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- The TOGAF Standard Architecture Development Method
 - This document describes the TOGAF Architecture Development Method (ADM) an iterative approach to developing an Enterprise Architecture.
- The TOGAF Standard ADM Techniques
 - This document contains a collection of techniques available for use in applying the TOGAF approach and the TOGAF ADM.
- The TOGAF Standard Applying the ADM
 - This document contains guidelines for adapting the TOGAF ADM to address the specific style of architecture required in a practical context.

The TOGAF Standard

The TOGAF Standard is an open, industry consensus framework for Enterprise Architecture.

It is a foundational framework, which means that it is applicable to the development of any kind of architecture in any context. This foundational framework is supplemented by The Open Group TOGAF Library, an extensive and growing portfolio of guidance material, providing practical guidance in the application of the TOGAF framework in specific contexts.

The TOGAF Documentation

The TOGAF documentation consists of a set of documents:

- The TOGAF Standard, which describes the generally applicable approach to Enterprise and IT Architecture
- The TOGAF Library, a portfolio of additional guidance material, which supports the practical application of the TOGAF approach

Intended Audience

The TOGAF Standard is intended for Enterprise Architects, Business Architects, IT Architects, Data Architects, Systems Architects, Solution Architects, and anyone responsible for the architecture function within an organization.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

This chapter introduces the Architecture Development Method (ADM) cycle, adapting the ADM, architecture scope, and architecture integration.

1.1 ADM Overview

The TOGAF ADM describes a method for developing and managing the lifecycle of an Enterprise Architecture, and forms the core of the TOGAF Standard.

It integrates elements of the TOGAF Standard, as well as other available architectural assets, to meet the business needs of an organization.

1.1.1 The ADM, Enterprise Continuum, and Architecture Repository

The Enterprise Continuum provides a framework and context to support the leverage of relevant architecture assets in executing the ADM. These assets may include Architecture Descriptions, models, and patterns taken from a variety of sources, as explained in the TOGAF Standard — Architecture Content.

The Enterprise Continuum categorizes architectural source material — both the contents of the organization's own enterprise repositories and the set of relevant, available reference models and standards in the industry.

The practical implementation of the Enterprise Continuum will typically take the form of an Architecture Repository (see the TOGAF Standard — Architecture Content) that includes reference architectures, models, and patterns that have been accepted for use within the enterprise, and actual architectural work done previously within the enterprise. The architect would seek to re-use as much as possible from the Architecture Repository that was relevant to the project in hand. (In addition to the collection of architecture source material, the repository would also contain architecture development work-in-progress.)

At relevant places throughout the ADM there are reminders to consider which, if any, architecture assets from the Architecture Repository the architect should use. In some cases — for example, in the development of a Technology Architecture — this may be the TOGAF Foundation Architecture. In other cases — for example, in the development of a Business Architecture — it may be a reference model for e-Commerce taken from the industry at large.

The criteria for including source materials in an organization's Architecture Repository will typically form part of the Enterprise Architecture Governance process. These governance processes should consider available resources both within and outside the enterprise in order to determine when general resources can be adapted for specific enterprise needs and also to determine where specific solutions can be generalized to support wider re-use.

While using the ADM, the architect is developing a snapshot of the enterprise's decisions and

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their implications at particular points in time. Each iteration of the ADM will populate an organization-specific landscape with all the architecture assets identified and leveraged through the process, including the final organization-specific architecture delivered.

Architecture development is a continuous, cyclical process, and in executing the ADM repeatedly over time, the architect gradually adds more and more content to the organization's Architecture Repository. Although the primary focus of the ADM is on the development of the enterprise-specific architecture, in this wider context the ADM can also be viewed as the process of populating the enterprise's own Architecture Repository with relevant re-usable building blocks taken from the "left", more generic side of the Enterprise Continuum.

In fact, the first execution of the ADM will often be the hardest, since the architecture assets available for re-use will be relatively scarce. Even at this stage of development, however, there will be architecture assets available from external sources such as the TOGAF Standard, as well as the IT industry at large, that could be leveraged in support of the effort.

