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## Archimate Diagram

This is only a proposal and subject to change.

You are very welcome to [create a new discussion](#) on this future syntax. Your feedbacks, ideas and suggestions help us to find the right solution.

### Archimate keyword

You can use the `archimate` keyword to define an element. Stereotype can optionally specify an additional icon. Some colors ( `Business` , `Application` , `Motivation` , `Strategy` , `Technology` , `Physical` , `Implementation` ) are also available.

@startuml  
archimate #Technology "VPN Server" as vpnServerA ·

rectangle GO #lightgreen  
rectangle STOP #red  
rectangle WAIT #orange  
@enduml

The diagram shows four rectangular boxes arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top-left box is light green and contains a server icon and the text "VPN Server". The top-right box is light green and contains the text "GO". The bottom-left box is red and contains the text "STOP". The bottom-right box is orange and contains the text "WAIT".

### Defining Junctions

Using the `circle` keyword and the [preprocessor](#), you can also create junctions.

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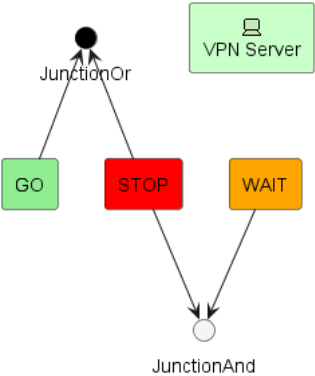
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```
!define Junction_Or circle #black
!define Junction_And circle #whitesmoke

Junction_And JunctionAnd
Junction_Or JunctionOr

archimate #Technology "VPN Server" as vpnServerA .

rectangle GO #lightgreen
rectangle STOP #red
rectangle WAIT #orange
GO -up-> JunctionOr
STOP -up-> JunctionOr
STOP -down-> JunctionAnd
WAIT -down-> JunctionAnd
@enduml
```



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Example 1



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```
skinparam rectangle<<behavior>> {
    roundCorner 25
}
sprite $bProcess jar:archimate/business-process
sprite $aService jar:archimate/application-service
sprite $aComponent jar:archimate/application-component

rectangle "Handle claim" as HC <<$bProcess>><<behavior>>
rectangle "Capture Information" as CI <<$bProcess>><<behavior>>
rectangle "Notify\nAdditional Stakeholders" as NAS <<$bProcess>><<behavior>>
rectangle "Validate" as V <<$bProcess>><<behavior>>
rectangle "Investigate" as I <<$bProcess>><<behavior>>
rectangle "Pay" as P <<$bProcess>><<behavior>> #Business Process

HC *-down- CI
HC *-down- NAS
HC *-down- V
HC *-down- I
HC *-down- P

CI -right-> NAS
NAS -right-> V
V -right-> I
I -right-> P

rectangle "Scanning" as scanning <<$aService>><<behavior>>
rectangle "Customer administration" as customerAdministration <<$aService>><<behavior>>
rectangle "Claims administration" as claimsAdministration <<$aService>><<behavior>>
rectangle "Printing" <<$aService>><<behavior>> #Application Service
rectangle "Payment" <<$aService>><<behavior>> #Application Service

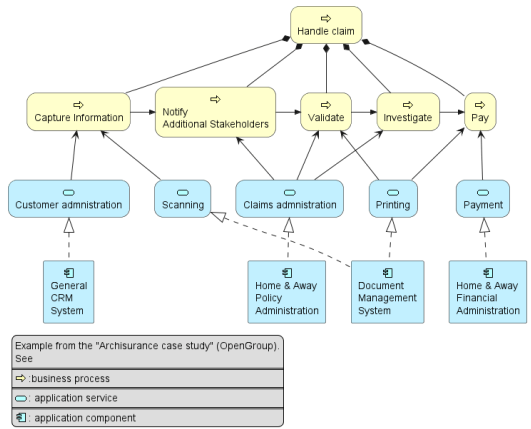
scanning -up-> CI
customerAdministration -up-> CI
claimsAdministration -up-> NAS
claimsAdministration -up-> V
claimsAdministration -up-> I
Payment -up-> P

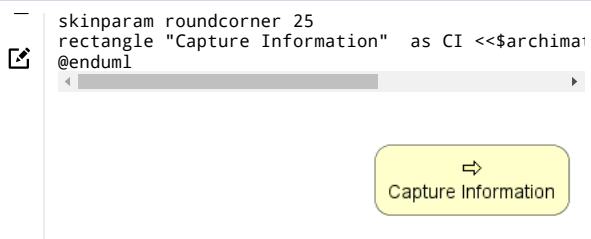
Printing -up-> V
Printing -up-> P

rectangle "Document\nManagement\nSystem" as DMS <<$aComponent>><<behavior>>
rectangle "General\nCRM\nSystem" as CRM <<$aComponent>><<behavior>>
rectangle "Home & Away\nPolicy\nAdministration" as HAPA <<$aComponent>><<behavior>>
rectangle "Home & Away\nFinancial\nAdministration" as HFPA <<$aComponent>><<behavior>>

DMS .up.|> scanning
DMS .up.|> Printing
CRM .up.|> customerAdministration
HAPA .up.|> claimsAdministration
HFPA .up.|> Payment

legend left
Example from the "Archisurance case study" (OpenGroup)
See
====
<$bProcess> : business process
====
<$aService> : application service
====
<$aComponent> : application component
endlegend
@enduml
```





