

Applied A.I. Solutions

Foundations of Data Management

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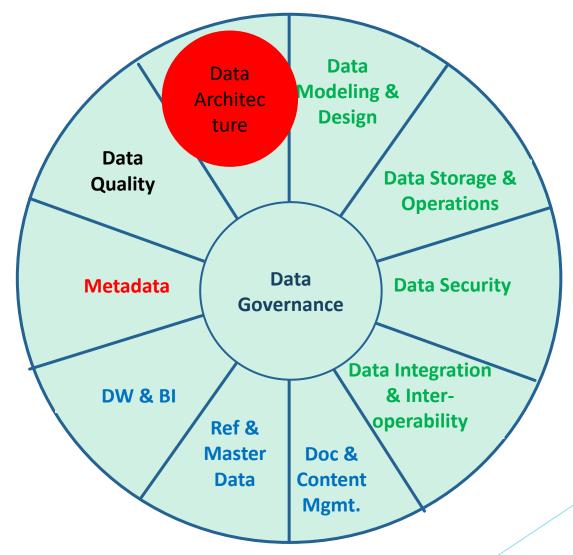
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DATA ARCHITECTURE



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Introduction

 Architecture refers to the art and science of building things and to its result

Enterprise Architecture encompasses domain architecture,
 including business, data, application and technology

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- Data Architecture is fundamental to DM
- The master design documents represents data at different levels of abstraction
- Provides a formal data model, with data names, comprehensive data, Metadata definitions, conceptual and logical entities and relationships, and business rules
- Provides standards that governs how data is collected, stored, arranged, used and removed

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Definition

- To design and maintain the master blueprints to meet identified enterprise data needs
- Using the master blueprints, to guide data integration, control data assets, and align data investments with business strategy

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Goals

- Identify data storage and processing requirements
- Design structures and plans to meet current and future data requirements
- Strategically prepare the organization to quickly take advantage of new business opportunities, and technologies

Business Drivers

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Inputs

- Enterprise Architecture
- Business Architecture
- IT Standards and Goals
- Data Strategies

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Activities

- 1. Establish Enterprise Data Architecture
 - Evaluate existing data architecture specifications
 - Develop a Roadmap
 - Manage enterprise requirements within projects
- 2. Integrate with Enterprise Architecture

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Deliverables

- Data Architecture Design
- Data Flows
- Data Value Chains
- Enterprise Data Model
- Implementation Roadmap

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Suppliers

• Enterprise Architects

- Data Stewards
- SME
- Data Analysts

Participants

- Enterprise Data Architects
- Data Modelers

Consumers

- Database administrators
- Software developers
- Project Managers
- Support Teams

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Technical Drivers

Techniques

- Lifecycle reviews
- Diagramming clarity

Tools

- Data Modeling tools
- Asset Management Software
- Graphical Design Apps

Metrics

- Architecture standards
- Best Practices and Trends
- Business value metrics

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Business Drivers

- Readiness to take advantage of new business opportunities and new technologies
- Fulfillment of business process requirements re data
- Manage data and information delivery in the enterprise

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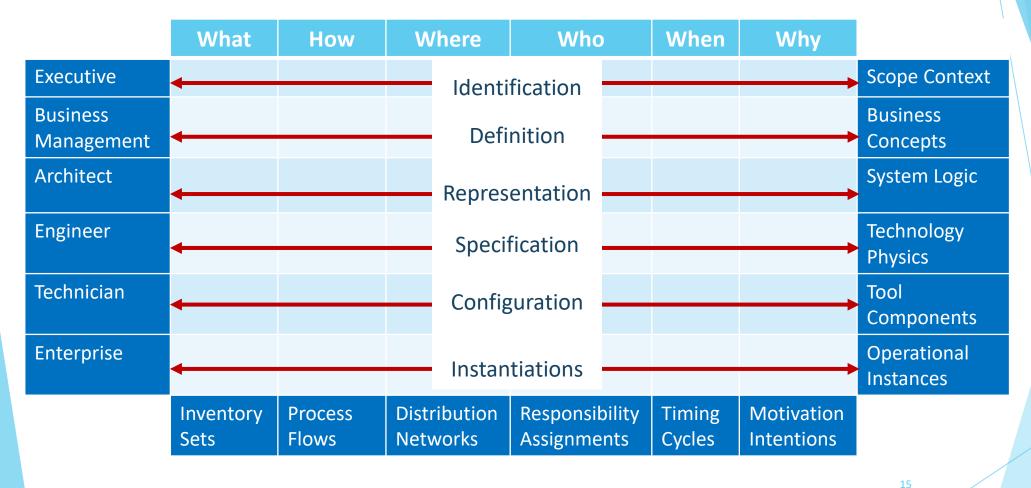
Domains

