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In my consulting practice, there are several tools that I've created over the years to help clients move toward establishing repeatable architecture processes - and eventually moving toward an Agile (and Lean) Architecture approach.

For example:

1) **Architecture Assessment Checklist** - useful for quickly assessing an enterprise, application, or vendor product/service offering (often used in collaboration with a client's procurement team during their RFP process and preparing recommendations and vendor evaluation feedback to the leadership team). Using this particular tool - primarily focused on evaluating technical aspects, this level of assessment analysis can often be completed over a period of 3-5 days.

2) **Enterprise Architecture Assessment Template** - A template for a deeper-dive assessment process - that is typically completed over a period of four (4) weeks - with the report usually consisting of 60-80 pages - that is intended to examine the following areas:

- Business Operations
- Product Management
- Enterprise Architecture
- Engineering
- Infrastructure
- Data Management
- DevOps

- Non-Functional Requirements
- Information Security

3) **Enterprise Architecture Artifact Category Taxonomy** - Currently in a working draft status, with **369 entries**. I recently completed a major revision (v2) to its organization and structure. The next version (v3) will be another major revision and restructuring - and will be formally defined via OWL/RDF - to help facilitate some additional automated processing capabilities that I have in mind for the future.

4) **Architecture Decision Record (ADR) Template** - used to help facilitate the adoption of Agile Architecture practices - and help an organization move away from historically centralized governance of the majority of their architecture decisions - and minimizing the historically draconian "gating" function of more heavy-handed choke-point processes such as Architecture Review Boards (ARBs)

5) **Solution Architecture Document (SAD) Template** - An "illustrative, not exhaustive" exemplar - to provide a team or organization with a starting point of establishing a repeatable level of analysis in the preparation of a Solution Architecture - intended to provide guidance to team members that may be new (or, less experienced) - with respect to the concerns that are often missed. Always customized to suit the culture of the client - depending on their level of Enterprise Architecture Maturity, regulatory/compliance requirements, progression on their journey toward adoption of Agile Architecture practices, and on complexity and mission-critical nature of their systems and business operations.

The journey with a client is always a process of evolution - seeking to: "Accelerate. Innovate. Elevate".