⌵  **List possible sprites**

You can list all possible sprites for Archimate using the following diagram:



## Archimate Macros

## Archimate Macros and Library

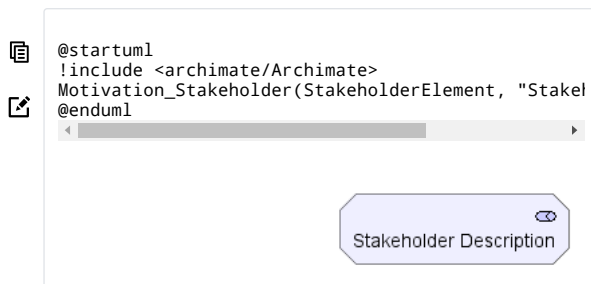
A list of Archimate macros are defined [Archimate-PlantUML](#) here which simplifies the creation of ArchiMate diagrams, and Archimate is natively on the [Standard Library](#) of PlantUML.

## Archimate elements

Using the macros, creation of ArchiMate elements are done using the following format: `Category_ElementName(nameOfTheElement, "description")`

For example:

- To define a *Stakeholder* element, which is part of Motivation category, the syntax will be  
`Motivation_Stakeholder(StakeholderElement,  
 "Stakeholder Description") :`



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@startuml  
!include <archimate/Archimate>  
Business\_Service(BService, "Business Service")  
@enduml

Business Service

Archimate relationships

The ArchiMate relationships are defined with the following pattern:  
Rel\_RelationType(fromElement, toElement, "description")  
and to define the direction/orientation of the two elements:  
Rel\_RelationType\_Direction(fromElement, toElement, "description")

The RelationTypes supported are:

- Access
- Aggregation
- Assignment
- Association
- Composition
- Flow
- Influence
- Realization
- Serving
- Specialization
- Triggering

The Directions supported are:

- Up
- Down
- Left
- Right

For example:

- To denote a composition relationship between the Stakeholder and Business Service defined above, the syntax will be

Rel\_Composition(StakeholderElement, BService, "Description for the relationship")

@startuml  
!include <archimate/Archimate>  
Motivation\_Stakeholder(StakeholderElement, "Stakeholder Description")  
Business\_Service(BService, "Business Service")  
Rel\_Composition(StakeholderElement, BService, "Description for the relationship")  
@enduml



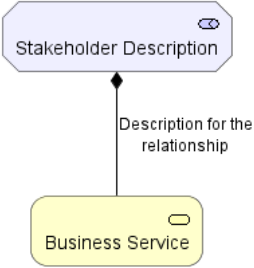
- Unordered List ItemTo orient the two elements in top - down position, the syntax will be

Rel\_Composition\_Down(StakeholderElement, BService, "Description for the relationship")

