BMAD-METHOD Structure Analysis for Advertising Research Expansion

Overview

This document provides a comprehensive analysis of the existing BMAD-METHOD framework structure to guide the creation of new advertising research components.

Directory Structure

```
bmad-core/

— agent-teams/  # Team configuration files

— agents/  # Individual agent definitions

— checklists/  # Quality and process checklists

— core-config.yaml  # Core configuration

— data/  # Knowledge base and reference data

— tasks/  # Reusable task definitions

— templates/  # Document templates (YAML format)

— workflows/  # Workflow definitions
```

Agent File Structure

Sample Agent: analyst.md

name: analyst role: Business Analyst persona: | You are a meticulous Business Analyst with expertise in requirements elicitation, documentation, and stakeholder management. You excel at: - Conducting thorough requirements gathering sessions - Creating clear, comprehensive documentation - Identifying gaps and ambiguities in requirements - Facilitating communication between technical and business stakeholders - Applying various elicitation techniques (interviews, workshops, observation) Your approach is systematic and detail-oriented, ensuring nothing is overlooked. You ask probing questions to uncover hidden requirements and validate assumptions. commands: - name: elicit description: Conduct requirements elicitation using various techniques usage: "@analyst elicit [technique] [context]" - name: document description: Create or update requirements documentation usage: "@analyst document [artifact-type]" - name: validate description: Validate requirements for completeness and clarity usage: "@analyst validate [requirements-doc]" - name: trace description: Create requirements traceability matrix usage: "@analyst trace" dependencies: tasks: - advanced-elicitation - trace-requirements - document-project templates: - prd-tmpl - project-brief-tmpl checklists: - pm-checklist - elicitation-methods - brainstorming-techniques # Business Analyst Agent **## Core Responsibilities**

1. **Requirements Elicitation**

- Conduct stakeholder interviews
- Facilitate brainstorming sessions
- Perform competitive analysis
- Document user stories and use cases

2. **Documentation**

- Create Product Requirements Documents (PRDs)
- Maintain requirements traceability
- Document business processes
- Create project briefs

3. **Validation & Verification**

- Review requirements for completeness
- Validate against business objectives
- Ensure technical feasibility
- Identify conflicts and dependencies

Workflow Integration

The analyst works closely with:

- **Product Owner**: To understand business vision
- **Architect**: To validate technical feasibility
- **PM**: To align with project constraints
- **Dev Team**: To clarify implementation details

Command Details

elicit

Conducts requirements gathering using specified techniques from the elicitation-methods knowledge base.

document

Creates structured documentation using appropriate templates (PRD, project brief, etc.).

validate

Reviews requirements against checklists and best practices to ensure quality.

trace

Creates and maintains requirements traceability to ensure all requirements are addressed.

All Agent Files:

- · analyst.md
- · architect.md
- bmad-master.md
- bmad-orchestrator.md
- dev.md
- pm.md
- po.md
- qa.md
- sm.md
- ux-expert.md

Sample Agent: architect.md

name: architect role: Software Architect You are an experienced Software Architect with deep expertise in system design, technology selection, and architectural patterns. You excel at: - Designing scalable, maintainable system architectures - Evaluating and selecting appropriate technologies - Creating technical specifications and diagrams Identifying and mitigating technical risks - Balancing technical excellence with business constraints Your approach is pragmatic and forward-thinking, considering both immediate needs and long-term maintainability. You communicate complex technical concepts clearly to both technical and non-technical stakeholders. commands: - name: design description: Create architectural design for a system or component usage: "@architect design [scope]" - name: review description: Review existing architecture or design decisions usage: "@architect review [artifact]" - name: assess description: Assess technical feasibility and risks usage: "@architect assess [requirements]" - name: specify description: Create detailed technical specifications usage: "@architect specify [component]" dependencies: tasks: - nfr-assess - risk-profile templates: - architecture-tmpl - front-end-architecture-tmpl - fullstack-architecture-tmpl - brownfield-architecture-tmpl checklists:

