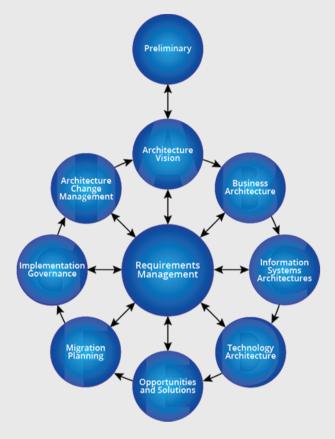
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Deliverables, Artifacts and Building Blocks

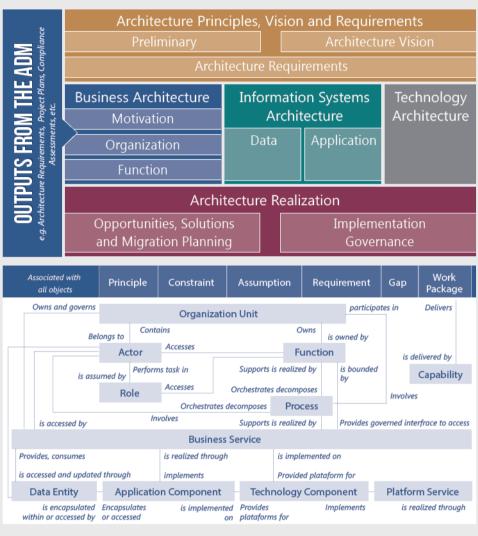


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TOGAF uses a very specific language to describe the outputs that architects produce. This poster highlights the key things you need to know.



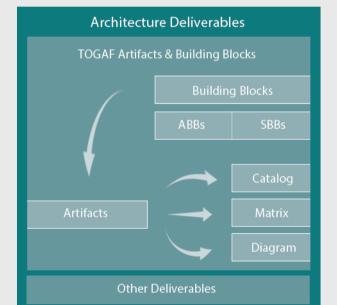
The Architecture Development Method (ADM) provides a process creating outputs or deliverables



The Architecture Content
Framework provides a
consistent structure to
define and present work
products

Information is structured through the metamodel

The content metamodel is
used to structure
architectural information
from the Content
Framework in an ordered
way to meet stakeholder
needs, & to provide
consistency, completeness
& traceability



BUILDING BLOCKS

The Enterprise Architecture is described as a set of Building Blocks.

Each Building Block is an entity – defined in the metamodel. For example, a Business Service called "Purchase Order".

A Building Block may include other dependent or contained entities – for example "Purchase Order" may include processes, data entities & application components.

A Building Block can be either an Architecture Building Block (ABB) or a Solution Building Block (SBB).

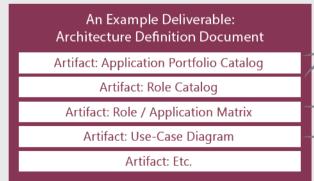
ARTIFACTS

Most stakeholders don't need or want to know about the metamodel! But they do want to understand how EA will address their particular concerns. This is where TOGAF uses Building Blocks, Catalogs, Matrices and Diagrams.

A standard set of artifacts are organized as Viewpoints, allowing Stakeholders to View their concerns from an architectural perspective.

OTHER DELIVERABLES

Other deliverables include anything that is not structured according to the TOGAF metamodel – for example, deliverables from other architecture frameworks.



A list of building blocks of a specific type, or of related types, used for governance or reference

A grid that shows relationships between two or more metamodel entities, in a list format

A graphical rendering of architectural content











