



TOGFA Canvas

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TOGAF - Architecture Vision

The purpose of this canvas is to streamline the design of an architecture vision according to the TOGAF Standard. It is designed to be used as a tool to facilitate the communication and alignment of stakeholders around the architecture vision. The canvas cover the main information involved in the Phase A of the TOGAF ADM [\[pA\]](#).

TOGAF - Architecture Vision		What is the name of the initiative/project?	date? 	rev? 
Stakeholders Who has concerns about this architecture work? Keywords: requesters, decision leaders, business units, end-users, regulatory bodies, sponsors, IT department, vendors, partners	Drivers What are the internal and external factors triggering this architecture work? Keywords: audits, regulations, strategy, market trends, technological advancements, competitive pressure, business opportunities, risk management	Objective & Goals What is the objective of this architecture work? Keywords: SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound), business goals, performance improvement, cost reduction, customer satisfaction, innovation		
Principles What are the general rules and guidelines to follow for this architecture work? Keywords: business principles, architecture principles, best practices, standards, policies, governance	Scope What is inside and outside of this architecture work? Keywords: breadth, depth, time period, architecture domains, inclusions, exclusions, boundaries	Vision What is the high-level description of this architecture work? Keywords: main deliverables, solution concept diagram, gaps, future state, target architecture, roadmap		
Constraints What are the limits and boundaries of this architecture work? Keywords: compliance, time, schedule, resources, budget, technology limitations, legacy systems				
Capabilities What are the expected capabilities to develop and consume the outcomes of this architecture work? Keywords: skills, experts, training, tools, methodologies, frameworks, support	Risks What are the main risks that could prevent the completion of this architecture work? Keywords: mitigations, threats, vulnerabilities, impact, probability, risk management, contingency plans			

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Figure 1. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Annotated Canvas

To guide the design of the architecture vision, the canvas provides a set of questions, keywords, and explanations for each box.

Table 1. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Stakeholders

Box	Stakeholders
Question	Who has concerns about this architecture work?
Keywords	requesters, decision leaders, business units, end-users, regulatory bodies, sponsors, IT department, vendors, partners
Explanation	Identify people and organizations impacted by the architecture work. It usually starts with the initiator of the architecture work. Then, other stakeholders are added when inspecting the scope of the architecture work iteratively. This includes anyone who has a vested interest in the project or whose work will be affected by it.

Table 2. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Drivers

Box	Drivers
Question	What are the internal and external factors triggering this architecture work?
Keywords	audits, regulations, strategy, market trends, technological advancements, competitive pressure, business opportunities, risk management

Explanation	Identify the rationale which triggered the architecture work. Most of the time, it is about stakeholder concerns. Some concerns are external, e.g., compliance requirements. Others are internal, e.g., the establishment of a new enterprise strategy. These factors are both motivators and constraints for the architecture.
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Table 3. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Objective & Goals

Box	Objective & Goals
Question	What is the objective of this architecture work?
Keywords	SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound), business goals, performance improvement, cost reduction, customer satisfaction, innovation
Explanation	Define clear and achievable objective and/or goals for the architecture work. Objectives and goals should align with the overall business strategy and be measurable to track progress. This helps ensure the architecture delivers tangible benefits.

Table 4. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Principles

Box	Principles
Question	What is the objective of this architecture work?
Keywords	business principles, architecture principles, best practices, standards, policies, governance
Explanation	Establish the foundational rules and guidelines that the architecture work must adhere to. These principles guide decision-making and ensure consistency across the architecture development process.

Table 5. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Constraints

Box	Constraints
Question	What are the limits and boundaries of this architecture work?
Keywords	compliance, time, schedule, resources, budget, technology limitations, legacy systems
Explanation	Identify the limitations and boundaries within which the architecture work must be conducted. Constraints can include regulatory requirements, budget limitations, time constraints, multicultural environments, and other aspects that must be considered.

Table 6. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Scope

Box	Scope
Question	What is inside and outside of this architecture work?
Keywords	breadth, depth, time period, architecture domains, inclusions, exclusions, boundaries
Explanation	Clearly define what the architecture work will and will not cover. This includes specifying the architecture domains (e.g., business, data, application, technology) and level of details which the architecture will be developed.

Table 7. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Capabilities

Box	Capabilities
Question	What are the expected capabilities to develop and consume the outcomes of this architecture work?
Keywords	skills, experts, training, tools, methodologies, frameworks, support
Explanation	Identify the skills, knowledge, and tools required to develop and utilize the architecture. For instance, this includes ensuring that the team has the necessary expertise and that end-users are trained to effectively use the new systems and processes.

Table 8. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Risks

Box	Risks
Question	What are the main risks that could prevent the completion of this architecture work?
Keywords	mitigations, threats, vulnerabilities, impact, probability, risk management, contingency plans
Explanation	Identify the main risks that could impact the completion of the architecture work and develop high-level mitigation strategies to address these risks.

Table 9. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Vision

Box	Vision
Question	What is the high-level description of this architecture work?
Keywords	main deliverables, solution concept diagram, gaps, future state, target architecture, roadmap
Explanation	Provide a high-level overview of the architecture work, including the primary deliverables and the future state of the architecture. This may include a conceptual diagram of the solution, identifying any gaps between the current and target states, or outlining the roadmap to achieve the vision.