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```
!include <archimate/Archimate>
Motivation_Stakeholder(StakeholderElement, "Stakeholder Description")
Business_Service(BService, "Business Service")
Rel_Composition_Down(StakeholderElement, BService @endum1
```

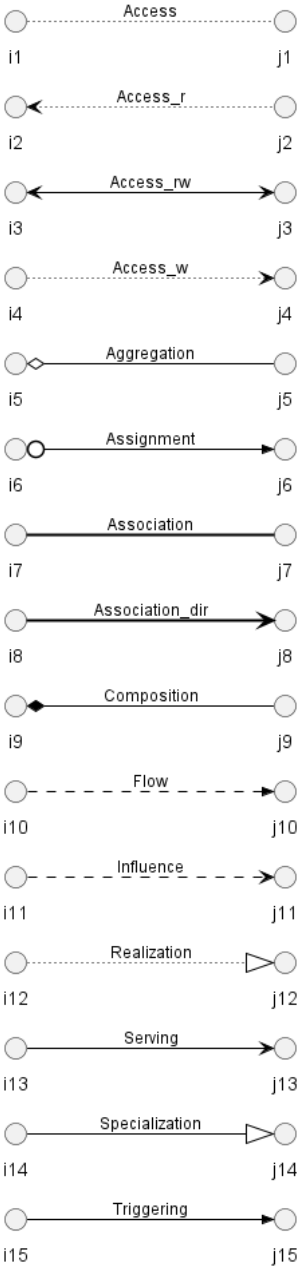


Appendice: Examples of all Archimate RelationTypes



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```
left to right direction
skinparam nodesep 4
!include <archimate/Archimate>
Rel_Triggering(i15, j15, Triggering)
Rel_Specialization(i14, j14, Specialization)
Rel_Serving(i13, j13, Serving)
Rel_Realization(i12, j12, Realization)
Rel_Influence(i11, j11, Influence)
Rel_Flow(i10, j10, Flow)
Rel_Composition(i9, j9, Composition)
Rel_Association_dir(i8, j8, Association_dir)
Rel_Association(i7, j7, Association)
Rel_Assignment(i6, j6, Assignment)
Rel_Aggregation(i5, j5, Aggregation)
Rel_Access_w(i4, j4, Access_w)
Rel_Access_rw(i3, j3, Access_rw)
Rel_Access_r(i2, j2, Access_r)
Rel_Access(i1, j1, Access)
@enduml
```



```
@startuml
title ArchiMate Relationships Overview
skinparam nodesep 5
<style>
interface {
  shadowing 0
  backgroundcolor transparent
  linecolor transparent
  FontColor transparent
}
</style>
!include <archimate/Archimate>
left to right direction
```

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```
() j14
}

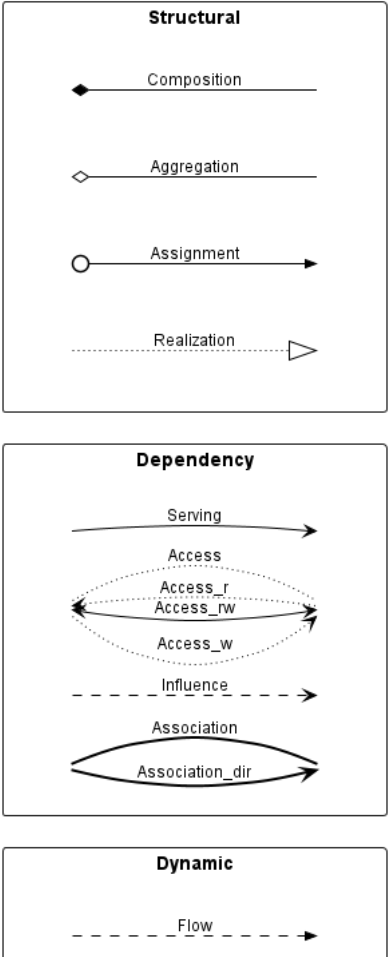
rectangle Dynamic {
() i10
() j10
() i15
() j15
}

rectangle Dependency {
() i13
() j13
() i4
() j4
() i11
() j11
() i7
() j7
}

rectangle Structural {
() i9
() j9
() i5
() j5
() i6
() j6
() i12
() j12
}

Rel_Triggering(i15, j15, Triggering)
Rel_Specialization(i14, j14, Specialization)
Rel_Serving(i13, j13, Serving)
Rel_Realization(i12, j12, Realization)
Rel_Influence(i11, j11, Influence)
Rel_Flow(i10, j10, Flow)
Rel_Composition(i9, j9, Composition)
Rel_Association_dir(i7, j7, \nAssociation_dir)
Rel_Association(i7, j7, Association)
Rel_Assignment(i6, j6, Assignment)
Rel_Aggregation(i5, j5, Aggregation)
Rel_Access_w(i4, j4, Access_w)
Rel_Access_rw(i4, j4, Access_rw)
Rel_Access_r(i4, j4, Access_r)
Rel_Access(i4, j4, Access)
@enduml
```

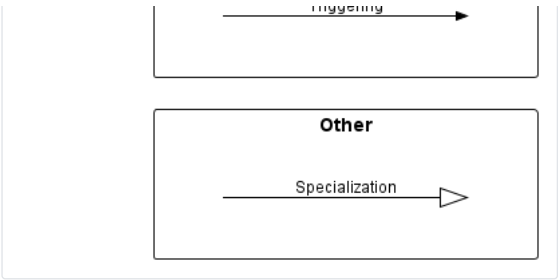
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