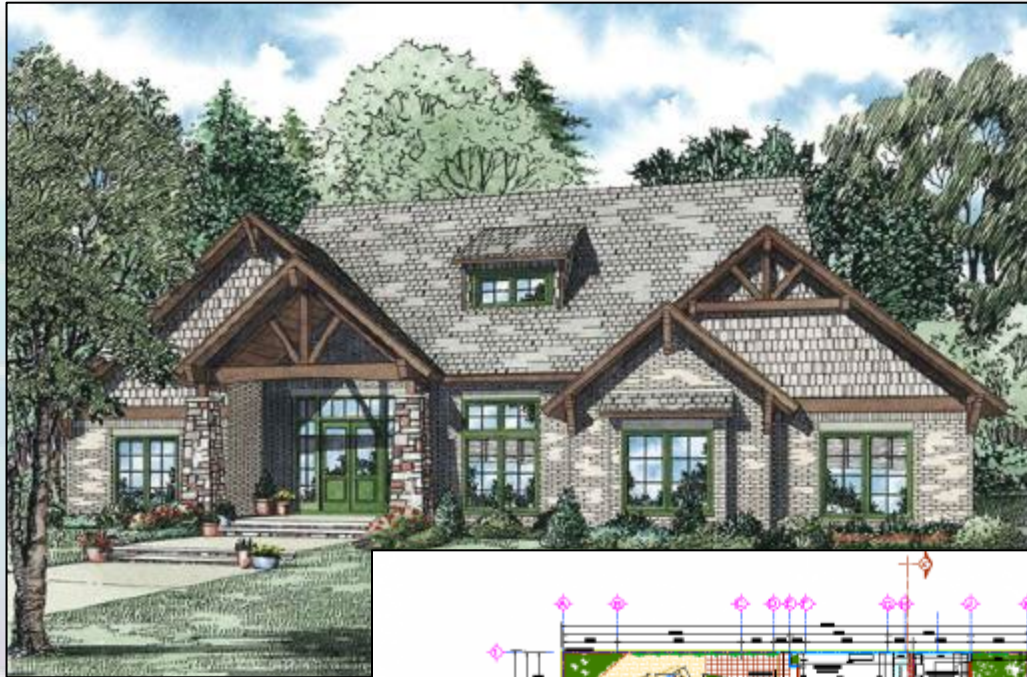
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**Contextual  
Conceptual  
Operational  
Logical  
Physical**

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# A partial look: **civil** architecture





# A partial look: software architecture

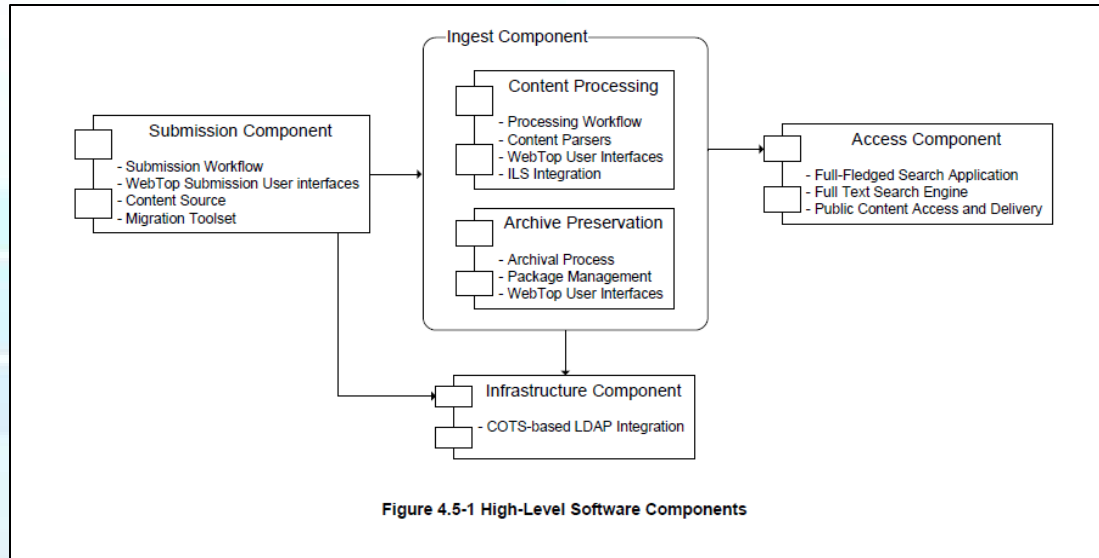


Figure 4.5-1 High-Level Software Components

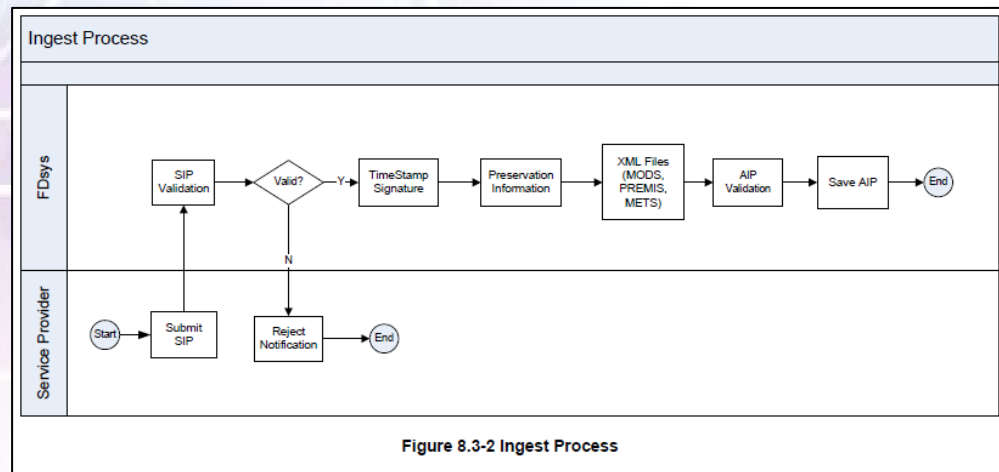


Figure 8.3-2 Ingest Process

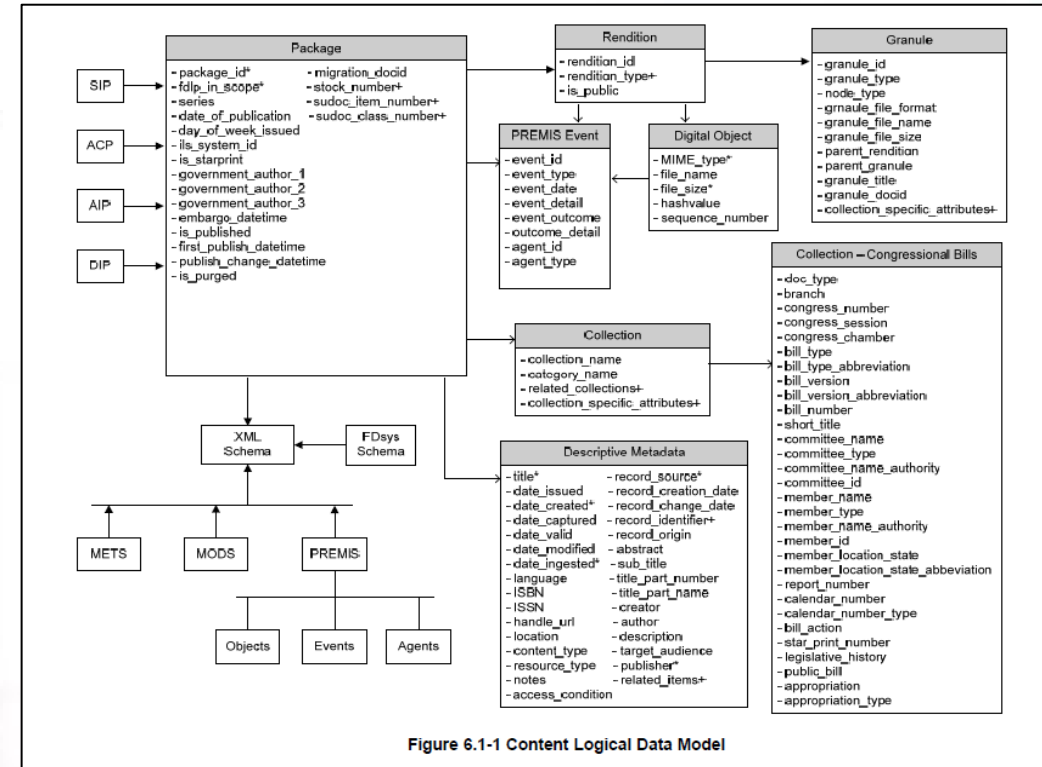


Figure 6.1-1 Content Logical Data Model

ref: [https://www.govinfo.gov/media/FDsys\\_Architecture.pdf](https://www.govinfo.gov/media/FDsys_Architecture.pdf)



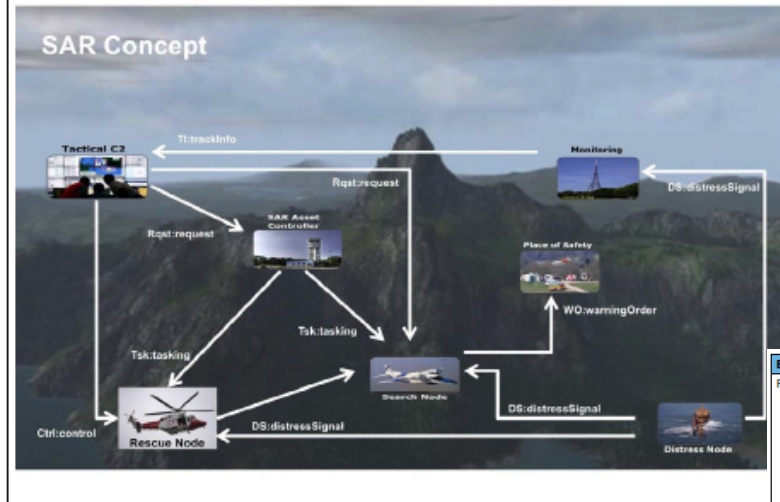


# A partial look: **systems** architecture

## EXAMPLE

Example below shows a concept diagram displaying the key elements (e.g. Tactical C2 and Monitoring) and interactions in a Search and Rescue Scenario.

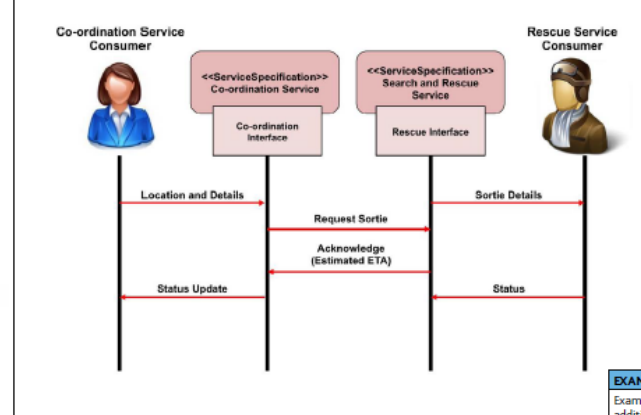
Figure 3-28: Example L2-L3 View



## EXAMPLE

Example below shows a service, two service consumers and their interactions.

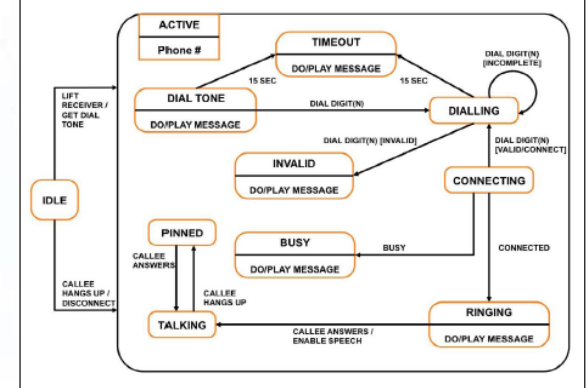
Figure 3-14: Example S6 View



## EXAMPLE

Example below shows a state diagram with states and state transitions.

Figure 3-33: Example P5 View



## EXAMPLE

Example below shows a table detailing information flows with source and target node of the flow, and additional properties (e.g. media type) or measures (e.g. availability).