Domain	Business Architecture	Data Architecture	Application Architecture	Technical Architecture
Purpose	To create value	To describe how data should be organized, managed	To describe app structure and functionality	To describe the physical tech to deliver value
Elements	Business models, processes, strategies, capabilities, vocabulary	Data models, data definitions, data mapping, specs, dataflows, APIs	Business systems, SW packages, databases	Technical platforms, networks, security, integration tools
Dependencies	Establishes req for other domains	Manages data created and required by EBA	Acts on specified data according to business req	Hosts, executes the E App A
Roles	Business Architects, Analysts, Data Stewards	Business Architects, Modelers, Data Stewards	Application Architects	Infrastructure architects

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Zachman Framework







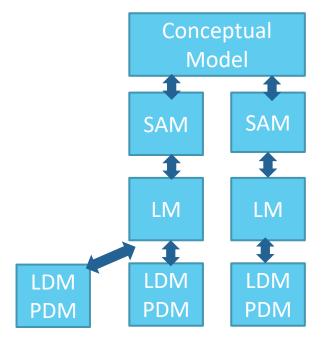
Enterprise Data Model (EDM)

- It is a conceptual or logical data model providing a common consistent view of data across the enterprise
- It includes key enterprise data entities, their relationship, mapping, specs, business rules and critical attributes
- It is the foundation for all data and data-related projects
- It can be built incrementally and iteratively, using layers

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- A conceptual view over the enterprise's subject areas
- Views of entities and relationships for each subject area
- Detailed, partially attributed logical views of the same subject area
- Logical and physical models specific to an application or project



Application or Project-Specific

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Models

EDA deals with two complexities: a) Quality, and b) Innovation

EDA practice includes:

- Strategy (framework, roadmap)
 - Acceptance and culture (behaviour)
 - Organization (accountabilities)
 - Working methods
 - Results (DA)

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Entities

- Entity is a thing that exists "per se", separate from other things
- It is a thing about which the organization collects information
- They are referred to as nouns
- The entity represents the answer to:
 - Who
 - What
 - When, Where, Why
 - O How
 - Measurement

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- Entity definitions are core Metadata
- High quality data definition has three main characteristics:
 - Clarity
 - Accuracy
 - Completeness

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Relationship

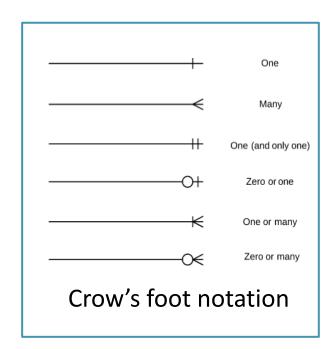
- Association between entities (Chen, 1976)
 - It captures the high-level interactions between conceptual entities
 - The detailed interactions between logical entities
 - The constraints between physical entities

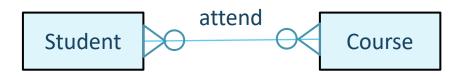
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Relationship Cardinality

 It captures how many entity-instances participate in a relationship with how many of the other entity





