

EA Assessment Categories This document defines the assessment categories used during architectural reviews.

- 1. **Security Assessment** Evaluates IAM, encryption, tokenization, secrets management, network controls, and vulnerability posture.
- 2. **Architecture Quality** Evaluates modularity, scalability, SLAs, performance posture, resiliency strategies, and design patterns.
- 3. **Cloud Compliance Checks** alignment with cloud guardrails, resource naming, tagging, approved patterns, and configuration standards.
- 4. **Operational Readiness** Assesses logging, monitoring, alerting, on-call readiness, deployment strategy, rollback design, and DR preparedness.
- 5. **Data Management** Evaluates data classification, lineage, storage, PII protection, masking, and retention policies.
- 6. **Technology Alignment** Ensures usage of approved technologies and evaluates risks of deprecated, unsupported, or shadow IT components.
- 7. **Compliance & Risk Scoring** Generates a risk score per category and provides recommendations.