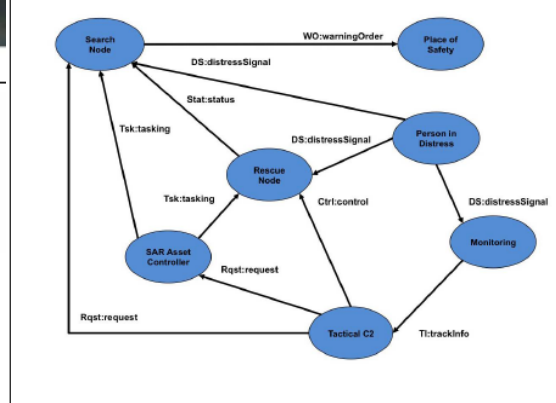
Figure 3-21: Example L3 View

	Purpose	Source	Target	Transaction Type	Media Type	Interoperability Level Required	Availability	Associated Collaborations	Information Exchange is conveyed by Information Exchange
Ctrl:control	control rescue	Tactical C2	Rescue Node	Voice	Level 3	SS	Inc Controls	Assignment Search Object	
D6:distressSignal	signal rescue node	Person in Distress	Rescue Node	Voice			Inc DistressSignal	Last Known Position	
D6:distressSignal	signal monitoring action	Person in Distress	Monitoring				Inc DistressSignal	Last Known Position	
D6:distressSignal	signal search node	Person in Distress	Search Node				Inc DistressSignal	Last Known Position	
Rqst:request	request search	Tactical C2	Search Node				Inc Request	SAR Operation	
Rqst:request	asset required	Tactical C2	SAR Asset Controller				Inc Request	SAR Operation	
Stat:status	status update	Rescue Node	Search Node				Inc Status	Search Status	
Tt:trackInfo	tracking information	Monitoring	Tactical C2				Inc Tracking	Last Known Position	
Tsk:tasking	task search	SAR Asset Controller	Search Node				Inc Tasking	Assignment	
Tsk:tasking	task rescue	SAR Asset Controller	Rescue Node				Inc Tasking	Assignment	
WO:warmingOrder	warning	Search Node	Place of Safety				Inc WarningOrder	Search Object	

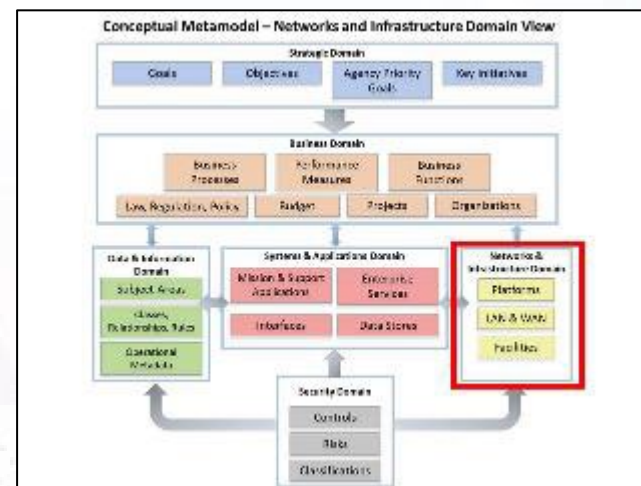
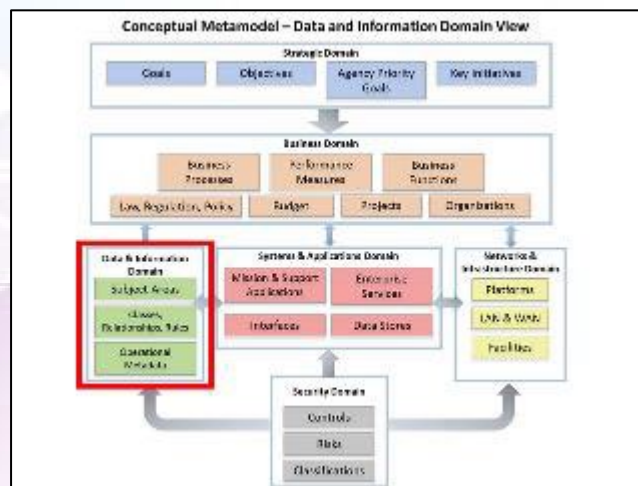
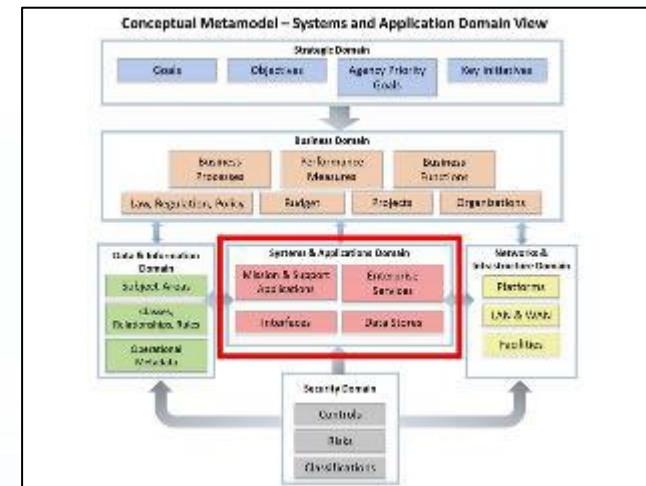
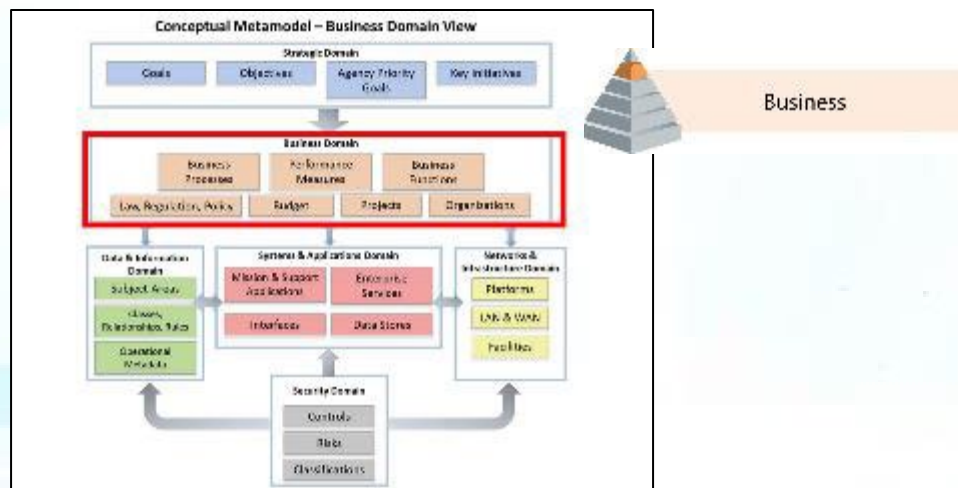
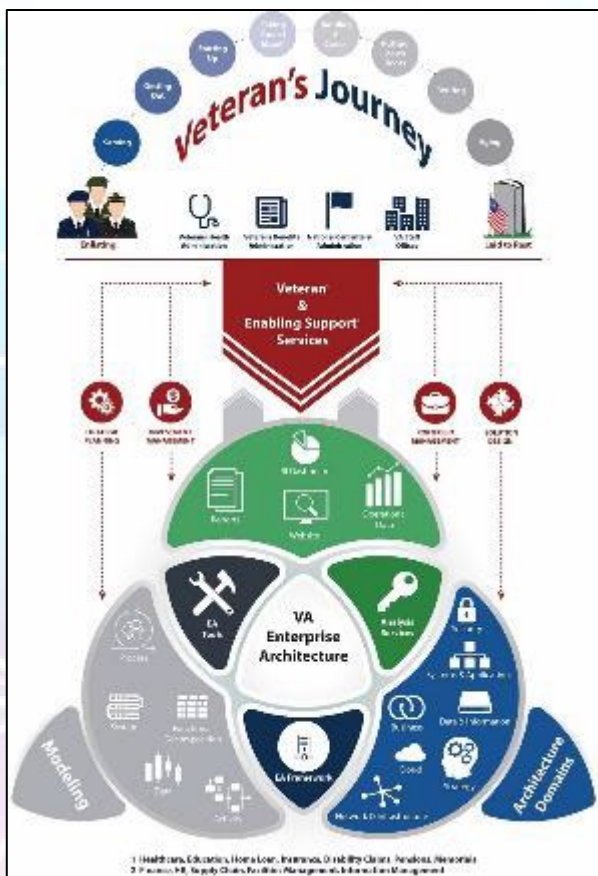
## EXAMPLE

Figure 3-20 shows interactions between nodes, in this case flows of information between the nodes.

Figure 3-20: Example L2 View



# A partial look: enterprise architecture



ref: <https://www.ea.oit.va.gov>



So, we architect to...

**MANAGE COMPLEXITY**

**MANAGE CHANGE**

**MANAGE RISK**



# The architect's dictionary\* (a sampling)

TERM	DEFINITION
<b>architecting</b>	conceiving, defining, expressing, documenting, communicating, certifying proper implementation of, maintaining and improving an architecture throughout the life cycle of an entity of interest
<b>architecture</b>	fundamental concepts or properties related to an entity in its environment and governing principles for the realization and evolution of this entity and its related life cycle processes
<b>architecture description</b>	work product used to express an architecture
<b>architecture description framework</b>	conventions, principles and practices for the description of architectures established within a specific domain of application or community of stakeholders
<b>architecture view</b>	information item, governed by an architecture viewpoint, comprising part of an architecture description
<b>architecture viewpoint</b>	conventions for the creation, interpretation and use of an architecture view to frame one or more concerns

\*Ref: ISO/IEC/IEEE 42010:2022, *Software, systems and enterprise — Architecture description*  
Available from [ISO website](https://www.iso.org/standard/75461.html) or through IEEE Xplore subscription (if your company/org has this)





## Building blocks beyond 'the language'...

- Architecture approaches
- Architecture viewpoints & models
- Architecture frameworks
- Architecture standards
- Heuristics
- ...and more







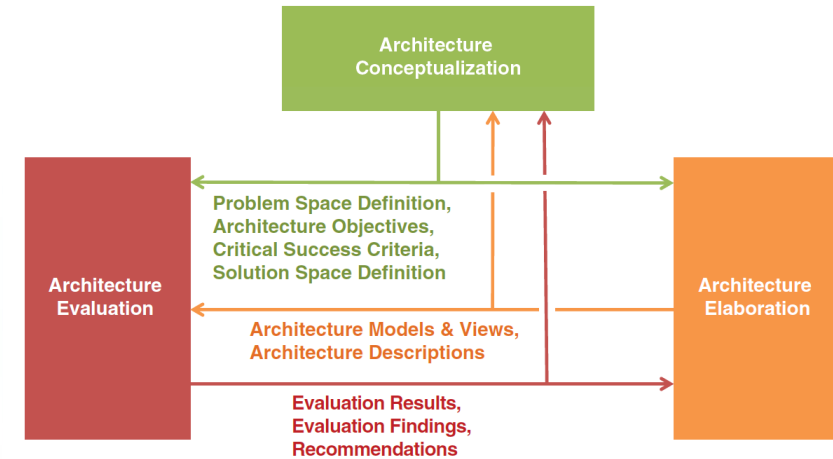
# But so many frameworks... so little time

Abbrev.	Framework	Focus Area
ACTIF	Architecture cadre des Transports intelligents en France [Framework Architecture for Intelligent Transport in France]	Methodology, Reference Architecture
AF-EAF	(US) Air Force Enterprise Architecture Framework	Development/Investment Guide
ASAM	Applied Systems Architecting Method	Methodology (general); “Art of Systems Architecting”
CAF	(US) C4ISR Architecture Framework ( <i>superceded by DoDAF</i> )	Model Descriptions, Metamodel
DAF	(Australian) Defence Architecture Framework	Model Descriptions, Metamodel
DoDAF	(US) Department of Defense Architecture Framework	Model Descriptions, Metamodel
DNDAF	(Canadian Forces) Defence Architecture Framework	Model Descriptions, Metamodel
E2AF	Extended Enterprise Architecture Framework	Classification, Methodology
FEAF	(US) Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework	Components, Levels
IAF*	Integrated Architecture Framework (Capgemini)	Methodology
--	Gartner Group Framework	Classification/Organization
--	Index Architecture Framework	Classification/Organization
MODAF	(UK) Ministry of Defence Architecture Framework (retired)	Model Descriptions, Metamodel
NAF	NATO Architecture Framework	Model Descriptions, Metamodel
TEAF	(US) Treasury Enterprise Architecture Framework	Development/Investment Guide
TISAF	(US) Treasury Information Sys Architecture Framework	Development/Investment Guide
TOGAF	The Open Group Architecture Framework	Methodology, Metamodel
UAF	Unified Architecture Framework	Model Descriptions, Metamodel
Zachman	Zachman Framework for Enterprise Architecture	Classification/Organization/Ontology