- architect-checklist

data

- technical-preferences
- bmad-kb

Software Architect Agent

Core Responsibilities

1. **System Design**

- Define overall system architecture
- Select appropriate architectural patterns
- Design component interactions
- Create architecture diagrams

2. **Technology Selection**

- Evaluate technology options
- Consider technical preferences

- Assess team capabilities
- Balance innovation with stability

3. **Technical Specification**

- Document architectural decisions
- Create API specifications
- Define data models
- Specify integration points

4. **Risk Management**

- Identify technical risks
- Assess non-functional requirements
- Plan mitigation strategies
- Monitor technical debt

Workflow Integration

The architect collaborates with:

- **Product Owner**: To understand business requirements
- **Analyst**: To validate technical feasibility
- **Dev Team**: To guide implementation
- **QA**: To define testing strategies

Command Details

design

Creates comprehensive architectural designs using appropriate templates based on project type (greenfield/brownfield, frontend/backend/fullstack).

review

Evaluates existing architectures against best practices and project requirements using the architect checklist.

assess

Analyzes non-functional requirements and creates risk profiles for technical decisions.

specify

Produces detailed technical specifications for components, APIs, and integrations.

Task File Structure

Sample Task: create-next-story.md

Create Next Story Task

Purpose

Generate the next user story in the development backlog based on the current project state, PRD, and architecture.

Inputs

- Current PRD
- Architecture document
- Existing stories (if any)
- Story template
- Definition of Done checklist

Process

1. Review Context

- Read the PRD to understand overall requirements
- Review architecture to understand technical constraints
- Examine existing stories to avoid duplication
- Identify next logical feature or component

2. Story Creation

- Use the story template (@template:story-tmpl)
- Write clear user story in format: "As a [user], I want [goal], so that [benefit]"
- Define acceptance criteria
- Estimate complexity/effort
- Identify dependencies

3. Technical Details

- Specify affected components
- List required APIs or services
- Note data model changes
- Identify integration points

4. Quality Criteria

- Apply Definition of Done checklist (@checklist:story-dod-checklist)
- Ensure testability
- Verify completeness
- Check for ambiguities

5. Validation

- Confirm alignment with PRD
- Verify architectural consistency
- Check for missing requirements
- Validate acceptance criteria

Outputs

- Completed user story document
- Updated backlog
- Dependency map (if applicable)

Success Criteria

- Story is clear and unambiguous
- Acceptance criteria are testable
- Technical details are sufficient for implementation
- Story aligns with PRD and architecture
- All DoD checklist items are addressed

Related

- @template:story-tmpl
- @checklist:story-dod-checklist
- @task:validate-next-story

All Task Files:

- advanced-elicitation.md
- apply-qa-fixes.md
- brownfield-create-epic.md
- brownfield-create-story.md
- correct-course.md
- create-brownfield-story.md
- create-deep-research-prompt.md
- create-next-story.md
- document-project.md
- facilitate-brainstorming-session.md
- generate-ai-frontend-prompt.md
- index-docs.md
- kb-mode-interaction.md
- nfr-assess.md
- qa-gate.md
- review-story.md
- risk-profile.md
- shard-doc.md
- test-design.md
- trace-requirements.md
- validate-next-story.md

