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Architecture Documentation Template

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.1. Introduction and Goals

.1.1. Requirements Overview

.1.2. Quality Goals

.1.3. Stakeholders

Role/Name	Contact	Expectations
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.2. Architecture Constraints

.3. Context and Scope

.3.1. Business Context

<Diagram or Table>

<optionally: Explanation of external domain interfaces>

.3.2. Technical Context

<Diagram or Table>

<optionally: Explanation of technical interfaces>

<Mapping Input/Output to Channels>

.4. Solution Strategy

.5. Building Block View

.5.1. Whitebox Overall System

<Overview Diagram>

Motivation

<text explanation>

Contained Building Blocks

<Description of contained building block (black boxes)>

Important Interfaces

<Description of important interfaces>

<Name black box 1>

<Purpose/Responsibility>

<Interface(s)>

<(Optional) Quality/Performance Characteristics>

<(Optional) Directory/File Location>

<(Optional) Fulfilled Requirements>

<(optional) Open Issues/Problems/Risks>

<Name black box 2>

<black box template>

<Name black box n>

<black box template>

<Name interface 1>

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<Name interface m>

.5.2. Level 2

White Box < building block 1>

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.6. Runtime View

.6.1. <Runtime Scenario 1>

- <insert runtime diagram or textual description of the scenario>
- <insert description of the notable aspects of the interactions between the building block instances depicted in this diagram.>

.6.2. <Runtime Scenario 2>

.6.3. ...

.6.4. <Runtime Scenario n>

.7. Deployment View

.7.1. Infrastructure Level 1

<Overview Diagram>

Motivation

<explanation in text form>

Quality and/or Performance Features

<explanation in text form>

Mapping of Building Blocks to Infrastructure

<description of the mapping>

.7.2. Infrastructure Level 2

<Infrastructure Element 1>

<diagram + explanation>

<Infrastructure Element 2>

<diagram + explanation>

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<Infrastructure Element n>

<diagram + explanation>

.8. Cross-cutting Concepts

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.8.3. *<Concept n>*

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.9. Architecture Decisions

.10. Quality Requirements

.10.1. Quality Tree

.10.2. Quality Scenarios

.11. Risks and Technical Debts

.12. Glossary

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