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The Architecture Content Framework

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As we use the Architecture Development Method (ADM) we produce outputs. This poster shows the content framework - a structure to help us create consistently defined, structured, and presented work products.

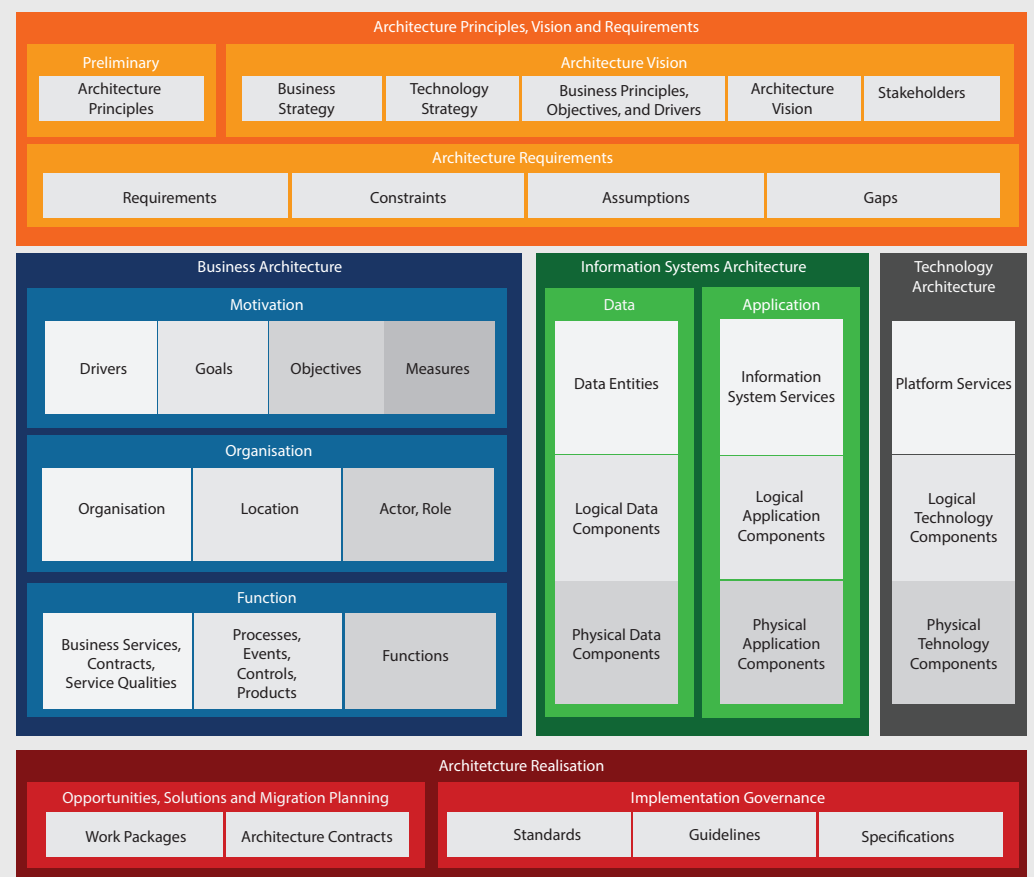
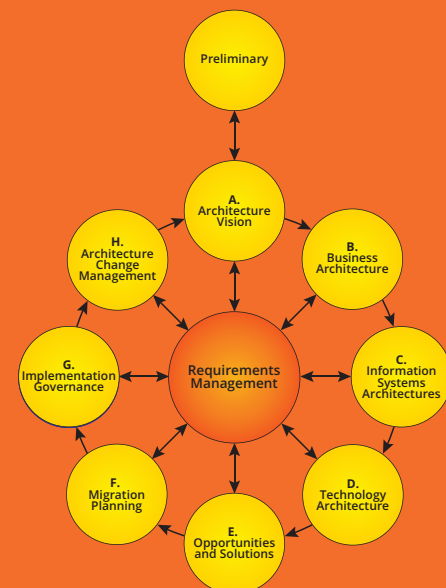
1 The Content Framework is based around the ADM phases

The content framework is a companion to the ADM – the ADM describes how to create an architecture; the content framework describes what the architecture looks like.

ADM describes moving from a baseline to a target state of the enterprise - through a process of visioning, architecture definition, transformation planning, and architecture governance.

Following the steps in each phase we need information as inputs and create outputs.

The content framework provides a structure that defines inputs and outputs and positions each deliverable in a holistic architecture view of the enterprise.

