

# Magic Quadrant for Enterprise Architecture Tools

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Selecting the wrong EA tool can cause business strategy, transformation and modernization efforts to fail. Enterprise architecture and technology innovation leaders should select EA tools compatible with their enterprise's approach to transformation, modernization and innovation.

## Market Definition/Description

Gartner has updated its market definition and functionality for enterprise architecture (EA) tools for 2019. We define EA tools as software applications, or platforms, designed to support enterprise architect and technology innovation (TI) leaders, and business and IT stakeholders (see Note 1). EA tools offer support for strategic planning, analysis, design, innovation and continuous improvement. EA tools support the capture, contextualization and visualization of information from businesses, ecosystems, solutions and technology domains.

EA tools are critical in helping to make EA a strategic planning discipline that delivers targeted business outcomes. EA tools help link IT efforts to business direction and strategy. They help capture and address organizational responses to business disruption, delivering business outcomes and mitigating risk.

EA tools must support, interface and interoperate with related and nonrelated EA disciplines, including:

- Program and portfolio management
- Governance, risk and compliance
- IT service management

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