

# Architectural Views

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*Interesting* Software is Complex

Many aspects to the design of its architecture.

Architectural Design

Managing technical complexity.

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- The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF) [5]
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**Scenario** – *Demonstrate* functionality delivered by architecture.

- use case details
  - *drive* functional design of architecture
  - *validate* design of architecture
  - *illustrate* purpose of architecture

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- UML – formal, well-defined language [7]
- C4 – informal, simple structure [8]
- You probably don't want to know about alternatives.

Reading...

## “Architectural Views” Notes<sup>1</sup> [9]

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<sup>1</sup>Remember, I said you had to read the notes.

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