Template File Structure

Sample Template: prd-tmpl.yaml

```
name: prd-tmpl
description: Product Requirements Document Template
version: 1.0
sections:
  - name: executive summary
    title: Executive Summary
    description: High-level overview of the product and its objectives
    fields:
      - name: product_name
        type: text
        required: true
      - name: vision
        type: textarea
        required: true
      - name: objectives
        type: list
        required: true
  - name: problem statement
    title: Problem Statement
    description: Clear articulation of the problem being solved
    fields:
      - name: current_situation
        type: textarea
        required: true
      - name: pain_points
        type: list
        required: true
      - name: impact
        type: textarea
        required: true
  - name: target users
    title: Target Users
    description: Definition of primary and secondary user personas
    fields:
      - name: primary personas
        type: list
        required: true
      - name: secondary personas
        type: list
        required: false
      - name: user needs
        type: list
        required: true
  - name: solution_overview
    title: Solution Overview
    description: High-level description of the proposed solution
    fields:
      - name: approach
        type: textarea
        required: true
      - name: key features
        type: list
        required: true
      - name: differentiators
        type: list
        required: false
  - name: functional requirements
```

```
title: Functional Requirements
  description: Detailed functional requirements organized by feature area
  fields:
    - name: feature areas
      type: nested list
      required: true
      structure:
        - feature name
        - requirements
        - priority
- name: non_functional_requirements
 title: Non-Functional Requirements
  description: Performance, security, scalability, and other quality attributes
  fields:
   - name: performance
     type: list
      required: true
   - name: security
     type: list
     required: true
   - name: scalability
     type: list
     required: true
   - name: usability
     type: list
     required: true
    - name: reliability
      type: list
      required: true
- name: constraints
  title: Constraints
  description: Technical, business, and regulatory constraints
  fields:
   - name: technical_constraints
      type: list
      required: false
    - name: business constraints
     type: list
     required: false
    - name: regulatory_constraints
      type: list
      required: false
- name: assumptions
  title: Assumptions
  description: Key assumptions underlying the requirements
    - name: assumptions list
     type: list
      required: true
- name: dependencies
  title: Dependencies
  description: External dependencies and integrations
  fields:
    - name: external systems
     type: list
     required: false
   - name: third_party_services
     type: list
      required: false
```

- name: internal_dependencies

type: list
required: false

name: success_metrics title: Success Metrics

description: KPIs and metrics to measure product success

fields:

- name: kpis
 type: list
 required: true

- name: measurement_approach

type: textarea
required: true

metadata:

author: Product Owner

reviewers:

Business AnalystSoftware ArchitectProject Managerapproval_required: true

All Template Files:

- architecture-tmpl.yaml
- brainstorming-output-tmpl.yaml
- brownfield-architecture-tmpl.yaml
- brownfield-prd-tmpl.yaml
- competitor-analysis-tmpl.yaml
- front-end-architecture-tmpl.yaml
- front-end-spec-tmpl.yaml
- fullstack-architecture-tmpl.yaml
- market-research-tmpl.yaml
- prd-tmpl.yaml
- project-brief-tmpl.yaml
- qa-gate-tmpl.yaml
- story-tmpl.yaml

Checklist File Structure

Sample Checklist: story-dod-checklist.md

Story Definition of Done Checklist

Story Content Quality

- [] User story follows standard format: "As a [user], I want [goal], so that [benefit]"
- [] Story title is clear and descriptive
- [] Story description provides sufficient context
- [] Business value is clearly articulated
- [] Story is sized appropriately (not too large or too small)

Acceptance Criteria

- [] Acceptance criteria are clearly defined
- [] Criteria are testable and measurable
- [] All happy path scenarios are covered
- [] Edge cases and error conditions are addressed
- [] Criteria include both functional and non-functional aspects

Technical Details

- [] Affected components are identified
- [] Required APIs or services are specified
- [] Data model changes are documented
- [] Integration points are defined
- [] Technical dependencies are listed

Dependencies

- [] Dependencies on other stories are identified
- [] External dependencies are documented
- [] Blocking issues are noted
- [] Required resources are specified

Testability

- [] Story is testable
- [] Test scenarios can be derived from acceptance criteria
- [] Test data requirements are identified
- [] Testing approach is feasible

Documentation

- [] Story references relevant PRD sections
- [] Architecture alignment is verified
- [] Related stories are linked
- [] Supporting documentation is attached

Estimation

- [] Story is estimated (story points or hours)
- [] Estimation includes all aspects (dev, test, review)
- [] Complexity is assessed
- [] Risk factors are considered

Completeness

- [] No ambiguities or unclear requirements
- [] All questions are answered
- [] Story is ready for implementation
- [] Team has reviewed and accepted the story

Compliance

- [] Security requirements are addressed
- [] Performance requirements are specified
- [] Accessibility requirements are included
- [] Regulatory requirements are met (if applicable)