And, let's not forget our INCOSE resources

- Systems Engineering Handbook
  - **Architecture**: conceptualization, elaboration, evaluation (per ISO 42020; reproduced there with permissions)
- INCOSE Architecture Working Group (US)
- INCOSE Architecture Working Group (within INCOSE UK, aka ifSE)
  - Ref: INCOSE UK AWG books in their bookstore





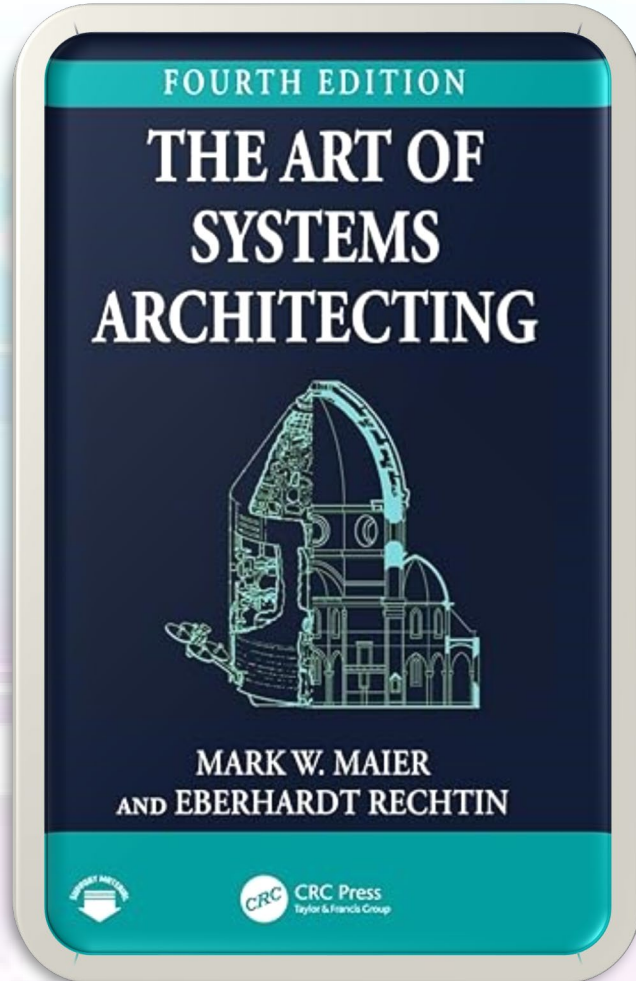
# Part 2: Doing The Work

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# The Art of Systems Architecting

(new edition)



**“...structured heuristics to improve the least structured, most art-like elements of systems design.”**

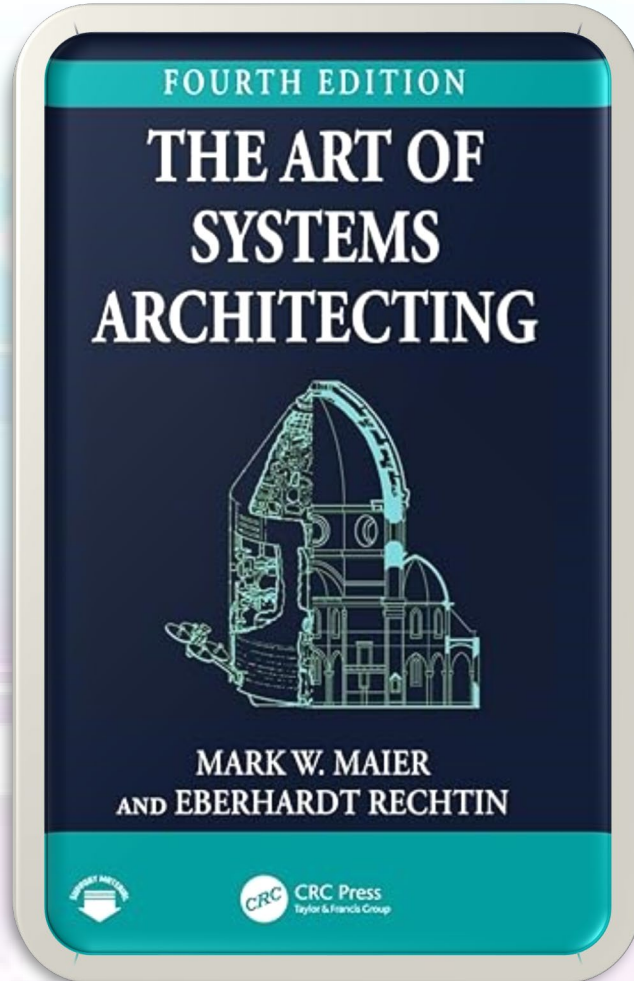
- [Dr. Mark Maier](#)
- [Dr. Eberhardt Rechtin](#)
- **Heuristics Categories**
  - Multitask, Scoping and Planning, Modeling, Prioritizing, Aggregating, Partitioning, Integrating, Certifying, Assessing, Rearchitecting
- **A glance at Chapter 13:  
The Political Process and Systems Architecting**
  - Dr. Brenda Forman, Lockheed-Martin Corporation (retired)
  - Facts of Life
    - Politics, not technology, sets the limits of what technology is allowed to achieve.
    - Cost rules.
    - A strong, coherent constituency is essential.
    - Technical problems become political problems.
    - The best engineering solutions are not necessarily the best political solutions.



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## Appendix A: Sampling from ~180 Heuristics



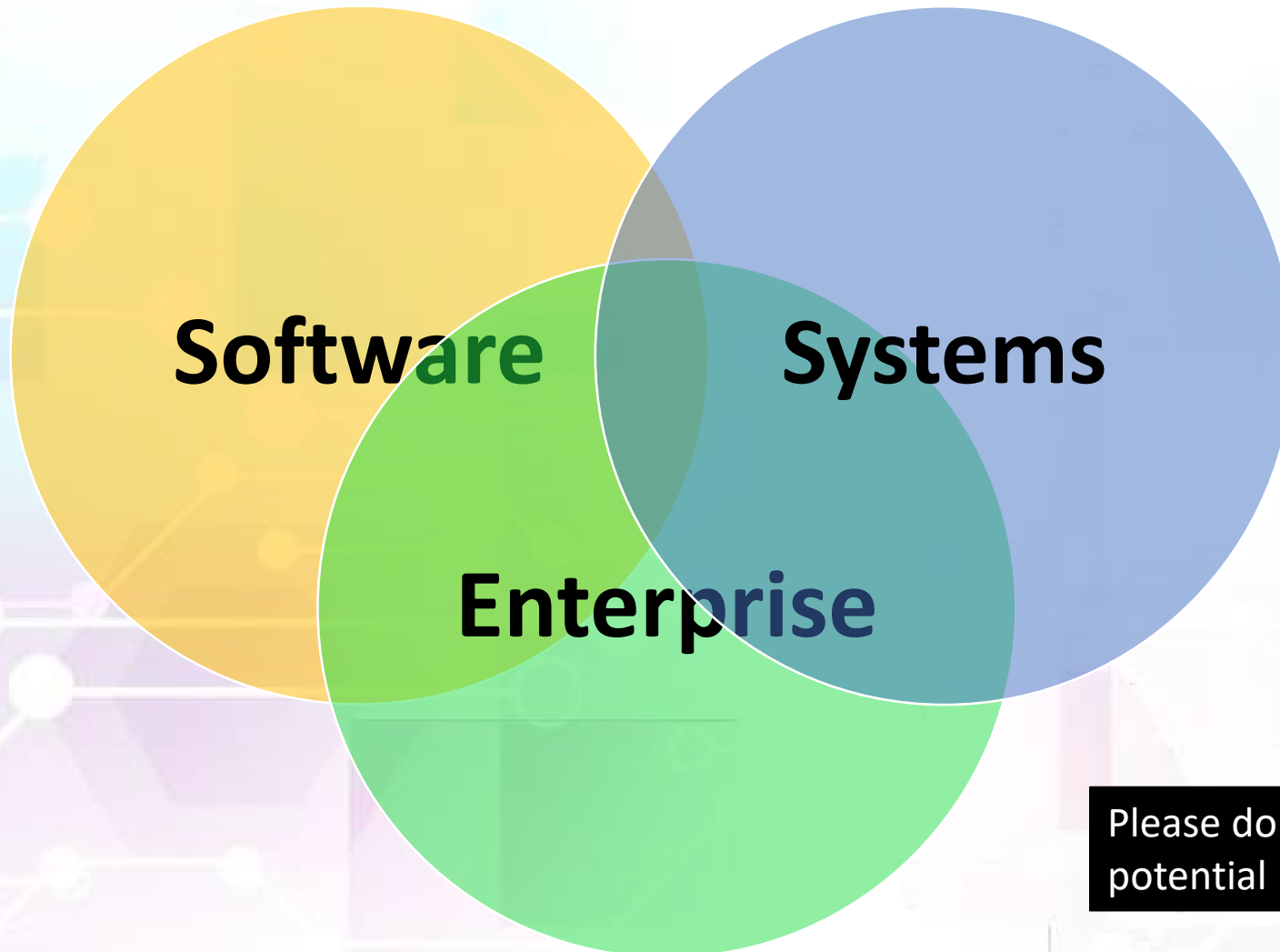
Type	Heuristic
Multitask	The first line of defense against complexity is simplicity of design.
Scoping	The beginning is the most important part of the work.*
Modeling	The eye is a fine architect. Believe it.
Integrating	Relationships among the elements are what give systems their added value.
Certifying	As time to delivery increases, the threat to functionality increases.
Assessing	If you think your design is perfect, it's only because you haven't shown it to someone else.
Rearchitecting	If you don't understand the existing system, you can't be sure you're rearchitecting a better one.

\*Plato, 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C.





# Synergies



**Important:** different 'architecture domains' have synergies across their enablers, including:

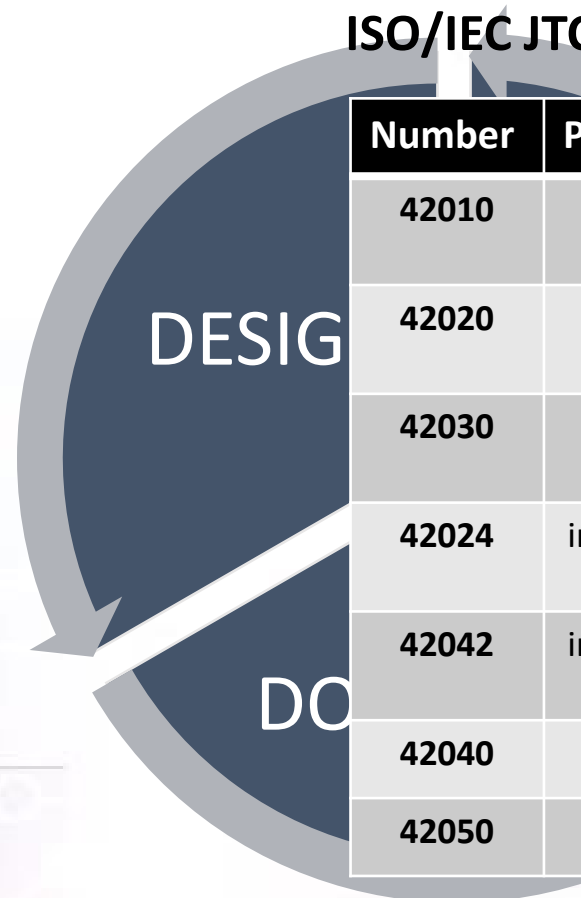
- Design / Process
- Documenting / Modeling
- Assessment
- Notation
- Tools
- Standards

...and the list goes on

Please don't be (negatively) biased by a potential resource's name, or its terminology.

