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Introduction

As an Enterprise Architect, I thrive on designing high-level IT architectures that ensure requirements, constraints, and quality characteristics are met. My primary focus is on the enterprise's capabilities, people, processes, information, and technology, to translate a business strategy into a valuable IT strategy. In today's rapidly evolving IT landscape, almost every IT initiative is a transformation with an ever-expanding technological horizon. This encompasses both on-premises and cloud solutions, in-house development and integrations with enterprise software or various online platforms.

To break down complex transformations into manageable intermediate steps, I create roadmaps that resolve conflicts and support stakeholders in realising the project from their perspective. As a trusted partner to strategic management, I guide decision-making and ensure that transformations can deliver tangible business value. To achieve this, I place a strong emphasis on governance. I recognise that establishing and maintaining standards, processes, and policies is a fundamental success factor for any architectural endeavor. Agile methods serve as a cornerstone that supports an iterative roadmap. However, a roadmap also acknowledges the value of a long-term architectural vision and analysis-driven decision-making.

With over 25 years of experience in diverse IT roles, I have primarily focused on architecture, with a specific focus on enterprise architecture since 2018. My technical background encompasses various development contexts, including systems architecture and infrastructure. After concentrating heavily on functional and business analysis, I have contributed to large-scale business and IT transformation initiatives from an architectural perspective. In these initiatives, I have selected both existing business solutions and guided the development of tailored ones, managing external partners and internal teams. I have received praise for my communication and interpersonal skills, particularly my ability to simplify complex topics and effectively connect with both business and technical teams.

My extensive experience across various information technology disciplines and industries and organisations demonstrates my adaptability and flexibility. In every situation, I've consistently introduced creative and innovative ideas that often had a significant impact.

Top skills:
Enterprise Architecture • Business Analysis • Functional Analysis • Common Sense

Framework & Standards Architect - Bank Van Breda - March 2023 - May 2024
<u>Skills</u>: IT Architecture · BPMN · Software Analysis · Software Documentation

If one red tape can be observed in my professional career, it's one of methodology, standards and documentation, all to support a valid IT strategy to implement a business vision. Combining this with the modern and strong IT story that has unfolded at Bank Van Breda over the past years, along with a commitment to adopting a rational approach to documenting from the business level to the actual implementation, I was ready to put my shoulder to the wheel of this massive task. Clearly, documentation was the key vehicle to drive an internal transformation towards a more reliable and structured IT organisation.

To achieve this, several initiatives were initially outlined on a roadmap. I applied Agile principles and designed a lightweight, BPMN-driven documentation approach. This approach resulted in a non-intrusive, business-analysis-driven end-to-end framework for documenting the software platform throughout the entire development process. In parallel, business analysts were coached and brought together in an overarching competence group, providing support and especially guiding the entire effort from start to finish.

Lead Solutions Architect - Acerta - June 2021 - December 2022
<u>Skills</u>: IT Architecture · Business Analysis · Functional Analysis · Cloud Computing

Documents are like the arteries of this kind of organisation. Every business process begins, is driven by and ends with a document. The document management platform, as a domain, is interconnected with every other domain, making it a central hub, touching upon every other domain within the organisation. Its capabilities are essential to everyone and every process, making it a crucial success factor beyond words. An architectural dream, without a doubt.

The overarching architectural vision, supporting the grand business strategy for the EverESSt programme, introduced significant structural changes to all domains, including the document platform. As the architect for this domain, I had numerous stakeholders to collaborate with, aiming to unify diverse views, requirements and constraints. Stakeholders were not only internal but also highly external, particularly in the integration with third party document management providers. To manage these integrations, we leveraged the power of the Azure Cloud and constructed a simple yet highly resilient integration layer. This solution was not only approved but also praised in a Microsoft-conducted architectural review. Working closely with and guiding the internal development teams and external Azure specialists, we successfully brought this solution to life.

Lead Solutions Architect - TUI Belgium - May 2018 - June 2021
<u>Skills</u>: IT Architecture · Team Leadership · Business Analysis · Functional Analysis · API Design

I often compared a tour operator like TUI to the Amazon of travel. Not only are their operations massive and extensive, but they also operate continuously, making it challenging to perform something like an open-heart surgery while they're running. TUI was in the process of unifying approximately 10 separate tour operators, each with its own unique "stack" of software solutions. Some of these solutions were based on existing business systems, while others were built from scratch over several years. The vision that needed to be realised at all levels, from process to infrastructure, was "One Platform".

After conducting an extensive mapping phase, we selected the best-of-breed solutions from all stacks to construct a single platform. To ensure zero-downtime, we designed an extensive integration platform and adopted an API-first approach, allowing domain and solution architects to work independently and autonomously within their respective domains. In addition to leading solution architects, I also brought together the business analysts from all domains in a central analysis cell. I introduced UML as a simple and standardised modelling tool to formalise the definition of all processes and data models.

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