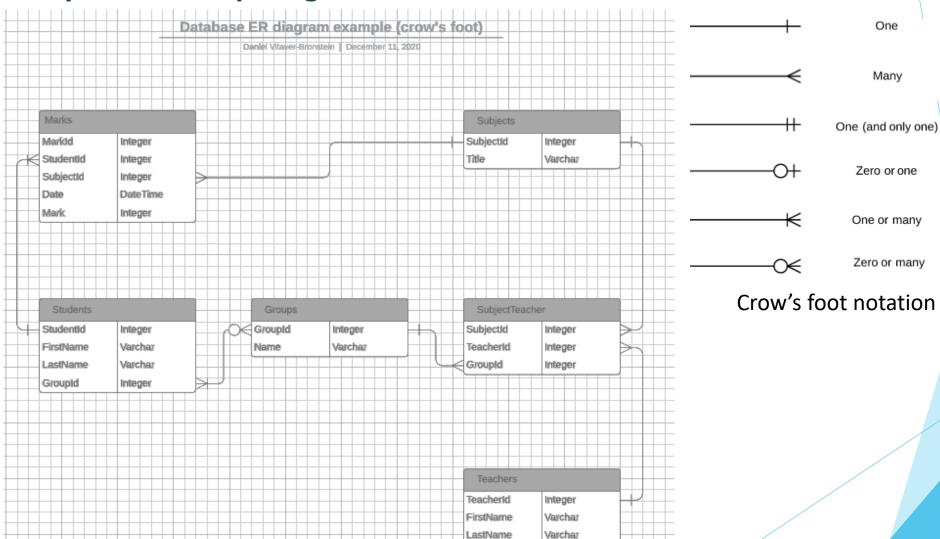
Business Rules

- Each student may attend one or many courses
- Each course may be attended by one or many students

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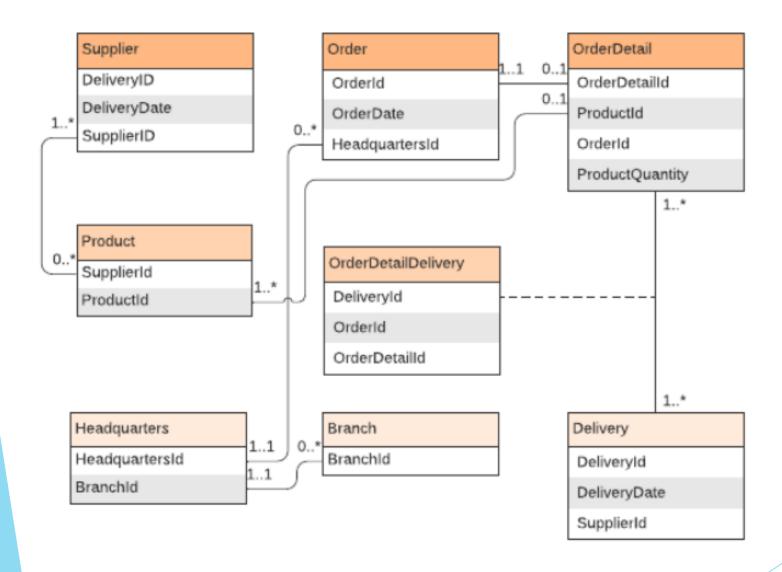
Entity-Relationship Diagram ERD



ERD with colored entities example (UML notation)

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Traceability

All levels are part of the EDM, and linkages create paths to trace an entity from top to bottom and between models

- Vertical: models in each level map to models in other levels
- Horizontal: entities and relationships may appear in multiple models in the same level