# An architect's key needs

## ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 7/Working Group 42



Number	Published	Title
42010	2022	<i>Software, systems and enterprise — Architecture description</i>
42020	2019	<i>Software, systems and enterprise — Architecture processes</i>
42030	2019	<i>Software, systems and enterprise — Architecture evaluation framework</i>
42024	in development	<i>Software, systems and enterprise — Architecture fundamentals</i>
42042	in development	<i>Enterprise, systems and software — Reference architecture</i>
42040	future	<i>Architecture methods</i>
42050	future	<i>Architecture tools</i>



# An architect's key needs: Designing



DESIGN

## Resource: “[Recognized Methods for Architecture](#)” (The Open Group)

- ~40 approaches across numerous industries have this credential, e.g., ...
  - The Open Group Architecture Development Method ([ADM](#))

## Resource: Software Engineering Institute

- Attribute-Driven Design (ADD)
  - SEI Series text> [Designing Software Architectures: A Practical Approach](#)

## Resource: Design [Dependency] Structure Matrix (DSM)

- [DSM Community](#)
- MIT text> [Design Structure Matrix Methods and Applications](#)

## Resource: [Zachman Framework for Enterprise Architecture](#)

- *Interrogatives meet Reification*; an ontology to structure your thinking
  - [Articles by John Zachman](#) @ zachman-feac.com
  - [More articles by John Zachman](#) @brcommunity.com



# An architect's key needs: Documenting

## Resource: [US Department of Defense Architecture Framework \(DoDAF\)](#)

- 52 architecture models organized under 8 architecture viewpoints
- DoDAF was the foundation for many other architecture description frameworks
  - UK Ministry of Architecture Framework (MODAF; now retired), NATO Architecture Framework ([NAF](#)), Australian Defence Architecture Framework (AUSDAF), Department of National Defence and Canadian Forces Architecture Framework ([DNDAF](#))
  - Object Management Group's Unified Architecture Framework ([UAF](#))

## Resource: [Unified Architecture Framework \(UAF\)](#)

- Consolidation of 'core elements' of various Defense/Defence-centric frameworks
- [UAF fact sheet](#)

## Resource: The Open Group Architecture Framework

- Architecture Content: Chapter 2: [TOGAF Content Framework and Enterprise Metamodel](#)





# An architect's key needs: Assessing



ASSESS

## Resource: Software Engineering Institute

- Architecture Tradeoff Analysis Method (ATAM®)
- Various [technical reports](#) posted in the SEI Digital Library

## Resource: The Open Group Architecture Framework

- Chapter 6: [Architecture Compliance](#)
  - Section 6.4: Compliance Review Process
  - Section 6.5: Compliance Review Checklists
    - Hardware, O/S, Services, Middleware, Applications, Security, System Management, Systems Engineering, SE Methods & Tools





## On Standards: a few suggestions...

**There are many architecture-related standards & established techniques which can be leveraged.**

**The upcoming slides touch on a few of these.**

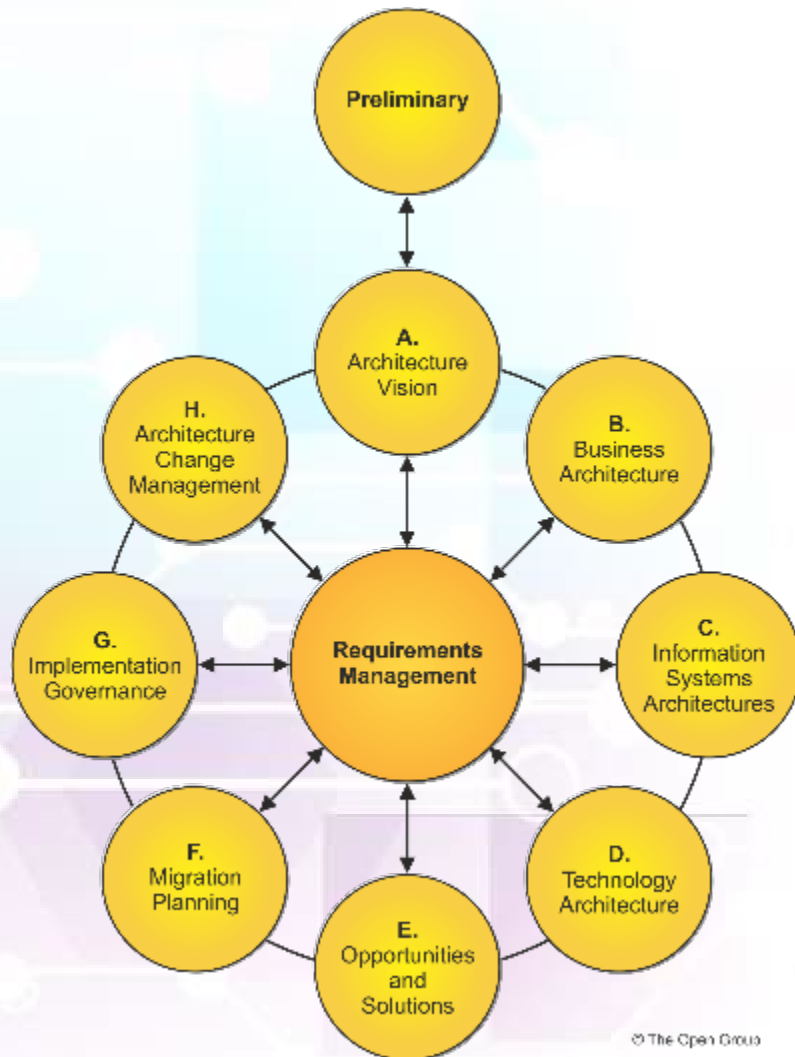
# TOGAF®



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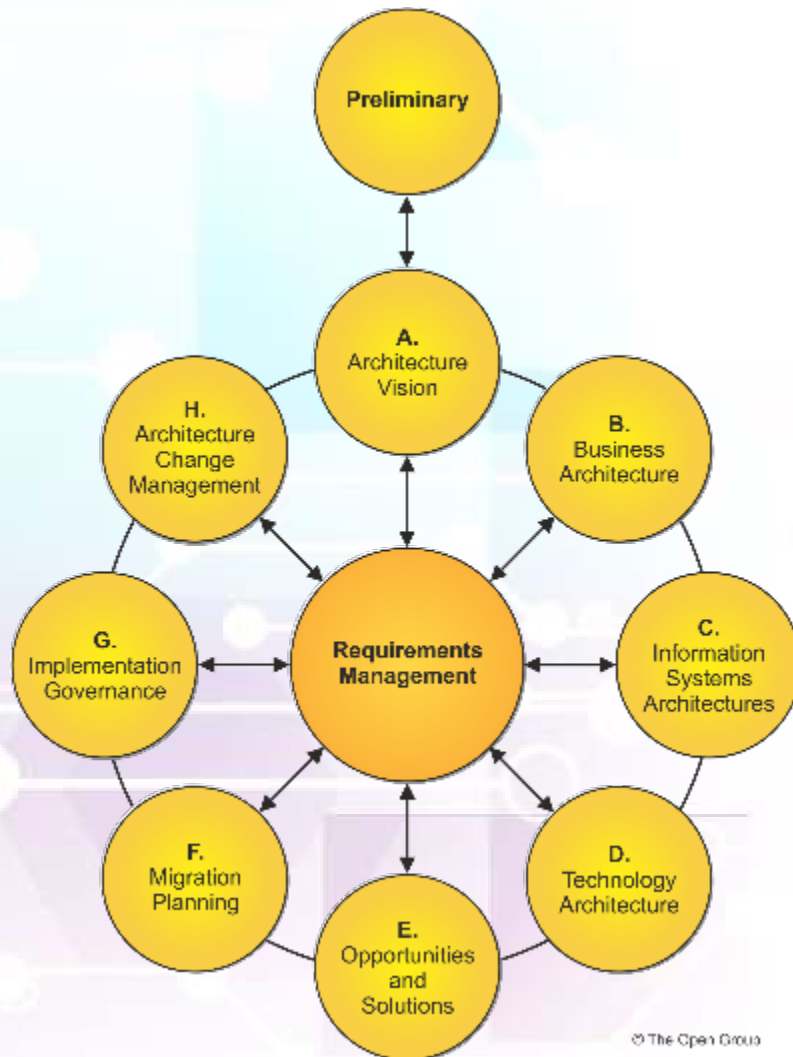


# A glimpse at: TOGAF (history & structure)



- Originally developed as the US Department of Defense *Technical Architecture Framework for Information Management*
- Transitioned to The Open Group in 1995
- Includes the *Architecture Development Method*, a methodology organized in a series of phases (graphic on left) and documented in two major areas:
  - 1) *Fundamental Content*
  - 2) *TOGAF Series Guides*, detailed guidance on how to use the TOGAF framework

# A glimpse at: TOGAF (references)



- **TOGAF home page:**  
<https://www.opengroup.org/togaf>
- **TOGAF 10 digital edition:**  
<https://www.opengroup.org/togaf/10thedition>
- **TOGAF 10 fundamental content:**  
<https://pubs.opengroup.org/togaf-standard/introduction/index.html>
- **TOGAF library:**  
<https://publications.opengroup.org/togaf-library>

## IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you wish to use the TOGAF Standard for commercial purposes, then your organization must have a current TOGAF Standard Annual Commercial License. This applies to both members and non-members of The Open Group Architecture Forum.

Ref: <https://www.opengroup.org/togaf-standard-10th-edition-commercial-license>



# A glimpse at: DoDAF (history)

CAF 2.0/  
DoDAF  
1.0

## 4 Views

- All (AVs)
- Operational (OVs)
- Systems (SVs)
- Technical Standards (TVs)

26 Products

DoDAF  
1.5

## 4 Views

- All (AVs)
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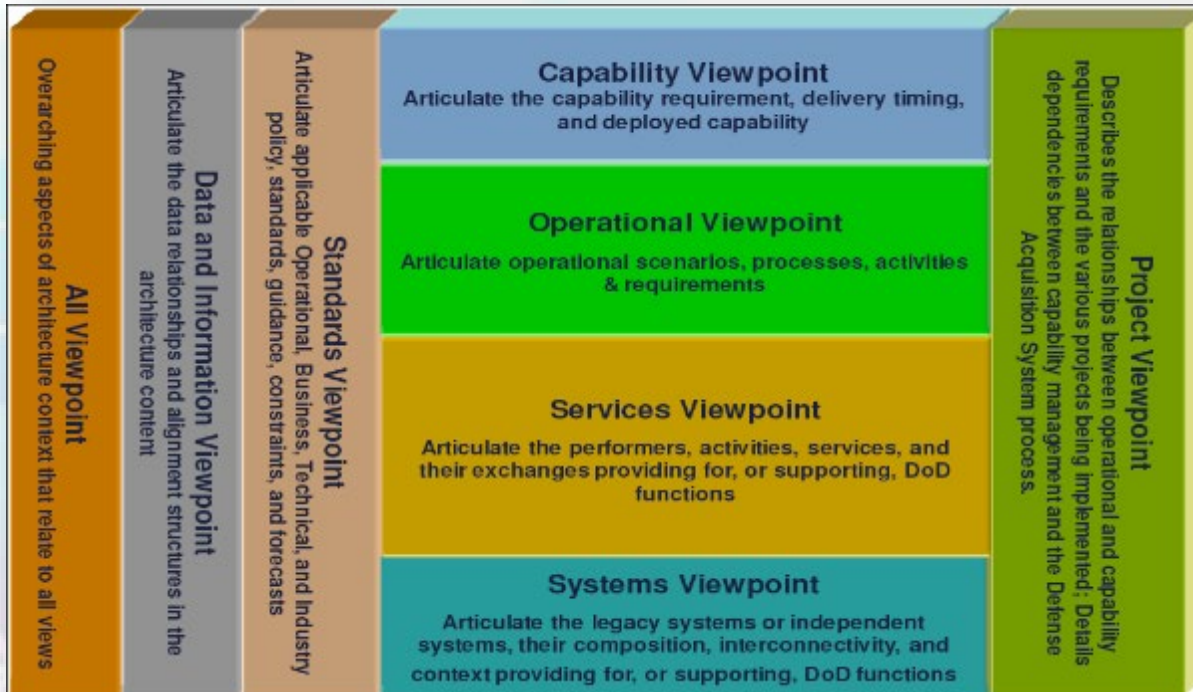
## 8 Viewpoints

- All (AVs)
- Capability (CVs)
- Data & Information (DIVs)
- Operational (OVs)
- Project (PVs)
- Service (SvcVs)
- Standards (StdVs)
- Systems (SVs)

52 Products



# A glimpse at: DoDAF (structure)



- **Important note:** Don't be distracted (misled) by the 'DoD' acronym in its name
- Originally developed as the C4ISR Architecture Framework (CAF) in 1996
- A series of architecture description models collected into various viewpoints
- Includes a metamodel to convey the models' constructs/underpinnings
- Does >not< include guidance on how to develop each model





# A glimpse at: DoDAF (the models)

Viewpoint	Framework Model	Framework Model Name	General Description
All	AV-1	Overview and Summary Information	Describes a Project's Vision, Goals, Objectives, Plans, Activities, Events, Conditions, Measures, Effects (Outcomes), and produced objects.
All	AV-2	Integrated Dictionary	An architectural data repository with definitions of all terms used throughout the architectural data and presentations.
Capability	CV-1	Vision	The overall vision for transformational endeavors, which provides a strategic context for the capabilities described and a high-level scope.
Capability	CV-2	Capability Taxonomy	A hierarchy of capabilities which specifies all the capabilities that are referenced throughout one or more Architectural Descriptions.
Capability	CV-3	Capability Phasing	The planned achievement of capability at different points in time or during specific periods of time. The CV-3 shows the capability phasing in terms of the activities, conditions, desired effects, rules complied with, resource consumption and production, and measures, without regard to the performer and location solutions.
Capability	CV-4	Capability Dependencies	The dependencies between planned capabilities and the definition of logical groupings of capabilities.
Capability	CV-5	Capability to Organizational Development Mapping	The fulfillment of capability requirements shows the planned capability deployment and interconnection for a particular capability phase. The CV-5 shows the planned solution for the phase in terms of performers and locations and their associated concepts.
Capability	CV-6	Capability to Operational Activities Mapping	A mapping between the capabilities required and the operational activities that those capabilities support.
Capability	CV-7	Capability to Services Mapping	A mapping between the capabilities and the services that these capabilities enable.
Data and Information	DIV-1	Conceptual Data Model	The required high level data concepts and their relationships.
Data and Information	DIV-2	Logical Data Model	The documentation of the data requirements and structural business process (activity) rules.
Data and Information	DIV-3	Physical Data Model	The physical implementation format of the Logical Data Model entities, e.g., message formats, file structures, physical schema.

