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Architecture Partitioning and Integration



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>> WHY SCOPE OR PARTITION?

» Complexity

Divide an enterprise into chunks with manageable complexity & effective governance

» Divergence

Manage differences & conflict between organizational unit architectures

» Change

Allow teams to own & work on different elements of the architecture at the same time

» Resources

Accommodate the realities of time, funding and resources

» Reuse

Create modular architecture segments that can be reused in other contexts

>> CRITERIA TO CONSIDER:

» Subject Matter / Breadth / Architecture Domains

What areas are covered?

» Time Period

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» Depth

What level of detail is needed?

» Maturity / Volatility

What is the enterprise capability & what are its expectations for change?

>> PRELIMINARY PHASE STEPS & SUPPORT ARCHITECTURE PARTITIONING:

» Determine Organization Structure for EA

What teams will create the architecture? What are the boundaries between teams? What governance applies to them? What are reporting lines?

» Determine Responsibilities for each team

What subject matter is covered? What level of detail? Over which time periods? Who are stakeholders?

» Determine Relationships between Architectures

Where do architectures overlap, dovetail, or drill-down? What are compliance requirements between architectures?

>> ARCHITECTURE INTEGRATION:

- » Dimensions used to scope or partition the architecture are typically the same ones that must be addressed when integrating architectures
- » The diagram to the right shows how different types of architecture might co-exist

SUBJECT MATTER / ARCHITECTURE DOMAINS

» Security
» Services

- » Applications
- » Products
- » Business Departments
- » Technology Architecture
- » Application Architecture
- » Data Architecture
- » Business Architecture

TIME PERIOD

- » Detailed versus High-Level
- » Enterprise versus Segment versus Capability
- » Strategy Lifecycle
- » Business Lifecycle
- » Solution Lifecycle

LEVEL OF DETAIL / ENTERPRISE ORGANIZATIONAL DEPTH

» Enterprise

"The highest level (typically) of description of an organization & typically covers all missions & functions. An enterprise will often span multiple organizations."

» Segment Architecture

"A detailed, formal description of areas within an enterprise, used at program or portfolio level to organize & align change activity."

» Capability Architecture

"A highly detailed description of the architectural approach to realize a particular solution or solution aspect."