TOGAF - Value Stream

The purpose of this canvas is to streamline the design of a Value Stream according to the TOGAF Standard [\[vs\]](#). It provides a structured approach to identify, define, and communicate a Value Stream. This canvas focuses on the high-level view of a Value Stream. Another canvas, TOGAF - Value Stage, is available to detail the stages of the Value Stream.

TOGAF - Value Stream		What is the name of the Value Stream?	Date?	Rev?
Description What is the self-explanatory, short and precise description of this Value Stream?	Stakeholders What are the persons or roles that initiate or trigger this Value Stream?	Value What is the expected value which received upon successful completion of the Value Stream?		
Stages What are the stages of this Value Stream?				

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Figure 2. TOGAF - Value Stream - Annotated Canvas

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Table 10. TOGAF - Value Stream - Description

Box	Description
Question	What is the self-explanatory, short and precise description of this Value Stream?
Keywords	objective, overview, summary
Explanation	Provide a brief, clear summary that encapsulates the purpose and scope of the Value Stream.

Table 11. TOGAF - Value Stream - Stakeholders

Box	Stakeholders
Question	What are the persons or roles that initiate or trigger this Value Stream?
Keywords	requesters, decision leaders, business units, end-users, regulatory bodies, sponsors, IT department, vendors, partners
Explanation	Identify all key stakeholders initiating or triggering the Value Stream, including their roles and responsibilities.

Table 12. TOGAF - Value Stream - Value

Box	Value
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Question	What is the expected value which received upon successful completion of the Value Stream?
Keywords	outcomes, benefits, deliverables
Explanation	Describe the tangible and intangible benefits or outcomes that are expected from the Value Stream.

Table 13. TOGAF - Value Stream - Stages

Box	Stages
Question	What are the stages of this Value Stream?
Keywords	phases, steps, milestones
Explanation	Outline the key stages or phases of the Value Stream, detailing the sequence and flow of activities.

TOGAF - Value Stage

The purpose of this canvas is to streamline the design of a Value Stage according to the TOGAF Standard [vs]. It provides a structured approach to identify, define, and communicate a Value Stage. This canvas focuses on Value Stream’s Stage. Another canvas, TOGAF - Value Stream, is available to describe the high level view of a Value Stream.

TOGAF - Value Stage		What is the name of the Value Stage?			
Description What is the purpose and the activities of this stage?	Stakeholders Who is receiving or contributing value in this stage?	Value Item What value provided by this stage?			
Entrance Criteria What are the conditions that must be met to start this stage?	Mapping Identify the relationship between this stage and other concepts, such as capabilities, processes, applications ...				
Exist Criteria What are the conditions that must be met to complete this stage?					

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Figure 3. TOGAF - Value Stage - Annotated Canvas

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Table 14. TOGAF - Value Stage - Description

Box	Description
Question	What is the purpose and the activities of this stage?
Keywords	
Explanation	A few sentences explaining the purpose and the activities performed during the value stream stage.

Table 15. TOGAF - Value Stage - Stakeholders

Box	Stakeholders
Question	Who is receiving or contributing value in this stage?
Keywords	purpose, activities, goals
Explanation	Actors who receive measurable value from the value stream stage, or who contribute to creating or delivering that value.

Table 16. TOGAF - Value Stage - Entrance Criteria

Box	Entrance Criteria
Question	What are the conditions that must be met to start this stage?
Keywords	beneficiaries, contributors, participants
Explanation	The starting condition or state change that either triggers the value stream stage or enables it to be activated.

Table 17. TOGAF - Value Stage - Exit Criteria

Box	Exit Criteria
Question	What are the conditions that must be met to complete this stage?
Keywords	prerequisites, conditions, triggers
Explanation	The end state condition that denotes the completion of the value stream stage; i.e., when the required value has been created or delivered to the stakeholders. This information becomes the entry criteria for the next value stream stage.

Table 18. TOGAF - Value Stage - Value Item

Box	Value Item
Question	What value provided by this stage?
Keywords	outcome, increment
Explanation	The incremental value that is created or delivered to the participating stakeholder(s) by the value stream stage.

Table 19. TOGAF - Value Stage - Mapping

Box	Mapping
Question	How does this stage relate to other concepts?
Keywords	relationships, connections, dependencies
Explanation	Identify the relationship between this stage and other concepts, such as capabilities, processes, applications ...

Bibliography



- [\[pA\] TOGAF® Fundamental Content - Phase A: Architecture Vision](#)
- [\[vs\] TOGAF® Series Guide - Value Streams](#)

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Appendix A: Appendix

TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Canvas



TOGAF - Architecture Vision			
Stakeholders	Drivers	Objective & Goals	
Principles	Scope	Vision	
Constraints			
Capabilities			
	Risks		



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Figure 4. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Canvas

TOGAF - Value Stream - Canvas



TOGAF - Value Stream				
Description	Stakeholders	Value		
Stages				


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Figure 5. TOGAF - Value Stream - Canvas

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TOGAF - Value Stage				
Description	Stakeholders	Value Item		
Entrance Criteria	Mapping			
Exist Criteria				



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Figure 6. TOGAF - Value Stage - Canvas