Operational	OV-1	High Level Operational Concept Graphic	The high-level graphical/textual description of the operational concept.
Operational	OV-2	Operational Resource Flow Description	A description of the resource flows exchanged between operational activities.
Operational	OV-3	Operational Resource Flow Matrix	A description of the resources exchanged and the relevant attributes of the exchanges.
Operational	OV-4	Organizational Relationships Chart	The organizational context, role or other relationships among organizations.
Operational	OV-5a	Operational Activity Decomposition Tree	The capabilities and activities (operational activities) organized in an hierarchical structure.
Operational	OV-5b	Operational Activity Model	The context of capabilities and activities (operational activities) and their relationships among activities, inputs, & outputs; additional data can show cost, performers or other pertinent information.
Operational	OV-6a	Operational Rules Model	One of three models used to describe activity (operational activity). It identifies business rules that constrain operations.
Operational	OV-6b	State Transition Description	One of three models used to describe operational activity (activity). It identifies business process (activity) responses to events (usually, very short activities).
Operational	OV-6c	Event-Trace Description	One of three models used to describe operational activity (activity). It traces actions in a scenario or sequence of events.
Project	PV-1	Project Portfolio Relationships	Describes the dependency relationships between organizations and projects and the organizational structures needed to manage a portfolio of projects.
Project	PV-2	Project Timelines	A timeline perspective on programs or projects, with the key milestones and interdependencies.
Project	PV-3	Project to Capability Mapping	A mapping of programs and projects to capabilities to show how the specific projects and program elements help to achieve a capability.
Standards	StdV-1	Standards Profile	The listing of standards that apply to solution elements.
Standards	StdV-2	Standards Forecast	The description of emerging standards and potential impact on current solution elements, within a set of time frames.



# A glimpse at: DoDAF (the models)

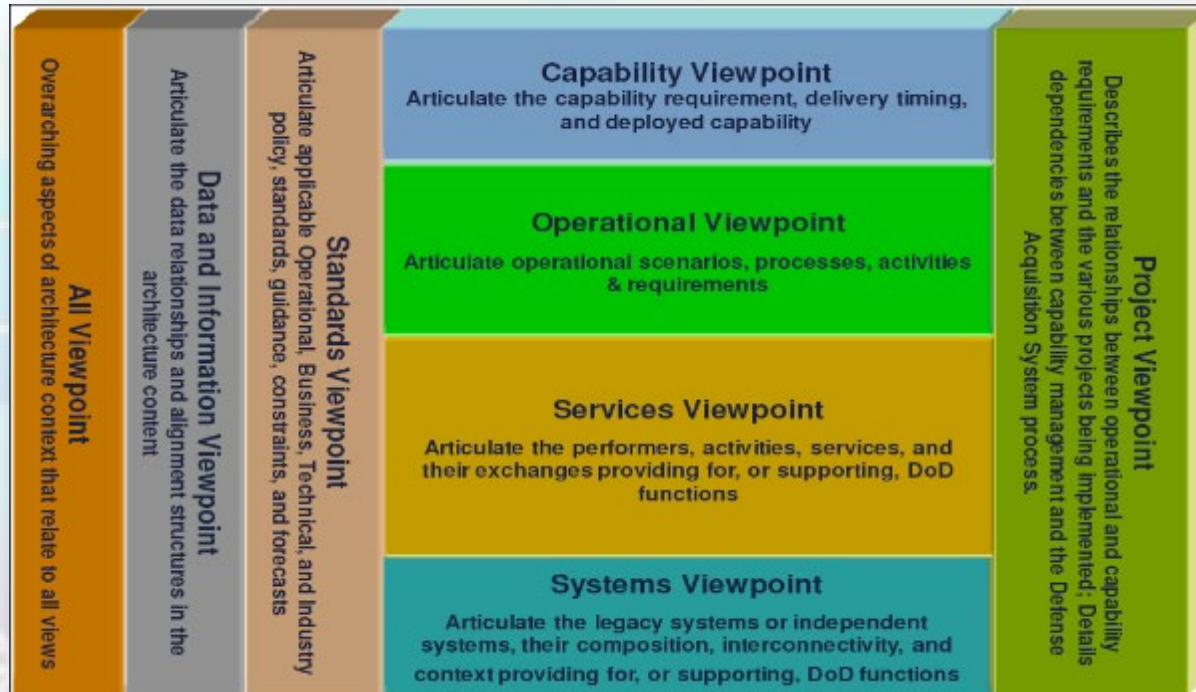
Systems	SV-1	Systems Interface Description	The identification of systems, system items, and their interconnections.
Systems	SV-2	Systems Resource Flow Description	A description of resource flows exchanged between systems.
Systems	SV-3	Systems-Systems Matrix	The relationships among systems in a given Architectural Description. It can be designed to show relationships of interest, (e.g., system-type interfaces, planned vs. existing interfaces).
Systems	SV-4	Systems Functionality Description	The functions (activities) performed by systems and the system data flows among system functions (activities).
Systems	SV-5a	Operational Activity to Systems Function Traceability Matrix	A mapping of system functions (activities) back to operational activities (activities).
Systems	SV-5b	Operational Activity to Systems Traceability Matrix	A mapping of systems back to capabilities or operational activities (activities).
Systems	SV-6	Systems Resource Flow Matrix	Provides details of system resource flow elements being exchanged between systems and the attributes of that exchange.
Systems	SV-7	Systems Measures Matrix	The measures (metrics) of Systems Model elements for the appropriate timeframe(s).
Systems	SV-8	Systems Evolution Description	The planned incremental steps toward migrating a suite of systems to a more efficient suite, or toward evolving a current system to a future implementation.
Systems	SV-9	Systems Technology & Skills Forecast	The emerging technologies, software/hardware products, and skills that are expected to be available in a given set of time frames and that will affect future system development.
Systems	SV-10a	Systems Rules Model	One of these models used to describe system functionality. It identifies constraints that are imposed on systems functionality due to some aspect of system design or implementation.
Systems	SV-10b	Systems State Transition Description	One of these models used to describe system functionality. It identifies responses of systems to events.
Systems	SV-10c	Systems Event-Trace Description	One of these models used to describe system functionality. It identifies system-specific refinements of critical sequences of events described in the Operational Viewpoint.

Viewpoint	Framework Model	Framework Model Name	General Description
Services	SvcV-1	Services Context Description	The identification of services, service items, and their interconnections.
Services	SvcV-2	Services Resource Flow Description	A description of resource flows exchanged between services.
Services	SvcV-3a	Systems-Services Matrix	The relationships among or between systems and services in a given Architectural Description.
Services	SvcV-3b	Services-Services Matrix	The relationships among services in a given Architectural Description. It can be designed to show relationships of interest, (e.g., service-type interfaces, planned vs. existing interfaces).
Services	SvcV-4	Services Functionality Description	The functions performed by services and the service data flows among service functions (activities).
Services	SvcV-5	Operational Activity to Services Traceability Matrix	A mapping of services (activities) back to operational activities (activities).
Services	SvcV-6	Services Resource Flow Matrix	It provides details of service resource flow elements being exchanged between services and the attributes of that exchange.
Services	SvcV-7	Services Measures Matrix	The measures (metrics) of Services Model elements for the appropriate time frame(s).
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Services	SvcV-10b	Services State Transition Description	One of these models used to describe service functionality. It identifies responses of services to events.
Services	SvcV-10c	Services Event-Trace Description	One of these models used to describe service functionality. It identifies service-specific refinements of critical sequences of events described in the Operational Viewpoint.





# A glimpse at: DoDAF (references)



- **DoDAF home page:**  
<https://dodcio.defense.gov/library/dod-architecture-framework>
- **Viewpoints & Models:**  
[https://dodcio.defense.gov/Library/DoD-Architecture-Framework/dodaf20\\_viewpoints](https://dodcio.defense.gov/Library/DoD-Architecture-Framework/dodaf20_viewpoints)
- **Archives of PDF versions:**  
[https://dodcio.defense.gov/Library/DoD-Architecture-Framework/dodaf20\\_archives](https://dodcio.defense.gov/Library/DoD-Architecture-Framework/dodaf20_archives)

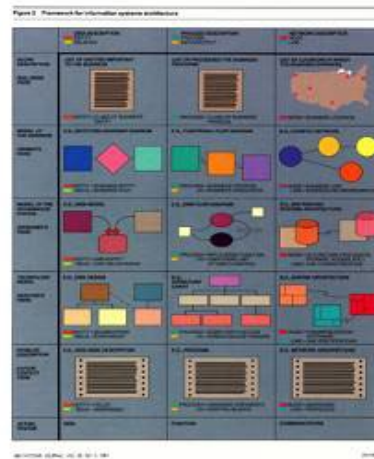
**FYI:** UAF is a superset of DoDAF, et. al. See OMG's fact sheet at <https://www.omg.org/intro/UAF.pdf>.

