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This document follows a modular structure and is organized in the following parts:

- Part 1: The O-AA Core describes the fundamental concepts of Agile Architecture
- Part 2: The O-AA Building Blocks describes the O-AA building blocks

Examples and case studies are provided as illustrations to foster understanding of the standard. Examples and case studies are not a normative part of the standard and therefore do not include requirements.

The target audience for this document includes:

- Agilists who need to understand the importance of architecture when shifting toward an Agile at

scale model, and who want to learn architecture skills

- Enterprise Architects, solution architects, security architects, and software architects who want to stay relevant in an Agile at scale world and who need to learn new architecture skills for the digital age
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Chapter 1. Introduction

1.1. Objective

This document is The Open Group Open Agile Architecture™ standard. The objective of this document is to cover both the Digital Transformation of the enterprise, together with the Agile Transformation of the enterprise.

1.2. Overview

This documents covers both the Digital Transformation and the Agile Transformation of the enterprise. It is divided into two parts:

- Part 1: The *O-AA Core* covers the fundamental concepts of the framework and introduces its structure before explaining why the enterprise needs to conduct a dual Digital and Agile Transformation, thus establishing the foundation of the Agile Architecture Body of Knowledge
- Part 2: The *O-AA Building Blocks* develops the topics introduced in Part 1 in greater detail, including chapters on topics such as Agile strategy, Agile organization, and software architecture

  It includes content from the perspectives of *what the enterprise does*, such as experience design, journey mapping, and *what the enterprise is*, such as product architecture, and operations architecture.

1.3. Conformance

Refer to The Open Group website for conformance requirements for this document.

1.4. Normative References

None.