Subsequent executions will be easier as more and more architecture assets become identified, are used to populate the organization's Architecture Repository, and are thus available for future re-use.

1.1.2 The ADM and the Foundation Architecture

The ADM is also useful to populate the Foundation Architecture of an enterprise. Business requirements of an enterprise may be used to identify the necessary definitions and selections in the Foundation Architecture. This could be a set of re-usable common models, policy and governance definitions, or even as specific as overriding technology selections (e.g., if mandated by law). Population of the Foundation Architecture follows similar principles as for an Enterprise Architecture, with the difference that requirements for a whole enterprise are restricted to the overall concerns and thus less complete than for a specific enterprise.

It is important to recognize that existing models from these various sources, when integrated, may not necessarily result in a coherent Enterprise Architecture. "Integratability" of Architecture Descriptions is considered in Section 1.7.

1.1.3 ADM and Supporting Guidelines and Techniques

The application of the TOGAF ADM is supported by an extended set of resources — guidelines, templates, checklists, and other detailed materials. These are included in:

- The TOGAF Standard ADM Techniques
- TOGAF Series Guides the Guidance part of the Standard (guidance material on how to use and adapt the TOGAF Standard for specific needs)
- White Papers and Guides published by The Open Group, classified and referenced in the TOGAF Library (see www.opengroup.org/togaf-library)

The individual guidelines and techniques are described separately so that they can be referenced from the relevant points in the ADM as necessary, rather than having the detailed text clutter the description of the ADM itself.

1.2 Architecture Development Cycle

1.2.1 Key Points

The following are the key points about the ADM:

■ The ADM is iterative, over the whole process, between phases, and within phases (see the TOGAF Standard — ADM Techniques)

For each iteration of the ADM, a fresh decision must be taken as to:

- The breadth of coverage of the enterprise to be defined
- The level of detail to be defined
- The extent of the time period aimed at, including the number and extent of any intermediate time periods
- The architectural assets to be leveraged, including:
 - Assets created in previous iterations of the ADM cycle within the enterprise
 - Assets available elsewhere in the industry (other frameworks, systems models, vertical industry models, etc.)
- These decisions should be based on a practical assessment of resource and competence availability, and the value that can realistically be expected to accrue to the enterprise from the chosen scope of the architecture work
- As a generic method, the ADM is intended to be used by enterprises in a wide variety of different geographies and applied in different vertical sectors/industry types

As such, it may be, but does not necessarily have to be, tailored to specific needs. For example, it may be used in conjunction with the set of deliverables of another framework, where these have been deemed to be more appropriate for a specific organization. (For example, many US Federal agencies have developed individual frameworks that define the deliverables specific to their particular departmental needs.)

These issues are considered in detail in Section 1.3.

1.2.2 Basic Structure

The basic structure of the ADM is shown in Figure 1-1.

Throughout the ADM cycle, there needs to be frequent validation of results against the original expectations, both those for the whole ADM cycle, and those for the particular phase of the process.

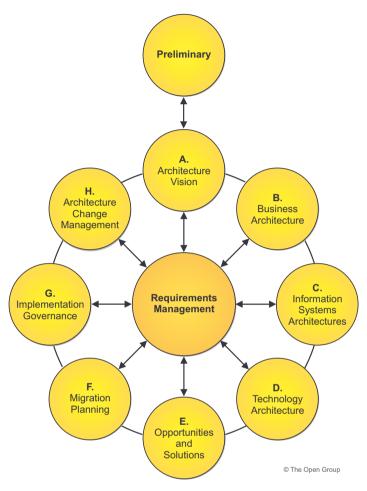


Figure 1-1 Architecture Development Cycle

The phases of the ADM cycle are further divided into steps, which are defined in the detailed description of each phase.

The Requirements Management phase is a continuous phase which ensures that any changes to requirements are handled through appropriate governance processes and reflected in all other phases. An enterprise may choose to record all new requirements, including those which are in scope of the current Statement of Architecture Work through a single Requirements Repository.

The phases of the cycle are described in detail in the following chapters.

Note that output is generated throughout the process, and that the output from an early phase may be modified in a later phase. In the ADM, the status of outputs at each stage is defined.