# A glimpse at: Zachman Framework (history)

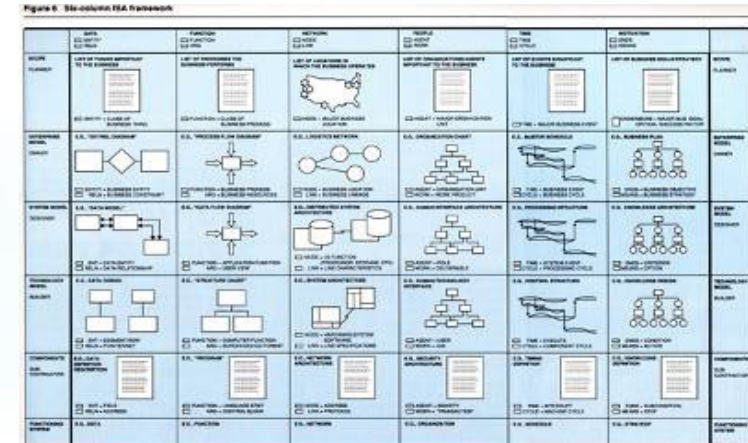
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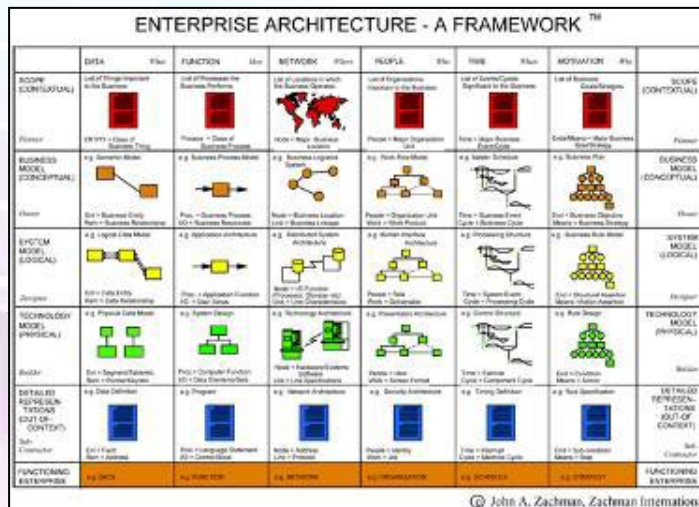
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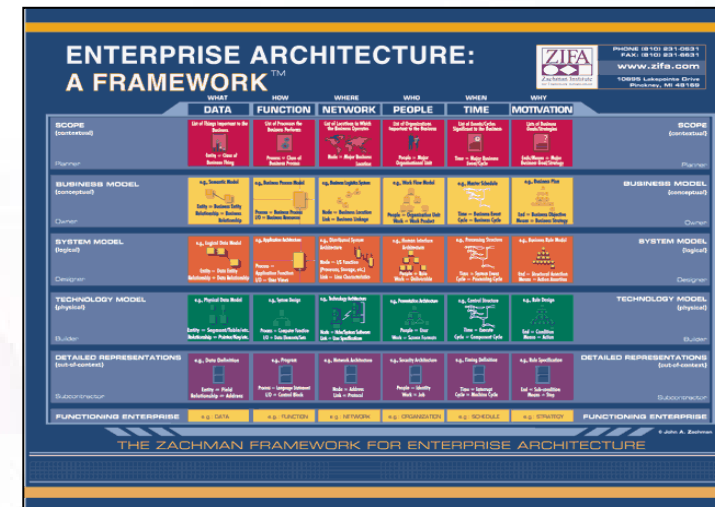
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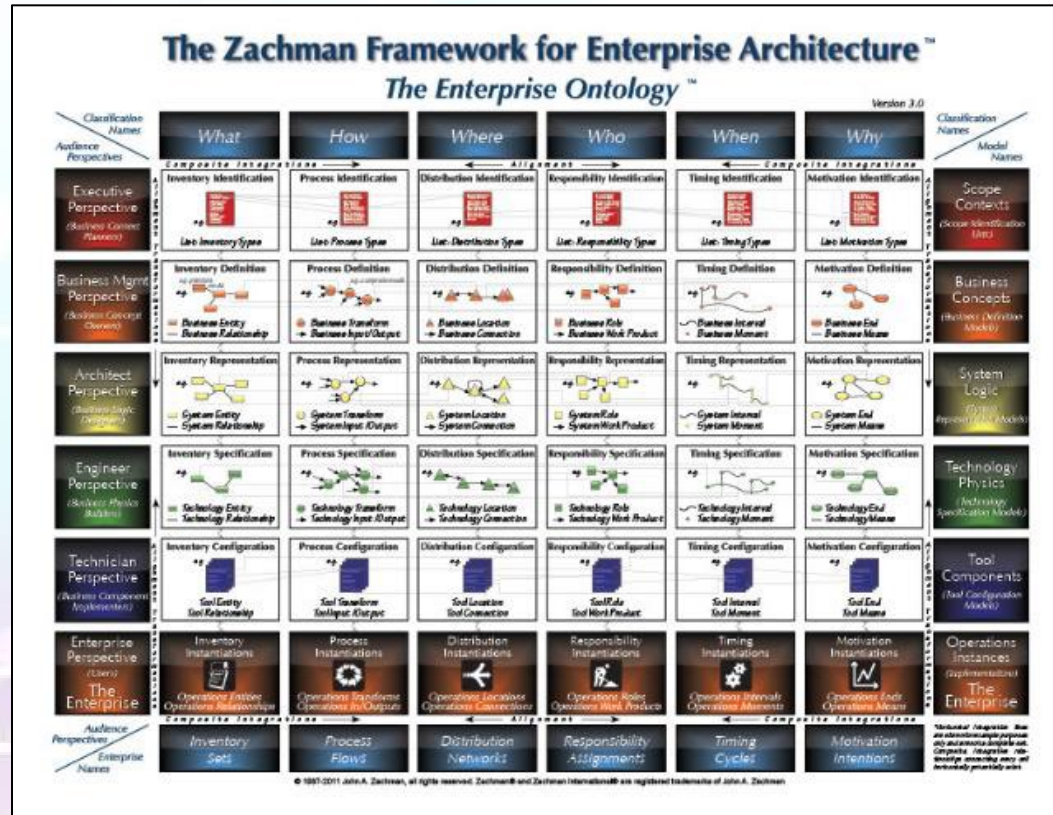
2003







# A glimpse at: Zachman Framework (structure)



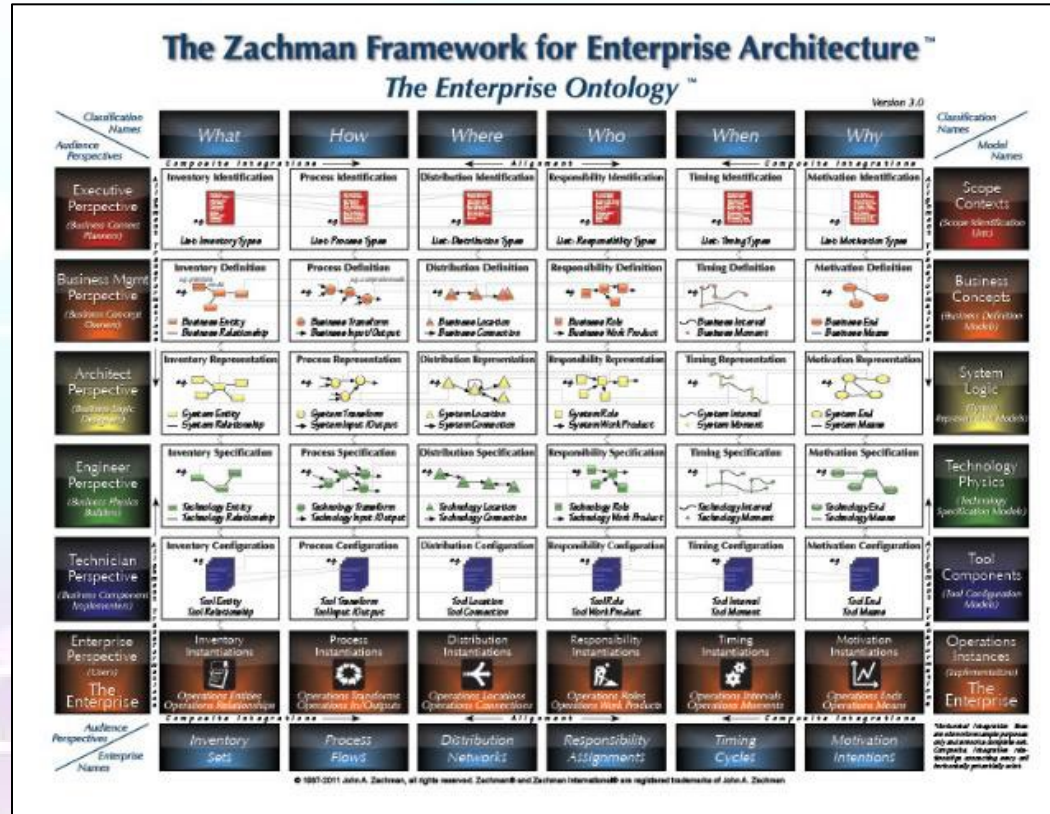
- First published by John A. Zachman in the IBM Systems Journal, 1987
- A generic schema to describe any complex entity (airplane, skyscraper, information system, ...)
- Categorization of 'architecture primitives' through the intersection of interrogatives (columns) and perspectives (rows)
  - Interrogatives are not presented in a specific sequence
  - Reification phases, top-down, spanning the different stakeholders / perspectives
- No prescribed models or methodology





# A glimpse at: Zachman Framework (the rules)

## Framework Rules\*

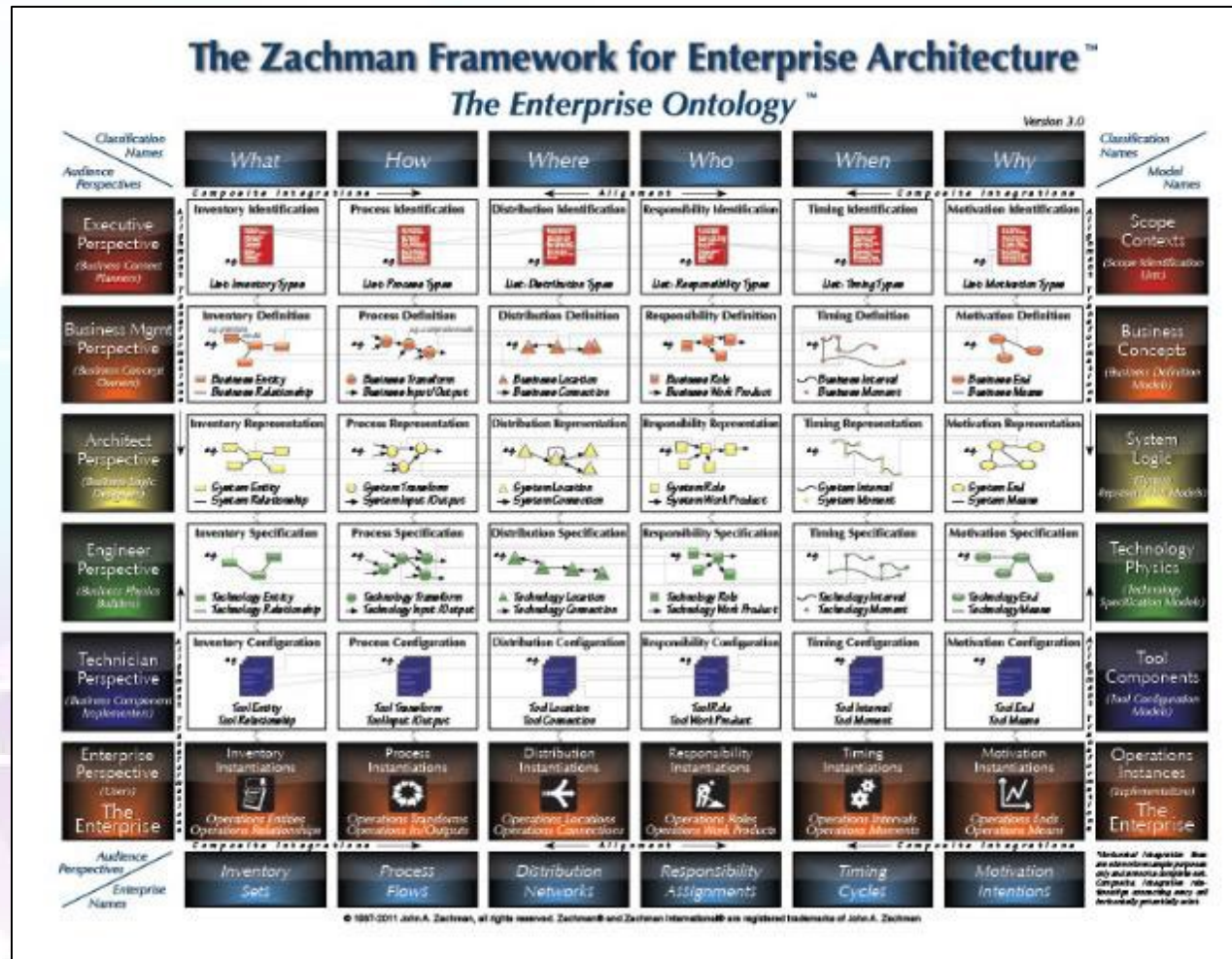


- The columns have no order.
- Each column has a simple, basic model.
- The basic model of each column must be unique.
- Each row represents a distinct, unique perspective.
- Each cell is unique.
- The composite or integration of all cell models in one row constitutes a complete model from the perspective of that row.
- The logic is recursive.