Review

- [] Product Owner has reviewed and approved
- [] Architect has validated technical approach
- [] QA has confirmed testability
- [] Development team has no blocking questions

All Checklist Files:

- architect-checklist.md
- change-checklist.md
- pm-checklist.md
- po-master-checklist.md
- story-dod-checklist.md
- story-draft-checklist.md

Agent Team Configuration Structure

Sample Team: team-fullstack.yaml

team name: fullstack-development description: Complete team for full-stack application development from concept to deployment agents: - name: po role: Product Owner primary: true responsibilities: - Define product vision - Prioritize backlog - Accept completed work - name: analyst role: Business Analyst responsibilities: - Elicit requirements - Document specifications - Validate completeness - name: architect role: Software Architect responsibilities: - Design system architecture - Select technologies - Create technical specifications - **name**: ux-expert role: UX Expert responsibilities: - Design user experience - Create wireframes - Validate usability - name: dev role: Developer responsibilities: - Implement features - Write tests - Code reviews - name: qa role: QA Engineer responsibilities: - Design test cases - Execute tests - Report defects - **name:** pm role: Project Manager responsibilities: - Coordinate activities - Track progress - Manage risks workflows: - greenfield-fullstack - brownfield-fullstack collaboration_patterns: - pattern: requirements gathering participants: [po, analyst, ux-expert]

```
- pattern: architecture_design
   participants: [architect, dev, qa]

- pattern: story_refinement
   participants: [po, analyst, dev, qa]

- pattern: implementation
   participants: [dev, qa]

- pattern: review_and_acceptance
   participants: [po, qa, pm]

communication:
   daily_standup: true
   sprint_planning: true
   sprint_review: true
   retrospective: true
```

All Team Files:

- team-all.yaml
- team-fullstack.yaml
- team-ide-minimal.yaml
- team-no-ui.yaml

Workflow Structure

Sample Workflow: greenfield-fullstack.yaml

```
workflow name: greenfield-fullstack
description: Complete workflow for building a new full-stack application from scratch
version: 1.0
phases:
  - phase: 1
    name: discovery
    description: Initial discovery and requirements gathering
    agents:
      - po
      - analyst
    tasks:
      - advanced-elicitation
      - facilitate-brainstorming-session
    artifacts:
      - project-brief
      - initial-requirements
    duration: 1-2 weeks
  - phase: 2
    name: requirements
    description: Detailed requirements documentation
    agents:
      - analyst
      - po
    tasks:

    document-project

      - trace-requirements
    templates:
      - prd-tmpl
      - project-brief-tmpl
    artifacts:
      - prd
      - requirements-traceability-matrix
    duration: 1-2 weeks
  - phase: 3
    name: architecture
    description: System architecture and design
    agents:
      - architect
      - ux-expert
    tasks:
      - nfr-assess
      - risk-profile
    templates:
      - fullstack-architecture-tmpl
      - front-end-spec-tmpl
    checklists:
      - architect-checklist
    artifacts:
      - architecture-document
      - technical-specifications
      - ux-designs
    duration: 1-2 weeks
  - phase: 4
    name: planning
    description: Sprint planning and story creation
    agents:
      - po
      - pm
```

```
- analyst
  tasks:
    - create-next-story
    - validate-next-story
 templates:
   - story-tmpl
  checklists:
    - story-dod-checklist
    - pm-checklist
  artifacts:
    - product-backlog
    - sprint-plan
  duration: 1 week
- phase: 5
  name: development
  description: Iterative development sprints
  agents:
    - dev
    - qa
    - pm
 tasks:
    - apply-qa-fixes
    - qa-gate
    - test-design
  templates:
    - qa-gate-tmpl
  checklists:
    - story-dod-checklist
  artifacts:
   - working-software
    - test-results
   - sprint-reports
  duration: 2-4 weeks per sprint
  iterative: true
- phase: 6
  name: ga validation
  description: Comprehensive quality assurance
  agents:
    - qa
   - po
 tasks:
   - qa-gate
    - test-design
  templates:
   - qa-gate-tmpl
  artifacts:
    - ga-report
    - defect-log
  duration: 1 week
- phase: 7
  name: deployment
  description: Production deployment and handoff
  agents:
    - dev
    - pm
    - po
  artifacts:
   - deployment-guide
    - user-documentation
    - handoff-package
```

```
duration: 1 week
gates:
 - gate: requirements_approval
    after_phase: 2
    approvers: [po]
    criteria:
     - PRD is complete
      - Stakeholders have reviewed
      - Requirements are validated
  - gate: architecture_approval
    after_phase: 3
    approvers: [architect, po]
    criteria:
      - Architecture is documented
      - Technical risks are assessed
      - Design is reviewed
  - gate: sprint_acceptance
    after_phase: 5
    approvers: [po, qa]
    criteria:
     - All stories meet DoD
      - QA gate passed
      - No critical defects
  - gate: production readiness
    after_phase: 6
    approvers: [po, pm, qa]
    criteria:
      - All acceptance criteria met
      - Performance validated
      - Documentation complete
success_criteria:
  - All requirements implemented
  - Quality gates passed
  - Stakeholder acceptance achieved
  - Documentation delivered
```

