

# ENTERPRISE BUSINESS MOTIVATION MODEL

## *Glossary – Process and Methods*

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### Base Temporal Terms

#### Current State

The state of the enterprise at a specific instant on or near the present day including all in-flight and completed initiatives.

## **Future State**

A state of the enterprise at some fixed point in the future where various initiatives converge.

## **Transition State**

A temporary state, some time in the future, that describes the arrangement of enterprise elements as they will exist. This concept is typically used when modelling a series of states between current state and future state.

# **Base Governance Terms**

## **Milestone Assessment**

An assessment of one or more enterprise initiatives as they relate to the roadmap.

## **Architectural Permit**

An architectural governance right allowing programs and projects to continue to move forward.

## **Stage Gate**

A business governance right based on funding for a specific initiative. Prototyping, manufacturing, production are common stage gates used in industrial design. In software development, proposal, design, development, and go-live are common stage gates.

## **Architectural Significance**

A determination whether a change, update, or addition requires architectural guidance or not.

## **Architectural Concern(s)**

A simple technology-centric taxonomy for categorizing architectural constraints. Information, business, application, and infrastructure are each groups of architectural concerns.

## **Enterprise Segment**

An area of the enterprise chosen to be the scope of a set of architectural models and artifacts. Typically, a segment is selected to include a coherent set of functions, services, or shared capabilities.

## **Architectural Perspective**

A commonly used taxonomy of views useful for creating models of an enterprise. Standard perspectives include Contextual, Conceptual, Logical, and Physical.

## **Architectural Opportunity**

A point of leverage of an architectural decision or intention. Examples include decisions that lead to greater flexibility, scalability, business agility, or responsiveness to security threats.

## **Architectural Governance**

The subset of enterprise governance decision rights delegated to architectural governance bodies or directly impacted by architectural information and insight.

## **Intention**

The documented reasoning behind the architectural decisions.

## **Common Terms**

### **Architectural Model**

A set of related concepts reflecting the structure and/or behaviour of a social or technical system.

### **Architectural Diagram**

One or more representations of an architectural model, typically illustrating a subset of concepts necessary to address the concerns of a single viewpoint.

### **Architecture**

The set of related structural decisions that constrain one or more problem and solution domains with intention.

### **Architectural Vision**

A statement of architectural principles that guides the transformation of organizational intent into structural and behavioural concerns for the systems of an organization.

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