\*John Zachman, J.F. Sowa; *Extending and Formalizing the Framework for Information Systems Architecture*, IBM Systems Journal, Vol. 31, No. 3 (1992); IBM Publication G321-5488



# A glimpse at: Zachman Framework (references)

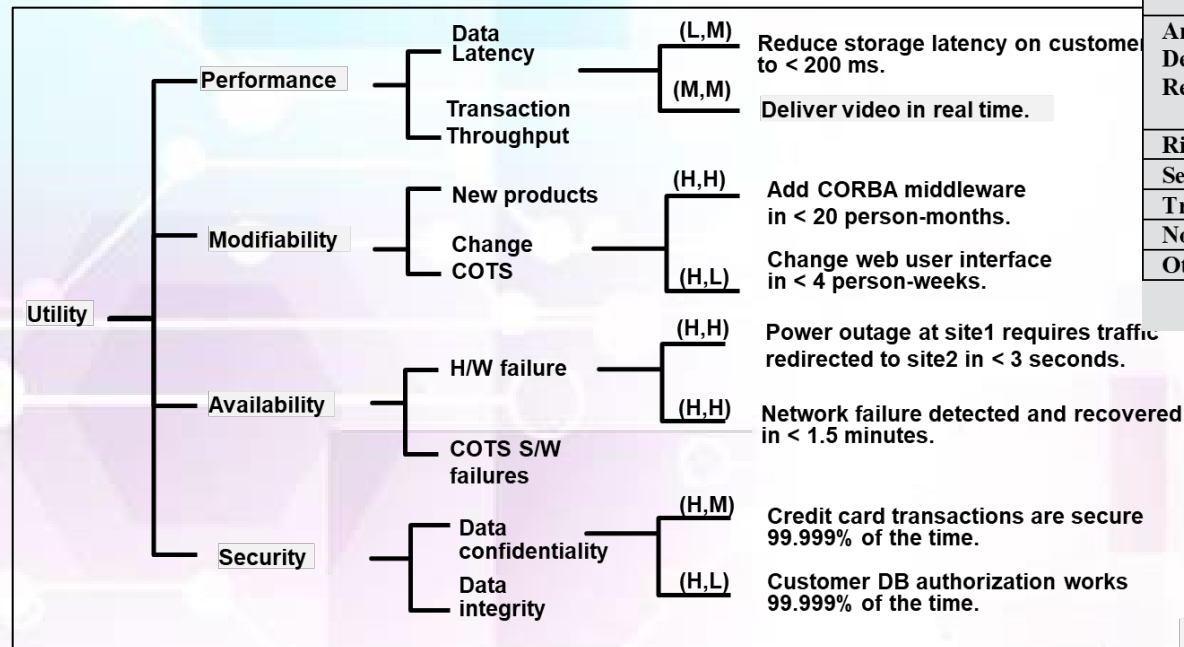


- Zachman home page:  
<https://zachman-feac.com>
- Zachman articles:  
<https://zachman-feac.com/resources/ea-articles-reference>
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# A glimpse at: ATAM (history, constructs)

- Developed 1997-2000 by Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie-Mellon University
- [\*Evaluating Software Architectures\*](#) [Clements, et. al.] published by Pearson Education, 2001



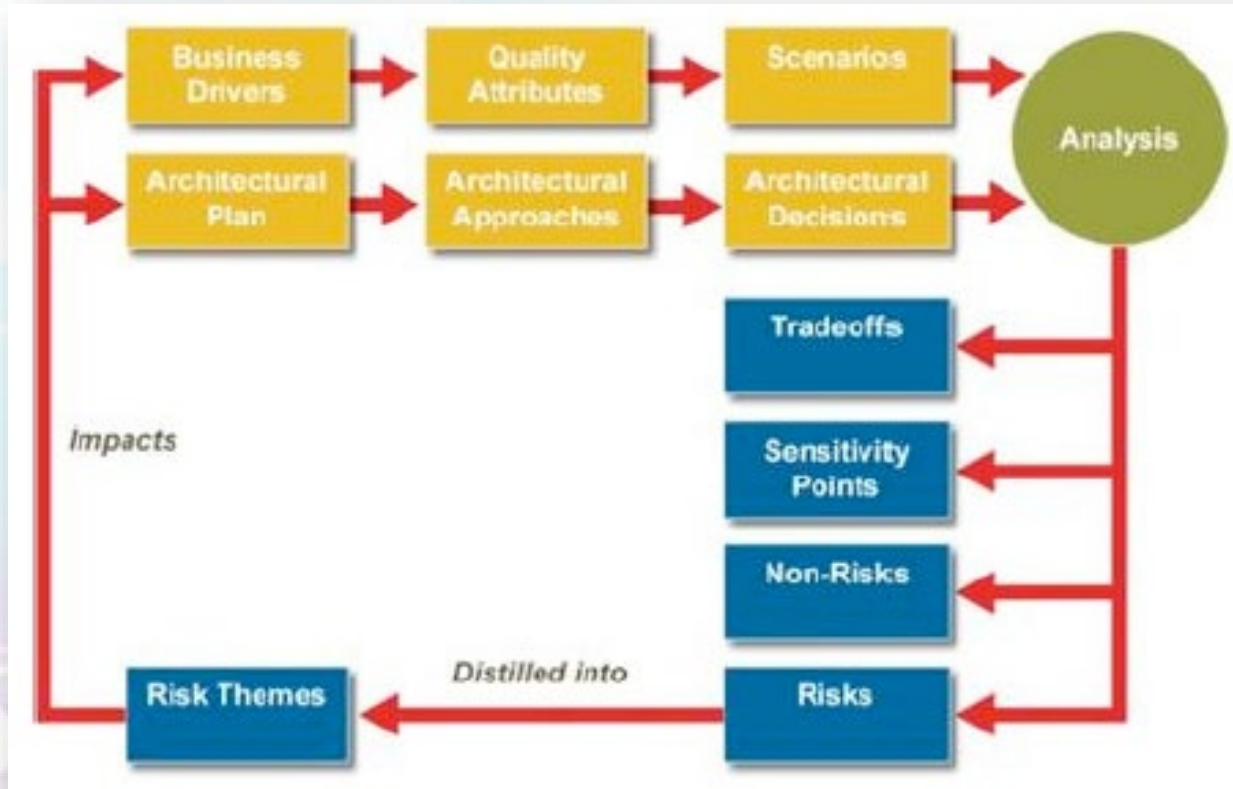
Scenario	Cut and paste scenario here. In Phase 1, scenarios will be cut-and-pasted from Utility Tree template. In Phase 2, scenarios will be cut-and-pasted from the Phase 2 Scenario template.	
Business Goal(s)	List those business goals that this scenario affects.	
Attribute	Applicable in Phase 1, cut-and-paste from Utility Tree template.	
Attribute Concern	Applicable in Phase 1, cut-and-paste from Utility Tree template.	
Scenario Refinement	Stimulus	Condition affecting the system/artifact
	Stimulus Source	Entity generating stimulus
	Environment	Conditions under which stimulus occurred
	Artifact	Part of system stimulated (can be whole system)
	Response	Activity undertaken after arrival of stimulus
	Response Measure	Testable measure of the activity taken after the arrival of the stimulus
Architectural Decisions & Reasoning	List the architectural decisions relevant to this scenario that affect quality attribute response and a discussion of the qualitative and/or quantitative rationale for why the architectural decisions contribute to meeting the quality attribute response requirement.	
Risks	List any risks discovered	
Sensitivities	List any sensitivities discovered	
Tradeoffs	List any tradeoffs discovered	
Non-risks	List any non-risks discovered	
Other Issues	List any issues discovered	

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# A glimpse at: ATAM (approach)



## Presentation

1. Present the ATAM<sup>®</sup>
2. Present business drivers
3. Present architecture

## Investigation / Analysis

4. Identify architectural approaches
5. Generate quality attribute tree
6. Analyze architectural approaches

## Testing

7. Brainstorm and prioritize scenarios
8. Analyze architectural approaches

## Reporting

9. Present results



# First-glance reading suggestions

- **The Open Group Architecture Framework**
  - Digital edition: [Getting Started](#)
- **Department of Defense Architecture Framework**
  - Table of the 52 models: [DoDAF Version 2, Table 3.4.2.9-1 \(p39\)](#)
  - Background: [Introduction and What's New](#)
  - [Viewpoints and Models](#)
- **Zachman Framework for Enterprise Architecture**
  - Overview: [A Concise Definition of the Zachman Framework](#)
  - First article (1987): [A Framework for Information Systems Architecture](#)
  - Second article (1992): [Extending and Formalizing the Framework for Information Systems Architecture](#)

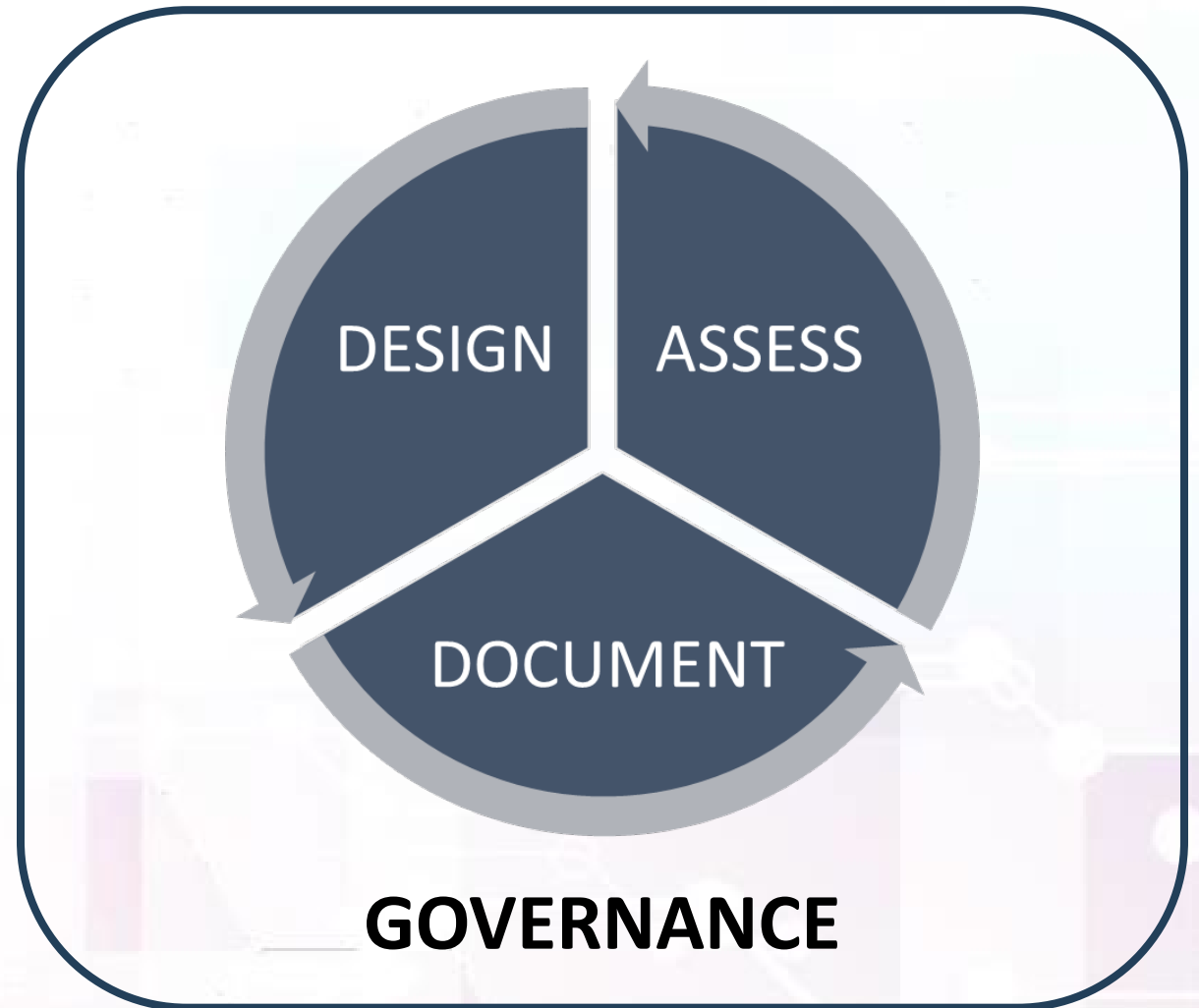






## And let's not forget 'governance'

- Architecture decisions
- Project/program/org
- Implementation
- Architecture changes
- Companywide architecture enablers

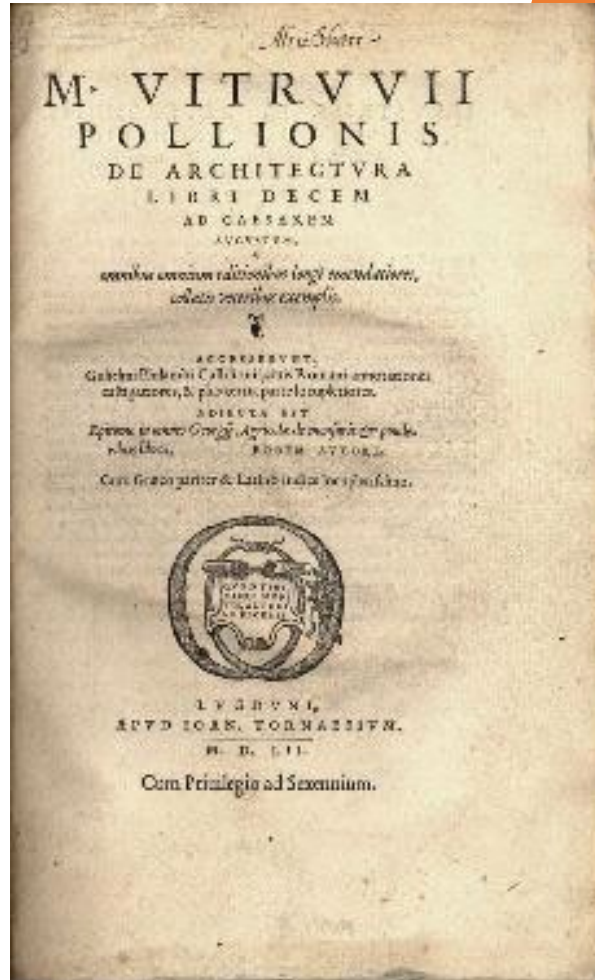




# Part 3: Ecosystem

An Introduction to Architecture(s)

# Role & skills



## The ideal architect should be...

- a person of letters,
- a skillful draftsman,
- a mathematician,
- familiar with historical studies,
- a diligent student of philosophy,
- acquainted with music,
- not ignorant of medicine,
- learned in the responses of jurisconsults,
- familiar with astronomy and astronomical calculations.