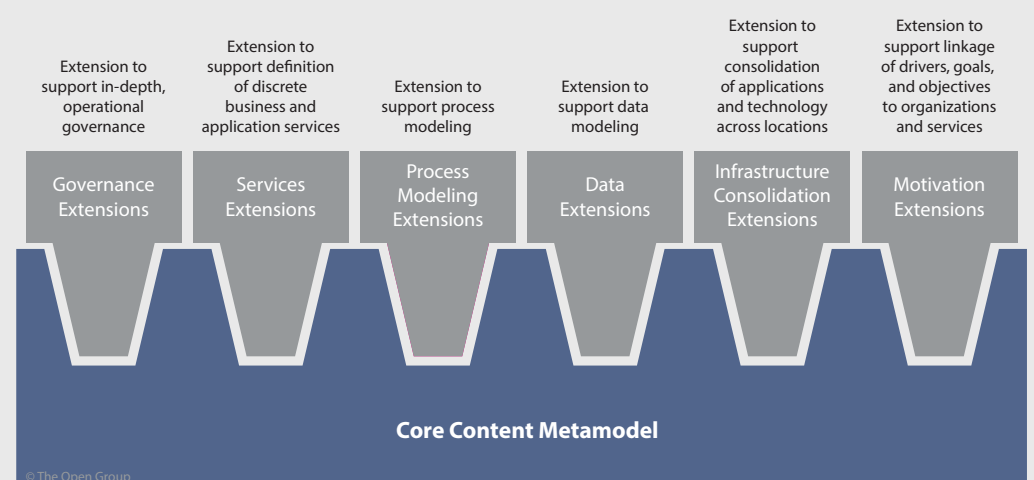


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2 The Metamodel describes the building blocks that comprise the architecture

Core metamodel - a minimum set of architectural content to support traceability across artifacts.

Extension metamodel - support more specific or more in-depth modeling.



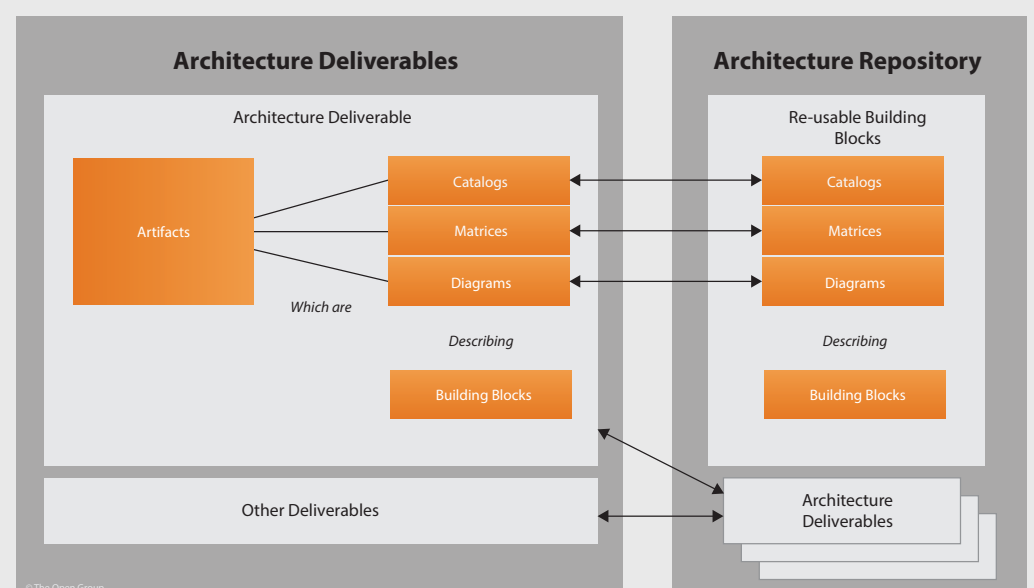
Core Content Metamodel

3 Artifacts describe the building blocks, and are reused in deliverables

Deliverable - a work product - output by a project - contractually specified and formally reviewed, agreed, and signed off by stakeholders. It may be archived, or become a reference or snapshot of the Architecture Landscape at a particular point in time. A deliverable includes many artifacts, which form content in the Architecture Repository.

Artifact - an architectural work product describing an aspect of the architecture, classified as a catalog (lists of things), matrix (showing relationships between things), or diagram (pictures of things).

Building block - represents a component of business, IT, or architectural capability that are combined with other building blocks to deliver architectures and solutions.



Content Concepts

