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Architecture Contracts



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Architecture Contracts are agreements between developers and sponsors on the deliverables, quality, and fitness-for-purpose of an architecture. This poster examines the role of Architecture Contracts in TOGAF.

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At the end of Phase G there may be a contract between the EA team or governance body and users who might build or deploy components in the architected environment.

Note: this contract is also used to manage changes to the enterprise architecture in Phase H.

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At the start of Phase G there is a contract between the EA team and those responsible for developing and implementing the architecture.

Note: there could be more than one contract for a large implementation.



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The Statement of Architecture Work (*Phase A*) is the document against which successful execution of the architecture project is measured, and is a contract between the EA team (*supplier*) and sponsor (*consumer*).

B, C and D

Development of any architecture domain (*Phases C, C, or D*) may be contracted out.

The content of the different types of Architecture Contract is described in section 49.2 of TOGAF

The governance use of the Architecture Contract document produced in the ADM Phase G is explained in Part VII, 50. Architecture Governance. The Architecture Requirements Specification provides quantitative statements that outline what an implementation project must do to comply with the architecture, and is typically a major part of an implementation contract, or a contract for more detailed Architecture Definition.

See TOGAF 36.2.6

Successful use of Architecture Contracts depends on effective Architecture Governance

Architecture Contracts

Architecture Contracts are a key tool that allows the **flexible evolution of a dynamic enterprise architecture** in response to changing technology and business drivers – without unnecessary constraints.

Deliverables are typically the contractual or formal work products of an architecture project (see TOGAF Chapter 36. Architecture Deliverables).

Phase G establishes the connection between architecture and implementation organizations through the Architecture Contract.

Even when EA teams don't draw up a formal Architecture Contracts, it is still **implied**!

Architecture Governance Ensures we:

Continuously **monitor and audit** the integrity, changes, and decision-making of architecture-related activities within an enterprise.

Adhere to the **principles, standards, and requirements** of existing or developing architectures.

Identify **risks** in developing or implementing architectures.

Follow processes and practices for effective development and use of architectural artifacts

Have a formal understanding of **the governance organization** responsible for each contract, including their level of authority and scope of the architecture being governed.