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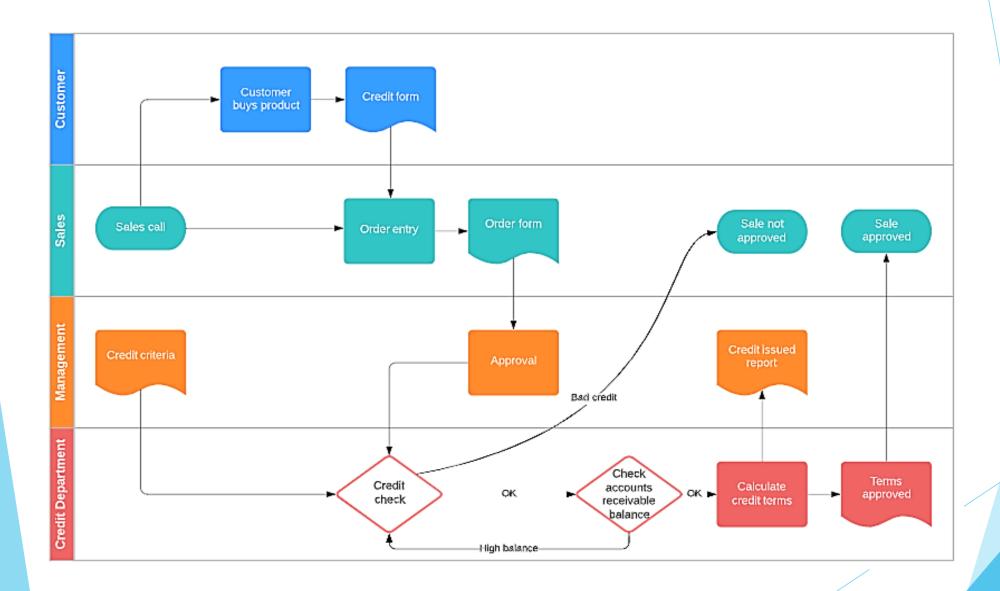


Data Flow Design

- Defines the requirements and master blueprint for data storage and processing across databases, applications, platforms, and networks
- Data flows map the movement of data to business processes, locations, business roles (CRUD) and technical components

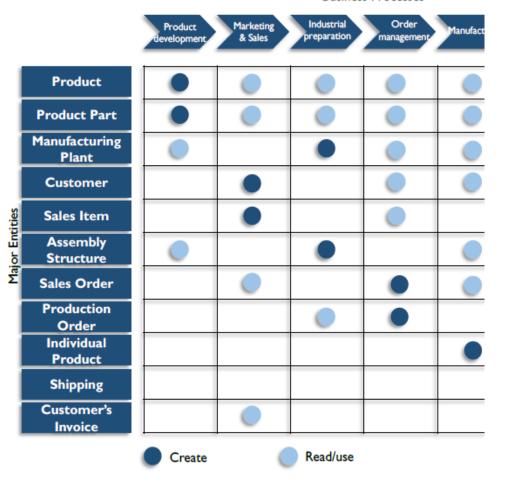
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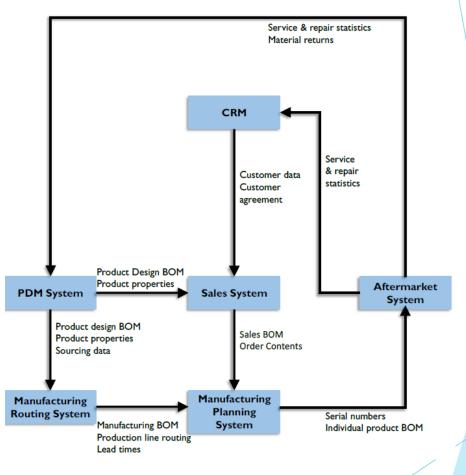






Business Processes





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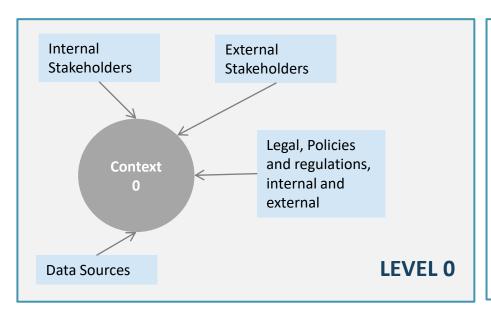
Business Processes

- A process is a set of interrelated actions and activities performed to achieve a pre-specified product, result, or service
- Each process is characterized by its input, the tools and techniques that can be applied, and the resulting outputs
- Each process can be broken down into other processes, and so on, until we reach a level in which simple activities are defined using measurable inputs and measurable outputs



Business Processes

- Level 0 ("The Context") shows the relationship between the main process and stakeholders
- Level 1: Level 0 is broken down into major processes
- Level n: level n-1 is broken down into measurable tasks





LEVEL 3