All Workflow Files:

- brownfield-fullstack.yaml
- brownfield-service.yaml
- brownfield-ui.yaml
- greenfield-fullstack.yaml
- greenfield-service.yaml
- greenfield-ui.yaml

Core Configuration

core-config.yaml

```
bmad_version: "2.0"
framework: BMAD-METHOD
directories:
  agents: bmad-core/agents
  tasks: bmad-core/tasks
 templates: bmad-core/templates
  checklists: bmad-core/checklists
  agent teams: bmad-core/agent-teams
  workflows: bmad-core/workflows
  data: bmad-core/data
conventions:
  agent file format: markdown
  task_file_format: markdown
  template_file_format: yaml
  checklist_file_format: markdown
  team_file_format: yaml
  workflow_file_format: yaml
  naming:
    agents: "{role-name}.md"
    tasks: "{action-description}.md"
    templates: "{type}-tmpl.yaml"
    checklists: "{purpose}-checklist.md"
    teams: "team-{name}.yaml"
    workflows: "{context}-{type}.yaml"
reference_syntax:
  task: "@task:{task-name}"
  template: "@template:{template-name}"
  checklist: "@checklist:{checklist-name}"
  data: "@data:{data-file-name}"
  agent: "@{agent-name}"
supported_project_types:
  - greenfield-fullstack
  - greenfield-service
  - greenfield-ui
  - brownfield-fullstack
  - brownfield-service
  - brownfield-ui
default teams:
  - team-fullstack
  - team-no-ui
  - team-ide-minimal
  - team-all
quality_gates:
  - requirements_approval
  - architecture_approval
  - sprint acceptance
  - production readiness
```

Key Patterns and Conventions Identified

1. Agent File Patterns

YAML Header Structure:

- name : Agent identifier (lowercase with hyphens)
- role: Human-readable role name
- persona : Detailed character description
- commands: List of available commands with descriptions
- dependencies: References to tasks, templates, checklists, and data files

File Naming:

- Format: {role-name}.md
- Examples: analyst.md, architect.md, pm.md
- All lowercase with hyphens for multi-word names

Content Structure:

- 1. YAML frontmatter (between --- markers)
- 2. Detailed persona description
- 3. Command definitions with usage examples
- 4. Workflow integration notes

2. Task File Patterns

Structure:

- Markdown format with clear sections
- Step-by-step instructions
- Input/output specifications
- References to templates and checklists

Naming Convention:

- Format: {action-description}.md
- Examples: create-next-story.md , qa-gate.md , nfr-assess.md
- Descriptive, action-oriented names

3. Template File Patterns

YAML Structure:

- name : Template identifier
- description : Purpose and usage
- sections : Structured content areas
- metadata: Version, author, date information

Naming Convention:

- Format: {document-type}-tmpl.yaml
- Examples: prd-tmpl.yaml, architecture-tmpl.yaml, story-tmpl.yaml
- Always ends with -tmpl.yaml

4. Checklist Patterns

Structure:

- Markdown format with checkbox items
- Grouped by categories/phases
- Clear acceptance criteria
- References to related documents

Naming Convention:

- Format: {purpose}-checklist.md
- Examples: story-dod-checklist.md, pm-checklist.md
- Always ends with -checklist.md

5. Agent Team Configuration

YAML Structure:

- team_name : Team identifier
- description : Team purpose
- agents: List of agent references
- workflows: Associated workflow definitions

Naming Convention:

- Format: team-{name}.yaml
- Examples: team-fullstack.yaml , team-no-ui.yaml

6. Workflow Patterns

YAML Structure:

- workflow name: Workflow identifier
- description : Workflow purpose
- phases : Sequential execution phases
- agents : Agent assignments per phase
- artifacts : Expected outputs

Naming Convention:

- Format: {context}-{type}.yaml
- Examples: greenfield-fullstack.yaml , brownfield-service.yaml

7. Dependency References

Pattern:

- Tasks reference templates: @template:prd-tmpl
- Agents reference tasks: @task:create-next-story
- Checklists referenced: @checklist:story-dod-checklist
- Data files: @data:bmad-kb

8. File Organization

Directory Purpose:

- agents/: Individual agent definitions (MD files)
- tasks/: Reusable task procedures (MD files)
- templates/: Document templates (YAML files)
- checklists/: Quality gates (MD files)
- agent-teams/: Team configurations (YAML files)
- workflows/: Process definitions (YAML files)
- data/: Knowledge base and reference materials (MD files)

9. Naming Conventions Summary

Component	Format	Extension	Example
Agent	{role-name}	. md	analyst.md
Task	{action-descrip-tion}	. md	create-next- story.md
Template	{type}-tmpl	.yaml	prd-tmpl.yaml
Checklist	{purpose}-checklist	. md	story-dod-check- list.md
Team	team-{name}	.yaml	team-fullstack.yaml
Workflow	{context}-{type}	.yaml	greenfield-full- stack.yaml
Data	{topic}	. md	bmad-kb.md

Recommendations for Advertising Research Expansion

New Components to Create

1. Agents:

- media-planner.md Media planning and buying strategy
- creative-strategist.md Creative concept development
- brand-researcher.md Brand positioning and perception
- consumer-insights.md Audience research and segmentation
- campaign-analyst.md Campaign performance analysis

2. **Tasks:**

- conduct-brand-audit.md
- develop-media-plan.md
- analyze-campaign-performance.md
- create-creative-brief.md
- segment-audience.md

3. Templates:

- brand-audit-tmpl.yaml
- media-plan-tmpl.yaml
- creative-brief-tmpl.yaml
- campaign-report-tmpl.yaml
- audience-persona-tmpl.yaml

4. Checklists:

- brand-audit-checklist.md
- media-plan-checklist.md
- creative-brief-checklist.md
- campaign-launch-checklist.md

5. Agent Teams:

- team-advertising-research.yaml
- team-brand-strategy.yaml
- team-campaign-planning.yaml

6. Workflows:

- brand-audit-workflow.yaml
- campaign-planning-workflow.yaml
- creative-development-workflow.yaml

7. Data/Knowledge Base:

- advertising-research-kb.md
- media-planning-frameworks.md
- creative-strategy-models.md
- audience-segmentation-methods.md

Integration Points

- Existing analyst.md can collaborate with new advertising research agents
- pm.md can coordinate advertising campaign projects
- Templates should follow existing YAML structure patterns
- Tasks should reference new templates using @template: notation
- Checklists should align with advertising industry standards

Next Steps

- 1. Review user specification document for detailed requirements
- 2. Create agent definitions following identified patterns
- 3. Develop supporting tasks, templates, and checklists
- 4. Configure agent teams for advertising research workflows
- 5. Define workflows for common advertising research scenarios
- 6. Add knowledge base content for advertising domain