– Vitruvius, De Architectura (~25 BC)



# Role & skills

## Competencies

- (software) **Software Engineering Institute**
  - [Videos on the role of software architects:](#)
    - *What Makes a Good Software Architect?*
    - *Becoming a Better Software Architect*
    - *Where Software Architects Make a Difference*
    - *...and more*
- (software) **Dana Bredemeyer**
  - [Architect Competency Framework](#)
- (systems) **Gerrit Muller**
  - [The Role and Task of the System Architect](#)
- (enterprise) **The Open Group**
  - [Architecture Skills Framework](#)





# Professional organizations & consortia\*

- **INCOSE**
  - [Architecture Working Group](#)
- **Object Management Group**
  - [C4I Domain Task Force](#) (regarding UAF)
- **The Open Group**
  - [Architecture Forum](#), [ArchiMate Forum](#), [Service-Oriented Architecture Work Group](#)
  - Future Airborne Capability Environment ([FACE](#)) Consortium
  - Sensor Open Systems Architecture ([SOSA](#)) Consortium
- **[Association of Enterprise Architects](#)**
  - Global community; regional Chapters, Journal of Enterprise Architecture; work groups and special interest groups
- **National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)**
  - [Architecture Committee](#) under their Systems Engineering Division



\*Not comprehensive





# Certifications: affirming your credentials

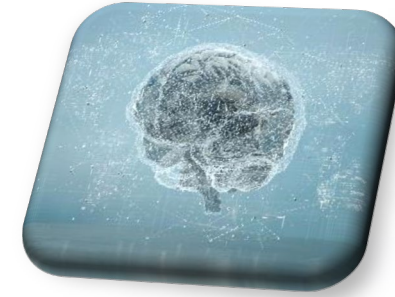
## Some Considerations

- [Open Certified Architect](#)
- [The Open Group Architecture Framework \(TOGAF\)](#)
- [Certified Professional for Software Architecture \(CPSA\)](#)
- [IASA Certified IT Architect](#)
- [FEAC Institute: Certified Enterprise Architect](#)
- [Zachman Certified Enterprise Architect](#)
- [Certified SAFe® Architect](#)





## Now about AI...



### • Some Opportunities

- Autogenerated, pedigreed architecture baselines
- Autogenerated reference architectures
- Reducing time, saving money, improving quality...maybe

### • Some Challenges

- Learning datasets are coming from...where?
- Retraining your workforce to 'architect with AI'
- Will there be vendor/tool support in place to address your context and your needs?

### • Or perhaps more practically...

- AI-assisted architecting
- AI-generated 'slivers' of architecture enablers





# Part 4: Learning More...

An Introduction to Architecture(s)





## Learning about... 'art'

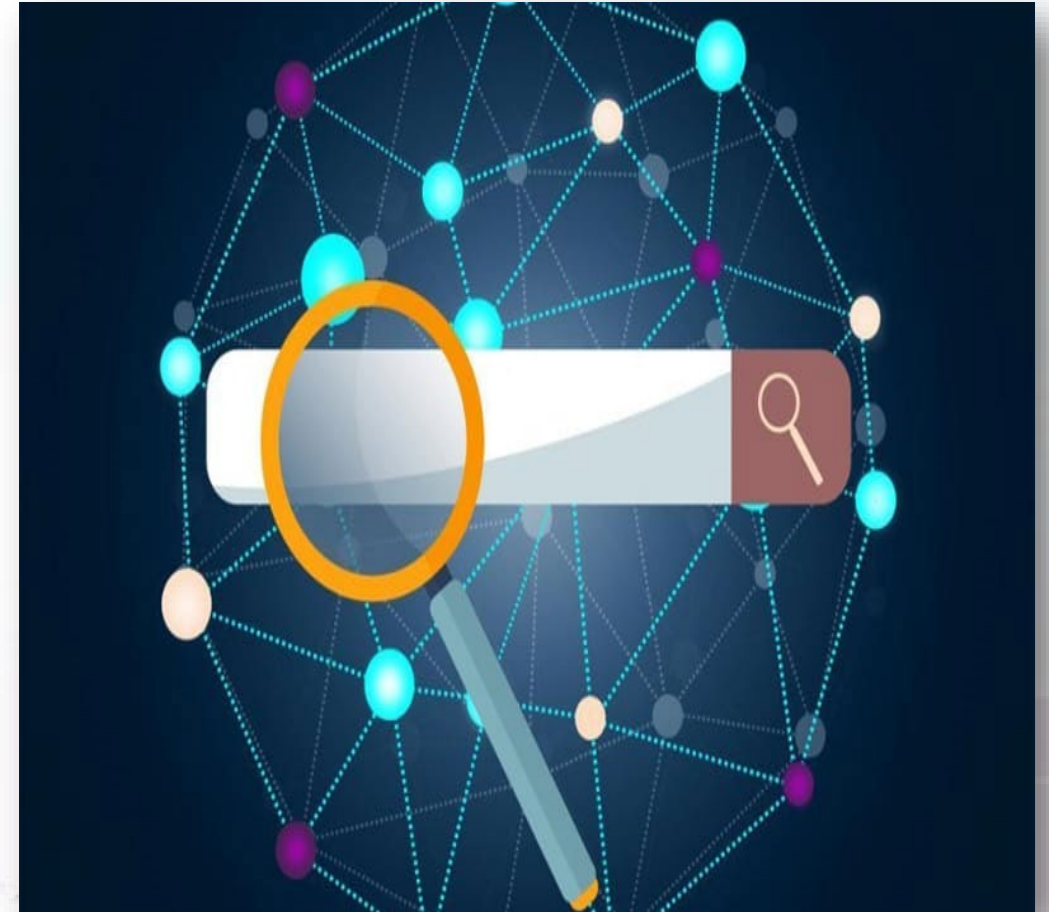
**“If you want to be a writer, you must  
do two things above all others:  
read a lot and write a lot.”**

Stephen King  
*On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*



## So where to find 'architectures'?

- Unfortunately, the answer is not just a Google search away
- Brace yourself for older examples...if you can find examples
- **>Not<** an endorsement, but here are some options:
  - [Udemy: Software Architecture Case Studies](#)
  - [US Government Publishing Office Federal Digital System: System Architecture](#)
  - [India Digital Ecosystem Architecture](#)
  - [US Internal Revenue Service Enterprise Architecture](#)
  - [US Department of Agriculture: Enterprise Architecture Division](#) (note how 'thin' some info can be)







# Where to learn more on 'architecture'?

## TEXTS

- **Software Architecture in Practice**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> edition; 2021; SEI Series in SW Engineering
- **The Art of Systems Architecting**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> edition; 2025; Maier & Rechtin
- **An Introduction to Holistic Enterprise Architecture**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> edition; 2020; Dr. Scott Bernard, past Federal Chief Enterprise Architect, Executive Office of the President of the United States

## ON-LINE READING

- **SEI Software Architecture Organization**
  - Check out: [Quality Attribute Workshops](#) and explore their other offerings
- **Grady Booch**
  - [Handbook of Software Architecture: papers](#)
- **System Architecture Forum**
  - [Variety of white papers](#) posted for public access
- **The Open Group Library** (enterprise architecture, and more)
  - Many publications are accessible with a [free account](#)

## LISTENING / WATCHING

- **Software Engineering Institute (SEI) Podcasts**
  - <https://www.sei.cmu.edu/publications/podcasts>
- **YouTube**
  - [Making Architecture Matter \(Martin Fowler\)](#)
  - [Architecting the Unknown \(Grady Booch\)](#)
  - [Business Architecture: A Lego Story \(US Army\)](#)
  - [Benefits of Enterprise Architecture \(John Zachman\)](#)

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- **Carnegie Mellon: Software Engineering Institute:** [Software Architecture Professional Certificate](#)
- **MIT:** [Architecture & Systems Engineering Certificate Program](#)
- **University of South Australia:** [System Architecting & Integration Professional Certificate](#)
- **Penn State University:** [Enterprise Architecture Graduate Certificate](#)



# In summary, please remember...

## 1. An architect's key needs

- Guidance for designing, documenting, evaluating

## 2. Some important standards & techniques

- ISO/IEC/IEEE WG42 outputs
- DoDAF, UAF, TOGAF:ADM, Zachman Framework
- ADD, DSM, QAW

## 3. Don't miss an enabler opportunity!

- Many of them can support different architecture contexts

## 4. Read...and then read some more.

## 5. Get involved.



## Wrap up

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time and your interest!**

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# Supplemental Charts





# Acronyms

<b>ADD</b>	Attribute-Driven Design
<b>ADM</b>	Architecture Development Method
<b>ASAM</b>	Applied Systems Architecture Method
<b>ATAM</b>	Architecture Tradeoff Analysis Method (from SEI)
<b>AUSDAF</b>	Australian Defence Architecture Framework
<b>C4I(SR)</b>	Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance
<b>CAF</b>	C4ISR Architecture Framework (predecessor to DoDAF)
<b>DNDAF</b>	Department of National Defence and Canadian Forces Architecture Framework
<b>DoDAF</b>	(US) Department of Defense Architecture Framework
<b>DSM</b>	Design [Dependency] Structure Matrix
<b>EA</b>	Enterprise Architecture
<b>FACE</b>	Future Airborne Capability Environment
<b>IBM</b>	International Business Machines
<b>IEC</b>	International Electrotechnical Commission
<b>IEEE</b>	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
<b>ifSE</b>	Institute for Systems Engineering
<b>ISO</b>	International Organization for Standardization
<b>JTC</b>	Joint Technical Committee

<b>MODAF</b>	Ministry of Defence Architecture Framework (UK)
<b>NAF</b>	NATO Architecture Framework
<b>NATO</b>	North Atlantic Treaty Organizations
<b>O/S</b>	Operating System
<b>QAW</b>	Quality Attribute Workshop
<b>RUP</b>	Rational Unified Process
<b>SC</b>	Subcommittee
<b>SEI</b>	Software Engineering Institute (@ Carnegie Mellon University)
<b>SoS</b>	System of Systems
<b>SOSA</b>	Sensor Open Systems Architecture
<b>SW</b>	Software
<b>Sys</b>	System
<b>TOGAF</b>	The Open Group Architecture Framework
<b>UAF</b>	Unified Architecture Framework
<b>UK</b>	United Kingdom
<b>US</b>	United States
<b>VAP</b>	Visual Architecting Process
<b>WG</b>	Working Group



## About the speaker



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Rolf previously led multi-disciplinary architecture teams for restricted, C5ISR, large-scale, software-intensive programs for U.S. and international customers.

Rolf has been recognized for his career work in systems architecture (NDIA's Lt. General Thomas R. Ferguson Jr. Systems Engineering Award), software architecture (SEI's Linda M. Northrop Software Architecture Award), and enterprise architecture (inducted into FEAC's Enterprise Architecture Hall of Fame).

Rolf attended Auburn University at Montgomery, Auburn University, and Huntingdon College. He holds degrees in Computer Science and Mathematics with Honors. He has professional certificates in systems architecture from MIT and software architecture from Carnegie Mellon University.

Rolf resides in Dallas, Texas with his wife and three children. He is an avid cyclist, finishing in the Top 10 and Top 5 of two Dallas/Fort Worth Craft Brewery Distance Challenges, cycling 5,000 miles in 7 months. Rolf's volunteer activities include NorthPark Presbyterian Day School Board Chair, Dallas Vickery Meadow Food Pantry, and North Dallas Regional Science Fair Judge.